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to the "making of a place" for some hungry and inappetent constituent.

And, after all, why should politics play any part in determining the selection of federal clerks, bookkeepers, folders and postmen, janitors and watchmen?

That well-managed base ball is popular in Scranton was shown by yesterday's large and distinguished assemblage at Athletic park.

It is only a question of time until the Scranton team takes a permanent position among the leaders in the race.

Our suggestion of decennial national campaigns was of course not meant seriously; nevertheless we are serious in the belief that no legitimate public interest would suffer if the number of political campaigns through which the American people have to pass every decade were reduced one-half.

Morally the women win; technically the moment of their complete triumph is delayed four years.

We infer that the new chief of the fire department represents the standard which the present municipal administration intends, so far as it can, to establish in the personnel of the government of Scranton.

While at first glance it may seem as if President Cleveland, in issuing on Wednesday an order adding 29,359 government positions to the classified list of the civil service, had intended to tie the hands of his Republican successor, the latter thought will be that he has done to the next executive a genuine favor.

The practical meaning of this is that henceforth the principal of the United States and his principal lieutenants will be exempt from the unpleasant necessity of having to devote the major portion of their time to hearing the importunities of place-seekers; and will have correspondingly more leisure to devote to the really important duties of their respective positions.

Reversing numerous predictions to the contrary, some made within the week, Colonel McClure now remarks: "McKinley has broken Reed's forces in New England by practically carrying New Hampshire and Vermont; he is rapidly dividing the Morton delegation in New York; he will have a considerable portion of the Pennsylvania delegation after a complimentary vote for Quay; he has unhinged Harrison in Indiana; he has downed Cullum in Illinois; he has whipped Davis in Minnesota; he has brain-clouted Manderson

in Nebraska, and he has divided honors with Bradley in Kentucky. Such a record is entirely without precedent, and it means that the Republicans intend to have McKinley as their candidate for president." This, however, is only part of the fact. They not only intend to nominate him; they propose also to elect him; and to this end all good Republicans will soon willingly unite.

They are telling a story on Major McKinley which throws some light upon his surprising popularity. Out in Iowa, a year or two ago, McKinley made a political tour of the state. At one place he sat down to breakfast in his special car just before the train pulled out.

The editor of the Cherokee, Ia., Herald, who was in the car, continues the story as follows: "A dozen little girls came into the vestibule of the car to see him, his private secretary, Librarian Smith, of Columbus, told the children that the governor was busy—not to disturb him. But in childish enthusiasm they rushed into the car. The governor heard their chatter and in the simplest manner possible, left the table, came over where the little girls were and shaking hands with everyone thanked them for the flowers they had brought him. He then helped them off the train, for the car was moving out. Now comes the sequel: Turning to Mr. Smith he said: 'Smith, take those posies, especially the wild ones, wrap them in a wet cloth and express them to Mrs. McKinley with a tag telling her how I came by them.' There are few facts more beautiful in the domestic careers of great men than the childlike devotion which William McKinley has always shown for his invalid wife. It is not the public's concern, yet it is well worthy to be known throughout the land; and it is not without value as indicating the moral caliber of the next president.

The best currency plank of the season is that adopted by the Indiana Republican convention. It says: "We favor the use of silver as currency, but to the extent only and under such regulations that its party with gold can be maintained; and in consequence are opposed to the free, unlimited and independent coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1." This is a safe, sensible and easily comprehended position. It is in no degree inconsistent with the plan for bimetallicism lately outlined in these columns; namely, the coinage of American silver protected by a virtually prohibitive tariff on foreign silver.

It is reported that ex-Senator Fassett of Elmira has buried the hatchet with which he had intended, once upon a time, to tomahawk the redoubtable Tioga brave, Thomas Collier Platt. Mr. Platt, in our opinion, is in politics at least, the ideal "bad man," but there doesn't seem to be any ground for debate as to his facility and agility in getting what he wants in Empire state politics.

Senator Hill's championship of the administration on the bond issue was too clever by half. It excited suspicion that the bond deal was not "on the square," and no doubt that was just what Hill wanted.

