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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 COLONEL JAMES E. BARNETT, of

Washington. Election day, Nov. 7.

The Wilkes-Barre Record credits the Hon, Henry W. Palmer with having stampeded the Luzerne county Republican convention into adopting the Crawford county primary system. A change of such magnitude should not be made upon mere impulse. It is to be hoped that the ex-attorney general's moving eleguence may not become a party boomerang.

After the War, What?

ROCEEDING upon the supposition that the war in the Philippines will speedily be brought to a close so far as active field operations on a large scale are concerned, many public men are beginning to wonder how the succeeding problem of establishing a government shall be met. The announced intention of the president to make no specific recommendations on this point but to remit the whole matter to the wisdom of congress renders it desirable that there shall be at an early date a congressional commission, made up of the ablest minds in both branches, to proceed to Manila and make a thorough study of the situation in all its bearings, with a view to formulating a scheme of administration suited to the peculiar conditions.

We do not interpret the president's deference to congress to imply that he himself has no policy or that he is arraid to make specific suggestions. The chances are that he has the whole matter well mapped out in his mind, but for constitutional and strategic reasons, he wants congress to have an unintercupted wrestle with the profelem, so that when it shall finally reach the point where it will have to do something constructively it will appreclare the difficulties under which the executive has labored and be in a better frame of mind to seek his co-operation and profit by his superior experience and information. Nothing so effeetually schers the voice of flippant criticism as a taste of serious responsibility and a slimpse behind the acones at the bidden difficulties which surround and necessarily influence the action of men at the head of large ad-

CHING DESIGNATION. The mivantage of a congressional commission would consist of the fact that its report to congress would present a starting point for actual constructive legislation and in the interval before the presntation of its report there would be no real accusion for the campaign orange with which so many members are already primed. A good deal of buncombe speechmaking on the Philipples question is of course in vital is under any chromstances, but it is desirable to keep this as close to a designite text as possible and finally to force a clean- ut, unavoldable issue in black and white between those who favor hauling down the American flag where it has been holsted by American bravery and sacrifice in execution of a legal treaty, and those who are for the manly performance of the nation's duties and the full realization of the nation's operaturities in every sphere to which destiny calls. When this issue is once tightly drawn, there can be the doubt us to the result.

The Democratic auxisty to make trusts a national bane may force an tuy stination of the silver trust, which totald produce, we are told, some

mighty interesting reading.

California's Primary Law. NEW primary election law, seed by the last legislas tains the element of spolls, cloaked becurs of California, was tried bind the thin artifice of distribution for the first time at the recent musicipal primaries in San Francisco and a description of its features. is of interest.

Under this law the primary elections. of all parties are held on the same day and time, at the same places, the two years would not exhaust the supballo's all go into the same boxes, and | ply, Almost daily circulars go forth, there is but one election board in each | stating that the commission will hold precinct. The day for holding the elec- examinations for a particular position tions is agreed upon by the chairman on a certain day, and giving the reof the several state, county or city quirements, together with the subjects committees, according to the offices to be filled, and proclamation of the date is made by the registrar of elections. This official is appointed by the governor, and, in turn, at this and all general elections as well, appoints the elec-

tion boards throughout the state. The election boards are composed of one inspector, two judges and four clerks, and each party is given representation in proportion to the vote it cast at the last preceding election. Primary election officers serve without compensation, and are not eligible to reappointment for two years. In all other respects they have the same powers, duties and responsibilities as the regular election officers, and are liable to the same penalties for neglect or failure in the performance of duty. fraud or other misconduct. For primary election purposes in cities, three general election precincts are consolidated and form one special, or primary,

election precinct. To vote at the primary elections electers must have the same qualifications of residence and registration required at a general election. The residence qualification is 90 days in the county holding examinations. They create and 30 days in the precinct wherein I false hopes among those who cannot I rag time song and dance to save his life

the vote is cast. Prior to the election application may be made to the registrars to strike off the registration lists the names of any persons Hiegally registered as voters. Fraudulent voting is a felony in California, punishable with imprisonment for a term not to

