## The Scranton Tribune





SCRANTON, OCTOBER 26. 1896

#### THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

#### NATIONAL.

President-WILLIAM M'KINLEY. Vice-President-GARRET A. HOBART.

STATE.

Congressmen - at - Large-GALUSHA A GROW, SAMUEL A, DAVENPORT.

Congress-WILLIAM CONNELL. GILES Jorities. Commissioners—S. W. ROBERTS, GLES-ROBERTS, Auditors—A. E. KIEFER, FRED. L. WARD.

#### LEGLISLATIVE.

Senate, 21st District—COL W. J. SCOTT. Representative. 1st District—JOHN R. FARR; 2d District—A. T. CONNELL; 3d District—DR. N. C. MACKEY; 4th District—JOHN F. REYNOLDS.

About the only thing doubtful in the First legislative district seems to be whether Mr. Farr's plurality will be under or over 1,500. If his good record counts as it should the figure of his margin over Labar will be generous beyond precedent.

#### Support Trustworthy Men.

In this final week of the local contest the Democratic free silver organization in this county will undoubtedly make a desperate effort to capture the county commissioners' office. We have no doubt that this is the man objective point in its present campaign. The managers of that organization already have the municipal government of Scranton and now they want the court To get it they will stop at nothing. The fight of the next few days will practically center around the commissionership.

We therefore warn Republicans to be prepared for all kinds of dust throwing on the part of the opposition. The local managers of the free silver movement are desperate. In a national sense they see nothing but defeat ahead. They will try their level best to save something from the wreck. They will be well satisfied if they can overturn the Republican majority on the present board and capture for their own purposes the future handling of the county funds.

The duty of Republicans in such an emergency is clear. It is to stand by the Republican nominees. Messrs S. W. and Giles Roberts are both fair and honorable men, who have given ample proof of their ability, their sagacity and their regard for the public's inter-The records of their administration of the commissioners' office have been examined repeatedly from top to bottom by emissaries of the opposition and not a thing has been found wrong. Their work in office speaks for itself. It tells of fidelity to duty and of efficiency and foresight in duty's discharge. There is no ground for the feeling by any voter that a change would be for the better. It could not be for the better; it more than likely would be for the worst.

Let every Republican next week go to the polls and stand by his party throughout. This is no year for halfway polities.

Two years ago the Republican plurality in the Third district was 1964. If every Republican does his duty next week, Dr. Mackey will lift this figure

### Forecasting the Result.

An interesting feat of journalism was performed yesterday by the New York Herald when it printed an eight-page supplement giving a detailed review of the political situation in every state and in every congressional district in the Union, with careful estimates of the result of next week's election. The Herald predicts McKinley's election as fol-Mc. | Bry. | Mc- | Bry-

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Totals ..... 248 | 134 | 42 | 23 The only points at which we feel constrained to take exception to the Herald's table is in reference to California and Kansas. Our information is that these states are likely to go for McKinley; but neither is essential save by way of giving emphasis to a result al-

ready foreseen. The Herald's prediction with reference to the Fifty-fifth congress is that its membership will comprise 224 Republicars, 127 Democrats and 6 Populists; divided as follows on the money question-Sound money, 215; free silver, 142. A table kept by The Tribune for its own guidance and carefully corrected on the basis both of private advices and published correspondence differs from this estimate mainly in giving the Re- gress. With such a man the experipublican strength as 238 against 103

Democrats and 17 Populists. The Herald forecast for Pennsylvania is 22 Republicans to 6 Democrats, a far too generous allowance to the opposition. It estimates Morgan B. Williams' plurality at 3,000 and Mr. Connell's at 6,000, but gives the Eighth, Ninth, Seventeenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth and I'wenty-sixth districts to the Demo-

According to the Herald's returns the ound money strength of the next senate will be 48 to 42, thus assuring a congress in complete accord with President McKinley so far as financial legislation is concerned; but on this point we think its estimate is conservative. It gives Protection a minority of 1; our figures give it a majority of that much with the vice-president's vote in reserve in case of a tie. However, the truth will soon be known. In the meantime the Herald is to be congratulated upon a creditable piece of enterprise. work beats sewer wash all hollow.

Three years of efficient work in the commissioners' office clearly entitle S. W. and Giles Roberts to a re-election, and they will get it by handsome ma-

#### "The Man for Congress."

If it has not been The Tribune's privflege in this campaign to take the initiative in speaking commendatory words concerning the personal character of the Republican nominee for congress it must at least be granted the privilege to refer to them when said by others. One of the most discerning tributes elicited by the presof the Industrial News, and it pospromulgation by the official organ of the Scranton Central Labor Union.

