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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

State.

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County.

Congress-WILLIAM CONNELL. Judge-A, A. VOSBURG. Commissioners-JOIN COURIER MOR-RIS, JOHN PENMAN. Mine Inspectors-LLEWFLYN M. EV-ANS, DAVID T. WILLIAMS.

Legislative.

First District-JOSEPH OLIVER, Second District-JOHN SCHEUER, JR. Third District-EDWARD JAMES, Fourth District-P. A. PHILBIN, Election day, Nov. 4.

Wednesday's contribution to the strike relief fund, \$58,000, amounts to about 8 cents apiece for all strikers and dependents. It will suffice if the rate can be maintained; but can it?

A Victory of Reason.

TE CONGRATULATE the Scranton Rallway company for accepting The Tribune's suggestion of

a reference to arbitration of the differences in opinion between it and its union employes relative to the meaning of the written agreement upon which the last street car strike was settled.

The issue was peculiarly one for adjudication in this manner. While the agreement is in black and white, one in middle life retire one night seemingly phrase in it is interpreted in one way on the best of terms. In the small by the company and in another way by the men. That is the phrase "length encd by curious sounds and the intuiof service." Does this mean that sen- live sense of an unnatural presence, fority is to date from the time of the She awakens her husband. Just then beginning of the last strike, as the a masked man, a burglar, appears, company claims; or does it antedate there is a struggle, shots are fired and the strike, as the men claim, and as the husband sinks, mortally wounded. they allege that they were led to be- The intruder escapes, no one knows lieve when they accepted it? Neither where or how, and the police find no the company nor the union is qualified cluc. to decide this point without bias. A

of the people, and the duty of Democrats to oppose themselves against aristocratic tendencies is probably to avoid the perils of factional cataclysm; but it contributes nothing to immediate party enlightenment as to the route to the loaves and fishes,

WHAT DEMOCRACY

who left because they

to the party without injuring it.

A Plea for Character.

tocracy and democracy.

latter will

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Far more pointed and practical was the speech of the ex-Tammany mayoralty candidate, Edward M. Shepard. He holsted without apologies the oldfashioned standard of "tariff reform," drubbed the Republican party for its

alleged subservience to monopolies and trusts, and urged his fellow Democrats to sink all other differences in a unified attack on the protective tariff. We are inclined to agree with Mr. Shepard in thinking that if the Democracy has any chance to carry the coming congressional elections it is along this line; but we differ from his estimate as to the dimensions of that chance. The plain people, and especially the people of moderate means, who earn their livelihood by daily toll, share the belief of Mr. Shepard that government should not be unfairly influenced by great corporations and that tariffs not needed for the protection of home industry and labor and existing as aids to the overcharging of home consumers

should be reduced. We think that the Republican party is pretty thoroughly permeated by this belief. Where they take issue with Mr

Shepard is in the opinion that a Democratic congress would afford public rellef. The Democratic party's record as tariff reformer is against it. The Democratic party's cure for high tariff ills has been proved in sad experience to be worse than the disease. Its idea of reform is to cut and slash and when last it had its chance to try its hand. t pretty nearly killed its patient. A quack doctor's alluring promises cease to be alluring after his victim has been malpracticed almost into the grave. No, "tariff reform" on a Democratic prescription blank will not command the confidence of the country. It may suffice to bring together temporarily Democrats lately in discord, but its efficacy will end there. Some other

paramount issue will be needed to swing a majority vote. The Newark boss plumber who is

uing a plumbers' local to enjoin it from interfering with his business by ordering petty strikes among his employes will probably fail, inasmuch as the law clothes unions with the right to order strikes whenever they feel like it. The only remedy open to him is to get a set of employes who will appreciate generous treatment and consider his interests as well as their own. There must be such men in the world.

The Latimer Case.

