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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

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COUNTY.

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LEGISLATIVE.

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

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.

The decision of Judge Edwards in the Waverly school case, reproduced in full elsewhere, will be generally concurred in and admired, both for its substance and for its comprehensive form.

The Sewer Rat in Politics.

"Let us," pleads the Philadelphia Press, "have a decent campaign. Mudslinging will not help matters in the least."

Our contemporary is correct in this judgment. The man whose cause is so weak that he has to bolster it up with private scandal, befouling the atmosphere with the stench of antiquated filth having origin in jealousy and malice, stands small show for permanent political success in this age of high standards of public honor and intelligence.

The Foolish War Department.

If the war department had shown candor and Americanism in its attitude toward the public, much of its incompetency would today be forgiven.

The war department does not seem to be cutting any ice, but thanks to generous citizens hereabouts the Thirtieth regiment will continue to receive a generous supply.

A Surplus in Sight.

Complaint has already arisen that the government's war revenue is too large for its war expenses. Charles A. Conant, a recognized expert, estimates that if things continue at their present rate the 20th day of next June will find in the treasury a cash surplus amounting to \$380,000,000.

There was a time once before in the history of the present generation when the United States treasury had a surplus, accumulated as a result of wise Republican legislation.

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running expenses—sold to pet syndicates at a ruinous sacrifice.

The people will not again get scared at a treasury surplus.

Discussion is now rife as to whether the czar really meant his recent peace proposal. Hearing in mind that his motives can only be guessed at and not guessed, we venture the opinion that he personally was in earnest in a theoretical sort of way but that his ministers and the genius of Russian officialdom, that constitutes the power behind the throne, received the disarmament rescript with a carefully concealed grin and consented to its publication at this time only because publication at this time—a dozen years before the completion of the Trans-Siberian railroad and consequently that many years before Russia is ready to face the inevitable fight of Saxon Slav—played into the hands of relentless Russian diplomacy.

Latin-America.

That the developments in our trade relations with Latin-America have not, upon the whole, come up to expectations has for some time been a matter of public knowledge, but President Fish, of the Illinois Central railway, in a recent address, stated the fact in figures, thus:

The 36,000,000 of people living in the ten South American republics buy goods from other countries to the value of \$376,000,000 annually, of which we sell them only \$32,000,000.

While it is not certain that this anomalous and illogical condition of affairs will immediately be modified for the better in consequence of our successful war against Spain, it seems probable that ultimately, as we gain insight into the Latin-American character through our experiences in Cuba and Porto Rico, we shall be enabled to make headway in our trade with the other western hemisphere remnants of Spanish colonization.

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Several generations will have to elapse before the United States will be properly appreciated by Latin America; but in the meantime we shall have responsibilities and trade opportunities of our own, ample for the exercise of all our talents.

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The surgeon general, notoriously inefficient, begs off by putting the blame on the women of the Red Cross—the women who saved the army both at Santiago and at Montauk point, when Sternberg's department had hopelessly broken down.

Finally, by way of adding insult to injury, men like General Boynton are sent from camp to camp to write while washing reports of the conditions there—conditions known to the public to be execrable and very largely due to bungling, executive work in the war department.

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will say: 'He's spoiled by the fame of the regiment in Cuba.' Don't think you've got to have the best of everything, and don't consider yourselves as martyrs.

The reflectors on Dr. Swallow's searchlight need a vigorous application of sand soap.

A Federal Prerogative.

Says a dispatch from Washington to the Philadelphia Press: "The war department has been very much annoyed and hampered in its work by state influences brought to bear in behalf of the volunteer troops."

The competency of the present secretary of war to "manage the army without any suggestions from outsiders" is subject to question; but there can be no dissent to the proposition that the federal government ought to have its own way in the conduct of the war.

While upon this subject we desire to say that The Tribune will not hereafter print letters from officers or men of the Thirtieth regiment bearing upon the question of the regiment's length of service.

It will be some consolation to foes of shams that Richard Le Gallienne, the British bardlet who imitates the affections but lacks the essentials of a literary genius, has failed to set the views of America on fire during his visit among us and is going back to London with a pained expression.

Pension Commissioner Evans reports 1,046,526 names now on the pension roll, as against only 976,914 a year ago.

In six days in New York city 132 persons were killed by the recent hot wave and 690 other persons prostrated.

The Dervishes as a rule are fatalists, but the Khalifa and Osman Digna appear to have placed more trust in their sprinting powers during their recent experience with General Kitchener.

The hot wave of public indignation will probably produce summer weather about the war department several weeks hence unless there is a change of inscription on the door-plate.

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The Make-up of the American Nation.

Dr. Edward E. Corwail in the Sun.

IN ESTIMATING the racial constitution of the American people it is impossible to give the exact amount and proportions of the different race elements, except in the case of the foreign-born section, which constitutes about one-seventh of the total population.

In my analysis I will work backward from the census of 1890. That census gives our total population, in round numbers, as 62,000,000, of which 7,000,000 were colored and 55,000,000 white.

To determine the racial constitution of the 55,000,000 whom we have remaining, we must first find out the racial make-up of their ancestors in 1790. The white population of the United States in 1790 was about 3,000,000 and was distributed in three nearly equal divisions in the New England states, the middle Atlantic states, and the southern Atlantic states.

Now, making a final summation, I find that the 55,000,000 white Americans of 1890 are racially divided as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Race and Population. Includes categories like Anglo-Saxon of American birth, Continental Teutonic of colonial ancestry, etc.

The foregoing is only a very rough analysis of the racial constitution of the American people, but it is absolutely exact estimates could be made (as they cannot) I believe the proportions of the various race elements would be found to differ but very little from the proportions which I have given.

INVESTIGATE.

From the Philadelphia Press. It is not too much to say that the splendid and magnificent results of the war have been obscured in the minds of millions by statements, some true and some false, some well-founded and some utter fabrications, as to the shortcomings of the quartermaster, commissary and medical departments of the army.

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apparently preventable. Some of these cases are readily and immediately explainable to one familiar with army conditions, some become instantly excusable when all the special facts are known and some, comparatively few, have no explanation and greatly need one.

To a public thus constituted, intelligent, sincere, serious, well-meaning, but ignorant as to war, army life and the tropics, prepared by two months of incessant agitation to believe anything, there will come in the next two weeks 100,000 soldiers, and in a month or six weeks more another hundred thousand men, many suffering from the inevitable and unavoidable strain of camp life, but knowing little how unavoidable and inevitable most of its perils to health are in the first four months of a raw army, and speaking with the apparent authority of experience and knowledge. This serious situation, for which no one is responsible, needs to be faced calmly, dispassionately and with decisive vigor.

All this needs to be made plain, and it can only be made plain by an investigation conducted by a commission made up of men of the highest authority. Such a commission the instant it was appointed would stop all sensational agitation and petty hickering. The country is today in no inconsiderable temper. It appreciates all that has been accomplished. It recognizes the great difficulties surmounted. Soldier, candid men who know how big jobs are done, how hard to accomplish and what shortcomings are inevitable, are making no personal attacks. But they do ask for a complete, thorough, authoritative inquiry which shall distribute the responsibility for all shortcomings and instruct the land in the reform now needed. The golden moment for the selection and appointment of this commission is now.

Men and Horse Killed in Battle. In regular battles, the proportion of loss among men and horses is quite close, and in hand-to-hand combats of cavalry, as well as in sharp artillery engagements, for very many killed or wounded there is also a dumb warrior enticed to a place beside him on the roll of honor.

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