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The Tribune is the only Republican daily in Lackawanna County.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

Congressmen-at-Large, GAILISHA A. GROW, of Susquehanna, SAMUEL A. DAVENPORT, of Erie. Election Day, Nov. 3.

A number of late but excellent contributions for which space could not be found in the Woman's Paper will appear in tomorrow's Tribune.

The Woman's Paper.

It will, we think, be generally admitted by all who have read "Our Woman's Paper" that, in both quality and arrangement, it far exceeds expectations.

There does not seem to have been a single serious omission from the list of articles that aim to chronicle the advantages which a residence in Scranton offers from an intellectual, an artistic, a social, a religious and a philanthropic standpoint.

Apart from the financial success of the undertaking—not yet fully determined but at all events enough to form a tidy nucleus for the Scranton Young Women's Christian association's new building fund—the Woman's Paper reveals an intellectual standard among the women of Scranton which cannot fall to inspire among their brothers and husbands and men friends renewed and augmented admiration.

But be that as it may, it is only fair to take this opportunity of voicing the general commendation which the novel venture has elicited; and of adding, on the Tribune's behalf, a hope that the completion of yesterday's special edition will not mark the end of the pleasant interest which the women of Scranton have lately taken in local journalism.

The Philadelphia Record talks glibly about the goodness of our present currency based on gold redemption and about the superiority of the wages paid under it; but it somehow neglects to state that during the last three years of Democratic "free trade" the wage loss of American artisans aggregated more than \$2,000,000,000.

The Rewards of Public Life.

It is one of the unpleasant anomalies of Republican institutions that as a rule—to which of course there are conspicuous exceptions—men worthy of continuance in public life are too poor to afford political honors, while men wealthy enough to afford them seldom possess the requisite qualifications for them.

This line of thought is suggested at this time by a renewal of the gossip, now somewhat more plausible than heretofore, which credits Speaker Reed with the desire to retire from public life next March if not permanently at least for an interval of private money-making under circumstances which can excite no question as to his probity and freedom from corruption.

It is well known to the intimate friends of Mr. Reed that after the fifty-first congress when he retired from the speaker's chair, he seriously contemplated the idea of resigning from congress and resuming the active work of his profession. It is also known that Mr. Reed would be glad to see him leave public life. Mr. Reed is a poor man. He has one daughter, a very charming and talented girl, of about 18 and he is naturally anxious to provide for her. The speaker will be over 57 years old when he resigns, although his wonderful physique and magnificent vitality convey the impression that he is considerably younger. He is a man who is to make money he has not much more time to lose. His friends feel sure that in a few years he will be one of the

great leaders of the New York bar and that his annual income will be as great as the salary he has received for the twenty years he has been in congress. From a political standpoint they also think it might be to his advantage to transfer his residence from Maine to New York. Mr. Reed has listened to the arguments of his friends, but has not yet decided. The speaker has not yet come for him to speak, but if he should resign his seat this winter it would not surprise his intimates.

We do not anticipate that Mr. Reed will retire. The probability seems much stronger that he will be called by the public he has so well served, to a yet higher position of trust and honor, a position which his robust personality and marked gifts of intellect will restore to its old-time but lately lost dignity as the second highest position in the republic. At the same time, the foregoing citation presents a temptation often present to public men who would scorn to stoop to questionable methods of increasing their worldly possessions, and reveals a condition of affairs difficult to remedy. Talk as we may—and do, these days—about the rife of jobbery and corruption at the national capital, there yet are many sincere and devoted men in public life who do not permit themselves, directly or indirectly, to be bought or bribed; who give the time for which the people will too stungly pay them richly and willingly to the people; and who, in consequence, after years of faithful and honest service, are liable to be benched by a turn in the political tide with scarcely a dollar saved against that contingency.

For men like these public life holds out, at best, only a poor prospect of reward. The only consolation in view for them is that they as a rule are men no great as to be nearly as men in this practical age can be, above the need of money.

We trust we may be permitted to remark that it is not every newspaper establishment from which two morning editions, a regular eight-page and the other a special thirty-page newspaper can be issued simultaneously without friction, accident or delay, as was done yesterday by The Tribune.

A Spurious Howl.