elections. The count and returns are

made under the provisions of the gen-

The election is conducted under the

Australian ballot system, except that

the names of the respective candidates

lot. The party columns are arranged

in blank on the ballot in the order of

the votes cast at the last preceding

election, the party easting the highest

vote coming first, and in order to have

a separate column with the party name

above it, the organization must have

polled at least 3 per cent, of the total

vote cast at the last election. In these

blank columns the voter writes or

pastes the names of the candidates for

delegates of his party. Stickers con-

taining the names of the candidates

are, of course, supplied to him outside

the 100-foot line by the party work-

ers, and he merely pastes them on

the ballot under the proper party

headings. Failure to properly place

them, as, for instance, a Republican

pasting the list of his candidates un-

der the Democratic heading, loses the

vote, the election officers throwing it

out at the count. When the delagtes

are chosen the state has no further

supervision, the chairman of the re-

spective committees calling the con-

ventions at such times as may be de-

plan that since no party test or quali-

fication can be imposed on the voter,

and he is at liberty to vote as he

pleases for the delegates of any party.

t would be possible for the managers

of one party to set up a job on the

other party and force on its ticket a

lot of weak names easily beaten at the

general election. Before the California

law would be acceptable in Pennsyl-

vania this objection would have to be

There will be no necessity for a war

loan unless something utterly unfore-

seen shall arise. The receipts of the

government in the first 29 days of

August were \$3,000,000 in excess of ex-

penditures and during the first two

months of the fiscal year the receipts

were only about \$5,000,000 less than

the expenditures in spite of the fact

that July expenditures are always far

Civil Service Defects.

the practical workings of the

must concur in the opinion that that

system is a mongrel sort of compro-

mise between merit and pull which

preserves more of the vices than of the

virtues of either. Appointment in a

majority of cases is the work of pull.

with just enough disguise on to make

hypocritical the thin pretense that

The Washington Post enumerates

some specific faults in the existing sys-

tem in a manner to make its meaning

requisition on the civil service com-

mission to fill a vacancy, and then re-

jecting those at the top of the eligible

below is so common," it says, "that it

scarcely needs comment. Such a meth-

od is infinitely more heartless than the

out and out spoils system. Another

feature which stands in the way of

eligibility through merit alone is that

which provides that only a certain

number shall come from each state

When the 'quota' is full, no others

however well qualified, need apply

Pray tell us wherein residence affects

one's competency? What difference

does it make whether a man comes

from Maine or California, so long as

the test imposed shows that he would

make the most efficient employe? If

the applicants from Illinois are the

most competent, they should be se-

lected, even if they should outnumber

the contingents of all the other states

combined. But the scheme still re-

"Then, again, why continue to hold

examinations in this city or that when

the lists of eligibles are already crowd-

ed with the names of those who have

passed the tests? The requisitions of

to be treated in the examination. The

average young man or woman who

takes such an examination knows

nothing of the tedious dalys, the un-

the quest for appointment. One en-

tering his name as an applicant pre-

pares himself carefully beforehand.

He is certain that he reached a high

mark in the examination. He receives

a certificate giving his rank. This is

to him assurance that he will enter

the service of the government. He

awaits the summons confidently, but it

does not come. He does not know that

he is simply one of a countless num-

ber of eligibles who will never be

called for. He is ignorant of the fact

that his name was one of those sum-

marily rejected by a department chief

who wanted some one else. He will.

perhaps waste months walting for a

position which there was never the

slightest chance of his obtaining, no

matter what his qualifications. With-

out attempting to wax hysterical over

the wrongs of these appointment-seek-

ers, we think that some judgment

should be displayed in this matter of

certainty, in fact, the hopelessness of

according to states.

good opportunity to observe

present civil service system

above the average.

merit alone governs.

The objection has been made to this

permined upon.

for delegates are not printed on the bal-

eral election laws,

exceed 14 years. The conclusion of our contemporary The polls are open from 6 a. m. to is that if the merit system is to prep. m. The election booths are located vall merit alone should be recognized. In the center of a circle 200 feet in dia-We can understand how difficult it would be to secure an honest enforcemeter, and within that line, or 100 feet from the polls, no one is permitted ment of the merit principle among men brought up on the spoils idea, but to solicit the voters for their suffrages. toward this end public opinion must Within the booths no one is permitted except the election officers, regular watchers and electors casting their bailots. No one may be present during the counting of the votes without a special permit from the registrar of

Even Oom Paul sends "aunties" who appear in his district to jail. The United States is about the only country that tolerates traitors in this age

afford to be deceived. An applicant

who has passed an examination and

secured enrollment on the eligible list

should be notified when his name is re-

jected, so that if he is staking his fu-

ture on this one chance, he may seek

some other employment.

