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#### REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

Governor-William A. STONE. Lieutenant Governor-J. P. S. GOBIN. Secretary of Internal Affairs-James W.

Jadge of Superior Court-W. W. POR-Congressmen - at - Large - SAMUEL A DAVENPORT, GALUSHA A. GROW

Legislative.

First District-JOHN R. FARR. Fourth District-JOHN F. REYNOLDS.

The American navy as it is is a hint of what the American army ought to

#### The Men Who Man Our Ships.

A reading of the graphic story of the feat of Lieutenant Hobson and his seven companions on board the Merrimae will have a wholesome effect upon American patriotism. The charge of the Light Brigade, so fittingly commemorated in Tennyson's inspiriting verse, was a dash in the open, with some chance of escape. Even the dating exploit of Cushing was performed in the night-time, when the objective crew was asleep.

But Lieutepant Hobson chose a role that seemed to make death an inevitable climax. He did with the unproteeted collier Merrimae what even our steel clad battleships dared not at tempt; he rode straight through the torrent of shot and shell, over torpedoe. and mines, into the neck of the bottle like harbor, and there anchoring defiantly until his ship swung cross-wise, himself touched the button which sent the Merrimae to the lottom and coolly rowed away toward the Spanish flagship, upon which he and his seven gallant companions found shelter as pris oners of war.

It is infinitely to the credit of Admiral Corvera and the Spanish navy that this unexampled heroism was rewarded even by the enemy's applause and that it was inter acknowledged under a flag of truce by a tender of exchange. This fine exhibition of Spanish manliness is as fortunate from a disjomatic standpoint as it was creditable per se. It proves that not all Spaniards are Weylors, and that in the much-abused livery of Spain there are some servants yet worthy of American respect.

As for the Yankee sailors who dared, their spirit is but the spirit of all the men who man our ships, a spirit that, despite the odds, makes ours, so far as it goes, the best navy affoat. May men like this soon have ships to match in numbers and perfection of design the qualities of the Yankee crews.

Poultney Bigelow writes to the London Times that the management of our army is far inferior to that of the German army, Possibly; but it isn't nice in Poultney to parade the fact before nations none too well disposed toward the United States at best. His critical exuberance should be temporarily suppressed.

### The Gubernatorial Situation.

So far as the politicians are concerned the nomination of Colonel Stone for governor has produced less dissatisfaction than was anticipated. No Republican newspaper in the state within our knowledge has belted his candidacy; Magee and Martin are in line for the ticket, and even John Wanamaker seems more bent on scalping Quay at the next legislative caucus than on running for governor as an independent candidate. It is probably fair, therefore, to assume that the head of the state ticket will be supported this fall by the active party workers. the men who make regularity in party affairs a watchword, with as much loyalty and effectiveness as will the admittedly popular remainder of the ticket, whose triumphant election no one questions.

Straight party men who are not primurily politicians, but who are commonly designated as the "rank and file," will undoubtedly support the ticket on the ground that it is fully as good as any gubernatorial ticket with:a their recollection and therefore not a proper target for invidious attack. This element in Pennsylvania politics is not so numerous as it once was, but it yet constitutes more than 50 per cent, of the voting population classifiable as Republican. When it is enthusiastically rallied by the party workers it constitutes a political bulwark needing very little reinforcement

to determine the outcome of the battle. The independent element have not yet indicated their attitude and probably will not until the lines of the campaign are more clearly and broadly depril a large vote in any event, partly | original meditations of an opponent

on religious grounds, and it is possible that an independent Republican candidate could also secure a considerable following, sithough that would depend largely upon developments yet to be stands as the candidate of a political organization which, having undertaken reforms and piedged itself to their performance, escally turned the whole platform and piedges into a jovial bunker game without even the pretense of an apolitical organization which, having undertaken reforms and piedges into a jovial bunker game without even the pretense of an apolitical organization which, having undertaken reforms and piedges into a jovial bunker game without even the pretense of an apolitical organization which, having undertaken reforms and piedges into a jovial bunker. reached. But unless the Democrats explains the function of money and tree among themselves upon a clean, respectable and not offensively partisan an like Pattison and run him upon a platform emphasizing state and excluding national issues which is a consum- four explains the geneals of mathemation hardly to be expected under the maties. existing conditions of factional demorgive Colonel Stone and friends great ancasiness. Their best plan is to make a hold

fight, stand unflinehingly for Republic canism and trust to the people to pass a satisfactory judgment. Van Wyck is trying to play a nasty name to get control of the election ma-chinery of this city, in violation of the

lection law, in order to use it corruptly

And those Republicans who voted for Low are directly responsible for Van Wyck's election.

