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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

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

Judge of Superior Court—W. W. PORTER. Congressmen—at Large—SAMUEL A. DAVENPORT, GALUSHA A. GROW.

LEGISLATIVE. Senate. Twentieth Dist.—JAMES C. VAUGHAN. House. First District—JOHN R. FARR. Fourth District—JOHN P. REYNOLDS.

COLONEL STONE'S PLATFORM.

It will be my purpose when elected to conduct my term with 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.

We suspect that the biggest share of the credit for the Santiago victory belongs to the real military commander of the American forces and the man who grows under every emergency, Hon. William McKinley.

Incomparable. Santiago's fall was a victory of war, but on the same day a victory of peace was consummated, by far the greater of the two.

The nation had offered for sale \$200,000,000 in coin bonds, "coin" meaning gold. Bids for this issue were received aggregating \$1,200,000,000.

If the government at Berlin doesn't know what its Pacific squadron is doing it had better find out. Another Irene incident might draw blood.

The spectacle presented by the victorious force at Santiago agreeing to return the vanquished to home territory is, we believe, without parallel in the annals of warfare.

The Spanish army has proved its valor beyond question. The men in it, conscripted among the poor and ignorant peasantry of Spain, have performed the duty put upon them by innate rulers with a fortitude and a patience entailing them, notwithstanding their faults, to the world's admiration.

On July 7 Dewey sent the Raleigh and Concord there with imperative instructions to bombard and reduce the fortifications on the island, and to brook no interference from German warships. Dewey's instructions were instantaneously and effectively carried out by Captain Coghlan.

This victory settles the question of retention of the Philippines once and for all. The Spaniards were making herculean efforts to prepare Subig bay in a fitting manner for the reception of the Spanish fleet that was supposed to be on its way to Manila.

The moral effect of this unprecedented step upon Spain itself should be considerable. It will show to the masses of the Spanish people, upon whom the burden of Spain's foolish course has rested heavily and bitterly, that the antagonist with whom Spain has to deal, while inflexible in its declared intentions, is not the sordid and cruel enemy that it has been pictured to them, but is as chivalrous to the vanquished as was ever any foe.

The hated American "pigs," the avaricious and covetous Yankees, who are a shop-lifting people without inspiration or honor, will be revealed to them in a light utterly new to their deceived conceptions, and in homes where for many years only grief had lodged because of the military abduction of fathers and brothers and sons, joy will once more prevail in the approaching re-union, thanks alone to the authorities at Washington. They, at least, will have shown clearly, pity and generosity.

As for the men high in command in Spain, whose famous statesmanship and medieval understanding have brought the once-proud Iberian empire to such an abject that its navy is one of the most pitiful in the world, we can think of no rebuke better fitted to the dimensions of their incapacity. If they have in them a particle of common sense they will now forestall additional hu-

militation by a prompt and an unconditional surrender. More is to be gained by appeal to American magnanimity than by persistence in hopeless obstruction.

The United States does not seek trouble with Germany and it believes the great masses of the German people have only the kindest feelings for it. But if the German Kaiser wishes to keep the peace he must instantly give orders to his naval officers in the Philippines to keep their ships out of our way. Otherwise these ships will go down.

Schley and Sampson. Public interest in the question of the relative claims of Schley and Sampson to credit for the sea victory at Santiago continues.

Fortunately Dewey has awakened the Kaiser out of a most soothing dream of colonial expansion in the Pacific. Germany has obtained as much territory there as she will obtain without fighting for it.

The sum of \$2,500 has been forwarded to the Red Cross secretary by Miss Natalie Schenk of Babylon, L. I., as a result of her endless chain scheme. On Wednesday her mail contained 12,000 letters and the postmaster of that village continues to have a tired feeling.

A Step Backward. A valued correspondent criticizes, in another column, the recent action of a committee of the Central Labor union in urging the Erie and Wyoming Valley Railroad company to run Sunday trains over their road to Lake Ariel.

We do not wish to discuss what effect the running of these trains would have upon the attendance of the churches of the city during the summer season, nor the moral question concerning the right or wrong observance of the Sabbath, but merely to offer for the consideration of the representatives of our laboring people the following facts:

The weekly rest from labor, granted by law and sanctioned by public opinion, is one of the highest privileges of the American workman.

Whatever influences enroach upon that weekly rest fall heaviest upon the man who labors.

The tendency of all Sunday excursions lies in the direction of regular Sunday labor and must, therefore, be against the best interests of the laboring man.

It is a step backward. Do not urge it.

Lieutenant Commander Wainwright is a statesman as well as a fighter. In a paper in the Naval Institute on "Our Naval Power" he wisely says: "Already our interests are clearly bound up with those of other countries of the western hemisphere, and it requires no prophet to foretell that our merchant fleet will once again visit all portions of the globe, so that our interests are growing beyond the waters washing our coasts, and our navy will soon be expected to afford protection to a considerable merchant marine in all parts of the world."

Many of the marvelous inventions which were to revolutionize warfare and which have been loudly exploited for the past few years have not been heard of during these weeks of fighting. The wonderful flying machines, the up-to-date balloons and even the much vaunted part which the bicycle was to play in modern campaigning have held no place in the plans of the war department.

The Trev Record has just put in a new Goss straight-line press capable of printing at one impression a paper of from four to twenty pages. This, with other improvements, places the Trev Record plant among the best of its size in the country.

We cannot blame Aguinaldo for being curious about the American purpose in the Philippines. A good many Americans evidently share his anxiety.

In conspicuously giving credit to Shafter and his colleagues General Miles evidently improved upon Admiral Sampson's unfortunate example.

In the problem of reconstruction the Cubans will be wise to invite the American forces to set them a few good examples.

At this rate Spanish homesickness ought to increase.

Miles got there just in time to view a Garrison finish.

leted in the islands, that it could not pass entirely without suspicion. No overt act, however, which we could diplomatically or actively resent, took place until the incident of the Irene.

From the New York Sun. WHY IS it that the European powers evince a feverish anxiety to close the present war brought to a close? With the exception of Austria-Hungary, the sovereign personal sympathies of their rulers are for the Queen Regent Christina, the great European states regard the contest between our country and Spain as very much as the regarding the contest between Turkey and Greece.

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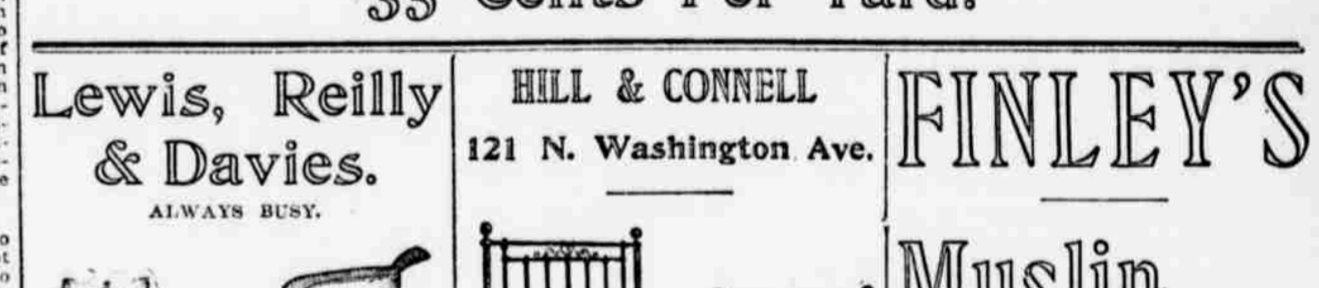
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