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CANDIDATES.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE,
North Side, Second term.
WILLIAM CHRISMAN,
of Bloomsburg.

FOR PRESIDENT JUDGE OF THE 26TH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT.
E. R. IKELER,
of Bloomsburg.

FOR CONGRESS,
ANDREW L. FRITZ,
of Bloomsburg.

FOR STATE SENATOR,
W. H. RHAWN
of Catawissa.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE,
(South Side)
WILLIAM T. CREASY,
Catawissa Township.

FOR PRESIDENT JUDGE OF 26TH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT,
R. R. LITTLE,
of Bloomsburg.

President McKinley has disappointed his best friends, not only in the Republican but the Democratic party, who expected that the chief magistrate, who is a veteran of the civil war, would not only be patriotic enough but evidence the wisdom of appointing to important military posts men who were in every way qualified by practice and theory to fill the positions, and not make the present war an occasion to give fat berths to the sons of politicians and rich men who, by civil service rules, were debarred from government positions since the change in the administration under Cleveland. It is not to be wondered that Mr. McKinley is being censured by the newspapers. The country imperatively needs the services of the most competent, the most experienced, and the best drilled men for the conduct of the war with Spain. Upon the efficiency or inefficiency of the officers now being appointed depends the loss or the saving of thousands of lives, the needless prolongation or the speedy ending of the war. We agree with a contemporary, that a course of conduct which is in any case an offense against the first principles of honest government becomes magnified into the proportions of what cannot be correctly designated otherwise than as a crime. If a man were to supply our battleships with defective armor, or our soldiers with clothing or shoes made of poor material, everybody would at once pronounce him, at a time like this, not only a rascal, but a traitor; and, were it not for the indifference that is bred of habit, we should pronounce it just as treasonable to appoint to a military post an incompetent person for the sake of satisfying political "claims," as to furnish the army or navy with defective supplies for the sake of an increase of money profits.

The people of the United States who have been anxiously watching the movements, and patiently waiting for some real news from the fleets commanded by Schley and Sampson, are no doubt very eager to hear the facts concerning the reported attack of the enemy at Santiago by Commodore Schley, which is said to have occurred Tuesday afternoon. We would advise our readers not to put too much confidence in news which finds its way into the daily papers in such times as these, as the greater part of it is unofficial and misleading. It seems very improbable that Schley, knowing as he does how the harbor is mined would attempt to force an entrance, and run the risk of being totally destroyed unless he had full knowledge of the working of the mines. Of course, feats even as daring, have been accomplished. However, we will wait its confirmation.

The invasion of the Island of Cuba has practically begun and from now on the Spaniards will be given an illustration of the vast difference between an unarmed lot of Cubans and a well equipped army of American soldiers.

THE COUNTRY AT PRESENT.

Industrial Depression Resulting From Legislation Hostile to Labor Interests.

A calm and careful review of the progress of the various influences at work molding the destiny of this republic leads toward optimistic conclusions. When all things are considered, there is nothing that should be discouraging in the obstinate stupidity of a considerable portion of the masses whose political bribe is a subsidized gold standard organ, or who at every election think they drive shrewd bargains in exchanging their birthright for messes of pottage. Not totally impenetrable is the present gloom on account of industrial depressions, caused by corrupt legislation, hostile to labor interests, although it will continue to hover around, with varying density, as long as the people choose public servants who treacherously become subject to the control of the class that is striving to thoroughly establish, for all time to come, a plutocracy to be supported in luxury by the interest on bonds always to be refunded and never to be paid at maturity. I think I can show why, writes A. A. Renshaw, in the Mississippi Valley Democrat. The plain truth, which was temporarily obscured in 1896 by the subsidized press and politicians and the muzzled preachers and professors, is bound by natural laws to rise again triumphant. It is not strange that in that year a colossal campaign fund was able to successfully darken counsel with words of deceit. Although the lines were sharply drawn between the people and their plunderers as never before since Andrew Jackson's day, yet the confusion incident to a hurried, and, for many voters, novel agitation, prevented a cohesion of reform forces. However, there was a signal disintegration of the cement of party prejudice and a separation of right and wrong, so that now, in the calm interim between quadrennial election there is steadily taking place, a re-crystallization, in which affinities are inevitably drawn together—the honest, unselfish and patriotic on one side, and the corrupt, greedy and plutocratic on the other side. It is not a division between the rich and poor for some of the former are true blue patriots, while many of the latter profess admiration for corrupt practices, claiming it is the smartest man who can sell for the highest price. Surely there can be no doubt as to the result of a test at the polls between two such opposing forces unless the people are woefully ignorant of the issue. In spite of the deplaid schemes of the dealers in unearned increments, the course of the present administration has unmasked the hypocritical pretensions of the St. Louis platform makers, and muffled tones of unmuzzled truth are even now and then heard amid the din of the Republican scramble for spoils. Up to the time when the Cuban question overshadowed everything else, there has been at Washington so conspicuous an exhibition of corrupt greed that he who runs may read the handwriting on the wall. The president's cabinet (with Hanna on the side) is largely made up of repulsive types of fin de siecle plutocrats, which, the Creator be praised, will fade away with the century, and it compromises representatives of various forces that threaten the stability of the republic. The attorney-general is the undisguised champion of corporate tyranny; the secretary of the treasury represents the respectable church, unconscious of the insidious encroachments of Mammon, the name of the secretary of state is the synonym of cold, calculating treachery, and our own assistant secretary of the interior represents that numerous class of Republicans who stifle their honest convictions for pie. I cannot conceive the possibility of an aggregation of evil, such as the Republican party has developed into, being indorsed this year or in 1900 by the people, unless Ahitophels dominate in the counsels of the three opposing parties. Since the plutocrats are determined to establish a public indebtedness, the principal of which is to be handed down through all future generations, the people ought to have enough Anglo-Saxon spirit to say: "If necessary, so be it. But in that case we will take care that we will be the creditors, and will take the debt in denominations of from one dollar to fifty dollars and charge no interest. We see the absurdity of paying idleness for the privilege of drawing upon the products of our own labor."