Colonel Stone's Platform. It will be my purpose when elected the fault of one party nor the other, are rather the growth of custom. Unsecesary investigations have been aurect these and other cylls in so far as I have the power. It will be my purpose while governor of Pennsylvania, as it sitions that I have held, with God's copie are greater than the parties to of their favor. I shall only attempt to win their approval and my experience has taught me that that can best be done by an honest, modest, daily disharge of public duty."

When the war is over the American people will have several things to say to the hayseed statesmen whose small potato ideas permitted this imperial nation to fall so far into the cut of military unpreparedness that nightand-day energy plus unlimited money and credit are still unable to get it

#### The Reality of Money.

A few days ago The Tribune procounded the thesis, What is money? We endeavored to recapitulate briefly its more obvious functions, and the scientific basis upon which it rests and acts as a measure of the relative value of commodities and the products of labor in all civilized countries. We did not, we need scarcely say, seek enlightenment on the subject from the Scranton Times. We would have been gnorant allke of its past financial offey and of human nature had we fone so. Neither did we write for the necial delectation of the editor of the can equal. Times, although he calmly assumes did. This is a world of inense Philistinism, and no profession are ready to believe it is less rampant | yellow Parisian journals. and less manifest in journalism than anywhere else. Our object in dealing with a problem so abstruse and infunctions of money was lucid and com- rational sympathy. prehensive enough not to be mistaken y any man of ordinary intelligence. We wrote in order to encourage the friends of sound currency to persist in influencing public opinion on the organic and constructive conception of finance by studying the problem as it presents itself in one of the great subdivisions of political economy and induences all branches. It cannot be other than interesting to make a study of the money question, its aims and instruments. This is something very different from putting a suppositions question to a contemporary and receiving as an explanation a didactic formula extracted from the works of a professor of political economy. Any argument which the Times has brought forward to bolster up the Populist conception of money only confirms us in our belief of its bedlamic phantasy and mental obfuscation. Although, like socialism, the financial heresy of fiat money has been widely disceminated. yet we are convinced that it has not taken deep root, and that it will slowly but surely be eradicated by the good sonso and progressive intelligence of our countrymen.

the American people voted for W. J. Bryan and gave adhesion to what his same and his principles stood for. We are aware of the fact, and it would be disquicting did it represent an isoated phenomenon unprecedented in the history of politics; a revolutionary project which endangered the stability of the government and the happiness of those very people who were ready to hand it over to anarchical experiment on the supposition that having nothing to lose or relatively little, the substitution of one standard of money for another, if it did not prove to their advantage, could not certainly take place greatly to their disadvantage. Actuated by somewhat similar selfish motives the French burgeoisie precipitated the Revolution, under the belief that if the old nobility were dissolved or banished they would share in the property confiscated by the revolutionsts. Never was confidence more misplaced. While a large proportion of the nobles managed to escape, it was the blood of the bourgeoisie which fell in cataracts from the scaffold. In all instances of which we hold record where the finances of a country fall into disorganization and discord the first to suffer and the last to recover from its baleful effects were the poor

We will be told that six millions of

and the workers. It may be well to remark here that any theory which conflicts with the prepossessions of our contemporary is 'nonsense." He seeks to vell the inconsistency of his position and the inconclusiveness of his arguments by lejune observations or rusty hyperfined. It is likely that Dr. Swallow will bole. He covers the sober, logical and

reduces it to a formal proposition or axiom of political economy. It no more explains the genesis of money then the proposition that two and two makes

