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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

For Judges of the Superior Court: CHARLES E. RICE, of Luzerne, E. N. WILLIAMS, of Lackawanna, HOWARD J. REEDER, of Northampton, JAMES A. BEAVER, of Centre, JOHN J. WICKHAM, of DeWitt, GEORGE B. ORLADY, of Huntington.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

For Coroner: SAMUEL P. LONGSTREET, M. D., of Scranton. For Surveyor: EDMUND A. BARTL, of Scranton. Election day, Nov. 5.

Boss Gorman's Maryland spell-binders have one never-falling reply to criticisms of Gorman and his methods. It is that the election of the Republican ticket would mean the recognition of the negro vote. If Gorman wins, he can thank race prejudice.

Change the Basis of Representation.

We must confess that we can see nothing but injustice in a basis of representation which throws the balance of power at Republican national conventions into the hands of delegates from states that never return Republican pluralities. It matters little, so far as the fundamental principle is concerned, whether the Southern delegations are or are not at the command of the highest bidder; though they were as incorruptible as Caesar's wife, it would still be unfair to give to the few score Republicans whose votes in the South have no practical effect equal representation to that accorded the stalwart, majority-casting Republican states of the North. It would be unfair as a matter of principle. It would be unfair as a matter of politics.

There is no good reason why the basis of representation which is observed at Pennsylvania Republican conventions should not be established as the rule of the national body. In this state representation is based on the Republican vote cast at the last preceding general or state election. The result of such a rule is that the Democratic counties do not dictate as to whom Republicans shall nominate; but nominations are decided in accordance with the judgment of those counties which, on election day, are expected to furnish the necessary majorities. A resolution to apply this salutary rule to the national conventions was introduced at Minneapolis, and is now before the National committee for its consideration. Justice clearly demands that it be adopted.

The Truth About Cuba.

Senator Call, of Florida, is one statesman of the Democratic persuasion who is by no means deceived at this administration's thin pretense that American recognition of the Cuban revolution would be inconsistent with international duty. "The truth is," says Senator Call, "that the United States, as matters now stand, are Spain's mainstay in this business. We are carrying the big end of the stick. The soldiers that Spain has poured into Cuba have done nothing. Her ship patrol of the island coast comes in for but small notice. But the widest advertisement is made of the rigid attitude of this government respecting the observance of the neutrality laws, and has the double purpose of serving Spain and crippling the Cubans. Severe relations between the United States and Spain, which really make of us her active and all-powerful ally, and Cuban independence would be an accomplished fact in a very short time. Fifty thousand men, including some of the brightest and most ambitious in the land, would leave these shores at once to join the Cuban army; ships would be purchased and equipped for service and Spain would have to yield. This would follow the recognition of the Cubans as belligerents. This spirit is abroad, the money is hoarding. But as the case stands we are holding back Cuba's eager friends, while Spain perfects arrangements designed to make her grip on the island tighter than ever.

Cubans and desire to help them, but Spain cries out: 'Hands off. Cuba is mine. I'll do with her as I please. It's none of your affair. I keep the peace with you, and that's sufficient for you.' Now, I object to that. It is our affair. Spain, simply because of long-established and long-recognized authority, has no right to oppress people anxious for freedom, worthy of freedom and seeking to govern themselves. They are our next door neighbors, and are appealing to us in their distress, and I think we—we, of all people—ought to help them. At least we ought to leave our own people free to manifest their feelings in the matter."

This is the view of nine-tenths of the American people, spoken concisely and to the point. Those who cry "keep hands off" forget that as the case stands, this government's hands are already on the neck and around the throat of every would-be American helper of the Cuban patriots; they are squeezing Spain's hand in marked partiality for an open espousal of the cause of tyranny and oppression; they are lifted against government by the governed, and in favor of gross taxation without due representation. If Uncle Sam's hands were off this business, there could not be so much popular objection. Indifference to the struggles of a small neighbor for the freedom we already enjoy would be justifiable in law, if not in morals. But as the facts point, we are not now indifferent; we are doing Spain's dirty work and helping Spain pull its fat chestnuts out of the fire; and that is why the unofficial sentiment of the liberty-loving plain people of this country is becoming extremely tired.

Warner Miller's modest Sunday observance plank was a little-remembered recognition of a cardinal principle of good government.

Regulate the Height of Buildings.

The question of fixing some limit to the permissible height of buildings is one destined to arise in most cities, our own among the number. It is opportunely pointed out by a writer in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat that the public health may in time depend upon such legislation. Artificial light, of any kind, this contributor says, is injurious, not only to the eyes, but to other organs of the body. This results partly from the increased heat thrown off by the artificial light, and partly from the absence of sunlight. Bacteriologists find that direct sunlight is the most deadly enemy which germs encounter. Millions of bacteria, which might otherwise reach the human system and set up diphtheria, typhoid fever, scarlet fever and other contagious diseases, are killed by a short exposure to the direct rays of the sun.

