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SCRANTON, MAY 16, 1902.

For governor of Pennsylvania, on the issue of an open field and fair play. JOHN P. ELKIN, of Indiana.

The Suspense Ended.

UNCERTAINTY is the bane of business. The commercial interests of Northeastern Pennsylvania have for weeks been under a pall of uncertainty. This has lifted. The community now knows what to expect.

Deploable as this is, it has its advantages. It fixes a basis of calculation and promises to focus and to end in one grand struggle the unrest which has permeated the industrial life of the anthracite coal fields since the successful coal strike of two years ago.

Behind the cloud the sun shines brightly and the cloud cannot obscure it forever.

Why Elkin is Strong.

IN ITS review of the political situation the Philadelphia Ledger, an impartial newspaper, says: "Republican leaders who are with Senator Quay in the gubernatorial contest are becoming alarmed at the progress Attorney General Elkin is making in capturing delegates in the country districts."

There is just one inaccuracy in this quotation. Mr. Elkin was not defeated in Luzerne county. The popular vote instructed in his favor and delegates Feil and Morgans, the choice of the people, will be seated at Harrisburg unless revolutionary tactics shall prevail.

An Important Service.

IN PRESSING for a new trial for Ester G. Rathbone, whom the "Cuban courts convicted of complicity in the Cuban postal frauds, Senator Hanna indirectly did a great service to Cuba. Under the law as it stood in Cuba, an appeal from a court of original trial to the appellate court could be taken on points of law only and not on the discovery of new evidence or on merit.

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award a new trial, or make such other judgment or order as substantial justice shall require; and the Supreme court may, upon such hearing, take any additional evidence which it deems necessary in the interest of justice. This provision shall apply to all appeals now pending or hereafter taken."

The Cuban constitution provides that all laws existing at the time of the transfer shall be continued. This insures the permanency of the foregoing vital amendment. The value of this amendment is better appreciated when the fact is understood that under the new constitution the president of Cuba is without the pardoning power. Thus an injustice in a lower court, if not technical in character, could, under the former arrangement, not be remedied.

As you know, I am a candidate for governor. It is my purpose to make a strenuous effort to secure the nomination. It would afford me much pleasure to receive the four votes of the delegates from Northampton county. If a majority of your people favor my nomination, then it is to be assumed that whoever the delegates elected shall be they will add the sentiment of the people and vote for me at the state convention. If a majority of your people do not favor my nomination, then I do not desire to expect the votes of your delegates.

In order to ascertain what the sentiment of your people on this question is, under the rules of your party organizations, my name has been placed on a popular vote and you will decide at your primaries on Saturday whether you prefer my candidacy or that of some other gentleman for governor. The name of Mr. Watros has also been placed on the nomination, and it seems that the contest here is limited to the two of us. My competitor is a most worthy gentleman. I know nothing but good of him. He is honorable and upright in his dealing with his fellowmen. His official and public record is most creditable, and no one can make any criticism of his private life. He, like myself, has gone out before the people in an open, manly contest as a candidate for governor.

I had hoped that the contest might be confined to the two of us. It seemed to me that if the leaders of the party did not favor my nomination they would have selected my aggressive opponent as their candidate. This did not suit their purpose, however, and they are now lending their efforts to defeat my nomination of both of us. Hence, it resolves itself into a question for the people to decide. I would like every man who is a candidate for this honor to come out in the open and go before the people in the counties where primaries are yet to be held, so that the people may have an opportunity of expressing their preference among all the candidates. This is the only fair method of deciding the controversy.

Frank and manly talk like this ought to be heard in the long run. It will win. Manipulation may defeat the will of the people in the state convention, but should it do so, John P. Elkin will yet live to triumph grandly. Heretofore he has been content to be a lieutenant, shouldering the burdens and the blame of older men and taking punishment aimed at official superiors. Circumstances have put him forward in his own right and title. You will see him grow to be easily the giant personality in our commonwealth's political affairs; and this no matter what result shall be registered on June 11.

In acknowledging that self-respect and Tammanyism cannot exist under the same roof, Mr. Nixon has confirmed an opinion of long standing.

Exemplary. LEWIS NIXON, one of the ablest and cleanest young men in the United States, lasted as boss of Tammany just four months and three days. Then he resigned peremptorily, saying he could not continue longer without losing his self-respect.

Nixon had been chosen by Croker, when the latter made a feint at retiring, because in the first place he had exhibited executive and administrative qualities of a high order; also because he was wealthy, popular and not mixed up in any of the shady dealings which had caused public opinion to scourge Tammany from power; but chiefly because Croker expected through Nixon's gratitude and independence to run the game while Nixon got the criticism and stood up to receive the blows. When Nixon found out that he was being made use of as a mere figurehead he quietly called the district leaders together, spoke his resignation, put on his hat and walked out.

