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

The adherents of Senator Quay in Allegheny county are signally brave and loyal; but it is evident that they are too few to be effective against the stalwarts who stand by Messrs. Magee and Plinn.

An Explanation Needed. It would be interesting to know upon what basis of fact or assumption the congress of the United States, after having in both branches by a vote almost unanimous declared the opinion of the country that the Cuban insurgents should be recognized by the executive authority as belligerents, has since decided to acquiesce in the president's calm ignoring of that morally mandatory although technically advisory expression.

This duty of explanation is especially necessary on the part of the United States senate, the body in which the flame of Cuban sympathy first leaped into a fierce blaze and then sooned died down, as if mysteriously quenched, into drear embers of merely futile interest.

Either the Indiana or the Pennsylvania money plank will do at St. Louis. Perhaps the last half of the former plank covers all the ground that needs to be covered when 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 be maintained, and in consequence, are opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the rate of 16 to 1."

Such a plank means sound money but not necessarily scarce money. Whatever form of silver or paper money can be kept at a parity with gold ought to be good enough for the most fastidious; and the more of it the better.

Modern Crusaders. It seems that the Salvation army and the American Volunteers are not to have the field of religious militarism to themselves. A new Richmond is approaching, along somewhat different lines, to be sure, but with sufficient features in common to challenge good-natured rivalry.

The Church army is modeled on the lines of the regular United States army. It has a general-in-chief, known as the military director—his name is Colonel H. H. Hadley—a chief of staff, an aide-de-camp, a chief adjutant and a field marshal, while with reference to the army's internal organization it is provided that "no post shall be established or continued in any parish without the written consent of the rector thereof, and, when established, he shall control it, subject to the United States Church army rules and regulations, and, upon establishment, a written agreement regarding all details shall be made between the rector and military director. A company or post may consist of 100 or more, with an officers, namely: A captain and first lieutenant, experienced workers sent from head-

quarters under pay; second and third lieutenants, quartermaster and ordnance officer, a sergeant major, orderly sergeant, and four other sergeants, all the sergeants to be volunteers chosen from the parish by the rector. To join a company the convert makes application and is known as a recruit. After six months' faithful service he may be sworn in as a soldier. A soldier after being confirmed may enter the training school and become a 'cadet,' with opportunities for promotion to captaincy or first lieutenancy after six months' training. A rule of the army reads as follows: 'All officers, soldiers, and recruits are expected to try, with God's help, to win at least one drinking person to Christ and the church within each year, and otherwise serve the army as instructed by their superior officers.'

Brilliant uniforms will be worn, and, says the Sun, "a distinctive military feature will be traveling companies, of two kinds, chariot companies and tally-ho companies, which will work in small towns of the railroad lines, where church work is likely to be more luxuriant. The chariot companies are composed of four experienced workers each, who travel by wagon, known as a 'chariot.' One must be a driver, one a bugler, one a fifer, and the fourth a drummer, and all must be able to sing and speak. They drive into a town, hold an open-air meeting for half an hour in the evening, the route having previously been determined by an advance agent and the meeting having been advertised, and then go into the church, bringing in all the people possible from the outside. The tally-ho companies are on the same order, but each tally-ho carries ten or twelve workers." In New York city the work of the Church army will be somewhat on the order of the Salvation army. "Church army corps have been established in the worst parts of the slums where those training for rescue work learn their lessons. In each camp are a number of "double decker" cots, like sleeping car berths. Any person applying for aid who seems desirous of reforming gets a chance and one of these cots, which is shared by a cadet of the training school. The applicant is a 'guest' of the camp, and is expected to stay there thirty days at least under the special care of his cadet, who sees that he is kept clean and decent, and helps him to find work. At the end of the thirty days the 'guest' has an opportunity to become a candidate for army honors."

All this, it will be seen, is essentially a modern crusade, with the difference from the early crusades that the objective point is not a rescued tomb but a reclaimed human body and a saved soul. That by such a movement vast good can be accomplished is no longer doubtful since the success of the Salvation army and its offshoot, the American Volunteers. But the room for workers is yet ample, and the more the merrier.

According to Washington advices, "Intimations have been thrown out by a gentleman who holds intimate relations with President Cleveland, and who claims to understand the policy of the administration on the Cuban question, that after congress has taken its departure and no further fear of apprehension may be felt from their presence here, President Cleveland will pursue a line of policy more in accord with the sentiment of the people of this country, than has heretofore been followed." Too bad, isn't it, that congress cannot be abolished?

From Minneapolis comes the suggestion of General McAlpin of New York for vice-president so that the ticket may be known as "the two Mac's." If Reed shall refuse, McAlpin will do as well as any one else.

THE CASE OF MR. REED. From the Manufacturer. The suggestion is offered by a New England journal that Mr. Thomas B. Reed probably regards as not much "better than an insult to himself" the suggestion of his elevation to the vice-presidency of the United States. This, of course, is mere conjecture. Mr. Reed would naturally prefer the head of the ticket, and multitudes of Americans would rejoice to have his name put there. But it is not discreditable to him in any way that another man seems to be preferred. If he shall fail to get the nomination he will be in good company with Henry Clay, Daniel Webster, James G. Blaine, and other Americans of large importance. In fact, it has been by no means the rule that the most eminent of the aspirants to the office have succeeded in reaching it. If Mr. Reed shall regard with some feelings the lower office, the suggestion for that; for Daniel Webster, disappointed in his wish to obtain the nomination to the presidency, spurned the vice-presidency; but this action can hardly be thought to have been to his honor. The vice-presidency of the United States, held by John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, is not beneath the dignity of any man. It is worth much because of the possibility of succession to the presidency; and seven vice-presidents, in one way or another, have had that promotion. Mr. Reed may not desire it, but he cannot afford to scorn it. Wanting in power and influence it may be; and there are good reasons for wishing that the want might in some way be supplied; but it does not promise oblivion to a man of large ability nor even the smallest sacrifice of his self-respect. In Mr. Reed's case it is not unlikely that his popularity with the members of his party would be increased if he should consent to strengthen the ticket by permitting his name to go upon it.

THE BLUEGRASS IDEA. From the Washington Post. The silver question, as it is understood in some parts of Kentucky, is graphically illustrated by a letter which one of the statesmen at the capitol received from a correspondent in that state. It appears from this interesting evidence that controversy was being waged between a sound money man and a silver champion. The gold man thought he had the best of the argument, and the silver man, who thought that the free coinage of silver would make times better, "Simply because it would put more mon-

ey in circulation," said the white metal crank. "But how will it put more money in circulation?" demanded the gold man. "How?" asked the silver man, with a smile of contempt at his opponent. "How? Why, you blamed fool, if you can take one gold dollar to the treasury and get sixteen silver dollars for it, won't that increase the circulation?"

THE THREE FINEST SENTENCES. From the Washington Post. Senator Blackburn declares that the exclamation of Horace Greeley, when he heard that General Grant was nominated a second time for the presidency, was one of the three most eloquent sentences that were ever uttered. The most eloquent sentence that ever fell from human lips he thinks was the prayer of Christ on Calvary: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." The second was Napoleon Bonaparte's apostrophe to the pyramids of Egypt, beginning: "Soldiers of France, forty centuries look down upon you," while the third was Greeley's quotation from the lamentations of Jeremiah, after the renomination of Grant: "Must my country be always devoted by the sword."

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