The Philadelphia Press is convinced that no human power can prevent the nomination of William McKinley for president at St. Louis. "He already," it says, "has a clear majority of the whole convention. Not all the frantic squirming of the combine, not all the hypocritical pretences of the muckrump allies of the bosses, not all the hollow fiction of imaginary concern about fanciful spoils can defeat him." Furthermore, "the platform of the St. Louis convention will be a clear, ringing, emphatic, unmistakable honest money platform. It will declare unequivocally against free, unlimited and independent silver coinage, and will unqualifiedly sustain and demand the maintenance of the present gold standard so long as the great commercial nations of the world stand on that basis." And finally, "Major McKinley's letter of acceptance will want the candidate square-ly and unreservedly on the platform. That will be the appropriate time for him to speak, and he will speak in no uncertain tones. He will speak so clearly, so strongly and so understandingly for honest money, in the interest of the laboring man as well as the banker, that the few sincere men who now claim to have doubts will be ashamed of themselves, and the many insincere men who falsely pretend to be skeptical as a mere piece of political trickery will be confounded, abashed and overwhelmed."

This delirious may be regarded as an authoritative presentation of the McKinley case, since it appeared directly following the visit of the editor of the Press to a grand conference of the McKinley managers held on Tuesday in New York. It means, among other things, that the Ohio candidate will not in his individual capacity, deign to notice the present spurious and artificial clamor of his opponents for a cross-examination of himself upon the money question. In this determination both he and his friends are undoubtedly wise. The contemporary spasm of popular reaction from the time-honored attitude of the Republican party in favor of bimetallism threatens to be as short-lived and as soon repented as was the similar reaction, four years ago, toward the free trade craze which was then being fostered by the same influences that now fill the atmosphere with a vociferous howl for gold monometallism. Major McKinley weathered the gale then, and he need not fear to stand out against the companion gale of today. He is for sound money, of course. But he is not likely to be entrapped into a needless and, so far as the future is concerned, perhaps a dangerous declaration of war against the double standard, simply to gratify a class of men, who would be just as much dissatisfied and irreconcilable after he should have spoken as they pretend to be now.

We trust that Major McKinley possesses the foresight to perceive that if the Republican party wishes to remain a national party and not warp up into the party of one class and one section, its membership must soon call a halt to the rampant dogmatism of the hour which would crack every head that does not swallow ready-made financial opinions in direct conflict with the party's past record and traditions; and must substitute in place thereof a spirit of willingness to make reasonable concessions. The position of the Republican party since its organization has been one of declared friendliness to silver; one of belief in the possibility and the practicability of the double standard; one of willingness to make serious effort to bring about the redemption of the white metal throughout the world. To insist that in one instant all this must be kicked over and silver inconsistently banned and damned is to take risks which few men who look ahead will estimate as either wise or safe. Therefore, while the next platform may in a spirit of caution recommend that no change in the present standard be made until it can be attempted under the guaranty of international co-operation, it is sheer lunacy to expect or to ask a radical and dogmatic declaration of war on silver. We suspect that McKinley sees this, if some of his critics do not.

WANTS CONFERENCE NEWS.

Editor of The Tribune: Sir: The Episcopal Methodists of this city and vicinity will be obliged if you will give us more news in relation to our general conference, with a suitable heading, I suggest, that being a regular subscriber, and only receive the news of many subscribers. The Tribune is in advance on all lines of general news, and I don't want to be lacking in this one particular. For the general conference is a very important body.

Yours truly, Reader.

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convention because they had been out-voted in an effort to pass McKinley instructions was unwarranted and revolutionary. It was a challenge of the principle of majority rule, upon which Republican rests, and a direct indorsement of party disorganization. If the St. Louis convention seats the bolting delegation it will do an execrable wrong.

Acknowledgment is made to Clapp & Company, bankers of New York city, for a copy of their handsome third annual souvenir containing a complete record of the leading American exchanges for the year 1895. On page 12 we note this significant sentence: "The total shrinkage in United States values since Cleveland was inaugurated March 4, 1893, has been about double the cost of the civil war from 1861 to 1865."

President St. John, of the Mercantile bank, New York, who has joined the movement for a new party pledged to the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at 16 to 1, must be a man of courage. Not every man would care to hazard the odds against which he must contend. There is still a good bit of the old spirit extant which would cruelly those who do not subscribe to the tenets of the multitude.

