

The Scranton Tribune

Published Daily, Except Sunday, by The Tribune Publishing Company, at Fifty Cents a Month.

New York Office: 10 Nassau St., R. 5. VREBLAND, Sole Agent for Foreign Advertising.

Entered at the Postoffice at Scranton, Pa., as Second-Class Mail Matter.

When space will permit, The Tribune is always glad to print short letters from its friends bearing on current topics but its rule is that these must be signed, for publication, by the writer's real name.

TWELVE PAGES.

SCRANTON, SEPTEMBER 23, 1899.

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

Justice of the Supreme Court—J. HAY BROWN, of Lancaster. Judge of the Superior Court—JOSIAH R. ADAMS, of Philadelphia. State Treasurer—LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES E. BARNETT, of Washington. Election day, Nov. 7.

Republicans interested in the nomination of a good county ticket this fall should go to the primaries between 4 and 7 o'clock this evening, take the ballot offered, pick out the best names on it and mark accordingly, regardless of the wrappings of politicians with axes to grind.

Mayor and Police.

LET US consider, for a moment, the issue raised by the mayor of this city in insisting that the members of the police force must be obedient not only to his official orders but also to his individual whims; that they must be personally pleasing to him and in sympathy with all his little factional jealousies and spite else he will wield the mighty axe of his high office and cut their heads off without benefit of clergy.

We are not going to ask our readers to debate the merits of the mayor's proposition; we will even concede that as politics goes he is within the line of occasional precedent in desiring to make of the police employees of the city a personal machine, implicitly obedient to his minutest caprices. But—James Moir's entire capital in politics for the past five years, and likewise the chief stock in trade of the faction behind him, has been one long, plaintive and vociferous howl against the "boastful, self-willed, against the 'pernicious activity of the police in politics'; against the alleged setting up of one-man power. They have posed as the reforming prophets of the people; they have played to the galleries by every hook and trick of the artful politician's game and now—

Behold the result! Moir is no sooner made mayor than all his fine-sounding inaugural pledges are cast to the winds and the municipal "machine" goes on just as had been alleged of it before, with the single exception that the man at the throttle seems hardly big enough to handle the job.

Governor Roosevelt has promptly straightened out a tangle in the Dewey land parade which promised to make trouble. General Roe, chairman of the parade committee, insisted that the G. A. R. veterans should form in the rear of the procession, because they do not carry arms. Governor Roosevelt insists that they shall march at the head of the procession because they carried arms when arms were most needed, and has issued orders accordingly. As between Roe and Teddy we place our confidence in the latter.

Fitness the Proper Test.

OUT IN Massachusetts a number of enthusiasts have organized for the purpose of launching a presidential boom for Major General Miles. Their chief line of information and attention to his superior record as a soldier, lay emphasis upon the alleged discrimination of which he is represented now to be the victim and exhort all his admirers to rally in an effort to land him in the presidential chair.

Without taking this effusion too seriously, it cannot be amiss to point out that whatever substantial elements of truth there may be in the assertion that Miles has not lately received a fair show, there is no conceivable connection between that controversy and the question of Miles' fitness for the presidency. We do not elect presidents in this country because we want to spite somebody, but because they impress a majority of our people as possessing certain qualities or representing certain policies and principles thought to be advantageous to the general welfare. As a military commander, General Miles is an established quantity, conceded by all unprejudiced experts to rank among the ablest of our professional warriors; but that he is also a statesman of exceptional ability, information and experience has, to our knowledge, never been asserted and if asserted could not be proved.

The spirit of these remarks applies equally to Admiral Dewey, whom some persons are still trying to connect with a presidential nomination. It does not detract from the high esteem in which this eminent American is now so justly held that his training and range of experience and study have been almost entirely in the direction of his chosen profession and not at all in directions which would qualify him for the successful administration of the varied executive and advisory duties of the presidency of the United States. We can easily believe from the qualities he has demonstrated that had his life-work been performed in the field of statesmanship instead of upon the sea, he would have become as successful in civil life as he has become in the naval service of his country. But there is a timely truth and admonition in his own remark that he is now too old a man to attempt a change of professions.

