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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

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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. Mud-slinging will not help matters in the least. It is the method of political depravity. It disgusts the people."

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.

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 approaching \$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.

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 war 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 his personal 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 restless 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 38,000,000 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.

The Foolish War Department.

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Barbarous nations of the earth are beginning to understand the lingo of English-speaking guns.

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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Colonels Grant and Bryan might collaborate and produce an interesting volume on "Things That Did Not Come Our Way."

Now that all danger is past, General Pando becomes as noisy as a 16 to 1 silver orator.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrological Cast: 2:00 a. m., for Thursday, September 8, 1898.

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 Make-up of the American Nation.

Dr. Edward E. Corwall 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.

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."

To determine the racial constitution of the 32,500,000 whom we have remaining, we must find out what the English brought their ancestors in 1790.

The foregone 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.

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From the Philadelphia Press. It is not too much to say that the splendid and magnificent deeds 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.

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 was 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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