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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

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

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

Uncle John Wanamaker has again demonstrated that he will never be entirely satisfied with Pennsylvania politics until he gets a senatorship.

Don't Neglect Voting.

THE ABSENCE this year of political skyrockets and red fire should not cause any Republican to be neglectful of his civic duty next Tuesday. It is not wholly a question of electing a few men to office, although if it were the offices are important enough to warrant the taking of an active interest in filling them.

The Democrats would hail a victory next week as a sign of Republican weakness and redouble their efforts to win next year. No such victory is possible except through Republican apathy or overconfidence.

The time between this and election day should be used in impressing upon all Republicans the necessity of doing on Tuesday next their whole duty as citizens.

Our morning contemporary, the Republican, on Wednesday entered the thirty-third year of its existence—a career almost co-equal with that of the city. The felicitations appropriate to an occasion of this character are hereby extended.

A Tempest in a Teapot.

WHEN THE FACTS are separated from the newspaper gossip, it will doubtless be found that the affair between General Funston and Archbishop Ireland was merely a tempest in a teapot. The fact that a Catholic paper out west printed something derogatory to Funston upon hearsay evidence supplies no reason for the belief that the general and the archbishop will have to fight a legal duel in the courts in order to satisfy the requirements of justice.

But since this episode brings up in a general way the relationship of the Catholic church to the Philippines it may not be out of place to suggest that the wise and liberal views of American Catholics like Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Chapelle are better fitted to this question than is the temperament which is quick to take umbrage where no offense is intended.

We are likely to hear a good deal from the Philippines ere long about the friars against whom the Philippines are said to be greatly incensed. It is possible that our government may, in course of time, have to take cognizance of these friars as it recently had to do in the island of Guam.

The point to be especially emphasized is that Americans of Catholic faith should not be hasty in withdrawing their confidence from the government of their country or from that government's responsible agents who are charged with the work of bringing order out of chaos in the Philippines.

It would be unfair to accept as true or to signify by notice the first current rumor which, as in Funston's case, may get into print upon subjects touching the Catholic church. It is to the interest of Catholicism even more than it will be to the interest of the civil government soon to be established in Luzon that the men in that island who carry the authority of the church shall be men whose conduct and professions closely agree; and for this reason the

leading representatives of the church and of the state will no doubt work each in their respective way in good spirit and in good faith to the end that the right men shall be rightly placed for the best results to country, to civilization and to God.

With the arrival of the English transports the Boers will soon cease to trample on the skirts of Ladysmith.

Two Exciting Campaigns.

OHIO AND KENTUCKY present this year the most interesting political features they have ever presented and the result of the election in both states will be awaited with intense curiosity throughout the United States.

In Ohio the great element of uncertainty is the independent candidacy of Samuel M. Jones, the "Golden Rule" mayor of Toledo, O. If the fight had been between Judge Nash, the Republican candidate for governor and Ed. McLean, the Democratic candidate, the factional knitting common to Ohio politics could safely have been estimated as about equal on both sides, which would have made Nash's election sure by a large majority.

In Kentucky the fight is between the Goebel and the anti-Goebel wings of the Democracy, with the Republican candidate holding his own in the hope that by means of the division of the opposition he will receive a plurality. On a fair count this would seem to be a reasonable expectation.

The chances appear to us to favor a Democratic victory in Kentucky and a Republican victory in Ohio. We think Goebel will win because he has an organization absolutely protected by law and without scruple in method, and we think Judge Nash will win because there ought to be a majority of voters in Ohio in favor of protecting their honored fellow-citizen, the president of the United States, against the false impressions which a Democratic victory at this peculiar time, just in advance of his candidacy for re-election, would create.

Papers are yet undecided as to whether Admiral Dewey's last engagement is a victory or a surrender.

The Sulu Problem.

CONSISTENCY does not count with the men who are searching for pretexts with which to embarrass the Republican national administration. In one breath they condemn President McKinley for attempting, as they assert, to govern the island of Luzon without the consent of the governed and in the next they condemn him for acquiring by peaceful means the consent of the governed in the Sulu archipelago.

