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# REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

Mayor-JAMES MOIR.
Treasurer-THOMAS R. BROOKS.
Controller-F. J. WIDMAYER.
School Directors - JOHN COURIER
MORRIS, GEORGE H. SHIRES.
ABSOSBOTS-OWILYM JONES, PHILIP
RINSLAND, C. S. FOWLER. Election Day-February 21.

Recent events have again suggested of the Garcia funeral cortege for the the need of a paid fire department in Cuban guard of honor and the escort Scranton. The conflagration of Satur- of Cuban troops has caused an es day morning fully demonstrated that tranged feeling to prevail in Havana material for a first-class paid fire de- between the Americans and the napartment can be obtained right here in Scranton and it is a disgrace to the taken serious umbrage at this affront city that these brave men are allowed and it is difficult to blame them. Gento risk their lives without remunera- eral Garcia was the greatest Cuban of tion in the work of protecting property.

### For City Controller.

controller are almost absolute within American military force. One or two the sphere of his duties. He is the more mistakes of this kind will destroy watch dog of the city treasury; not a his usefulness in Cuba and necessitate dollar of city funds can be paid out ex- the selection in his stead of a man of cept upon his indorsement. While it tact and talent, like General Wilson has not hitherto been the custom of or General Wood. controllers in this city to go far behind the face of the bills and vouchers submitted for their examination, yet if the controller should suspect crookedness or extravagance in a given direction his authority would be ample to bring out man in it.

The Republican party offers for this position in the person of Fred J. Wid- bunal requires the development of all mayer a highly respected business man who, in addition to his personal qualifications, including shrewd good judgment, unquestioned integrity and firmness of character, has the marked adthe requirements of the office. His three years' former term of service as ance in the controller's office was not swerve him a hair's breadth.

The condition of the city government at this time will make extraordinary demand upon the next controller. If the abuses under which the city stagbankruptcy averted, there must be at the safety valve during the next three years a man of clear mind, ripe experience and inflexible back bone. Such a man is Fred J. Widmayer.

Ti. will doubtless disappear with equal suddenness.

# Unanswerable.

Says Whitelaw Reid, discussing the work of the Paris peace commission: 'The only complaint one hears about it is that we did our duty too wellthat in fact we made peace on terms too favorable to our own country. In all the pending discussion there seems to be no other complaint. On no other point is the treaty said by any one to be seriously defective." This complaint may influence a few nervous felmake a deep impression upon the comman sense of the country. Mr. Reid's defence of the commission's work, given in his speech before the Letes club of New York on Saturday evening, was not necessary but it is interesting. For

"It loyally carried out the attitude of congress as to Cuba. It enforced the renunciation of Spanish sovereignty there, but, in spite of the most carnest Spanish efforts, it refused to accept American sovereignty. It loaded neithor ourselves nor the Cubans with the so-called Cuban debts, incurred by Spain in the efforts to subdue them. It involved us in no complications, either in the West Indies or in the east, as to contracts or claims or religious establishments. It dealt liberally with a fatten foe, giving him a generous lump sum that more than covered any legitimate debts or expenditures for pacific improvements; assuming the burden of just claims against him by our own people; carrying back the armies surrendered on the other side of the world at our own cost; returning their arms; even restoring them their artillery, including heavy ordnance in field fortifications, munitions of war and the very cattle that dragged their caissons. It secured alike for Cubans and Filipinos the release of political prisoners. It scrupulously reserved for congress the power of determining the political status of the inhabitants of our new possessions. It declared on behalf of the most protectionist country in the world for the policy of the open door within the Asiatic sphere of its influence.

"With all this the senate and the country seemed content. But the treaty refused to return to Spanish rule one foot of territory over which that rule had been broken by the triumphs of our arms. Were we to be repreached for that? Should the senate have told us, 'You overdid this business; you looked after the interests of your own country too thoroughly. You ought to have abandoned the great archipelago which the fortunes of war had placed at your country's disposal. You are not exactly unfaithful servants; you are too blindly, unswervingly faithful. You haven't seized an opportunity to the war into which congress plunged could not stand in any country havit might spread. You haven't dodged for us the responsibilities we incurred' After breaking the only organized gov-

The Scranton Tribune | native and foreign, in great commercial centres like Manila, Ilollo and Cebu, against hordes of uncivilized pagans pirates, used to swooping down on a capital, capturing its rulers, seizing its treasure, burning the town, abandoning the people to domestic disorder and foreign spollation, and promptly sailing off for another piratical foray; a band of pirates, used to that sort of thing, might, no doubt, have left Manila to be sacked by the insurgents, and might have fled from the Philippines. We did not think a self-respecting, civilized, responsible Christian

power could." Put in this light, the case for the commission is unanswerable.

