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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 Scranton Times begins to exhibit steel rail symptoms again. The rumors of the rail trust as portrayed by the evening Calumny will doubtless cause heads of families in need to purchase their winter supply of steel rails early and avoid high prices.

Navy Estimates.

The New York Sun says that the aggregate of the calls made by the navy bureau for the next fiscal year foretold a larger naval appropriation than has ever yet been made for peace times.

It should be observed, however, that a part of the estimates may be traced to the war. The Navy Department laid out its work for vigorous operations, no matter how long the struggle might last, and it made contracts for labor and material.

Again, the additional ships to be built amount to over \$10,000,000 of the new estimates. Our relations with Spain ceased Congress at the last session to pass an extraordinary bill for this increase, including three battleships, four monitors and twenty-eight torpedo boats.

The fact is that hereafter, our naval peace budget must regularly be larger than it has been hitherto. We have entered upon a policy of expansion. Our hands have been stretched out to the islands of the fulfilling Edward Everett's eloquent forecast, and that very fact implies a larger navy in commission.

We have also added variety to our naval establishment, maintaining hospital ships, distilling ships, marine transports, floating repair shops, and so on. Convinced by this year's experience of the enormous importance of sea power for overthrowing foreign enemies and for preserving our own coasts in safety and tranquility, the American people will never be willing to have their naval strength diminished, but will rather augment it steadily with the growth of the country.

We shall continue to look, therefore, for great liberality on the part of Congress in the appropriation of the coming session.

Our enthusiastic friends will do well not to be in too great a hurry with the peace celebrations until the noble red man of Minnesota has been deprived of his Krag-Jorgensen.

There Are Others.

Scranton has company in her misery of awful streets. The New Haven Union is moved to murmur in the following terms, which occasionally apply rather neatly to this city:

"The flood of complaints in reference to the horrible condition of the majority of New Haven's streets and avenues is out of order. At the present time the department of public works hasn't one dollar available for the work of repairing roadways. Not a ton of crushed stone is owned, and the many holes which are of long standing, or of recent making, on the streets could not be repaired at present if the desire to do so was overwhelming.

"The \$20,000 appropriation for the repair of streets was used up a week or so ago. The appropriation was exceeded by a few dollars at that. Tomorrow night Director Beacher will petition the board of aldermen to allow a transfer of money from other appropriations to the empty coffer devoted to the repair of streets. What

the people of New Haven want to know is-what has been done with the money?

"It has been used and with all due honesty the director of the department has done the best he could. Mayor Farnsworth, et al., no doubt can explain how certain streets have been fixed when others in far worse shape have not been touched. So far as the department has been able-so long as it was left unhindered by personal motives of revenge or gain-to repair those of the streets which were in the saddest need.

"Had politics been kept out of the matter the department would have no doubt done better work.

"Chaos in streets will be seen. Streets covered a foot deep with loose soil; streets which haven't seen a shovel, pick, road roller or ounce of stone in ages; streets where weeds grow in the gutters and turn the water into the middle of the thoroughfare; streets where the crosswalks are never cleaned and where drivers with reasonably light loads dare not pass.

"It makes little difference in what part of the city one goes. On all sides can be seen streets which need repair sadly.

"The whole thing can be summed up in a few words-gross mismanagement; false economy in one department and extravagance in another; lack of a proper head to the municipal government and revenge on political enemies."

Candidate Jenks says that Dr. Swallow is "out of it" and advises Democrats not to waste their votes on the preacher. It will probably take Mr. Jenks until November to realize that he is also out of it.

"A Scranton Volunteer."

The desperation which leads men to stop at nothing is evident in the tactics which the enemy, including so called Republicans who would wreck the Republican party, are adopting. Among the dastardly attacks recently made, none are more utterly despicable than the anonymous circular which has for the past week or more been distributed at Camp Meade.

The circular in question quotes from a Boston paper to the effect that the government bid for 12,000 tombstones has been let to a Vermont firm at the rate of \$1.52 each. It then proceeds with the astonishing statement that while soldiers to the number of but 1,500 have already died, the government expects to keep the army in the field until the 12,000 tombstones are needed and are employing money to buy these instead of getting food and proper equipments for the care of the troops.