A Just Grievance. THILE as a rule strikes should be discouraged, there seems no question that some of the employes of the Manhattan elevated road have a just grievance. A recent order issued by the head officials of the company not only decrees that the guards of the train shall invest a portion of their earnings each day in shoe-polish but also directs that employes who have in past been sporting "Burnsides" and "Peffers" shall be shorn of their facial adornment. Mustaches will be allowed if of a modest length and sliky variety, but the patriarchial "weepers" which have in many instances given dignity to the man whose chin has by nature been cut on the bias, will no longer be allowed to float in the breezes that whistle up the avenues of the city from New York bay.

The order has caused a sigh of discontent to sweep along the line with gathering force that threatens to end in a cyclone, and there seems to be just cause for dissatisfaction. While it is true that as a rule the sterner sex does not place as much stress upon dress and personal appearance as does the fair woman, yet no man who through his hirsute attractions might at any time be mistaken for Admiral Sampson on shore duty or a Kansas corn baron, wishes to undergo daily an operation that will make his countenance look like that of a hungry raceoon at corn-husking time. If the guards make concerted protest against this tyrannical decree they should receive the sympathy and support of every citizen who is old enough to grow whiskers,

Two splendid records have been made by the Cramps in the trial trips of the new battleships Alabama and Kear sarge. The Alabama was to make 19 knots an hour, but on her trial cruise in heavy weather registered 17.20 knots The Kearsarge, although larger and deeper, and having a year's foul growth on her bottom, on Tuesday surpassed even the Alabama's wonderful achievement, registering 17.25 knots. The Kearsarge, therefore, is the fastest first-class battleship in our navy, and as the Kentucky, now building, is an exact duplicate, the navy will be materially strengthened by the addition of these splendid ships, the best of their kind afloat.

Announcement is made of a change in ownership in the Public Opion, of Chambersburg, a sterling weekly newspaper established over thirty years ago by M. A. Foltz, the present postmaster of Chambersburg, Mr Foltz has sold to Mr. J. M. Runk, a newspaper and book publisher of long experience and superior ability, who can be depended upon to maintain the journal's high standing and widen its "The practice of making a range of usefulness. The property is one of the most desirable in the interior journalism of Pennsylvania and we wish the new management abundlist in order to reach a particular man ant success.

Chief Justice Chambers of Samoa emphatically states that he has not resigned. Judge Chambers is optimis tic regarding the situation at Samoa and believes that the natives could be governed easily if he could be allowed to run the affairs of the island alone and not be obliged to share the epaulets of authority with representatives of other powers.

The treaty made with the sultan of Sulu is not different in principle from hundreds of treaties made with Indian tribes. When Uncle Sam deals with intellectual infants he has to adopt the nursery book tone.

Exports of manufactures under the Dingley tariff are averaging just about double what they were under the Wilson tariff. The advance agent of prosperity has been overtaken by the main show,

The prize pumpkin at the agricultural fair now mutely but effectively demonstrates that the theory of expansion is proper in all things.

Reports from Philadelphia indicate that the patriots of '61 have not been forgotten in these days of hera wor-

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrolobe Cast. 4.00 for Thursday, Sept.

0 1020 A child born on this day will note that ome men are like a tail-end ball club They always hustle near the close of the season when hope of winning the pen-

nant has been abandoned. There's nothing like a big strike to turn the smile of prosperity into a frown, It takes a girl with incandescent eyes to electrify one at a glance. Hard study is necessary for one to be

come an actor, but anyone in the first iramatic critic. The self-made man is always liable to proud of the man who made him.

If men's actions should correspond with their words many of us would have passed away from spontaneous combus The truly good citizen likes to stand

tax assessor. Ajacchus' Advice.

Do not be discouraged at one fallure tatesman who probably could not do

CURRENT VERSE.

Dreyfus.

