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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET. Congressmen-at-Large.

GALUSHA A. GROW, of Susquehanna, SAMUEL A. DAVENPORT, of Erie. Election Day, Nov. 3.

Ex-President Harrison is too shrewe a man to permit his name to be used at St. Louis as that of the dying Blaine was used at Minneapolis.

There Will Be No Sulking.

We must confess that we believe Senator Quay and those acting with him in the interest of candidacies for the St. Louis nomination other than that of Major McKinley are either being daily misrepresented by the newspapers or else they have permitted chagrin temporarily to disturb their ordinarily good judgment. The former of these conjectures is the more probable one, inasmuch as it does not seem reasonable that such good Republicans as Reed, Allison, Quay, Clarkson and their prominent advisers would assume the position, which they are made to assume in much of the contemporary press correspondence from the national capital, that unless the St. Louis convention selects some other nominee than McKinley there will be a serious and a largely intentional lukewarmness in the subsequent campaign.

Up to this time, with the single exception of the short period of Senator it has been, those who question the William E. Chandler's erratic activity fact are evidently disqualified by ignorin the retailing of Democratic fabrica- ance from expressing an opinion worthy tions concerning McKinley, the can- of consideration. vass for the St. Louis nomination has been conducted apparently in good temper by all the candidates and by most of their respective friends. Some little abrasion of cuticle there may have been, in connection with factional

of money in circulation is constantly decreasing. It is \$21.65 per capita now, as compared with \$24.44 in the prosperous year of 1892. In other words, there has been under this administration a per capita contraction of the circulation of \$2.79 since the prosperous times of the McKinley act. But the debt per capita has considerably increased, and the per capita tax for interest is about 35 per cent, more now than it was before Cleveland came into power." Yet the Press editorially favors further contraction of the currency and expresses gladness that no more silver is to be coined into dollars. We have not yet read or heard a single reason why Thomas B, Reed

would not make the proper nominee for vice president at St. Louis.

Doesn't Mind Tha:.

The New York Sun recalls that when the Cuban resolutions were awaiting the approval of congress, General Daniel E. Sickles, who at one time held the opinion upon them in which he strongly | convention. favored their passage. In closing his remarks upon the subject he spoke thus: "It cannot be doubted for a moment that the action of congress will be re-

spectfully considered by the president and accepted as a constitutional guide for his action. To suppose otherwise would be to assume that Mr. Cleveland is indifferent to the sentiments of the American people as expressed by their representatives in congress. Such intory. He would thereby constitute him- soft side of a brick wall.

self virtually a dictator." The Sun adds: It was on April 6 that the Cuban resolu-

The Sun adds: It was on April 6 that the Cuban resolu-tions were adopted by the house of repre-schtatives by a vote of 245 to 27, having previously been adopted by the senate, on Peb. 23, by a vote of 64 to 6. Mr. Cleve-land has not yet given the country any reason to believe that he has respectfully considered this measure of congress, and he certainly has not accepted it as a con-stitutional guide for his own action. Many people have been led to believe that he is indifferent to the sentiments of the American people as expressed by their representatives in congress. General Stekles, diplomatist and statesman, has not yet found in American history any precedent for such a manifestation of presidential indifference. And yet the breation cannot be, under the constitu-tion, a dictator. There is abundant reason to believe that the present chief excutive of the United States does not permit so small a thing as the Federal constitution to stand between him and the carrying out of his purposes. In the North American Review for Year Soundors Use, a carrying out of his purposes.

In the North American Review for May Senator Allen, of Nebraska, has an interesting article in which he maintains that the inhabitants of the west are just as honest and quite as patriotic as are those of any other section and especially as much so as are those of the east. We were not aware that this had been seriously questioned; if

The Senatorial Question.

The Philadelphia Record makes the point against the popular election of senators that by this method it "would soon come to pass that the people would vote for the nominees of their respective party conventions" and "between choice by conventions and choice by the legislature" it thinks there "lies but small opportunity of betterment." It adds, with timely cogency:

Buffalo to the dignity of millionaire hood, being the only president who while in office became rich. Truly America is the land of possibilities.

