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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

Justice of the Supreme Court-J. HAY BROWN, of Lancaster. Judge of the Superior Court-JOHN L. MITCHELL, of Tioga. onel James E. Barnett, of

County.

Washington.

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

With Ohio and Kentucky both preparing to go Republican next month by increased majorities, don't let the banner old Keystone state lag or falter.

Warm Up.

F HY SHOULD any Repubthere for the indifference pending political campaign? In Lackas not the Republican strength be gathered together and hurled on election day with terrific force against the common enemy?

The country is prosperous as never before, and the Republican party is entitled to the credit for this because the Democrats predicted just the opposite. In the mintary Issues on trial patriotic people owe to the president their support by ballot. The Republican vote next month, rightly or wrongly, will be accepted by the country, by Aguinaldo and by the world at large as the measure of the American people's confidence in the McKinley administration and the policy it stands for in the new possessions; just as the Democratic vote will be examined by the Filipino rebels for encouragement in their armed resistance against Uncle Sam's sailors and soldiers. There is no way to avoid this construction of the impending poll. It tieket.

John Courier Morris and John Penman, Republican candidates for county commissioner, are recognized the county over as clean and upright men. Vote

That Y. M. C. A. Competition. to Scranton. The association derives to declare wholesale war upon all forms its support from Scranton, does its of business concentration, its rallying

entered into a competition which they trusts, so as to cure abuses but not knew at the time would be open to all | inaugurate an anarchistic era of indiscomers they wnived the right to raise, criminate confiscation, this objection subsequently. That part of the protest from them printed in most of all that will separate the two another column, whatever its merits. is now inopportune. It is a point talk about, William Jennings Bryan is which should have been emphasized earlier in the proceedings.

The assertion that the trustees' waiving of the rost limit came so late up by brilliant advocacy of the delusive as to put them at a disadvantage as | proposition that 50 cents' worth of silcompared with outside competitors, is ver builion can be made into a stamped deserving of greater consideration. Al- dollar, which, without any other sethough it might appear that this waiv- curity than federal flat, will circulate er should have affected all competitors concurrently and on co-equal terms alike, it can be understood that in the with the 100-cent dollar of gold. Four ease of an outside architect having a years ago there may have been popularge office force able to execute quick- | lar faith in his arguments against the ly a change in plans it would operate gold standard but in the light of interto the outsider's advantage, as com- vening experiences there can be little pared with a local architect lacking faith in them now, such assistants. The least which can be said is that the waiver was badly | fallen into evil days.

We have examined the prize-winning plans and they are certainly adequate and admirable. Whether they would have been entertained had the limit of cost remained as at first specified is a question for experts to decide. In any event, the intention of the local competitors to put their plans on public view is commendable. The people of Scranton have a right to be informed as to the ability of the Scranton arch-Iteuts.

William E. Johns, Republican candidate for county auditor, deserves the support of every citizen, regardless of party, who values fair play.

Life Insurance.

IFE INSURANCE in its magnitude and in its importance is not surpassed by any other business in our count-The officers and trustees or directors of the fifty or more regular life insurance companies in this country are the custodians of the large fund, some hundreds of rullions of dollars, which is now being stored up by the breadwinners for the evening of their own life or in the event of their death, to be devoted to the relief

We sometimes wonder if the man- trees predominate. In other regions The east, however, does not seem in-

of the largest companies paid out last year for expenses of management alone not equal one-half what it does now. We think such a showing is most discreditable to the management, One of the companies has promised to reform in respect to this matter at the beginning of the new year. We sincerely hope it may succeed in the undertaking and that public opinion among insurers will compel others to do likewise.

The three companies above referred to have it in their power to reduce expenses one-half, and an intelligent insuring public ought to lose no time in pointing out to them the necessity for doing so. Such reduction would lower the cost of life insurance, and thereby extend its benefits to the policy holders in all companies.

