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GALUSHA A. GROW, of Susanehanna, SAMULL A. DAVENPORT, of Eric. Election Pay, Nov. 3.

By the way, what has become of the report of the Venezuelan boundary commission?

No Bolt.

The news which comes from St. Louis with reference to the state of western Republican opinion regarding to money plank is reassuring. While the west is strongly for the double standard trade is all right inside national bounand strenuously opposed to the elimination of silver from the stock of the the custom house. England is eviworld's primary money, it is at the same | dentity making the first strategic moves time sound on the even more important | toward a return to protection. issue of protection, and this will keep it loyal to the Republican part /.

The question is wholly one of expediency. While Republicans may differ in opinion as to whether bimetallism is practicable without an international agreement, there is no such division of opinion as to the folly of free trade, the falsity of Democratic promises and the inefficiency of the Democratic party as en administrative force. Consequently. even though the Democratic national convention should declare for free and unlimited coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1. such a declaration would held out no serious invitation to any thoughtful Republican friend of silver to desert his own party and go over to an organization whose record shows that it is not to be trusted on any platform.

In this connection it may not be amiss to recall the fact that four years ago, after adopting a platform declaving protection unconstitutional and fraudulent, the Democratic party immediately proceeded to enact such a variegated mixture of unconstitutionality and fraud that its own president had to denounce the compound as a measure of "perildy and dishonor." It is fair to infer from this recent evidence of the sanctity of Democratic platform pledges that if that party should declare in national convention for free silver and win next fall on that issue it would, by the time it had reached office, proceed to enact legislation three-fourths favorable to the gold standard.

The real hope of bimetallists is coincident with the success of Republicanism in the approaching campaign. Whatever in the past has been done for silver has been done for it by the Hepublican party. Whatever can safely be done for it in the future will be lone for it by that party, for the simple reason that that party, alone among the political organizations of our day, is capable of successfully administering this government. The bimetallist who goes over to the enemy simply sacrifices his vote and his influence. Therefore, it is well that the random talk of a possible bolt at St. Louis should have begun to pubside in the face of the solemn meaning of the assemblage which is soon to gather in that city.

According to Spanish advices from Havana, the Spanish merchants of Mexico, Uruguay and Argantine propose to boycott American goods in retallation for America's sympathy for Cuba. It will take a good deal of that sort of thing to change American opin-

Hastings for Vice-President.

The authoritative announcement by Joseph H. Manley that Hon. Thomas B. Reed will under no circumstances accept the nomination of his party for the cice-presidency must be believed. Sim-Har statements have been made before, under circumstances which left room for hope that Mr. Reed might be induced by the counsel of his friends to reconsider; but this latest declaration, coupled as it is with the simultaneous withdrawal of Mr. Reed's name from the list of candidates for the presidency, offers no such encouragement, and selfrespect would effectually debar the majority party of this nation from seeking to coax any of its leaders, whatever his dimensions, into acceptance of an honor second to one only in the civilized world.

In other words, the vice-presidency is now open to competition. What shall be done with it? We reprint on this page an interesting column of speculation from the pen of Walter Wellman, one of the shrewdest students of political movements in the ranks of contemporary American journalism. It will be observed that he not only mentions

sylvania's choice for second place, but actuate such a candidacy. To what exwill command the cordial support of the tive department. united Keystone delegation.

And why should not this banner Republican state give to the Republican the fact that since protection is to be not even Ohio has a better right to represortation on the national ticket than as this foremost, this incomparable industrial commonwealth. With the exception of Speaker Reed, there is no personal vitality and popularity than dominant figure of the Chicago convention, so he would be, as the nominee for vice-president, the central personality in the active campaign work; tireparty of giants.

With Reed out, the logical companion of the former governor of Ohlo is the present stalwart governor of Pennsyl-

Joseph Chamberiain tells the British chambers of commerce what William McKinley has been telling Americans for some years past, that while free darles, it is a poor rule to maintain at

An Interesting Suggestion.

Attention is called to the letter, in another column, of a prominent professional man of this city to Secretary Atherton of the board of trade suggesting that since the court house square seems destined at no distant day to be the business center of the city and the terminal block of the street railway lines of the Lackawanna valley, the four streets which bound it ought to be widened, with a view to the adequate accommodation of a largely increased ultimate volume of travel.

The gentleman in question suggests trees and then concede to the city the trade. right to set the curb back to the present lawn line outside the tree line. This he points out, would widen by from 15 to 18 feet the four streets which bound the square, and render feasible the occupancy of any or all of these streets by double street railway tracks without interfering with the regular traffic

We do not know what legal obstacles might arise in the way of the adoption of this suggestion, but from a common sense standpoint the suggestion seems

The Tribune gratefully acknowledges the receipt, through the courtesy of Rev. Edwin B. Olmstead, of a copy of the official minutes of the forty-fifth session of the Wyoming conference, held recently at Binghamton.

