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The Daily Tribune. J. L. STEWART, Editor. TUESDAY, EVENING, JUNE 9. Distrusting the People. Franco, while nominally a republic, is really a military despotism. The representatives of the people, through distrust of the electors who gave them power to legislate, permit despotism, anything but anarchy, rather than allow the people to have a voice in the government. Politicians, men who wish to regenerate and save France, statesmen with schemes without number for her Government, constitutional manufacturers by the thousand, are plenty in France, but public men willing to trust the people, willing to abide by popular decisions that are contrary to their own ideas, are few. If the people vote for a republic, the monarchist call them fools and attempt to force them to accept a king, or a Bonaparte gets installed as President and feebly establishes the empire. If the people should vote for a king or an emperor to-morrow the republicans would rebel against their choice and seek an opportunity of assassinating the chosen. No party, no public men, appear to have any confidence in the people, except in respect for popular decisions. Each looks on his own system as the only one which it is possible for France to govern. The cable tells us that gloom overhangs the seat of Government, and of a dissolution of the Assembly, showing that the Government, while professing to be based on the will of the governed, is afraid to give the people the privilege of saying whether it is to remain the seat of Government.

Westminster Candidates. To the Editor of the Tribune. Sir: I am pleased to be able to inform your numerous readers that the cause of free non-sectarian schools is gaining strength every day in this county, in the persons of Messrs. Hicks and McKennie, who are real cut-throat Free Non-sectarian school men. There is not a doubt about Mr. Hicks being the strongest man by all odds of the whole batch, Government and Opposition. The Government is in a state of confusion, owing to the fact that the electors are reasoning in this way: There is certainly great need of a change of Government; our public money has been 'wastefully' expended on the education of the children of the rich; \$25,000 not accounted for by the Attorney General gave the great and wonderful account of it at his nomination the other day. Mr. Jones, by saying it would be better to let the Government go, and let the electors have their say, is certainly a safe and sound man. Mr. Jones, who is certainly a safe and sound man, is certainly a safe and sound man. Mr. Jones, who is certainly a safe and sound man, is certainly a safe and sound man.

Disasters Fire. This morning several buildings were destroyed at the foot of Erin street. The fire was first discovered in a house owned and partly occupied by Mr. J. O'Brien. The owner occupied the lower flat and the smoke was so dense when the fire was discovered that very little could be saved. The middle flat of the house was occupied by John Maxwell, and he managed to save nearly all his furniture, while the household goods belonging to J. Moore, in the upper flat, were all destroyed. The firemen worked well, but almost a gale was blowing at the time, and in a few minutes the adjoining houses, owned by Mr. Thos. Froud, and occupied by a number of families, was in flames. A barn at the rear, owned by Mr. Foley, shared the same fate. The fire was kept out by the firemen, and a few out-houses belonging to them, through the most strenuous exertions of the firemen. Mr. Froud occupied the lower part of his house and succeeded in saving his furniture. Messrs. Gilles, Palmer, McCormick, McGuire and Mrs. Stevenson, the other occupants of the house, suffered severe losses by furniture burned and otherwise destroyed. Mr. O'Brien had an insurance of \$600 on his property, but his loss will foot up over \$1,500. This was the only insurance on any of the property. Some of the families who have suffered are left quite destitute. Great praise is due the firemen for the way in which they managed the fire and prevented its spreading, as on three sides it was flanked by wooden houses.

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Hay, per ton	\$14.00
Wheat, per bush	1.20
Barley, per bush	1.10
Beans, per bush	1.00
Peas, per bush	1.00
Flour, Am. Extra, per bush	1.00
Flour, Can. Extra, per bush	1.00
Flour, Can. Super, per bush	1.00
Flour, Can. Best, per bush	1.00
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Flour, Can. Poor, per bush	1.00
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Flour, Can. No. 3, per bush	1.00
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