Finally it stated-and here comes in the animus of the rascally lie-that the same people who are buying headstones are asking you to vote for another for governor of Pennsylvania.

Anything more diabolically misleading to spread broadcast through the camps of the nation is hard to imagine. In the first place the "tombstones" mentioned are not for the graves of the soldiers who have died in the war with Spain but for the veterans of the Civil war, many of whose resting places are thus known by the markers furnished by the government which already provides for the burial expenses of those who died too destitute to make this provision. That no such idea is so intimidated in the circular scree is to be entertained for a moment would seem evident. To endeavor to incite suspicion of such a man as Colonel Stone on this charge is enough to disgust honest Democrats or Swallow men, not to mention those who listen to the whinnings of Wanamaker.

Every voter in Lackawanna county should see to it that such methods are flatly rebuked, especially when the signature of "A Scranton Volunteer" gives anonymous authority to the vicious lie.

There is something suggestive of the gold brick deal in the resignation of Judge Van Wyck from the Supreme court bench to accept the nomination for Governor of New York.

A Corn-Stalk Klondike.

The farmer is to have his innings after long days of pain. The bonanza lies in his broad cornfields in the shape of a paper industry. The "shivers" or outer portion of the cornstalk will be utilized for the finest qualities of card board and paper. This part of his product has heretofore been considered useless, while cellulose has long been obtained from the inner substance. Experts have, however, discovered great possibilities in the discarded portion and although the process at present is a secret one, there is a promise of a vast development of the invention.

The amount of waste material which can thus be employed is incalculable and will give the United States the supremacy in paper making. If the prospective industry half fulfills expectations. The boon to the general public will also be colossal, for the expense of paper is now a great item in the calculations of all newspaper business.

"Coin" Harvey, the new Democratic business manager expects to figure out a large campaign fund for 1900. The installment plan-a dollar down and a dollar a month-is the first scheme proposed to draw money from those

whose enthusiasm lags at the passing of the plate, and it is supposed that the endless chain, the mite box and others of the class will be brought to the front during the next few months.

The Independent Labor Herald, Scranton's new labor organ, published by John Power O'Connor and P. J. Thomas, made its first appearance yesterday. The Herald is ably edited by the well known journalist, John Power O'Connor, who announces that the paper will be "independent of all parties in politics." While believing in the principles of the American Federation of Labor and being heartily in favor of shorter hours for working-men, the writer professes to have proper respect for capital and vested rights, so long as capital does not infringe on the freedom of the people. An important feature of the issue of yesterday is the first of a series of articles by J. R. Commons, professor of sociology in the Syracuse university. The articles deal with a comparison of day labor and the contract system on municipal works. The articles will be continued from week to week. The initial number of the Herald is full of interesting reading and is undoubtedly one of the best labor organs published.

Some of the questions submitted by the court of inquiry sound as if they might make somebody squirm. For instance: "Twelfth-Were the chief surgeons in the various camps instructed to carefully watch their sanitary condition, to look after their cleanliness, to demand the proper supply of water, to test the water as to its character, to look into the cooking arrangements, to locate the sinks and see to their proper care?" The thirteenth question wants to know why regimental hospitals in camps were abolished and division hospitals substituted, and asks if the results were satisfactory. There is nothing of the whitewash order in these inquiries.

Those Americans who are stimulated by recent events to embark largely in the business of marine transportation will enjoy an advantage in the fact that they will avoid the waste of converting old sailing hulks into modern steel steamers. The steamer is fast crowding the slow-going sailer out of the business, and the newer and finer the steamer the better, in these days of quick deliveries. Its chances of acquiring tonnage. The occasion is indeed ripe for swift developments in our merchant marine.

Caroline Miskel Hoyt, in all her winsome loveliness is dead. It is something to have lived in the world for twenty-five years and to leave over a vast continent such a legacy of remembered beauty. No one who ever saw her interpretation of "A Contented Woman" can ever forget the exquisite picture, nor separate the girl in her entrancing grace from the role which was so entirely her own personality.

Pittsburg has a system of tin collection boxes for the Red Cross. Up to date the sum of \$23,783.53 has been thus collected. Good for Pittsburg! This method is about as remunerative as the endless chain affair established by Miss Natalie Schenck, of Babylon, L. I. and far less bother to the postoffice officials and others concerned.

