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The State Convention.

It is the wish and hope of the best Republicans of Pennsylvania that the state convention at Harrisburg tomorrow will place in nomination for governor a man sufficiently free from factional entanglements and sufficiently strong in personal character and in the elements which give honest popularity to avert any possibility of an independent movement and to pell the party's utmost strength. Such a nomination is yet possible in spite of assertions to the contrary, and the making of it would insure not only a victorious issue but the preservation of the splendid majority polled for Governor Hastings four years ago.

The Republicans of Lackawanna county offer for the consideration of the convention a candidate whom they believe to embody these requirements in the person of William Connell. It is unnecessary to inform the people of this community concerning Mr. Connell's career and characteristics; but on the score of good politics it may be noted that of the various gentlemen thus far mentioned for the gubernatorial office Mr. Connell seems best adapted to bring harmony out of chaos. Although positive and uncompromising, with a sense of duty which could not be swerved by intrigue or blandishment, and absolutely free from pledge unworthy obligation, he has influential friends among all the factions, and his nomination it is believed would bring the party together as no other

If the convention is wise it will nominate Mr. Connell or some one like him who will cement rather than separate the party strength. The name of the man is of slight significance compared with the necessity for concerted and harmonious party activity. Mr. Connell, we may say, cherishes no deceptive personal ambitions; the office of governor, if it were tendered to him, would represent a serious problem in work and worry which a man of his years and cores might well hestitate to attempt to solve. His candidacy, so far as inspired by himself, has been with a view more especially to emphasize the growing need of harmony than to gratify personal ambition. He and his friends, therefore, are entirely content to abide the party's will. They have made known their views of party policy; they have pointed out party risks and perils, and it is for the delegates of the party in convention assembled to record the verdict which makes party law.

A soldier at Tampa lately wrote to a library committee for a pocket bible, saying that, although he was not superstitious, he believed a man could fight better after reading the bible and was sure he could sleep better with one under his pillow. At last accounts this particular cavalryman was receiving an embarrassment of riches in the way of bibles, and his entire troop was enjoying a temporary immunity from and needlebooks.

That Reported Battle.

Inasmuch as the report that Schley had forced an entrance into Santiago harbor and engaged the Spanish fleet comes from Spanish sources and admits that the Americans gained an advantage, the only reason to doubt its correctness is that it may be a ruse to delay the movement of troops toward Santiago.

At the time this is written no confirmation of the report had been received and the naval authorities at Washington were inclined to discredit It; yet the fact that they have been reported as expecting Schley to do some thing of the sort tends to intensify the public's anxiety for authentic news. All that is known of Commodore Schley corroborates the theory that he is the kind of a man who would do just such a daring deed.

Schley is not the man to miss a chance for writing his name alongside

St. Clair McKelway, of the Brook lyn Eagle, has been elected an honorary member of the Montauk club of Brooklyn, a distinction heretofore reserved for eminent men not residents of that city. This honor was conferred because of the enthusiasm

which result in delay of executive conduct of war, and was a well deserved recognition of a most patriotic senti-

An overwhelming majority of well-Informed Americans urge the immediate annexation of the Hawalian islands as a supreme military necessity. Let the obstructors in congress

Watterson's Patriotic Address.

The address at Lexington last week by Colonel Henry Watterson to the volunteer troops of Kentucky is described as the most eloquent effort of this brilliant speaker's career. He "You are about to make history. It

may prove that this will not be history merely repeating itself. For the first time since the crusades war has been evied for no cause of a purely mater tal kind, and with no selfish purpose. I scarcely like the shibboleth, 'Remember the Maine.' It seems to me too revengeful to be quite worthy. I do not forget the circumstances to which it owes it origin. The scene of that awful tregedy under the shadow of Morro castle is yet before my eyes. can see, as I close them, the very faces of our murdered saffors, with the ghastliness of death upon them. But I also see the myriads of starving men, women and children, ruthlessly sacrificed to feed the lust and to fill the pockets of professional plunderers masquerading in Cuba as Spanish offiers and gentlemen. Behind them I ee three centuries of wanton piliage, of frightful corruption, of cruelty unsurpassed in human annals. The time long ago came for some great power to stretch forth its hand, to interpose its authority and to say to the world, This barbarism shall proceed no farther. What power except the United States was to do this? Cuba is our John Wanamaker seems fully resigned next door neighbor. Time out of mind to meet his Manila at Harrisburg to- these atrochties have been perpetrated before our eyes. While Spain has required us to spend millions of money policing our coasts against the fillbusters, she has shown herself unable, or unwilling, in our protection, to police one of her own harbors. Was this to go on forever? You yourselves are the answer to the question. "You are going to fight a battle

