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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

State. Justice of the Supreme Court—J. HAY BROWN, of Lancaster. Judge of the Superior Court—JOSIAH R. ADAMS, of Philadelphia. State Treasurer—LIEUTENANT COL. CONEL JAMES E. BARNETT, of Washington. Election Day, Nov. 7.

It is not likely that the perille efforts of the Severintion to create dissatisfaction in the ranks of labor organizations today will attract attention other than a passing smile. The members of the labor unions are too sensible to be influenced by any particular stench from that seething slop bowl of scandal.

Welcome to Our Guests.

SCRANTON this week opens wide its hospitality to the National Letter Carriers' association and expects every guest to feel thoroughly at home. Whatever diversities of entertainment have been prepared, it expects its visitors to accept unreservedly and for whatever of omission may appear it begs generous indulgence, pleading ignorance of intent.

The letter carriers of the nation represent a superbly organized branch of the civil service who have just and large claim upon the respect and gratitude of every fellow-citizen. They constitute a special class of skilled workmen who, from the very nature of their duties, do for the government what service far beyond the measure of their pay and for the people in general a performance of helplessness tending instinctively to augment the public good. As the active agents in the great interchange of communication which has made of the American postal system a model for the world they have very largely, by their own superior intelligence, courtesy and efficiency, effected the results in the postal convenience which so strikingly command our admiration and excite our civic pride. It does not extend this question to say that for this willing and well-directed labor in the public interest they have been compensated. There is among their number an esprit du corps, a spirit of the strong popular demand for establishing a navy worthy the nation's greatness.

President Jimenez of the Santo Domingo republic expects to accomplish much in the way of restoring peace and quiet on the island of unrest, he should begin by changing his name.

The Silk Industry.

THE remarkable development of the nation in the relationship of host to guest. To the limit of their ability and understanding they will strive to make the occasion of this flattering visit a happy one, and in the hope that the serious work of the convention may proceed with as much success and to as satisfactory results as there is reason to hope will characterize the lighter features of the association's stay among us, they bid their visitors a cordial and heartfelt welcome.

When Oom Paul decides to come down from the pedestal and talk the situation over in a reasonable manner it may be assumed with a certainty that he has abandoned the idea of receiving aid from any of the nations of Europe.

Shall Expansion Be the Issue?

THROUGHOUT the country among the thinking minds of the masses the hope that the Republican party leaders will adopt the advice of the president and make expansion the leading issue in state campaigns seems almost universal. While under ordinary conditions the introduction of national questions into state politics is not to be commended, in the present circumstances there are special reasons for doing so. Whatever side we take, all good citizens must desire settlement of the Philippine question in accordance with the wishes of the majority of the people. The chief inspiration of the president is undoubtedly his belief that most of them agree with him that the treaty of peace with Spain was expedient and just. That they believe he should obey it makes no reasonable person can doubt, as an exchange of remarks, its provisions binds us as strongly as do those of our constitution, with the added weight of responsibility to the world for their enforcement. And it will not be difficult to make this issue conspicuous and even decisive. Public feeling on it already runs high and it is likely to be more so here in Pa., especially in those parts of the country where the money question is believed to have been settled.

The important thing is to make the issue clear and definite. The president so far as he has declared his purpose stands for the principle that it is his duty to maintain the rights secured by the treaty of Paris, leaving to congress the decision of the use that shall be made of them. He has reassured in plain terms the steps by which he has sought to fulfill that duty. He has made it plain that to the utmost limit of forbearance he has maintained friendly relations with the Tagalos who are in arms under Aguinaldo. Force was resorted to only when our soldiers were attacked, and even then efforts to establish order by peaceful means were not abandoned. The proclamation of our commissioners, going as far as the treaty permitted the executive to go, was the last resort, and when it failed there

remained to the president nothing but prosecution of the war. Aguinaldo had brought on. That determination and vigor should be in the arm that seeks to enforce the authority the treaty-making powers of the nation have assumed is right on our own account as well as for the insurgents. Having no choice but to put congress in a position "to determine the civil rights and political status of the natives," a president who would pause or parley uselessly with insurgents who refuse to acknowledge our sovereignty would be recreant to his trust.

The state campaigns that are to be fought on the expansion issue can be effective in enlightening congress only if the voters have a chance to make clear what they wish done in the Philippines when our authority is established. Discontent with present conditions is discontent with the terms of the treaty of peace with Spain. What congress needs is guidance from the people as to the manner in which these terms shall be carried out.

Hon. John Wanamaker has returned home from Europe in good condition physically. The fact that since his return he has refused to talk politics indicates that the trip will be beneficial to the readers of Philadelphia newspapers as well.

Needs of Our Navy.

