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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

Mayor—JAMES MOHR. Treasurer—THOMAS R. BROOKE. Controller—F. J. WIDMAYER. School Directors—JOHN COCHRAN, MORRIS, GEORGE H. SMITH, Assessors—WILLIAM JONES, PHILIP RUSLAND, C. S. FOWLER. Election Day—February 21.

For a thing which is daily reported to be on the verge of collapse, the senatorial deadlock is exhibiting a disconcerting degree of vitality.

Stand by the Ticket.

Republicans may not all have been pleased with the outcome of the city primaries. They may have preferred the candidacies of men who did not succeed in securing a plurality vote to the candidacies of men who did. But as fall-minded party men they will abide by the result and give the ticket cordial support at the polls.

In this light Republicans will perceive it to be to their advantage to give their party their unwavering support, whether they are personally pleased or displeased with the personnel of the ticket. They have no reason to think that the men named on that ticket are unfit men; on the contrary, the very manner in which those candidacies were their nominations was a testimonial of popularity coming directly from the people.

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after them the fruition of liberty, education and civilization. I have no light or knowledge not common to my countrymen. I do not prophesy. The present is all-absorbing to me, but I cannot bound my vision by the blood-stained trenches around Manila, where every an American soldier or a misguided Filipino, is anguish to my heart; but by the broad range of future years, when that group of islands, under the impulse of the year just past, shall have become the gems and glories of those tropical seas, a land of plenty and of increasing possibilities, a people redeemed from savage indolence and habits, devoted to the arts of peace, in touch with the commerce and trade of all nations, enjoying the blessings of freedom, of civil and religious liberty, of education and of home, and whose children and children's children shall for ages hence bless the American republic because it commended and redeemed their fatherland and set them in the pathway of the world's best civilization.

This is the noble and humanitarian view, the expression of which as the guiding principle in the policy of great nation sets before the world a new ideal in government. It rebukes by its sublimity the ignoble fears and slanders of those who utilize their powers in desperate but futile opposition. Yet it is not forbidden us to consider that among the consequences of our successful execution of this high mission in behalf of civilization will be certain great material gains to our commerce and to our prestige as a nation; certain rewards of virtue which will also be looked upon as fair prizes of enterprise among them the opportunity to share in the legitimate business profits incident to the modernization of China and the chance to establish in the Philippine islands themselves valuable worksheds in development of their natural industry. The president does well not to subordinate the moral to the material aspects of this problem but the latter are worthy of attention in the reckoning of the pros and cons.

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Secretary Alger. The treatment accorded to Secretary Alger by the hoodlum element of Boston who jeered and hissed as he passed along the street is anything but creditable. Such demonstrations of disfavor do not obtain among gentlemen. Public opinion will not tolerate them. It is possible that General Alger has not fulfilled the requirements of his office. Indeed, this opinion is widely prevalent at this time. But he has done the best he knew how to do and the responsibility for his continuance in office belongs less upon him than upon the president who keeps him in office. The Boston crowd which cheered McKinley in one breath and jeered Alger in the other was inconsistent as well as foolish.

At the same time, it might well occur to General Alger that his unpopularity, deserved or undeserved, makes his presence in the cabinet a source of embarrassment to the president's friends, and now that his official conduct has been reviewed by the president's commission of inquiry and a finding made which, while exonerating him from all blame, yet expresses a doubt of his adequacy to the difficulties of the position, the course of honor would seem to be to retire. While the responsibility is the president's General Alger might well out of gratitude assume it and terminate a situation necessarily awkward to all concerned.

If the present judgment of the public upon General Alger is unjust and harsh, time will rectify it, all the more speedily if in submitting to it he shall exhibit a spirit of meekness and dignified self-restraint. The people may err in excitement, but in the long run their conclusions are correct. To be misunderstood, to be unfairly censured, to be in a certain sense martyred in the performance of public duties is a risk which men necessarily assume when they accept offices of high position. It is the philosophic view which can be recommended in all kindness to the present secretary of war, whose personal feelings, however sensitive to injury, are not to be weighed against the interests of the people in an administration of the war department in which they can have a degree of confidence now unhappily lacking.

Participants in the various senatorial deadlocks about the country are evidently waiting to profit by the result in Pennsylvania.

France Nearing Another Crisis. The sudden death of the president of France can hardly fail to be followed by consequences of great political importance. Its immediate effect will be to stun the political activities which were springing so manly in the midst of the Dreyfus case; but the spirit of prophecy is not required to enable one to foresee that after this sensation of awe in the presence of the unexpected has passed away the intrigues will redouble their energies and the crisis will come in obedience to an irresistible propulsion.

The successive events of this Dreyfus affair have convinced the onlooking public of the unfitness of the French for self-rule without important reservations. They may safely be allowed to think they are governing themselves, but their constitutional inability to look at things from a judicial point of view necessitates the holding over them of an ultimate authority which is not provided for in their present scheme of government. It is present now, in point of fact, in the mighty influence of the army; but until the army rules in open and acknowledged right and title in the person of its commander-in-chief the government of France will be an anomaly at the mercy of every transitory gust of public feeling.