The Times says that Aristotle more alization in that party-the incentive than two thousand years ago said that among independent Republicans to bolt | money was the oreation of the law. will scarcely be of sufficient strength to Aristotle said nothing of the kind. Aristotle was a man of common sense, His knowledge of what constituted money is as profound and applicable today as it was on the day it was written. He never postulated that money was the creation of law. The sage distillations of the mind of the great Ionian philosopher will not blend with the amorphous hallucinations of theorists who hold that wampum and beads and cowerie shells, clumsily and laboriously performing the function of money in a barbarian state of society, are money in themselves, as civilized man understands and employs it. If during a period of social convulsion or from other causes the inhabitants of a country are reduced to make codto so conduct myself as to win the re- fish and musket balls and tobacco pass spect and good will of those who have as currency, that does not signify that opposed me as well as those who have these articles of commerce are money, given me their support. I shall be the the money of commerce. Because governor of the whole people of the Nebuchadnezzar lived on grass, it does state. Abuses have undoubtedly grown not follow that the natural food of up in the legislature which are neither | mankind is pasturage. Money and finance in all forms, divisions, interchangebility and ramifications follow and are governed by natural laws. herized by committees, resulting in These laws are definite and invariable Statutory laws can pervert and outwill be my care and purpose to cor- rage these natural laws, but they cannot change them-they cannot annihilate the greatness and energy of nature. That it should be given out at has been my purpose in the public post the end of the ninetcenth century that money is the creation or flat of govelp, to discharge my whole duty. The criment is one of those degrading superstitions in which a considerable which they belong. I am only jealous | part of mankind is still kept in bond-

> The Mugwumps owe an apology to Senator Morgan. For years they have been holding him up to execration as the ultra-exponent of jingoism; yet here he is with an argument against the adoption of a colonial policy that culdn't have been more temperately written if Richard Watson Gilder himself had formulated it. He wants Uncle Sam to get conling stations wherever he can, but he doesn't approve of adding to our territory as a permanent possession any Island or group of islands whose inhabitants are by race and status unfitted for ultimate incorporation among our citizenship, and as usual on matters of foreign concern, the senator from Alaama is not far from right.

General Aguinaldo, the Philippine inurgent leader, has hustled together an army of 2,500 men within two weeks. General Aguinaldo wears his hair pompadour, according to contemporary halk-plate portraits, and is said to be as unscrupulous as a Tammany politician in affairs of state, but he has certainly set a pace in the way of mobilizing troops that few generals

It looks as though the war between France and the United States would wholly escapes the taint, although we be confined to the pages of a very few Great Britain ........

If Spain realizes that she is licked why does she continue to accumulate tangible as the intrinsic reality and misfortunes? It will only allenate

> Uncle Sam: "O, that mine enemy would write a few more letters!" Hobson's was certainly a nervy

### State Press Upon Convention's Work

John Wanamaker, in Pittsburg Dispatch, I never doubted that W. A. Stone would e nominated at the convention. Every-ody knows it was a packed, purchased, pretendedly instructed convention like a loaded gun, could fire but one ball,

From the Hagleton Sentinel. Colonel Stone, the gubernatorial nomi-nce, is not responsible for the perilous conditions which surround the situation He did not create them. There is nothing in his personality or in his public record to cause Republican dismitegra-tion. He is a gailant soldier and a gen-tleman of blameless reputation and of dmitted ability, but months ago his cofor guternatorial honors assumed a listinct factional attitude that has made bim the objective point of a profound and widespread revolt. It is our hope that methods will prevail which will end

From the Lebanon Report. Colonel Stone's success may have been due to magnine methods, or may be the result of hard, unflagging work on the part of the candidate and his personal friends. The question is one of fact to be determined by the people at the polis,

From the Philadelphia Bulletin. The refusal of the convention to make he nomination of Colonel Stone for gov-ernor unanimous is ominous. It will be ollowed by a similar and larger refusal in the rank and file of the party. It is a omination which will put its supporters on the defor sive from the beginning to the end of the campaign. There is no doubt that it will be more bitterly opposed than any gubernatorial armination the Repub-licans of this state have ever made.

From Chambersburg Public Opinion. Colonel Stone will make a good gov-ernor. He has back of him a record for which he need offer no apology and which is a guaranty that he will administer faithfully the trust the people will commit to his hards. He lacks none of the qualifications of a governor. Experience in public affairs, familiarity with the needs of the state, sourdy independ ence, knowledge of the right and the strength to enforce it always, a soldier and consizent of the needs of our sol dier boys who are enrolled for the war against Spain, a foc to the liliterate for-eign immigrants, and the defender of Penfsylvania's workingmen against the cheap labor and their unarchistic teach ings, and his never-faltering Republican sm-all these make him a candidate who will have the support of his party in No vember.

From the Pittsburg Disputch. We do not depreciate Colonel Stone's stimable personal character. We have no intention of denying the popularity the load under which he enters into the

From the Lanenster New Era. Now that the next battle must be fought with the common enemy, family dissensions should cause. It is ramarkable as well as a gratifying fact that through all the hitterness of the late canvass not a word was said or printed decogatory to the public or private character of Col-onel W. A. Stone. The opposition to him was based solely on the fear that he would be controlled by the men who de-manded his communition and who resorted to doubtful means to accomplish it. On the other hand it should not be forgot-ten that Colonel Stone in the cardier stages of his convass had, by his per-sonal force, made himself so strong as to be able to maintain the lead, which he ield from beginning to end.

