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SCRANTON, FEBRUARY 8, 1899.

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

Mayor—JAMES MOIR.
Treasurer—THOMAS R. BROOKS.
Controller—F. J. WIDMAYER.
School Directors—JOHN COCHRAN,
MORRIS, GEORGE H. SHIRES.
Assessors—J. W. JONES, PHILIP
RISLAND, C. S. FOWLER.
Election Day—February 21.

If we are to have another war there
ought first to be a change of men and
methods in the war department.

The City Campaign.

In the midst of the "wild alarms of
war" it is gratifying to observe that
the progress of Scranton's municipal
campaign. This is as it should be. The
election of a mayor is peculiarly a
function calling for the exercise of cool
judgment and common sense rather
than for fireworks and excitement.

It is evident, however, that the drift
of public sentiment is altogether in
favor of the Republican ticket. The
opposition not only is badly torn by
disunion, as usual, but it is very seri-
ously handicapped by the sorry record
made by the present Democratic city
administration. The people very natu-
rally regard Baileys as a fair
sample of what Democracy in local
power may be expected to do; and if
there are past recollections concern-
ing Mr. Baileys that many Republicans re-
spect they prefer to let them pass
rather than take the risk of another
three years of municipal rule like the
last.

Republicans, too, are greatly aided
by the fact that the bulk of its ticket
is exceptionally popular among Demo-
crats as well as Republicans. Brooks
and Widmayer, Morris and Shires,
Jones, Risland and Fowler are certain
to poll the full party strength and just
as certain to draw heavily from other
parties. This is sure to help the whole
ticket, the prospects of which grow
brighter day by day.

Aginaldo, among other things, has
probably saved the army bill.

All the Elements of Treason.

It is reported that the legislature of
Maine had intended, if the peace treaty
failed of ratification in consequence
of the negative vote of Senator
Eugene Hale, to pass a resolution
requesting him to resign. This report
seems credible in view of the fact that
Senator Hale's vote was cast in direct
defiance of the unanimous request that
he support the treaty.

But we can discover no reason why
the success of the treaty should cause
the legislature of Maine to force this
intention. Senator Hale's betrayal of
his constituents was as bold and in-
excusable as betrayal could be. To the
utmost extent of his ability he flayed
in the face not only public opinion, the
president of the United States, the sol-
diers and sailors of his country with
whom treacherous murderers he openly
sympathized, and his distinguished
colleague, Senator Frye, but also the
very legislature which gave him his
credentials. His defiance was unquali-
fied in its insolence; nothing like it
has within our recollection occurred in
public life.

His conduct raises an issue which
should be decided. As a senator he is
supposed to represent and work in ac-
cord with the will of his constituency.
That constituency through a legislature
directly elected by the people without a
dissenting vote asked him to vote for
the ratification of the peace treaty.
Here was a message of instruction cer-
tainly offering no chance for misinter-
pretation. If our theory of govern-
ment is correct, it was a sovereign
mandate giving to the recipient of it
no honorable alternative save obedi-
ence or resignation. Mr. Hale could
not decline to obey it but in that
event, as an honorable man, he should
have tendered his resignation so that
his state might elect in his place a man
willing to execute its will. Instead, he
denies his constituents, insults the spir-
it of representative government and
stubbornly persists in lending encour-
agement to the nation's enemy.

This is the conduct not of an innu-
ent or irresponsible man but of a man
in full possession of his faculties. It
is deliberate, premeditated, cold-
blooded. It is conduct which should
not be permitted to escape adequate
condemnation and punishment.

It is apparent these winter days that
Hon. Grover Cleveland no longer cuts
any ice.

The New Customs Rule.

Intense complaint is arising over the
new customs regulation requiring every
steamship passenger before landing in
the United States to make under oath a
list of all articles purchased while
abroad and then furnishing a detailed
search of his luggage by the customs
inspectors to discover if the passenger
has lied. This search takes generally
two hours and during it the passenger
has not only to be held under suspicion
as a perjurer but also to see all his
effects exposed, article by article, to
the public gaze, even to the soiled
linen in his valise. In the case of
women passengers this amounts to
downright brutality.

