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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

STATE.

Governor—WILLIAM A. STONE. Lieutenant Governor—J. P. S. GIBLIN. Secretary of Internal Affairs—JOHN W. LATTA.

COUNTY.

Congress—WILLIAM CONNELL. Judge—F. W. GUNSTER. Coroner—JOHN J. ROBERTS. M. D. Surveyor—GEORGE B. STEVENSON.

LEGISLATIVE.

Senate.

Twentieth Dist.—JAMES C. VAUGHAN.

House.

First District—JOHN R. FARR. Second District—JOHN SCHEUER, JR. Third District—N. C. MACKAY. Fourth District—JOHN F. REYNOLDS.

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.

If the prominent citizens back of the Quay prosecution do not come out of the underbrush pretty soon it will be suspected that, like the renowned Mrs. Harris, "there ain't no sleh persons."

From Business Men's Standpoint.

Already the tremendous wave of public sentiment is steadily sweeping on in favor of Matthew S. Quay in the face of the malignant persecution now instituted against him.

Of course Spain objects to giving up the Philippines and to paying the Cuban debt. Did any one expect her to be wildly hilarious over the prospect?

Spanish in the Schools.

A number of contemporaries are having spasms over the fact that in certain public schools of the country, the Spanish language has been ordered as a part of the curriculum.

Commercially speaking, for some years, Spanish has been about the best investment after a reasonable knowledge of English was gained.

A member of one of the largest firms in this country has given his five sons and sons-in-law the advantage of a thorough course in Spanish and they have consequently been of inestimable service in the business, not only in traveling but in the various houses of the importers.

The English who know Spanish have been entirely occupied with their receiving business and are therefore unavailable. The Latin, Greek, German and French of the army boys are rusting for want of use but the impotence of Spanish is emphasized hourly.

ritory hitherto undeveloped and the need of Spanish speaking men of affairs, prospectors, clerks, and in fact employes in almost every profession and trade will be more and more apparent as the months pass.

Dr. Swallow's paper, the Commonwealth, seems to be worrying because The Tribune is not devoting its entire attention to that harmless little sheet.

"A Contemptible Scheme."

The Scranton Times is very correct in branding the distribution of the tomb-stone circular among the soldiers at Camp Meade as "a contemptible scheme," but the Times' application of the scheme is certainly the most remarkable flight of imagination ever attempted by an editor of a Democratic paper and that is saying a great deal.

It is encouraging that the Times recognizes the scheme as one of the vilest and lowest type, but when it asserts that no Democrat or Prohibitionist could be such a fool as to attempt to work it, an astonishing ignorance of the tricksters in its own party and that of Brother Swallow is revealed.

One benefit produced by the prospective pilgrimage of the German emperor to the Holy Land will be that the rural supervisor will get in his work on the roads in that region for about the first time in the Christian era.

Colonel Stone.

The Wilkes-Barre Times says some very plain sensible things about our next governor, and they deserve repetition.

"Some weak-kneed Republicans—and we are glad they are but few—after studying Democratic effusions and listening to Swallow blather, say 'we cannot vote for Colonel W. A. Stone because he is a Quay man.'"

"Colonel Stone is a man of singular independence of character and with a reputation that is positively stainless, and is it likely, is it reasonable to suppose, that he would destroy the record of a life time to become the tool of any living man? It is literally absurd."

"After serving eight years in congress, he cherished an honorable desire to become governor of this state, and those who know him have always been impressed with his rugged independence and his conscientious regard for the welfare of the people."

"It will be my purpose while governor of Pennsylvania, as it has been my purpose in the public positions that I have held, with God's help, to discharge my whole duty. The people are greater than the parties to which they belong. I am only jealous of their favor. I shall only attempt to win their approval and my experience has taught me that can best be done by an honest, modest, daily discharge of public duty."

The most vexatious and discouraging feature of the affair with Spain which ended in the defeat of the Castilian hosts is the fact that pending a settlement of the continuing Spanish barbarity continues unabated in Cuba. According to reports received by the Junta, the conditions of the Cubans almost everywhere in the interior are deplorable, and it seems the purpose of the Spaniards to keep them so as long as possible.

allowed to continue the devilry that provoked the war until a final settlement is made.

Agoncillo says that he got all that he wanted at Washington, which is pretty good evidence that Agoncillo did not want the earth.

The Klondike Bubble.

The collapse of the Klondike bubble will be a sad blow to many who have staked their all on the race for wealth in the frozen regions of the arctic circle. Disappointment and disaster have been the fate of the great majority of those who have sought riches in the northern gold fields, and it becomes more and more apparent that many unfortunate prospectors have been the victims of grasping steamship companies who are willing that the gold seeker should spend his last dollar for passage to the mining regions where the chances are a hundred to one that he will never accumulate enough dust to pay for the return trip.

United States Consul McCook, at Dawson City, has forwarded a report to the department of state bearing upon the condition of affairs in the Klondike mining regions which is anything but attractive.

Dawson City is the largest mining camp in America, and contains a shifting population of 20,000 people. Theaters, dancing halls, saloons and gambling houses are the only establishments that may be said to prosper. The price of property is enormous, and the price of food still more enormous. A dinner costs \$2.50 and a breakfast \$1.50. Lodging in a bunk is \$1.50 per night, and the hotels charge \$5.00 for a bed at night. Labor costs a dollar an hour, but even at that there are idle men. Forty thousand prospectors have passed through Dawson City on their way to the mines, while hundreds of disappointed men are going away daily. It is by the merest chance that one may strike a rich claim.

The distress about Dawson City is vividly described by Consul McCook, who urges that no one should attempt to prospect for gold unless he has provisions enough to last over one winter and enough money to take him home in case of failure.