Undoubtedly Nixon was sincerely of the belief, four months and three days ago, that he could not Tammany up to a plane of comparative respectability and restore it to its original place as a reputable and useful auxiliary of statecraft politics. He failed to estimate accurately the force of habit. Years of habit have made of Tammany a huge machinery where personal enrichment or aggrandizement had long superseded principle. He tried his best, failed, and manfully confessed failure.

The endeavor was chivalric. The disappointment no doubt is keen. But Nixon was in getting away from bad company. His example should be a lesson.

It would probably be useless to attempt to fight the beef trust by abstaining from meat diet. As soon as we learn to exist upon cereals some one will corner the wheat crop.

From the American Economist: 1890 to 1900. Incomes, Per Cent. Earners. Wages.

Major..... 4.7..... 24.2 New Hampshire..... 17.1..... 28.9 Vermont..... 31.2..... 45.2 Rhode Island..... 39.0..... 52.7 Connecticut..... 52.7..... 74.5

Let the country rise, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Arctic to the tropics, with our battle cry of "Protection, Progress and Prosperity" till the sunset gun is fired on the first Tuesday of November next, and we rejoice over the victory.

Walter J. Billard, Schenectady, N. Y.

HAD I BEEN THERE.

For The Tribune. Had I been there—when Jesus' cross— Where Joseph and Mary stood, It may be that I had heaved His place to take and suffer in His stead, But I-I think I should!

Had I been there—in Pilate's hall— When out before the mob the Savior stood, It may be that I had dear sake I'd not have craved that I the cross might take— But O, I think I should!

Had I been there, when Pilate said "I find in Him no evil—only good!"— When cruel hands had won't the thorny crown And on that holy brow had pressed it down— It may be that I had, too, have passed blood With no protest, in that vast multitude— It may be, but I do not think I should!

Had I been there that lonely night— When Jesus knelt in dark Gethsemane, I do not know—I might have slept— While in His soul's deep agony He sweated, But O, I do not think that I should— Rose VanB. Spruce.

(Suggested by Rev. Austin Griffin at Elm Park prayer meeting.)

ALWAYS BUST. Spring and Summer Oxfords and Boots that content the mind and comfort the feet.

Men's "Always" Busy Oxfords, \$3.00 Ladies' "Melba" Oxfords, \$2.50.

Lewis & Reilly, 114-116 Wyoming Avenue.

The Finest Line of Porch Rockers

Ever shown in Scranton—A strong but true statement.

We have nearly everything in summer furniture including the

Prairie Grass Goods

Artistic in design, rich in appearance and very practical.

We want every house-keeper in Scranton to visit our store and inspect our stock—you'll find prices right and goods the best to be had.

Hill & Connell, 121 Washington Avenue.

When in Need

Of anything in the line of optical goods we can supply it.

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Properly fitted by an expert optician.

From \$1.00 Up

Also all kinds of prescription work and repairing.

Mercereau & Connell, 132 Wyoming Avenue.

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when you come here to buy Wall Paper.

We are careful to show you only the patterns which will be suitable

for the rooms that you wish to have papered.

Our Artist

Is daily producing new designs and ideas in Wall Decoration. If you have one or more rooms for which you desire original effect kindly let us know.

We Shall Be Pleased to Show You Our Furniture, Carpets, Draperies And Upholstery Goods

Williams & McNulty, 129 Wyoming Ave.

EVERY CONTESTANT TO BE PAID—Each contestant failing to secure one of the scholarships will receive ten per cent. of all the money he or she secures for THE TRIBUNE during the contest.

SPECIAL HONOR PRIZES.

A new feature is added this year. Special Honor Prizes will be given to those securing the largest number of points—each month.

THE CONTESTANT SCORING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF POINTS BEFORE 5 P. M. SATURDAY, MAY 31, WILL RECEIVE A HANDSOME GOLDWATCH, WARRANTED FOR 20 YEARS.

Special Honor Prizes for June, July, August, September and October will be announced later.

Those wishing to enter the Contest should send in their names at once. All questions concerning the plan will be cheerfully answered. Address all communications to

CONTEST EDITOR, Scranton Tribune, Scranton, Pa.

SPRING AND SUMMER RESORTS

Atlantic City. BEAUTIFUL LAKE WESAUKING

LAKE WESAUKING HOTEL

HENRY BELIN, JR., General Agent for the Wyoming District for

Dupont's Powder

HIGH EXPLOSIVES.

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For particulars address, CHARLES E. FISH, Principal School of the Lackawanna, Scranton, Pa.

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Offers a wide range of elective studies within the four courses that lead to degrees in ARTS, SCIENCE, LETTERS AND ENGINEERING.

Williams & McNulty, 129 Wyoming Ave.

\$9.574 in Special Rewards

Scranton Tribune's Greatest of All EDUCATIONAL CONTESTS Closes October 25, 1902.

THE SCRANTON TRIBUNE'S third great Educational Contest is now open. There are offered as Special Rewards, to those who secure the largest number of points, THIRTY-THREE SCHOLARSHIPS in some of the Leading Educational Institutions in the Country.

List of Scholarships.

Rules of the Contest.

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