OVERS OF mystery certainly have ample scope for the play of their imaginations in the Latimer case. A wealthy couple hours of the morning the wife is awak-

Such is the version of the wife. Anpublican financial system which was supother story is current but not supportported by our administration against the ed by substantial evidence. It is to the effect that Latimer was shot dur-

pass the irksome time as best they

may. The fact that she and her hus-

band did not get along together as a

model couple should supplies no war-

rant for believing, without corroborat-

ing circumstance, that she was un-

faithful, and without this established

there can be no credence for the theory

that Latimer was murdered by an ad-

mirer of his wife.

lonial system favor it on the ground that it will pay; those who think that it opens up the Philippines to proselyting insist that it is providential, while those who are simply seeking some reason for supporting their party's policy fall back upon the doctrine that circumstances got us into the trouble and that we must elay in until dimensioned as the out MUST DO TO BE SAVED

stay in until circumstances get us out. Since the election of 1900 the trusts have grown and flourished under the Retariff question, the Republican party has not in recent years honestly submitted a single important issue to the abitrament of the ballot or even to the jugment of publican administration, as might have been expected. Almost two years have the members of its own party. It has written ambiguous platforms and forced its policies through congress after elecelapsed since the last presidential elec-tion, and no legislative attempt has been made to interfere with them, and the executive efforts, instead of being di-rected toward the enforcement of crimi-nal statutes, are confined to the equity In 1596 it used a promise of internation bimetallism to conceal its real purpose to fasten the gold standard on the coun-try. In 1900 it practiced the same deside of the court and these efforts have not in the least retarded the formation of ception on imperialism and on the trust question. Even within a month it has refused to announce its purpose in renew combines.

Since the election the financiers are gard to the Philippines, and has put off until after November the passage of the subsidy bill and the consideration of the trust question. The leaders of the party show their lack of vital faith in the docseeking to carry their advantage a little farther and are planning an asset cur-rency, a system of branch banks and the redemption of the silver dollar. Recognizing the enormous iniquity of the bill they did not dare to press it during the trine of self-government by their unwil-lingness to take the people of the coun-try, or even the voters of their own parcampaign, but having secured a favor-able report in the house, postponed its consideration until December. ty, into their confidence. The hope of the Democratic party lies in bringing this

Harpooning the Trusts.

fact to the knowledge of those who have Since the election a Republican con-gress has turned a deaf ear to the la-borer's cry for relief from government been in the habit of voting the Repub lican ticket. One aristocratic party in the country is enough. Democratic suc cess must be won, not by imitating the Republican party, but by exposing it— not by making the Democratic party arby injunction and a Republican senate has refused to grant the demand of the people for the election of United States senators by a direct vote And all the while an exorbitant tariff is working inistocratic, but by convincing the people that it is really democratic and can be trusted to defend democratic ideas and to cultivate democratic ideals. justice to the consumers and enabling the beneficiaries of protection to sell at home at a high price and compete in

As there are many in the Republican party who have adhered to the party notforeign markets at a lower price. While the exploiters have been press-ing their advantages at home and abroad withstanding the change that the organ ization has undergone, so there are some who call themselves Democrats who the interests of the producers of wealth on the farm, in the factory and in the mines have been utterly ignored and the have themselves undergone a change which has alienated them from the Demsmall business man has been left to such precarlous existence as the trusts permit ocratic party or from any party worthy of the name. To attempt to patch up an apparent harmony between those who him to enjoy.

How can the opponents of aristocracy and plutocracy be united for a success-ful attack upon the entrenched privilege? Not by making peace with the enemy: are not in sympathy with democratic purposes is not only a waste of time, but would prove disastrous. The men who descrited the party in 1896 may be divided into two classes. Those who left because they understood the issue presented, and not by imitating their work, their meth-ods or their phraseology, but by an hon-est, straightforward appeal to the Ameridid not uncan people upon a platform that can be understood and with an organization that derstand the real nature of the contest. Until the former are completely changed in their sympathies they cannot return can be trusted. Not by surrender, not by compromise, not by equivocation, not by ambiguity, not by vaccilation, is the vic-The latter will be reconciled to the party when they themselves become aware of tory to be won, but by hold, constant persistent, steadfast defense of the in-terests of the people at all times under the real character of the life and death struggle now being waged between pluall circumstances and on all questions. To lose faith in the expediency of such a course is to lose faith in the omnipotence The Democratic party must have a conof truth.

The Tariff Reform Slogan.

