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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET

FOR CONGRESSMAN AT LARGE, GALUSHA A. GROW, OF SUSQUEHANNA. ELECTION FEBRUARY 20.

MERIT WILL WIN.

For years the New York Herald and Tribune held out against newspaper illustration. The Herald was first to acknowledge its mistake; and last Sunday the Tribune appeared with a rib-ticking cartoon on its first column page, representing Grover, as demagogue, proudly marching in front of a band of Yankee marines, with recumbent Queen Liliuokalani swiveling majesty on the top of a steetcher borne by Uncle Sam's disgraced sailors, and accompanied by Democratic Gresham, holding a vigorous anti-tariffation on a barrel down head labeled "non-American foreign policy." That caricature was a mark of laborer's editorial. It spoke with instantaneous point in every word and shade and line. It was worth printing and it was worth studying. The fact is, the people want illustrations. They want to be amused. The paper that doesn't entertain as well as inform is behind the times. It is hopelessly discredited in the race for popular favor. It has been the quick recognition of this fact that has put the SCRANTON TRIBUNE so far in the lead. Brightness and "life" will tell in the end.

MERIT WILL WIN.

The latest apt title of the pending Wilson bill: "A bill for the promotion of American idleness."

WITH MORE of truth than elegance, the New York Sun describes Secretary Hoke Smith as "an obscure cracker."

DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS of congress are recommended to drop a vote for free trade into the administration slot and pull out a federal plum.

GOVERNOR LAWELLING has shut out Mrs. Lease, but her voice is still unimpeded, and it will keep her before the governor as well as before the people generally.

REPRESENTATIVE WOLVERTON says he "intends to vote for the Wilson bill straight through, from beginning to end." And his reward is Herring's appointment.

UNDER the bounteous plenty showered down upon this country by a Democratic administration, the only way to keep the government running is to borrow money.

THE IRON TRADE REVIEW says of the iron market: "It will creep before it winks." So also the market in all branches of trade; and happily, the creeping has begun.

PREDICTION of the Philadelphia Record, Jan. 8: "Mr. Grow's majority will not come anywhere near the November mark." Let us await the fulfillment, keeping this taunt in mind.

THE BUREAU who "bristles" with equanimity under the strong illumination of an electric lamp has reason to feel grateful to the municipal enterprise which keeps policemen out of his way.

THE SOUTHERN characteristics of the administration are shown in Speaker Crisp's rulings with reference to Mr. Boutelle. And this is the same administration that used to get so righteously furious at mention of "Czar" Road!

MERE HEARSAY is sometimes a good good thing to discount. Bank depositors in Luzerne took Mr. Rockefeller's honesty at par on the strength of mere hearsay; and now they've accepted a compulsory discount of just 93 1/2 per cent.

WITH its issue of Saturday, the Scranton Index entered upon its eighth year of usefulness to the community and profit to its indefatigable editor and publisher, James F. Judge. The Index is a consistent and persistent champion of temperance, and has done inestimable good among its steadily enlarging constituency. On the same day the Providence Register celebrated its nineteenth anniversary, showing a contented countenance and an issue full of news. THE TRIBUNE extends to Proprietor Tunstall and Editor Hopewell its compliments and best wishes.

AS MATTERS now stand in Louisiana the question of the prize fight reduced to its inherent simplicity is whether two bruisers are mightier than the governor and constabulary of the whole state. As it looks at present, Mitchell and Corbett will not entertain the members of the Duval Athletic club and their guests, and if they come together in some out of the way place and settle matters before the officers of the law can discover their whereabouts, the number of spectators necessarily small, depriving the affair entirely of all the wide publicity to the principals which constitutes the essence of the whole affair.

UPON HIS RECENT retirement from the bench, the bar of Lebanon county tendered Judge John B. McPherson a complimentary banquet. The festive assembly took place last New Year's evening, and the Lebanon Report has favored us with a neat souvenir account of the oratorical proceedings, from which the deduction is inevitable that Lebanon's lawyers all narrowly missed becoming celebrated poets and wits. The Reporter's gifted editor, al-

though pledging his toast in ice water, as became resolute Prohibitionist, made merry with the others, and read an original poem that contains a laugh in each line. The function as a whole is a creditable instance of the cordiality existing among fellow members of a distinguished profession when cares of state are momentarily laid aside.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of Joseph A. Mears' intention to erect an eight-story steel building on the southeast corner of Washington and Spruce calls attention to the fact that, in the face of hard times, Scranton's realty values have held their own, while judicious investments in the business portions of the city have continued to return a steady and reasonable profit. Each of the three or four metropolitan office buildings in this city that, when first designed, were accounted as chimerical, has demonstrated the wisdom of its owner in seeking this form of an investment; and Scranton's steady growth since the newest of these was built renders an addition to the list entirely practicable. There is still a great unvanquished in the business portion of the city. Towering structures of brick and stone stand cheek-by-jowl, so to speak, with squat one- and two-story sheds of frame. Whatever tends to remove these eyesores, or to shame them by the contrast with modern architecture, becomes, therefore, a cause for public thankfulness.