We are opposed to the unreflecting hero-worship which, in reckless kindness of emotional intent, would try to fit round pegs into square holes or square pegs into round holes, regardless of the feelings of either pegs or holes or of the general consequences. If our memory of history is correct, not

one of our purely military presidents has been satisfactory or successful to the extent that we have a right to expect from men occupying their exalted office, and there is no encouragement from the past toward a revival of the mistake of choosing presidents for reasons separate from demonstrated fitness. Let Miles remain a soldier and Dewey a sailor and let us keep in the office of president for four years more the man who has shown that in his way, over a broader and an infinitely more difficult sphere of duties and responsibilities, he is at least the equal of both if not, indeed, their superior.

"Fighting" Billy Mason, who a few months ago was so anxious that the United States should declare war upon some one, now claims to be ashamed of his country for fighting with the Filipinos. "Fighting" Billy seems to be another example of the warrior who lost his title during the Spanish war.

Building on Sand.

IF WE HAVE kept a correct count, six indictments for criminal libel are now pending against Little and O'Toole of the Scrantonian.

There are two kinds of newspapers and two schools of journalism which are at right angles to each other and one of them sooner or later will have to go. Either the conscientious and intelligent journal which gives heed to its responsibilities as an educational force in the community must fall under the general ban occasioned by the irresponsible and senseless scandal mongers of the sensational press or the latter, by force of public opinion and law, must be cleaned out. There is no middle ground. A decision of this issue is not only necessary to the future of American journalism but it is essential to the safety of the individual citizen, whose privacy is now completely at the mercy of the inquisitorial busy-bodies or professional blackmailers and cut-throats of the obscene type of newspaper which mistakes scandal for enterprise, abuse for brilliancy and the flashy notoriety of the pander for permanent success.

We assert the instability and the precariousness of the gutter type of journalism. Scandal, personal abuse, furious demagogism and appeals to the basest aspects of human nature do undoubtedly succeed for a time in attracting considerable notoriety and in creating a stir which the unthinking mistake for success; but it is a mushroom growth; there is nothing substantial to it; the first adverse circumstance brings the whole puffy structure tumbling down into hopeless collapse; and all connected with it acquire the ineffaceable mark of moral leprosy and dishonor.

It will now be in order for the Spanish government to pardon Admiral Montjoie who has been disgraced for the disastrous defeat at Manila; and bring a true bill against itself.

At the Nebraska Republican convention in Omaha Thursday the speech that caused the greatest cheering was delivered by Rev. Mr. Mailley, chaplain of the First Nebraska regiment, who in response to repeated calls said: "I am no politician, simply a preacher. Frequently I am a dissenter in religion as well as politics. I have voted against the sentiment of whole communities. In fact, I never voted the Republican ticket. I am against the administration if it is wrong, but in time of war, after our old flag has been fired upon by an enemy whom we are trying to save and civilize, then I am for the administration. I followed the First Nebraska over the rice fields of Luzon and shot the best I could. Now I have come home to vote and work the way I shot, for the administration." There spoke a practical patriot.

In the appointment of Adelbert C. Fanning, esq., of Troy, Pa., to fill the judicial vacancy caused by the death of Judge Peck, Governor Stone has made a selection creditable to himself, satisfactory to the people of the Forth-second judicial district and fair to the bench of Pennsylvania. It is in every sense an admirable appointment.

Six veterans of the Tenth Pennsylvania have re-enlisted and will soon be on their way to Manila. This may indicate that the distribution of the Boston tracts has not been attended to with proper care in Pennsylvania.

The Democrats of the Bay state succeeded in getting together the other day at Boston in a manner that made it difficult for the police to pull them apart.

The Democratic campaign "Key notes" this year are as discordant as the strains of a last season's barred organ.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaxelus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrologic Cast: 1:22 a. m. for Saturday, Sept. 23, 1899.

A child born on this day will notice that a boycott is powerless against the attractions of the ten-cent matinee.

An English paper says that it pays to be funny. The writer evidently means by this that the cheerful man can get along with less to eat.

One stroke of a hammer will ruin the most sensitive instrument, but it generally takes several to drive a nail.

The inability to successfully cover up tracks has spoiled the reputation of many a promising liar.

When the title of "Electric City" no longer fits Scranton, by all means let it be known as "Conventville."

That it is impossible for a man to look dignified when tackling a glass of ice cream soda.

