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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET. Congressmen-at-Large,

SAMUEL A. DAVENPORT, of Eric. Election Day, Nov. 3.

On account of extra work occasioned in the composing room by "Our Woman's Paper." this issue of The Tribune is restricted to eight pages. The twelve-page form will be resumed next Wednesday.

An Archbishop on Arbitration.

The contention of Archbishop Ireland that war is an indispensable safeguard of patriotism has reference, we take it, to wars which determine moral issues, and not to those which are essentially immoral in their origin. In this sense the archbishop is unquestionably right; for, as he says, it is inconceivable that an issue like that which underlay the civil war, namely, the question of human slavery, could be permanently settled by arbitration. In morals, warfare is perpetual; the Bible and human nature both teach that Satan is ever at war with righteousness, and there can be no safe reliance upon a system which undertakes to effect pacific compromises between fundamentally irreconcilable influences and tendencies,

But if we correctly gauge the present movement for international arbitration, it does not advocate the attempt to compromise between right and wrong: it simply endeavors to arouse among the civilized nations such a standard of public intelligence and morality as will put a check upon the barbaric disposition, yet strongly surviving in most men, to refer every petty clash president we may be sure that no law of interest or minor difference of opin- partner of his will get up a bond deal ion to the arbitrament of physical force. If the wars of the present century be the government will be skinned called in review, what percentage of \$10,000,000 in a lump sum. them will be found to rest upon some great and irreconcilable issue of right against wrong; and what upon sheer ambition, territorial greed or coldblooded political artifice? Surely, not one war in ten is justifiable from the standpoint that war is a necessity. The aim of arbitrationists is to eliminate the nine superfluous wars. That done, if the tenth breach has to be fought out, they stand ready, we take it, to shoulder the musket as well as to sub-

scribe to the campaign fund. It is possible that war-storms are sometimes needed to cleanse the civic atmosphere. Yet there is a kind of warfare neither brutalizing nor bloody which can effectually perform this sanitary function; and we submit that it were better to refer the task to that agency of purification than to abandon it to the coarse solvent of carnagewe refer to the warfare of the church and of the schools against those influences which corrupt. Let it not be held that war in the old-fashioned sense is indispensable until these less ferocious agencies have unmistakably failed.

Mr. Platt will find that the American people do not get all their instruction from Wall street.

Broadening Out

An interesting convention has been called to meet in Toledo, O., June 23, 24 and 25. Its general purpose is to facilitate and safeguard the use of credit in business; the particular topics proposed for discussion are indicated in the call as follows: (1) To better protect credits; (2) to reduce losses from bad debts; (3) to prevent fraud and injustice to creditors; (4) to make prosecution and punishment of fraud more certain; (5) to reform and improve collection laws; (6) to bring about in- tempts such a thing or could attempt provement in commercial reporting it without coming to grief, America's systems; (7) to bring about improve- salvation thus far consisting in the ment in collection methods; and (8) to enormous income, with practically no improve present methods of handling drain of military expenditure." To this bankrupt estates.

Each of these subjects offers ample scope for research and experiment. It is a good sign to see the business men of the country inclining more and more to co-operation and to see them disposed to give to their various interests systematic and intelligent study. The sense of interdependence and commercial fellowship thus fostered cannot fall to be mutually beneficial. The time has passed in this country when as a general proposition the mercantile career could with safety be based upon the principle of every man for himself. Developed resources and stimulated competition have knit all departments of responsibility which he may not escape without loss both to himself and to the community.

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are neither few nor trivial. We repeat it is a good sign to see our great mercantile interests brought together in boards of trade and in conventions for the purpose of looking at the issues an! problems of their special field of activity broadly and in the developing spirit of philosophy. It will enlarge their mental horizon and it will also exhibit a good influence upon their profit and loss account.

All but four of the Pennsylvania delegation at St. Louis have indicated to Senator Quay their willingness to vote for him if his name goes before the national convention as a candidate for president. The exceptions are Delegates Martin and Hackett, of Philadelphia, and Magee and Flinn, of Pittsburg. Such an evidence of appreciation from one's constituency is a compliment by no means to be despised.

