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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

State Treasurer—J. S. BEACON, of Westmoreland. Auditor General—LEVI G. McCAULEY, of Chester. Election day, November 8.

Resolved, That the platform adopted at the National convention of Democracy in 1896 be endorsed fully and without reserve.

Beware of Speculation.

It will, as the Chicago Record points out, be most unfortunate for the country if the too rapid return of prosperity shall bring with it an era of speculation, which in time must be followed inevitably by another period of panic and distress.

Hawaii into shreds. Mr. Herbert's conclusion is: "If we annex Hawaii, we must add largely to our Pacific fleet. We cannot otherwise defend this outpost, 2,000 miles from our present boundaries."

From this view some discount should perhaps be made for the natural prudence of a naval man to exaggerate our naval needs; yet on the whole the warning is timely and valuable.

We wonder that some enterprising individual doesn't start a prize guessing contest as to what issue Billy Bryan will exploit next.

Hebrew Colonization.

It is not pleasant to record that the plan of colonization of Slavic Jews in Southern New Jersey has not been the success for which Baron de Hirsch, Baron Rothschild, and other philanthropic Jews had held exalted hopes.

These results are said to arise from the insufficient acreage of land apportioned among the settlers and the incursion of building associations which devoured their possessions.

The Philadelphia Record narrates an incident showing how little things often count in trade. Some time ago the Baldwin Locomotive works were shipping engines to a South American country where the ties are made of mahogany, and where the most beautiful hard woods are found in such abundance that they are used for fuel.

Naval Needs.

Mr. Cleveland's secretary of the navy, Hon. Hilary A. Herbert, who by the way is one of the best informed authorities on naval subjects in this country, contributes to the September Forum a strong plea for naval enlargement.

It is now definitely established that the recent interview in the New York World with Secretary Sherman, in which the latter was quoted as making several indiscreet and undiplomatic remarks reflecting on Spain, England and Japan, was in essential features a deliberate falsehood.

The fact that bright men who in other vocations could if they chose earn five to ten times that income deliberately embrace the mission of the ministry and accept uncomplainingly its undeniable hardships is proof that there is a good deal more nobility of character and usefulness of inspiration in this old world than many critics give it credit for.

to elect bachelors to office, says there are 47,000 girls of marriageable age in Massachusetts alone who cannot find husbands. But on the other hand there are western states who cannot find wives for their bachelors.

Good news is brought from Cuba by the correspondent, Mr. Bryson, whom Weyler lately expelled. He says the Cubans are now stronger and the Spaniards weaker than ever before and that even many of the Spanish residents of Havana, the merchants and those in business, would prefer American annexation to continued rule by Spain.

Senator Wellington has received a severe thump in the loss of the Republican state executive committee in Maryland; but it will take more than one strong blow to put him out of the field. Perhaps he will now have the discretion to get in line with party sentiment and desist from his impossible attempt to impersonate the entire party in Maryland.

It is announced that Walter Wellman contemplates another attempt to find the North Pole. Mr. Wellman will be more likely to convert a first-rate newspaper man into a third-rate explorer than to find either the Pole or anything else worth finding.

Mr. Dana's advice to young newspaper men is embodied in the epigram: "Tell the truth and shame the devil." It is pretty good advice for all sorts and conditions of men.

THE KLONDIKE GOLD BUG.

Editorials and News.

Joachim Miller isn't here at all. He is over at Juneau living on the fat of the land. He will write his letters at a swell hotel (\$1.50 per day) with his feet in the oven of a delectable stove, his throat done up in red flannel, "Waukeen" is cultivating an extra crop of curls in view of the cold weather.

The "Bug" has a rival in the Klondike field of journalism. The new paper has been started solely for the purpose of blackmailing honest citizens of this vicinity. The editor of the "Klondikian," the paper referred to, is a dirty, mean sneak, and as he is rather some of our adjectives, we feel it our duty to warn the public against him.

