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We proudly call attention to the fact that The Tribune went through this campaign without cracking a single X-ray joke.

A Popular Candidacy.

Marshall Cushing, one of the keenest of the lynx-eyed men who make a business at Washington of studying political opinion from a news standpoint...

Commenting upon this, the Elmira Advertiser, owned by J. Sloan Fassett, who, it will generally be admitted, is something of a fighter himself, declares to be the literal truth...

It is the general belief, and Senator Quay has not taken any particular pains to modify it, that his candidacy is a strategic move rather than a serious bid for the party nomination...

Proposed New States. There seems to be a likelihood that the American people will one of these days be afflicted with a new state-making fad.

An Indication of Friendliness. The overture of President Diaz of Mexico to Great Britain and Venezuela for the amicable purpose of restoring diplomatic relations between those two countries is an act which, whatever the issue of it, will reflect credit upon the Mexican government.

A pleasant feature of the affair, and one which ought to confirm the American people in their determination to stand in the future as in the past, for the complete observance of the Monroe doctrine in letter and in spirit, consists of the fact that when news of the friendly disposition of President Diaz reached the government of Venezuela...

in dispute between Venezuela and British Guiana should open a fair way to a consideration of the question of damages which was the immediate cause of the severance of diplomatic relations between Venezuela and England.

This circumstance, while not weighty in itself, is significant as indicating the high regard held by both Venezuela and Mexico for the favor and friendliness of the United States. It is, so to speak, a straw which shows that among the leading southern republics there exists a feeling of political kinship with the republic of the United States that augurs well for the future.

The uprising tendency to give vent to our feelings by means of a campaign poem will be firmly repressed.

The Result.

While at the hour of writing—2 a. m.—authentic returns were missing from more than half of the 27 districts in the city, the probabilities seemed to point to a victory for the Democratic ticket by a narrow margin. This result, while momentarily discouraging to honest Republicanism, as appearing to indicate the possible success of an unscrupulous attempt from within the party to cause party disaster, will have in the final outcome the desirable effect of enlightening the masses of the party as to their real friends. It takes no gift of clairvoyance to foresee a time, and that not far remote, when hundreds of Republicans who were yesterday led astray by deceiving counsel will awaken to the full meaning of the disaster which they have unwittingly wrought, and will curse the deliberate instruments of their deception.

It is gratifying to remember that during the recent campaign all the abuse and personal vilification came from the opposition. If the completed count shall reveal a Republican defeat, it will be a defeat with honor—a defeat which will unerringly grow into ultimate victory. It is possible to fool the people for a time; but after the fooling will come the awakening, and then there will be a just accounting. We feel surer of nothing than that this wanton striking down of a man personally esteemed as is Colonel Ripple will yet result in such a strengthening of his hold upon the people that from his hour of sacrifice on the altar of bigotry and private malice will date his certain triumph. In the meantime, The Tribune extends to the Democratic beneficiaries of Republican treachery the compliments of the season, and hopes that they will prove able to enter upon their official duties with a clear path toward honest and capable administration, and without embarrassing obligations to the treacherous abettors of their success.

Proposed New States. There seems to be a likelihood that the American people will one of these days be afflicted with a new state-making fad. The propositions to make three states out of Texas and two out of California are old; but two others affecting remotely distant localities are comparatively new. One of these contemplates the making of a new state out of Delaware, and those parts of Maryland and Virginia popularly known as the "eastern shore." It would include, of Maryland, the counties of Kent, Queen Anne, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester; and of Virginia, the counties of Accomac and Northampton. This proposed state would have a population of 264,219 as against the 188,492 present population of Delaware. It would exceed in population Utah, Rhode Island, North and South Dakota, Vermont, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Wyoming, Washington and Oregon.