THE great achievements of the United States navy at Manila and before Santiago have fired the average American with a pride in the process of the Yankee tar and his invincible battleship that is almost unbounded. But the Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette in a very timely article calls attention to the fact that pride won't supply the place of hard cash in keeping it strong and serviceable. Secretary Long is now confronted by the difficult work of estimating the navy's needs on a basis that will be acceptable to congress and the country, and congress will soon have the greater task of deciding how many millions the navy shall get and seeing that it gets them. The estimate of the several bureaus of the department show that large increases are to be demanded, owing to the rapid expansion of naval needs under the stimulus of war. One item, the largest, is \$18,000,000—\$5,000,000 more than the same item in the previous estimate—for "increase of the navy." With 54 warships of all classes now building, a greater number than at any previous time in the history of the country, the friends of a big, strong navy, will find abundant argument for increased appropriations, which are not likely to be seriously opposed. Then there are decks, armor and ordnance to be provided, shipyard plants to be repaired and enlarged, in addition to the usual demands. All these are costly, but Uncle Sam, having become a recognized naval power, is not likely to allow fear of expense to hamper him in responding to the strong popular demand for establishing a navy worthy the nation's greatness.

Commander Taussing, who assumed to have a better idea of the situation at Manila than Admiral Watson could ever acquire has been given a vacation. Naval officers will probably take the hint from this that only reporters are allowed to criticize the admiral.

The New York Journal is again barking at Governor Roosevelt, taking for its cue the governor's failure to reculcate the canal frauds in an instant. Governor Roosevelt is fortunate in having the Journal on the opposite side no matter what his course may be.

Ex-Secretary Alger has declined the honor of becoming mayor of Detroit. Mr. Alger from observation evidently believes that the Detroit majority has been against the Detroit battery.

Labor, counsel for Dreyfus, is said to be discouraged. He is beginning to doubt if anything on earth can change the evident foregone conclusion of the judges on the case at Rennes.

It is thought that Mrs. Lanety's daughter will not be as successful as her mother in the new play called "Degenerates." She has not been rehearsing so long.

The Democratic bookkeeper who has been deputized to keep account of the mistakes of Governor Roosevelt is having rather an easy time.

The easy career of Jimenez must cause the eyes of Don Carlos and the Bonaparte family to turn green with envy.

WHAT THE POETS SAY.

Carpe Diem. Ay, love me, dear, but just today, The sunshine over all, The roses crimsoning the air, Along the garden wall, Then if the dream and dreamer die— What'er shall be shall be— Today will still be thine and mine To all eternity.

And oh, there is no glory, dear, When all the world is done, There is no splendor lefteth out, The setting of the sun; There is no thing that lasts, not one, When we have turned to clay, But this: You loved me all the rest, Fades with the world away.

And oh, so little, little while, This world lasts for us, There is no way to keep it, dear, But just to spend it tight, There is no hand may stop the sand, From flowing fast away, But his who turns the whole glass down, And dreams 'tis all today.

Preserving Time.

Said Mr. Baldwin Apple To Mrs. Bartlett Pear, "You're growing very plump, madame, And also very fair."

"And there's Mrs. Gladstone Peach So mellowed by the heat, Upon my word, she really looks Quite good enough to eat."

"And all the Misses Crab-apple Have blushed so rosy red, That very soon the farmer's wife To pluck them will be led."

Just see the Labeillas! They're growing so apace, That they really are beginning To get purple in the face.

Our happy time is over For Mrs. Green Gage Plum, Says she knows unto her sorrow, "Preserving time has come."

"Yes," said Mrs. Bartlett Pear, "Our day is almost o'er, And soon we shall be smothering In syrup by the score."

And before the month was ended, The fruits that looked so fair Had vanished from among the leaves, And the trees were stripped and bare.

Reflecksbuns.

2 err is humen; 2 4 give—xsephual. The man who scoffs at religion, you may rest assured, has polkadots on his konsents so large that any clown that saw them would never feel happy till he got a soot 2 match.

The person who is always willing to give you a peace of your mind is most generally the 1 who is least able 2 spare it.

The slickest villains in the world try 2 resemble preachers in appearance.

The man who quotes scripture 'while sellin you a hoss will bare wachin.

In my estimashun, the man who wears a 9.98 soot of cloze thats paid 4, stands a better chance of playin a hemp, later, on, than the man who wears a \$69 soot 4 which he oze.

The line that divides geenyus from insanity is so neerly invizabel that multitudes, who imagin thay are on the former side, are in reality over in the bog-house of demality.

"Paint hart ne'er won fare lady." & thayd had had their own troubles livin with sum of them 1 cood menshun, it's a good thing they didn't 4.

ANSERS 4 KORRESPONDENTS. L. R. K.—If you have discovered a sub-belt spring in your back yard I congratulate you; you are fortunate. However, you'd better git the thing tested by 4 you begin 2 make a list of the banks your going 2 keep the profits in.