The proper position for Charles Emory Smith in the next administration will be either the editorship of the Philadelphia Press or the ambassadorship to England.

If the St. Louis convention can have its way there is very little doubt that the next vice-president of the United States will be Thomas Brackett Reed.

Boles Penrose should not forget to recall how last summer he came from Brigantine beach shouting like mad for McKinley.

Thomas C. Platt has one consolation. It will not be his first term outside the breasted works.

ASTROLOGICAL

Hints and Predictions for the Coming Week.

Sunday, May 10.—Bouquet Sunday. The weather promises to be fine and warm. A child born on this day will have a quiet career; if a female, unfortunate in her relations with the opposite sex. Visit thy friends on this day.

Monday, May 11.—Mars in conjunction with the Moon. Weather cool and stormy. A child born on this day will have strange and unaccountable troubles in his or her life; a female will have difficulty in avoiding divorce. Beware of speculations and avoid them on this day.

Tuesday, May 12.—Sun in opposition to Herschel. Weather stormy. A child born on this day will experience great trouble in his or her life; a female is in danger of becoming a moral wreck early in life. Sell; avoid thy superiors on this day and keep very quiet, as planetary influences are evil.

Wednesday, May 13.—Moon sextile to Jupiter. Weather fair. A child born on this day will be fortunate, yet must be cautious in business in middle life. Buy, speculate, and push thy business affairs fearlessly. This is a lucky day.

Thursday, May 14.—Mercury in conjunction with the Moon. Weather fair. A child born on this day will be active and acute, but if very fortunate if a female, she will marry a determined man. Travel, and have dealings with others in the afternoon.

Friday, May 15.—Mercury in conjunction with Neptune. Weather showery. A child born on this day will probably be headstrong, but will be fortunate in business transactions; a female will not be happy in married life. Postpone business in the morning.

Saturday, May 16.—Sun sextile to Mars. Weather fine and mild. A child born on this day will be active and intrepid and rise in life. Court, marry and ask favors in the afternoon.

THE VICE-PRESIDENCY.

From the Wilkes-Barre Record. The Record agrees with the Scranton Tribune that the Republicans should nominate a first-class man for vice-president, but it most emphatically dissent from the allegation that the party has never in its entire history named for second place a man who was in every way equal to the highest standard. The party has on a number of occasions disappointed the country in this particular, but not always. Hannibal Hamlin, of Maine, elected with Lincoln in 1860, was in every way fitted

for the presidency had he been called upon to fill that office. Schuyler Colfax, of Indiana, who was elected with Grant in 1868, was one of the foremost men of the party and in every sense a statesman, and he was the better equipped for the presidency than General Grant, whose renown was purely military. But the collapse of Charles Sumner in the United States senate he had made a record for statesmanship second only to Sumner. In the entire history of the country, from John Adams down, the vice-presidency was never more creditably filled than by Henry Wilson, Statesman and patriot. He would have made an ideal president. The nomination of Hon. William A. Wheeler, of New York, in 1880, and General John A. Logan in 1884, were also highly creditable. The country was not disappointed in the nomination of either of those men for the vice-presidency. There was disappointment in the case of Charles F. Johnson in 1884, Arthur in 1888 and Reed in 1892. The nomination of Morton in 1888 was perhaps less disappointing, nevertheless there was a general sentiment that he was not the man who should have been named.

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TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaxchus, The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrolabe cast, 2:17 a. m., for Saturday, May 9, 1896.

A child born on this day will relate that Lillian Russell has a bicycle. It is much better than the loss of Dordring diamonds as an interesting scheme. Judging from alleged portraits, the new Shah of Persia is more eminently fitted to superintend a rug sale than to rule the land of the Arabian nights.

It will be necessary for Colonel Colquhoun to put on a cape and chest protector if he expects to stop many more hot balls from Mr. Burke in the coming year. Planetary influences were evil yesterday. If you do not believe it, ask Manager McCreath, of the ball club.

There was nothing Billybarnish about yesterday's game. With Jack Neat on the bleachers Scranton might have smiled at ill-luck.

Ajaxchus' Advice. Do not visit. Believe today and state that Jimmy Dean cannot pitch ball.

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