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Speaking of coal operators, the three biggest pluralities ever rolled up in Pennsylvania were cast for coal operators; and it was also a coal operator who received 7,857 plurality in a total poll of 30,135 in Lackawanna county last year. Don't be too previous about

#### Circumstantial Evidence.

bowling them out.

There is excellent reason to believe that \$2500 raised during the recent campaign by assessment on the Democratic candidates found its way into the pockets of the editor of the Scranton Republican and represented the willingness of Hon. Joseph A. Scranton to do further injury to a party which in thirty years has put not less than \$400,-000 into his pocket. Mr. Scranton's excited denial acts simply as presumptive confirmation.

It is known that a special assessment of the sum mentioned was made upon the Democratic candidates for the avowed purpose of "fixing the Republican." It is known that Joseph A. Scranton sought to exiort from the Republican county committee a much larger sum as a price for party loyalty. It is known, finally, that the Boodle Republican afterward so worded its few remarks touching the Republican nominces that with the exception of its editorial on John R. Jones every one of its articles was deemed available for gleeful reprint in the Scranton Times, the Carbondale Herald, the Schadt syndicate of county weeklies and in circular form. When to these circumstantial facts is added the familiar character of the Republican editor for intrigue and treachery a case is made up which we are willing to submit to the consideration of Lackawanna Republicans even though we do not have the corroborative testimony of eye witnesses to the actual tender of the money.

We suspect, by the way, that William Connell is willing to pit his reputation for veracity against that of either Joseph A. Scranton or Joseph O'Brien.

Grim old Gomez renews his threat to hang the first Spaniard who comes to him with a proposal of autonomy Gomez evidently thinks it is time diplomacy abandoned its chronic bluffing and toed the chalk candidates and public men or acting

#### Backward Glances.

The vote for Pryor in Scranton Tuesday, unofficial but substantially accurate, was 7,281; for Schadt, 6,177; Pryor's plurality in the city, therefore, was 1.104. Langstaff's city vote was 6,897 and Kelly's, 7,281, a plurality for Kelly of 384. Horn's city vote was 7,352 while Jones had 6 less. Norton's at ex-Minister Taylor. It would save city vote amounted to 6,760, or 248 less than Copeland's while Law received in the city 6,263 votes against 8,414 for populace is not furious at something Tommy Daniels, a difference of 2,151 in the latter's favor. Averaging these pluralities we find that the city vote was Republican on Tuesday by 623 plurality whereas in the city election last year it returned an average Democratie plurality of over 1,200.

A clance at the table of the Dem-

ocratic city vote by wards, elsewhere published, will disclose some interesting variations between the poll for Schadt and that for Kelly. In the Tenth, Sixteenth and Twenty-first is only does Schadt lead Kelly. This lead in the Sixteenth is explicable because of the fact that it is Schadt's home ward; in the Tenth it can be explained by the fact that the German vote went to Schadt but cut Kelly; and in the Twenty-first it is to be ac counted for by the special complimentary support of Langstaff by voters who otherwise voted the Democratic ticket. But Kelly's pronounced lad over Schadt in such wards as the Third. Seventh, Twelfth, Nineteenth and Twentieth indicates what The

candidates in the past invited repris-From a Democratic standpoint the lesson of these returns is that it was a tactical mistake to turn Duggan down to make room for Horn.

Tribune during the campaign on a

number of occasions pointed out, that

Schadt's numerous and well under-

stood attacks upon Irish-American

On or about Jan. I expect a great convulsion. On that date, James H. Eckles will retire to private life.

