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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.

Senate. Twentieth Dist.—JAMES C. VAUGHAN. House. First District—JOHN R. FARR. Second District—JOHN J. SCHUELER, JR.

COLONEL STONE'S PLATFORM.

It will be my purpose when elected to 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.

Platt organs in the country towns and cities outside of Greater New York are apparently yet undecided whether to use smokeless powder or the old style campaign ammunition in their attacks on Colonel Roosevelt.

The Peace Commission.

The president has chosen wisely the men who are to represent this government in the negotiation of a treaty of peace with Spain.

The attitude likely to be assumed by Judge Day is a matter largely of conjecture. It has been represented that he is personally inclined toward a conservative view of our duty with reference to the Spanish East Indies.

Here, then, we have a peace commission with the majority committed in advance to numerous utterances and uniform agreement to the acceptance by this government of the fullest measure of opportunity no less than dignified situation confronting us in the present and with a minority not pledged to oppose the majority factions but still in the nature of things to evolve through fair discussion and to leave in place of possible consequences ungrounded.

According to hospital reports the "glorious climate of Porto Rico" appears to have been loaded also.

Our Common Schools.

In the report of last year's public instruction work in the boroughs and township of Lackawanna county which County Superintendent Taylor has forwarded to Harrisburg and which is set forth more fully on another page, various salient features merit particular notice.

and cities. No direction offers larger opportunities of usefulness than this. Under the heading of professional improvement Superintendent Taylor shows what has been done in the five years of his administration toward encouraging the teachers of the county to seek higher degrees of fitness.

We are impressed with the county superintendent's recommendation that the directors in the rural districts more generally take advantage of the law permitting them to levy school library tax.

No citizen who is interested in the betterment of the county schools should fail to read with appreciation this interesting report. It fairly entitles its author to the thanks of the community for important work shown by it to have been well done.

In the selection of W. H. Woodin, of Berwick as their congressional candidate, the Republicans of the Seventeenth district have displayed good judgment.

Probe!

"Which," asks the Philadelphia Press, "is best and which is just? To unite in a loud-mouthed personal hunt in full cry for a scapegoat, yelling and shouting that the only man responsible for all lacks in creating an army of 250,000 men in two months was the secretary of war, or soberly to see that the lacks, defects and blunders are at bottom due to conditions for which no one man was fully responsible and to demand a full, searching military inquiry which shall properly apportion responsibility and show of the three causes which were responsible and in what share, an army too small, an inefficient staff or the management of the war department?"

There is, of course, but one answer to this question; there must be a searching inquiry and it must probe and spare none. That inquiry cannot, however, be under the direction of the secretary of war, who is himself, in the public mind at least, the most conspicuous defendant, neither can it include representatives of the suspected war bureau and sub-departments.

Before dismissing this subject we wish in all kindness to advise the Press and the few other journals which have elected to rally to Secretary Alger's defense not to try to blacken the motives of those who want the criminal management of the war department sifted to the bottom.

Undoubtedly the faults of the war department in the main are the faults of an antiquated and inadequate system; but there are evidently employed in the department some men whom no system, however admirable, could make worthy of public respect.

It is sad to see that Mr. Wanamaker is still inclined to be somewhat jealous of Dr. Swallow. Can it be that the great merchant objects to sowing where another reaps?

Where Will It End?

If only a tenth part of what has been said by trustworthy persons concerning the neglect of sick soldiers at Camp Wikoff were true—and there is good reason to believe that all is true and much more which has not yet been reported, not simply with reference to this one camp, but touching all the camps—the president has done well to start upon a tour of personal examination.

There is excuse for confusion at the opening of a great camp when it is made suddenly and with insufficient time for proper preparation. But there is no excuse for the continuance practically unchecked of abuses such as are reported at Montauk Point weeks after Camp Wikoff was established.

complaints that are heard at Camp Alger and Chickamauga, which came in overwhelming volume from Santiago, and are now duplicated at this point. There has been a lack of surgeons, of nurses and of supplies everywhere, only less in the United States than in Cuba.

