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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

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COUNTY.

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First District—JOHN R. FARR. Second District—JOHN J. SCHEUER, JR. Third District—N. C. MACKLEY.

COLONEL STONE'S PLATFORM.

It will be my purpose when elected to so conduct myself as to win the respect and approval of those who have opposed me as well as those who have given me their support.

justify the weaker powers in her vicinity in dismissing defensive precautions would be to sacrifice prudence to sentiment. No congress of the powers can disarm Europe until the millennium.

While European publicists have been decrying their dream of universal peace the United States by means of its army and navy has been going a great way toward facilitating such an enviable consummation by locking the stuffing out of a European system of misgovernment that tended to disturb the peace.

Those logician reformers who are daring Senator Quay to sue for slander may be treated to a surprise one of these days. Quay is not a safe man to fool with.

A Frenchman's Testimony.

The Revue de Paris in recent issues printed and the New York Sun of yesterday translated the diary of a French naval officer stationed on the warship Bruix which lay in Manila bay when Dewey's squadron entered.

Scandal Mongers.

The Commonwealth of Harrisburg, the principal daily journal of the Dr. Swallow movement, defends the course of the New York Voice in printing a maliciously scandalous libel on Senator Quay by pleading that substantially the same thing was printed in the New York World a number of years ago and passed by without answer by those at whom it was aimed.

The World article, if we remember correctly, attacked Quay's public character but did not outrage the privacy of home life by retelling back-door gossip purely personal in its nature.

In saying this we do not constitute ourselves a special champion of Senator Quay. He is thoroughly competent to take care of himself. We merely protest, in the name of decency, against the wanton peddling in a gubernatorial campaign of antiquated private scandal which doctors of divinity, of all persons, ought to be the last to engage in if true to the proprieties and to the ordinances of their sacred calling.

The new president of the American Social Science association, Dr. Simon E. Baldwin, of New Haven, Conn., is a cousin of Senator George F. Hoar, of Massachusetts, but he is also an expansionist. Herein, by the way, that Cousin George will yet acquire more of Cousin Simon's gumption.

The Dream of Universal Peace.

What attitude should the United States assume if invited to send delegates to a congress of the powers convened in furtherance of the czar's suggestion of a general disarmament? This question is one certain sooner or later to come up for consideration.

Anterior to glancing at the American aspects of this problem it should be borne in mind that disarmament by Europe is no more to be expected under conditions now prevalent there than is the success of perpetual motion.

the campaign for an open trade door into China but that it lay its wires with a view to going it alone, if necessary for the ultimate safeguarding of American commercial interests.

We shall have to take back something recently said about Governor Black of New York. It was announced that he proposed to keep hands off while the people settled the question of selecting his successor, and we gave praise accordingly.

Not all the fault for army red tape belongs to the officers in charge. It was congress that wove it in the first place. Harper's Weekly mentions an instance. Once a ship took fire alongside a wharf stocked with valuable government property.

Major Hopkins, the military secretary to the secretary of war, estimates the deaths in the army, outside of those in battle, at 1,634 in four months, while in the District of Columbia, which has a population nearly equaling the size of the army, in the same period 2,049 deaths were recorded.

A Critical Moment.

Whether we capture and hold the Philippines, or Spain shall successfully resist our efforts, the result of war will not bring us face to face with the specific problems outlined, the truth remains, beyond question or quibble, that now is the critical time when the United States should strain every nerve and bend all her energies to keep well to the front in the mighty struggle that has begun for the supremacy of the Pacific Ocean.

Lessons Learned in a Dear School.

From the Philadelphia Press. BEFORE the present agitation is over and in particular when an adequate provision is made for the condition and conduct of an army, as one should be, this non-military country is likely to learn how complex a machine it is and how necessary are skill and training in all its parts.

Camp Thomas, at Chickamauga, has an excellent example. The condition of the men there and their illness show most serious lacks in their care. Among many other lacks for which others are responsible the Chattanooga Times describes these in a recent editorial letter: "Riding through the camp, but a week ago, the writer saw bedding, on the ground, under the dog tents, in which bedding mold had grown."

New Employments for Capital.

For the means of finding new productive employments for capital it is necessary that the industries of the countries should turn to countries which have not felt the pulse of modern progress. Such countries have yet to be equipped with the machinery and the machinery necessary elements in producing machine-made goods—but they have to build their roads, drain their marshes, dam their rivers, build their railroads, and their supplies and sewers for their towns and cities.

Cuba at the Parting of the Ways.

There is one way, the one way only, in which Cuba can be freed from the political bondage of Spain, and that is by the adoption of this state of independence. There would be no end to the development of Cuba's natural resources under such stimulating conditions. Nature has done more for her than it has done for Java, which is of almost exactly the same size; yet, in the short space of a century, the population of the latter island has increased from two to more than twenty millions.

A MODERN SPARTAN.

Rochester Post-Express. History portrays no more patriotic type than the Spartan mother. She was cast in heroic mold, and her great "with it or upon it," as she gave her son the shield, has been the inspiration of countless hearts and bardings who have commemorated her stern virtues in heroic verse. That the Spartan spirit has not died is proved by a little incident at New Haven last week.

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GOLDSMITH'S G. B. BAZAAR.

There were next to no such officers. With the volunteer regiments, the country needed 12,000 to 14,000 trained officers, not merely for drill but to keep the men well. The country did not have such officers. The officers commissioned had to learn their duties in the field as best they could, and they have mastered them with a rapidity, an efficiency and a swiftness that when the machine breaks down and men are ill by hundreds any one man is alone responsible.

SOME VIEWS ON A LIVE TOPIC.

England, Japan and Uncle Sam. Truxton Reale in September Forum.

Perhaps there will never come a time when we shall be in a stronger position than now to enforce our demands in an international sense. Our political and financial strength has startled Europe. England's interests are identical with our own. She is preaching the doctrine of open ports, and has shown her willingness to fight for them. Japan with her efficient navy and important strategic position, has just been robbed of the fruits of victory by the superior fleet of our most strenuous opponent.

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Impossible to Sell People Like Sheep.

It seems to me impossible for the United States to hand back to such a colonial rule as that of Spain populations who have been emancipated from that rule by the action of the great republic, or by the changes of war. It seems to me almost as impossible for the United States to sell people like sheep, and to be a party to arrangements which, for example, would hand over the Philippines to another power against the wish of their inhabitants.

A MOMENTOUS ELECTION.

From the New York Sun. The coming election will be of graver, more momentous consequence than any other election in the history of this generation. Since the foundation of this republic there will have been none of larger territory conquered from Spain will be in our military possession. In order that none of the gain obtained by so great and patriotic self-sacrifice may be thrown away, it is necessary that congress shall work harmoniously with the president in carrying out his purpose of generating it all for the benefit of this nation and of civilization.

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