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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

Congressmen-at-large, GALLUSIA A. GROW, of Susquehanna. SAMUEL A. DAVENPORT, of Erie.

Mark Hanna, they say, has gobbled up all the good hotel accommodations at St. Louis. Fortunately, as it looks now, the other fellows won't need 'em.

The Proper Course.

It will gratify friends of the Scranton public schools to learn that recent reports of the possibility of another animated contest over the city superintendency have been without foundation.

The national campaign of 1888 and also that of 1892 were conducted on clean and impersonal lines. It was generally recognized by the people, and the fact was duly reflected by the political speakers and writers, that those contests were contests of principle.

The second article in the current Forum is an earnest appeal for the retention of the greenback, and is written by William Salomon, a member of the firm of Speyer & Co., bankers.

Exploiting Electricity. This evening, at 8 o'clock, in the Industrial Arts building at the corner of Lexington avenue and Forty-second street, New York, Governor Morton will press a button, and simultaneously, by means of electrical power transmitted by wire from Niagara Falls, 462 miles distant, and in turn carried by telegraphic communication to San Francisco, New Orleans, Augusta, Me., and St. Paul, four cannon will thunder forth the signal which will commemorate the formal opening of the National exposition of Electrical appliances.

Muck-Throwing Begins Early.

Democratic newspapers throughout the country are reprinting with apparent gusto an article on McKinley's record as a private business man which appeared originally in the New York Journal. The aim of the article is to impress the public with the belief that when the Ohio statesman was suddenly impoverished by the failure of his partner, Robert L. Walker, in February, 1883, a syndicate of despoiling financiers paid his debts with the expectation that he should become president, they would be invested with a kind of unwritten mortgage on the business influences and possibilities of the white house.

This narrative is not new. It was introduced into the early stages of the fight for national delegates; and Republicans, from Vermont to California, answered it by electing McKinley delegate. But now that McKinley's nomination seems assured, it is used again, in the doubtless remote hope of injuring him before the people. For our part, we do not consider that the libel is of sufficient plausibility to require explicit denial.

That is a fortunate epigram to which Charles Emory Smith gives expression when, in speaking of Reed and Allison, he says: "They are in an honorable rivalry and not in a vendetta." And the worst of it is that they don't seem to be in the rivalry to any alarming extent.

We observe that there is some talk of Governor Hastings in connection with the vice-presidential nomination. If the first place on the St. Louis ticket

His law practice between whites was incidental, slightly profitable and carefully attended to. Like a few other public men he had no time and little taste to give to money-making or to money keeping. He turned over his avails to a business man, and the latter was supposed to have invested them carefully and successfully.

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A Great Paper's Success. The Philadelphia Press announces that its circulation has recently attained proportions which have caused it to secure another mammoth press. This one capable of printing 45,000 twelve-page papers an hour.

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GREAT BRITAIN'S BEST FRIEND.

The figures which indicate some of the very important results obtained by the administration of the government by Benjamin Harrison and Grover Cleveland are both interesting and instructive. Thus: Reduction of the public debt under Harrison \$10,000,000. Under Cleveland \$25,000,000. Increase of the public debt under Harrison \$25,000,000. Under Cleveland \$10,000,000.

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should go to an Ohioan, it is hardly probable that an adjoining state could hope to secure the secondary honor. In any event, when General Hastings enters the United States senate chamber it is more likely to be as an active member with state credentials than as a presiding officer.

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DEPEW GIVES UP.

"Holland," in Philadelphia Press. Mr. Depew should be exempted from this list of prominent Republican politicians who do not admit that the battle is almost ended. He does not propose to abandon Governor Morton. He hopes to be able to go into the convention and present Morton's name, and he believes that it will be a small triumph for the governor if New York stands aloof for him, and gives the vote of a majority of its delegation for at least one ballot.

tion now point to McKinley's nomination, and that it probably cannot be prevented excepting through the sudden creation of some emergency, or an unexpected revelation of dangerous weakness, or something unlooked for thing which can prevent it.

CULLOM'S MANLY WORDS.

From a Chicago Interview. "I am a Republican, and as such I shall take the field in this campaign, just as though I had received the unanimous endorsement of my own state. Of course," continued the senator, "I would have been very glad and proud to have received the endorsement of my own state. That goes without saying. But I recognize that there is something in politics beyond and higher than personal ambitions. Ambitions, you know, are but the dead leaves that litter the path of the great majority of those whose way lies through the field of politics. But there is something higher and better than mere ambitions, there is principle and the general welfare of party and country, which must ever be paramount with the politician who is a patriot. We have a big campaign coming upon us. It will be fought with numbers of great moment to the people of this country, and it behooves all good Republicans to be ready to go into it heart and soul for the sake of our only and true country."

INTERESTING WASHINGTON NEWS.

W. E. Curtis, in Chicago Record. Mrs. Cleveland is going to Gray Gables earlier than usual this year for reasons that would interest lady readers of the Record if it were sooner for me to tell them. The family are now living at Woodley, the president's country place, and she is taking a great deal of comfort there. The interesting event is expected in July, when Marion, the youngest daughter, will be 2 years old. There is an interval of two years between the birthdays of all the children.

WHY NOT CHARLES EMORY SMITH?

"Holland," in Philadelphia Press. The impression is likely to be chosen for vice-president is likely to be chosen from some other state than New York. Some of Mr. McKinley's friends look with favor upon Pennsylvania, the distinctive protection state of the east, and have not been without a searching eye, but with one fixed upon a distinguished citizen of that state. If Pennsylvania could agree to elect a national representative not at all unlikely that McKinley's friends would be disposed to accept him.

AN ANSWER.

From the Pottsville Miner's Journal. We are willing to reward the man who can satisfactorily explain the Hon. William F. Harry's continued hold upon the Pennsylvania Democracy—Scranton Tribune. Nothing is easier. The Pennsylvania Democracy, in its dire extremity, will tolerate the hold of anyone who has tenacious teeth and cares to cling to an inanimate thing. Never mind the reward.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaxchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrologic cast: 1:37 a. m. for Tuesday, May 5, 1896.

To a child born on this day there will appear no good reason why the McKinley button factories should not be operating on full time.

A short sermon is easy to remember. Ajaxchus' Advice. If you have diplomacy enough to switch off your wife's inclination for a new bonnet without a disturbance, you may be assured of success as a political leader.

Do not bet on Mayor Bailey's appointment to the office of national representative. It is generally more profitable to develop than to invent.

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