The men who govern Spain are wise in not paying attention to the anti-American meetings of the Madrid and Barcelona rabble. This country has stretched its patience on account of Spanish excitability as far as there is any occasion for.

Street Commissioner Kinsey's anti-sign board and anti-obstruction campaign has materially improved the appearance of the city streets. It is to be hoped that the good work thus favorably begun will not flaze out.

It is a favorite trick of some persons to affect to consider that all who differ from them in opinion are actuated by hubbub. Thomas C. Platt just now is working this trick overtime.

There is no mistaking the fact that the anti-McKinleyites are putting up a game fight. But we don't believe that one of them honestly expects to win.

Mr. Platt intimates that the McKinley managers once tried to get him into their fold. They may be glad they failed.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaxchus. The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrolabe cast: 2:45 a. m., for Friday, May 15, 1896.

A child born on this day will be an expert on finances. The less he knows of the subject the more expert he will be.

From the time consumed by Ball-Fowler from Powere in making up his mind, one would think that he had a police appointment on his hands.

If Sarah Ulrich Kelly is in the fight to the finish for president, she should state her position on the currency question to New York gold bug journals at once.

It seems a little extravagant to place peachblow vase values on base ball play-

from abroad when there are so many promising buds all about anxious for a show.

Ajacechus' Advice.

To not become addicted to one man worship. Remember that it usually takes nine men and an empire to win a ball game.

WANTS TO SCRAP.

From the Chicago Record.

Fighting Bob Evans, of the United States navy, does not approve of the Cuban policy of the administration, and when he was in Washington a few days ago he frankly told the president so. He thinks this government ought to show its sympathy with the insurgents and take a hand in the slaying of the Spaniards.

It is a little strange that the president should have called upon the secretary of state and not the secretary of the navy department, who is also a Cuban sympathizer in secret.

Captain Evans expressed his views with great freedom to the secretary of state as he did to his chief. He is confident, the president, and among other things he said: "Mr. Secretary, the battleship Indiana, which I have this morning ordered to be the finest fighting machine afloat, is the finest fighting machine afloat, if you will give the word I will go down to Cuba and with my crew will undertake to clean out the entire Spanish fleet."

"The secretary of state smiled, but remained silent."

"See here, Mr. Secretary," continued the captain, earnestly, "wouldn't you like to have me cruise up the coast of Cuba and bring you home a box of the Havana cigars?"

"I don't smoke," was the secretary's quiet reply.

Captain Evans bowed obediently to the decision and returned to his ship. But he did not conceal his disappointment, and when he left the secretary's office he remarked in an undertone to Mr. Adams: "If they would only give me a chance in Cuba with his battleship 'no language' but Spanish would be spoken in nades for the next five years."

SUGGESTIONS FROM READERS.

Under this head The Tribune will be pleased to print from time to time any hints that may be given by readers as to the day of a daily paper and best methods of conducting the same. As these communications relate to the conduct of the Tribune only they will be published over a name or name, but name of writer should accompany articles of any value of good faith, though not for publication.

This department has been suggested by the letter which appeared in the Tribune a reader very properly gives a suggestion regarding the character of news that will miss a large number of our readers. The Tribune will be glad to receive hints from all given with the view of making the paper more interesting and more useful.

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to ask you, as my eldest friend, to be one of my bridesmaids. "Bridesmaids? How lovely! I did not know you were engaged," replied the bride-to-be. "It's sudden, very sudden, but he's awfully in love, and is just too lovely to live. Will you act?" "Act? Of course, I'll be charmed. But," moving forward and speaking in an undertone, "do come round the corner and tell me all about it. There comes that idiotic, irresponsible donkey, Jim Harrison. He's grinning as though he meant to stop, and I don't care to be seen talking to him. 'Jim Harrison? He's the man I'm going to marry?'" "Act? Of course, I'll be charmed. But," moving forward and speaking in an undertone, "do come round the corner and tell me all about it. There comes that idiotic, irresponsible donkey, Jim Harrison. He's grinning as though he meant to stop, and I don't care to be seen talking to him. 'Jim Harrison? He's the man I'm going to marry?'"

SCRANTON TO THE FORE. From a Washington Dispatch. Resolution passed by the Scranton, Pennsylvania, board of trade, urging the passage of Senator Frye's bill to create a new department of the government, to be known as the department of commerce and manufactures, were laid before the senate today by Senator Cameron.



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