This is an authentic and official report of conditions in the Klondike, and many who are now stranded at Dawson City will doubtless agree that it has been published none too soon.

One of the most reprehensible sides of the Quay prosecution is the unreasonable and cruel method in which it has attacked ex-Treasurer Haywood. No one has ever conscientiously considered Mr. Haywood anything but an honest man, faithful and sincere in his service to the state and unflinching in his integrity. That he is charged with conspiracy at this late day is simply because he is Quay's friend. Those who have instigated this accusation know very well that Mr. Haywood is utterly innocent of any wrong doing in the matter, and, broken in health as he is he will still be entirely able to disprove the bitter onslaught made by the enemies of the Republican party.

The Archibald Citizen came out for the first time Saturday under its new proprietary editor, P. A. Philbin. Even the first number under the new management indicates that Archibald is to have a paper it will acknowledge with pride. Mr. Philbin is aggressive and popular and possesses all the equipment necessary to a successful newspaperman. He can be relied upon to improve his paper with each issue.

Many interesting features which no suburban weekly hereabouts ever before attempted are contained in Saturday's issue and many others are promised for succeeding issues. A thoughtful article on "Archibald of Today" is one of the best of these special features.

The Indian trouble is said to have been precipitated by the refusal of Chief Bush Ear to listen to reason. Before the affair is settled the government should see that the shrubbery is removed from Bush Ear's organs of hearing.

An exchange says that Dewey is to be a "full admiral." This may be one of the results of smashing champagne bottles around battleships at the launching.

China still has an emperor, according to latest reports, but he is not working at it.

Just now Hobson seems to be dividing honors with "Tod" Sloane.

New Policy of the United States.

ONE OF the indications of the new policy of the United States made necessary by the events of the last summer is the talk at Washington of the creation of a certain special office—that of colonial secretary, thus following the custom of England and nearly all the other nations of the world. Should the treaty of Paris provide that the Philippines and one of the Ladrones, as well as Porto Rico, shall come under American sway, the establishment of the new cabinet office will probably follow promptly, as there is at present no department organized with reference to such duties as this great expansion of territory, with its new problems of government, will entail.

The termination of the war, leaving Porto Rico in the possession of the United States, has diminished to a certain extent the interest that centered in St. Thomas, the sister island of Porto Rico, at the beginning of the contest. At that time negotiations were pending with Denmark for the purchase of St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix, the three constituting what are known as the Virgin Islands. For \$11,500,000. The possession of Porto Rico now gives the United States ample coaling facilities and harbors in this part of the West Indies, but as Denmark wishes to sell, and this country would not be willing to see the group transferred to any other power, it is not unlikely the Virgin Islands sooner or later will be joined to the United States. During the recent war St. Thomas was invaluable to the American navy in a number of ways, and as the harbor is equipped with a large floating dry dock capable of receiving vessels of 3,000 tons displacement and also a merrily running outfit for building up the minor craft for repairs, its value, aside from strategical reasons, is considerable.

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From the recent report of Consul Beldice, stationed at Canton, China, to the department of state, it is learned that the future of American trade with China. The crowding out of American kerosene by Russian and Japanese oils was made the subject of a former report by the consul, the chief advantage the latter have being in the matter of freight, though such is the superiority of American petroleum that Russian and Japanese oils are frequently put up in packages similarly labeled. This latter practice seems to be growing, and German and Japanese goods are often palmed off for the superior American article.

Consul Beldice also points out that the territorial cession in connection with the alleged agreement between the Russian and Chinese empires shows that the latter has agreed to charge one-third less import duty on all Russian goods entering China through the other countries, and Chinese goods are to be charged less transit duty than those of other countries. The two chief industries of the consul general notes are the not fittingly exacting, under the erroneous impression that anything will do for the Chinese, and secondly the lack of arrangements for speedy settlement of all claims for damages through breakage, etc. As a matter in which American interests are at a disadvantage as compared with the English or the Germans.

TRUE AMERICAN PATRIOT.

From Gunton's Magazine for October. Much praise has been given to Colonel Roosevelt for the way he led his regiment up the hill at Santiago under the withering fire of the enemy. Referring to this in his farewell address to his regiment at Montauk Point, he said: "I was not so much brave as my party. I had to run like hell to keep the boys from running over me." The remark shows the sterling quality of the men in the case of most people the streams of compliment that have been poured out upon Colonel Roosevelt would have created an utterly modest man. It is the estimate of his own abilities and his own estimate of his comrades, so as to give them a full share in the compliment. Nobody will charge Mr. Roosevelt with being particularly modest; he is not unaware of his own abilities and ambitions and success, but he has what is so often lacking—the good sense not to let it spoil him.

This is shown also in the following advice he gave his regiment in the farewell speech referred to: "Now here's a thing I want to warn you against. Don't get gay and pose as heroes. Don't go back and lie on your laurels; they'll wither. The world will be kind to you for about ten days, and then it 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. Don't consider yourselves as martyrs in the past tense. What I want of all of you is to get right out and fight your battles in the world as bravely as you fought the nation's battles in Cuba."

GETTING AT THE TRUTH.

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. Men who know are now getting in their testimony about army conditions. General "Joe" Wheeler, General Fitzhugh Lee, General Boynton and General Groves have all testified before the war investigation committee, and their story, on the whole, is very different from that of the yellow Journal. The most interesting stories disclosed out to the public have been shown to be either totally false or greatly exaggerated.

WHITE MAN THE AGGRESSOR.

From the Buffalo Express. The Filibusters believed that their reservation was to be taken from them without compensation. It is the old story. The white man is always the aggressor. Yet the white volunteers in Minnesota are reported as in an ugly mood and likely to make short work of the Indians, if they get a chance.

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