Cleveland and McKinley.

A Washington dispatch to the New York World reports what is said to have been a conversation had by Representative Milliken of Maine with President Cleveland, in the course of which the latter is credited with these words: "I suppose your candidate is already selected, but I am surprised at the choice the Republicans have made. In my opinion Speaker Reed is the strongest and brainfest man in your party. It appears to me unfortunate that McKinley should have obtained the nomination, under the circumstances which scemed to have controlled his selection. He will find this office no place for a mortgaged man."

The fact that our only authority for such a report is the New York World justifies us in predxing to any comment which the quotation might suggest the acknowledgment that we do not believe the president ever said such a thing. Of course, if he did say either that or its substantial equivalent, he disclosed the instincts of a boor. The reference to Major McKinley's business misfortune and to the generous aid which rendered it possible for him to continue in the public service would come in bad taste from any man of standing in the United States, least of all from a man who entered the presidential office a poor man and will leave it next March, after eight years of occupancy at a total salary of \$400,000, reputed to be several times a millionaire.

Yet it is a fact that nearly all our presidents have been "mortgaged" men. We do not recall at this time a single one of them in recent years, unless it be Lincoln, who did not enter the white house under some uneasy sense of obligation to what are colloquially called the party bosses, or some of them. William McKinley will enter it one year hence without a debt to a living soul save the decent debt of appreciation owed to evinced friendship, and with a commission bearing no signature save

that of the plain people. It is perfectly natural for Mr. Cleve-

with favorable comment the probability land to prefer Mr. Reed to Major Mc-The Scranton Tribune that the name of Governor Hastings Kinley. Reed, like himself, is robust, will be presented at St. Louis as Penn- headstrong and inclined toward the dictatorial. Major McKinley does not set also assumes with considerable liberty himself above the common level of his of detail to sketch the motives which countrymen, does not assume to be greater than his party or better than tent he differentiates fancy from fact his constituents, and will not take an we, of course, do not know; we only eath of allegiance to the constitution know that if Governor Hastings shall only to begin, immediately afterward, consent to the use of his name in con- a campaign of aggressive warfare on nection with the indicated honor, it will that instrument by the endeavor to be upon none but honorable terms and subordinate the legislative to the execu-

Better Shows Demanded.

It is the unanimous opinion of theatparty in this year of Republican revival rical managers that the season just one of the two bearers of the party's ended has been one of the worst in renational standard? The objection that cent years. From a managerial stand-General Hastings' pomination would point a bad season is a season in which put the two nominees in adjoining states | there is little if any profit. Reports is merely a geographical quibble. It from the principal amusement centers sinks into insignificance compared with show that the season of 1595-6 was a season of small profits and often of the watchword of the coming campaign. | positive lesses. It is estimated that less than 20 per cent. of the attractions on the road last winter ended their tours with a margin to the good.

The managers are by no means agreed as to the cause of this slump. Some name in the eligible list which would ascribe it to the bicycle; others to the stand more logically as the complement | formation of theatrical trusts, whereto that of William McKinley and bring by the smaller organizations are frozen to the ticket a larger re-inforcement of out of the best theaters. Of course, the general fact that times were hard and the name of Daniel Hartman Hastings. that money was scarce is not over-Just as he was eight years ago the looked. Yet singularly enough, not one of the numerous menagers who have voiced their grievances upon this subject has thought of the circumstance that possibly some part of the unsatisless, eloquent, a born leader amongst a factory character of the season's business has been due to the want of managerial tact in supplying the amusement-loving public with clean and interesting plays well acted by men and women of intelligence. If one will mentally review the season's theatrical offerings one will readily concur with us in the opinion that as a whole they vere distinctly inferior. The craze for raudeville has all but sacrificed the serious dramn and even the vaudeville offerings of 1895-6 were as a rule what the gallery boy would call "snide." If the public failed to grow enthusiastic over such a programme is it primarily

the public's fault? There is a forward movement in theatricals as well as in other directions. People are learning to demand a better quality of performances, just as they demand better books and better newspapers. When the managers catch more accurately the step of this march forward they will have smaller reason to berate the public for its unwillingness to fill their coffers.

The Chicago Times-Herald points to England's growth in wealth as a demonstration of the wholesomeness of the as the only way by which this can be gold standard. Does our Chicago condone that the county permit the re- temporary wish to suggest that the moval of the flagging on all sides of the United States ought to imitate Engsquare to within the present line of land? If so, it should also advocate free

THE VICE-PRESIDENCY.