Already there is talk of another bond issue to meet the speculative exportation of gold. Bond issues merely postpone the day of accounting. What is needed most is a surplus taril, a balance of trade in our favor, and a larger circulation of sound currency. It is evidently time to extend to Mark Hanna the compliments of the season, to inquire after his health and to hope

that he may long continue to verify the saying that "there's nothing the matter with Hanna."

Senators Quay and Allison will doubtless get the compliments nevertheless and notwithstanding; but it looks as if death alone could deprive McKinley of the office.

For once the people of the United States appear to have put it beyond the power of the Ohio delegation to beoffice of minister at Madrid, offered an tray their candidate by treachery in

The report that Speaker Reed will not accept the vice-presidency is premature. When the call of his party reaches his ears, he will not care to ignore it.

Pattison has been trying to make a Denver reporter believe that he is not a candidate for the presidency, but his eagerness is entirely too conspicuous. Senator Cullom accepted the inevit-

difference on the part of the president | able gracefully. For bumping purposes would be without precedent in our his- he evidently believes in selecting the

THE MAD-DOG SCARE.

ing fountain for smal; animals), but worse than quaint to those who know that dogs perspire almost entirely through the tongue. Is there any one who can assert that he has felt a dog's skin wet with perspiration as in horses, cows, etc., even after violent exercise on a hot day? Now to check perspiration is dangerous, to pre-vent it entirely is universaily understood to be serious, sometimes fatal, to man; why not so to the dog? When one sees a dog's tongue lolling out and what is erroneously supposed to be saliva dripping from it, it is a sign of health and not a cause for alarm. The dog is simply per-spiring. spiring.

All such ordinances arise from the groundless fear of a very rare disease, namely rables, erroneously called hydro-phobia. One phase of the disease of rables is avoilen tonells and congestion of the throat, causing the animal much suffer-ing when attempting to swallow, to swal-low other things as well as water, and this is mistaken for an aversion to water or hy-drophobia. There is no such disease as hydrophobia, per se, exists only in two classes of man-those that prefer whiskey and those of weak nerves or intellect who

gress is slow and limited. And for the reason that he does represent individual-ism in its moral strength as well as in its material incapacity he is an essential factor in our civilization; and the lesses i-ing of his importance is all the more data-gerous.

THE NEED STILL EXISTS.

From the Wilkes-Barre Times. Notwithstanding that Scranton has no paid fire department the losses from fire wore less than 300,000 for the year 1955 as compared with 528,221 the previous year. Our neighboring city is to be con-gratulated upon this showing. It is not, however, an argument against a paid department, and Scranton will continue to be lacking in proper facilities for suc-cessfully fighting fires until she organ-izes a first-class paid fire department.

FOOL HUMOR.

From the Philadelphia Press. From the Philadelphia Press. The heedless practical joker is, as a rule, but one remove from a malefactor. The men who drove one of their com-panions into machess in a Wilkes-Barre coal mine by exciting his wildest fears are as guilty of a deliberate crime as though they had instead beaten and robled him in the depths of that work-ing. Unfortunately, it is a species of vice which seems to be impossible of reach-ing and punishing under existing laws.

AN HONEST LEADER.

From the Archbald Citizen. Major Everett Warren will be the Re-publican elector for this district. The ma-jor is a thorough Republican and is one of the straightest politicians that we have in this section. He never stoops to small methods, but only gives countenance to that which he knows is honest. Would that all the men who are party leaders were built of the same timber.

SHOULD NOT FORGET.

From the Philadelphia Record. Let us not be too critical in discussing the death of the Shah of Persia at the hands of an assassin at the door of a shrine. Within the memory of meh of middle age two presidents of the United States have been as foully murdered.

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Alacohus, The

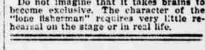
Tribune Astrolozer. Astrolabe cast: 1.53 a. m. for Wednesday May 6, 1836.

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A child born on this day will wonder how many times Mayor Balley's mind changed on the subject of police appoint-ments while he slumbered last evening.