SENATOR HERRING'S APPOINTMENT.

In point of character, qualifications and experience, State Senator Grant Herring, of Bloomsburg, appointed yesterday to succeed T. P. Penman, of this city, as collector of internal revenue for the Twelfth Pennsylvania district, is the peer of any Democrat proposed for the place. He is a progressive and industrious young man, well educated, popular and showing considerable evidence of diplomatic ability. He has been named after a seemingly spirited struggle, but as a matter of fact, the success of his candidacy was assured six months ago. During this period of waiting he has given proof of patience and equanimity, factors needful in his business. He will have the good will of Scrantonians generally, and the warm congratulations of those of his own political faith who may be looking for soft barbits as deputy collectors.

Mr. Herring's appointment has significance chiefly in the light that it throws upon the question of the predominant influence with the powers that be. It settles anew the supremacy of Mr. Harry, and the large weight of Governor Pattison's endorsement when presented at the white house. The same influences which gave us Mr. Vandling as postmaster, have given us Mr. Herring, who, politically, is not a bad double for Mr. Vandling, as collector; and these influences have practically overridden the earnest wishes of Mr. Cleveland's secretary of the treasury, and ignored the written protest of the majority of the congressmen directly concerned in the appointment. If there is any ulterior significance in the Herring triumph, it is that tacit acquiescence in the Wilson programme, combined with personal respectability, business character and avoidance of too-active participation in the rough work of Democratic campaigns are essentials to a realization of Mr. Cleveland's favor.

There will be some speculation as to the destination of the collectorship headquarters under the new management. There was a time when Mr. Hines could have got this thing slated for Wilkes-Barre, but it is currently reported that no immediate change will be made, especially in view of the handsome federal building soon accessible to Mr. Herring. The commercial, if not the geographical center of the district is Scranton; and it would be of decided advantage to the chief business interests of the district were the headquarters to remain in this city, with such an adjustment of the deputy collectors as to satisfy the needs of distant portions. All this, however, belongs to the future. For the present it suffices to extend compliments and congratulations to the latest conspicuous beneficiary of the potent Harry "pull."

THE NIAGARA CANAL PROBLEM.

The question of opening an interoceanic canal through Nicaragua, and maintaining it under American dominion, is evidently going to stay with us until it is brought to some practical and final decision. Geographical facts, commercial exigencies, national traditions, and current political considerations unite in pointing, as with the glance of destiny, to the supreme relation of the United States to the work of shaping out and permanently administering the contemplated short cut for navigation. The clear drift of American sentiment is toward the direct or indirect assertion and establishment of such supremacy. Then why not at once adopt the open and straightforward method of proceeding with the business upon this foregone conclusion? Unquestionably that is the way that most commends itself to acceptance from incentives of economy in time and money, and national honor and dignity. Senator Morgan, of Alabama, who once strongly advocated a complicated scheme with a government guarantee of the credit of a private company for constructing and operating the canal, now seems to lean to the direct and simple plan above suggested.

There are many reasons of immediate exigency why congress should deal promptly and decisively with this matter so as to determine manifestly the double purpose of speedy construction and American supremacy. Internally, this country is suffering from a dangerous state of commercial, industrial, moral and political vertigo. The congestion must be somehow relieved to avert a disastrous catastrophe. The Nicaragua canal problem offers a splendid opportunity for timely and wholesome diversion. The opportunity should be improved without any circuitous, hazardous, and at the best costly employment of the government credit in aid of any speculative private syndicate. The experience of the United States with the Union Pacific railroad speculation and of France with the De Lesseps Panama canal speculation, ought to be warnings enough to steadfastly stand away from such course. Senator Fry, who has made a special study of the subject, recently stated that the government could build the canal for seventy-five

million dollars, while it would cost the Nicaragua Canal Construction company two hundred million dollars. It is estimated that simple bonds of the government for the expense of this work could be negotiated at par or at a premium, bearing four or less than four per cent. interest, while the company, even with some sort of contingent guarantee of the government, could not hope to borrow at less than six per cent.

England is the only power which might be disposed of and able, in given circumstances to seriously dispute the point with us. But England is in no mood nor position to give us trouble in that connection. The significance of her complacent acquiescence with the lately apparent prospect of Hawaiian annexation is not to be mistaken. England is not looking westward for expeditions of aggrandizements or for occasions of contention and conflict. She desires in every manner to propitiate this country and secure its moral and substantial aid and comfort in her anticipated struggle against combined forces of military despotism for maintaining her territorial integrity in the east and perhaps for the preservation of her free institutions and her political life at home.

