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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

Congressmen-st-Large, GALUSHA A. GROW, of Susquehanna. SAMUEL A. DAVENPORT, of Eric. Licetion Day, Nov. 3.

We still contend that the proper money plank is: "Good dollars and plenty of them."

The Base Ball Situation.

The present supporters of base ball in this city announced when they took hold of the Scranton club that they investment beyond a reasonable interest on the actual money involved. Every cent of receipts above that margin they were willing to re-invest in improvements to promote the national

Misfortune and disappointments have since been encountered; some of them | are several posts in Philadelphia and perhaps due to inexperience, others | posts are now being organized in Pittsseemingly the result of sheer ill-luck. As a consequence, public interest has relaxed and the club, despite the fact southern Pennsylvania. The northern that it contains several really good Ohio battalion, under Staff Captain players, lags in the lowest place.

It would be profitless to inquire into the cause of this unexpected slump. What is now more to the point is to local base ball that, instead of jumping tain Sarah Giffert, has its headquarters on the base ball management in its moment of multiplied hard luck, it would tallon, under Staff Captain Lockyer. be a manly thing to extend evidences of has its headquarters in St. Louis. The encouragement. The management has New York and New Jerey regiment, as exhibited uncommon courage and it is called now, embraces all the posts pluck, and sooner or later these quali- in this city, New Jersey, Delaware, and ties will come out on top. The friend a part of Connecticut. This regiment in need will be the friend who will ther be appreciated.

The change in managers ought to produce a change in results. Manager Griffin is an experienced and trustworthy ball player, who not only knows the game but also the capabilities and the disciplinary needs of the men who play it. Complete authority and liberal resources have been placed in his hands, From today forward, he will be responsible, not only to the owners but also to the public, for the kind of ball playing which will take place under the team-name, "Scranton,"

The public, for its part, ought to give him a fair chance. He cannot be expected to succeed unless he has its loyal co-operation. Neither can he, even with that co-operation, work mirneles. It will, we fancy, be generally satisfactory if he shall prove able to get out of the present players the work of which they have occasionally shown themselves capable, but which some of them have hitherto seemed rather too willing to shirk; and also, if he shall use discretion and intelligence in strengthening weak placez. Lively and snappy playing is wanted. Shirking and the apathetic inefficiency which comes from dissipation are not wanted.

Let the new manager be accorded a reasonable opportunity to prove what he can do. Let the public stand by him during this period. Let us see if the so-called "hoodoo" which appears to overhang professional base ball in Scranton cannot be broken and a club secured worthy to wear the city's name.

Spanish Minister de Lome will, it is said, pass the summer in the vicinity of Gray Gables. He is shrewd to nurse

his "pull" while it lasts.

As Others See Us. The Japan Gazette tells of a "fascinating scheme" which it has heard frequently discussed by American business men. It is "to put up a wall of protective tariffs which shall exclude foreign imports. For internal use to make the sliver dollar equal to the gold dollar. Then for wheat or manufactures sold abroad to demand payment in gold and with this gold meet national obligations such as the interest on stocks and shares held any man who possesses anything. They in Europe. There are those who aver that by such a policy America would double its population in 30 years and supply all the markets of the world."

Our Oriental contemporary is mistaken in one of its details. No one has proposed a "wall of protective tariffs" which would "exclude foreign imports." Some imports we must have: (1) of goods the like of which we do not produce; and (2) of a sufficient quantity of goods, the like of which we do produce, to supply federal revenue and keep home prices from being forced by

level. It has also been proposed in an the imposition of socialistic special exacademic way by one of our leading statesmen, Hon. Thomas B. Reed, to employ our tariffs in a retaliatory campaign against countries that refuse to cooperate with us for the establishment of international bimetallism: but this suggestion has not met with favor and it is not likely ever to be employed.

Whether it will be necessary for the American people to resort to the second part of the Japan paper's programme will probably depend upon the ability of the next administration to secure such an improvement in our industrial situation as shall restore the former favorable balance of trade and make it possible for the United States to maintain unimpaired an adequate gold reserve. If it can do this without difficulty, the chances are that independent effort in silver's behalf will not be deemed necessary. If it cannot, the adoption of the scheme of bimetallism heretofore outlined in these columnsthat is to say, the coinage of the pro tected American silver product upon a parity with gold-will be only a question of time.