"The nomination of Mr. Connell for district," says the News, "is a cirpeople. His career in this city and in the coal fields of Pennsylvania has been pre-eminently that of a workingman, who by his integrity and force of character and patient application to his work, whether it was the modest undertakings of his earlier years or been co-extensive with the development and the prosperity of this city and valley, has worked his way up honorable success. While his career of other men, who, profiting by the under our free government, have startand distinction, yet there are so many characteristics seen in this man of citizen. more than ordinary note that his candidacy in the relation it bears to the people of this district is worth more than casual comment. He is an ideal American representative and lawmaker for an American people. He is and he has, unlike many others whose remained one of them in sympathy. His nomination hardly means more than the recognition of one of our ness of judgment is already proved by to the man whom he asperses. success achieved. That is practically the only difference between his candidacy and what would be signified by the nomination of one of the many hundreds of conscientious and highminded workingmen in this district. The responsibility to each and every man whom he represented in the national legislature, and the earnest desire to fairly represent every class of people, could not be more fully rea-

in detail even a few of the particulars in which his association with this valley has redounded to its benefit. His business enterprises, employing directly and indirectly thousands of persons: his charities, distributed with bountiful hand to any and every institution or religious sect whose creed need only be the advancement of morality and the alleviation of human suffering; his private counsel and material assistance extended to hundreds of persons in this city, but known only to them individually, are all too generally understood to call for any recounting. He needs no introduction or recommendation to any man or woman in this valley. His life and his deeds in this community for more than forty years have been testifying to his character. But, leaving aside his personal worth and his claims for recognition upon the people of this district, he is still the most fit candidate for this particular office who could be nominated. His own business interests are so diversified that possibly no man could be found in the whole district who would better understand the needs of each industry. And his knowledge of these things would not come second-handed or be based on any theories or generalities, but would be the result of personal experience, and acquired, much of it. in the training school of actual labor.

lized by one of these working men

"It would be a waste of time to give

than by him.

"The very diversity of his business enterprises peculiarly qualifies him to consider intelligently those identical questions which would come before him as a legislator at Washington. In the event of the introduction in the next session of congress of a new tariff bill-and that is very possible with the election of McKinley-who from here would or could more sturdily defend the interests of this district when it came to a re-arrangement of the schedules on iron and steel or coal, or on any of the numerous products in whose manufacture we are interested? No man's voice would be heard more quickly than William Connell's and no man's judgment on the needs of our district would be more valuable. Nor can we doubt for a moment what would be his attitude on any measure affecting the condition of the common people. It would be emphatically that the greatest good should result to the greatest number. The man who has been the exemplary citizen, the kind and thoughtful neighbor, the cheerful counsellor of the unfortunate and the benefactor of the distressed, would not be false to the characteristics of a life time when placed in the halls of con-

ences and realities of life have fur- Crow,

rowed too deeply to allow him to forget the humble associates of his earlier and matured manhood. On such a man the blandishments and questionable influences which unfortunately are encountered at the capital would fall as nothing. His aim, his thought, would be the welfare of his district and of

his home city, whose protector he

would in a measure feel himself to be. "This congressional district is to be congratulated on having as a candidate a man possessed of all of these qualifications of business and of character, and with it all a man who has never himself been an office seeker, although always zealous in the selection of good men for all of the local offices, and taking always a just pride in a clean administration of the county and municipal governments. William Conneil is the man whom the times and the particular needs of this district demand. He is known by and among the people; his interests and their interests are the same; his sympathy with them is genuine and proved by the actions of a life time: his business capabilities are immense, and his special fitness for a representative is indoubted."

The fight which Alex. T. Connell is ncountering in the Second district has stirred up his friends, and if they remain loyal he is quite certain to triumph.

#### The Period of the Roorback.

It seems that we have now reached the period of the eleventh-hour campaign lie. This is true nationally and it will doubtless also soon be true loent contest appeared in the last issue cally. All kinds of stories may be expected during the next six or seven days. sesses especial interest because of its The forgery about McKinley's ideas on pensions is one specimen. The local lie about a large corporation assessing its employes for campaign purposes is representative from this congressional another. We could name a dozen additional stories which have come to our cumstance upon which all classes of ears within the past forty-eight hours, ecople may congratulate themselves, but it would give them too much digbut none more so than the working nity to honor them with serious atten-