THE BREWERS who contributed to the Cleveland campaign fund made as big a mistake as the workmen who were ejected into voting for the advocate of industrial destruction. If there is any industry in the country that has Cleveland's good will, it is some industry that is not carried on in foreign parts.

WILLIS' IMPUDENT DEMAND.

Where the Harm Comes In. Philadelphia Free Press.

The "cuckoo" apologists of the administration seek to extenuate it on the plea that nothing came of it. Is it possible that they can see no harm in making our government an object of ridicule and contempt throughout the world? No harm in treating congress and the American people with bad faith? No harm in compromising and jeopardizing all the American interests in Hawaii? No harm in provoking the hostility and resentment of the existing government holding the key of the Pacific? No harm in recognizing a degraded old despot as the rightful ruler, and infusing all her lawless followers? No harm in presenting to all the world the humiliating spectacle of a great government calling upon the petty provisional government of Honolulu to abdicate in favor of a rotten throne, and cuffed away with a palm refusal? Nothing could save such an act from everlasting infamy but the baseness of its failure; and nothing could save it from everlasting contempt but the tragedy of its success.

Anxious to Drop the Subject.

Philadelphia Record, Dem. With the refusal of the Provisional government of Hawaii to comply with the polite hint of Minister Willis to step down and out, the interest of this administration in Hawaiian affairs has definitely come to an end. Ex-Queen Liliuokalani and practically Dole will have to fight it out without any further interference on the part of this government. A policy of intervention, which should have been adopted in the beginning, must now be adopted out of necessity.

Anxious to Stop Meddling.

Philadelphia Times (Dem.) The one imperative duty of the administration now is to stop Mr. Willis or anybody else from meddling further in Hawaii. We ought never to have been mixed up in this revolution at all. Having got into it, it was a question whether the wrong done could be undone or whether it was worth while to try it. The most it could be undone diplomatically, and that having failed there is nothing left but to drop the whole business and pull out of it as promptly and completely as possible.

It Was Literally an Act of War.

Baltimore American, Rep. The act of Minister Willis was an act of war, and it was directly and deliberately ordered by President Cleveland. No bogus excuses of the constitution can alter the simple logic of this overt attack on a friendly government, and congress cannot longer tolerate this grotesque misdirection of the functions of the administration without actually endangering its own independence, and bringing discredit and shame upon the American people.

But That Is What He Has Done.

Washington Post, Ind. We cannot believe of Mr. Cleveland that, having once taken congress into his confidence, he would or could be guilty of the breach of good faith which the reported action of Minister Willis implies. Such a course of double-dealing would destroy the administration, disgrace the country, shock the civilized world.

THE POLITICAL WHIRLIGIG.

The Philadelphia Times intimates that Howard Mutchler's olive branch to the state administration crowd, extended in the naming of young Wilbur to the West Point cadetship, has been contemptuously ignored at Harrisburg and at Washington.

A. B. Farquhar's peremptory retirement from the list of eligible Democratic sacrifices in the campaign for congressman-at-large leaves Charles R. Beckelaw conspicuous as one of the few remaining hopes.

Prothonotary Westbrook, of Pike county, is serving his eleventh term.

Returns from 39 out of 49 counties, made to the Media Ledger by Republican state editors, give General Hastings as the unopposed choice for the gubernatorial nomination. Local complimentary candidacies are favored in some of the remaining ten counties.

Chris Magee says he will support George Handy Smith, of Philadelphia for lieutenant governor, no matter if every other Allegheny Republican supports Walter Lyon.

E. B. Hardenbergh, of Honesdale, is having it all his own way in the Wayne-Susquehanna senatorial district. It appears now that he will be nominated practically without opposition, in which event the redemption of the Twenty-sixth district is assured.

To the list of probable changes in the judiciary next fall must be added one in Northampton county, where a Democrat will doubtless succeed Judge Reesler. This will be compensated for, if, as now seems probable, a Republican shall be elected in Mercer county.

Governor McKimley, it is announced, will find time to deliver two speeches in this state prior to Feb. 20. One of these will probably be at Pittsburg and the other at Philadelphia. The odds are that the probability of his coming to Scranton; but ex-Speaker Reed will have more time at his disposal and an effort ought by means to be made to get him to open the campaign in this city. The Republicans of northeastern Pennsylvania have not recently had a good look at this brainy leader, and he would doubtless be willing to make some address in order to help along the candidacy of their favorite, his honored predecessor in the speakership, by an appearance in that candidacy's chief center.

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