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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

Justice of the Supreme Court-J. HAY BROWN, of Lancaster, Judge of the Superior Court-JOSIAH R. ADAMS, of Philadelphia.

Biate Treasurer-LIEUTENANT COL-ONEL JAMES E BARNETT, of

County.

Commissioners-JOHN COURIER MOR-RIS of Scranton; JOHN PENMAN, of Olyphant. Auditors-WILLIAM E. JOHNS and ASA E. KIEFER, both of Scranton Election day, Nov. 7.

It is the opinion of all who have investigated the matter that an excelient opening exists in Scranton for a well-managed tin plate mill. The determination of the Board of Trade to give Mr. Torbet, of Chicago, an opportunity to explain in detail his plans for one, with a view to pressing the matter to a speedy conclusion, therefore is timely. We need more new industries.

Tried and Found Wanting.

HE DECISION of vesterday's Republican convention by very small margin to retain the Crawford county plan, which, upon trial has shown itself unsuited to the needs and to the wishes of the Republican voters of this county, will in future be regretted.

In this county there exists not only n marked diversity of races which is inevitably a factor requiring to be considered in the making of successful tickets, but also a sharper distinction than in most counties between city and rural population. Under the delegate system the opportunity exists for inteltigent party leadership to reconcile these generally conflicting elements by fair apportionment of representation on the ticket nominated, making a well-balanced appeal to the party voting strength on election day whereas, under the Crawford system. the country districts are utterly at the mercy of the more populous city and there is no safeguard whatever against the selection of top-heavy tickets reity. It will be only a question of time

wholesale voting of Democrats, less small minority vote that the successful ticket won. The delegate system, whatever its faults at least brought out a majority of the party strength.

Another misfortune of the Crawford system is in the kind of indersement foisted upon it. A system is certainly open to suspecion which receives the enthusiastic support of notorious political pirates who never had an honest purpose in their sinful lives. Such vi- each pupil. We do not wish to criticions championship is enough to damn cize the superior work which these whatever it espouses and it is only a and other institutions of higher educaquestion of time when the truth of these remarks will be seen by all.

The manager of the Philadelphia North American is E. A. Van Valkenberg, whom William Connell once saved from the penitentiary. This, among other things, probably accounts for that newspaper's abuse.

Dewey.

GENIUS for the unexpected seems to be one of Admira; Dewey's most prominert characteristics. He parprised Montojo at Manila and he has how surprised New York and all his countryment but, early or late, he is

sincerely welcome. The feeling which goes out to this self-contained seaman is one of unqualified admiration. He is the embodiment of American capability and the type of the fine democracy which in the emergency always produces the man. His countrymen respect him for what he is and revere him for what he represents; and they intend to show him the honor which is his due.

How it must delight Eddie Atkinson and Billy Mason to learn that St. Aguinaido has captured another handful of American sailors.

Fair Play or Trouble.

WORD to those nominees of yesterday's Republican county convention who have been claimed as the personal property of the Scranton-Fellows-Moir Dark Lantern Spite league; that is to say, a word to John Courier Morris. John Penman and Asa E. Klefer: You now bear the credentials of the Republican party. Are you going to represent the party in its entirety or merely the miserable, little faction of grudge-venters which is trying to tie to your cont-tails? You were nom-

publican vote, after a contest in which, so far as the organization went, not a finger was lifted against you. But for the manner in which, at the last minute, you have been forelbly appropriated and put in the posture of a factional club for the thumping of heads as the Spite league shall dictate, there would have been no question of your cordial and earnest support by the full strength of the party, with certain election at the polls.

But now there must be an understanding. It is for you to decide whether an election is possible on a factional basis.

Prince Cantacuzene, the Russian husband of Julia Dent Grant, is said to be the most amiable nobleman that ever wore triangle whiskers. In diplomatic circles the union is looked upon as calculated to strengthen materially the bonds of friendship between the United States and Russia.

Our Colleges.