Breakfast Chat.

—Can you tell me why summer is like pride? —She—Give it up. Why? —He—Because it goeth before fall.

A Fatal Omission.

"I'm afraid we've offended Mrs. Lorenzo Van Rensselaer," said the editor of the Society Luminary to his assistant. "Why, I noted the arrival at Newport of Mrs. Van Rensselaer and family."

WHAT DEWEY SAID TO VON DIEDERICH'S

THE EXACT TRUTH OF THIS FAMOUS EPISODE.

Told the German Admiral's Lieutenant That if the Germans Wanted War They Could Have It in Five Minutes—A Misunderstanding with Prince Henry Which Was Subsequently Cleared Up.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—Under date of Nice, Italy, Aug. 29, the Record publishes the following letter from Joseph L. Stickney, the ex-naval officer and war correspondent who is coming home as Admiral Dewey's guest on the Olympia. Probably no other incident connected with Admiral Dewey's campaign in the Philippines has a greater amount of interest for Americans than has the manner in which he dealt with Vice-Admiral von Diederichs of the German navy. Hearsay tales have been published without number, but they have all lacked some of the important facts, while many of them have been concocted with little reference to the truth. In order that the so-called "German episode" may be handed down correctly to the historian of the future I present the following sketch thereof as it was given to me on the deck of the Olympia by Admiral Dewey himself. Speaking of an enterprising biographer who had written a condensed "life" of the admiral the latter said:

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S VERSION.

"I received a biography of myself yesterday from a publisher in the United States who wished to know whether or not I had any objections to the way in which he had written my life. I could not afford to let it go in the way it was written when I received it. It misrepresented many incidents—particularly, for instance, my experience with the Germans in Manila bay. You were there and know all about what happened there. I was maintaining a strict blockade of Manila and had to know, of course, the character and identity of every vessel that entered the bay. The fact that a ship flew the German flag was no proof that she was really a German. Existing when any craft came into the bay or moved about in it was not only my right but my duty to learn beyond question whether she really was what she appeared to be. In carrying out my orders my commanding officers acted discreetly and tactfully, giving no offense to the naval representatives of any power except Germany. I do not know why Vice-Admiral von Diederichs should have felt aggrieved. I always attributed his protest to a lack of knowledge of international law. This view is borne out by the circumstances of the case but by his note to me, written after having received the letter in which I defined my attitude toward the warships of other nations, as he informed me that he should lay my letter before the commanding officers of other squadrons. He got small comfort from any of them.

SUSTAINED BY ENGLISH CAPTAIN

"Captain Chichester, the senior officer present of the British navy, told me that I was only acting within my rights, but that I was entitled to a great deal more than I had required from the foreign cruisers. As Von Diederichs seemed incredulous Chichester showed him the orders he had received from the British government, in which he was specifically notified that he was to assume no rights of entrance to ports under our blockade unless I should be willing to grant them. Von Diederichs wanted to take a copy of Chichester's instructions, but the captain told him he had let him see them for his personal information only, and that he would not allow them to be copied.

"Admiral in the story about the Von Diederichs affair, that I wrote for Harper's Monthly last February, gave a hearsay account, told by one who, I believed, was in a position to know the exact facts. I have since learned that there were some inaccuracies in that story. I am glad to let me publish the correct version."

"You were mistaken," replied the admiral, "in saying that I sent Brumby to convey my message. Admiral Von Diederichs sent his flag lieutenant to me with a list of complaints that he wished to make against the way I treated the ships under his command. They had exhausted my patience. I had been forbearing in the extreme, and this protest or complaint was too much. The German officer who brought the message was on the deck, and when I read it I stepped to the door of my cabin. He came part way to meet me and stood in the doorway. As nearly as I can remember my exact words were:

GREAT THOUGHTS.

Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.—Auerbach. No nation can be destroyed while it possesses a good home life.—J. G. Holland. Out of clothes, out of countenance, out of wit.—Ben Johnson.

The absent are never without fault, nor the present without excuse.—Bacon. Any one may do a casual act of goodness; but a continuation of them shows it a part of the temperament.—Sterne. The discovery of what is true and the practice of that which is good are the two most important objects of philosophy.—Voltaire.

A politician weakly and amiably right is no match for a politician tenaciously and magnificently in the wrong.—E. P. Whipple.