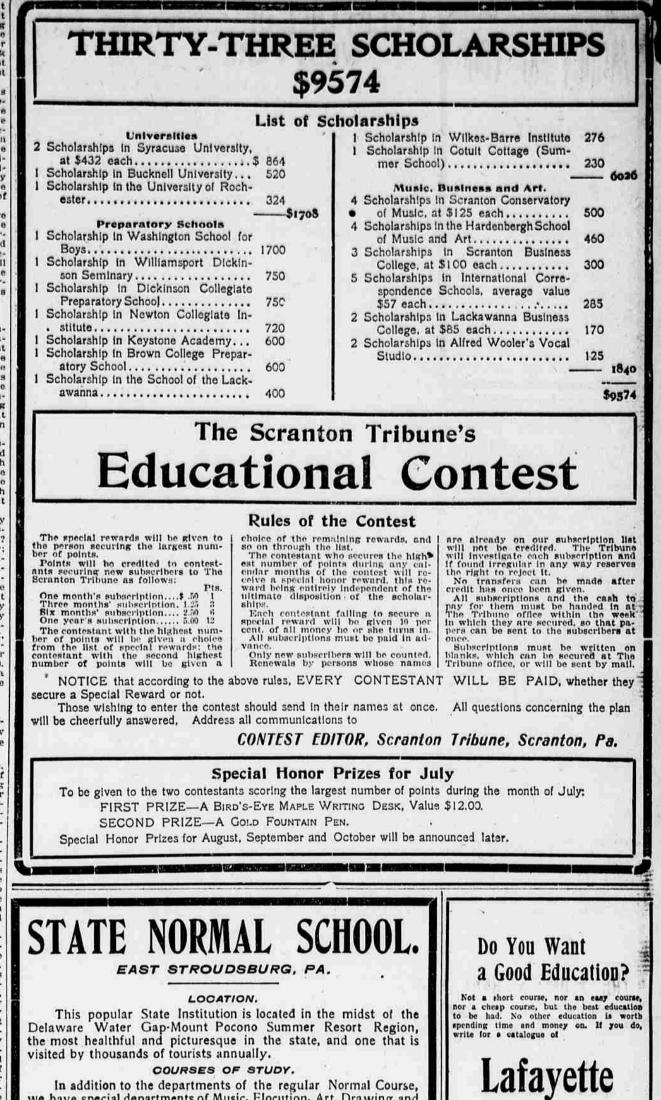
trolling purpose, unchanged by victory or defeat: it must stand for that purpose Edward M. Shepard, the last Tamat all times and everywhere, unmoved py threats and disaster and uninfluenced many candidate for mayor of New by promise of temporary gain. It must York, thus set forth his view of the paramount issue:

have a character, for character is as essential in a party as it is in an indiv-No one can read what is today written, idual. Even if it desires to do so our or listen to what is said in every part of the United States, without perceiving party couldenot compete with the Repub-lican party in the use of money in camthat the dominant question is whether paigns or in the deception or coercion of voters, because large campaign funds or not there shall be continued to a num-ber of great and enormously rich intercan only be secured in return for the ests the special privileges which the Repromise of favoritism and our people are not in a position to coerce. Our party

publican tariff confers upon them.' If the ideals of political life and namust have principles and proclaim them ional development for which the Repubit must stand by them and defend them, lican administration stands shall suc-ceed, the interests of the middle classes relying upon its faith in the rightcousness of those principles and upon its faith in the intelligence and patriotism and wage carners will, in independence and enduring welfare, be subordinated to of the people. We cannot tell what is-sues we may have to meet; we can only the great monopolistic interests which the Republican party has built up, and which determine to meet them in a democratic the Republican party would make still spirit, to apply to them democratic prin-ciples and to take the people's side almore dominant.

The American peoples are today thoroughly ready to deprive the great mon-In 1892 the paramount issue was tariff opolistic interests of the country of the special tariff privileges which they enjoy. reform and the Democratic party boldly asserted its demand for a tariff for reve-nue only. It fought the campaign and it Upon the reduction or abolition of duties upon articles whose manufacture or pro-duction is today effectually monopolized won, but its majority was so narrow that a few senators, disloyal to the party on this subject, defeated the verdict of the the American people are overwhelmingly agreed. Nothing but a blind fear of any people rendered at the polls. But the failure of the party to do all that it change whatever, or a false charge that the Democratic party is inimical to prop promised would not have been so diserty, or an irrelevant issue of military astrous but for the fact that the Wilson bill, unsatisfactory as it was to tariff glory or dishonor, can prevent in Novem ber a verdict at the polls which shall

speak that sentiment. Such a measure of



well might plaintiff and defendant in court serve as jurors in trial of their own case.

