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SCANTON, FEBRUARY 26, 1896. The Tribune is the only Republican Daily in Lackawanna County.

In one respect current rumor is doubtless correct. Mr. Scranton's only hope for a renomination rests with the Democrats.

Spurious Economy.

No word is quite so badly abused these days as the word "economy." For economy's sake, the routine appropriation bills in the present house at Washington are being cut in many instances far below the actual needs of the government service...

The city of Scranton has seen a specimen of this begonia economy, on a small scale, in the recent deliberations of the estimates committee of council. The Tribune yesterday gave a list of valuable and urgently needed improvements which have fallen by the wayside because of the estimates committee's desire to make receipts and expenditures tally.

We believe the time is auspicious for the inauguration of a more broad-gauged policy locally and at Washington. It is our notion that the people are willing to pay a reasonable price for a good quality of municipal and national service...

Does even the distant Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer begin to see the small-factional politics now on tap in the Lackawanna president judgment?

The Next War Cloud.

That sooner or later Japan will war with Russia for the mastery in that portion of the orient where Russian influence is now specially aggressive has long been predicted by students of international politics, and it is rapidly receiving symptomatic confirmation.

No Dearth of Good Men.

Some of the journals in this section favorable to Major McKinley are disposed to become excited over the candidacy of Senator Quay. They appear to think that the Ohio man should be accorded the next nomination by unanimous consent.

This redoubling of the military energies of the Japanese may or may not have a war with Russia as its incentive; but it is of interest to note that in the recent Cuman revolt, the handling of Russia's relentless diplomacy is more than suspected.

other hand, secretly threw obstacles in the way. Advice received by the state department at Washington are to the effect that in Japan the feeling in favor of hostilities with Russia runs dangerously high, and instructions are said to have been sent out by Secretary Olney admonishing American officials in Japan and Korea to act with extra circumspection.

Colonel Huff's voluntary retirement from the field as a competitor for the nomination for congressman-at-large will be likely to invest with unexpected interest the next state convention, which, by the way, senator Quay will attend.

As to Harmony.

There are two kinds of harmony. One kind is illustrated when honest men who have honestly differed get together like men and bury the hatchet. That is the kind which is needed among the Republicans of Scranton, and it is the kind which, so far as the great rank and file of the party is concerned, will yet prevail.

The other kind has to do with deliberate, wilful and inexcusable party traitors, bargain-and-sale Republicans with neither conscience nor character. This kind of harmony uses a club and secures peace by driving the assassins out of camp.

Both kinds of harmony are necessary to a wise reorganization of the local Republican column, and neither will be wanting. Good morning!

A national congress of mediation and arbitration, to turn men's thoughts away from war, is proposed. The object is a good one; but the Bethlehem Iron company will continue, as heretofore, to turn out armor plate.

Democratic Rainbow Chasing.

It is apparent from developments at Washington that the administration will from now on employ its utmost power to force the Democratic party at the Chicago convention to come out flat-footed for gold monometallicism. This is foreshadowed in the announcement made by Secretary Carlisle, after a conference held on Monday with leading New York bankers, that if the Democracy hopes to retain the support, moral and financial, of the business element of the country, it must declare unequivocally for "sound money" and offer neither truce nor compromise to the free coinage wing.

The only possible effect of such a policy will be to split the Democratic party in twain. It will not threaten, it will accelerate Republican supremacy. The position of the Republican party on this issue was well defined at Minneapolis four years ago, and it will not vary at St. Louis. The Republican party believes in sound money, and enough of it to run the government without going in debt. It has no narrow prejudice against silver.

When we consider the enormous losses which the Democratic party has inflicted on the country—the aggregate of which is not less than twice the entire cost of the civil war—there is something grotesquely impudent in its attempt to pose for the applause of the business element. Does it think that it can march over the grave of American prosperity to a new lease of destructive power? Has it the effrontery to imagine that in the face of its demonstrated incapacity to handle the tariff question it can beguile the voters of the nation into confiding in its inefficient and unsafe hands the settlement of a question so complex, so difficult and so little understood as is the currency question?

No, no. One dose of Democratic bungling is enough for a generation to come.

Mr. Magee, of Allegheny, intimates that the Quay boom is merely a toy. Just the same, we observe that the amiable Christopher carefully keeps out of range of its business end.

Something New.

The suicide of ex-governor M. D. Harter, of Ohio, was a great surprise as well as a shock to his many friends in Washington. Mr. Harter was an exceptionally popular member of congress and was the most popular man in the state.

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with the people at more points than could Major McKinley, whose public life has been devoted to the study of a specialty, at the expense of many other subjects of equal complexity and nearly equal importance.

The Tribune would support Major McKinley for president with unbounded enthusiasm, for it regards him as a signally high type of the patriotic, intellectual citizenship of the land. That he is a man of courage has been proved by the unswerving firmness with which he has stood by the protective principle at times when the political skies looked dark and ominous.

The editor of the Mitchell, S. D. Mail became so abusive of leading citizens that his office was wrecked by a mob and he was notified to leave the region. It is fortunate for Joseph A. Scranton that his newspaper is exempt from wild western justice.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

Tribune Bureau, 315 Fourteenth Street, N. W., Washington, Feb. 25.

The fact that three members of the Pennsylvania delegation in congress declined to join their colleagues in a letter urging Senator Quay to become a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination doesn't injure the senator's chances. All of these gentlemen had good reasons for their signature.

It was different with Congressman-at-Large Huff. He has no political master to tell him what to do. It was purely a matter of right or wrong. Colonel Huff's conscience would not permit him to do a thing which, on its face, looked like hypocrisy.

He is sincere in everything. When he does anything it is because he believes it to be right, and not because his party demands it or because it would prolong his political life. I write this because I know Huff from personal knowledge and am acquainted with him.

A number of congressmen were discussing presidential candidates, particularly Reed and McKinley. "Gentlemen, Reed will clean 'em up," said McLaurin, of South Carolina. "It is not a question of free trade and protection. It is a question of the issue. McKinley doesn't shake hands like an American."

It looks now as though there will be no financial legislation passed at the present session, and the wisecracks have it that congress adjourns without passing a law.

The custom of reading Washington's farewell address in the senate on Washington's birthday was inaugurated by Senator Ingalls, when he was president pro tem of the senate.

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LOOK OUT FOR QUAY.

Governor Morton's friends must not make the mistake of looking upon Quay's candidacy as a mere demonstration. Senator Quay is the most skillful political general in the Republican party. He makes friends of all the men whom he meets. He is not only a keen strategist and practical politician, but he is a broad minded, qualified, polished gentleman.

WELL, DIDN'T HE?

The Scranton Tribune quotes ably from those of its Republican contemporaries throughout the state who are of the opinion that Congressman Scranton pulled the Republican house down on his shoulders in the recent election.

IT LOOKS THAT WAY.

From the Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer. Is Judge Archibald the power behind Congressman Joe Scranton's throne?

THE CATHODE RAY.

There's another new invention which these scientific crimps discovered, just to help along Old Satan and his imp; It is worse than all the others. They have brought out in our day, And the name of this new demon is the cathode ray.

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Just suppose you have a dollar And you start out for a feed; But you meet that bill collector Who's a friend of yours in need; You have stood him off so often That you think 'twill be no play. But the fellow finds that dollar.

From the street the gossips watch you When your house is in a whirl, And your wife through three partitions Sees you kiss the hired girl. She in anger chides you for it, Then you get a gun and pray For a shot at the inventor.

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