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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

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

The Scranton ball club should be made to play up its demonstrated capabilities. It can win games when it chooses to, and it ought to be made to have such an inclination often.

Welcome to the Booths.

Insofar as the representative sentiment of Christian Scranton can manifest itself today, it should make plain its cordial sympathy with the platform and purposes of Mr. and Mrs. Ballington Booth.

That form of religious activity which is conducted upon a platform of hostility to the Stars and Stripes can expect small favor among patriotic Americans.

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American hospitality is big and warm. It gladly welcomes the deserving from every land and extends to such the amplest measure of its fellowship and esteem.

Whatever quarrel the public may have had with reference to the accumulation of Jay Gould's millions, there will be none over the use to which Miss Helen Gould has put the \$100,000 which she has contributed to the relief of the St. Louis cyclone sufferers.

Yet not always by the cry of "peace!" "peace!" is real peace to be preserved. That thought at which Colonel Watterson revolved in his characteristically interesting manner was not at all the idea that peace is to be despised, but that it is to be won from England for America by a policy of oratorical weeping and sobbing over the fact of a mutual kinship to which we have lately fallen into the humiliating error of doing all the pointing.

Certain facts under the present uprising for free silver which are not altered by the calling of names. It is, for instance, a fact readily established that for the past score of years, and especially during the past decade, there has been a steady decline in prices, easily noticeable in manufactured goods but particularly discernible in the staple products of agriculture.

The manufacturer, discussing this point, makes use of an instructive illustration. Citing the fact that in 1890 the United States wheat crop sold for \$474,801,850 while the costs of the federal government were only \$287,000,000, he observes that in 1890 the American

wheat crop would have paid the expenses of the government almost twice over. In 1899, however, the American wheat crop sold for only \$242,491,707 while the expenses of government were \$12,000,000 in excess of this sum; and in 1895 the wheat crop brought \$237,935,998 while the government cost \$434,178,426 or nearly twice as much.

This downward movement in prices, which it will be remembered was verified four years ago by special inquiry by a committee of the senate, is contrasted in another way with the rigidity of tax charges in a statement presented before the railroad commissioners of Illinois by J. H. Paddock. He showed that in 1895 164,529 miles of railway yielded for their owners and creditors four million dollars less than had been yielded by 147,683 miles in 1883, but that they paid nearly fourteen million dollars more taxes.

Coming more directly to the agricultural phase of this question, we have no lack of evidence as to the depreciation which is in progress in the value of farm lands and farm products. We published some weeks ago the results of a special inquiry made into this subject in New York state, covering every agricultural county. The conclusion, it will be remembered, was that while near-by city markets for farm produce had increased between 1880 and 1890 to exceed 100 per cent, estimating the increase in urban population which has to depend upon the farms for its food supply, the net falling off in the value of farm produce in 1890 as compared with 1880 was over 37 per cent.

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M'KINLEY AND EUROPE.

Concerning the morally sure course of the congress elected with William McKinley and of McKinley himself as president, these things are to be said: First, that the American people have no hostility to any other group of the human family; but, secondly, the first law of economics is self-preservation.

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The Watterson Idea.

The prevailing note in Colonel Watterson's speech in London the other night was not necessarily martial, as some seem to infer. Although he proclaims himself a jingo, neither he nor any other jingo has a wish for procrustean war.

LET IT CONTINUE.

The revival of American patriotism manifested by the spread of hereditary patriotic societies should have occurred long ago, but even at this late day it is to be encouraged, not criticized or condemned.

THE DEATH DEALING WIRE.

Three more deaths from overhead electric wires are reported. The slaughter goes on without interruption. Every day increases the grim list and it is hardly possible to pick up a newspaper without being confronted by a brief account of the horrible death of some unfortunate citizen by a shock from a broken electric light or trolley wire.

REED'S ONE AMBITION.

Wellman, in the Times-Herald, it may not be generally known, but it is true that Mr. Reed has literary ambitions. I have myself heard the speaker say that if he had not gone into politics when a young man he would have tried to make a competence in the law, and after that would have tried his hand at literature.

Professor Bryce, says an appreciative word concerning America, this country ought by this time to feel big enough and broad enough not to go among the other powers begging for compliments or favors. Rather than cling after the fashion of infancy to the apron of mother England sobbing for immunity from a switching, it ought rather to be our welcome privilege to rest our case, whether for peace or war, upon the dignity of a full-grown manhood.

That is a good point made by Colonel John Hay in his letter to the London Times when he suggests that if Englishmen want to further amicable feelings between the two branches of the English-speaking race, they should strive to repress the creation in England of false prejudice against the next president of the United States.

Mr. Joseph H. Manley, of Augusta, Me., has taken the trouble to telegraph to a Boston paper that Mr. Reed "will not accept the nomination for vice-president." With all due respect to Mr. Joseph H. Manley the only man whose word can be considered as authoritative in this matter is that of Hon. Thomas B. Reed, and when he shall explicitly declare that he would scorn the call of his party to what it conceives to be his duty then, and not before, will it be time to consider another choice.

Senator Morgan's curiosity concerning the modern mission of congress is shared by many. It looks as if our present executive had at last succeeded in making congress not only ignominious but also superfluous.

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FROM THE TIMES-HERALD.

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is his passion. To this day he has aspirations in that field. There are few things worth reading that he has not read. He has read the best in French and Italian, and is now turning his attention to Spanish. He does not like translations, but loves the original tongue. French and Italian he has mastered. Spanish he will have in a few months and German will come next. Read talks more of books than of politics. Among his friends his literary attainments, his analysis and criticism, his play of fancy and imagination, are greatly admired. One of these friends, himself a literary man of note, said to him: "If Mr. Reed would go into literature he could make himself famous, and could write the great American novel which we have all been looking for so many years."

NEWS AND OPINION.

From the Times-Herald. The function of a newspaper primarily is to collect, digest and publish news—to present with approximate fidelity an epitome of what the world is doing, locally and universally, every day. Honest reporting is the first essential of an honest newspaper. A reporter ought to be a phonograph. With the literal accuracy of that machine reports of conventions and all public assemblies that concern public welfare should be presented in the news columns of an honest newspaper.

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REFERRED TO MR. SCRANTON.

From the New York Sun. The population of Arizona was 40,000 by the federal census of 1880 and 59,000 by the federal census of 1890. The claim is now made by those who favor the admission of Arizona as a state that the present population is nearly 70,000. The seventh ward of New York has a population of 75,000, the South ward a population of 70,000, the Eleventh ward 84,000, the Twentieth ward 85,000, the Seventeenth ward 114,000, the Nineteenth ward 276,000 and the Twelfth ward 400,000, and the proposition to give either of them two representatives in the United States senate, on the basis of the population, would be rejected as preposterous. It is probable, by the leaders of both parties.

WILL BE RENEWED.

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