The reference to arbitration, coupled ing a quarrel with a man whose preswith written agreement to abide the ence in the Latimer homestead was arbitral verdict, is a notable victory of not previously unknown to Mrs. Latireason. We have little doubt that the mer. The only basis yet disclosed for alternative would have been a strike; this theory is the fact that Mrs. Latiperhaps not a big strike, in the num- mer and her husband had had differber of men involved, but certainly a ences, that she once intimated to a woprovoking and annoying one, that could man friend that she was tied to a man hardly have failed to develop much she did not love, and-this according hitterness and trouble. Enough of the to her own testimony at the coroner's old men were in a mood of desperation inquest-that she had been indiscreet to make the prospect of another strike very unwelcome to friends of peace and good order. Much better an orderly and enlightened method of arbitration, band was jealous, and once putting to such as now seems assured.

The many strikes through which we have passed, while expensive and vexatious at the time, will not have been from these admissions is not to the wholly in vain if as a result there shall be more of reason and less of prejudice and passion in the ordering has been produced that her indiscrecommunity. The Tribunc has no use whatever for professional fomenters of strife, but it has profound faith in the men who have nothing to do but to ultimate common sense and good faith of the great majority of the wageearners of this valley, and it hopes to see the time when they and their employes will get along harmoniously, with freedom of conference for adjust ment of grievances and a due sense of mutual obligation. The substitution of arbitration for force in the present instance is a happy augury.

The burglary story seems plausible Bryan is now referring to Hill and and doubtless would have been accept-Gorman as "cheats." Let the harmoned without question had it not been izing go on. disclosed that Latimer, while in the hospital, repeatedly spoke to his nurse

Groping for an Issue.

E GIVE liberal space this The purport of Latimer's talk was that morning to the savings he suspected some one whom his wife of those eminent Demoknew and wanted that person watched. crats who got together in

It should be added that this person, a friend of the family, has established a suburb of Boston yesterday and compared notes as to what their party that he was at home and in his own bed at the time of the Latimer tragedy. must do to be saved. This topic is engaging the attention of thoughtful If his alibi holds, the attempt to con-Democrats in all parts of our country nect the shooting with a domestic scanund as it also concerns Republicans by dal will be seriously interfered with. the effect its consideration may have Evidently his testimony impressed the in shaping the lines of the coming camcoroner's jury, for its verdict credits the shooting to some unknown person. paign, it is wise to keep well informed. Naturally the focus of public inter-The strange feature of the affair, as est falls upon the observations of Colnoted in the inquest finding, is the failonel Bryan, that gentleman, twice the ure of the hospital authorities to take or der of his party, whom Messrs. somebody to demand an ante-mortem Coveland and Hill omitted from their roomt harmony dinner. The colonel statement. Latimer lay for hours with intervals of consciousness, yet he was has been talking with some bitterness permitted to pass away without an inof late, and has exhibited anything but uiry as to his knowledge touching his a forgiving spirit toward Democrats shouting. It looks as though this not satisfied with his style of leadernegligence was more than accidental. ship; but in his Boston speech he kept And on such a foundation of suspicion, his resentments under control. Indeed. surmise, mystery and romantic conjecit looks as though in his determination ture, with the detective agencies apparto say nothing which could add to facently wholly at sea, it is not strange tional strife, he went to the other exthat the case attracts widespread attreme of saying nothing to the point. tention. It has all the elements which His periods are sonorous, fluent and most strongly appeal to popular curicaptivating, looked at from the standosity.

point of a student of rhetoric, but they are lacking in practical application. To As usual in such matters, the burden talk approvingly of the immortal prinin the Strong-Yohe scandal falls on the ciples of Jefferson, the sovercign rights | male thing's family.

tion deserted the people on the money question. In 1896 the money question had forged to the front, made paramount not by the action of the majority of the Democratic party, but by the attempt of a minority of the party to aid the Republi-can party to chain the country to an appreclating dollar. Without abandoning the people. In spite of the desertion of many formerly conspicuous in its counupon certain occasions, such as exchanging notes with a man next door, dining with a man of whom her husfor the indefensible methods of the Reublican party, whose leaders held nearbed during her husband's absence a ly all the protectionist Republicans by male caller who had imbibed not wisely declaring the tariff issue to be para-mount, mollified the wrath of most of but too much. While the inference

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the free silver Republicans by promising international bimetallism, and won all credit of Mrs. Latimer's wifehood, it the advocates of the gold standard by revealing to them the secret purpose of the party to adopt a European financial sysem. But even then we could have won tions were worse than the foolishness but for the fact that borrowers were of many wealthy and discontented wocoerced and employes intimidated.