Intimations have for some time been frequent that a Napoleonic coup d'etat is impending. The recent promotion of young Louis Napoleon by the czar from

the rank of lieutenant in the Russian army to that of brigadier general, jumping this son of the old dynasty over 55 colonels who had been his seniors set Europe to thinking. Louis is the one Napoleon of the race, now extinct, who appears to have qualities in him, and when it is known that he is secretly the favorite of the younger element in the French army, a case is made up which invests his personality with the elements of dramatic interest. Under the circumstances a dictatorship is what France needs and it is to be hoped that the need will be supplied peaceably and expeditiously and a cause of apprehension removed from international politics.

The trouble in Samoa appears to be the result of a distribution of monarchical ambition to candidates of the same weight. The Polish need on the reflector of Uncle Joe Sibley's searchlight must certainly have been a first-class article. Weather flags seem to have considerable trouble in keeping up with the procession these days. Incidentally the Paris peace treaty developed a lot of dead letter stationery.

Boston hoodlums are in a fair way to make a martyr of Secretary Alger. We trust that Old Foreas has folded his wings for the season. H. H. Honnen, a Missouri man who is now in the "cooking" business in Dawson City, says in a letter to his relative: "Business of all kinds is very dull here now. In the summer we sell 100,000 cigars an hour for team and man, and was kept very busy. But expenses are very high. I paid drivers \$10 a day and gave them their dinner. Board, without coal, is \$2 per week; this is the cheapest. I pay \$50 a month for a cabin. Hay and oats are \$30 a ton. Twenty dollars to get a team shoe. Flour is \$8 a sack, and sugar is 75 cents a pound. There is a scarcity of sugar now; the standard price is 25 cents."

THE CAT SHOW. Hear the purring of the cats—Stately cats! What a gorgeous aggregation of Maltese aristocrats! How they purr—purr-purr-purr-purr! In their ornamental cages As you softly stroke their fur Like a practiced flatterer And their eyes flash their eyes—Keeping time, time, time, In a sort of feline rhyme. To the purring from these purring pets That pine on Persian mats—From the cats, cats, cats, cats, Cats, cats, cats—To the purr-purr-purr-purr of the cats! Hear the howling of the cats—Vowling cats! What a wealth of rage and lunging lunge In their sharp and flange! In the startled air of night How they scratch and screech and fight! How their fiery eyeballs glare! How they howl! How they hiss and growl and swear And hold their swelling tails in air, And caterwaul! Oh, the surrounding flats What a gush of blasphemy, washbowl, old shoes, old hats, And bed slats. And brickbats. These cats have dodged! See the cats, That come in a snarl and stare to your feet! Are they for catching and despatching Any rats, rats, rats? Oh, rats! rats! rats! rats! Rats! rats! rats! What's their record when it comes to catching rats? —Chicago Tribune.

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undertaking such a task. All that night telegrams poured in on him. Every young man in his congressional district of an adventurous spirit, who was tired of the prosaic conditions at home, wired him, asking to be given a job in the commission. He had enough applications to fill a transport ship before bedtime. Every one of his friends in the United States who had a thousand dollars in bank wired him to let him in upon some concession. People whom he didn't know expressed great admiration for his courage in coming across and suggested that they would like to invest a few thousands upon his recommendation, possessing great confidence that his shrewd business sense would bring them in excellent returns. The Waldorf-Astoria people put a special wire into his room to save the wear and tear upon their floors in delivering messages. Mr. Curtis gave it up about midnight and went to bed, leaving word to store the messages in the basement. The next day he was very much relieved to find that the white house people had made a mistake and that it was one Henry Curtis who was appointed, and not George M. Curtis. He is still receiving telegrams from time to time as the news of his alleged appointment penetrates the country districts.

In an investigation of the effect of colonial acquisitions upon the commerce and industry of nations the bureau of statistics finds that Great Britain has enlarged her exports an average of more than \$200,000,000 in value, and in consequence 2,000,000 of people under her protection has promoted their material development so as to increase their wealth and consequently their purchasing power an enormous degree. The British colonies buy 43 per cent and the rest of the world buys 13 per cent of their foreign merchandise from the united kingdom. Of her exports about 25 per cent come from her colonies. In almost every case the exports from Great Britain to her colonies are greater than her imports from them.

It is safe to wager that the man who looks long and unconcerningly for a street car rides on a pass. Our thoughts now gladly turn from blizzards to advertisements of "spring medicine." Candidate Robinson will do well to keep behind the storm door a few days longer.

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A gentleman of Brooklyn, employed by a great publishing house, had suffered for three years from dyspepsia and had it so badly that the doctor said his was a confirmed case. This gentleman, who was somewhat facetious as well as dyspeptic, used to say that he had his ticket engaged for a passage over the Stix. He had dined and eating rose leaves. Now it had nearly come down to drinking dew and eating rose leaves. Now it happened that one day he had a dinner invitation which he really wanted to accept and he was induced to make trial of Ripans Tablets, because he had seen their wonderful effect advertised so much. He began three days in advance, taking one after each meal, then he went to the dinner and allowed himself full swing; but took two Tablets afterward. Next morning he found himself all right and very soon a lady neighbor was heard to ask his wife: "What have you been doing to your husband lately? He is looking fine!" "He had not eaten a good dinner for three years before that night, but now his friendly relations with turkey have been resumed and in the exuberance of his new liberty he cultivates pie and, in fact, has a tendency to sample everything there is going.

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