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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

Legislature. First District—THOMAS J. REYNOLDS. Second District—JOHN SCHEUER, JR.

None of the makers of presidents and vice presidents appear to have noticed the signal flag of Webster Davis.

Dewey vs. Bryan.

FROM THE standpoint of expediency the Democratic party could, it seems to us, very profitably toss Bryan overboard and substitute Dewey. As the Democratic candidate, the admiral would poll every Democratic vote which Bryan could command, and he would have more or less additional strength made up of the following elements:

The Gold Democrats. Republican malcontents. Sentimentalists. The Gold Democrats could not consistently support Bryan even though the Kansas City convention should speak in a subsiding tone concerning the silver issue. The worst thing about Bryan is not his advocacy of 16 to 1; that is only a detail. It is his complete subservience to the Populist instinct; his willingness to truckle to class prejudice; in plain words his demagogism. Every conservative Democrat who has respect for the traditions of his party must wish to see it redeemed from control by the Bryan type of socialistic politician whose chief stock in trade is the ability to rant ably against capital and to traffic in political discontent. Hence this nomination of Bryan must keep open the breach occasioned by his nomination in 1896, and the nomination of a new man like Dewey would supply the opportunity for a political reconciliation.

There are malcontents in every party and especially so in parties which have the distribution of patronage. There are Republican malcontents today; not many as compared with previous presidential years, but sufficient, in the aggregate, to represent a consideration in the game of national politics. Among those who are miffed at failures to get what they wanted are doubtless some who could support a "Democrat" like Dewey when they would draw the line at a rank partisan like Bryan. The last factor in the Dewey equation—the sentimentalists—is less easy to locate and to bound. Just now the aura for Dewey is conspicuous by its absence. There has been a reaction from excessive hero worship until the admiral's stock has dropped far below par. But might not a spirited presidential campaign conducted by the Dewey managers on dog-waving principles in some degree rekindle the earlier enthusiasm and attract to Dewey's support at the polls the class of citizens easily susceptible to spectacular effects? We are inclined to think so, and hence our belief that if it is votes that they want, the Democratic manipulators had better extend to the Nebraska candidate a political furlough and go in for Dewey and red fire.

But of course they will not grasp this political opportunity. And even if they should, it would not materially affect the ultimate result. The people respect George Dewey as a sailor and are glad to see him at the top of the naval list; but for statesmanship they put their trust in the man who commanded the Dewey in the Spanish war, and directed the whole campaign in which Dewey played only a part. William McKinley, president now and to be.

The new complications confronting the Democratic party will have the effect of keeping numerous organs on the fence for several weeks hence.

The United States and Cuba.

SENATOR PLATT, chairman of the committee on relations with Cuba, and just returned from a personal inspection of Cuban conditions, says there is not a man, so far as he knows, in either house of congress who does not in good faith intend to carry out the letter and spirit of the Cuban intervention resolution, which pledged the United States to retire from Cuba after the construction there of a stable government fit for independence. Secretary Root, when in Cuba, said the same thing. General Wood reiterates it. It is a fact that all these men are sincere and mean what they say.

In the light of present knowledge concerning the condition and capacity of the Cuban people, the voluntary advance pledge of the American government to withdraw its forces from Cuba as soon as the island had been pacified was a mistake. It opened unnecessarily the door to impatience and distrust on the part of the native population and brought no counterbalancing benefit. It was as much as to express a doubt of our own honesty like that of the man whose word is no devoid of value that he has to reinforce it with an affidavit.

But the pledge has been given and it may be hard. Cuba is not fit for independence and until she finds a native Diaz to rule her with intelligent autocracy she will not be fit. Self-government in the American acceptance of the term will not be possible in Cuba for at least a generation. There is no reason to doubt that it will be possible so long as the Latin race constitutes a majority of the island's population. We shall have to stay until a stable native government can be constructed, which will be years hence. But it should be understood that we will get out just as soon as we can do so honorably. That will put the responsibility for our continuance in Cuba where it belongs—on the native inhabitants.

Admiral Dewey certainly has some knowledge of politics. He did not have to guess at the weight of the Pennsylvania Democracy.

The Democratic Platform.

AN INTERESTING document, certainly, is the platform of the Pennsylvania Democracy. In foreign relations it twists the British lion's tail, encourages the Filipino insurrection, throws a bouquet at the Boers and, profoundly conscious of its own wisdom, loftily deprecates the ignorance of the American state department. It flays the trusts, execrates the corporations, applauds bimetalism (a word more euphemistic than free silver), demands tariff revision (it used to be tariff reform), favors an income tax, wants a direct election of senators and condemns the use of military force and martial law in the suppression of domestic insurrection. In state matters it assails Governor Stone and Colonel Quay, calls for retrenchment and reform, urges public ownership of public utilities and takes another fall out of the corporations. In conclusion it instructs for Bryan, whom it eulogizes as the republic's principal hope. In short, it is a collection of practically all the freak ideas of the hour, tuned in the key of Populism, rabidly "agin the government," and suggesting the intellectual coherency of a mad house.

If Dewey runs for the presidency as a Democratic candidate, his battle flag will need to contain the inscription: "I have changed my mind."

Concerning War Taxes.