WRITER FOR the Washington Star has grouped together some information concerning the business side of higher education in the United States, which is of general interest, more especially at this time when the colleges of the country are re-open-

ing for their fall terms. He points out that our 426 collegez and universities which will soon be attended by 175,000 American pupils represent an invested capital of \$250 .-900 000 and give employment to 25,000 persons as teachers and officers. If all the professors, students and buildings of all the American colleges were Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus. brought together in one locality they would form a city of the first magnitude. Counting the amount expended by the students themselves and that expended in their behalf by the colleges, the total sum paid for college education in this country each year cannot fall short of \$190,000,000, a sum greater than the entire civil expenditure of the government (\$96,000,000 in 1898). "It is a fact," he adds, "that the United States spends more pro rata for higher education than any other country in the world. The amount per unit of population invested in colleges and universities is nearly twice as great as in England, and more than twice as great as In Cermany, where, although universities are numerous, their endowments are much smaller than in this country. Yet the total holdings of the 426 American colleges

each person in the country." The writer from whom we have quoted further notes that while the total wealth of our colleges is \$250,-000,000, or an average of \$587,000 for each, the greater part of the total sum is in the possession of a few of the leading universities. There are, stricted to the predominating national- he says, seven institutions that have together property worth \$91,900,000, or when such a system of nomination will an average of \$380,000 for the remaindestroy all chance of Republican vic- ing 419. If the twenty-seven institu-

ment of only a little more than \$3 for

tory in Lackawanna county and undo tions having productive wealth the hard work whereby the county amounting to \$1,000,000 or more were has after years of desperate struggle | deducted, it would be found that the been wrested from the control of the average endowment in productive funds of the great majority of Ameri-There could however be additional can colleges is only \$112,000. "Not only telerance of this system if there were are our college endowments larger returns to prove that any considerable than those of any other country, but" number of the Republican masses had says the Star article, "the cost of in-"dence in it But the contrary is the struction is greatest here. The wealth fact. In Saturday's test, when, after of American colleges represents an infull advertisement, it was known that | vestment of \$1,425 for each of the 175,mest important nominations were 600 college students. In Great Britain pending, and when in behalf of an the average is about \$750 for each ayowed factional slate set up by a tri- student, while in Germany it is beumvirate of desperate would be bosses tween \$500 and \$600. This means that every resource of the city police force. American professors are better paid and the secret orders subject to com- and that more money is spent in colmand was levied upon to make an ar- lege buildings and in scientific and metificial showing, together with the chanical equipment here than abroad,"

in connection with these interesting than a third of the Republican voting | facts and figures the question presents strength of the county took the trouble | itself: Is a sufficient return received to go to the polls, and it was on a from the \$91,000,000 invested in the seven big universities whose total attendance does not much exceed 25,000? Is this investment so handled as to yield the greatest good? The seven universikies alluded to are Girard, Leiand Stanford, jr., Harvard, Columbia, Cornell, University of Chicago and Yale, which have an aggregate income of \$7,500,000 and when spend, therefore, on an average about \$300 a year on tion are doing for the country and for humanity within their present spheres but it is pertinent to ask if the immediate circle of their usefulness is not capable of considerable extension. The experience of the various correspondence schools of the United States shows conclusively that a great host of young men and women are absolutely hungry for education in the higher branches but lack the means or the time to seek this education through a three or a four years' personal attendance at college. In cartain directions the correspondence schools now in existence can do much. the one in our city is, in fact, doing many times more in practical education. if we measure by the numbers reached. than all these colleges together in spite of their \$91,000,000 endowment against its million and a half of capital stock: but on economic grounds is it wire to lock up \$91,000,000 for the

> of thousands now neglected? This is going to be one of the live

by a little extension it could be made

problems of the Twentieth century, Unlike Colonei Bryan, Indiana's "boy orator," Senator-elect Beveridge, is acquiring a reputation for reticence and reserve power which promise soon to eclipse his fame for eloquence. Not a word has been said since his return from the Philippines concerning what he saw or learned there; but his first tery and for that very reason it will receive national attention. There must be a good deal in a man in the mast to make too much fuss about it, and there you will find your perquisites. be a good deal in a man in public life

The Democracy of 1899 is certainly far from being a hapy family. Waterson says anti-imperialism means Dem-

for silence.

ver dropped; Gorman is not much on trusts; Morgan is an imperalist on a grand scale; McLean and Carter Harrison can get along with the 16 to 1 remedy, and George Fred Williams is for 16 to 1 until the cows come home. Perhaps the safest position of all is that taken by Colonel Bryan, who is willing to adopt any kind of principles or no principles at all so long as he thinks he can capture votes.