All that we want to say in this connection is to warn intelligent voters to pay no heed whatever to any of these contemptible fabrications. The fact that a charge against a candidate or a party is withheld until too one of the greater ventures which have late for effective denial should be prima facie proof of its falsity and should influence every hon est voter to turn against the circulation the ladder to the very top round of of it. Up to this moment the campaign has been notably free from personall has been typical of that of thousands ties. There has been a lively discussion of issues and principles but no smutliberty and scope given their talents ting of character and very little mudslinging. The man who disgraces this ed with nothing and achieved wealth good record by belated nastiness should be heartily despised by every decent

More important, even, than the triumph of Protection and sound money at this election is the demonstration by the American people that they can be decent in their political strife. Thus far they have preserved one of the common people by birth, an admirable tone to the canvass and have deserved the warmest congratulacareer has been similar to his, always | tion. If any politician or any desperate office-seeker shall in the closing hours of the struggle try to mar this fine record, let public opinion smite him at the ballot box and give its endorsement to the man whom he asperses. workingmen whose ability and sound- the ballot box and give its endorsement

of ours every man who is willing to work should not have work; there is no reason why every man who works should not get out of his daily toil a comfortable sustenance for himself and for his family; if it is not so today it is because somebody has meddled; it is because some one has made mistakes; it is because some clumsy hand has taken hold of the delicate machinery of our public finances. You were promised good times four years ago if you would adopt Democratic measures; you were beguiled into accepting the promise, and I ask you today whether there has been fulfillment in any part of the programme."-General Benjamin Har-

The future of the Indian on this continent depends largely upon the extent to which he shall be educated. Education can save his race from extinction; and it is the only force which can. It is therefore interesting to note that last year the attendance of Indian pupils in schools reached an aggregate of 23,352, an increase of 316 over the previous year. This increase isn't very startling, but it is a good deal better than none at all.

There is yet danger lest some Repub licans should be trapped into splitting their ticket when voting for county commissioners. When we say that this would incur the risk of putting out the present Republican majority in that office and putting in a Democratic majority, such voters will doubtless be on their guard. This is not a good year to give encouragement to the political enemy.

Free silver will not open the mills nor restore the depleted savings account. That can be done only through Protection, sound money and a revival of business confidence. See that you vote for more work.

"They have made you poor by stopping the factories; they have made you poor by taking your work and wages. and now they propose to make you rich by a card trick-by calling 50 cents a dollar."-General Benjamin Harrison.

The story that Bryan foresecs defeat. but hopes, nevertheless, to establish himself with an eye to the future, is entirely credible. Bryan is young. Some day, on a better platform, he may have better luck.

If the election were held tomorrow there isn't any doubt that John F. Reynolds would carry the Fourth district handsomely. Let his friends see that during the next eight days his strength shall grow.

At a conservative estimate Lackawanna county's share of the loss inflicted by the Bryan-Wilson tariff was upwards of \$5,000,000. No wonder Bryan won't discuss the tariff. From the speech of the people it is

evident that the Republican candidates for auditor, Messrs. Klefer and Ward are sure to be elected. Vote for them. Down Philadelphia way it looks as if Ashbridge would simply masticate

## What Bryan Did

In order to arrive at a practical couch sion as to what a man will do if intruste: with power it is customary to consult his past public record. The American people have been addicted to this habit for years. When a man is a candidate for a great of-fice the electorate is justified in making a close scrutiny of his acts in whatever public capacity he may have served as af-fording a reliable index of his probable at-titude toward issues that are pending. Very little reference has been made in Very little reference has been made in this campaign to Mr. Bryan's record in congress, perhaps for the very good rea-son that he has no record that is of sufficient importance to challenge public attention. But Mr. Bryan had a great "talking record" in congress. He began developing his rear platform style of oratory immediately after his election to the Fifty-second congress. Like most talk-ing members of congress, he was long on oratory but short on legislative results. The only way to judge the value of Mr. Bry-an's congressional oratory is to ascertain the fate of the measures which he cham-pioned. It must be borne in mind that the house was Democratic by a large major-ity during his two terms. In the first ses-sion of the Fifty-second congress he in-troduced forty-two bills and joint resolu-tions. Among these were bills to place ions. Among these were bills to place barbed wire, iron rods, binding twine, lumber and salt on the free list. He made twenty-two speeches during this session, but only three of the measures which he advocated were passed.