eaged by man for man. You are going, therefore, in the name of that Christ who died for men. You are going to fight a battle for the glory of God and your native land. You are going, therefore, under a flag which, the symbol at once of freedom and humanity and having God's blessing upon it, has never yet known defeat. Look to it that you carry yourselves as soldiers equally of the cross and of the flag. No man can be a good soldier who is not at heart a good man. Selfpossession in the presence of danger is the truest courage, and he is the bravest soldier who keeps his head. who knows perfectly the right thing to do and who does it when, frightened out of his boots, his legs would fain carry him away. It is the sense of duty which will make you men; duty to the flag above you: duty to constituted authority; duty to country and honor, and to those dear ones at home who will follow you with ever-tearful, but with ever-brightening eyes.

"I believe in this war. I believe in it with all my mind and with all my they had any inclination, to pose as it is this. Though it should rob me of lives that are dearer to me than my own life, I shall believe it conceived in a holy spirit, sanctified by heaven and directed toward the advancement and enlargement of the benign civilization. In these warlike spectacles, everywhere manifest, it has already united us, as nothing else could unite us, emancipating both sections of the union from the mistaken impression that we ever were or could be anything else than one people. The brilliant achievement of that typical Green Mountain boy on the other side of the giobe has already exploited us as a naval power, and as you yourselves shall show, we will presently demonstrate ourselves no less a military power. Surely these were consummations devoutly to be wished. They are worth all the war has cost us, or will cost us. I know what war means, Obedience, submission, is the first and perhaps the hardest of the soldier's duties. If officers seem capricous, or tyrannical, do your duty. It will come around all right. If the nowers that be seem partisan, or unfair, do your duty. The end will justify you, Be sure that, in the long run, the man who does his duty passes beyond the reach of wrong.

"In the nature of the case but fey of you can hope to attain to great From the New York Sun. commands or to acquire exceptional distinction. In the end most of you must lay aside your uniforms and resume the habiliments of civil life. But there is no one of you who can not do his duty, and, doing his duty, can not be proud and happy. A neighbor visitations of pincushions, penwipers of mine came to me the other day to ask me to exert my supposed influence in getting his son a commission. I assured him that I have no influence. 'But,' said I. 'I have two sons carrying muskets in the ranks- sons whom the army. I dearly love-but for whose advancement I shall not put forth the slightest effort. It is enough for me to know that they are serving their country, and if it pleases God to bring them back to their mother and me safe and sound I shall bless His name as long as I live.' In that prayer let me include each and every one of you; though I would rather see my boys, and each and every one of you, lying by the side of that brave and lovely sailor lad whom North Carolina has just given up as heaven's first sacrifice upon the altars of the nation and mankind, than that one feather should be plucked from the engle's wing, or a syllable of repreach be justly cast upon the name and fame of our dear Kentucky.

In this spirit the United States is invincible.

Whatever may be said in the papers, t can be taken as an assured fact that the Cadiz fleet will remain at Cadiz.

Clara Barton is disposed to foster Angle-American alliance by patriotic example. On either side of the Red Cross flag at her headquarters wave-

connected with England, and she feels that the pronounced feeling of kind-

Safeguarded as the detailed plans of the war department wisely are, enough be now known as to its general purpose to warrant the assertion that from this time forward until the negotiations for peace begin, the campaign against Spain will be waged with the whole energy of the government and not pause for an instant in needless delay. Cervera's bottling up by Sampon and Schley is one pretext for the sounding of "Forward, march!" but another reason not tess important is the fact that the bureaus of supply have only just begun to overtake the necessities of the cituation, and enough of our willing volunteers have been clothed and armed to enable the major general commanding to go to Cuba with a force numerically superior to that of the weather-beaten and halffamished Comez, Such tardiness as there has been is chargeable far less to fear of Cervera than to the improvidence of congress, which forced a war without first providing a single extrauniform or an available new gun. By working every arm of the gov

