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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

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

The dispatch of yesterday crediting the Reed boom with a threatening spurt belonged by rights in the fiction department...

The Proper Money Plank.

The Wilkes-Barre Record correctly states the attitude of the great majority of the membership of the Republican party when it declares that what they want is: "First, a tariff and revenue policy that will give our home industries protection and prosperity..."

A stringent gold plank in the platform would misrepresent the party. The party is not in favor of the single gold standard. It is in favor of the double standard safeguarded.

The campaign for a radical deliverance in favor of gold monometallism carried to the extreme of retiring treasury notes and greenbacks and declining utterly to sanction additional coinage of silver is of Democratic origin...

For an Elastic Bank Circulation. A Philadelphia banking firm, Horen & Co., in a circular giving its views as to the kind of a money plank which ought to be adopted at St. Louis...

This party pledges itself to maintain the present parity of the gold dollar unimpaired. Unaided by an international agreement, this country cannot add greatly to its silver coinage without appalling catastrophe while present conditions govern the production of silver.

Anyhow, Tom Reed has this consolation: No one denies that he is fit to be president. The latest "plagiarist" is Emile Zola. It is charged that in writing his last book, "Rome," he boldly stole whole paragraphs from a book printed one year ago by a fellow-Frenchman...

All new books are founded in some measure on older ones. It isn't necessary to summon Shakespeare to prove this. Modern instances may be recalled without number. M. Zola could have bettered his reputation by giving credit in a preface to the authors to whose labor he helped himself.

It must be said as a matter of veracity that the Republicans of Luzerne do not seem to be making much ado over the Palmer purity platform. Are they wedded to the golden idols?

The Vice-Presidency.

Three questions were recently propounded by the Chicago Times-Herald to a number of prominent delegates to the Republican National convention. They were: (1) What, if anything, should be done to make the office of vice-president of the United States worthy the aspirations of our foremost statesmen?

The replies are interesting and diversified. Governor Bushnell, of Ohio, thinks there should be a constitutional amendment which would provide that the vice-president of the United States should be a member of the cabinet...

The most emphatic message of dissent comes from General Felix Agnus, of Baltimore. Says he: "If the vice-presidency is underrated it is not the fault of the office. It is a place of great dignity and undoubted responsibility. I cannot think of any legislation that could make it more worthy of the aspirations of our foremost statesmen."

One of the objections raised to increasing the vice-president's salary is that it would appear to discriminate against the speaker of the house, who does twice as much work. This objection overlooks the fact that the vice-president is under social obligations which do not rest in equal measure upon the speaker.

There will be one disappointed man because of the failure of the Hastings vice-presidential boom. His name is John Wanamaker and he is a candidate for senator.

Meanwhile, the chronicle of outrage upon American citizens and destruction of their property swells with each succeeding day. It is a curious coincidence that these things part of Mr. Cleveland's programme of summer ease and recreation? The latest case is that of Senor Delgado, who is the owner of a large and valuable estate not far from Havana.

But it is to the second suggestion that attention is especially directed. On June 30, 1892, the total amount of money in circulation among the American people was \$1,601,347,187—a per capita circulation of \$24.44. On June 1, 1896, the total amount was \$1,521,684,233—a per capita circulation of \$21.35.

And there is another mystery which perplexes observant folk—the mystery of the sudden disappearance of Mr. Morgan's joint resolution. How did that resolution come to die so utterly? What was it that the president said to Senators Sherman, Gray and Lodge which was the argument which persuaded them to fall away from Senator Morgan and connive at the asphyxiation of his resolution?

tem in the South and West would do much to afford necessary relief. Amid all the contemporary clutter concerning the precious metals, it is well to bear this Philadelphia suggestion in mind. It may yet prove the key to the entire problem.

Governor Hastings' explicit refusal to become a candidate for vice-president sacrifices Pennsylvania's chance of getting a place on the next national ticket. But it probably opens the way for Senator Quay to become secretary of the navy if he shall desire to enter McKinley's cabinet.

The restoration of protection and the replacement of the government on a debt-paying basis will go far toward minimizing the importance of the currency issue. Protection, at all events, is the paramount essential.

Now that congress is off his hands, we dare say President Cleveland will stock a government gun-boat with live and liquid bait and steam away on the majestic ocean to where the fishes play.

Just how it can be construed as treachery for Joseph H. Manley to tell the truth as to the certainty of McKinley's nomination it is difficult for the average on-looker to discern.

The probability is that Speaker Reed laid the corner stone of his own defeat for the presidency when he exhibited the white feather by urging congress to adopt a do-nothing policy.

Mr. Reed's peremptory rejection of the vice-presidency will not injure the Republican party, but will its effect be correspondingly harmless on Thomas B. Reed?

It would be a good thing if Quay, Martin and Magee would catch the harmony infection from Marcus Hanna and take a pledge to forgive and forget.

We are sorry to observe that none of our Democratic friends has yet advocated Tariff "Bill" Wilson for the Democratic nomination.

The fact of the matter is that even without the umpire's help, Colonel Shannon's men would have been hard to beat.

Harper's Weekly just now is eclipsing all past records in its adulant toadying to Mr. Cleveland. Well, he needs it.

A CURIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT.

From the Washington Post. We note with interest the announcement given out from the state department, on Thursday, to the effect that the president intends taking no action with reference to the Cuban insurrection; that he is glad congress has adjourned and left him free from annoyance in that respect.

It is a strange announcement upon the whole—perhaps the most remarkable one that has ever been made from Mr. Cleveland. Here is a president of the United States, the people's servant, admitting that those he serves desire, almost to a man, to have him do a certain thing...

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TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Aiacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrological cast: 2:47 a. m., for Tuesday, June 16, 1896.

A child born on this day will do well to be born in Ohio or Indiana if he expects to be president.

If editors could only suit the outside cities in running a newspaper, what a glorious age of intellectual journalism this would be!

Mr. Griffin, of Athletic park, may now be considered open for suggestions. At the hour of going to press the new Shah of Persia had not given his opinion on the currency question.

There seems no reason why Prodigal Chiles should not be given a show at Athletic park.

MUSIC NOT IMMORAL.

We are in perfect accord with Dr. McLeod and the Scranton Tribune that sacred concerts are all right on Sunday or any other day, provided they furnish us with better music and less lickerin' than the average church choir furnishes. Music, whether vocal or instrumental, secular or sacred, is timely and acceptable on any day, if only it be characterized by harmony in its origin, its execution, and its effect.

NORA MCGILL.

The ways of a woman, Solomon said, Would puzzle a wise man. An' I'm thinkin' He'd say so still If he'd ever met with Nora McGill.

The wiles of a woman, Antony said, Were past believin' As a soldier's thread. An' I'm thinkin' He'd say so still If ever he'd look on Nora McGill.

The word of a woman, Malachi said, Was as easy snapt As a soldier's thread. An' I'm thinkin' He'd say so still If ever he'd talked with Nora McGill.

An' yet there's nothin' That can compare With the blue of her eyes And the black of her hair. An' I'm thinkin' She likes me still The while she's plavin' me—Nora McGill.

—Lena Giles in Temple Bar.

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