#### A Lesson for the Future.

There is no more determined or aggressive for of so-called bossism in the country than the Springfield Republican, one of the first and by many deemed the ablest of the journalistic exponents of Mugwumpery. But it has not been taken in by the fuss and sputter of the incompetents who lately brought Seth Low to wreck and Greater New York to political ruin. Hear what it says:

But for the Republican division the opposition to Tammany would have won. Regarded in the afterlight, it will have to be said that the C-threns' Union acted with unwise precipitancy when it pushed Mr. Low into the field ahead of the Republican city representation. We are the Republican city convention. We are not to excuse Platt's unrighteous ambition to maintain his grip on the party machine or to deny to the Citizens' Union the right of free numination apart from party organization. But it was a ques-tion not of right, but of expediency-of making the best of the circumstances and getting the most out of a bad airuation for better government. Politics, said Burke, must be adjusted not to human reasonings, but to human nature, and it is human nature in this country and time, in city as well as in state, among the mass of voters to regard party organization. This is the fact, however unfortunate it may be, and in flying against it the Citigens' Union paved the way to defeat. If it had waited Platt's convention would be waited, Platt's convention would doubt-less have nominated Low, and the union could then have endorsed the nomination and filled out the rest of the Licket regardless of Platt's plans. The mayorally might then have been secured to honest and efficient hands. As it is, returning to its system of blackmail, of boss licensed evil for brivate boss profit,

of government by an irresponsible coterie of conspirators hidden in the precincts of too hall on Fourteenth street, the Greater New York presents a speciacle for the ridicule of all who doubt and decry republican institutions, and for the sad contemplation of all others.

Bear in mind that this is not the ut

terance of a paper friendly to Platt or

of one that cares a rap of its finger

for the Republican party. It is simply

a short offering of timely New Eng-

talk now of continuing the Citizens'

Union in Greater New York as a per-

manent party organization, just as

there is talk in Philadelphia of organ-

izing in that city an imitation move-

these propositions are wise, let them

bear in mind that the nucleus of all

successful good government enterpris-

the Republican party and that there-

fore the way to promote good govern-

declaration of war on Republican party

It is now charged that the Henry

George leaders in New York quietly

sold out to Tammany when the senior

George died. This is doubtless not sus-

ceptible of immediate proof, but the

returns certainly create a strong sus-

A Preposterous Assertion.

Elsewhere are reproduced a few of

the reproving comments elicited from

the Republican press of the state by a

riciculous assertion made several days

ago in the editorial columns of the

the Lattimer riot determined that no

This asinine observation, born in

calousy of one man not declaratively

a candidate for the gubernatorial nom-

ination, has very properly been resent-

ed by friends of Hon. John Leisenring,

who, although a member of the class

banned, could command from his em-

ployes a cordial and voluntary support,

arising from gratitude for prompt pay

and considerate treatment in all the

relations between employer and em-

ployed, such as Hon. Joseph A. Scran-

ton would seek in vain among those

But regardless of its personal appli-

cation, how stupid that assertion was!

Fecause some coal operators are mean,

stingy and contemptible, all must be

proscribed; because the hog in human

nature outcrops in some of them there

is not hereafter to be justice in public

izen of the commonwealth engaged in

would have been quite as nonsensical

some editors pervert their power by

the role of maudlin drunkard in an

august public place, no editor could

hereafter be elected from a Pennsyl-

Fortunately the people of Pennsyl-

vania have more intelligence and fair-

ness than to subscribe to such a mon-

News from Madrid is to the effect

that the Spanish populace is furious

cable tolls if the foreign correspond-

ents would wire only when the Spanish

vania district to congress.

strous doctrine.

or other.

governor of Pennsylvania.

who labor in his service.

organizations.

Crowing over Mark Hanna's defeat s always safest before the fact.

#### Back Into the Ranks.

is the time to subscribe,

The triumph of the free silver elenent in the Kentucky Democracy on land common sense served without Puesday brought forth from Colonel dressing on the half shell. There is Watterson a characteristic blast. We

