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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

Justice of the Supreme Court—J. HAY BROWN, of Lancaster. Judge of the Superior Court—JOHN I. MITCHELL, of Tionesta.

County. Commissioners—JOHN COURIER MORRIS, of Scranton; JOHN PENMAN, of Olyphant. Auditors—WILLIAM E. JOHNS and ASA E. KIEFER, both of Scranton.

There is mention of Brigadier General Fred Grant's name in connection with the next vice-presidential nomination. Why?

On to Victory.

IN THE PRESENT county campaign there is no inducement for any Republican to vote for the Democratic candidates. There is no charge, real or false, that the manner of the nomination of the Republican ticket was tainted with objectionable methods or not fairly representative of the popular will.

In the organization of the new county committee there might have been a fairer apportionment of representation but those who were discriminated against are not sulking. They are disposed to recognize in such matters the truth of the rule that to the victors belong the spoils—and the responsibilities.

County Chairman Vauxburg has effected, it is said, a very complete organization of forces and his information is to the effect that no disaffection exists anywhere within the county. The only need is for the bringing out of the party strength on election day.

The cannonading at New York on Dewey day, it is said, was heard at Cape Cod, 250 miles away. If this intelligence had been advanced earlier it might have been attributed to the Mole St. Nicholas correspondent.

Life Insurance.

IN THIS month's number of Guntton's magazine appears a posthumous article from the pen of the late Shepard Homans which presents intelligently some pertinent thoughts relative to life insurance. When it is considered that the American people are paying each year almost \$250,000,000 for premiums and that they have approximately \$1,250,000,000 invested for the benefit of their future widows and orphans, it can be seen that the subject of life insurance is worthy of more careful study than it has received from the masses.

While life insurance is a blessing and one which is better appreciated each year as its practical advantages are more widely known, it does not follow that it should be adopted without discretion. There are various forms of policy contracts from among which there is room for intelligent choice.

Beila's comet, the supposed harbinger of war, came very near spreading its tail too late for the South African struggle.

assessments to be levied upon surviving members. The security of such insurance depends necessarily upon the ability of the association to compel the payment of assessments by survivors.

A different illustration might be cited in the case of policy-holders in certain regular companies who, after acceptance of an apparent discount in premiums conditioned upon cash payments in advance, afterward sign lien notes for the amount of the discount without having investigated fully as to the nature and effect of the lien in its bearing upon the liability of the policy or having considered the possibility that an unscrupulous agent, to protect himself against the anti-rebate law, might himself forge signatures to lien notes and be off to other fields ere the forgery was detected.

The expected has happened at Ladysmith in a manner which renders England's position exceedingly grave. The loss of 2,000 troops by capture is not in itself an irreparable misfortune to a country possessing England's military strength; but when jealous rival powers are watching for a pretext for intervention, it is doubly unfortunate, and it may also aggravate greatly the possibility of an Afrikaner uprising in Cape Colony.

An Impending Crisis.

THERE ARE intimations, too significant to be disregarded, that the time is drawing near when the government of the United States, through its department of state, will have, in the expressive vernacular, "to fish or cut bait" with respect to China. A situation is likely at any moment to develop which will bring the American nation to the necessity of deciding between radically variant alternatives in respect to the commercial and political future of the Chinese empire.

Two courses lie open. We may join in the dismemberment, claiming and enforcing an equal share, or we may lay down the dictum that "sovereigns of European influence" created in China will receive American recognition only upon condition that treaty rights now existing shall be perpetuated in them without discrimination.

Why Roberts Must Go.

THE CHICAGO woman who espouses the cause of Polygamist Roberts for the asserted reason that there are congressmen who are guiltier of offenses against social morality than Roberts is may be correct in this hypothesis; yet her position is illogical. Assuming, for argument's sake, that there are members of congress who lead double lives, none of these has run for congress on the platform that he ought to be permitted to commit adultery whenever he so desires nor received from his constituency a commission on this basis which, if acquiesced in by congress itself, would have the political effect of legalizing by sanction of the highest law-making assembly in the land the nullification of the marriage and home.

eris case which offends. We do not mean the partisan aspect; one vote lost or gained to a particular party would warrant all this fuss; but by the political aspect we mean its bearing upon the broad question whether polygamy as a social institution, existing in direct defiance of Mormon pledge and specific law, shall be tolerated in this country or stamped out, Roberts represents the perfidy of the polygamist element in its relationship to federal and state enactments; and he represents, moreover, the impudence of the confessed law-breaker who repeatedly asserts his contempt for the public opinion which is behind the violated law.