Going Through the Civil Service Mill

From the New Orleans Times-Democrat. Do you want a government office? Now is the time to apply. If you are a citizen, the civil service commission will hold its great fall examinations within a few weeks in 20 cities throughout the country.

The fall examinations in New Orleans will be held on Oct. 6 and Oct. 23. On Oct. 6 applicants will be examined for positions as bookbinder, clerk (departmental service), compositor, electrician (all kinds), elevator conductor, janitor, messenger, pressman, railway mail clerk, skilled laborer (male and female), stenographer, stenographer, typewriter, typewriter, typewriter and watchman.

If you wish to compete for one of these offices, here are some timely hints which will aid you greatly. In the first place, you want to get into the mill to work. Those to be held on the dates mentioned are what are termed the "ordinary" civil service examinations. They are held periodically in the spring and fall of each year.

Mr. Smith, a Boston reformer, in a memorial petitioning the public not

service will most likely be through the lower grades. You will have no choice respecting salary. That of the usual entrance grade is \$900.

Having decided upon the nature of the examination you desire to take, you must immediately state your selection to the Civil Service Commission, and at the same time write to them for an application blank. This will be furnished you promptly. It must then be filled out and returned to the commission sufficiently in advance of the examination to allow at least ten days in advance of the time of the examination. It would be wise to send in the completed blank a considerable time in advance of this ten-day limit.

You must not labor under the delusion that the Civil Service Commission can give you an appointment. It cannot appoint. It simply recommends. After all is said and done, the employment agency for the government. When a vacancy occurs in a department the appointing officer applies to the Civil Service Commission for the names of the three highest eligibles, and he is at liberty to select any one of the three he may prefer, regardless of rank. That is the whole process in a nutshell. The gauntlet having been run, lucky indeed is he who shall have reached the goal.

FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT.

Mayor Bailey and the members of the city council have received invitations to attend the national convention of mayors and councilmen to be held at Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 28 to Oct. 1. The arrangements for the gathering are in the hands of a general committee composed of thirty-six mayors and twenty-four councilmen representing sections of the country, and a circular letter issued by this committee sets forth the objects of the convention as follows: First—The formation of a national organization of the chief executives and members of councils of cities in the United States.

It will be observed that the objects of the convention were designed with a view to securing a general discussion of all questions pertaining to municipal administration by those who have had the most practical experience in the work of the city themselves. Such a discussion, bringing out as it will an interchange of original ideas and knowledge among men experienced in city government, cannot fail to result beneficially to the taxpayers of the cities which will be represented.

The local committees at Columbus are making elaborate preparations for the entertainment of visitors, and the general committee is desirous of having every city of any importance in the United States send its mayor and as large a delegation as possible from its councils to the convention. The expense of the trip will be money spent in the cause of economical city government.

THE ONE BLOT.

From the Illustrated American. That it has so long turned a deaf ear to the despairing cry of Cuba is the one blot upon the reputation of the United States which is not so without precedent in the fulness of its good name.

HAS A RIGHT TO TRY.

From the Buffalo News. "Is the Cuban capable of self-government?" is a question discussed by Thomas Gold Alvord in the September Forum. The Cuban is capable of trying, and he has a right to try.

A LITERARY CURIOSITY.

The weary plowman plods his homeward way. The plowman, weary, plods his homeward way. His homeward way the weary plowman plods. He homeward way the plowman, weary, plods. The weary plowman homeward plods his way. The plowman, weary, homeward plods his way. His way the weary plowman homeward plods. He way the plowman, weary, homeward plods. The plowman, homeward, plods his weary way. He homeward, weary way, the plowman plods. Weary, the plowman homeward plods his way. Weary, the plowman plods his homeward way. Homeward, his way the weary plowman plods. The plowman, homeward, weary plods his way. His weary way the plowman homeward plods. He weary way the homeward plowman plods. Homeward the plowman plods his weary way. The plowman, weary, his way homeward plods. The plowman plods his homeward weary way. The plowman plods his weary homeward way. Weary the plowman his way homeward plods. Weary his homeward way the plowman plods. The plowman plods his weary way homeward.

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