Failure to provide a place in the line tives. Many of the best Cubans have his time; his funeral was peculiarly a Cuban ceremony and General Brooke had no moral right to monopolize the Under the law the powers of the city occasion for a spectacular display of

A Battle Royal. Persons familiar with such matters say the court of inquiry called to investigate the embalmed beef scandal fortune. will be in session for several months. the facts and protect the city against So much the better if that time shall loss. The value of the office to the be required to get to the bottom of this community depends entirely upon the case. Thoroughness is far preferable character, ability and experience of the to haste. The country demands and the professional honor of the eminent soldiers constituting this respected trithe facts.

The civilian commission of inquiry which has just concluded its labors had no standing in military circles because it was not provided for by law and did vantage of practical familiarity with not have power to enforce its alleged jurisdiction. But the court of inquiry created by the president on Feb. 3 is controller was in the nature of special a body which every soldier is bound to preparation. During that period the administration of the municipal government was on a higher plane than it secret of camp or battle line which it as urged by the national irrigation conhas been since, and the need of vigil- cannot probe and conquer if it will. In the line of military duty its present so marked, yet there was not a mo- assignment is of the utmost importment that Mr. Widmayer did not keep ance, since upon its investigations, de his eyes open. He made sure of every liberations and conclusions the whole item of expenditure that he approved future of the American army depends. and no kind of outside influence could | Let us bear in mind the nature of the

gers are to be corrected and virtual in large quantity utterly unfit for human use. He affirms that some of army ration, while others were stale fibres from which practically all the nutriment had been extracted. In this A bill to put a state tax on beer affirmation he is corroborated by a host the meat. Denial is made by contractors, politicians and personal enemies, and the cry is raised that no matter what kind of meat was palmed off on our suffering troops, nothing should be said about it lest our export trade be There has been a lot of silly mud-

throwing at General Miles tending to charges to the knowledge of the public, but the people have not permitted it to obscure in their minds the implaint may influence a few nervous fel- it to obscure in their minds the im- made, negred in tayor of the project, low-citizens but it is not calculated to pertance of ascertaining, first of all, stating that he had submitted an amendto toe the chalk mark and explain. It is not supposable of any honest man holding an office in gift from the people that in his mind the welfare of

> The prospective new librarian of The prospective new librarian of congress, Representative Samuel J. Barrows, of Massachusetts, when gress, was also heard in advocacy of the young, was a messenger boy, a telegrapher, a stenographer and a reporter. Later he was a theological claimed, sustain a greater population student and war correspondent, and than there is now in the whole United subsequently he occupied a Boston pulpit and the editorial chair of a denominational paper, being successful in each calling, finally landing in congress. Such a career is a pretty good recommendation,

> The Democratic senators who have banded together to fight the army reorganization bill are welcome to all the glory they can get out of such a course. Public sentiment demands that the president who conducted so successfully the amazingly triumphant war with Spain shall have put in his hands the means to discharge its recognized and ratified responsibilities and the party or the public servant who would rob him of his power simply composes a dishonorable obituary.

It is good but not unexpected news that the government has decided to modify the regulations governing the admission of travelers' personal effects through the New York custom house, run away from some distant results of Those regulations in their original form the country before dreaming how far ing free government and a selfrespecting citizenship,

Has hysteria usurped the place of

native and foreign, in great commercial shricking appeal to the government at the waters, first for irrigation and then Washington to buy off the Malay traitor, Aguinaldo, with an office would be and Mahometan Malays, should we ludicrous if coming from a less imthen scuttle out and leave them to portant source. The only office this intheir fate? A band of old-time Norse grate, incendiary and sneak is fit for is the custodianship of a coffin.