The Scranton club's new manager will doubtless realize that to spare the rod in the case of athletes who use the night time for carousal purposes will be to spoil the ball game. The public doesn't want to tell him how to run his business, but it does want its money's

Progress of the Booths. Yesterday's Sun gave an interesting

review of the progress of the American Volunteers movement since its inception three months ago "When Commander and Mrs. Booth opened their headquarters in the Bible house," it said, "they had two officers and two active workers. * * * Since then they have established branches in nearly 199 cities and towns in the United States, uniformed the officers and privates, and equipped the posts, as each had no wish to reap a profit on their | branch is called. In this city the Volunteers have four posts. In Brooklyn there are three posts, and in New Jersey there are about twenty-five. There are twenty-one posts in Chicago and in its immediate vicinity, and others in Illinois, southern Wisconsin, and southburg, Harrisburg, Wilkes-Barre, and other places in western, middle and John Denton, has its headquarters in Cleveland. The western New York battalion, under Major Washington Blackhurst, had its headquarters in Buffalo. suggest to those who take interest in The Indian battalion, under Staff Capin Indianapolis, and the Missouri batcommand of Col. Pattle Watkins known for so many years in the Salva tion Army as 'Staff Captain Pattie, the Welsh Nightingale."

> The account adds: "Only a few days ago it was found that even the enlarged headquarters of the Volunteers in the Bible house was not adequate to the needs of the organization, and so a new headquarters were taken in the Singer building, at the southeast corner of Sixteenth street and Union square. In their new quarters the Volunteers have four floors. On these four floors are the general offices and the rooms of the fifteen departments into which the headquarters work is divided. Here also, of course, are the offices of Commander and Mrs. Booth's staff. A complete printing office, equipped for job printing, as well as for getting out the Volunteer's Gazette, the official organ of the organization, is located on the third and fourth floors. Then there are the offices of the trade department the finance department, the Defender's league, the auxiliary of the Volunteers the millinery and tailoring department, the music department, the post office, and the legal department. The Gazette has already a circulation of 20,000 copies weekly."

Upon its present platform the Volunteer movement fully deserves this suc

According to Walter Wellman, "the country's interests are safe in Mark Hanna's hands." Won't this tend to make Grover jealous?

Recognizing the Inevitable. Hambleton & Co., bankers, of Baltimore, in a current business circular use these words: "The thoughtful business men of the country, who represent its wealth, commerce, trade, manufacturing, and other interests, have been or are being forced to the conclusion that, as at present constituted, the men who control the Democratic party are not fit to govern the country. We say this with the most sincere regret, as we of the south have been nourished and reared to revere and respect the true principles of Democracy. The men who now dominate our great party repre sent an element whose hand is against are in opposition to the national banks. are down on all corporations, condemn capital, and, in fact, are against any one who owns a dollar in money or in

value." As a matter of fact this has been true to a varying degree since the days of Andrew Jackson. If the business intelligence of the south has just begun to find it out, the fact speaks badly for the south's discernment. In the history of our country it is a conspicuous coincidence that the only party which has resolutely and uniformly opposed industrial combinations above a fair repudiation, currency debasement and

actions on wealth and business brains is the Republican party. And today, while the Democracy is chasing the From the Century.

phantom of unlimited silver coinage, just as many of its members once chased the phantom of flat money, the one party which stands for a stable and uniform currency with all its dollars equal is the Republican party. In other words, the Republican party is the only party which represents the conscience and the character of the American people; and the only one fit to be entrusted with the administration of their federal affairs.

The following foretaste of the style of campaign abuse which may soon be expected from the Democratic press as daily offering is taken from the editorial columns of the Harrisburg Patriot: "If McKinley be nominated and go to the white house he will be a mortgaged president. The Hanna syndicate is his owner and Mark is not a bit backward even now in showing who owns him." It will be interesting to watch the foul-mouthed opposition while it unconsciously swells McKinley's majority.

The latest appointment by the Cleveland administration is one of its best. in selecting David Starr Jordan to head the commission which is soon to begin an exhaustive study of the Alaskan sealing question the president has insured an honest and accurate report. Dr. Jordan, who is the president of Stanford university, is admittedly one of the ablest of living ichthyologists.

Judge Cowing of New York has propounded the theory that every man who "assails the judiciary" should be 'regarded as a pirate." That depends upon what is meant by the word assail. its ordinary meaning is "to attack." No man ought to vent physical violence upon a judge; but to hang a man for decently criticizing the bench would be decidedly undemocratic.

No platform pledge will be required to enlist President McKinley's sympathies in behalf of Cuba; still a good Cuban plank at St. Louis would very acceptable.

Wharton Barker warns the Democrats that they cannot win this year unless they nominate a Northern silver Republican. Is this a boost for Bar-

They have reason for their opposition. About all there is to the carping at Hanna is that Hanna has shown him-

We do not wonder that Canadian

office-holders are foreninst annexation.

self a grand master at the game. Mr. Platt evidently thinks that if it's

to be his funeral he might as well make

A LIFE OF MCKINELY No sooner had Robert P. Porter estabtor of the rejuvenated World than he set to work to prepare, at odd mome an authorized "Life of William McKinley, Soldier, Lawyer, Statesman," which is now opportunely placed before the public in a handsome book of 40 pages, by the N. G. Hamilton Publishing company of leveland. Prefixed to the text are fine ull-page portraits in half-tone of Major and Mrs. McKinley; and in the body of the ook are many interesting illustrations.
As to the fitness of Mr. Porter for this task, it is enough to say that in addition to being one of the ablest journalists of his day-which necessarily means that he qualified to select and to put into good English those facts in the biography subject which are of most interest and instruction-he has been for many years closely identified with Major McKinley. officially and professionally, in the study and public championship of the economic principle of Protection, and has therefore njoyed exceptional facilities for obtaining accurate information as to McKinley's areer. Further than that, his work as to biographical facts has passed under the subject's personal eye and is vouched for

as authentic.