republish its pith: We may regret the verdict against us but we accept it. We shall make is further effort to direct the party cours. or councils, or to share in any of the responsibilities of the party leadership, maying done our best, according to our ment for partisan non-partisanship in municipal affairs. If those who favor onscience and belief, to divert our poftical associates from a policy and pro-cedure, the end of which no man car ow foresee, the results of which we very much fear, both as to the welfare of the cruntry and the party. But we are Democrats, not Republicans, and, nad-ing our flag to the masthead of honest money, free trade and home rule, we shall in the character of a private soles as conditions stand must come from ment is not to open up with an idiotic dier in the ranks contribute whatever we are able to the ascertainment and be vindication of truth. For the gentlemen who have by their victory con-firmed their leadership, we entertain not the least ill will. All the honors belonging to that leadership be theirs; and, let us add, all the responsibilities. If they continue to win victories, they will approve their commissions. If they lose them, they, in turn, will have to pay the penalties of defeat, Where we can we shall support them. Where we cannot support them we shall enter no factious opposition to them. We go to political annihilation with perfect composure—without a single resentment or regret—having fought out to the bitter end a profound conviction in perfect fairness and good faith. \* \* \* From none of the consequences of the fight we have made for what we believed just policies and sound ideas, have we the least dis-position to shrink. Had we the whole Scranton Republican to the effect that position to shrink. Had we the whole thing to do over we should not veer a hair's line from the course we have pursued; and, reviewing the record, we recollect no word or act which we would recall. What the rest can stand we can stand. With charity for all, with melice toward none, we shall continue to do business at the old stand precisely as if nothing whatever had happened; relieved to be rid of all responsibility in party affairs; glad to go to the rear of the column; quite assured of our ability at all times and under all circumstances to hold our own win friend or foe, and coal operator could hereafter be elected

> n point be a fight or a foot race. The Democratic party will yet regret the fatuousness of a party leadership which forces into the ranks such chivalrous, resourceful and determined field marshals as the sage of Louis-

hold our own with friend or foe, and certainly indifferent whether the case

Mayor-elect Van Wyck fubs salt into the wounds of the Seth Low fraternity by declaring that in all his appointments to office he will recognize only opinion for any decent and worthy citstraight Democrats, following the dictum that to the victors belong the one of its foundation industries! It

to lay down the rule that because Luzerne Republicans saved 33 1-3 per ent. of their ticket, while Lackawanaccepting Democratic boodle, trading na Republicans landed 621/2 per cent. in political patronage, blackmailing f theirs. We await congratulations,

> Now is the time for David B. Hill to marry, mend his political ways and ecome what he is intellectually capable of becoming, a statesman.

Among other points settled by the

tiger's triumph is that boycotting achelors doesn't pay. General Weyler evidently will have a more difficult job trying to pacify the

Madrid cabinet. Just what there is about it all to make him glad Billy Bryan neglects to

Croker is now eligible to a place in Wales' set as the prince of New York.

The first most important lesson furn

ished by this election is one that should impress the honest Democrats of the state most profoundly. The Democratic yote of the state is the lowest that has

been cast for the last half generation, and does not embrace one-half the votes

of the citizens of the state who cherish

Democratic faith. It teaches to all that there is no Democratic organization in

Pennsylvania that is entitled to the re-

spect of the Democratic people, or that can in the future assure Democratic

unity and approach Democratic success.

With fully half a million voters in the state who would support an honest and capable Democratic organization and

honest representatives of Democratic convictions, the hignest of the candi-

dates this year receives but 268,000 and

The plain truth is that there is no

Democratic organization in Pennsylvania. There never was a better opportunity for the Democrats of Pennsylvania to

but it is a defeat stamped with the di

organization like the present in Pennsyl

vania must be unfelt as a factor in the

The momentous question that the Dem-ceratic people of the state have to de-termine is whether they will have a

Democratic party, or whether the re-maining fragment of Democracy shall be frittered away into nothingness by

NOT DUE TO LOCAL CAUSES.

In Lackawanna county the result

emagogic and incapable leaders.

From the Wilkes-Barre Record.

355,791

333,404

433,228

great contest of 1898.

the lowest only 244,000.

Reads a Riot Act

Colonel McClure

From the Philadelphia Times.

#### Regarding Political News.

explain.

