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A GREAT TICKET

The Republican ticket is the strongest named since Lincoln's time. It assures a sober campaign, which will be decided by the judgment, not the hysteria, of the nation.

THE rehabilitation of the Republican party and the restoration of its prestige were assured the instant Mr. Hughes became the nominee for President.

Harmony was at all times desirable, but not the kind of harmony which comes out of a shotgun or is latent in a sandbag. The party would have been bid white had its convention acquiesced in the surrender of its prerogatives to the "stand and deliver" of a faction which was being used merely as a tool to compel the nomination of a man whom the Republicans did not want and who, according to the calm judgment of the delegates, could have done little more than exaggerate the wreck which he occasioned four years ago.

IT HAS been Mr. Roosevelt's privilege to perform an important service to the country in recent months by emphasizing the necessity for pure and unadulterated Americanism.

The growing schedule of pleasures in store for Ad-men delegates when they congregate here will make many a Philadelphia wish he were a guest instead of a host.

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Tom Daly's Column

Our preparation must be industrial and economic as well as military. Our severest tests will come after the war is over. We must make a fair and wise readjustment of the tariff, in accordance with sound protective principles, to assure our economic independence and to maintain American standards of living.

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THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Kuenhua H. Tu Disputes Professor Goodnow's Statements About China—He Insists That His Country Differs Little in Essentials From America

This Department is free to all readers who are interested in the progress of the Republic. It is an open forum and the Editor assumes no responsibility for the views of its correspondents.

CHINA DEFENDED BY A CHINESE To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir—To those who are constantly observing and intelligently conversant with the current events in the Chinese Empire, Dr. F. J. Goodnow's speech in the conference held at Hamilton Court, as reported in your paper Tuesday evening, will certainly sound strange, if not surprising.

Doctor Goodnow ridicules the story of a man who was beheaded by more than 50 relatives as soon as he was elected. It is just as common in China that the relatives are supposed to help in raising him to honor as that the political agents in this country look to her situation and will curtail and pull her down.

With the death of Yuan Shi-Kai, all these agitators to restore monarchy will soon die out. There may be little troubles for China to face, but they will soon disappear. The destiny of every country is only in the hands of "the favorable few" who, in China, I am happy to perceive, are all conscious of her situation and will carefully steer the ship of state to the desired safety.

WE may assume that a course of training in academy or college extending over several years is easily equivalent to a month's session at Plattsburg. Yet Plattsburg today is our only desperate remedy against sending forth our helpless, untrained youth to be butchered by the expert soldiers of an alien conqueror.

IN THE SUPREME COURT The Justice of the Supreme Court may not take an active part in politics, but at least one of them seems to have known what was going on—New York Sun.

MOONSHINE The Louisville Courier-Journal, loyal ally to Kentucky, declares that horses are still used, despite the automobile, in Kentucky for other products that are still used, despite horse juice—Louisville Daily News.

HUGHES AS SEEN IN LIGHTER HOURS

Republican Candidate Keeps Lincolnian Tradition as a Banter—A Mountain-climber Who Rests at the Summit

THEY are telling a 49-year-old story about Mr. Hughes and they are saying it all wrong. It goes like this: When he was 5 years old he went to school and found that the other boys were all so slow and stupid that they were keeping him back because the teacher could not hit up the pace.

"I did convince my parents that I should study at home," he said, "but my motive was not educational, I'm afraid. I knew I should get more time for play at home, and that was why I gave up school."

But this little story, in its erroneous version, and a lot of other little ones have done much to give Mr. Hughes the reputation of conceitedness and a "grind," a reputation which any man who, like Hughes, can in off hours enjoy a good cigar, an amusing anecdote or a bit of ragtime music, heartily resents.

"Many nights Hughes and I sat up reading law together," a friend of his has remarked, "but at 2 o'clock in the morning I was usually on the sofa dozing, despite black coffee and wet towels, but Hughes was still reading."

THE Gift of Relaxation Mr. Hughes, like all prodigious workers whom hard work has agreed with, has the rare gift of instant relaxation after long hours of concentrated work.

As might have been expected, one of the things which has kept him fit is golf. When he sacrificed his practice to take up the difficult work at Albany one of his friends asked him what he missed most by becoming Governor. "My golf," he laughed.

Fond of a Joke According to his friends, the Republican candidate has a talent for story-telling, which should keep up the Lincolnian tradition of presidential merriment.

What Do You Know? Quizzes of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answers to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily.

QUIZ 1. What three great generals were never defeated? 2. In what two cities are there no districts known in either case as the Pantheon? 3. Who was meant by "the man of straw" known as Bonaparte?

Answers to Saturday's Quiz 1. January 1 became legally the first day of the year in England in 1752. 2. Hiram Powers (1805-73) was an American sculptor.

Lucia di Lammermoor Editor of "What Do You Know?"—Is there not some romance connected with the writing of the sonnet from "Lucia di Lammermoor" by Donizetti? S. L. R.

The Naming of Delaware Editor of "What Do You Know?"—Kindly tell me how the State of Delaware got its name. M. V. F.

Robbing Peter to Pay Paul H. P. L.—This saying had its origin in the rivalry between St. Peter's Cathedral (now Westminster Abbey) and St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

Eulalie's Visit to New York F. D. L.—The Princess Eulalie, representing the Spanish Government, was received with honors in New York on May 13, 1893.

The Ireland Forgeries The Ireland forgeries were documents, alleged to be the writings of Shakespeare, put forth by a youth of 19 years—W. H. Ireland. His chief forgery was "Alicious Papers and Instruments under the hand and seal of William Shakespeare, including the tragedy of King Lear, and a small fragment of Hamlet, from the original." For a time he imposed on the public, and he went so far as to write a new play, which he called "The Merry Wives of Windsor."

CROWDED Only 5333 seats available for the public in the Democratic National Convention at St. Louis? Why, that's not a crowd! It's a comfortable job, and we want to demonstrate their patriotism in their presence—Philadelphia News.