If the Boers and Britons could be induced to pause long enough to consult some of the Hague peace conference pamphlets, perhaps hestilities might be averted.

The decline in base ball indicates that about the only sport which will endure being monopolized by professional talent is that which is divided into "rounds."

The arrival of Admiral Dewey sixty hours ahead of time is unfortunate. If he gets a look at the New York Sunday papers he will be liable to turn

miral Dewey has greater dread of entering New York harber than he experienced at Manila bay. New York city proposes before the

There seems no question that Ad

week is closed to demonstrate beyond question the location of the "greatest show on earth." The Otis Chinese problem has de-

TOLD BY THE STARS.

veloped qualities of a genuine puzzle.

The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolobe Cast: 1.48 a. m., for Wednesday. Sept. 27.

A child born on this day will notice that boycott is easy, while good times com-A Binghamton man has succeeded in

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raising a crop of peanuts this season But that is nothing. Scranton has proced peanut politics Speaking of old Dewey pictures, lots of tographs showing how men look be ere becoming famous may be secured in

The woman who lives in a boarding use always seems to need the most va utions. There is no task more hopeless than

hat of attempting to resurrect a dead olitical boss. A man can sometimes tell the truth vithout being a demagogue.

and universities represents an invest- HUMAN NATURE STUDIES

Conkling and Jem Mace.

Old attaches of the United States sen e like, says the Sun, to tell stories of c palmy days of Senators Pomeroy, "Old Pom." of Kansas, Zach Chandler, of Michigan, and Nesmith, of Oregon. Chandler was more of a practical joker than a story teller. Roscoe Conkling, be-lug a much younger man and in almost onstant training, subjected Chandler to me severe drubbings in their friendly outs with the gloves. Once Chandler invited Conkling to dine with him, his family being away at the time, and at he table he was introduced to a mildmannered, well-built man who seemed to be somewhat embarrassed by his envirament, and ventured not a word beyond the most commonplace expressions. Conk-ling concluded that the stranger was a backwoods constituent and, beyond the common civilities, ceased to address him. After dinner they repaired to the billiard ling, as usual, put on the mittens. Conk ling was in high spirits and seemed to enjoy himself immensely in knocking his

d friend all around the room. Chandler soon cried enough, and inti-nated that his other guest might be disosed to join Conkling in a bout. The ranger jumped at the suggestion and conned the gloves. Some awkwardness as shown by the newcomer, although be emed quite spry upon his feet. Conking caught him a heavy blow on the test which staggered him, followed by a upper cut that missed its purpose, and caught in return a blow on the point the chin that landed him flat on no Throwing back his curls, he was o in an instant and rusi ed on his an agonist, full of fire and indignation, in oding to give him a settler. Instead was turned upside down by a left-nd blow on the neck that came with rip-hammer force. As he slowly raised timself, he caught sight of his host loubled up with laughter, rolling on a settee in the corner of the room. Without saying a word he removed the gloves and stalked out of the house. At a dinner arty next night. Chandler related how had engaged Jem Mace, the champion eavy weight pugilist of England, then riend Conkling, and the result of the nterview. For a few days Conkling was oiling mad, but the fun of the situation was too much, and he gave in and joined

the laugh.

