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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

Congressmen-at-Large, GALUSHA A. GROW, of Susquehanua, SAMUEL A. DAVENPORT, of Eric.

Major McKinley is for a sound currency; of course he is. No Republican wants any other kind.

Methodist Women Win.

The compromise adjustment of the woman delegate issue which has been reached by the Cleveland general conference is so manifestly a sensible avenue of escape from what would otherwise have proved a serious embarrassment that the wonder is it was not adopted without delay. The women lay delegates are admitted by courtesy with the understanding that the legality of such admission is to be determined by another submission of the mooted constitutional amendment to the annual conferences.

Morally the women win; technically the moment of their complete triumph is delayed four years. This should be and doubtless is amply satisfactory to them; and, moreover, it gives the opposition four years in which to make a graceful fall. When we consider the enormous debt which Methodism owes to women, the strange thing about this whole question is that there should ever have been a desire to exclude women from lay representation in the general assembly of the church. Says Dr. Carroll, in the current Forum: "It is a well-known fact that women outnumber men in the membership of the churches. According to the returns of those denominations which give statistics of membership by sex, the proportion is about two female members to every male member. Women constitute very large and active force in most of the churches, outnumbering the men in attendance at public worship and particularly at prayer-meeting; faithful in various kinds of church work, creating enthusiasm and raising money for missions, and conducting the business of their own societies with such zeal and success that some of the men have become ashamed of the less satisfactory record which the sterner sex is making." Dr. Carroll was speaking of Protestant denominations generally; but his remarks fit to a nicety the conditions which exist in the Methodist

church. We remember once to have heard a noted skeptic make the remark that if It wasn't for the women cooking chicken for the preachers, the Methodist church wouldn't survive twenty-four hours. This jibe, meant to be sarcastic, was in truth a high compliment to the patient carnestness of the sex which is today and has been the bulwark of the Christian religion. It is true in Methodism, but not more true in it than in other denominations, that the burden of religious labor rests upon women. Can there be, therefore, real justice in the exclusion of women from the supreme council of the church? The logic of events is answering this question in a manner not to be misunderstood.

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. We infer this be cause the appointment of Mr. Hickey was deliberate, and was decided upor after all the risks had been duly weighed. At this time no comment is called for. The fact speaks for itself.

Civil Service Progress.

While at first glance it may seem as if President Cleveland, in issuing on Wednesday an order adding 29,399 government positions to the classified list of the civil service, had intended to tie the hands of his Republican successor, the later thought will be that he has done to the next executive a genuine favor. The new order brings the number of positions which are amenable to civil service rules from 55,736 up to 85,135 and leaves only 775 positions exempt from the examination require-

The practical meaning of this is that henceforth the president 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. The next president, unless he adopts the heroic course of delegating to his cabinet offi-

to the "making of a place" for some hungry and inappeasible constituent. with Bradley in Kentucky. Such a Therefore, while President Cleveland record is entirely without precedent, has reduced the area of Republican ex- and it means that the Republicans inpectation he has widened the area of tend to have McKinley as their candiexecutive freedom, and deserves credit rather than censure.

And, after all, why should politics folders and pasters, janitors and watch- unite. men? Can anyone give a reason why John Smith's qualifications as a mathematician capable of adding a row of figures or Peter Brown's ability to copy records should be influenced for either the better or the worse by the fact that these two men vote this, that or another ticket? No doubt in chief positions where there is a large measure of executive option and responsibility the elministration is justified in wanting to have men in sympathy with its aims and amenable to its suggestions and reproof. But we challenge the spoilsmen to cite one respectable argument why the merit system of non-partisan test should not cover the great bulk of minor offices, not only in the national but also in the state and in the municipal ser-

That well-managed base ball is popuday's large and distinguished assemblage at Athletic park. The home and everybody felt well entertained. It is only a question of time until the tag telling her how I came by them.' sition among the leaders in the race. will there's a way.

Too Much Politics.