The city of Glasgow, Scotland, according to this writer, has a law prohibiting the erection of any building which is higher than the width of the street on which it abuts. If the building be set back from the street line, the distance it has been set back is added to the width of the street in determining the height of the building. Where the buildings face a public square in which the clear space is above eighty feet, there is no limit to the height imposed. In Marseilles, France, buildings in streets thirty-nine feet or more wide are limited to a height of seventy-seven feet; on streets less than twenty-five feet wide the height must not exceed sixty-five feet. In Rouen, France, the limit is sixty-five feet on streets thirty-nine feet wide or more. While English cities do not theoretically limit the height of buildings, they do so practically by prescribing the thickness of walls necessary for each ten feet in height.

It will probably be several years before the sky-scraper will be a menace to health in Scranton; at the same time, while regulating the kind and quality of buildings, it is now none too early to begin to think about their height. That the local tendency is toward higher structures does not need demonstration. Scarcely is the frame work of the ten-story Mears building in place before there is talk of a twelve-story structure; and when that is built, the demand will be for even taller piles. This has been true in other cities, and there is no cause to believe that it will not prove true here. Some day, the limit of safety will be exceeded, unless legal action in advance shall determine the proper limit and see that it is not ignored.

When speaking of business "picking up," don't forget who threw it down.

The Immunities of Diplomats.

A point of real interest seems likely to be raised by the Venezuelan minister to this country in connection with the recent arrest in New York city of an attaché of the Venezuelan legation, who, regardless in the stately name of Senator Don Alberto Fombona. Don Alberto, according to current reports, when discovered by the vigilant Gotham police and "taken in," was in that mellow and amiable mood which causes men of fluent affections to stand upon the street corner and proffer to embrace passers by, particularly the ladies. In the course of his indiscriminate warmth of heart it appears that the don pursued one fair lady not wisely but too far, and was therefore incontinently bundled off to the calaboose, where the cad levied upon his purse to the extent of \$5 and costs.

Thus far our little romance follows conventional lines. But the threatened climax is altogether novel. Pleading the immunity of diplomatic agents from interference while in the discharge of their duties, which is a principle thoroughly established in international law and recognized by all enlightened nations, Don Alberto's superior, the minister, Senator Don Jose Andrade, proposes, it is said, to enter complaint against the municipal authorities of New York city for the affront put on the Venezuelan dignity; and if satisfaction be not forthcoming from that quarter, he will, we are told, demand of congress. Just what form of satisfaction Don Jose would regard as satisfactory depends on the specification; but presumably his wounded honor would be assuaged by a liberal balm of cash.

Don Jose Andrade as a matter of sufficient consequence to justify serious expostulation. It pleads with eloquence and pathos for the rights of Americans to protect themselves from the errand of our municipal affairs investigated by a committee under reputable leadership, with honest motives; but a committee instead is the one picked out for the job, being it can be had by an assortment of an investigation, to confront the accusers and the accused.

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It is probable that the sheriff in levying upon the effects of the Taylor Ice company yesterday, was prompted by the fear that they might melt before winter sets in. Barakat Arora desires \$20,000 damages for having been pitched off the fenderless end of a street car. In this case Barakat proposes to raise a roar that means something.

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Governor Hastings has accepted an invitation to take the stump for ten days in Ohio next month for the Republican state ticket. He will be accompanied by Private Secretary Beller and will speak in many of the large cities of the state.

It is probable that Representative Stinson of Cambria, will succeed the late Senator Lemon, of Blair.

The Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer says: "No doubt Wardley would like to go to the senate. But Quay who, in all probability will name McKim, has a warmer and dearer friend than Wardley. His name? Well, guess it is the News-Dealer's Quay's confidence."

Chicago Record: "Mr. Morton's record is not so good as it is made out to be. It is barren of great acts or inspirational performances. But it would, at least, gain confidence both in the executive's probity and in the conservatism which would lead him to consult the best advice available before entering upon any important step in the administration of the nation's affairs."

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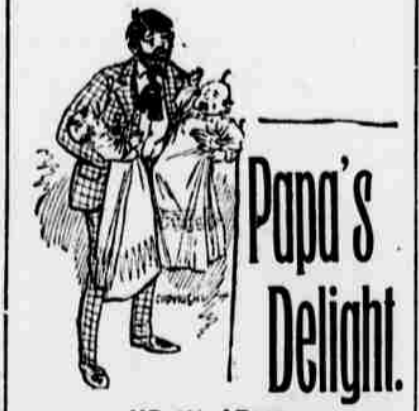
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