> The oldest inhabitant is convinced that there must have been something wrong with the thermometers during the past few days.
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> 18,000 miles collectively, the total will exceed the mileage of all the rest of the world—Europe, Asla, Africa, Australia and the other South American countries

to be congratulated.

Gomez has reached Havana, Now let the spheres move on.

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus,

The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe Cast: 4.08 a. m., for Monday, February 13, 1839.

A child born on this day will notice that the ex-office holder who never expects re-election makes the most active and incere reformen Persons not too lazy to take exercise will notice a change for the better in the

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temperature. The present definition for mercy seems to apply to the guilty only. It is seldom that mercy is accorded the innocent, The man who cuts no ice these days is ot taking advantage of his surroundings.

### Definitions

Price-Something that depends entirely pon the depth of a man's conscience. Luck-That which baffled many a mar the catch-as-catch-can struggle with

Hope-That which prompts man to fig-ure a bad account in his colmun of as-

# The Reclaiming of Arid Land

Special Correspondence of The Tribune. Washington, Feb. 12.-A new and disnet policy is being strongly advocated, or giving to the arid states and territoies which have no harbors of great nav gable rivers, their proportion of the ex-The senate committee on commerce has just heard arguments in favor of the construction of a comprehensive sysgress and recommended in a report of Colonel H. M. Chittenden, of the engineer corps on reservoirs in Colorada and

mand of the army that among the foods supplied to the soldiers of the nation during the war with Spain were meats in large quantity utterly unfit for human use. He affirms that some of descriptions and the control of the soldiers of the nation waters of the Missouri and its tributaries in great natural reservoir sites, the very waters which now go down to do human use. these means were doctored with cham-icals until they were poisonous as an reservoirs, when needed in the dry season irrusation and navigation and so be es proventing tremendous damage from slen and overflow, would raise the discredit him as a witness in these premises and to convict him of un-worthy motives in bringing these only damage and destruction.'

Wald be created by giving to the country as tending to previous the wealth that would come from the strengthen our government to meet these new and grave duties.

THE REMEDY.

Senator Warren, of Wyoming, through whether what Miles says is or is not ment to the river and harbor bill providtrue. If it is not true, his finish is not a matter of uncertainty. He will be kleked out of the uniform so quickly that he will not know what struck him. But if it is true; if there is even ap-But if it is true; if there is even approximate truth in it, then not Miles, national policy and result in enormous but the contractors who sold this stuff to the government and the politicians or war department officials who bought it on the government's behalf will have to toe the chalk mark and explain.

The great west is now adding unoid militiate from her mines to the nations. ions from her mines to the nation's wealth each year, but there are great mineral deposits which as yet have not been profitably worked incident to the lack of transportation facilities and the the export trade is held to be of greater high cost of living in many of the minfighting in tropic lands the battles of their country. This being true, the for irrigation, and you would cheapen court of inquiry will consider the situ- | food and compel transportation facilities ation of the soldier first and leave the export trade to sustain itself on its own merits.

Total and compet transportation tachities, with the result that there would be an enormous increase in the output of the mines, which would be exchanged for supplies of manufactured articles from eastern factories."

policy. He urged that the broad ques-tion was whether the great region known States, should remain a desert forever, or should be transformed into prosperous communities by conserving the flood wa-ters for beneficial use. Mr. Maxwell showed that the experience of irrigated countries has been that where the waters were taken out of the streams and carried through a system of irrigating canals, the soil after a period of years becomes permanently saturated with water, and thereafter a very large proportion of the water so used finds its way back into the natural stream chan-nels. The result of this condition would be that the enormous quantities of water stored in winter under the proposed policy would flow back into the party or the public servant who ing floods in winter and low water in

The great flood of 1881 on the Missouri could have been controlled, Mr. Max-well stated, as shown by the government reports, by a storage reservoir capacity of 56 square miles in area and 31 feet deep. The Chittenden reservoirs provide for 47 square miles, 31 feet deep at a cost for 47 square miles, 31 feet deep at a cost of \$2,500,000. Storage water in Colorado in the headwaters of the Arkansas river would restore to Farsis the waters diverted by Colorado appropriations, over which inter-state litigation is threatening, and storage on the Fatte river would prevent the Nebraska irrigators on that stream from losing their supply from diversions in Colorado and Wyoming. Mr. Maxwell unged finally that this policy ernment in the Philippine archipelago, reason in the editorial sanctum of the the only security for life and property, Chicago Times-Herald? That journal's moved the cause of floods, while it saved