With so much talent lying around loose, it seems deplorable that Controller Weigh's vote was cast upon the air yesterday. The dollar given to charity always seems larger than the one spent for personal gratification.

Do not imagine that it takes brains to become exclusive. The character of the "lone fisherman" requires very little re-hearsal on the stage or in real life.



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tights wherein the presidential issue has been utilized as a pretext rather than a chief consideration; but in the main, taking the country over, the contest has been notably fair and goodnatured and, if ended tomorrow instead of six weeks hence, would leave no sores to heal and scarcely any ruffled plumage to smooth down. While every honest man has clung loyally to his preference, it has been with the unequivocal and express understanding that when the convention selects a ticket, that ticket shall have his unreserved support.

So good a beginning ought not to be marred by a rancorous or indecorus closing. For any Republican to try now to convey the impression that the fairly expressed will of the majority as registered at St. Louis must not prevall except with his personal sanction; or to intimate, either by direct speech or innuendo, that if the majority shall decide upon a candidate not his special choice, he will feel called upon to decline to work for the ticket's success, and will consider himself at liberty to try to embarrass the party in its subsequent campaign, would be to take a position repugnant to the spirit of the Republican party and could have no other practical effect than heavily to react upon the man who should be guilty of assuming it, and upon the candidate in whose behalf it would be assumed.

So far as Pennsylvania is concerned. we do not think that an honest doubt can be expressed as to the superiority of ex-Governor McKinley's popularity among the voting masses over that of any other present candidate save possibly Senator Quay. The Republicans of Pennsylvania, at least a commanding majority of them, are willing, out of personal compliment reinforced by state prifie, to accord to Senator Quay's presidential candidacy a cordial support so long as it shall reasonably appear to have a prospect of success; but when that prospect shall vanish, a contingency seemingly more probable now than at any prior time, those Republican delegates from this state who are considerate of the wishes of the men whom they represent will with equal cordiality transfer their support to William McKinley, and will not feel bound to make any apology for doing so. They will not sulk because they cannot have Quay as the nominee; they will not wait to be coaxed or dealt with; they will step forward willingly

and in the best of humor, to the standard of the man who is Pennsylvania's second choice, prepared to give to the completed ticket, whether it be led by McKinley or another, the best support within their power.

Just now the drift is clearly toward McKinley. It may change within six weeks; and it may simply gather new momentum. But in either or any event, the fair choice of the honestly seated majority must command the amplest strength of a united and enthusiastic party.

E. J. Gibson, the Philadelphia Press'

astute Washington correspondent. points out that "while business is practically at & standstill over the country and gold is going abroad, the amount | from the status of a bachelor's flat in]

If the people desire to elevate the char-acter of the senate, let them give especial heed to the character of the legislatures whom they elect, and whose function it is to choose senators. If the state legisla-tures should be composed of men whose virtue, integrity and capacity were known they would choose United States senators who would do honor to their respective states and so discharge the duties of their high position as to gain the approving plaudits of the people of the whole Union. If, on the other hand, the people shall continue to elect to the state legislatures the spoilisman and the professional politi-cian they may continue to expect such legislatures to send to the senate of the United States men who purchase their elections, and whose sorid souts will be a perpetual menace to the honor and wel-If the people desire to elevate the char-

a perpetual menace to the honor and wel-fare of their country.

There are few subjects concerning which The Tribune can agree with the Record, but this is one of them. Our contemporary's advice in reference to the kind of legislators which the people ought to choose in order that their will may receive due fulfilment in the United States senate is especially opportune, at this time when throughout Pennsylvania a new legislature is about to be chosen, for the purpose, among others, of electing a senator to succeed Hon. J. Donald Cameron. This proximate occasion will afford the voters of Pennsylvania a good opportunity to demonstrate whether or not they are qualified to exercise discriminatingly the power of choosing their senators by

direct election. If they fail to select fit representatives at Harrisburg they need not expect to excite much sympathy when they afterward murmur at the poor quality of their representation at Washington.

Truly journalism is marching on. The New York Journal has hired Edgar Saltus; Conan Doyle is doing South Africa for a newspaper syndicate, and nine-tenths of the other great writers are glad to get their effusions printed as serials in the daily press.