The descendants of the heroes of '61 have no use for second-generation, "war-a-failure," anti-administration copperheads. Democratic defamation of the war with Spain must receive the people's rebuke.

If the government would turn loose the youthful students of dime literature about the country on the unruly redskins of Minnesota the trouble would doubtless be ended in short order.

All the children, and not a few of the grown folks in the civilized world, have moaned over a fairy tale. Buffalo Bill is not dying, is not sick and has not been sick.

It is expected that prophesies of a coming severe winter will be verified in a few days by the report of the goose bone expert.

The adoration of the Democratic newspapers for Wanamaker these days ought to make John ashamed of himself.

It seems to be easier to make war than to make peace.

Things Told By Consuls.

From the Times-Herald. CONSUL MCCOOK, of Dawson City, strongly advises no one to join in the hunt for gold unless he has at least provisions to last over winter and enough money in bank to take him home if he is unsuccessful. The consul is appealed to daily by men who have no money and can get no work. Labor commands \$1 per hour, but the supply exceeds the demand and may bring the price down. A small lot on the main street cannot be bought for less than \$40,000, and it costs \$200 per month to rent a log cabin. A dinner costs \$2.50 and a bed in a hotel \$6.00 per night. Along the river ground is leased for \$10 a month per foot front. This, with the 10 per cent royalty charged on the gross output, yields a large revenue. Out of 500 placer claims and 2,000 bench claims only 20 have been paid to work. Many cannot attempt to risk ninety days' labor at \$10 a day upon one claim, and will have to surrender such as do not comply with the requirements of the government. Estimates of last year's output range from \$5,000,000 to \$12,000,000.

Consul Livingston, of Hayti, reports a critical business condition in that island. The currency has become so depreciated as to be nearly worthless. Almost all business enterprises are either bankrupt or on the verge of bankruptcy. The thoughtful element has become so depressed with the results of the late war with Spain. Europeans residing in Hayti counsel closer affiliation with the United States and the native Haytians are intense partisans of this country. Such is the condition of a country with a soil unsurpassed by any other country in the world. Everything grows without effort. There are dye woods, mahogany and other hard woods in abundance, and the mineral wealth is considerable. The simple peasantry of the interior make no headway owing to the absence of modern methods and implements. Consul Livingston suggests a thorough inquiry into the industrial condition of Hayti by American capitalists, and feels sure that such an inquiry would be the means of

securing a good field for American commerce.

Through Consul Covert, of Lyons, the French fruit growers ask the following questions and request answers to them as speedily as possible: What will be the wholesale prices of apples, pears, prunes, grapes, lemons, oranges, chestnuts, and their varieties? How will they be packed? Are the grapes hard enough to stand the journey to France? Give particulars as to quality, and how fruit may be preserved for winter use, etc. All estimates must be based upon kilogram, which is equivalent to 2.25 pounds avoirdupois. He says that there will be an especially good market for American apples, as they have been incredibly high during the past year. Owing to low continued drought and intense heat the French crop is not promising. "Manufactured and prepared pork meats" are admitted at \$3.50 per 220 pounds. A dealer wishes to know the lowest price for which these can be laid down in Lyons and the shortest time for transit. No merchandise is received in France which has been in any way treated with borax. There is a market for staves, owing to the use of over a million barrels yearly in the wine and brandy trade. Dealers want bottom figures at which American producers can furnish them.

From Florence Consul Cramer reports that the Bolognese salted meat sellers have petitioned the government to alter the tariff of hog products from the United States. Formerly the manufacture of pork products was a remunerative one to Italians, but has lately suffered from American competition.

AGUINALDO.

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. A disposition has been manifested in some quarters to make contemptuous and derisive remarks about the gold collar worn by Aguinaldo, the chief of the Philippine insurgents. This mark of authority or leadership may have a humorous aspect to those unacquainted with the Philippine situation. In this instance, but persons thus easily amused might also see funny things at any assemblage of the various appurtenant foreign and domestic costumes and personal adornment are matters of taste and habit, of national usage, and even of ironical rule in some countries. There is no more reason to make fun of one than of another, and a Philippine collar is no more legitimately subject to criticism than is anything worn by a Turk, a Persian, a Frenchman or a Russian. So Aguinaldo's gold collar is absolutely out of the discussion so far as it may be supposed to have any relation to the quality and quantity of Aguinaldo's brains and mental equipment.