A man stood stained; France was one Alp of hate, asing upon him with the whole Pressing upon him with the w world's weight. In all the circle of the ancient sun

There was no voice to speak for himnot one. In all the world of men there was no But of a sword flung broken to the

Hell laughed its little hour; and then, How, one by one, the guarded gates un-Swiftly a sword by Unseen Forces hurled

And now a man rising against the world Oh, import deep as life is, deep as time There is Something sacred and sublime Moving behind the worlds, beyond our

Weighing the stars, weighing the deeds

Take heart, O soul of serrow, and be There is One greater than the whole world's wrong, Be hushed before the high Benignant

Power That moves wool-shod through sepulcher and tower! No truth so low but He will give i crown; No wrong so high but He will hurl is

O men that forge the fetter, it is vain; There is a Still Hand stronger than your Tis no avail to bargain, sneer, and nod, And shrug the shoulder for reply to God.
-Edwin Markham in McClure's for Sep-

The Isle of Sleep.

tember.

In the tropically langorous sea of slee There stretches a coral strand, Where the moonlight plays 'mid the leafy

And here it is that fond dreams meet And dance on the sands of gold, While the misty shapes we chase in slee

That grow in the dream-world land.

Within our arms we hold. A land where the gold brown poppy bud Sways gently in the night, And with its opium laden breath

Lulls us to realms of light. There are no sins, there are no fears, No sorrows or vain regret; Tis a silent kingdom of happiness

Where we wander and-forget.

The Age of Slang.

In times of old, and even somewhat re The gifted scribe who wrote for human

His best ideas couched in language decent, Belitting products of a cultured mind. So an admirer of the old-time breeding May clasp his hands in horror and amaze To find the language of the slums suc-

ceeding The polished courtesies of earlier days And marvel not if he inclines to quarrel

With public taste. Dejectedly he sees Word-counterfeiters wear the modern Their contributions never fail to please

'hey write not, they, to aid the mind's progression. Progression.

But for the delectation of "der gang,"
Whose basest "coin" they put in circula

A ribald riot of unmeaning slang, It some Napoleon awaits a mission

His fame by grateful thousands shall be sung. Who'll place beneath the band of prohibl-

This wholesale murdering of the Eng-Shall fairest roses bloom and die neglect-

While fair ones wear noxious weed? Nay, then; the printed page must be pro Or self-respecting ones shall cease to

-Peter Grant, in Chicago Record.

Playing at Paradise.

She called to me with dancing eyes, "We're both turned out of Paradise; The tree of knowledge was the pear, That's over in the corner there.

And, mother, dearest, Cousin Jake Was simply splendid as the snake; He curved about the trunk; to hiss He shot his tongue out, just like this,

'He kicked the tranches with his feet, To knock us down some pears to eat; And, when we tasted them, there came An angel with a sword of flame,

Bob was the angel; and he said We must dig thistles for our bread, And, though we digged with toil and par He'd make the thistles grow again. But can be, mether? And be says

The orchard's shut to us for days, Do come, and make him let us in, Recause we're sorry for our sin." I went; and whirling by the gate

A wooden sword about his pate, I found our Bob in angel-wise Guarding his orchard-paradise. Beware the flaming sword," he cried

'It turns all ways. Don't come inside. 'Now, Bob, run in,' I, laughing, said; 'It's time all angels went to bed -Norman Gale.

The Boy on the Farm.

Under a spreading apple tree The boy with the bare feet stands; He has ten apples in him and Some more are in his hands-His tummy-tum expands.

His hair was shingled by his ma, Who cut it straight behind; He has a furid color that Is due to sun and wind-He's lost the teeth he had in front. But doesn't seem to mind.

Week in, week out, from morn till night He tears around the place, With briar scratches on his legs And freckles on his face-The neighbors candidly admit That he's a hopeless case.

He wears his trousers at half-mast, He rises with the sun; The chores his busy father leaves For him are seldom done And he is always gone when there Are errands to be run.

He goes on Sunday to the church And stays to Sabbath school: And by propounding questions makes His teacher seem a fool: He pinches smaller boys than he And learns the golden rule

His mother sits up every night To patch the clothes he wears, And every night he takes them off With more emphatic tears— He falls from trees and into wells, And smokes and chews and swears

The frightened chickens duck their heads And cackle where he goes. With ugly sties upon his eyes And bruises on his toes, He cats things with his knife, nor cares

Which is a foolish plan; No poetry is in you, but Know this, my little man-It takes much more than gentus To stand the things you can. -Chicago Times-Herald.