The companies here referred to lost last year one hundred and sixty-one millions of insurance by lapses and thirty-six millions by death, which latter was about the normal rate for an old company. This would show that the "new blood" did not abide long nough to be of any practical benefit pleas. o the persistent policyholders. It is true that no insurable person ought to die uninsured, but before life insurance can be so universally accepted, many reforms must be secured, and we are glad to say that a large number of companies stand reals for oncerted action in this direction.

In conclusion, we advise our readers to beware of the company or the agent lican be apathetic this who offers something for nothing, or year? What excuse it who makes a special offer because of "your prominence." Straightforward manifested by many people toward the business methods only should be tolerated; encouragement should be wanna county especially why should withheld from all methods that look dubious on their fare.

> Asa E. Kiefer, Republican candidate for county auditor, displayed fearlessness and ability while in that office and should be re-elected on merit.

Next Year's Issues.

SIGNIFICANT admission is made by Harper's Weekly when, in forecasting the presidential campaign, It confesses that by the time that contest begins events will most likely have eliminated the subject of 'imperialism' from discussion. "It will be out of the way," that paper adds, "because the Philippines, about which it has played, will be universally recognized as part of the United States."

The significance of this remark lies in the fact that the editor of the Weekly is personally one of the most prominent is inevitable, and therefore those who of the "anti-imperialists," being, if we are loyal should vote the Republican mistake not, a charter member of Carl Schurz's so-called American league, And, on local grounds, why should which demands that the United States not this excellent ticket receive over- give up the Philippines. A year ago wholming support? It is a people's Harper's Weekly led the procession built will be good for something? Our ticket, uninfluenced by any "boss." Its against the ratification of the Paris experience so far goes to show that when credentials came directly from the peace treaty and fought relentlessly party masses. No faction owns it; every step of federal policy subsenone controls it; it will step into pub- quently outlined with reference to the lie office untrammeled by promise or Philippines. For it to sav now that spondent, "our government had availed by next year the Philippines will be United States is indicative of a crystallization of public sentiment to which some of the leaders of the Democratic party seem to be singularly

bilind. If the prediction shall be fulfilled that this issue will disappear within the next few months there will remain between the Democratic and the Repub-YE INCLINE to agree with lican parties only two important topics the local architects that of difference—the money question and it would have been wise the trusts. With regard to the trusts had the competition on the difference will be less in principle plans for the new Young Men's Chris- than in degree. Under its present raditian Association building been limited cal leadership the Democracy is likely work in Seranton and might properly ery being "down with capital; to jail set an example in encouraging Scran- with the well-to-do," while on the other hand the Republicans will propose to When however the local architects establish intelligent regulation of

> But it will be the money question chief parties. Whatever else he may the personification of the free silver issue and the premier apostle of flat money. His reputation has been built

Of a truth, bath the Democracy

Ohio Republicans always thrive best when scared. They have been well scared this year.

A Lesson from Europe.

HE INDIANAPOLIS News is engaged in a good cause in admonishing the legislature of that state to pass a law providing for the planting and protection of fruit trees along the vacant road sides. This method of utilizing the waste public land now in most American states given over to weeds and thistles has long prevailed in Eu-

rope, with most satisfactory results. As our costemporary points out, France first set the example of planting fruit trees along the highways, Germany and Belgium have followed. On the highways of Wurttemberg the fruit harvest twenty years ago was ing his remarks at Manila. By refusvalued at over \$200,000. Last year it was three times as much. The revenue from the national roads of Saxony, planted with fruit trees, has been \$340,-600 in fourteen years. In Belgium, in 1894, 741,571 fruit trees were planted along the public highways, which furnished \$2,000,000 worth of fruit. In France the production of fruit in this manner is estimated at \$60,000,000. In of the widow and orphans who may southern France many of the roads have cherry trees; in Touraine plum

responsibility of their position; three ed, while in Normandy, naturally, apple trees are planted. Twenty years ago the roads of the northeast of more than twenty-eight millions of France were lined with stately poplars, dollars, a much higher percentage but they were continually sending offthan it cost when their business did shoots into the meadows, and the farmers complained so strongly that axes and saws were brought out, and soon the roads were denuded. In their places plum trees have been planted, and thousands of baskets of fruit are now sent to Paris dally.