It's just possible that its a leak from a nabering sewer pipe. No buddy but an xpert can tell the diffrnts.

Epicure—Tho I hav eaten lots of them, I never saw a live Welsh Rabbit in this country. I believe thay are n'tly indiginus 2 there nativ country.

I don't see tho, why thay coodnt be raised in the United States as well as across the water. This iz a free country & az far as I no there iz no law agensst the promulgashun ov any kind ov rabbits—the Welsh brand included.

In preparing to hit the Society 4 the jolly little beasts should be murdered by 4 being repaired 4 market. If you hav any konsenshus skruples agensst murder you can let your rabbits die ov old age, thus surmounting a most vexashus problem & winning the ever-lasting friendship of the Society 4 the jolly little beasts should be murdered by 4 being repaired 4 market.

Years ago, be 4 chafing dishes & Welsh Rabbits was az fashnable & kommen az thay are at present, I waz thinking ov going in 2 the business myself. I waz going to write you for advice on the subject & he rote back sayin, "The best, kwickest, & most ekonomical way ov raisin Welsh Rabbits, or any other kind, in my estimashun, iz 2 pick them up by the ears."

Now if we had bin boozen friends, I woudnt hav minded the joke, but 2 get such an answer from a peer of the realm, after nozoling a set stamp 4 reply, riled me & tho he tride 2 skware himself in menny ways, I never rote 2 him again.

Wishing you awl kinds ov success in yurs new ventshur, & hopin 4 a settlin ov eggs when you get nicely startid, I am mostly Yours, —A KIDder.

DISCOURAGED LOVERS.

Didn't Want a Fifth. The young man with the swell suit and gold-headed cane was trying to flirt with the girl opposite, who, the old man on his left nudged him with his elbow and hoarsely whispered, "Are you speaking to me, sir?" demanded the young man.

"Yes, right to you, but I've got such a hard cold that I cannot say much. Let me repeat that you should pause and reflect."

"What for?" "You are trying to flirt with that young girl, sir?" "And is it any of your business?" "It is, sir. Excuse my hoarseness, I kicked the bed clothes off the other night and got cold. I want to say to you, sir, that it is my business, sir. Suppose that you succeed in attracting that girl's attention?"

"Well, what of it?" "She might be flattered and flirt back, though I don't think she's very flirtatious. It might lead to a case of love, and love to marriage."

"You'd better attend to your own business, sir," replied the young man. "That's what I'm a-doin', sir. 'Scuse me while I blow my nose. Yes, sir, I'm attendin' right to my business."

"Then let mine alone." "Then you let mine alone! I'm that gal's father!" "Oh, you are!" "Yes, I am, and I don't want no more foolin' around. I've got four sons-in-law just about your age, and an supportin' the hull gang of 'em, and before you saddle me with a fifth you'd better pause and reflect. It might be the last straw, and I'd turn the hull crowd out to dig for fodder under the snow banks."—Detroit Free Press.

That Is Not the Question.

"Papa," asked Miss Bainbridge, shyly, "is it true that two can live as cheaply as one?" "Who says they can?" demanded Mr. Bainbridge, quickly. "Charley," replied the girl in a low tone, while her cheeks flushed.

"Of course, I see what the young scamp is driving at, Nellie, and what you are driving at, but the question is not at all pertinent."

"Why isn't it pertinent, papa?" "Take a mental census of the size of this family, Nellie, and tell me the result."

"There are you and mama, Tom, me, Lucy, Fred and Ada—seven in all." "Then do you see that the question whether two can live as cheaply as one has nothing to do with the case? What do you know of Charley's ability to support a family of, say, seven persons?"

Miss Bainbridge went away and became very thoughtful.—New York Journal.

He Knew the Road.

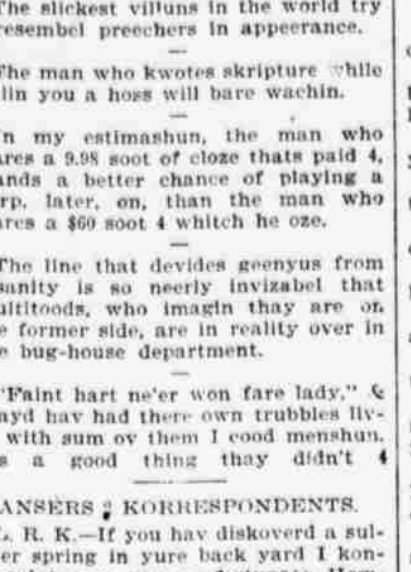
"Tommy," said the young lady sharply, as her little brother opened the door softly and was about to enter the parlor, "you shut that door from the

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