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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

Legislature. First District—T. JEFFERSON REYNOLDS.

Second District—JOHN SCHEUER, JR.

The decision of Judge Purdy permanently restraining the Erie Railroad company from interfering with the Delaware and Hudson canal is good common sense as well as good law.

In the Right Direction.

HERE IS a good deal of belief without absolute proof that a whole lot of corruption exists in our city councils.

One might easily infer from the talk of Herr Wessels, Montagu White, et al., that the Boers began the war on Great Britain mainly for the purpose of being protected from the consequences by the government of the United States.

A Useless Office.

THE OLD contention relative to the usefulness of the office of coroner has been revived by the handing down by Judge Yerkes of Berks county of a vigorous opinion in which he affirms without qualification that the office has no longer any substantial value to the community.

It is our belief that Judge Yerkes here voices the opinion of well nigh every intelligent person who has had opportunity to become familiar with the actual workings of the coroner's office.

Of all the names mentioned in connection with the vice presidency none yet has equaled in quality or availability Pennsylvania's brilliant editor, diplomatist and cabinet minister, Charles Emory Smith.

To Prohibit Polygamy.

SINCE the refusal of congress to permit Polygamist Roberts of Utah to take his seat, the country has had its thoughts diverted to other matters but it is in danger of forgetting that a resolution is pending in congress proposing an amendment to the United States constitution prohibiting polygamy.

The United States and each state are prohibited from making laws which will allow polygamy, and jurisdiction in the trial of persons accused of polygamous offenses is given to the United States courts.

If the Mormon church is sincere in its representations that polygamy as a tenet in its creed and as a rule in its social practice has been abandoned absolutely and in good faith, it can offer no objection to the constitutional amendment here proposed but on the contrary, as a sign of its submission, will proceed to line up its forces in support of the amendment, thus cutting the ground from under its critics' feet.

No matter what Tom, Dick or Harry may have insinuated during the familiarities of courteous intercourse, it will take clear proof and lots of it to make the public believe that Mayor Mohr has been personally a party to the roguery which is generally believed to have run riot lately in city hall.

Congress Should Be Fair.

UNDER THE Wilson revenue law of 1894, which increased the tax on alcohol from 90 cents to \$1.10 a gallon, the secretary of the treasury was authorized to prescribe regulations under which manufacturers and others should receive a rebate on taxes paid on alcohol used in their manufactures and in the arts.

Secretary Carlisle refused to make the regulations which congress had plainly said he should make, and the United States Supreme court, on a suit of the manufacturers for the enforcement of the rebate, held that inasmuch as the law of congress had not been complied with, no rebate could be paid.

As the case stands, therefore, more than 1000 manufacturers have just claimed \$6,000,000 for over-taxes paid by them and held by the government contrary to the plain intent of the act of 1894, and the Supreme court opinion leaves them with no legal redress.

In this emergency Congressman Russell of Massachusetts has introduced a bill providing that these claimants shall bring suit and prove their claims, and that the disobedience of the secretary of the treasury in failing to make the proper regulations in this matter shall not operate as a defence, thus putting every claim on its own merits; but for unknown reasons even this manifestly fair proposition is encountering opposition at Washington.

Whether the taxes went into the price or whether the price was reduced or not has no place in the equity of the case so far as congress is concerned. It does not give ground for a breach of faith on the part of the government.

According to the Billy Sulzer idea of international law, as endorsed by the Democrats in congress, it has evidently become a crime for Great Britain to build fortifications on British territory.

Uncle Sam's Sugar Problem.

ALREADY in the case of Puerto Rico the country has had a foretaste of the economic difficulties which may be expected from expansion. And now comes William E. Curtis with a long article in the Chicago Record intended to prove that the Puerto Rican muss is merely the zephyr preliminary to the gale.

In round numbers, the United States uses 2,000,000 tons of sugar a year, of which it imports 1,650,000 tons, the duty on which is 17 cents a pound, or about \$60,000,000 a year.

Hawaii's crop is now 200,000 tons a year; experts say it will soon be 500,000. Puerto Rico's sugar possibilities do not exceed 100,000 tons but the capacity of the Philippines, already 200,000 tons under the most slipshod and unsystematic methods, is believed to be capable of very large development;

perhaps 1,000,000 tons a year, perhaps 2,000,000.

From those premises Mr. Curtis concludes that we shall have a lot of trouble in steering our future tariff policy so as not to offend, on the one hand, the sugar producers in the dependencies, and on the other, the cane and beet sugar growers and allied interests now engaged in domestic production.

The problem can become complicated only by the refusal of subsequent congresses to hold in view the greatest good of the greatest number. Let a fair revenue tariff be imposed on sugar as at present, with reciprocal concessions to sugar producing countries like Cuba that will buy our manufactures if we buy their sugar; and then let the imported and the domestic sugar fight it out.