The soil of Pennsylvania roadsides is much better adapted on the average than is that of Indiana for the successful growth of fruit or nut-bearing trees. If there were in our common wealth intelligent use of this opportunity we have no doubt whatever that an income could be derived from it sufficient to pay the whole of the present school appropriation, with something left over for better roadbeds.

Judge Mitchell's nomination for the Superior court bench not only is a political concession to the in lependent element putting it in good humor but also is in the nature of a proper promotion. The judges of our appallate courts should all have had experience in some degree as judges of common

A Discredited Adviser.

N JUDGING of the value of a man's political advice it is proper to inquire into his credibility as a witness. Is his reputation for sagacity good? Has he been wise or foolish in past counsel? These tests have been applied by a correspondent of the New York Sun to Carl Schurz. the man who advises his countrymen to abandon the Philippines, and the result is astonishing.

As showing the "value of Mr. Schurz's judgment, the accuracy of his foresight and the remarkable quality of common sense with which he approaches the consideration of public questions" this correspondent makes the following quotation from a speech delivered by Mr. Schurz in Washington in April, 1896, in which he thus referred to the subject of increasing our navy:

The great navies of today are a merexperiment, of very uncertain issue. There is not a warship affoat the behavior of which in actual conflict any admiral in the world can safely foretell. A modern warship is so complicated a piece of machinery that the bursting of a pip inside of it will disable it for action. Th practical experience with our great bat-tleships so far has been that when two of these ships belonging to the same The great naval powers of the world are now engaged in one of the most gigantic experiments of all the ages. That is to say, by the expenditure of untold millions of money, and by the exer-tion of immeasurable working power, they are building up machinery concerning which nobody knows what it will do until it has been tested in actual use. • • • Therefore, if we desire to build ourselves up as a great naval power, will it not be wiser to wait until we see what the experiment of others comes to? Will it not be wise to withhold our millions upon a battleship has lived five years it is discredited as an obsolete hulk.

"Suppose," says the Sun's correitself of the wise counsels of Mr. Spanish war have found our navy? At the time he spoke the Massachusetts, the Oregon, the Brooklyn and the Iowa were in course of construction or armament. We should have stopped the work on them and withheld 'our millions,' and when Cervera's fleet arrived at Santiago, those vessels, instead of being available for Sampson's fleet, would have been lying helpless and harmless at our dockyards."

So much for Mr. Schurz as a naval expert. What is his record as a military adviser? In the same speech he thus proposed to congress a scheme of coast defense:

We hear much of the necessity of an laborate system of coast fortifications to protect our seaports from assault. How far such a system may be desirable I will not here discuss. But I am confident our strongest, most efficacious most trustworthy and infinitely the cheapest coast de-fenses will consist in Fort Justice, Fort Good Sense. Fort Self-Respect, Fort Good Will, and if international differences really do arise, Fort Arbitration. Let no one me of resorting to the clap-trap of the stump speech in discussing this grave subject. I mean exactly what I say, and am solemnly in earnest.

"We all recollect," adds Mr. Schurz's critic, "how much anxiety was felt at the opening of the late war in reference to the safety of our seaboard cities, even after we had expended millions of dollars in fortifying our harbors. But suppose we had saved our money and relied upon the Schurz system of fortifications. With what complacency would the people of New York have put their trust in the protection of 'Fort Justice.' How safe the people of Boston would have felt under the aegis of 'Fort Good Sense,' and with what a sense of security these of Baltimore and Washington would have retired to rest under the battlements of 'Forts Self-Respect' and 'Good Will!' Fortunately, we did not take Mr. Schurz's advice in 1896, but went on building ships and erecting coast defenses, and when the war came we whipped Spain, freed Cuba, took Porto Rico and the Philippines, and wrote the pages of Manila and Santiago in the world's history. One of our 'obsolete hulks,' the Olympia, was Dewey's flagship at Manila, and another, the New York, Sampson's flagship at Santiago, and we are satisfied now that, after all, the new ships we built, in spite of Mr. Schurz's ad-

vice, are 'good for something.' " It should be clear from these citations that Carl Schurz is not a trustworthy guide.