LIFE INSURANCE.

Mr. Betts Answers Mr. Duncan. Editor of The Tribune—

Sir: Although I can hardly spare the time, I will endeavor to devote a few moments to answering Mr. Duncan's letter in The Tribune of this morning and give him the information he asks for.

In the first place, Mr. Duncan says that his letter was no more in the nature of an advertisement than the two companies referred to in his first letter than was mine, which appeared in The Tribune of last Friday morning in regard to the "Three Glants."

We, then, come back to the surplus: The address of Mr. Duncan consisted of the manner in which an associated company, holding a surplus of nearly 25 per cent., with the other companies whose combined surplus amounted to little over 10 per cent., had been referred to the annual dividend committee in the matter. I presume neither of the companies mentioned has much tontine insurance in force.

He also takes exception to the "larger companies," as he terms them, going to the ends of the earth for insurance, and asks how this can benefit the American policy-holders.

They, again, where an insurance company is supervised by only one government and practically the supervision of the different states of the United States is only one supervision after all, mistakes may creep in, corruption may be possible; but where we go abroad under different governments, those governments hostile to American insurance companies, we must secure a more rigid standard of governmental supervision.

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A Suggestion.

Editor of The Tribune— Sir: I understand that the so-called discussion of life insurance is supposed to be on the heavy expense accounts of the companies. This serious weakness in the management of the business is in fact the fault of the insuring public alone, and as long as they are willing to "put up" just so long it will continue at their expense. When you can get the people money to pay your expense account you will not use the same conservatism as when it comes out of your own pocket.

the trouble, which is to buy your insurance at a fixed price from a stock company. Competition will keep the rate as low as safety will permit and the company will keep the expense ratio where it should be, because they pay the bills instead of the policy-holder.

GOT WHAT HE DESERVED.

From the Pottsville Miners' Journal. A jury in Scranton promptly convicted the editor of the Scranton of criminal libel last week and the court sentenced him to six months in prison.

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2 pounds finest Mexican Coffee..... 46
1 pound extra quality Tea..... 50
10 bars best Laundry Soap..... 25
3 bars, large size, Ivory Soap..... 25
1 bar Bon Ami or Sapolio..... 25
1 4-pound package Gold Dust Washing Powder... 18
5 pounds Laundry Starch..... 25
1 large bottle of Blue..... 6
1 large bottle of Ammonia..... 6
3 pounds Washing Soda..... 5
6 pounds of new Rolled Oats..... 25
6 cans extra fine Tomatoes..... 50
6 cans extra fine Corn..... 50
4 cans Baked Beans..... 24
5 pounds Niagara Cream Crackers, in package.... 25
5 pounds Ginger Snaps..... 25
3 pounds Mixed Cakes..... 24
4 quarts Soup Beans (new)..... 25
3 pounds California Prunes (new)..... 25
2 pounds extra fine Seeded Raisins (new)..... 20
2 pounds extra fine Cleaned Currants (new)..... 18
3 pounds Fancy Head Rice..... 25
1 can Columbia River Salmon..... 18
1 large sack of Salt..... 10
5-pound pail of Lard..... 45
3 cans of Condensed Milk..... 25
1 bushel of Potatoes..... 45
1/2 peck of Onions..... 8
1 large bottle of Catsup..... 10
1 2-oz. bottle of Vanilla Extract..... 10
1 2-oz. bottle of Lemon Extract..... 10
1/2 pound Baker's Chocolate..... 18
1/2 pound Golden Shield Baking Powder..... 10
1 milk jar of Mustard..... 10
1/2 pound of Pepper..... 10
1 2-pound can of Corned Beef..... 20
\$10.00

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AGENCIES

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For three years I had been suffering from dyspepsia and stomach trouble, and had tried everything from patent medicines down to the 'hot water' remedy.



Last spring I noticed Ripans Tabules advertised in the village paper, and bought a package of Dr. Durant. I had not used more than a dozen before I felt better. I keep them in the house all the time and give them to my friends, but I rarely have occasion now to take one myself.