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In considering municipal nominations tomorrow Republicans should not forget that the office of city controller is one of the most important in the entire list.

Stand by the Colors.

It may be impossible in the present condition of public opinion to secure an atmosphere of judicial fairness in which to discuss the political methods of those who are leading the fight for Senator Quay's defeat.

Every man is entitled to be thought innocent until proved guilty. This is the very corner-stone of Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence.

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While it is plain that Senator Quay must stand trial before a jury of his peers, in a court from which the machinations of political animosity and personal prejudice have been carefully excluded.

Senator Quay, as the Republican caucus nominee, deserves the support of every regular Republican until such time as he shall either be victorious over the conspiracy against him or shall of his own prompting prefer release.

It is noticed that the lachrymose anti-expansionists who have cast a gloom over the senate during the past few days haven't a word to say in favor of Queen Lili's real estate claims.

Eagan and Miles.

It is extremely doubtful if Commissioner General Eagan has improved his case by calling General Miles several kinds of a liar.

Miles may be all the kinds of a bad man that General Eagan passionately suggests, yet the establishment of this fact—which, by the way, is as yet merely asserted—would not remove the misery caused by unit ratings and by soldiers battling for their country under the broiling sun of a tropical land.

Whether Miles is a liar or not may be a point of considerable interest to those who are fond of personalities; but to the country in general it seems like a minor point in comparison with the issues which have so plainly raised us to the army's recent food supply.

Well-meaning legislators will find cold comfort in being recorded on a "roll of honor" that is carried in John Wanamaker's vest pocket.

Human Nature.

The Philadelphia Press is worried at what it calls the "threats" of the Quay "machine" to inflict vengeance upon party bolters.

wealth can all sustain the forgiving spirit characteristic of the senator himself. It is simply not within the bounds of fallible human nature.

The party man who bolts forfeits the right to expect regularly from his opponents when he is the regular nominee and they are the objectors. It is a poor rule that doesn't work two ways.

The example presented by some of the prominent statesmen of other days who are now fighting the administration at Washington as anti-expansionists, is another illustration of the fact that a man can occasionally outlive his usefulness.

Premature.

The assertion of Senator Foraker that the American people contemplate the ultimate independence of the Philippines is an individual opinion, not an authoritative statement of administrative policy.

American public opinion has gone no further in the direction of solving the Philippine problem than to recognize the necessity of a speedy ratification of the Paris peace treaty.

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It looks as though the Czar of Russia intends to get something together to disarm.

The New Senator from Indiana.

The biography of the caucus nominee of the Republican party of Indiana to succeed David S. Turpie, Democrat, in the United States senate, is mighty good reading in these days when pessimists try to make the people believe that native ability has no longer the chance that it once had to rise above adverse circumstances.

"Albert J. Beveridge was born during the civil war, on a farm on the borders of Highland county, Ohio. His father and all his brothers were away at the war, and at the close of that struggle Beveridge's father lost all his property, and the family moved to Illinois.

When twelve he was a plowboy, at fourteen he was working as a day laborer on railroad work, at fifteen he became a logger and teamster, and by reason of a natural command of men was placed in charge of the logging camp.

The subsequent career of Mr. Beveridge is well known to students of politics. As an orator he ranks with the best in the country, possessing not only the natural gift of eloquence in an exceptional degree, but also the logic and intellectual power without which mere oratory is trivial.

"Kid" McCoy and other pugilists of the hour ought to take a hint from the example of John L. Sullivan, the greatest fighter of the age. John L. knew

when he had been whipped and readily if not cheerfully acknowledged the fact.

A press club convention is being arranged to be held in Baltimore in the near future. This need not cause any apprehension unless it precipitates the organization of another club in Scranton in order that journalism in the Electric city may be represented.

The Meanest Man Alive?

It is generally regarded as unsafe in a newspaper office to print the truth about a man who is not a candidate for office, but we would risk a jury trial on the assertion that the public knowledge of Russell Sage's treatment of Clerk Laidlaw, if correct, stamps him as perhaps the meanest man now living.

The decision of the New York court of appeals reversing the judgment of the lower court which awarded Laidlaw \$10,000 damages ends any hope which this victim of Sage's avarice may have had of securing redress through legal processes.

It must be apparent to any man of ordinary instincts that when Sage used Laidlaw as a bomb-protector he incurred an obligation which no honest man would forget.

Quessay de Beaupre, who resigned from the Paris court of cassation, must be a sort of James Gay Gordon.

NEWS AND COMMENT

Sir James Edgar, speaker of the Canadian house of commons, is an enthusiastic expansionist. While in Baltimore recently he said that the world was full of unsatisfied desires for the growth and success of the United States.

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Adjutant General Corbin's paper in the January Forum is calculated to correct popular misconceptions relative to the kind of men composing the regular army.

ons, and these, of course, were promptly rejected, the law now requiring that results be made public.

Putter county claims the honor of having the quietest public school in Pennsylvania. It is a school with four pupils, all members of one family, the mother of which is the teacher.

A late investigation of social statistics has put it on record that marriage along with the other blessings of heaven operates most beneficially in lessening any tendency they may have to crime.

SUBSIDIES AND PROGRESS

When California, in the course of our policy of "imperialism" and "expansion," was annexed to the United States the city of San Francisco was covered with the same dunes that were once the tramp over the dunes from the water-front brought the pedestrian to the little Mission church, a little graveyard and a cluster of adobe huts.

California grew, but there was still upon the maps the great American desert populated only by roving Indians and the bones of dead men.

Just as subsidies were fought then, they are fought now, when the great oceanic nations are projected, and when it is proposed to build up an American merchant marine.

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