There is also a disposition in some quarters to look at Aguinaldo, as an upstart, an adventurer, a mischief-maker and a rogue; to denounce him for keeping his army in order and for showing a combative disposition. But these are too things worth remembering: First, all the stories of Aguinaldo's threatening talk and belligerent behavior toward the Americans have since proved to be unfounded. He has not made any trouble. He has submitted to American direction and suggestion. Events have not justified the American disposition. He is a controllable wild man, nor have they exhibited him as a disturber and a nuisance. He has, in fact, conducted himself with surprising moderation and discretion in the circumstances are considered. Second, Aguinaldo is the leader of a movement to deliver his people from Spanish systems of oppression more tyrannical even than those which have afflicted Cuba. He and his followers were filled with new hope and energy when Dewey extinguished Spanish power in the Philippines. He is ready to cooperate with the Americans in making the deliverance permanent. He is ready to fight again if a renewal of Spanish rule is attempted. No such attempt can be successful without the consent of the American government. There are mugwumps and flag-haulers in this country who are in the habit of stating such consent-not many of them, to be sure, but enough to spread their pernicious views abroad and enough, perhaps, to make Aguinaldo suspicious of the intentions of this government. If he is distrustful, he is justified in maintaining a certain attitude of reserve and in being prepared for any emergency. If any other wise he would be false to himself and his people. He is true to himself and them, so far as he is determined to resist to the utmost any effort to re-establish Spain in the Philippines.

The intention of the United States government will soon be definitely known, and then it is altogether probable that Aguinaldo will be unreservedly on the American side. For it would be monstrous to suppose that our government will fail to make the expulsion of the Spaniards complete and final. Such failure would be against the dictates of humanity; would, in fact, be an abhorrent American sentiment that it may be set down as an impossibility.

A "POME" IN AMBUSH.

From the New York Sun. The silver colonel sits in his tent; his eyes are haggard, his brows are bent; he cries, "When can this voice find vent? This flood of oratory, pent in this hot bosom, find a vent, a crack, a fissure, and be sent, a deluge past all precedent, to do its stent the way Maine went for Governor Kent? O, well, for the Vesuvian hill, whose mightiest moans vented their lava lyrics, take their fill of utterance; but alas, poor Bill! Must I, with vocables to spill, keep silent and not speak my mind, and can get no explosion, but drill? It makes me ill, this pill of saying nil!"

Hope of the Democrat, joy of the Pop, yet a few days and your silence will stop. Yet a few days and the dam will break, and the roar of your myriad voices make the Money Power quake.

AND THAT'S NO JOKE.

From the Lebanon News. The Scranton people doubtless are in a happy frame of mind. They came here to get the state firemen's convention for next year and they won out with little difficulty. The representatives from that city went about the business in a manner men do when they are in earnest and mean to win, and that kind of energy usually is successful. Scranton is a large, live, prosperous city and unquestionably the firemen will have a good time there next year.

THE BOOKMAN

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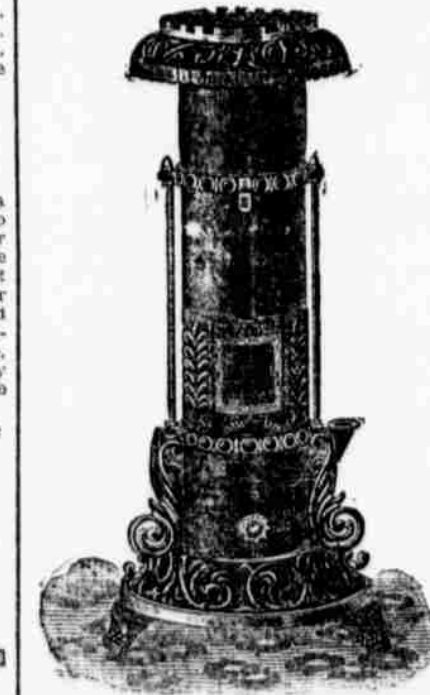
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