Buy the Woman's Paper. Inasmuch as this will be the last is-

sue of The Tribune prior to the appear ance, tomorrow morning, of "Our Woa copy of the splendid edition which the ally prepared. The fruits of their toll for more than a month will be submit morning, in an issue of 40,000 copies each copy comprising thirty handsome pages. The price per copy of this in teresting compendium of the literary women of our city will be only five cents, and at this modest price it will

As most of our readers know, the proceeds of this enterprise will go into the Scranton Young Women's Christian association. Concerning the worth of that institution it is scarcely necessary to speak. There is probably no reader of these lines who does not readily rec new home for this association is urgently needed; and we are proud to believe that no regular reader of The Tribune will begrudge five cents in aid of that project. Everything is now ready for the appearance of the "Woman's Paper," and in both quality and quantity it will be a monument to the brains perseyerance and enterprise of its originators; but it rests, after all, with the reading public to make the venture done their part; let the public for whose benefit they have so unselfishly labored do their's with corresponding generosity and enthusiasm.

William McKinley may not be ready to see silver stricken from the list of money metals, but when he is elected with a New York syndicate wherely

Ideal but Hardly Practicable.

An interesting if not a very convincing argument is made by Louis P. Shoemaker in the Washington Post in favor of the creation of a permanent, non-partisan and non-sectional commission of able and expert men to make a systematic and continuous study of the tariff and financial problems, with the purpose of recommending to congress, from time to time, such modifications of the laws governing these two subjects as it shall deem for the best interests of the country. Among the many reasons which he advances for such a step, the chief one is that congress itself with its complex and jumbled membership made up mostly of green politicians and demagogues, is unfit, alone and without aid, to deal intelligently with these delicate, far-

reaching and vital subjects. Mr. Shoemaker quotes Professor Bryce's remark in the "American Commonwealth" that "so long as the debit side of the National account is managed by one set of men and the credit side by another set, both sets working separately and in secret, without public responsibility, and without intervention on the part of the executive official, who is nominally responsible; so long as these sets being composed largely of new men every two years, who give no attention to business except when congress is in session, and thus spend in preparing plans the whole time which ought to be spent in public discussion of plans already matured, so that an immense budget is rushed through without discussion in a week or ten days-just so long the finances will go from bad to worse, no matter by what name you call the party in power. No other nation on earth atpassage Mr. Shoemaker adds the fol-

and to the community.

While professional interests have long been fostered and safeguarded by cooperative influences, the application of similar methods to the mercantile vocation is of comparatively recent origin.

It deserves to be encouraged. The

the extent of experimenting with a board of congressional advisers, paid to do congress' thinking for it, is a question not so readily answered. What guaranty is there that congress would adopt the suggestions of the proposed commission? How do we know that its creation would not be energy wasted? The proposition, from a theoretical view, certainly looks attractive; but would ft work? We fear not.

Representative Charles W. Stone of Pennsylvania wants our diplomatic force to ascertain if other governments would be willing to join the United States in the establishment of an international coin, of gold or silver or both, to be specially adapted to invoice purposes. The chances are that the making of such a canvass would be labor

Representative Cerliss of Michigan la wasting his breath trying to get President Cleveland to take the initial steps toward another international meactary conference. An agreement among the nations remonetizing silver is the last thing that the Cleveland following in American politics would welcome.

The attempt to impugn Major Mc-Kinley's honesty has fallen as flat as did the earlier attempt to challenge his patriotism. Next thing we know, Me-Kinley will become popular on account of the asininity of the mon who fight

We gather from Brother Kohlsaat's paper that the only Republican against whom McKinley has steeled his forgiving heart is Thomas Platt. Well, the harmony procession need not be delayed by one man's absence.

It seems that Hon, John Wanamaker has opened a senatorial bargain counter with Frank Willing Leach as the salesman in charge. Nevertheless, we suspect that the successor to Cameton lives, when at home, in Bellefonte.

The Altoona Tribune wants whitelaw Reid to have another chance at the vice-presidency. Some other year, esteemed contemporary, some distant other year!

for Frank Willing Leach seems to be in the past tense. There are others of whom the same is suspected.

Holmes' body is buried and his papers nave been duly searched and stowed away. Now let this monstrous recollection fade.

out they the also for protection. Among Republicans there will be no split. Consul General Lee will be in luck if

Montana Republicans are for silver;

Weyler doesn't try to expel his military side-partner. Greater New York is at last a legal

fact; but it promises to remain a moral fletion. The Burke-Herring contest stands in



THE HYPNOTIZED REPORTER.