From the Lancaster Examiner. It was machine methods and the auto cratic power of one man which have provoked so much resentment throughout the state and which may lead to a serious revolt. Every one knows how Colonel William A. Stone was nominated, and so men will think and feel as they are for or against the machine. That dissatis-faction will be wide and profound need not be denied, and if the head of the ticket is chosen it will be under the proests of thousands or because they have othing else to do but support the regu-

Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

So far as personal merit is concerned, the ticket is altogether respectable. Colonel Stone's individual record is honorable and inspiring, and his traits of character existint those warm and gental qualities which evoke personal good will and friendly feeling. If the governorship may be regarded as a reward of personal desert, it will be worthit bestowed upon Colonel Stone. Considering it as a base of administration, however, it is empossible to regard candidacy for the office in other than a representative So far as personal merit is concerned the office in other than a representative character, so that the amiable qualities of the candidate are insignificant as compared with his political attachments and surroundings. In Col nel Stone's case these are not such as to satisfy public sentiment.

From the Allegheny Record. Colonel Stone is a man of leain, dignity and independence, and will carry all those traits into the gubernatorial chair. He is safe, sound, conservative and will have the confidence of the people after. \* well as before, election. His victory is well deserved. He made a noble canvass. went directly to the people, hald his rec-ord before them, and thus secured enough delegates to win. And win he did, without deals or concessions. He made his own fight, to him belongs the hurels. Colonel Stone will be elected by sweeping majority.

From Hyde Park Courler-Progress. Colonel W. A. Stone, of Allegheny county, wen the nomination for governor at the Republican state convention through a fusilade of the that few men could have stood up under. This indi-cates Colonel Stone's great individual strength. He is the kind of a candidate that will now grow stronger as he is bet-ter known. He is an able man; he has had extensive experience in public affairs and a record for honesty that has not een assailed, embittered as was the re ent campaign.

### THE COMMERCIAL FACTOR.

tochester Democrat and Chronicle. Casting sentiment aside, and looking a the war between Spain and the United States from a business standpoint, the powers of Europe cannot fall to see that their interests lie in maintaining an attiude of neutrality, or, if they take side

The total trade of the United States for with the countries samed below amounted Crance Commission of the Contract of the Contr

Russia ..... \$1,056,114,975 The annual trade of Spain with the same countries, as shown by the yearly aver-ige from 1880 to 1885, is as follows: Great Britain ..... Jermany . ..... PERROR CONCURSION OF THE PERSON taly ..\$185,896,911

Thus the commercial exchanges by tween these five rations and the United States are about six times as great as etween the same nations and Spain, and this immense preponderance should and doubtless will prove a persuasive argunent if a point comes when Europe must lefinitely determine whether she is for or against us. In printing these figures we have availed corselves of a compilation made by the Philadelphia Record, which made by the Primaryllia Actor, additional paper gives the following additional facts: "As to the Spanish colonies, their trade with continental Europe, exclusive of Spain, is comparatively insignificant. Cula has long been practically a commercial dependency of the United States; and of the foreign trade of the Philip-pines, which amounts to about \$31,000.00 per annum, over \$17,000,000 is with Great Britain and the United States about \$8,-500,000 with Spain and \$1,500,000 with China and Japan leaving barely \$1,000,000 for the rest of the world."

Great Britain is already with us in spirit, not only from commercial motives, but from a conviction that the Angle-Saxon race must stand together for its own interests and for the good of the world. The other nations cannot af ford to be against us; and, even if thei passions and jealousies should get th better of their leisiness sagacity, would not be able to prevail again would not be able to prevail against an alliance which is already a most reality and which is certain to develop into a mething more substantial if the occasion shall arise. But this contingency is not immediately probable. The later-contents account to the contents are supported assumed to the contents are supported assumed to the contents as the contents are the contents as the tional account books present cold facts that should appeal strongly to the sober judgment of continental Europe.

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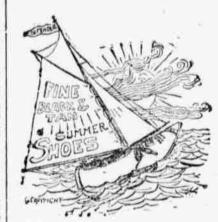
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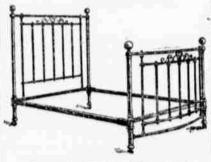


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