Willing to Accept. Senator Pomeroy, of Kansas, used to ell of a local preacher in Kansas who ad forced himself upon the stump after incoln's second nomination and who de-anded recognition of the party for his services during the campaign. He said he would like to be sent as minister plenipotentiary to England or France, nd when told that it was impossible, in sted on being appointed consul to Liv-pool. Finding that the "powers that ' considered that equally preposterous, was quite offended at what he condered a lack of appreciation of his serices in a state that nothing could have urned against the Republicans. Finally, cenator Pomeroy said to him: "I'm going o Washington in about two weeks time hink the matter over, and if you should ght on something in reason, I'll aid you getting it." In ten days he called on senator again, his head still away up the clouds, and being assured of the apossibility of getting what he thought cas about his due, said:

Senator, can't you think of some 'Yes," said Pomeroy, "I've thought of place that would suit you and that you immediate benefit of only a few, when aid suit, and that there is a possibility getting for you. Its an Indian Agen

'An Indian Agency? What's that," to minister to the educational needs eried the preacher.
"Well, you are to look after the wel are of our red brothers and see that he supplies are properly and honestly elivered to them."

"What is it worth?"
"Fifteen hundred dollars and perqui tes." returned the senator.

"Perquisites-what perquisities?"
"Well, you see, my friend, the govern ent contracts for so many herd of beccattle averaging about so many hundred sounds. Now, in delivering these cattle, they are counted while being driven into an enclosure, and if a yearling should happen to slip in now and then, you are

"I'll take it," said the reverend gentle-man, "I've already thought it over, and who can thus carefully distinguish be- do you know, senator, I think year is a tween the time for talking and the time blamed site better than beef for Indians for silence.

Uncommunicative Heroes. Not long ago, says the Youth's Com-panion, a French chroniqueur-Mont-mirall, of the Paris Gautois-encountered ipated by a small fraction of the Re- ocratic defeat; Belmont wants free sil- in a little village of the South of France

a gardener who were pinned on his clean Sunday blouse the ribbon of the Legion of Honor. Naturally, the newspaper man desired to know how he got it. To dener, who, like many of his seemed to be a silent man, was averse to

meeting an old and wearlsome demand, but finally he began: "Oh, I don't know how I did get it. I was at Bazeilles with the rest of the bat tery. All the officers were killed; then down went all the non-commissioned officers. Bang! bang! bang! By and by all the soldiers were down but me. I had fired the last shot, and naturally was doing what I could to stand off the Bava-

"Well, a general came, and says he:

"Well, a general contents"

"'All down, says I.

"Where's your gunners? says he,

"'All down but me, says I.

"'And you've been fighting here all alone? says he,

"'I couldn't let 'em come and get the

guns, could I? I says; and then he up and put this ribbon on me, probably because there was no nobody else there to

Why Rhodes Declined.

In connection win the foundation of Cecii Rhodes' colossal wealth, there is a story told by an old fellow miner, himself lately a colonial minister of finance, which, says the Sun, illustrates at least one trait in the character of the great South African financier and politician. During the early days of the Kimberley diggings it was the custom when a miner found a particularly fine gem to invite those about him to the ceremony of "wetting the stone." i. e.—drinking champagne at the finder's expense, with the idea that it would bring good luck in the discovery of another treasure. In the ad-iolning claim to that first taken up by Mr. Rhodes, in the very centre of the crater holding the precious blue dirt, this invita-tion had upon a certan occasion gone forth, and the men were going their way

forth, and the men were going their way up to the hotel when it was noticed that Rhodes stood aloof.
"Hullo! Come on Rhodes!" shouted the lucky finder of the gem. "Aren't you coming up to 'wet the stone' for good luck?" To which, however, Cecil Rhodes only shook his head.
"I say, come on; there's a good fellow," persisted his neighbor.
"What are you going to do?" asked Rhodes, lecking up.

Rhodes, locking up.
"Wet the stone with champagne, of

"Well," replied the future magnate, decisively, I did not come out here to drink champagne, but to make money," and then went on with his work.

That Mr Rhodes has succeeded in that purpose, probably beyond all flights of his imagination, is now a matter of history

CURRENT VERSE.

"They Say." Have you heard of the terrible family "They?" And the dreadful, venomous things they say?
Why, half the gossip under the sun,
If you trace it back you will find begun
In that wretched House of "They."

A numerous family, so I am told, And its genealogical tree is old; For ever since Adam and Eve began To build up the curious race of man, Has existed the House of "They.

Gossip-mongers and spreaders of lies, Horrid people whom all despise! And yet the best of us, now and then, Repeat queer tales about women and men. And quote the House of "They."