General Funston has refused to accept a sword that contained on its blade an erroneous inscription regarding to remain in the false light in which he had been placed by fairy tale newspaper correspondents, General Funston has again displayed the true qualities of a hero. The actual achievements of the Kansas fighter furnish him with giary to spare without the aid of mist-ading press no-

Colonel Bryan reports that the west is ablaze with Democratic enthusiasm. agers of such great trusts realize the I the wainut and the chestnut are plant- | clined to "smoke up."

CURRENT VERSE.

The Tyrant Bread-and-Butter, th, yes, old friend, I'd gladly spend A peaceful time together, To idly walk and read and talk And love the world and weather. But faith! my dear, see who comes her

To mock at all we utter; I take this blow, I humbly go— What he commands, that must be so— For he is Bread-and-Butter,

I haste along to join the throng Who slave at book and barrow-Your pardon, pray, you're in my way This walk is rather narrow. What! you resist? By foot and fist, Good sir, go seek the gutter!" Tis rude, I know, but men are so And give each other blow for blow, Impelled by Bread-and-Butter.

Which fills the sky above us! How fair the scene of restful green; Ah, sure the gods must love us. The bright springtime, the summer

The fall with leaves a-flutter, The winter's birth—yes, all the earth is beautiful, but beauty's worth. Is naught but Bread-and-Butter.

Alas! sweet art, that we must part, But so decrees the tyrant, Ambition rest, nor beat your breast, For you're a vain aspirant. Love, go your way. Quick, quick, obey 'Tis treason that you mutter. Why, what are you that claims a due Against the power all grovel to— The tyrant, Bread-and-Butter? -Edmund Vance, in the Chautauquan.

A Phantom Feast. Laughter gave a dinner fine And I marveled much to see Every guest his opposite Had for vis-a-vis.

There was Sorrow facing Joy, Pleasure smiling back at Pain; Faith screnely eyeing Doubt, Haughty, cold and vain.

There was Love with soulful eyes Looking calmly down on Hate; There was Greed with Charity For his holy mate.

There was Anger, too, with eyes That were flaming like to fire; There Serenity; also Virtue and Desire.

Hope, forgetful of Despar, Melancholy wan and Cheer; Sweet Forgiveness and Revenge, Valor scorning Fear.

Jealousy, with her green eyes

And glad honest Truthfulness; Sympathy with soothing palm, Pride that wounds Distress. Honor, plumed, and shameless Shame

Fortune and Adversity; And yet others seated there In strange company. Laughter, rising in his place,

Held his sparkling wine on high; "Drink, immortal ones!" he said; "Drink your goblets dry, "Ye are children of the race; Every virtue has its mate; Mirth were not if tears were not

Is the law of fate." Much I marveled at the feast And the language of mine host, Yet I could not him gainsay

-Chicago News.

Seeing there my ghost.

My Sailor of Seven. My sailor of seven, your ship be a clipper And sturdy the heart of its dear little

Remember-lest later you learn it with wailing-The oceans of life are not always plain sailing.

Schurz, in what condition would the If just be your cause, and the fee's in Ne'er haul down your flag for his threats or his scoffing. But stand to your wheel; do not show the white feather. Through seas rough or smooth, be it war

or bad weather. From haven of Home unto harbor of Heaven, Your voyage be happy, my sailor of sev-Gerald Brenan in St. Nicholas.

The Story of Life. Only the same old story, told in a different strain; Sometimes a smile of gladness, and then a stab of pain; Sometimes a flash of sunlight, again the drifting rain.

Sometimes it seems to borrow from the crimson rose its hue; Sometimes black with thunder, then changed to a brilliant blue; heaven true.

