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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

State.

Governor—WILLIAM A. STONE. Lieutenant Governor—J. P. S. GOBIN. Secretary of Internal Affairs—JAMES W. LATTA.

Legislative.

First District—JOHN R. PARIL. Fourth District—JOHN F. REYNOLDS.

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

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 Merrimac will have a wholesome effect upon American patriotism.

But Lieutenant Hobson chose a role that seemed to make death an inevitable climax. He did with the unprotected corvette Merrimac what even our steel clad battleships dared not attempt.

It is infinitely to the credit of Admiral Cervera and the Spanish navy that this unexampled heroism was rewarded even by the enemy's applause and that it was later acknowledged under a flag of truce by a tender of exchange.

Pauliney 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 inferior in Pauliney's parade the fact before nations none too well disposed toward the United States at best.

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 candidate; Magee and Martin are in line for the ticket, and even John Wanamaker seems more bent on scolding Quay at the next legislative caucus than on running for governor as an independent candidate.

Straight party men who are not primarily politicians, but who are commonly designated as "rank and file," will undoubtedly support the ticket on the ground that it is fully as good as any gubernatorial ticket within their recollection and therefore not a proper target for invidious attack.

on religious grounds, and it is possible that an independent Republican candidate could also secure a considerable following, although that would depend largely upon developments yet to be reached.

Their best plan is to make a bold fight, stand unflinchingly for Republicanism and trust to the people to pass a satisfactory judgment.

Van Wyck is trying to play a nasty game to get control of the election machinery of this city, in violation of the election 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 to so conduct myself as to win the respect and good will of those who have opposed me as well as those who have given me their support. I shall be the governor of the whole people of the state. Alms have undoubtedly grown up in the legislature which are neither the fruit of one party nor the other, but rather the growth of custom.

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

The Reality of Money.

A few days ago The Tribune propounded 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.

It looks as though the war between France and the United States would be confined to the pages of a very few yellow Parisian journals. If Spain realizes that she is hooked why does she continue to accumulate misfortunes? It will only alienate national sympathy.

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

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with vulgar ridicule, which harms no one but himself. He quotes Professor Walker, and holds his definition of money as conclusive. As a matter of fact in the extract Professor Walker explains the function of money and reduces it to a formal proposition of axiom of political economy.

The Times says that Aristotle more than two thousand years ago said that money was the creation of the law. 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.

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 couldn't have been more temperately written if Richard Watson Glider himself had formulated it.

General Aguinaldo, the Philippine insurgent leader, has hustled together an army of 2,500 men within two weeks. General Aguinaldo wears his hair pompadour, according to contemporary chalk-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 can equal.

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

State Press Upon Convention's Work

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he stands as the candidate of a political organization which, having undertaken reforms and pledged itself to their performance, coldly turned the whole platform and pledges into a jocular burlesque without even the pretense of an apology.

From the Lancaster New Era. Now that the next battle must be fought with the common enemy, friendly discussions should cease. It is remarkable as well as a gratifying fact that through all the bitterness of the late canvass not a word was said of critical derogatory to the public or private character of Colonel W. A. Stone.

From the Lancaster Examiner. It was machine methods and the atrocious power of one man which have vitiated 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 would be contented by the men who demanded his nomination and who resorted to doubtful means to accomplish it.

Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph. So far as personal merit is concerned, the ticket is altogether respectable. Colonel Stone is a man of great character, able and inspiring, and his traits of character exhibit those warm and genial qualities which evoke personal good will and friendly feelings in those with whom they come in contact.

From the Allegheny Record. Colonel Stone is a man of brain, 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 a well-earned election. His victory is well deserved. He made a noble canvass, went directly to the people, laid his record before them, and thus secured enough delegates to win. And win he did, without deals or concessions.

From Hyde Park Courier-Progress. Colonel W. A. Stone, of Allegheny county, won the nomination for governor at the Republican state convention through a fusion of the few men who could have stood up under. This indicates Colonel Stone's great individual strength. He is the kind of a candidate that will not grow colder as he is better known. He is an able man; he has had extensive experience in public affairs and a record for honesty that has not been assailed, embittered as was the recent campaign.

THE COMMERCIAL FACTOR.

Rocheater Democrat and Chronicle. Casting sidelong glances and looking at the war between Spain and the United States from a business standpoint, the powers of Europe cannot fail to see that their interests lie in maintaining an attitude of neutrality, or, if they take sides, in favoring our cause rather than that of our adversaries.

Table showing trade statistics for the United States, including values for various countries like Germany, France, Italy, and Russia.

Thus the commercial exchanges between these five nations and the United States are about six times as great as between the same nations and Spain, and this immense preponderance should and doubtless will prove a persuasive argument in its favor.

Great Britain is already with us in spirit, not only from commercial points, but from a conviction that the Anglo-Saxon race must stand together for its own interests and for the good of the world. The other nations cannot afford to be against us; and, even if their passions and jealousies should get the better of their business sagacity, they would not be able to prevail against an ally which is already a reality.

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