"In talking over the Sulu group," says President Schurman of the Philippine commission, "we have acquired no rights of any sort there except those bequeathed us by Spain. She was bound by her agreement with the sultan not to interfere with the religion or customs of the islands and it would be most unwise for us to attempt this by force when it can be ultimately accomplished by the slower method of civilization and education."

There is a good deal of point in a little story that I read in French the other day—a point that pricks American men of the class who have their own houses, as well as Fruchman. A man is getting himself up a room and he and his wife are considering plans. One of these plans is favored by the wife.

proper to say at once that polygamy should cease, and if the sultan, after agreeing to stop it, as Roberts did, should marry new wives and make a boast of his perjury, then he would be in the same category with the member from Utah, who is smart enough and civilized enough to know better. But nothing of the kind is proposed in this instance. All that is proposed with regard to the Mohammedan subjects of the sultan of Sulu is that they shall keep the peace and be protected against foreign invasion, leaving to the "slow method of civilization and education" the bringing of them up to higher levels of thinking and living.

It is contended that to enable this to be done will require the help of a constitutional amendment. That question we leave to lawyers. But it will be done unless somebody can show how it can be honorably avoided.

Admiral Dewey's announcement of his engagement to marry the widow General Hain possesses political as well as personal interest. Will the admiral's bride-to-be share his distant for a political career or will she show the weight of her influence in favor of a presidential candidacy? However this may be, the country will wish to the lucky sea dog all happiness in his domestic future.

Senator Billy Mason's talk about resigning in order to obtain vindication at the hands of his constituents by reelection, is becoming less pronounced. It may be that Billy is haunted by a suspicion that the vindication of the people will hit him in the region of the solar plexus.

The national hymn of the Boers is now being published in some of the American newspapers. From a musical standpoint it also has whiskers.

Kipling's recent poems indicate that his illness may have been even more serious than was first imagined.

HUMAN NATURE STUDIES

Detected the Symptoms.

The faculty of force and forceful speech is ordinarily an advantage, but occasionally a man gets hoisted by his own petard, relates the Washington Star. A bustling young man, who was recently established in a branch of the oil business, had set out to get the patronage of a certain firm. The head of the concern was reluctant to make a change.

The oil we have been getting has not been satisfactory," said he, "and I fail to see why we should make a change. Are there any extra inducements you can offer? How do you propose to improve on the old quality?" "In this way," said the young man, "I propose to give the business my person attention. I intend to put some of my brains into every barrel of oil we send out."

How Riley Got His Start. James Whitcomb Riley's success began with what he considered a terrible misfortune. He tells his friends that the day on which he was discharged from the staff of the Indianapolis Journal was one of the darkest of his life.

The affair which followed indicated that Riley's poem, first published only a few days before, had been read by everybody present, and that it had touched a tender spot.

The Secret of It. When a famous archaeologist went into his club the other afternoon his credit as a man of letters was at a low ebb.

No Use for a Study. There is a good deal of point in a little story that I read in French the other day—a point that pricks American men of the class who have their own houses, as well as Fruchman.

The Archbishop Escaped. The Archbishop of York (Dr. MacLagan) like the Primate of All England, often travels third class, and on one of his journeys about the diocese, saw the Lady's Realm, found himself in a railway carriage with two drunken men.

Let Us Have Peace. One evening 4-year-old Nellie failed to mention her father because he had scolded her. "You must pray for papa, too, Nellie," said her mother.

Not What He Wanted. One day a little son of the Rev. T. V. Gardner was playing with some boys who had a cat, and they wanted a dog to draw it, relates the Scottish American.

Statistics of Cities. Upon the initiative of the New York Reference Committee on City Affairs a resolution was passed by the Fifty-fifth congress calling upon the commissioner of labor to compile and publish annually abstract statistics of cities.

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