Only the same old story, but, oh, how the changes ring! Prophet and priest and peasant, soldier and scholar and king; Sometimes the warmest hand-clasp leaves in the palm a sting.

times in the midday strife. etimes with dove-like calmness, sometimes with passion rife; We dream it, write it, live it, this weird wild story of life.

NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

-Boston Transcript.

John Bull uses 1,700,000,000 matches annually. We make 14,000,000 pour,ds of snuff an-

The average weekly wages of the men employed in the cotton mills of Maine are \$7.08; of the women, \$5.00, and of the hildren, \$2.73. Exclusive of the Ural fields there are

Si places in Siberia where gold is found.

The police department of Hartford,
Conn., will soon be equipped with automobile patrol wagens, ambulances and prisoners' van. It is reported that the New York Cen-

tral railway intends to establish an electric cab service in New York and other large cities along the line.

A recent strike in a Munich brewery revealed the fact that the employes were kept busy 14 to 15 hours a day, and re-

ceived only \$15 and \$17 a month. South of Ava. in Southern Illinois. the banner cornfield of the world, will give this year 600,000 bushels of cor an average of 100 bushels to the acre. A monster wine barrel has just been built at Nancy, France, for the Pari exposition. A dinner was given inside the barrel to the 159 coopers who made it. The Iron and steel plant which the

rovernment of Japan is now building at Kimshin is constructed on the American system, though the plant has all to be made in Germany.

The vegetable ivory of Ecuador is the nut of a native palm. The exports amount to 11,500 tons per annum, of which two-thirds go to Germany and one-sixth

to the United States. Consul General Massley calls the attention of the American packers to the high prices that prevail in Singapore. Bacon retails for 22 cents American money; hams, 25 to 40 cents, and lard, 22 cents. British Honduras is to have its first steam railroad, the only means of access to the interior of the colony at preso being the numerous rivers and bridle paths, for there are no roads for vehicles

Ebony was esteemed as an article of luxury by the ancients. In India it was employed by kings for scepters and images and as it was supposed to annul the power of poisons was often made into drinking cups. The Baltimore and Ohio railroad com pany will shortly issue an order provid-ing service stripes for the faithful an-

ployes of the road. A gold stripe will mean five years of service and a sliver stripe two years.

A common needle threader is worth \$10,-000 a year to its inventor, and the "re-turn ball"— a wooden ball fastened on a bit of rubber-brings in \$50,000 a year, and is only one of many toys as profitable. The cross-channel poll-tax of 25 cents on each passenger between England and France, it is shown by the Dover harbor board's annual report and accounts, is-sued recently, amounted to \$99,235 during

the last twelve months. The iron mine at Bell Island, New-foundland, which is the principal property of the company, is said to be one of the most unique in the world. It is an open deposit of ore, 300 feet wide, and three miles long, and all the labor re-quired is to blast it with dynamite and shovel it into cars.

Medical journals are calling attention to the fact that unimpaired hearing in railroad employes is as essential to the safe ty of the traveling public as normal eye-sight. A recent examination in Europe developed the fact that out of 82 firemen

perfectly normal hearing.

The great cities of the world use up an enormous number of horses every year, and these must constantly be re-supplied by horses from the country or from for-eign parts. It is stated that in the suburbs of London sione there are 750,000 horses in use, and that 100,000 horses must every year be sent into these suburbs to take the place of those worn out.

The official figures in the report of the

bureau of statistics, treasury department of the United States, show that ther were imported last year into this coun try 1,539,056,750 grains of quinine, or about 20 grains for each inhabitant. More than 125,000,000 grains were consumed by the United States soldiers during the last year, and it is stated that the people of this country consume one-third of the juinine of the world.

Diagrams prepared by an expert for

one of the large life insurance companies to illustrate the comparative longevity of clergymen, farmers, teachers, lawyers and doctors show that 42 out of every 170 ministers of the gospel reach the age of 70. The farmers come next, their pro portion for 70 years of age being 40 out of 170. Next come the teachers, with 34; the lawyers show 25; the doctors are last, with only 24 out of 170.

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