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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

STATE.

Governor—WILLIAM A. STONE. Lieutenant Governor—J. P. E. GOBIN. Secretary of Internal Affairs—JAMES W. LATTA. Judge of Superior Court—W. W. PORTER.

LEGISLATIVE.

Senate.

Twentieth Dist.—JAMES C. VAUGHAN. House. First District—JOHN R. FAIR. Fourth District—JOHN F. REYNOLDS.

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.

A Simple Remedy.

Civilization has developed no better corrective of business ills than open and honorable competition. The expression "a free field and no favors" embodies the best ideal of healthy business enterprise.

The anthracite coal trade offers at this time a sad example of such a situation. Natural changes in the business of fuel production have influenced it through the law of competition until it may be that its natural market has gradually been diminished, although this belief is founded on conjecture rather than on evidence.

It is possible to reach and cure this gross unfairness by a very simple process. Since the existing railroads will not name an equitable rate for anthracite freight and cannot be persuaded to do so, let the men who mine anthracite make arrangements also to ship it over a railroad of their own.

There is no vindictiveness in this proposed attack upon the Iberian peninsula. It is a necessity of the situation. Spain's rulers not having mustered the courage to undecide the illiterate masses of the Spanish people, whom they have long been deluding with the most abominable falsehoods, we must do this for them.

It wouldn't be a bad idea to let the Vesuvius take a few earthquakes over.

Rewards for Bravery.

The president in his message has recommended rewards for Naval-Constructor Hobson of the Merrimac, Lieutenant Newcomb and his crew, Captain Hodgdon and Cadet Powell. No rewards which may be made to these heroes can repay their valor.

It is something of a coincidence that the first American volunteer killed in land fighting in the war for Cuban liberation, Hamilton Fish, should have been the grandson of the man who has been the granddaddy of state during the Grant administration went so far

tunity to express himself, prefer such a disposition of his case.

Promotion in our navy has been strictly on seniority and capability. Adhering to these lines has made our naval officers unsurpassed by those of any other nation in the world, as seamen and commanders. A system which has evolved such splendid results in the past should not be lightly interfered with or superseded.

General Garcia has issued orders that any Cuban who charges or accepts money from an American for service rendered shall be shot. This is a somewhat emphatic way of attesting his appreciation of American intervention; but it is possible that the order has a Pickwickian aspect.

An Excellent Opportunity.

The recruiting which Captain Elliott of the First Volunteer Engineers began yesterday in Scranton merits more than passing notice. Membership in this regiment is highly honorable to the volunteer who attains it. The engineering corps is the army's scientific auxiliary which has not only to fight when necessary but also to do the skilled work in construction and destruction without which the bravest and largest army would be helpless.

The work of the average soldier will end in this war when Spain surrenders. The best work of the engineer will then only just begin. In Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, but in Cuba more especially, the capitulation of the enemy will bring with it the gravest problems of reconstruction. Not only will stable governments have to be established but there must also be a thorough overhauling of the whole system of internal improvements or lack of improvements. Cuba, a waste place, must be converted into Cuba civilized and fitted to develop the marvelous resources with which nature has endowed her.

Mr. Hearst, proprietor of the New York Journal, has it is believed, sent out in personal charge of a complete printing outfit with which he intends to establish the first English newspaper in Cuba. Was there ever anything more ludicrous, more quixotic, more idiotic? There are not, perhaps, a thousand natives on the island who can read it, not five hundred who can write it.

Foreign commentators say the American announcement of an intention to send a squadron into Spanish home waters is a bluff. They reach this conclusion by arguing that if we had really intended to execute such a purpose we would not have taken the whole world into our confidence in advance.

A Triumph of Democracy.

The conclusion is a non sequitur. No necessity for secrecy exists. Though Spain were put in possession of our detailed plans she could not possibly thwart their execution save by surrender. Her capacity is a known quantity. The limits of her power of resistance are fully understood by our authorities.

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counter to American sympathy for the Cuban patriots in their "Ten Years' war" that indignation meetings were held in New York and other places for the purpose of denouncing him. Thus the mistake of one generation is explained by the next.

Foolish Punctiliousness.

It is said that the vice president of the Cuban republic, Senor Capote, who is now in New York, declines to visit President McKinley until he can be assured of a reception in his official capacity. This punctiliousness is characteristic of the Latin race but it is exceedingly foolish. Capote ought to be above such small scruples, which tend simply to prejudice his cause in American eyes.

Spain has a large seaboard to the Bay of Biscay and to the Mediterranean. But at the coast towns on the Mediterranean seem to be the destination of Watson's squadron, the Biscan cities which are mainly seaside resorts will probably be spared.

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Our troops fell fairly into it at Honolulu. The soldiers were not allowed to spend a cent, and they got all they wanted to eat and drink. Our men reciprocated the hospitable attitude of the people of the island by behaving as American soldiers should. This is a pleasing premonition of favors to come.

It is an easy, if not altogether delectable way of showing one's love for one's country for editorial soldiers at ease in their sanctuaries to abuse the commander upon whom fall the burdens of the campaign, and to draw a propitious scheme of sieges and battles—on paper.

We confess we don't see the extenuating difference between mutilating an opponent with a machete and tearing him to pieces with a rotating Mauer bullet.

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Good Advice by Thos. Jefferson

From the New York Sun. MONG the fathers of the republic Thomas Jefferson stands out pre-eminently as the earnest, persistent and freest access possible to foreign markets for American production of national products, enrichment and commanding strength on the ocean.

That appointment was made in 1784. In March, 1785, Jefferson succeeded Franklin as minister plenipotentiary at the court of Versailles, and in the following June he had charge of the foreign affairs of the confederation, wrote Jefferson an unofficial letter setting forth his views on the question "whether it would be better to carry all our productions, or none." Jefferson's answer is most important for it contains the germ of the famous doctrine on this subject, all theories swept aside, which is of far greater moment at the present time than it was one hundred and thirteen years ago.

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LITERARY NOTES.

"Four Centuries of Spanish Rule in Cuba," by Italo Emilio Canali, is the title of a new book that ought to prove of great interest. In his introduction the author says: "This is an inquiry into the causes which have determined the present state of affairs, and the reasons for the present dominant policy in Cuba in the new world, has gradually lost all her possessions, and has declined from her position in the front rank of nations."

A REBUKE TO MUGWUMPERY.

From the Critic. We have a class of professors at home who have their objections to all policies except that of inaction on the political corruption, which any active policy invites. We do not hold with them. We must go forward being the material at hand. A hundred years of public service prevails now than ever before with us.

PREMATURE.

New York Commercial Advertiser. It is too soon to discuss definite terms of peace. Only one thing is certain, Spain must abandon Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines and the United States will decide their future destiny. How it shall be decided is another question and requiring grave deliberation. But it is our affair. It concerns neither Spain nor the concert of the European powers.

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