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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

Congressmen-at-Large. GALUSHA A. GROW, of Susquehanna. SAMUEL A. DAVENPORT, of Erie.

Election Day, Nov. 3. There are evidently some men in common council who cannot understand why the highest bid should not capture the marketable vote.

Blocking a Gouge. There can be no question that the award of the Monroe avenue paving contract to Dunn Bros., at a saving of 25 cents a square yard over the bid of the Barber Asphalt Paving company.

A large measure of credit is due to those members who stand by the honest and business-like view of this paving contract and had the wit by a legitimate parliamentary artifice to circumvent the curfew, if not culpable, majority. If the public would more earnestly and conscientiously sustain the honest membership in councils in each of its various efforts to bring system and order out of the chaos that now so often prevails in municipal legislation.

A Valuable Inquiry. An interesting inquiry has been planned by Controller of the Currency Eckels. Its purpose is to ascertain by a canvass of all the banks in the United States upon a certain day near July 1, how much gold there is in the country and also what proportion of retail and wholesale business transactions are performed by instruments of credit.

The situation in 1894 was, however, exceptional. In that year the volume of moving currency was greatly diminished by the hoarding of coin and legal tender notes by wage-earners who had become suspicious of the stability of banks. Scrantonians remember how this feeling operated to congest the process of business locally; and their experience was duplicated in nearly every city in the United States.

Although the anti-McKinleyites still declare that the Canton candidate cannot win, it is interesting to observe how rapidly they are canceling their contracts with the St. Louis hotels and railroads.

An Object Lesson. A congressman from the state of Washington who lately returned from a visit to Japan brought back with him and is now wearing at the national capital a suit of white duck goods which cost him, in Japan, only \$3.25. It could not be duplicated in this country for less than \$10.

Japan is a silver standard country. The European exporter to America now pays his employees gold standard wages and depends upon low American tariffs for his profits. But what is to prevent him from taking a sum of gold, going to Japan with it, exchanging it for twice the amount of silver, and with that silver hiring native labor to make goods so cheaply that those goods could be freighted to the United States and sold here in competition with our home-made goods even after payment of a high tariff?

This difference in exchange between the gold and the silver standard is already having the effect to quicken manufacturing industries in countries which are on the silver basis. It is the general testimony that in both Mexico and Japan—the two countries which afford the best test of the silver standard—manufacturing is developing at a more rapid rate than in any other two countries on the globe.

Spain does well to heed the handwriting on the wall. But the only guarantee of permanent peace is a free Cuba.

Assuming Too Much. Three months ago the Wilkes-Barre Record printed almost daily appeals for the Republicans of Pennsylvania to stand by the Pennsylvania candidate, Senator Quay. Today it is spilling columns of wrath, not only on Colonel Quay himself, but also upon the very delegates who acted in accordance with his earlier advice and gave Colonel Quay assurance of their loyal support so long as he should remain a candidate.

Should Look After Speak-Easies. Editor of the Tribune. Sir:—It seems to me that the Tribune should take a more active part in the war upon speak-easies which was threatened some time ago. It ought to be a newspaper's mission to take the lead in all reforms.

operation, to restore the double standard. It seems to us that we must some day come to this or else resort to the Chinese plan of building a tariff wall clear around us and buying nothing from foreigners.

It is perhaps only natural that the traffic managers who wish to escape imprisonment when convicted of violating the interstate commerce law should try to railroad a repealer through congress. Fortunately the attempt has collided with public opinion, and public opinion still holds the right of way.

Repair the Turnpike. Now that the supreme court has decided against the city at every point in its contention with the North Abington Turnpike company, it would seem to be proper for the city to desist from its obstructive course and proceed to the observance of its contract with that company.

This turnpike is one of the most traveled and also one of the most advantageous public thoroughfares entering Scranton. It is said, and we think with approximate truth, that more merchandise is conveyed over this one road than over all the other roads radiating from the city.

The Ohio authorities are determined that the Findlay preacher who last fall voted without registering in order to prove that the enforcement of election laws was lax shall serve a year's sentence in the penitentiary. It is a pity some of this zeal is not applied to the cure of the original evil.

There are times when war may be necessary, but they are few, and it is difficult to find a way which could not have been averted with less expense, difficulty and misery.

The Pawtucket, R. I., Post, one of the most sprightly daily papers of New England, has secured as its new editor, Mr. William H. Zeller, formerly state editor of the Philadelphia Times.

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Tuesday, May 19.—Venus in opposition to Saturn. Weather wet. A child born on this day will be a martyr to misfortune and will experience much trouble. Travel and debt between noon and 3 p. m. then be very cautious.

Wednesday, May 20.—Jupiter an evening star. Weather generally fair. A child born on this day will be in constant trouble. Do not indulge in speculation on this day.

Thursday, May 21.—Venus semi-sextile to Neptune. Weather fair. A child born on this day will rise in life, but should beware of accidents. It is better to court, kiss favors and seek employment before 7 p. m.

Friday, May 22.—Uranus an evening star. Weather fine and mild. A child born on this day will be fortunate when in the employ of others, but should guard against accident and avoid quarrels. Transact all business of a speculative nature between noon and 5 o'clock p. m.

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appear ridiculous to those who understand the animus of its present excitement.

That, however, is the Record's risk. We should take no notice of its gyrations did it not assume, with cool impudence, to pass snap judgment upon a subject of immediate concern to readers of this paper.

The Tribune knows that the masses of the Republican party in Lackawanna county would vote five to one for McKinley if the opportunity were afforded them.

The Tribune is not making war on McKinley. It understands that the national delegates from this district intend to vote for McKinley whenever Quay's name is withdrawn.

Says Chauncey Depew: "There are times when war may be necessary, but they are few, and it is difficult to find a way which could not have been averted with less expense, difficulty and misery."

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WILL IT BE WAR?

From the Washington Star. There is no law—recognized or unrecognized—that gives to Spain any shadow of right to condemn to death those unfortunates who are captured when they are engaged in carrying arms and ammunition to the Cuban insurgents.

AN ABSURD SUGGESTION. Handy in the Times-Herald. As the original "Reed for the vice-presidency man," I am bound to say that I fear there is little probability of his securing the second place on the ticket with McKinley or anybody else.

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Apocynus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cast: 3:18 a. m., for Saturday, May 16, 1896.

A child born on this day will notice that the Barber Asphalt company has been "Duan up," so to speak. When Mr. McKinley defines his position on the currency and Mr. Powers decides where he will deign to play ball this season, the country can take a breathing spell.

It is a sure sign of summer when the strawberry shortcake replaces dried apple pie on the ice-boarding house table. Do not become too intimate with the man who is a friend only when he wants something.

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