Not a few of the partisan newspapers are engaged in an effort to ascertain Dewey's political preferences. Politics do not enter into the case at all, and the United States cares nothing about it. Dewey is a better American by far than the political hucksters who attempt to make political capital out of everything, war not excepted. If we had more Deweys and fewer political chess board players the country would be far better off.

William J. Bryan has organized a third Regiment of Nebraska Volunteers. The Governor last week issued him a commission as Colonel.

Garman Replies to McClure.

"Aleck" the Spotted Leopard of State Politics.

State Chairman Garman has made the following reply to an "editorial" that appeared in the Philadelphia "Times" of Friday:

"In the first place, no statement contained in the Philadelphia 'Times' in any way affects any good Democrat in Pennsylvania. The Philadelphia 'Times' has not learned that its influence, either for good or evil, is entirely gone. Aleck McClure has been the spotted leopard of Pennsylvania politics. Starting in life as a Whig, carrying on his depredations as a republican, becoming one of the most bloodthirsty of the southern carpet-baggers, assuming the role of an independent, and finally undertaking to become an adviser of Democracy, he now, like the crippled rattlesnake, bites himself in the intensity of his rage because all men of all parties see through the shiftiness and shiftiness of his political character, and have no respect whatever either for him or the organ of which he is the reputed head.

"Being without a party and without apparently political friends, except as some special interest may attach people temporarily to him, McClure has become the Ishmael of modern politics, and the 'Times' is the Bedouin's dirty rag which is all that is left for him to wave, in defiance, at political foes created by his own lively imagination.

As to the Democratic convention from the 4th legislative district of this county is concerned, I had nothing to do with it whatever, except to ask James A. Sweeney, who has been for two years an assistant in the Democratic headquarters, to use all his best efforts to avoid such conflict as might affect the election of a Democratic representative to the legislature from that district. The trouble with the Philadelphia 'Times' is that its politics are of such a character that neither the Democratic party, as a party, nor any individual in the party, would like to undertake to follow its advice or lead. If the Philadelphia 'Times' had ever been a Democratic organ, the liberal reward that it receives in the way of sheriff's advertisements for its delivery of the Democratic party to Crow for Sheriff, would be sufficient warning to any good Democrat to avoid the advice of the 'Times' as he would avoid a pestilence.

"As to his assault upon what he pleases to call the 'Revolutionary Chicago Platform,' I desire to say that it is to the everlasting credit of the Democratic party that Chicago platform did not meet the approval of the McClures and other political sharks of his kind. It is said that men may sometimes become so vile as to hate themselves, and I think that politically this is true of McClure and his 'Times'. There never has been in so far as the Democratic state central committee is concerned, an organization composed of cleaner and more reputable young men than now constitutes that organization.

"I can say cheerfully that it is my belief that the Democratic party will prosper best when it refuses to have anything to do with suggestions from the Philadelphia 'Times' or its editor. In conclusion I will say that I for one am proud of the Chicago platform and of the record of the Democracy upon that platform, and am willing to stand or fall with it."

Columbia county has presented no candidate for Congress on the Republican side of the house. It is said that there will be no candidates in Montour Co. Sullivan Co. will have a candidate named Jenkins. In the district conference Northumberland county has five votes, Columbia four, Montour three and Sullivan two; a total of fourteen votes. Eight votes are necessary to a choice and it looks as if our townsman, John Packer Haas, would be the nominee, as he starts with the five votes of this county.—Sunbury Daily.

Poisoned Blood

Disagreeable Itching Spread All Over His Body—Sleep Disturbed—Hood's Sarsaparilla Drove Out the Poison and Cured.

"I have been poisoned every summer for years. Last summer the poison came out on me worse than ever before. I would frequently be awakened during the night by the itching. I would scratch myself, but instead of being relieved the trouble spread to different parts of my body. I tried various remedies which people recommended to me, but none of them ever helped me. I made up my mind the poison could not be cured until my blood was pure and then I decided to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. While taking the first bottle I felt relieved from the itching. I kept on taking the medicine and it has entirely cured me. I am now on my fourth bottle and I can sleep soundly at night." WILLIAM Egan, 3128 Westmont Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Fine all linen checked Glass Toweling, with good edge that will not need hemming, at 11c per yd.
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CORSER'S

Schuyler's old hardware stand.

BLOOMSBURG.

The Republican State Convention, will convene at Harrisburg today. The indications are that William A. Stone will be nominated for Governor on the first ballot. The party boss from Beaver has made up his slate, which will probably go through. It is as follows:

- Governor—W. A. Stone, Allegheny.
- Lieutenant Governor—J. P. S. Gobin, Lebanon.
- Secretary of Internal Affairs—James W. Latta, Philadelphia.
- Congress-at-large—Galusha A. Grow, Susquehanna; Samuel A. Davenport, Erie.
- Superior Court Judge—William Porter, Philadelphia.
- Quay gave his orders and left Harrisburg this morning for Washington.
- Wannamaker will continue the fight. He says the ticket is a weak one and will invite defeat.

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