They live like lords and never labor. A "They's" one task is to watch his neighbor.

And tell his business and private affairs, To the world at large they are sowers of These folks in the House of "They." It is wholly useless to follow a "They" With a whip or a gun, for he slips away

And into his house, where you cannot go, It is locked and bolted and guarded so— This horrible House of "They." out. And spread their villainous tales about, Of all the rascals under the sun Who have come to punishment, never one

Belonged to the House of "They." -Youth's Companion.

The Trust. Men are talking, men are thinking Of the trust; Men are winking, men are blinking At the trust; Everybody that you meet.

From the newsboys in the street To the "plutocrat who crunches starving men beneath his feet,' Finds the trust, Mighty trust,

Either bitterer than gall or very sweet. ve a neighbor who has curses For the trust; The rich bave fuller purses For the trust!

hear him every day, Talking angrily away Of the wrong and of the danger that is centered in the sway Of the trust.

"Hellish trust!"-He expects to run for office, so they say have listened to him railing At the trust.

have heard him sadly wailing O'er the trust; "Let the patient people rise." He disconsolately cries. 'And put down the ugly monster ere our

vaunted freedom dies! Wicked trust!

Choking trust!"There's an office upon which he has his eyes. know a man with money

In a trust: He thinks it very funny That the trust Should be looked upon with hate; It is good, he says, and great, And there's not the slightest danger to

the people or the state In the trust, Lovely trust-He can tell you all its beauties while you

They are ramming, they are jamming At the trusts, praising, many damning All the trusts,

And every petty one Who is coming out to run For an office is declaring something awful shall be done To the trusts, "Hellish trusts,"

If the voters call on him to get his gun They are ripping, they are tearing At the trust; They are runting, they are swearing At the trust, And the less a fellow knows

Of the trust the more be blows

luckiess people's woes'

Through the trust. "Brutal trust"And what will be the end do you suppose -S. E. Kiser, in Times-Herald.

Of the "menace to his country," and "the

Human Ambition. Boy demands his roller skates; Youth desires a bike; Man, an automobile

If he leads a nation Discontent he feels 'ill he builds another railway-It is all a case of wheels.

—Washington Star.

To ride forth when he may like.

The Critic. How sharper than a poignard's thrust is one cold critic's venomed dart; How much more simple than to write It is to pick a play apart.
-Philadelphia North American.

GROSS VIOLATION OF LAW.

The unfortunate and most dis-Sir: graceful drunken scene, which took place on Pittston avenue last Sunday, deserves, and calls for more than a passing notice. Let us remember that it occurred on the Sabbath day, and within a distance of less than one block from a church. Also observe that the saloon is not a licensed place, where it would be lawful to sell intoxicants during six days of the week, but it is not so licensed. I am informed. In other words it is speak-easy, like fifty other speak-easies which our overworked detective and constable cannot find here in the Twentieth ward. Now here is a case where our county detective can, if he has time to

do it, get evidence of a violation of the It also appeals to the members of the Pennsylvania legislature for some amend-ment to the laws regulating the sale of intoxicants in this state. Drunkenness on our streets in South Scrinton on the Sabbath day is a thing we have come to expect. We see more cases of intoxica-tion on Sunday than on any other day of the week. Our representatives from this locality have in this case a strong appeal for some legislation, which will control the sale of liquor on the Sah-

bath. The abuse to which Father Melley was subjected while he made an attempt to preserve order was scandalous in the ex-treme, and the laws should be so amended that similar affrays should bring speedy and condign punishment upon the parties participating. That no policeman parties participating. That no policeman was on hand to quell the disturbance is not remarkable. The patrolman on the South Side are few, too few altogether for the territory and character of the population. At least five more are a necessity. Perhaps a policeman at each corner on Lackbarance and accessity. necessity. Periods a policeman at each corner on Lackawanna avenue and on Spruce street is a necessity. I think so, and if so, then on what principle is it ordered that so few are given to other sections of the city? Is it because these other sections pay no taxes and thus are entitled to nothing?

Yours truly, Scranton, Pa., Sept. 26, 1899.

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