You gorge with undeveloped fruit,

PHILADELPHIA.

From the Public Ledger. The churches in the city number 739. There are thirty-five hospitals in Phila-The population of Philadelphia is over

1,250,000 The appraised value of Fairmount Park

The first Continental Congress met in Philadelphia, 1774. The first law school in America was sened in Philadelphia in 1790 The first public library in America was ounded here by Franklin in 1731.

Buildings used exclusively for busines and store purposes number 6,485. For ten years, from 1700 to 1800, Phila delphia was the National Capital. The first college of dentistry in the world was founded in Philadelphia.

There are seventy-nine banks, savings The first Bible in English printed in America was issued in Philadelphia, 1787 The first American fire company (volinteer) was organized in Philadelphia i

The first American flag was made what is now No. 239 Arch street, by Mrs Betsy Ross. The first important water works in thi country was commenced in Philadel-phia May 2, 1799.

Exclusive of hospitals, there are nearly 200 buildings used for benevolent and charitable purposes. The first Polar expedition fitted out rom North America sailed from Palia-ielphia March 4, 1753,

The first printing press set up in Phildelphia was brought over in Penn's ship, the Welcome, in 1882. The first hospital in connection with a miversity in the United States was

opened in Philadelphia. Philadelphia has an area of 129½ square niles. It is twenty-two miles long, and from five to ten miles wide,

The oldest business house in the United States is in Philadelphia. It was estab-lished more than 200 years ago. Its annual production of all kinds is valued at over \$600,000,000, and it has a foreign trade of over \$100,000,000. The first lithograph made in America

was drawn and printed in Philadelphia by an artist named Bass Otis, in 1819. Philadelphia produces nine-tenths of all the carnets made in this country, and more than are made in Great Britain. There are 258,969 dwelling house's in Philadelphia, of which number 223,292 are of brick, 12,873 of stone and 12,894 of frame The first paper mill built on this con-Wissahlekon creek (now Fairmount park) in 1690.

Germantown avenue is ten miles long. and is perhaps the longest business street in the world. Market street is nearly six nites in length.

The first Bible printed in America was sublished in the German language by Thristopher Saur, in Germantown, now part of the city, in 1743. Congress established, in 1792, the first

United States Mint, at what is now No. 29 North Seventh street, and here the first United States coins were struck. The first medical school in this country was established here in 1751. There are now five great medical colleges in Philaleiphia, attended by students from all parts of the world,

Over 1,000 miles of streets are opened n Philadelphia. Broad street is opened for ten miles and paved with asphalt for sight miles, the longest thoroughfare so payed in the world.

The Delaware river has a deep water front of nineteen miles, and the Schuyl-kill river has fourteen and one-half miles of water front. The Schuylkill river is spanned by eighteen bridges within the city limits.

Philadelphia has 342 school buildings, valued at about \$12,000,000. The pupils in attendance number 150,000, taught by 3,500 eachers. The pedagogical library of Public Education contains 6,000 volumes, and is considered the finest in the United The yearly cost of maintenance

\$1,200,000. The City Hall is the largest building on the continent. It is 48612 by 470 feet, and covers four and one-half acres. It has 34 rooms having an area of fourteen and one-half acres. The tower to the top of the statue of Penn is 547 feet 34 inches in height, and is ninety feet wide at the base. The clock face is 391 feet above the pavement and has a diameter of wenty feet. The building was practically begun in 1871. The corner-stone was y begun in 1871. The corner-stone was aid in 1874, and it has cost to date about \$22,000,000. The statue of Penn which surmounts the tower is thirty-seven feet

VOICE OF THE PRESS.

Penny Wise Policy.

n height.

From the Binghamton Republican. The navy is feeling the effects of the steel famine by its inability to get work pairs, and to procure material for docks nd other new work. The haggling over the price of armor before congress as ourned which prevented the awarding of contracts to build twelve warships, will probably cost the government much more than the total cost of all the armor required.

From the Denver Times, The anti-expansionists seem to be able o hold as many conventions as the

Farmers' alliance in its whiskeriest days.

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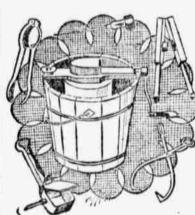
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