ONE OF THE largest firms of pharmaceutical chemists in this country is distributing a letter to the press asking for newspaper help in the endeavor which is to be made to secure an early repeal of the stamp tax war revenue. The letter says: "That act, we believe, has now fully served whatever good purpose was to be expected from it, and its further continuance is inexpedient, not to say unjust. The late war with Spain found the government in urgent need of funds, and an emergency measure like the stamp tax commended itself to the judgment and patriotism of the people. But now, though, unfortunately, some echoes of the war are still heard in the Philippine islands, we enjoy peace with the whole world and a degree of prosperity which has rarely if ever been equaled in the whole course of the country's history. One result of the prosperity is that the Federal treasury is full to overflowing; more money is pouring into it as the result of taxation than its custodians know what to do with. Since last July its superfluous wealth has accumulated at the average rate of over \$6,000,000 per month; the surplus for March alone was \$15,000,000.

Such diversion of funds from the regular channels of trade and their unfruitful accumulation in the treasury vaults not only prove the absence of legitimate sources of government expenditure, but are a direct encouragement to the inception and development of illegitimate channels. The time, therefore, would seem to be ripe for some abatement of the tax-imposing power of the government, and this abatement could take no more popular form than the speedy removal of the stamp tax. As pharmaceutical manufacturers we have a special interest in the tax, as it bears on large classes of medicinal and toilet preparations. In this respect the tax has always been burdensome, excessively so, because whatever may have been the theoretical intention of congress, the practical result has been that in nine cases out of ten the most of the burden has fallen on the limited class of manufacturers instead of being distributed among the large class of consumers. And now it presses with additional severity on those who have to pay it because they are no longer supported by the thought that the needs of the country demand the sacrifice."

It is reported that the Republican leaders in congress have informally agreed that it would be unwise to open the question of a revision of war taxation at this session of congress. They recognize the need of such revision, but they also think that it could be more fairly and expeditiously effected after the presidential election has been taken, inasmuch as just prior to that election there is usually more politics than common sense on view at Washington. Those who are specially pinched by the emergency taxes may not fully appreciate this decision, but under the circumstances it is evidently wise.

This is the reason when the tramp should be given the cold shoulder. Work is so plentiful now that there is little excuse for any one save a politician to be out of employment.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astralabe cast 1st a. m., for Saturday, April 7, 1900.

A child born on this day will notice that base ball fever can scarcely be termed an epidemic in Scranton this spring. Many a bright boy who can already throw three curves on the base ball ground, would quit if asked to spade up a few yards of earth in the back garden. A poor memory has ruined the reputation of many a promising bar. When a soft head accompanies a soft heart, the able-bodied tramp is always sure of a hearty meal at the back door. Marriage is some times a failure, but divorce generally proves a success. Ajacchus' Advice. If the facts of your neighbor are not at all times apparent, better consult an occultist at once. Canst thou number the months that they fulfill?

PUERTO RICO IN THE PUBLIC EYE.



The above is a peaceful picture of part of the plaza at San Juan, Puerto Rico, which has been the scene of several great popular demonstrations during the last few days. The agitation was led by Luys Ribera, the Federal leader, who demands unrestricted trade and proper civil government.

The Bible Used In Correspondence

From the New York Sun. Jonas A. Smyth of Chicago believed that the British were fighting for the right in South Africa. In the early days of the war he concluded that, if anybody could convince him that the Boers were right, that person was Paul Kruger. Accordingly, he sent a letter to the president of the South African republic, asking for a statement of the reason for the position taken by the republic against England. The correspondence thus begun was carried on by telegraph and mail until a few days ago. Mr. Smyth's original letter was as follows: Chicago, U. S. A., Oct. 10, 1899. His Excellency, S. J. Kruger, President of the South African Republic, Pretoria, Transvaal, S. A. My dear Sir: As an American, a resident of Chicago, and a lover of justice and fair play, I solicit from you a notification of your present attitude toward England and the Uitlanders of your nation. You must have a definite reason for your position of resistance and aggression, and if you are in the right I would be pleased to know it from your own pen. I am, yours very sincerely, Jonas A. Smyth. Room 2025, Masonic Temple.

or knowest thou the time when they bring before me, O God, for the waters are come in unto my soul. Smyth evidently didn't catch the drift of the above. He replied from Pretoria, 11:1: Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing? The next passage from Oom Paul was Psalms lxxix: 1-3: Save me, O God, for the waters are come in unto my soul. I sink deep in the mire, where there is no standing; I am come into deep waters where the floods overflow me. I am weary of crying; my throat is dried; mine eyes fail while I wait for my God. This was wanted on Smyth. No South African could get any sympathy from him. His reply was "Job xv: 31." Let not him who is deceived trust in vanity; for vanity shall be his recompense. Kruger's reply to the above was very philosophical. He called Smyth's attention to Ecclesiastes 1: 1-8: To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to cast away; A time to rend and a time to sew; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to love and a time to hate; a time of war and a time of peace. When he was pushed to it Smyth could be just as philosophical as Kruger, as is shown by the following reply from Ecclesiastes 1: 6: Better is a handful with travail and vexation of spirit, Oom Paul now sent another message "Collect" referring Mr. Smyth to Nahum 1: 15: Behold, upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; O, Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform the vows; for the which shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off. Smyth didn't know just what had caused a rise in Kruger's spirits, no matter whether the Boers were winning or losing; he referred the South African potentate to Malachi 2: 8, 9: But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, said the Lord of Hosts. Therefore, have I made you contemptible and low before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law. This ended the correspondence.

THE BABY. Oh, this is the way the baby slept: Out of the night as comes the dawn, Out of the enders as the Babe, Out of the hat the blossom's on, By quivering sigils where kisses creep, With yearnings she had never known, The little hands were closely kept About a tily neaty bloom, And God was with her, and we wept— And this is the way the baby slept. —James Whitcomb Riley.

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