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REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET. Three Years—PETER NEULS, Eleventh ward.

Three Years—D. I. PHILLIPS, Fifth ward. Two Years—E. D. FELLOWS, Fourth ward.

The letter from Mr. Acker, printed in another column, points to a number of serious structural defects in the new rules yesterday adopted for the government of the Republican party in this city.

The ticket nominated at yesterday's city convention is admirable personally and, we believe, strong politically. It undoubtedly represents a high standard of personal integrity and intelligence and if elected would command in exceptional degree the confidence of the people.

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In Wilkes-Barre the first day's appeal of Mayor Nichols for aid for Cuba brought in \$170, all contributed by Wilkes-Barreans.

The victory won at Columbus yesterday was not primarily a victory for Marcus A. Hanna but for the Republican party. It was a victory of fairness and good faith against deception and treachery.

Mr. Hanna may or may not learn a lesson from this experience. If he is wise he will not hereafter try to occupy the center of the stage.

One of the notable lessons of this exciting fight is that much of the material sent to state legislatures needs to be radically improved.

The woman in American politics as she has appeared the past week is not an engaging figure.

whether she does not overstep the bounds of true womanliness, not to mention good politics, when she so unmistakably and indelicately causes it to be understood that she controls her husband's vote.

Mr. Hanna can now afford to smile, even at the cartoonists. The effort of Minister Angell to coax the Turkish government into paying an indemnity to Americans who lost property during the Armenian troubles is a pitiful exhibition of American diplomatic weakness.

The recent spectacle given in Turkey is not a rare case on the eastern hemisphere by any means. In nearly every country except England and France the people at large and petty government officials have the utmost contempt for the rights of the American citizen.

It is plain that the government of the United States in the past has been solely responsible for this state of affairs. Apparently flushed to vain conceit by the victories of other days we until recently rested in proud contemplation of past deeds of glory.

Communication until quite lately was kept up with foreign powers by a few ancient war vessels manned by small crews and conducted on a scale of modesty that gave our navy an inexpressible cheap appearance when compared with the splendid equipments of the vessels of other powers.

In the name of justice some queer things are done. In California a man is hanged because suspected of murder. In New York a woman who crowns a life of infamy and crime by luring her paramour into a trap and helping to chop up his yet warm remains gets only fifteen years in prison.

The Boston Advertiser says "It is ridiculous to pretend that the rendering of an unjust decision by the Venezuelan arbitrator, in the case of claims for \$75,000 made by citizens of the United States against the republic of Mexico, has given the cause of international arbitration a setback."

There has been much waste of sentiment on this matter. Passion for an ideal has carried some of the advocates of arbitration to an extreme. They have contracted the bad habit, formed by Ambassador Bayard in London, of supplicating tearfully for a condition of affairs requiring for its realization a minimum of eminent sentimentality and a maximum of common sense.

The chances at any rate are that Senator Hanna will hereafter recall that "there are others" in Ohio. Secretary Sherman has recently reiterated his opposition to the annexation of Cuba, and under the conditions likely to exist in Cuba at least for the next generation he is right.

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Congressman King returns from Cuba confirmed in his original belief that the insurgents should be recognized as belligerents and the Spaniards as incompetents; and we guess this surrounds the whole matter.

The decision of the senate to consider the Hawaiian treaty in secret session raises the question whether there is any such thing as a really secret session. Apparently not.

American help for starving Cuba must be followed by definite assurance that Spain will not throw the same burden on the people of this country a second time.

If President McKinley is reading the papers these days he must be aware that the do-nothing policy for Cuba has scant support among the American people.

Representative Griffith, of Ohio, can now serve his country in the well-filled role of an awful example.

Fears are already expressed that Mrs. John Griffith will take to the lecture platform.

As for Senator Foraker, he has seen trouble before.

Washington, Jan. 11. THE suppressed wrath which seems to have been accumulating and gathering strength during the holiday recess, against the questionable policy of continuing in force during the present administration and making respectable the celebrated "hog" order of President Cleveland, by which \$5,000 purses were given to congressmen under the protective covering of the civil service blanket by one stroke of his pen.

Mr. Landis here published a book kept by Mr. Baker in which a record was kept of the charges against Republican offenders, both male and female. These charges were trivial and ludicrous, and when read excited a great deal of merriment on both sides of the house.

Mr. Landis then paid his respects to party workers in the following terse and vigorous language: "I believe in the party worker, believe in standing up for him away from home when not a candidate for office, as well as at home when a candidate for office. I like the party worker because he generally keeps a bright, active and alert. Because he represents the sentiment of the community in which he lives, however small it may be. He knows the people's sympathies. He is acquainted with the people's wants. You can depend upon his judgment. I am familiar with his politics and I tell you that in the political organizations of our towns, cities, counties, districts and state, the best blood, the best brains, the best enthusiasm, the best citizens are represented on the township, county, district, and state committees. Party workers are good men, brave men, courageous men. Parties being essential to a republican form of government, coincident with the birth of the republic, and fundamental with the constitution, the party worker is the country's best friend in time of peace; and in time of war, he would be the man to organize a company in his township, a regiment in his county, and a brigade in his congressional district. And that's the reason I like him. The professional civil service reformer who is responsible for the perversion and destruction of the principle of party loyalty, is the child of the Pharisee. He would have us believe that public service is a reproach, political ambition an infamy and political success an epitaph of self-respect, and yet he is always holding office himself. He is never happy unless he is writing reform philippic on government stationery with one hand and affixing his signature to the government pay roll with the other. He is the monopolist of wisdom, the self-constituted guardian of the integrity and conscience of Christendom, the gentle shepherd of hope and progress. His library is the rich and fertile garden wherein the fad blooms and blossoms. His best argument is a sneer; to him history is a lamentation; with him public and private virtue begin and end. He has a sinking chill when he thinks that possibly some of the reform will be compelled to get along without him. He is unreasonable, unjust, bigoted, selfish, and malicious, and so he plays his part."

Hepburn, of Iowa, made strong arguments of the existing civil service system. As the result of the recent conference of Republican members opposed to existing civil service conditions, a bill with a few amendments, was adopted unanimously.

The managers of the committee are well pleased with their labors, and claim that the original purpose of the civil service act has been retained, and its radical extensions cut off.

Since congress has reconvened Representative Connell has introduced the following measures in the house for legislative consideration, which relate to Lackawanna county:

A bill for the relief of William Burks. A bill for the relief of William H. Thomas. A bill for the relief of Patrick Duffy.

Also, resolution of St. Joseph's R. C. church protesting against the passage of the Lodge immigration bill, besides having a postoffice established in Lackawanna county to be called Emerald, with F. P. McPeak as postmaster, and Matthew McPherren made postmaster at Dickson, Pa. This, together with securing a fair share of the patronage of the postoffice, as collector of internal revenue for the Twelfth district, is considered to have been a fairly good average for four days' work.

AN OBJECT LESSON. From the New York Sun. In a recent speech Senator Elkins set forth with much thoroughness the various elements which combine to perpetuate England's maritime power.

Other advantages which Great Britain holds are those of national pride and interest in marine affairs, giving the government a free hand in shipping matters; the possession of the beaten track of commerce and an enormous foreign trade covering the world; a banking system greatly accommodating the debtor nations, and tremendous in the capital and surplus of its banking; an excellent consular system; a national code of trade which as full executive power; a very extensive system of submarine and other wires; a system of great colonies all over the world, creating and supply markets; finally, a powerful navy for the protection of the merchant marine, if needed.

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