rnment day and night and by spending money like Monte Christos with the usual emergency extravagance, we have succeeded at the expiration of six weeks in starting toward Cuba a force one-half the size of the army stationed there by bankrupt Spain. Those of us who are disposed to sheer at the decrepit condition of the insurgents, who have had to smuggle through two cordons of coast guards their every rifle and every cartridge, should pause to consider our own shortcomings before indulging too enthuslastically in the language of disfain. In order to get ammunition to fight Spain with, the insurgents have risked prison cell and gallows, not once simply, but time and again, and the money for this has been contributed mainly out of the earnings of men and women who have cheerfully gone without food in order that their brethren in arms might have the means wherewith to continue their righteous revolt. The United States, on the other hand, rich beyond the dreams of avarice and possessing within its own borders an abundance of every necessity entering into either peace or war, has, thanks to the ignorance of ongress, required six weeks of incessant industry to make it possible to put on a battlefield a force of soldiers equal in numbers to the joint ommands of Garcia and Gomez.

Be this as it may, the army is now in motion and soon there ought to be good news. We possess in every respect save numbers and acclimatization decided advantages over the troops of Blanco, Our regular and volunteer officers are among the most intelligent in the world. They are men who know not only the theory but also the practice of war; experienced men whose shoulder straps have been earned in some of the hottest battles that this century has witnessed. Unlike Blanco's subordinates, they have to lead troops as intelligent as themselves and are therefore not at liberty, if soldiers while acting in secret the role of embezzlers and thieves. The Porto Rico American army, from general to private, will fight with the strength, the courage and the best intelligence of the Anglo-Saxon race against a for having courage alone to recommend it. What we shall lack in intimate knowledge of the locality of the fighting and in ready familiarity with Spanish wiles will be fully sumplied by our Cuban allies, who for this particular campaign will prove invaluable as scouts and guides. Add to this the fact that the supplies of the invading force, once fairly got ready, will thenceforward be inexhaustible while the enemy it cut off from succor by both land and sea, and the situation admits of no other outcome than a speedy American

With due allowance for possible hin drances, the first day of next autumn ought to mark the remotest limit of the fighting part of the Spanish-Ameri-

Cervera's case illustrates the effect-Iveness of advance congratulations.

The Appointments from Civil Life

OME newspapers of mischievous and malicious disposition are seek-

ing to provoke popular discentent by pretending that because com-missions have been given to a score or more of young mon from civil life the interests of the military scrylec have been sacrificed to reward undescrying favorites. They publish these ap-Fathers," "Grandsons," "Nephews," and "Children of the Social Pull," with a se-ditions intent to create the impression that more negotism has governed the making of them, to the obvious injury of

The truth is, as we explained particularly not long ago, appointments to com-mand in the field have been made with wise and careful regard to mittary litessasdemonstrated in long experience in ervice, and those criticised so malicious have been airrost exclusively to staff places. These latter are offices like those of quartermusters, commissaries, paymasters, inspectors and personal aides to general officers, where the abilities of the young men selected are fully, if not especially, adequate to the duties required of them. Their functions will demand and exercise aptitudes bred in civil life. and the activity and alertness belonging to youthful energy are eminently desirable for them. As a whole, those ap-pointed are altogether competent for the tasks which will be imposed by their oflees, and they will acquire speedily the necessary experiness, more especially as hey will have the advantage of observg the routine of the large number of rained army officers simultaneously ap-cinted to like places, though generably ermy officers trained in the field crave ather the opportunity of employment in he line and not the staff, and are best

uployed in the command of troops so far from being a ground of accusa ion against these young men from civil ife that they have sought these staff claces or their friends have sought them for the youth, they are deserving of ap-plause for their ambition to enter the aroused by Mr. McKelway's speech de- the Stars and Stripes and the Union which are best adapted to the fullest exnouncing the bickerings of legislators | Jack. Miss Barton is English by de- ercise of their abilities. During the civil

scent: her business, as she says, is war great numbers of young men of simstaff, and generally they performed fach duties with admirable skill and assidulty ness evinced in Great Britain toward
the l'nited States is a matter of congratulation to all Americans.