Philadelphians, in anticipation of 75cent gas, are already planning to do away with the coal-burning cooking stove. They had better walt until they get their first quarter's gas bill; for the cheaper the gas, apparently, the bigger the bill.

Several minor Ohio politicians are already casting lines for Senator John Sherman's seat. Perhaps it would be other lady in the case. wiser first to ascertain whether he is

going to vacate it. Complaint is again heard that this

Anydrophobia, per se, exists only in two classes of man-those that prefer whiskey and those of weak nerves or intellect who scare themselves or permit others to scare them (by over-solicitousness kindly meant) into a nervous condition that im-pels them to affect what they have al-ways heard and belleved are the symp-toms of what they think is hydrophobia. This can be carried to such an extent as eventually to cause death, as does nerv-ousness from other causes. Of the com-paratively rate cases of death from al-leged hydrophobia the majority, if inves-tigated, would be traced to nervousness and fear. The symptoms of rables in authentic cases of nervousness mistaken for hy-drophobia testified to by residents of Scranton and others and some of the ridle-ulous causes of the annual "mad-dog" scare, I hope to present later. In the meant the reby better insure ourselves from the very danger from which this ordi-nance was framed to protect us, but in reality which it increases. Richard Bustoed, jr. Scranton, May 5.

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MRS. SMITH'S REPARTEE. W. E. Curtis, in Chicago Record,

W. E. Curtis, in Chicago Record, Mrs. Hoke Smith, the wife of the secre-tary of the interior, is the wit among the cabinet ladies, and her descriptions of her experiences with Washington society are very amusing. Some of the situations in which she has found herself since she came to Washington would furnish excel-lent material for a writer of comedies, but no professional could possibly relate them with beiter effect than Mrs. Smith her-self.

with better effect than Mrs. Smith her-self. One of her stores concerns an encoun-ter with another lady by the name of Smith, who has been spending the winter in Washington and has been made a good deal of socially. Shortiy after strival Mrs. John Smith, as we will call her for the sake of distinction, attended Mrs. Smith's reception, and in a few days Mrs. Typke Emith returned the call. When she entered the drawing room she noticed that none of the receiving party recog-nized her, and by way of a self-introduc-tion, stepped up to the first in the line and mentioned her own name. "Mrs. Hoke Smith." The hostess took it for an inquiry rather

"Mrs. Hoke Smith." The hostess took it for an inquiry rather than announcement, however, and repiled, rather tartiy: "No, I am not Mrs. Hoke Smith, although I am frequently mistaken for her. I never regretted that my name was Smith until I came to Washington, but since I have been here I have been called Mrs. Hoke Smith regularly ten times a day, and it has become the mis-sion of my life to convince people that I am not the wife of the secretary of the interior."

am not the wife of the secretary of the interior." "I am very glad of that," said Mrs. Hoke Smith sweetly, although she admits that she had hard work to keep her temper. "The secretary of the interior is my hus-hand and it would be dreadfully embar-razing if you were his wife also." The hostess attempted to apologize and explain, and Mrs. Hoke Smith was so good natured and pleasant about it that the storm blew over. Mrs. John Smith, how-ever, did not return the call. Three of four months later, and only recently, Mrs. Hoke Smith met a Mrs. John Smith at the house of a mutual friend, and she com-menced telling what funny experiences she had met with on account of her name. Among other incidents she mentioned that which has just been related, when to her astonishment she discovered that her new made friend and namesake whom she though the had never seen before was the other lady in the case.

WHY FARMS ARE DESERTED.

From the Buffalo Enquirer.

Complaint is again heard that this threatens to be a billion dollar con-gress; this talk simply emphasizes the growing magnitude of the government. The story now goes that President Cleveland will do something big for Cuba, bye and bye. Probably when Cuba won't need his help. Those story need his help. The story need his help. The story need his help. The story for the status of a bachelor's flat in the the status of a bachelor's flat in the status of a bachelor's flat in the status of a bachelor's flat in the the status of a bachelor's flat in the status and the compl

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