# AMERICAN RAILROAD RATES

Not quite, but very nearly one-half of the railroad mileage of the world is in North America. If to the railroad mile-age of North America be added that of Brazil and Argentina in South America. The army "embaimed beef" is probably like butter coloring material, harmless if taken in small doses.

and the other South American countries included. Moreover, railroad building is being carried on much more rapidly in the United States than ejsewhere. But it is not only in respect of the extension of their railroad system that the United States take precedence, for some recent As between Aguinaldo and Jack Frost States furnish to travelers and shippers the Americans at Manila are probably the best service at the lowest cost.

> In many states of the country there are laws fixing the maximum charge for pass-engers at 3 cents a mile, while in some European countries, notably France, the average rate charged is in excess of that figure. The minimum of some European countries is higher than the maximum allowed in the United States. According to the computations referred to, the average rate charged for passenger service in the United States is 2.15 cents a mile, and the fact is that in many eastern states where refread system have been states where railroad system have been long established a rate of 1½ cents a mile is the general rule. It is southern and far western railroads chiefly which keep up the average rate. In Missouri, for Instance, 4 cents a mile is a lawful charge, and in Arkansas the maximum is 5 cents. Some Colorado railroads charge 6 or 7 cents a mile, and 4 and 5 cents a mile on local traffic in the south is not unusual, but, taking the country through, the average rate, as stated, is 2.15 cents. In England, where the mechanical obstacles in railroading are comparatively few, the average rate is 2.20 cents a mile; in Belgium, a country in which there are practically no mechanin which there are practically no mechan ical obstacles, the rate is 2.25. In Germany it is 3.01 cents, in Austria-Hungary it is 3.05. in France it is 3.36 and in Spain it is 4.50.

In no other country in the world are the facilities for passengers so many as in the United States, and the increase of these facilities and conveniences is constant. On many western roads seats in chair cars, corresponding with parlor cars on castern lines, are furnished gratuitously. The sleeping car service is more general and better in the United States than in any other country, and light and heat, two essentials of up-to-date railroad travel, are better furnished here than in any other country.

The freight charges, too, estimated on the basis of carrying a ton of freight a mile, are lower here than in other countries. In England the average rate is a 1.56 and in Germany 1.35 cents. In the United States it is 0.97 cent, or less than 1 cent a mile per ton of freight moved, taking the whole country through. If the average of American freight rates was as high as it is in Germany the people of this country would have paid the railways last year about \$25,000,000 more than they did. If the rates had been as high as they are in England the people of this country would have paid the railways about \$950,000,000 more than they did. An illustration of the excellence of the ser-Senator Carter, of Montana, addressed the committee in behalf of his proposed amendment appropriating \$3,000,000 for the construction of a system of reservoirs in all the alid states and territories, this being the proportion of the entire river and harbor appropriation which the Chitenden report suggests should be devoted a this purpose. The American railroad system is improving all the time, the freight and passenger rates are being reduced and the character of the service given-luxurious pass enger travel and quick freight-is better every year.

### RESPONSIBILITY.

From Whitelaw Reld's Speech at the Lotos Club Dinner. water for navination, and irrigate and re-cidin wast areas of fertile lands, now dry and worthless, but which, under irri-to begin this war with Spain; but I proest against any attempt to evad and, "would vastly benefit all sections it has left us. We shall have trouble in the country. A new market would be the Philippines. So we shall have trouble these western communities, while the ngricultural productions of the western fear them and fear trouble, our trouble with those of the east but would be absorbed by the rapidly growing demands of the Asiatic trade for western farm products. A new empire in the west would be created by giving to the country.

# THE REMEDY.

"I are in favor of giving the Filipines adependence," said one debater, "So am I," answered the other, "And I'm satisfied that the United States con trols the only reliable brand, and that if we can get them to hold still and try it they will like it."-Washington Star,

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