

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20th, 1898.

Each week since our Commissioners demanded the Philippine Islands friends of the administration have informed the public that an ultimatum had been sent to Spain that would end the business, but the business isn't ended, and the answer submitted by the Spanish Commissioners last week, is every bit as unsatisfactory as their first.

There was a pointer as to the probable time that Gen. Fitz Lee's corps will go to Cuba in Mr. McKinley's answer to the delegation of Savannah business men who invited him to come to their city and review Gen. Lee's troops, when he goes to the Peace Jubilee, at Atlanta. He told them he would be in Atlanta Dec. 14, and would gladly come to Savannah and review Lee's troops, if they were not sent to Cuba before then.

Senator Caffrey, of Louisiana, says he will oppose the ratification by the Senate of a treaty annexing the Philippine islands, but upon one condition would gladly support it—that all the negroes be deported to those islands and never be allowed to return to the United States.

The presence of Boss Platt and Representative Odell, chairman of the New York State Republican Committee, at the same Washington hotel, last week, was hardly accidental. Mr. Odell is a candidate for the Senate, and although Boss Platt has apparently sanctioned Chauncey Depew's senatorial aspirations, this Washington meeting has added to the number of those who believe that Odell is the man Platt wishes to have for his colleague in the Senate, or that they are setting up the pins for a dark horse.

Senator Morrill, of Vermont, came very near to sipping up the situation in connection with the high jinks—beg pardon, High Joint Commission, that is trying to agree upon a treaty that will smooth out all the kinks between this country and Canada, when he said: "The trouble with the situation is that Canada has nothing to give. She had her houses all painted new by the agreement of 1854 to 1864. Now they have grown weatherbeaten and dingy; she wants them to have a new coat of paint."

Those Republicans who talk about the recent election having been an overwhelming endorsement of their party are merely indulging in pipe dreams. There was nothing overwhelming about the election. On the contrary, it was only by the skin of their teeth, as the saying is, that the Republicans escaped defeat. It was such a close shave that a change of 300 votes, distributed among eight Congressional districts, would have put the Republicans in a minority in

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the next House, instead of a majority. It should not be forgotten, either, that the Republican majority in the next House will be forty less than their majority in the present House. To blow about such an "endorsement" as that is simply to exhibit gail.

Senator Faulkner says it is by no means certain that the Republicans will control the West Virginia Legislature that will elect his successor. The result will depend upon the official count in a number of districts, and Mr. Faulkner expresses confidence in Democratic control of the Legislature.

Although Representative Grosvenor and other friends of the administration have been industriously denying that there was any lack of harmony between Reed and the administration, or that there was any intention on the part of the administration to try to prevent Reed's election as the Speaker of the next House, there are other facts, such as the public statements respectively made by Boss Hanna, and by Representative Dingley, who was made Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by Reed, and who is Reed's man, which offset those denials. The two statements are directly opposed to each other. Dingley says no revenue legislation of importance is needed and that there will be none by Congress. By many who make a study of the intricate undercurrents of politics these two opposite statements are regarded as the first guns in a fight between Reed and the administration.

No federal troops are to be sent into either North or South Carolina as a result of the race troubles in those States. The administration has decided to confine its interference in those States to trying to get evidence to have any parties who have interfered with any Federal official in the performance of his official duties indicted by the Federal grand juries connected with the U. S. Courts in the two States.

Cornelius Smith, who ran as an independent candidate for Judge in Lackawanna county, will contest the election of Judge Gunster, who ran upon the Democratic and Republican tickets for the same office. Judge Gunster received 13,487 votes and Smith received 7,113. The contest is based upon the Act of Assembly, of 1897, which provides that "upon the official ballot to be voted for at any election the name of any candidate shall not appear more than once by certificate of nomination or more than once by nomination papers." This was one of the foolish laws passed by the Republican legislature of 1896, and may be the means of depriving a faithful and upright Judge of the office to which he has been elected by a large majority of the voters.

Lehigh Valley's Vaudeville.

An exchange is responsible for the following: "The Lehigh Valley is constructing a novelty in cars. It is a theatrical car, to be introduced on its through trains. There will be a stage, with footlights, trap door, scenery, curtain and thunder and lightning and paper snow. A tank will also be there for special occasions and thrilling scenes of railroad wrecks and hairbreadth escapes to reassure the travelers. There will be continuous performances between New York and Buffalo, with a galaxy of soubrettes, leading ladies and funny men always on hand. A passage on this swell vaudeville car will cost \$2 beyond the usual rate."

To Elevate Morals.