The esteemed Democrat and Chronicle of Rochester does not agree with ber of the next president. The Tribune that we have too much politics in this country. It says: 'A people who govern their own country cannot have too much politics. And think of having to wait ten years to correct the awful mistake made in 1892! The fathers of the republic had a pretty good idea of how to fix things for a nation whose welfare depends on the political education and action of the

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. A single term presidency with the term lengthened to six or eight years, fewer sessions of congress and state legislatures: five-year terms for mayors and a corresponding lengthening of the terms of other elective municipal officers might sometimes cause popular uneasiness in cases wherein the people had been grossly deceived; but this decrease in the frequency of elections would be likely to result in an increased cense of responsibility on the part of electors and a diminished liability to gross mistakes. It would have also the counter-balancing virtue of retaining good men in office longer than they are now retained; and if, recurring to our contemporary's reference to 1892. President Harrison's term had been eight instead of four years, and the McKinley fair trial, it is reasonable, we think, to infer that the "awful mistake of 1892" would not have occurred, either in 1892

or at any subsequent period.

If selfish considerations alone were to govern, politicians and journalists could be excused for wanting more instead of less politics, because political activity is to both usually a source of profit. They stand in much the same relation to political campaigns that manufacturers of ammunition and supplies do to military campaigns; yet it will hardly be held that for the benefit of the latter, mankind ought to keep continually at war. The fact is that much of the past multiplication of political campaigns has been entirely valueless in any permanent sense, and has had for its real cause simply the anxiety of politicians for employment. Fewer campaigns would mean that those which should be held would be more decisive. There would not be that same invitation which now exists for a fluent public opinion to go at inclination to any given extreme secure in the knowledge that if the experiment should not pan out, it could soon be reseinded. We venture to say that no reflective man can contemplate the violent fluctuations in public opinion which have characterized our politics since 1890 without experiencing a sense of shock to his inherited belief teat government of, by and for the people is the best and safest government on earth. We consider that much of this popular instability is the direct outgrowth of an excess of small politics. Given, fewer elections and there with more significance to them than ordinarlly attaches to the function of determining whether John Doe, the Republican, or Richard Roe, the Demoerat, shall draw the salary and pocket the perquisites of the public office, and there would, we suspect, be more seilous thought among the electors and a

sion of public opinion. Finally, multiplied elections mean disturbed business. The business man can adjust his affairs to any line of political policy if given time and opportunity. He can make money under a high or under a low tariff, if enabled to make his calculations and contracts accordingly, with the certainty that when made these will not need to be changed before the ink on them is div. But there is small assurance of regularite security so long as an excited populace is reversing itself every two or four years; and until there is ample assurance, business will not revive.

safer and more representative expres-

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 cers final authority respecting appointments, will stift be pestered with wouldbe internal revenue collectors, district
attorneys, postmasters and consuls;
but he will not have to give ear every
time a scrub-woman wants a job in one
of the departments or every time a congressman wishes presidential consent.

New Hampshire and Vermont; he is
rapidly dividing the Morton delegation
The Record agrees with the Scranton
Tribune that the Republicans should nominate a first-class man for vice-president,
but it most emphatically dissents from
the allegation that the party has never
in its entire history named for second
place a wan who was in every way opto the departments or every time a conpois; he has whipped Davis in Minnegressman wishes presidential consent.

in Nebraska, and he has divided honors date for president." This, however, is only part of the fact. They not only intend to nominate him; they propose play any part in determining the selec- also to elect him; and to this end all tion of federal clerks, bookkeepers, good Republicans will soon willingly

They are telling a story on Major Mc-Kinley 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 Cheroka, 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 clatter 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 lar in Scranton was shown by yester- helped them off the train, for the car was moving out. Now comes the sequel: Turning to Mr. Smith he said: 'Smith, team, to be sure, got worsted, but the take those posies, especially the wild playing was sharp, clean and spirited, ones, wrap them in a wet cloth and express them to Mrs. McKinley with a Scranton team takes a permanent po- There are few facts more beautiful in the demestic careers of great men than It has the skill, the management and the chivalric devotion which William the inclination; and where there's a 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 cali-

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 parity with gold can se maintained; and in consequence are opposed to the free, unlimited and independent coinage of silver at a ratio of 18 to 1." This is a safe, sensible and easily comprehended position. It is in no degree inconsistent with the plan for bimetallism 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 polities.