The completion of the official count of the recent vote in Lackawanna showing the election of five Republicans and three Democrats renders it not inopportune to call attention to the exceptional accuracy and completeness of The Tribune's election news on last Wednesday morning. On that occasion our first edition, issued at 4 a. m., claimed the election of six Republicans, the figures on Langstaff being at that hour so close as to warrant the claim that he was elected; and in the second edition, issued three hours later, a neat table appeared with returns from 116 of the 151 districts. the footings of which showed Langstaff, Huester and Beck defeated but their five colleagues elected. The returns of The Tribune so far as they went were accurate in nearly every instance, as comparison with the official vote in another place will show.

The establishment of The Tribune six years ago introduced for the first time in the history of political journalism in Northeastern Pennsylvania the custom of printing the exact returns and making honest claims the morning after election. Prior to that time it had been the custom of the Republi-can daily papers in this section to appear either with a wholesale claim of Republican victory however wide of the actual returns or else with a heading "In Doubt," the purpose of which, repeated for two or three days, was to let the Republican readers down easily. Even so late as 1892 we remember with what consternation the Republican politicians of Lackawanna greeted The Tribune's bulletin issued at 10 o'clock on the night following the Cleveland-Harrisen election acknowledging General Harrison's defeat and est'mating almost to a dot Mr. Cleveland's subsequent electoral vote. Such. candor was unprecedented and was the subject of much animated discussion. But the people evidently liked it, for then and at every election since they have awaited The Tribune's appearance secure in the knowledge of two things: (1) That every bit of election news possible to obtain would be print-

ed in it; and (2) that no claim would be made dishonestly or in bad faith. On last Wednesday morning the returns came in with aggravating confusion, owing to the large slashing and cutting; but The Tribune of that morning, like The Tribune of Nov. 3, 1896, gave the most complete and the mort accurate report of any paper in the state, excepting only one or two of the immense Philadelphia dailies; and its claims, so far as its figures went, are strikingly corroborated by the official count. The policy of this paper, we may repeat, is to treat its patrons fairly and give them the best return for their money it is possible to give considering the size of the field. It is not a boodle organ and it is not venting private spleen nor playing favorites. It is a newspaper contain

ing the news while new, an exponent

the election is very much the same as in Luzerne, each party having elected a portion of their ticket by small plural-illes, with a single exception; and that county, too, gives the head of the Demof Republican doctrine from principle, and a fearless and untrammeled tribune of the people at all times. Now ocratic state ticket a plurality. Luzerne is not the only Republican county that received a portion of the lightning. It even struck rock-ribbed Republican Susquehanna, This is not the result of lo-cal causes, but discontent with state leadership and numerous scandals.

> DEMOCRATIC VOTE OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON BY WARDS

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#### CONCERNING COAL OPERATORS

From the Pittston Gazette The Scranton Republican says that "th The Scranton Republican says that "the Lattimer riots settled that no coal operator can be the next Republican candidate for governor of this state," and the same senseless cry has been taken up by other Pennsylvania newspapers. Of course the animus of the Republican is too widely understood to require explanation, but it is pertinent to inquire why the responsibility for the Lattimer. why the responsibility for the Lattim trouble should be feisted upon Hon. William Connell, Hon. John Leisenring, o any one of a dozen other operators wh are prominent in the Republican counsels of the state. They surely were not in any respect to blame for the recent labor disturbance, and if they are to be thrown aside simply because some man or men engaged in the same business as they are may have been culpable, what are we coming to? That's encouraging class distinctions with a vengeance. New comers little acquainted with our language or institutions might be expected to har-bor such prejudices, but they are scarce-by to be condoned in men at the head of influential newspapers. Editor Scranton ought not to let his personal feeling rur away with his good sense, Such mer as Galusha A. Grow, William Connell John Leisenring and our own congress man, Morgan B. Williams, have done to much for the advancement of the indus trial life of Pennsylvania to be sacri-

Its Animus Ensily Discernible.