In the second session of the Fifty-second In the second session of the Fifty-second congress none of the three bills which he introduced became a law, although he made the chambers resound with his melliflous voice on seven different occasions. During the first session of the Fifty-third congress Mr. Bryan introduced thirteen bills, none of which passed either house, although Mr. Bryan broke out in impassioned oratory not less than twenty times, eight of the speeches being devoted to the eight of the speeches being devoted to the silver question. In the second session of the Fifty-third congress Mr. Bryan intro-duced fifteen bills and joint resolutions, only two of which became laws, although he regaled the house with ninety-two sepa-rate and distinct outbursts of oralory. In the third session of the Fifty-third congress Mr. Bryan introduced six measures, three of them being separate joint resolutions to make the president of the United States ineligible for a second term, and another to make the president ineligible to succeed himself. He spoke fifty two times during this session but none ty-two times during this session, but none of the measures which he introduced be-came a law. The two crowning achievements of statesmanship to which Mr. Bryan points with especial pride are the bill providing for the building of a passenger elevator in the postoffice at Lincoln, and the Wilson-Gorman mill-destroying, shop-wrecking, debt-creating tariff bill.

Mr. Bryan enjoys the distinction of having been a member of the ways and means committee which framed that notrade principles than any other act passed by the Democratic party since 1833. It was framed with reckless disregard for the industrial interests of the country. It placed iron ore, bituminous coal, wool, cotton ties, binding twine, nearly all farm products on the free list, and made most radical and sweeping reductions in im-port duties on the whole line of compet-ing commodities. It repealed the bounty on sugar, also the reciprocity paragraph of the McKinley bill. The duties on of the McKinley bill. The duties on woolen goods were reduced to an od valorem rate of less than 50 per cent. If this bill had passed as originally framed by Mr. Bryan and his committee Iramed by Mr. Bryan and his committee it would have been much more destructive to American industries than the Wilson-Gorman bill, and the treasury deficits would have been much larger. The bill, as modified by the senate, transferred nine-ty-two articles from the dutiable to the free list, reduced the duty of seven articles 75 per cent., on 112 articles 50 to 75 per cent, on 368 articles 25 to 50 per cent., on of men out of employment, and in creating deficit in the treasury of \$106,000,000 in twenty-five months, Mr. Bryan is now ask-ing the wage-earners to vote for a dollar which, when paid out to labor that is lucky enough to be employed, will buy 50 per cent. less of the necessaries of life than the dollar which is new paid to

### TWO EFFICIENT SERVANTS.

From the Olyphant Record. One of the three commissioners now serving the people of our county is S. W. Roberts, a man of the people and one who has fulfilled the duties of the office with dignity and fidelity. Mr. Roberts was elected on the Republican ticket three years ago, and the party organization felt in duty bound to honor so faithful an of-ficial with the nomination for a second term. Hence S. W. Roberts is before the electors of the county for a second term as commissioner, and if for the first term he could do so well, his services for the next three years ought to be of greater value to the citizens of Lackawanna ounty. He is a strong man in the party, and there is no doubt in the minds of those who are in touch with the electors that he will be again chosen to succeed

Giles Roberts, commissioner of our county, has discharged the duties of that office with fidelity. His faithfulness so commended him to the Republicans of our county that they decided to nominate him for a second term, and now the gen-tleman is before the electors of Lackawanna county for a return to the position he has fulfilled with credit to himself and honor to the party. Mr. Roberts is well known to the rank and file of the party he represents. Three years ago he secured the confidence of the electors and was elected to the office he now holds. He was then comparatively unknown. Today he is well known. He is familiar with the duties of the office he holds, and the people of Lackawanna will consult their own interests by retaining him in the office he so ably fills.

## THE GOLDEN AGE.

From the Philadelphia Record. The growth of international commerc at a rate of more than four times that of even the remarkable increase of popula-tion since 1860 is irrefutable evidence of an unprecedented increase of general wealth among the principal nations of Europe and America. Notwithstanding the rant of demagogues and visionary world-menders, there is at the present time a wider diffusion of comforts throughout the civilized world than during any previous era of human history.

### ARE YOU A PENSIONER?

Your pension would buy only half as nuch of the necessaries and comforts of life if paid you in cheap dollars as it buys you now. If you think your pension is too large, vote for silver and have it re-

### TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cast: 2.31 a. m., for Monday, Oct. 25, 1896.

12 A child born on this day will notice that the most resonant throats are usually found on the free silver calamity howlers, whose hands have never been sullied by toll It is evident that the editors of two of

our Sunday contemporaries are in a fair way to decorate the face of the moon with rimson splashes As election day approaches the "glad hand" of Scranton's original silver man becomes more inanimate and clammy. Mr. Merrifield, having been there be-fore, is, of course, prepared to get it in the larnyx as usual.

Ajacchus' Advice. Do not argue in the interest of the farmer if you are a free trader.

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