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 ambassador-

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 re-

call how last summer he came from Brigantine beach shouting like mad for

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

ASTROLOGICAL.



Hints and Predictions for the Coming Week

Sunday, May le.—Rogation 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, II.—Mars trine to Herschal, Weather cool and stormy. A child born on this day will have strange and unaccountable troubles in business life; a female will have difficulty in avoiding disgrace. Beware of speculations and avoid them on this day.

Tuesday, I2.—Sun in opposition to Herschal. Weather stormy. A child born on this day will experience great trouble in its forty-fifth year; a female is in danger of becoming a moral wreck early in life. Sell; avoid thy superiors on this day and keep very quet, as planetary influences are evil.

Weathersday, I3.—Moon sextile to Jupiter, Weather fetr. A child born on this day. Sunday, May 10 .- Rogation Sunday. The

are will.

Wednerday, 12.—Moon sextile to Jupiter.

Weather fair. A calld born on this day will be fortunate, yet must be cautious in business in middle Lie. Buy, speculate, and push thy business affairs generally. This is a lucky day.

Thursday, 14.—Mercury in conjunction with the Moon. Weather fair. A chill born on this day will be active and acute, but not very formate; if a female, she will marry a determined man. Travel, and have dealings with others in the afternoon.

noon.

Eriday, 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.

morning.
Haturday, 16.—Sun sextile to Mays.
Weather dre 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,

for the presidency had he been called upon to fill that office. Schuyler Colfax, of indiana, who was elected with Grant in 188, was one of the foremost men of the party and in every sense a statesman, indeed he was tar better equipped for the presidency than General Grant, whose renown was purely military. But The Tribune falls into a most immentable error when it deciseates Henry Wilson, of Massachusetts, as an inferior man. As the colleague of Charles Samner in the United States senate he had made a record for statesmanship second only to Summer. 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 lifeal president. The nomination of Hen, William A. Wheeler, of New York, in 1876, and General John A. Legan in 1881, were also highly creditable. The country was not disappointed in the nomination of either of these men for the vice-presidency. There was disappointment in the cases of Andrew Jennson in 1864, Arthur in 1889 and Reid 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 ammed.

he was not the man who should have been named.

It is hoped that the St. Louis convention will measure up to public expectation by naming for second place on the ticket the most eminent Republican who can be induced to accept. Thomas B, teed ought to be that man, and it is hoped be will not feel that the oilies is too stanifor him. The vice-presidency ought to be the stepping stone to the presidency, and can be made as if national conventions will cease to consider questions of mereparty expeciency in filling second place on the ticket. Too frequently this great office is dispared of soil-ly with a view to placating some disappointed leader or faction, or as a bid for the electoral vote of some particular state, as in isso, when the angry and disappointed Conkling was permitted to name his personal friend Arthur for the vice-presidency. No such considerations would enter into the himination of Thomas B, Reed, He happens to be located advantaneously, but it is not en that account he will be urged for second place. He nor his friends will net require placating, for they are loyal Republicans and will support the nominee for president no matter who may be named by the convention. Thomas B, Reed is the best equipped man in the United States for president gelied upon to succeed to the presidency the country would feel that there would be no change of policy and no danger to any national interest. He is a great partialmentarian and a statesman, and the Republican party wants him on the ticket with William McKinley.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe east: 3.17 a. m., for Saturday May 9, 1896.

A child born on this day will rejoice that Lillian Russell has a bicycle. It is much better than the loss of Dorflinger diamonds as an advertising 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 Colquitt to put on a cage and chest protector if he expects to stop many more hot balls from Mr. Burke in the Herring matter. Planetary influences were evil yesterday If you do not believe it, ask Manager Mc Dermott, 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. Ajnechus' Advice.

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