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Scarcely a day passes that readers of The Tribane are not horrified by reports of fatalities resulting from the collapse of buildings in case of fire or otherwise. In many instances the lives of unfortunate persons who are colliged to labor in oangerous structures against their will, perhaps, have been crushed out without a moment's warning. In some cases the cause of the catastrophe has been unexplainable while in others a slight five has caused the dangerous structure to fail. I have often wondered when reading these accounts whether Scranton is not threatened by dangers of this class. Take, for example, some portions of lower Lackawanna avenue. When climbing the rickety stairs in some of these structures where thousands of dollars' worth of business is transacted yearly, did you ever stop to imagine what the effect of a slight jar would be upon the edifice? Of late Scranton has been beautified by the erection of some very handsome modern buildings. A little high, perhaps, but structures that would be in ornament to any city. But I believe there are many buildings in the city that should be condemned by the building inspector as well as of old. In order to evade the fire ordinance, the ambibious building as well as of old. In order to evade the fire ordinance, the ambibious building erects a single brick wall that will scarcely stand alone until the roef is on, and rents at to the driving inspector of the driving in the city and rents at to the driving indeed individual who comes a single brick wall that will scarcely stand alone until the roof is on, and rents it to the first misguided individual who comes along who is willing to risk his life in the piace. In at least one instance in the central city bricks have been laid on the ground without foundation of any kind, in this respect the fire ordinance is certainly a damage under present conditions. A frame building is much preferable in the matter of sufery to the structure with the thir brick walls that will burn as regilly as the condenned analy built entirely of wood, it ough not to be necessary to kill a dezen persons in order to secure referm in this direction.

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- Dangers of the public kissing mania were illustrated in a startling manner at St. Louis the other day when a man, in giving his wife a good-bye kiss, pulled her off a street car platform and broke her leg. Rissing in public is not always so dangerous, but it is often very trying to the nerves of speciators. The policement at one railroad station in this city have become medanchely, it is said, by being chilged to witness daily an amount of osculation that is unbearable. I had occasion to witness an encounter of this kind a few days ago at one of the railroad stations and can sympathize with the disconsolate trainmen. A rather inferior look-

not be patronized by respectable people who admire the sport. Base ball is en American game. Properly conducted it is probably among the most amusing. It should never be given over to the touch element. The Scranton managers took the first step in favor of base ball this season in refusing to allow the club to play ball on Sunday, and they seem disposed to follow this course throughout the season in providing the patrons of the game with lively amusement that is free from the features of rowdylsm which have in the past done so much to bring base ball into disrepute. It is probable that this reform effort will be recognized by increased patronage as the season advances.

The Elmhurst Signal has recently been publishing essays on George Washington, written by school pupils in that vicinity. The writers of the articles on the father of his country all agree that George was a great man, and singularly enough no reference to the cherry tree episode is made in any of the contributions to date. There is certainly hope for the rising genration of Elmhurst.

It is to be hoped that Commissioner Kinsley's crumade against persons who obscruct the sitewalks with be extended to the enterprising merolets who erect chicken coops on the walks in from of their preraises. There is no more crying of crowing evil on record than the chicken coop numerice. Way a dealer should find it necessary to maintain a nulsance in from of his store in order to let the public know that he has live chickens for sale is hard to comprehend. I am such that no now will be more analous to purchase fowls from any sicrelesper for the reason that his place of business is a curse to the neighborhood in which it is situated. A painted eard or a bag of feathers, it would seem ought to answer the purpose in giving information to sidewith pedestrians that live or deed chickens may be "procured within." The oleation the coops are situated on the fe-foor reservation should not save the merchant from publishment. The feet-smelling chicken eage is a nelsoner; a neederless, nesselves expense; a blot upon decency in trade circles and the dealer who maintains the coops should be proceented.

THE SURVIVING BUTY

From the Washington Post. In some quarters there is a disposition to regard it as all over but the cabine making.

THE MUSIC OF THE HOUR.

When the promises of June-time come to thrill the lazy air, And the sun beats hot upon the dusty road; When the layish locust-blossoms spill their perfume everywhere their perfume everywhere And parched rocks rise where once the river flowed.

The bird-songs lose the charm which has delighted so the ear;
In vain the zephyrs chant their tree-top lay.

lay.
There lingers no attraction in the harmonies once dear-You want to hear the steam-piano play

Oh. the hurry and the scramble where the polished agure arch polished agure arch greened contemporary, some distant other year?

Secretary Frank Reeder's admiration for Frank Willing Leach seems to be not the past tense. There are others of whom the same is suspected.

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Of the billowy stretch of canvas and the fields with sawdust strewed.

You would rather hear the steam-plano play.

-Washington Star.

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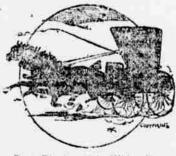


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