Did You Ever Try . . .

Ordering a suit of clothes a few weeks before you needed it? Better try. Better business conditions this Fall will mean a big rush of business for tailors—for good tailors, at least. Try giving us your order before this rush begins.

W. J. Davis,

213 Wyoming Avenue. Arcade Building

hoped I would overlook it. I told him not to give the matter another thought, and we parted in the most friendly manner, after an interesting and agreeable conversation. There is no foundation whatever for the statement that I have any unfriendly feeling for Prince Henry or Vice-Admiral von Diederichs. For that reason the words recently put in my mouth implying a slur upon Prince Henry and the emperor of Germany were specially distasteful to me. I was talking without thought of being reported, and therefore, I cannot recall exactly what I did say, but I could not have used language of that nature, since it did not represent my ideas.

WANTS TRUTH KNOWN.

Admiral Dewey does not hesitate to express privately opinions concerning public questions of great importance, but he carefully refrains from speaking upon matters of international interest except upon due reflection. That he should have given me the foregoing with no restrictions against its publication, implies that he feels that it is time to clear through the statement of the exact facts at this late day can do no harm to any one.

NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

Missouri sold \$22,447 worth of corn-cob pipes last year. The Congo region exports about 5,000,000 of a thousand persons, only one reaches the age of a hundred years.

Denmark claims that there is not a single person in her domain who cannot read and write. For the last ten years there has been an increase of 5,000 annually in the number of Great Britain's insane.

Twenty years ago Egypt had hardly a single good road. During the last six years over 1,000 miles of good road were built.

A Brooklyn man named Frederiek Braun owns a collection of skeletons, illustrating the evolutions of every living race and every stage of human development. Electric automobile street sweeping machines will be used in Paris and the old clumsy dust machines will be done away with.

It is now proposed to construct a canal connecting Germany with Europe by Turkey. The financial success of the Kiel canal has given rise to this subject.

The death rate in Syracuse, N. Y., for five years succeeding the securing of a good water supply has been 32.38. For the five years previous thereto it was 16.90.

Fewer pensions were granted to soldiers in the Spanish war than was expected, the number being 25. There are now 99,519 names of pensioners on the rolls.

The schooner Polly, now lying in the port at Bangor, Me., found and scowry by the water supply has been 32.38. For the five years previous thereto it was 16.90.

Notwithstanding the much earlier discovery of the principle of the pendulum, the earliest clock applied to clock-making, in England, at least, till the seventeenth century.

In the National Museum is a woman who is an authority on mammals, and she is the only woman in the world employed by the Bureau of Entomology.

Some Paris friends of one of the victims of the Bourgoyn disaster have offered the sum of \$20,000 as a reward for any one who will give an impetus to the discovery of life-saving apparatus.

Natural gas convulsed in bamboo tubes in every way in China years ago and one Chinese writer mentions boxes which repeated the sounds of person's voices that were dead—a machine similar to Edison's phonograph.

Complaints were made in Seattle, Wash., recently, that the fire-alarm system of the city was working very badly. Investigation of the boxes showed that yellow-jackets had clogged many of them by deposits of clay, which had hardened.

All our senses do not slumber simultaneously. They fall into insensibility one after another. First the eye loses its secure sight, and the sense of taste is the next to lose susceptibility. Smelling, hearing and touch then follow. Touch is the lightest sleeper and most easily aroused.

Near the town of Capljina, in Bosnia, archaeologists have exhumed a new Pompeii in the form of a Roman camp. All the walls are well preserved, and some of the rooms are decorated with fine paintings, while weapons, lamps and various other objects have been found in them.

An engineer in Tunis invented a deep-sea diving apparatus which has been tried without accident at a depth of 171 feet near Cherbourg. The inventor declares his purpose of searching for the hull of the Alabama, which lies where she was sunk by the Kearsage, off Cherbourg harbor.

THE MODERN HARDWARE STORE.

Every Housewife

Should attend the Cooking Exhibit today and see the GREAT MAJESTIC STEEL RANGE

at work. During this week every lady visitor to the Modern Hardware Store will be presented with a "Ring" Paring Knife free of charge. Pillsbury Flour will be used at this Exhibit.

FOOTE & SHEAR CO.