Paramounting a New Issue.

In 1900 the action of the Republican party in turning a war commenced for humanity into a war of conquest com-pelled the consideration of another question-a question so far-reaching in its consequences that our party rightfully declared it to be the paramount issue Without abandoning its position on the tariff question or on the money question it again espoused the peoples' side of a great issue. That it did not win that year was due to a conjunction of causes ALWAYS HONEST VALUES.

any one of which would have been in-sufficient to have accomplished defeat. The administration, having carried a brief and successful war, fell heir to the enthusiasm which usually attends a victorious conflict; an unexpected in-crease in the supply of new gold and an and physicians in a way to discredit it. unexpected influx of European gold, due o large crops here and a famine abroad inoreased prices, relieved the stress of bard times and gave to the people the benefits that always flow from a grow-ing volume of money. While the ad-vantages which followed a large volume of money vindicated the principle contended for by bimetallists they were appropriated by the party in power, and those who were influenced by conditions, without attempting to analyze the con-ditions, gave the Republican party credit for an increasing prosperity.

The protected manufacturers, of course, tood by the administration which nad stood given them a Dingley law. Trust promoters and trust magnates, recognizing in the Democratic party an invoterate foe, and numbering among their stock-holders many of the most influential Re-publicans, threw all their strength to the Republican party, and by their support purchased immunity from punishment The Republicans were greatly aided by another influence, namely, the influence of the financiers who not yet having completed their schemes were willing to risk trusts, imperialism or anything cise rather than forego the advantage which they expected from a gold standard and a bank currency. In spite of all these obstacles the campaign of 130,000 votes in favor of the Republicans out of a total vote of oven 1200000 vote of over 13,000,000. And what is the situation today? Since

the election of 1900, imperialism is more openly avowed and imperialistic methods more boldly entered upon because the administration can point to that election as an apparent indorsement, although the party leaders at that time vehemently denied imperialistic intent. Those who expect to make a profit out of a co-

reform is dangerous to no legitimate or wholesome interest. It is truly conser protest of an overwhelming majority of protest of an overwhelming majority of the votors of the party. The defeat of 1894 was more disastrous than any that the party has experienced since and it omio problems in that future, when there was due to the fact that the administra-tion deserted the people on the money must sometime come and which Republican measures are hastening on Such a reform would prevent the glaring and extensive outrage of the sales by great monopolies of American-made products to foreigners at prices far less than th at which American customers may buy them. If the Democratic parcy in select-ing its issue, defer, as it is bound to do, party met this issue and took the side of to the popular will, it has no choice. The issue of tariff reform is irrevocably at the forefront. The tariff is declared by high authority, cils the Democratic party polled a The tariff is declared by high authority, million more votes than it had ever and truly, to be the "mother of trusts." polled before, and would have won but If the progeny do not all belong to the tariff, we can, at least, deal effectively and conservatively with the gigantic infant industries which admit that parent-

age. In every case where a protective duty upon a commodity has created single fortunes of hundreds of millions and built up vast aggregations of capital controlled by a few men, surely the usefulness of such a duty is at an end. Upon this at least Americans may agree. ever, they may differ upon theories of free trade or protection.

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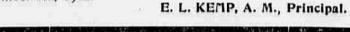
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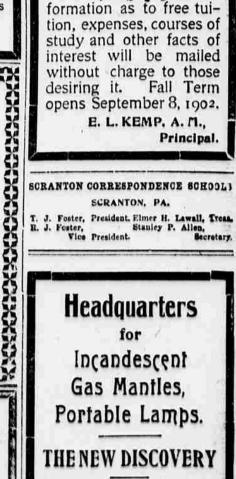
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