We will not at this time go into an extended consideration of the subject mat-ter of Mr. Porter's volume; during the en-suing campaign there will be fitter occastons for that. But we will say that the book is much more than a dry statement of biographical facts. While it omits no essential fact, it is really a history of our country's industrial development and a strong and legical presentation of the the-ory which William McKinley has so ably hampioned in public life and for which his very name has come in late years to be synonymous. A perusal of the volume would instruct and inspire every American

CANDIDATE AND PLATFORM.

From Leslic's Weekly. Obviously it would be presumptuous for any candidate to undertake before his nation to dictate the platform of a national convention. The framing of a platform is the convention's work, as is platform is the conventions work, as is also the selection of a candidate. The former is looked upon as the expression of the party's principles, and the latter as its personal preference for its highest honor. Cannot Republicans trust their national conventions to frame a platform and name a ticket in accordance with Re-publican sentiment? After the convention for president and vice president, in their letters of acceptance, to say definitely and precisely whether they will accept a nomi-nation on the party's platform. If the language of the presidential candidate gree he would be open justly to censur from members of his own party. It is ab-surd to ask a candidate for president, even if he feels assured of his noming even if he feels assured of his homina-tion, to lay down a platform upon which he proposes to run. If a candidate for the presidency should do this why should not a candidate for the vice presidency do the same? Can any one tell who the candidates for the vice presidency are at the present moment or who may be named when the convention meets?

A YEAR OF SPLITS.

From the Times-Herald. This is the year of splits. The split in the Salvation Army and the split in the Prohibition party are only the forerun-ners of an epidemic of splits. Even the Methodist conference at Cleveland was all split up on the woman question and the Federation of Woman's Clubs at Louisville was not as harmonious as it should have been in its determination to demolish the high theater hat. The Presbyterian assembly at Saratoga showed its usual marked incidnation to split hairs on doctrinal points, while the split in the eastern McKinley combine is one of the notable political events of the year. For a while the public was hopelessly split over Olga Nethersole's stage kins, although there was great unanimity in the belief that it was a very realistic bit of osculation. But these are only mild divergencies compared to the violent and

COST OF DESTROYING A SLUM.

London is spending nearly \$2,500,000 is cleansing and rebuilding one slum. Amer-ican cities are just beginning to learn how serious is the cumulative evil of slum consarious is the cumulative evil of slum con-struction. They may with profit also learn how costly is the necessity of slum de-struction. The object lesson offered by London may be studied with interest in all large cities, and especially in New York, where, through the efforts of the state tenement house commission, legis-lation has with much difficulty been se-cured which, if enforced, perpetuated and added to, will tend to prevent the growth added to, will tend to prevent the growth of such conditions as London is now comelled to combat.

THE VICE-PRESIDENCY.

From the Mexican Herald. It won't do to scorn the vice presidency; some bright men have climbed into the chief magistracy by that office. Arthur made a better president than Garfield, and trained a better president than Garnata. The Tyler, with all his defects, had presidential stuff in him. In the early days of the great republic men of eminent ability aspired to the post of vice president, and the nonsensical talk that Reed is "too big for the place" is unworthy of sensi admit the idea of accepting the nomina-tion for second place, but that does not al-ter the fact that the vice president is a otential president.

Every man should take off his hat as (Music by Professor James W. Parson

Hall! hall our flag so dear and bright; The flag of long ago; The ensign of our Nation's birth, A prophet-gracious, too

Chorus. We'll guard it well, no treason dark, Nor foe shall e'er come nigh; Let every man take off his hat, The starry flag moves by.

The clouds which hurried o'er the waves To dim its visage bold; Were banished, and its victory then, In deathless song is told.

Chorus.

We'll guard it well, no treason dark,
Nor foe shall e'er come nigh; etc.

It triumphed over foreign foes, At home it triumphed, too; The banner of the great and good, The banner of the true.

We'll guard it well, no treason dark, Nor foe shall e'er come nigh; etc.

It sweeps in freedom o'er the east, And o'er the west it sings; And north and south are joyous now, For Liberty it brings.

Chorus, We'll guard it well, no treason dark, Nor foe shall e'er come nigh; etc.

God crown with peace our starry flag, In freedom e'er to fly; Forever may our Stars and Stripes, Float in a brilliant sky.

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