119 Washington Avenue.

Jonas Long's Sons. In inviting you, cordially, to our supremely beautiful showing of Millinery, Coats and Suits on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week, we do so with the assured confidence that never has any mercantile establishment in this country made grander or more perfect preparations for so important an occasion. Jonas Long's Sons.

The Hunt & Connell Co. Heating, Plumbing, Gas Fitting, Electric Light Wiring, Gas an Electric Fixtures, Builders Hardware. 434 Lackawanna Avenue. You Cannot Think No matter how hard you try of a better place to buy your office supplies and stationery than at our establishment. We carry our lines as near complete as possible. We cater for the up-to-date trade and if it's a good thing in office wants we HAVE IT. We still put the planetary pencil sharpener on trial in any office for ten days free of charge. Our line of Stationery and Engraved work is as dainty as ever and wish you to inspect our lines.

Reynolds Bros. STATIONERS and ENGRAVERS, Scranton Pa. IS YOUR HOUSE VACANT? IF SO, TRY A "FOR RENT" AD. IN THE TRIBUNE. ONE CENT A WORD.

THE MODERN HARDWARE STORE. Every Housewife Should attend the Cooking Exhibit today and see the GREAT MAJESTIC STEEL RANGE at work. During this week every lady visitor to the Modern Hardware Store will be presented with a "Ring" Paring Knife free of charge. Pillsbury Flour will be used at this Exhibit. FOOTE & SHEAR CO. 119 Washington Avenue.

Did You Ever Try . . . Ordering a suit of clothes a few weeks before you needed it? Better try. Better business conditions this Fall will mean a big rush of business for tailors—for good tailors, at least. Try giving us your order before this rush begins. W. J. Davis, 213 Wyoming Avenue. Arcade Building

I have a friend, in fact he is my brother-in-law, who is the outside man for a New York crockery warehouse, a sort of salesman, purchasing agent, collector and what not. He used to suffer from a catarrh of the stomach. When he woke in the morning there would be a gripping, a contraction, a tightness of the stomach, which, he said, seemed to be clogged with a slimy, phlegm-like substance. Carlsbad salts always did him some good, but now he uses a Ripans Tabule. He only takes one when occasion requires, just one now and then. When this man, his name is Spalding, was asked to describe the effect of the Tabule on him, he said: "Why, it brightens me up. It has an effect like dry air; makes me feel something as I used to of a spring morning when the air was crisp but tempered with sunshine. I don't know how they produce such an effect, but that is the way they work with me."

FINLEY'S AUTUMN LINEN SALE. This annual sale has been somewhat delayed on account of several of our "Finest Numbers" in damask—being delivered later than we expected—but now they're here and are well worth waiting for, as you will attest on an inspection of our line. Never have been handsomer than now, and this importation contains some of the "Choicest Designs" in "Fine Double Satin Damasks," that have ever been produced. We have Napkins to match all of our Finest Goods—generally in 5/8 and 3/4 size. Special prices will prevail on all numbers of Table Linens and Napkins. . . . A special feature of this sale will be the finest exhibit of Hand Embroidered Squares, Tray Cloths, Pillow Shams and Bureau Covers—in pure linen—that we have ever handled.

Luther Keller. LIME, CEMENT, SEWER PIPE, Etc. Yard and Office West Lackawanna Ave., SCRANTON, PA.

MERCEREAU & CONNELL. 130 Wyoming Avenue. A Twenty-Year Gold-Filled Case With a 15-Jeweled Waltham Movement. Both Guaranteed. The Best Watch in the Whole World for the Money.

Temperature Tamers. Plenty of things right here to make the hot weather not only endurable but enjoyable. And the price at which we offer them is not going to make anyone hot, except the man who charges a higher price for equal quality, and he is numerous. Just think of these and get cool. Refrigerators at reduced prices.

GUNSTER & FORSYTH, 225-227 PENN AVENUE. HENRY BELIN, JR., General Agent for the Wyoming District

DUPONT'S POWDER. High Explosives. Safety Fuses, Caps and Explosives. Room 101 Canal Building, Scranton, Pa. AGENTS: THOS. FORD, - Pittston. JOHN B. SMITH & SON, - Plymouth. W. E. MULLIGAN, - Wilkes-Barre.