On this subject the conservative
Philadelphia Ledger is moved to say:
"People intelligent enough to know
that the government must be sup-
ported, and that it is one of the first
duties of citizens to support it, do not
object to the duties imposed upon na-
tional articles, but they do, and prop-
erly, object to the rules laid down for
the collecting of the impost. They ob-
ject, and properly, to be openly treated
as swindlers and perjurers. They ob-
ject to making sworn statements which
the inspectors declare they believe
false by subsequently making rigorous
examinations. They object, especially
refined women, to having every article
of their clothing handled and inspected
before their eyes by the government's

employees on an open dock in the pres-
ence of scores of hundreds of curious
onlookers. The whole system provid-
ing for the collection of duties on pas-
sengers' luggage is as discreditable to
the government as it is annoying and
distressing to the victims of it." The
Washington Post with more abandon
adds: "We can imagine a monkey like
Aginaldo instituting such nonsense for
the purpose of playing tricks upon the
traveling public and simultaneously
feeding his appetite for implicate antics.
To learn that it is a solemn edict of
the United States Treasury depart-
ment, is to know the possibilities of a
blush. Anything more exasperating,
and wantonly and fruitlessly distress-
ing to every one it touches, has not
yet been conceived or put into execu-
tion by any civilized government."
The officials of the treasury depart-
ment say the newspapers are exaggerat-
ing. It is to be hoped so. Exaggeration
by the newspapers would be far pre-
ferable to inexcusable impertinence
by the government.

The extension of executive clemency
to Commissioner Eagan. Illustrat-
es the difference between the
American and the foreign way of doing
things. If Eagan had been employed
in, say, the German army there would
have been no clemency; on the con-
trary, punishment would have been so
swift and drastic that it would have
made his head swim. The president's
course in this matter is an exhibition
of his sympathetic nature which will
be better appreciated by civilians than
by men reared in the atmosphere of
military discipline.

The Next Census.

Representative Hopkins, of Illinois,
has introduced and the house has
passed a bill in relation to the
next decennial census which possesses
merit. It limits the scope of the cen-
sus inquiry to facts of chief impor-
tance and requires that the report shall
be completed and published before Jan.
1, 1903. Nine years and four months
intervened before the tenth census was
published, and eight years and three
months before the completion of the
eleventh census. Information under
this slow process becomes obsolete long
before it reaches the eye of the public.
The Hopkins bill further provides
that the next census shall be a fed-
eral department in itself, accountable
directly to the president, and adds the
selection of enumerators to the patron-
age of members of congress. This lat-
ter provision will excite the resentment
and opposition of the civil service re-
formers, but it is probably the only
feasible way to organize a temporary
census within the specified limit as to
time. What the country needs is a per-
manent census organized on scientific
lines, having no connection with poli-
tics of the partisan variety and able
to report salient facts as to population
and commerce, not once in ten years
merely, but every year, if necessary.

Joseph Dunlop, the former publisher
of the Chicago Dispatch, has just been
released from Joliet prison, where he
has been confined during the past
twenty-one months. Dunlop's case is
an impressive lesson of the disastrous
results that sometimes follow an abuse
of the power of the press. As editor and
publisher of the Dispatch, an after-
noon paper which gained great popu-
larity in Chicago, Dunlop appears to
have been imbued with the idea, which
has often been cherished right here in
Scranton, that there is now law that
can touch the editor of a newspaper.
He openly defied the law and laughed
at those who threatened to lead him to
justice. When finally brought to bay
he made a stubborn fight by the aid of
the most learned counsel, but was at
last convicted and sent to the peniten-
tiary. During his incarceration the
Dispatch passed into other hands and
it is said that he will be obliged to en-
tirely abandon the legal right to regain
his property. Dunlop's experience is
one which proves conclusively that the
mis-application of justice is almost
certain to be followed by unpleasant
consequences.

The legislature of North Carolina
has made a good start toward the solu-
tion of the convict labor problem by
enacting a law providing that certain
classes of convicts committed for small
offenses may be employed on county
farms in raising food supplies for
themselves and the county poor and
may also be used in the construction of
public roads. An idle convict is both
a public crime and a public loss.

A Democratic paper published at
Washington affirms that the president
has reconsidered his former intention
to modify the blanket order whereby
his predecessor revoked a lot of Demo-
cratic appointments in the public ser-
vice. On this subject the public will
decline to accept Democratic authority.

The cases of Mrs. Moore and Mrs.
Vermorel, of New York, suggest that
when a pretty woman is defendant bet-
ter results can be obtained by a jury
composed entirely of blind men.

Since Little Aginaldo slipped out the
condition of the Filipino Junta at
Washington is like that of a strangled
theatrical company in a locality where
the walking is not good.