Now, is it not strange that the richest nation of the world cannot provide better than this for the remnant of the small army that captured Santiago? We hear ridicule thrust at the Cuban insurgents because of their forlorn appearance, yet proportionate to their resources the insurgent commanders have taken infinitely better care of their men than Uncle Sam has taken of his.

Now that Uncle Sam has to dismount the auxiliary navy which he got together in haste and with great waste and which, fair play for it, did good service, it would be a capital idea if the patriots who sold these ships to the government at war prices would bid them back again at the same terms.

It is a rule of the army that rations on hand, no matter how unfit, must be issued and eaten before fresh ones can be furnished. The commissary officer who violates this rule is liable to be held for payment of the rations.

Professor Charles Eliot Norton is sad again—sad "that our nation should have turned its back upon its old ideals, and, standing at the parting way, should have chosen this ancient path, familiar to the old world, worn by the bloody feet of hapless generations, and which has never led to anything but ill—the path of aggressive war, of foreign conquest, of alien territorial aggrandizement, the path that leads from trouble to trouble."

The National Base Ball League reconsidered its ban of suspension upon player Holmes the other day before the suspension order had time to go into effect. Experience has shown base ball magnates that this sort of boycott, which deprives a player from the chance of earning a livelihood by making it impossible for him to get an engagement, is dangerous business.

The Wilkes-Barre Record asserts that Wilkes-Barre's new hotel is superior to Scranton's. There is room for argument on that point.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajachus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrologer Cast: 4:45 a. m., for Saturday, August 27, 1898. A child born on this day will notice that the bargain counter in politics contains spring goods only.

The public will doubtless sympathize with Hon. George Jenks in his hope for Democratic harmony, so long as he does not make much noise about it. Efforts of sensational newspapers to inaugurate another Lattimer riot out of a strike at Honeybrook the other day were dimly fruitless.

Genuine System Versus Red Tape.

From the Syracuse Post. THE war department in its various branches had been organized with the same system that prevails in the management of a great railroad corporation, for instance, there would have been much less complaint and criticism. A good example of the difference between the war department methods and railroad methods has been furnished at Montauk Point, the island, the New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, gives some interesting facts about preparations that were made for Camp Wikoff.

A few weeks ago competent army officers selected Montauk Point for a camp in which to train the standard outfit, rest and recuperate. The site of the camp was leased from the Long Island Railroad company, and the government expected to transport this outfit by the transportation of most of its supplies and a good part of the troops.

In three days he had roads made, switches laid, carpenters engaged, and everything in readiness for handling an immense volume of business. During three night it is said that he did not leave the field, sleeping less than four hours of the seventy-two. But with the fine system of a well managed railroad organization behind him he had his preparations made in a matter of days.

Another time a complaint was made to President Baldwin that the soldiers needed fresh meat. The railroad company was blamed for not bringing it. Mr. Baldwin investigated and found two refrigerator cars full of fresh meat that had been waiting for two days to be unloaded.

These illustrations show the difference between a business thoroughly organized and a business run by red tape regulations. It is very evident that the war department has suffered for the lack of a comprehensive preliminary organization.

THE NAVY.

From the Philadelphia Record. A navy cannot be exterminated; and it takes years to train a sailor. The people know very well that while our navy is extra-efficient it is understood that they know that however powerful it may become there will be no resulting danger to our liberties.

This lesson ought not to go unheeded. Our safety at home, the protection of our steadily growing international trade, the security of our extended maritime possessions and our position among the great Powers of the world—intermediate as that position is between Europe and Asia—depend upon a navy adequate to all possible requirements.

From the Times-Herald. A striking summary of the growing importance of the commerce of the world in the Pacific is given by the London Standard. Figures are compiled showing the value of trade with all nations with the countries bordering on the great ocean.

THE NEXT SENATE.

Legislatures to be chosen this fall will elect the successors of thirty senators whose terms expire March 4, 1899. The prospects are that the result will be a considerable strengthening of the Republican majority. At present there are eighty-nine members, and of these forty-five are classified as Republicans, thirty-four as Democrats, five Republicans and five Silver Republicans.

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