A \$2300 choir that sings nothing but classic music has nearly caused the disruption of a Washington church. This is another evidence that it sometimes requires a large amount of religion to overcome the effects of classic music.

One of the anti-Quay organs prints a long story showing how Colonel Quay is going to make ex-Senator Cameron governor two years hence. We thought that Quay, long ere that, was to be dead and buried.

Mr. Bryan's revised platform for the Democracy, announced at Kansas City the other night, seems to be the same old "16 to 1" declaration with a few Puerto Rican tariff frills added.

Bishop Potter is the latest anti-imperialist to visit the Philippines and come home converted. What a pity the rest of the bunch won't follow his example.

Cecil Rhodes is now criticizing the English army for not whipping the Boers sooner. Cecil appears to possess the qualities of a first-class anti-imperialist.

Latest advices from the Kansas City Populist camp indicate that the "Middle-of-the-roaders" do not intend to be caught on the cycle path.

Some of the yellow journals are again trying to write Theodore Roosevelt's political obituary. It overtaxes even their elastic imaginations.

Mr. Bryan's platform is constructed chiefly of jawbone.

Leonard Wood is not of the vice presidential class.

posted a diphtheria label there. This circumstance had nearly caused a panic among the booksters who, both in the fronts and rears of the houses, "die!" commented a big huckster, "dat's de slickest family I ever seen. It's lucky dey ain't got a side door."—Philadelphia Record.

A Test of Amiability. "ORDINARILY," said Colonel Hill, "I regard as a primitive form of humor, I also resent these constant gibes at the state of Kentucky. They represent both deficiency of taste and poverty of resources."

A Witty Retort. MAIR DE STAEL was very angry with the Count de Cholsen for witty stings and sarcasms of which he had made her the subject. Once the two enemies met in a drawing room. Mme. de Staël and the count greeted each other on account of the law of politeness.

FORTY YEARS OF BRYAN. From the New York Sun. Forty years ago today the Hon. William Jennings Bryan was born in Salem, Ill., at sixteen minutes to one, a. m. It is the boast of his friends that he has made more speeches to more people and shaken more hands than any other man that now is or ever was in the world; and still his voice is unsworn, and his digestion is unimpaired, in spite of dollar Jack's and the Chicago platform and in any additions to it that may come handy.

Colonel Bryan has called on Moses to awake, rung the Liberty bell, rallied around the Constitution, discovered the Declaration of Independence, and given the wrongs of the "producing classes," to which he does not belong, lambasted the Crime of Gold, thrown bricks at Mammon, Moloch and Juggernaut, said that the Octopus, been dry since the income tax, bit his thumb at the plutocrats, invaded the enemy's country, and there provisioned himself, prospecting for gold, excavated an enormous, iron-riden bronco and blown a cowhorn in the streets of Austin, trained for the presidency and an ostrich race, written the Omaha World-Herald, lectured, made a book, and is believed by his friends and probably by himself to be the Jeffersonian, Jacksonian, Lincolnian, and Bryanite of the hour.

In short, the Hon. William J. Bryan is as busy as a bee, as lively as a cricket, as industrious as an ant, as talkative as a sparrow, as cheerful, about his own prospects, as a bluebird, and as despairing about the country as the crow seems to be about the scheme of things in general.

Such is Colonel Bryan now he is come to forty years; and he is a pretty good fellow in the bargain, for all his play-acting manner on the platform.

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In Woman's Realm

SHE WAS a pretty girl, young, graceful and with the exquisite complexion which goes with red hair, for she had a great abundance of it. In quality it was of the finest, and in quantity common and for nothing in the world but because she wore a turquoise head walet and had light blue in her hair. She simply irritated every eye which looked upon her in the hall. Now there may be angels who can wear turquoise in vast quantities and still look well and happy.

An Auburn Haired Girl should avoid all blues of the lighter shades as she would a pestilence. Indeed if she would once give herself up to the golden or the jeweled, trimmed with ribbons, having a copery girth, and nothing but white in cotton or linen waists, unless it might be mingled with thread or stripes of color; if she would wear golden brown velvet hats against her beautiful hair, with perhaps a touch of fur in winter or wings and plumes of the same shade, with the rich yellow golden brown foliage in the summer, relieved by a dash of daffodil yellow, she would be so distinguished in appearance that other girls would look stupid and ordinary in her vicinity.

That the auburn haired girl is limited in her choice of shades is true. We who are less fortunate in nature's coloring must spend much time in selecting the particular tint we lack, but the auburn haired girl needs none of the pinks, reds, or purples, and she can afford to bring out or subdue the complexion. She really needs to give little more consideration to the color of gown she should wear than the plain or the jeweled, trimmed with ribbons, for anything toning in with the tint of her hair in browns or yellows gives her style and elegance, and is sure to cause people's eyes to revert to her again and again as a model of good taste and restful harmony. But always and ever, whenever it is possible, she should wear white or cream.

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