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THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

- State. State Treasurer—J. S. BEACON, of Westmoreland. Auditor General—LEVI G. M'CAULEY, of Chester. County. Sheriff—CLARENCE E. PRYOR, of Scranton.

The circulation of the Truth is more than ten thousand copies every day greater than that of the Scranton Tribune—Scranton Truth.

Cleanse the Civil Service.

The announcement that at the approaching session of congress a concerted and final attack will be made by opponents of the examination system upon the curious thing called by courtesy civil service "reform" is interesting but not unexpected.

Study of the civil service "reform" system at close range does away with many of the predictions which are acquired in favor of that system by those who derive their knowledge of the subject principally from the theoretical discussions and eulogies printed in the Mugwump magazines.

This being the cold fact as distinguished from the theatrical pretence with reference to this matter, and it being moreover true that nine members of congress and heads of departments out of every ten secretly curse the day which made them parties to the civil service reform humbug and long to breathe an atmosphere cleared of false representation and studied deception.

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is unfair to him to have wrong impressions created by lieutenants acting independently on their own responsibility.

Speculation in wheat evidently overdid itself and like the frog that sought to puff up as big as an elephant it broke and went to pieces.

The Lattimer Riot.

In view of the bloodshed yesterday near Lattimer, the authentic details of which are insufficiently known at this writing to warrant specific judgment, certain general truths may with propriety be affirmed.

(1) The right of employes to quit work at will, except when bound by contract, is indisputable. (2) The right of men who elect to quit work to persuade comrades in toil also to quit is equally clear.

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

Marriage and Divorce.

A group of men and women in Boston are trying to establish in that city a branch of the English Legitimation League. The object of this league is to abolish the marriage ceremony and substitute for it a contract dissoluble at will, by which the man and the woman shall agree to live together as husband and wife and to recognize as legitimate any children that may be born of the union.

I disbelieve in the promise for life. I don't believe that the state has any concern in the relations of the sexes, in the first place, and in the second place, I don't consider, even if it were right for the state to interfere, that it should make the contract binding for life.

Mr. Dawson's modesty is in refreshing contrast with the proverbial egotism of reformers of his type. But modesty in the proponent of such a doctrine will not insure its acceptance by any considerable number of people.

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the hoarding of wealth which withdraws much of the circulating medium from the purpose for which it is intended, and this drain is a vital cause of the scarcity of money of which there is much complaint.

Again, postal savings banks offer new facilities for those who need the greatest encouragement to thrift—those who would deposit small sums. Most private savings banks do not care to be bothered with individual deposits under \$10, and national banks offer no inducement to depositors whose accounts are below \$100.

Washington Letter in Pittsburgh Times. The Supreme court of the United States will decide ere long the validity of the present civil service system.

The administration is anxious to know the exact legal status of the present civil service laws, because it is well known that the Supreme court will meet at the next session of congress, its supreme battle for existence.

What would it profit the New York non-partisans if as a consequence of their previous Tammany should again capture control of the city?

Suppose, Commodore Slingerly, that the nominees of the Reading convention could be elected. Would you, as a business man, trust them on the Reading platform or feel safe with the in-famous crew at Reading dominant at Harrisburg?

Misfortunes never come singly. The New Castle, Col., train wreck is the third serious casualty of its kind within the week; and being the third, the cycle presumably is completed and travel will for an interval be safe.

The story that friends of Queen Lil have formed a plot to kidnap Senators Quay and Morgan should they visit Harrisburg offers itself as a refreshing variation in midsummer romance.

THE KLONDIKE GOLD BUG.

Dismal Dingman, of Hurriscane Pass, announces that he intends to locate in Klondike and open a coffin factory. Some doubts have been cast upon the financial success of the Klondike rush by the citizens of camp. We will state, however, that the "Bug" office will furnish occupation for dismal for several days at least unless certain residents at once refrain from the habit of kicking the collector in a brutal manner when he politely asks them to pay what they owe on subscription.

Colonel Neversook Johnson, an eastern capitalist and inventor, has taken rooms at Slater's pavilion in order to spend the next month in our midst looking for something to develop. In case the colonel fails to organize his stock company for the purpose of utilizing the Chilkoot pass with acetylene gas, it is probable that he will accept a tempting offer from Mr. Slater to carve the hain used in the sandwiches that are sold on the pavilion lunch counter.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe Cast: 4:36 a. m. for Saturday, September 11, 1897.

A child born on this day will notice that the fellows who fall to get a large slice of the watermelon often make the biggest kind of a howl for reform in cutting the fruit.

If we were all as charitable as we would like others to be this world would be a paradise. Thus far the peach crop has made an excellent showing for the usual failure.

THE ARCTIC DISEASE. From the Rochester Herald. The announced determination of Walter Wellman to make an attempt to reach the North Pole is a reminder that when the love of Arctic exploration takes possession of a man it usually becomes an uncontrollable passion.

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will sail from Norway, and after reaching terra firma will proceed north by easy stages, establishing supply stations at convenient points. If the Polar problem is ever solved it will be by some practical plan of this nature, a plan characterized by prudence as well as daring.

Civil Service To Be Assailed

The Supreme court of the United States will decide ere long the validity of the present civil service system. There has been so much contention over the existing law that President McKinley is determined to settle once for all the question of the constitutionality of all existing laws relating to the civil service commission.

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At the next session there will be a fight against the system at the very opening. Both Grover, of Ohio, will probably be in command of the anti-civil service forces.

A majority of the senate has always been opposed to the civil service and only a protracted and determined filibuster could defeat the house bill in the senate.

LACKAWANNA'S CANDIDATE. From the Wilkes-Barre Times. It begins to look as though Congressman Connell, of Lackawanna, is a candidate in great probability for honor, Friends of some of the other candidates who have been reckoning on a divided delegation from Lackawanna to the state convention, will probably find that they have miscalculated.

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