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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

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

LEGISLATIVE. Senate. Twentieth Dist.—JAMES C. VAUGHAN. House. First District—JOHN F. FARR.

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.

The Republican legislative nomination made in the Second district yesterday will command the favor of the public generally. John J. Scheuer, Jr., represents especially the large body of thrifty citizens who are of German descent, but is in all things thoroughly American and in line with progressive public sentiment.

Inspiring. It must be counted as perhaps the greatest gain of the war with Spain that by means of it American public opinion has been broadened and sobered.

This fact is very strikingly illustrated in the result reached by the recent conference at Saratoga, which, though called by a Mugwump minority in the belief that it would afford a conspicuous vehicle for the exploitation of that cautious and belittling cult, was quietly taken in hand by the educated common sense of the country and made the medium of rational deliberation.

All's well that ends well; yet in view of the cumulative reports of German "efficiency" at Manila we wish that our government would frankly ask the government at Berlin for an explanation. As Dewey said to Diedrichs, if there's to be war let us be manly and above board about it.

A Wait. There is no writer for the American press, if we except Evening Post Godkin, who can clothe a perverted argument in prettier English than Joseph O'Connor, of Rochester, sometime editor of the Post-Express. Hear him:

Wherever our material civilization has gone hitherto, the American spirit has gone with it, quickening and informing it, bearing liberty, fraternity, equality and government with the consent of the governed; but it is now proposed to go forward in the European spirit, at its worst, asserting superiority, denying equality, laughing at fraternity, and insisting the doctrine that all men are created free and equal, endowed with certain inalienable rights, to secure which governments are instituted among men, but maintaining the doctrine that might makes right, that the vast majority of men were created to be ruled by those that speak the English language, and that governments are instituted to carry out our will as self-appointed guardians of humanity.

The immediate provocation of Mr. O'Connor's wall is the probability that American conquest of Manila will be followed by the permanent occupation of the island of Luzon, together with the exaction from Spain of guarantees calculated to correct notorious abuses in her administration of the remainder of the Philippines.

of affairs Spain's title can be considered valid we leave to Mr. O'Connor's ingenuity to explain. It will be likely to puzzle him to devise a process of jugglery sufficiently deceptive to make it appear that Spanish government in any Spanish colony has ever been government "with the consent of the governed."

Certainly governments are instituted as guardians of humanity. Otherwise they would have no excuse for existence. Argument with the Scranton Times is impossible, because it refuses to recognize facts and prefers to wallow in demagoguery. Its misinformation is duly equalled by its mendacity.

Inequitable Naval Promotions. We have already called attention, in a general way, to the fact that under the inequitable system of promotions obtaining in the navy the advancement of one officer for meritorious service is made at the expense of other officers who have done nothing to deserve a set-back.

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rights to scheme mischief against Representative Coray of the Second Luzerne district must have been very harmless in fact, for Coray has been recommended without a dissenting voice.

That certainly was a picturesque coincidence of fate which sent forward-bound Captain Moreu, formerly of the Cristobal Colon, through the lines of Saturday's parade of warships. This intelligent Spanish officer waved farewell to each American battleship, remarking as he did so that he had friends among every crew.

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Secretary Alger's apologies are accepted, but don't let it occur again.

no tribute-bearing colonies; but it can help give people to self-government. And it will be found that the government of each island will present itself, not as a new province to be added to the United States, but as a practical task that practical and patriotic men can successfully accomplish.

The main result of the war, the freedom of Cuba from Spanish misrule, has been achieved, but the Spanish rule will open more slowly than most men at first supposed. Sympathy with the Cuban insurgents has led many persons to regard them as enemies of the United States; but the conduct of a part of them during the war has confirmed the judgment of those men who knew them better.

And the same plan whereby local self-government will be built up in Cuba will apply, with modifications, to Porto Rico. One island will become an independent territory under our guardianship; the other will be directly ceded to us.

The war, then, brings within the sphere of English-speaking civilization two of the most valuable of the Antilles; incidentally the Hawaiian Islands, perhaps a part of the Philippine group, and these results can be only good.

This consciousness is the keener because of the increased respect that other nations have for us. The United States was never before understood in official Europe, perhaps not even in official England. When the war was begun most of the continental nations failed to conceal their contempt for us; they now respect us as they never dreamed they would.

It is to be hoped, too, that we have had the benefit of the intelligent diplomacy of Europe. We have often been called blunt and discourteous in our diplomacy; no doubt with truth; for European diplomacy is a literary art that has always been as courteous as it has usually been mendacious.

Nor will the impulse that asserted itself in the war stop with the war. The spirit of the people once having looked outward, American enterprise will seek new fields of conquest—not by arms, but by trade and legitimate adventure.

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