The second dream of a new commonwealth emanates from the "zenith city of the unsalted seas," Duluth, which wants a separate state, to be called "Superior," created out of parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. It is proposed to let the lower peninsula of Michigan, with its 41,000 square miles of area and its 2,033,965 people, form a state by itself. The new state of Superior would be composed of the northern half, or a little more, of the present Minnesota, together with Douglas county and small parts of Burnett, Washburn and Bayfield counties in the present Wisconsin. Its eastern and southern boundary line would be described in part by the Iron and Tologale rivers in Wisconsin, then by the St. Croix river down to the forty-sixth parallel of north latitude, thence by this parallel west to Morrison county, whence it would be so drawn as to include Morrison county, the northwestern half of Stearns and all of Pope, Stevens and Traverse counties. Minnesota would be composed of the southern half of the present state and that part of the present Wisconsin west of the Black river, including nearly all of Taylor county, the northwest half of Lincoln county and half of Oneida county, together with Gogebic and Ontonagon counties in upper Michigan, the northern boundary being coincident with the Ontonagon river. The state of Wisconsin would be composed of the rest of the present Wisconsin, together with the remainder of upper Michigan. This arrangement would give Michigan 41,864 square miles, Wisconsin, 46,423, practically the same as the area of New York; Minnesota, 60,882; Superior, 100,350. It would leave Michigan with 1,790,818 population, and Minnesota,

with 1,566,868 population, while it would give to the new state 412,267 population. These projects in their present form are fanciful, yet it takes little foresight to perceive that in time the idea of re-adjustment and subdivision of present state boundaries will take on serious proportions.

What with the Allison boom, the Manderson boom, the Cullom boom and the Cosh K. Davis boom, the new west ought to feel quite chipper, these days.

An Excellent Suggestion.

The Chicago Times-Herald urges that patriotic ceremonies on Lincoln's birthday be more generally observed in the future than in the past. It thinks that every pupil in the land, on the Sunday prior, should conduct patriotic services, with Lincoln, his great deeds, his invaluable services to the world, his pure life, prominently discussed in all the churches in the republic; and that Lincoln exercises ought to be held, the Friday before, in every American school room, public, private and parochial. Our western contemporary adds: "Every schoolhouse and church would thus become an institution for teaching patriotism. In a republic like ours, the model republic, we must depend largely upon the patriotism of the people. We have no great standing army. If danger comes to us all that we need is a patriotic people, such as we have today; from such a people will spring at the call of authority, all of the soldiers that will be needed in protecting our country, no matter whether one or half a dozen powers attack. Let us impress these thoughts again and again upon teachers and teachers and hope for a vast increase of demonstrations on Lincoln's next birthday over those of any previous year."

To these prudent words little can be added save an unqualified indorsement. Those who have acceded to the wonderful life of Lincoln that thought which its far-reaching lessons and consequences warrant do not need to be told that exercises fittingly commemorative of his birth must, from the very nature of the man, teach in combination the truest religion and the purest patriotism. The inspiration and import of such a career can never be too familiar to the citizenship of the government which, under God, he saved.

If there were such a thing as common sense among the senatorial free silverites, they would now perceive that they have had their inning and that henceforth it is logically the tariff's chance.

The government of Mexico sanctions bull fights but opposes prize fights. It needs a lesson in consistency.

Suppose Nansen has found the North Pole. The question arises, What of it?

NOT SO SERIOUS.

Senator Palmer, of Illinois, tells this new Lincoln story: "The first time I met Mr. Lincoln was in 1836, when I went to Springfield to be a lawyer. He was already recognized as a Whig leader. He wore, I remember, a suit of blue wool that could not have been worth more than seven or eight dollars. The first time I saw him was in February of 1845. I had come to Washington at the request of the government to be a lawyer. I had been credited with \$5000 too few troops. I saw Mr. Lincoln one afternoon and he asked me to come again in the morning. Next morning I sat in the audience while several officers were executed. At length I was told to enter the president's room. Mr. Lincoln was in the hands of the barber."

"Come in, Palmer," he cried out. "Come in. You're home folks, I can shave before you. I couldn't before those others, and I have to do it some time."

"We chatted about various matters, and at length I said: 'Well, Mr. Lincoln, if anybody had told me that in a great crisis like this the people were going out to a little one-horse cavalry and pick out a one-horse lawyer for president I wouldn't have believed it.'"

"Mr. Lincoln whirled about in his chair, his face white with anger. He bowed under his chin. At first I thought he was angry. Sweeping the barber away, he leaned forward, and, placing one hand on my knee, said: 'S'pose you would I, but it was a time when a man with a policy would have been fatal to the country. I have never had a policy. I have simply tried to do what seemed best each day as each came.'"

IN THE SENATE: Listen to the rustle of the wind, wind, wind!

How it murmurs through the whiskers That already it has thinned. And admit that I have thinned. 'Till we look upon the whisks men In electing them to office with their wind, wind, wind. And when they draw our money we all know that we are skinned. For we're paying for the thinning of the whiskers that are thinned. By the wild reverberations of the wind, wind, wind. —Detroit News.