A curious plan for elevating Georgia morals has been formulated by a well-known citizen of Atlanta. He proposes that each county shall decide by vote on January 1, of each year, who the worst man in each county is, and the man receiving the highest number of votes shall on the ensuing February 1 be hanged. It is claimed for the plan that it would induce bad men to migrate, and that the "complementary vote" received by those who had just begun to be bad, but were not generally recognized as such, would tend to create a desire within them to be enrolled among the well behaved.

The World's Greatest Crop.

The average man, if asked what is the most important crop of the world would unhesitatingly say, "Wheat." This is true in the United States, but far from the case in the world as a whole. The first place must be given the potato. Of all the staple crops of the world, the potato takes the first place, the annual crop being more than 4,000,000,000 bushels, against 2,500,000,000 bushels of wheat and 2,000,000,000 bushels of corn. Of the total potato crop, Europe produces fully seven eighths, and one-half times as much of wheat, and all the cereals together are but 50 per cent. more.—George B. Waldron, in McClure's.

THE VOTING MACHINE.

The adoption of machine labor in places of manual labor in many pursuits and industries where its use has long been deemed impossible or impracticable is another evidence that the world is fast entering what may be termed the machine age when no trade, art, industry, or work now done by hand, will be exempt from its domination. Many failures extending through many years seemed to forbid its use in setting type and to prove that this most difficult of tasks would never be successfully accomplished. But it has been, and in all the large newspaper and job offices of the country the type-setting machine is at work.

Voting machines are the latest successful achievement in mechanism and without much doubt their use will in time be universally adopted. Their use in Rochester at a recent election was most satisfactory. Twenty minutes after the polls closed the full result of the voting was known in that city. Fraud was made impossible in the casting and counting of the ballots and voters had not the least difficulty in casting their ballots.

This promises a reform of the most practical value. There is no doubt the time is coming when inventive genius will minimize the work of the ward heeler. It seems that it has come now, and New York has made the experiment on a very large scale by testing voting machines in a large and important city. The ballot law of Pennsylvania is a cumbersome piece of insincere patchwork, costly and disappointing. A machine in itself cannot lie or cheat. It is automatic, and it records without feeling and reports without a bribe or remorse. It will be interesting to read the final result of machine ballot boxes in a noyed city of a great state.

The machine and the method of using it are described as follows:

The voting machine does all the work of canvassers and tally clerks. All the voter has to do is to move a handle over a face that looks like the switchboard of a telephone central office, and when he leaves the booth the apparatus clicks and his vote is not only recorded but is added on to the total. When the machine is locked at the end of the day it has automatically added up the vote of every candidate.

The machines in Rochester worked perfectly, and there will be a bill introduced into the Legislature directing the use of the machine all over the state, in Rochester, which is a city of 133,000 people, there were 73 standard voting machines employed, and the result was that the total vote of Rochester was known in just 37 minutes after the polls closed. This time was required to get the totals of the 73 machines together and add them. In Syracuse, which has 40,000 less population than Rochester, the return was not complete until midnight.

There are as many stupid men in Rochester as anywhere else, but with the voting machine the dullest voter could not get mixed up. The voter cannot lose his vote by voting for two candidates for the same office, the most frequent blunder noticed when ordinary ballots are counted.

There are no springs in the mechanism, so there is nothing likely to get out of order; not one of the 73 machines used at Rochester failed to do the work expected of it.

There is a little lever before each name on the face of the machine, and the voter picks out his ticket by shifting these from perpendicular to horizontal. If he chooses to vote a straight ticket he merely moves a handle over

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The voting can only be done when the curtains that hide the voters are closely drawn, and as he steps back the little levers all fly to perpendicular again, and there is nothing by which a man can tell how the man ahead of him voted.

If a voter wants to vote a nearly straight ticket he does not have to indicate every candidate on his list. He merely moves the handle of the party emblem under which most of his candidates are ranged and then moves the individual levers for the exceptions, and the wise machine counts them and cancels the corresponding names on the party ticket. All the inspectors have to do is to see that the man who entered the booth is a legally registered voter and the machine does the rest.

Better off in Heaven.

When a girl of 16 is seen upon the streets she has a cute way of tossing her head as though she owned the earth and was going to the middle of the next block to get it. After she is 18 the world she owns is about as far away as the world's fair was to the most of us, and at twenty she gives up all hope of ever getting it at all. By the time she is 25 she has a faint, vague sincerity in the world, and the thing for her to do is to get a position and something useful. After a while she gets married to a man who isn't at all the sort of a man she dreamed of. Then she concludes she will be better off in heaven.

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