Nearing the Finish of the War.
Safegyarded as the detailed plans of e sons or grandsons of able and promi-ent men is inferentially a point in their avor They have an inheritance of abil-ty, and presumably there is in them the irde of character which is always a valsable resource for a young man in the

ers of actual warfare. The engerness of such young men to respond to the call to arms is one of the most hopeful indications of this time. It shows that there is no degeneracy in the American race, and that the long interval of peace has not weakened the energy of our youth. Whether they go into the military service as enlisted men merely, as so many of them have done and are doing, or as commissioned officers, they exhibit the same coarses and patriotic whilit the same courage and patriotic levotion. In each capacity the strength of their manhood is likely to be put to the severest test; and, moreover, the ex-perience of war proves that the officer whether of the staff or the line, is ever ere in danger of wounds and death than he entirted man.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope D: awa by Ajacchus The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrolabe Cast: 4.08 a. m., for Wedne day, June i. 1888.

A child born on this day will notice that he summer girl whose young man is at he front takes more pleasure in her seliness than the one with admirers m the spot.

The advance "paper" of the state con-ention has been rather modest this year, We are getting used to sunshine again Navy and anti-mavy will probably be be issue of coming presidential and conressional compaigns.

The "month of roses" opens with cam-paign material outside of the green-Bass fishermen can legally pull a cork

At least one Stone will be thrown at the state convention at Harrisburg temorrow Aincehus' Advice.

People that live in glass houses should keep their windows clean. Do not lose faith in bulleting. There is ill occasional life in them.

AS TO AREA AND POPULATION.

from the Philadelphia Press.

It is early to speculate what effect the ion of the United States. No territory na as yet been annexed, and while the spanish power appears to be permanently broken in the Philippine Islands, and table in virtually under American control and Porto Rico is at the mercy of the American fleet no one of them is ac-knowledged as under the jurisdiction of the American government. And ever Hawaii, which has been freely offered to is, is compelled to stand on the doortep waiting our pleasure,

But admitting that all these islands will secome parts of the United States as a a sensible it crease in the area of this country's possessions and a big jump in its population. The area of the islands hat may be wrested from Spain is pretty well known, but the population cannot be estimated very closely. It can be approximately computed, however. Taking these islands and the Hawaiian islands and the following table can be constructed:

Philippine Islands.....114,256 800,000

This would not be a very large addition o the area of this country, but it would add almost one-severth to its present opulation. The present area of the "nited Staes, including Alaska, is com-outed at 3,688,167 square miles and the population in 1897, according to the hist Statistical Abstract, was 72,807,000. The natural increase would make the lation now about 74,307,000. If Hawai and the Spanish islands are added this year the area and population of the United States would then be something

like this: square Prezent United States, 3.65,167 Prospective additions... 167,945 85,716,000

The natural increase of two years would add over 4,000,000 in population and would add over 4.000.000 in population and the census of 1900 would find the United States and its possessions cavering nearly 4.000.000 square miles of the richest and most productive part of the earth's surface and inhabited by 90.000.000 of people, if it is claimed that 7.000.000 or 8.000,000 or abruit one-twelfth, of these would be uncivilized it can be said that of the 200.000.000 of people inhabiting the British empire at least 200.000.000, or oversix-sevenths, are uncivilized and semi-predicted. But it is best to wait and see eivilized. But it is best to wait and see what the result of the war will be.

Comforting.

Skinflint-'Oh, I cannot bear to die and eave all my money behind me!"
Gayloy—"Don't worry, uncle. It'll comto the same and as if you took it alone.

promise to burn it for you."—New York the same end as if you took it along Journal.

A Wise Woman.

"I left my last boarding house," said the applicant, "because she would serve potatoes boiled with their skins on." "You won't get them here," said Mrs. insheroft. "They use up entirely too nuch butter,"-Indianapolis Journal.

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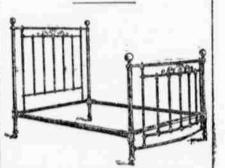


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