Reports of immense yields in new
mines in Colorado and Arizona arouse
a suspicion that the output may at a
later date be placed on the market in
brick form.

As it has been sufficiently embalmed
it is probable that the beef issue will
keep for a few days until matters of
more importance have been settled.

Senators Hale and Hoar will probably
find it convenient to arrive on the late
evening train when they next visit their
homes.

Senator Flinn evidently "did not
know it was loaded" when he attempt-
ed to bluff Mr. Timlin, of Lackawanna.

And the silver senators also believed
that at times patriotism is preferable
to partisanship.

There is every reason to believe that
the second nap of the ground hog is
peaceful.

The disaster that has overtaken the
unfortunate Filipinos should prove a

warning against the folly of depend-
ing too much upon the assertions of
political "has-beens" and luck num-
bers generally.

Andrew Carnegie succeeds better in
his own business.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaxelus,
The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrological Chart: 1.45 a. m., for Wednes-
day, February 8, 1899.

A child born on this day will notice
that the good resolutions of the street
commissioner in reference to cleaning
snow from the sidewalks do not extend
very far in the direction of the suburbs.

It was evidently not a piscatorial ex-
pert who first made the remark that
there are as good fish in the sea as have
ever been caught.

Success often proves that people who
stake upon "reform" political candidates
are quite liable to draw blanks.

"Advice" is always free, but with
"counsel" the expense depends upon the
grade of lawyer engaged.

Slippery places are under the just and
unjust alike these days.

NEWS AND COMMENT

Members of the English parliament re-
ceive no salaries but parliament never-
theless is an expensive institution. It
appears from the parliamentary esti-
mates for this year, as quoted by the
London correspondent of the Washington
Star, that the house of lords costs the
country over £108,000. This includes the
salaries of the lords (£24,000). The
lord chancellor receives £4,000 as
speaker of the house, besides £5,000 as
president of the supreme court. His sergent-
at-arms gets £1,000. The chairman of
committees enjoys a salary of £2,500, and
his department costs £1,000 in all. The
chief clerk receives £2,000, while his de-
puty gets £1,500. Other clerks in this
house get from £100 to £1,200 a year. The
gentleman usher of the black rod, a
highly ornamental officer, who backs out
of the presence of the lords and ap-
proaches commons with great conde-
scension to summon the members of the
lower house, gets £1,000. Besides being in receipt
of a military pay, amounting to £900 per
annum, as colonel of the 1st regiment of
artillery. This official a few years ago
received £2,000 and a residence, besides
military pension. The yeoman usher of
the black rod, who receives less than
£100, is a gentleman of the house and
costs £4,500. It is interesting to read
that this office, which is in the house of
lords, requires a resident superintendent,
nineteen doorkeepers and messengers,
one principal housemaid, with £78 per
year, and eleven ordinary housemaids
and four "parlour" maids. The com-
mons costs as a gross total £155,000, the
speaker receiving £5,000 and the late
speaker a pension of £4,000. Additional
expenses of the commons are £1,000,000
amount to nearly £1,000,000. This pays for
a chaplain at £200, a secretary who goes
the person a hundred miles, a train bear-
er at £250, counsel to speaker at £1,500,
reference on private bills at £1,000, librarians
at £1,200 and various clerks and messen-
gers, in all nineteen persons. The speaker
has a residence in the house and a
train-bearer £20 allowance for a house
allowance. The speaker and chair-
man of commons receive £1,000 each.
The clerk of the commons £2,000 with an of-
ficial residence; assistant clerk, £1,500 and
£1,250 and include the commons. The
sergent-at-arms has a salary of
£1,200, and he and his deputy have offi-
cial residences. Altogether his depart-
ment costs £1,500,000, and he provides for
eight persons, without counting a supple-
mentary amount for servants and mes-
sengers of £1,000 a year. So it will be
seen that parliament costs at an ex-
pensive luxury, costing the British tax-
payer over a million and a half dollars
a year.

John D. Rockefeller is said to be the
richest man in the world and common
report places his fortune at \$200,000,000. Ac-
cording to an article in the Philadelphia
Times, Rockefeller's interest in the
Standard Oil company is represented by
fully \$100,000,000. \$25,000,000 represents his
interests kindred to the Standard Oil
company, while \$5,000,000 represents his
interest in natural gas industries and in
the lead trust. Rockefeller is said to be
the most influential man in the United
States today. His income may be
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