That is does not pay for theatrical folk to get too gay is shown in the following reminiscence of "Gus" Pennoyer, an old-time Philadelphia actor, narrated in the Pittsburgh Times. He used to tell it as follows: "It was in 1846, when I was called by at the Newville theater, which John Greene was manager. The play was 'Coriolanus.' Two noble Romans came on first, one was Mark Smith, the other was Alexander Welsh. When the noble Romans looked over the house, saw nothing but the familiar faces of the ushers, and then Smith leaned over to the orchestra leader and said: 'Lead me that fellow.' The fiddle was passed up, Smith, in his Roman toga, started on 'Money Musk,' and Welsh began a hornpipe that split the boards wide open. Just then a voice behind my ear that sounded like the trump of doom. It was old man Greene, and his words were 'Ring down that curtain.' It came down and in all my years of experience I never heard the like of his tones as he addressed Smith and Welsh. 'I am entitled to but few privileges, gentlemen, as manager, and well aware, but I think one of them is to inquire what the h— you mean by this.' 'Well—ah—there's nobody in the house, Mr. Greene,' began Smith. 'That I believe is not your affair,' retorted Green. 'You get your salaries regularly, do you not? Thank you for your kind assent. That being the case, you are each fined a week's salary. Ring up the curtain, please.' Then," said Mr. Pennoyer, "I saw the greatest performance of 'Coriolanus' I have ever witnessed. Enough people came in to swell the receipts to \$420."

HOW PLAYS ARE MADE: Theatrical manager (breathlessly)—Are you busy? Dramatist—Not very. "Well, everybody. 'I'm talking about a book called 'The Pastor's Wooing' and I want a dramatization of it right away. Can you do it?" "Dramatize 'The Pastor's Wooing'?" "Yes, work in a few elements and murders and that sort of thing, you know, and a private fire and a cyclone—got the machinery all ready—and put in a low comedy part. Johnny he's the best stage Irishman in the country, you know, and last week I got two of the funniest trick mules you ever saw. Big bargain, too. Write them in some way, I'm in a hurry. See you later." —Pittsburgh Comet.

ALL WERE POOR BOYS

From the Chicago Record. Who ever is nominated as the Republican candidate for the presidency we shall have "a poor-boy" campaign. Governor Martine, in the son of a Presbyterian parson and was earning his own living 20 or he was 15 years old. Senator Quay is also the son of a Presbyterian parson down in the mining regions of Pennsylvania, and worked his own way through college. Senator Cullom was raised on a Kentucky farm. Senator Allison's parents were also farmers, pioneers on the western reserve, and he earned what education he got. Speaker Reed's family were well-to-do, but he also worked for a living when a mere boy, and the same can be said of Major McKinley. Therefore, the genuine American aristocracy is represented by all the candidates.

THE POWER OF JOURNALISM.

By Charles Emory Smith. The power of journalism, always expanding, has pre-eminently illuminated recent history. It has leaped seas and led nations, and diplomats has outmarched that of the diplomats. Within ten days the journalism of England and America recast public opinion, mastered governments, modified policies and made war impossible—and this not by ordinary discussion, but by consummate coups quelling the strokes of statecraft and the genius of generalship. No better illustration of the unbounded capabilities of a profession within whose universal scope every devotee has the opportunity of his talent, and where duty, responsibility and influence go hand in hand.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrological cast: 4:30 a. m. for Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1896.

The squawks of Democratic roosters and the chirps of Republican whistlers will be heard by a child born on this day.

The Tribune, however, will continue, as heretofore, the only Republican daily in Lackawanna county.

In exultation over a possible victory several Democratic leaders actually smiled last evening for the first time since Grover Cleveland's initial term of office.

Many voters who stayed at home yesterday in the central city wards may wish that they had not before another mayor is voted for in Scranton.

It was slightly chilly yesterday, but summer is not far away, you know. —Ajacchus's Advice.

If any one has a grievance that was not introduced as an issue yesterday against the Republican ticket, it should be placed on file for next year.

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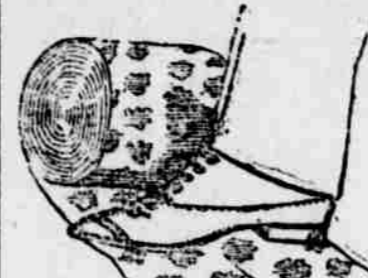
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