Walter Wellman telegraphs from St Louis to the Chicago Times-Herald as follows: ."Word comes from Washingto that Senator Quay will make a gallant of-fort to secure the nomination of Governor Hastings of Pennsylvania for the vice presidency. The plan is to have Mr. Hast-ings make the speech placing Senator Quay's name before the convention. This will be done more for the governor's bene-fit than for Mr. Quay's. No one expects any votes to be east for the senator, as it is understood that when Pennsylvania is reached in the roil call Mr. Quay will himself rise on the floor—he is one of the district delegates—and cost the vote of the Keystone state for Weign Weigney, It is also as state for Major McKinley. It is also ex-pected this will be the signal for a great demonstration in the convention, in which Messrs. Quay and Hastings will share the honors, and that the feeling engendered by this coup will help the chances of Governor Hastings for the second place the McKinley ticket.

"The Pennsylvania governor is likely to help his own cause when he takes the platform to place Senator Quay in nomina tion. A giant in frame, he has a soldierly bearing and a voice that is as magnetic as it is far-reaching. No one will have any ifficulty in hearing what he has to say, His tremendous voice will practrate to the uttermost parts of the great hall. When he sits down the delegates will know that a man of full stature and of splendid mental equipment has been speaking to them. The hero of Johnstown, the big, commanding fellow who easily made himself master of that troublous situation, is likely to make a good impression upon the convention. He has the advantage that t is his duty to present a candidate who is not now in earnest. No fine considera tions of loyally need deter him from sing-ing the praises of Spoaker Reed, of Sena-tor Allison, of Governor Morton, and of Sovernor Bradley, as well as those of Major McKinley and Senator Quay. If he makes as much of his opportunity as those who know him best think he will, he will with great possibilities hovering about his

"In this pretty play for the vice presi dency is seen the master hand of Mr. Quay. The Pennsylvania senator is known as the politician who always alights on his feet. Take him up in a bal-leon, tied in a bag, and drop him out. Be-fore he reached terra firma he would have cut himself loose and nicked out a hay-stack to fail on. Atop that stack, smiling and unburt, would he be found, winking and blinking those sleepy-looking eyes of his, which, even in slumber, are kept just small way open. Senator Quay, it should be remembered, is still engaged in a bitter struggle for political supremacy in his His famous victory of last summer was only the beginning of the campaign The 'combine,' which had things so nice fixed for destroying Mr. Quay as the leader of Pennsylvania Republicanism still exists. It is on his trail, and does no intend to abandon it till it has hunted the wary fox to his lair.

"Mr. Quay is splendid as a fighter, when he has to fight, but he is as perfect a diplo-matist as the science of politics ever produced when there is any chance to save trouble by making peace. The great Penn-sylvanian is looking for re-enforcements. His one fortress of strength in the state is his domination of the legislature. There are plenty of things which could be put through this legislature, or which could b killed before they got there, which would inure to Mr. Quay's advantage with pow erful corporations and individuals. But the co-operation of the governor is neces-cary in a scheme of this sort. Walter Lyon, the lieutenant governor of Pennsy Lyon, the licutement governor of Pennsy-vania, is one of Mr. Quay's closest friends, Hence Mr. Quay's play for Mr. Hastings as vice president. If the big governor can be sent to Washington as the presiding officer of the senate Walter Lyon will sign all the bills which Mr. Quay's legislature passes. If Mr. Hastings is not nominated

for vice president Mr. Quay loses nothing. He may even win General Hastings to his side in the battles that are to come.

"Mr. Quay will have to fight for his life again this year. The 'combine' leader are after him. Their candidate for United States senator in Don Cameron's place is none other than John Wanamaker, who was made postmaster general by this sam Mr. Quay in return for the splendid cam paign management which so much hel o pull General Harrison through in 188 for pull General Harrison through in law.

Mr. Wanamaker has a fortune to invening the contest, and Mr. Quay is not rich.

The pressure of home rivalry drove Mr. Quay out to Canton, where, it is understood, he received the moderate satisfaction of a pledge that no one had we to make upon regular Republican organ-izations, though individuals were to be recognized on their merits. It orace but to stok peace with Governor Hastings at to make a play for the vice presidency. It there any other second place ambitton to has benging about it so many features oplitical legislation, personal and but items interest as this candidacy of McHastings?"

FOR CONGRESS.

From the Olyphant Record. The name of William Connell is again brought to the front as a possible cand-date for congress. If Mr. Connell is will ing to stand, he has only to accommodate his many friends by saying so, and there is nothing sever than his getting to Washington. This honor would have been conferred on him many years ago, but for his positive refusal to enter the conflict.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer.

and that the men are willing to show their appreciation by keeping said benches covred while the women stand.

Instead of providing a pneumatic tire for Fire Chief Hickey's buggy, the councils could probably better serve humanity by placing pneumatic cushions along the street for the victims of his driving to fall

It begins to look as though Thomas Platt's arrival in St. Louis will be a very ordinary event after all. Uncle Levi Morton has evidently adopted the ice machine in his business—he cer tainly cuts no ice.

Ajacchus' Advice. It is not necessary to wait for a fire alarm. People ought to look out at all imes on the streets of Scranton.

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