From the Wilkes-Barre Record. The animus of the Scranton Republican is easily discernible in its sweeping declaration of political outlawry against oal operators, and we question if any other newspaper in the state will be found taking the same position. Among coal operators is to be found about the same proportion of good and bad mer as in any other channel of business or in the professions. Any one who has lived for any length of time in the coal regions knows that among the operators are to be found as honorable, just liberal and kind-hearted men as exist anywhere, men who are just in their dealings with their employes, treat them with consideration and respect, and enjoy their fullest confidence. Why should coal operators of this class be debarred coal operators of this class be debarred from competition with the'r fellow citi-zens of other pursuits for political or other honors? On the other hand, there are among the coal operators others of the grasping, grinding, greedy variety, men who oppress those in their employ as if they were slaves or serfs. Unfor tunately there are such, but we fee quite confident that none of them wil seek the Republican nomination for governor of Pennsylvania; if any such there should be there is not the slightest dan-ger of political honors coming their way

#### BROTHER KOWLSAAT DESPAIRS

From the Chicago Times-Herald. New York is a baffling problem to any me who undertakes to judge it by th standards that are maintained in other American cities. In many respects it is not an American city at all. The shallowness of its civic pride, its worship of wealth, its toleration of vice in tawdry form are all un-American. It knows no such thing as plain democracy. Class distinctions are more powerful there than in any other city in this country-more powerful than in any city in England. Manhood suffrage still prevails, but it is manhood suffrage far perverted from its original form. When an election comes around and men like Mr. Low leave the universities to talk to "the masse" they are constant to the masses, they are constant to the masses, they are constant to the masses, they are constant to the constant masses' they encounter a great lumpist vote, stupidly indifferent to honest government, solidified in ignorance by the proliceman's club, alive only in a dull bitterness against the wealth of which a "reform candidate" seems to be the representative. This vote is the founda-tion of Tammany's strength, and it is impervious to the voice of intelligence. It always has been Tammany's and always will be Tammany's.

#### HAS HAD HIS DAY.

From the Carbondale Leader.

achieve a victory than was presented this fall. Had the leaders been content-ed to discard the cheap money heresics The Herald quotes with much satisfac tion an article from a recent issue of the Scranton Republican criticising the pres-ent leadership of the Republican party ship that would inspire the Democratic people to action, Pennsylvania today would be side by side with New York. In this county. Mr. Scranton's criticism is altogether personal, and arises from the fact that the party in which he has where one of the greatest victories of modern times has been achieved, or at the worst, side by side with Maryland, the fact that the party in which he has been so long a prominent factor has chosen to follow the counsels of other leaders. But, really, he has little cause to complain. The party has in former years dealt very generously with him. It is not to be expected that others who are as well qualified to lead should always remain in the background. "Times change and men change with them."

The mutations in the political arena are where the Republicans have the state ticket by a small majority and the leg-islature fairly in doubt. But insanity ruled at Reading, and not only the most disgraceful defeat of modern times has been suffered by the Democracy, nonor that can be effaced only by honest and able leadership and thoroughly hon-The mutations in the political arena are frequent, and the exigencies of the occasion often render it necessary to adopt est Democratic policy. Such a Demo-cratic party could have every prospect of winning next year; but a Democratic new methods of procedure and to select new leaders. We cannot see why Mr. Scranton should complain of the new order of things. He has had his day as a leader and his methods and wishes are o longer such as the mass of the party

#### To show how the Democratic vote of Pennsylvania has degenerated down to the smallest poll of the last sixteen years, we give the Democratic vote of each year since 1880, as follows: PERCEVING THE STORM SIGNAL

From the Philadelphia Times. At no time during the last decade has the politics of Pennsylvania been more confused than at present. At no time has there been so large a number of the followers of both the leading parties the followers of both the leading parties ready for revolt, if they shall be provoked to revolution by continued offensive mastery. Whether revolution shall come, depends largely, if not wholly, upon the wisdom of the Republican leaders of the state. Even the immense Republican majority, so far from giving assurances of stepublican success, is an absolute menace to Republican victory, and only by the wisest counsel and the most generous deference to public sentiment, can eyelonic elements be climinated from the great battle of 188. ed from the great battle of 1888,

#### WHERE THEY WERE SHY.

From the Philadelphia Press. The declaration of Seth Low's campaign committee that they had all the money they needed was doubtless true. What Mr. Low's campaign was shy on

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