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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

Legislature.

District-THOMAS J. REY-

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

Dewey vs. Bryan.

The Gold Democrats. Republican mal-contents.

Sentimentalists. sistently support Bryan even though the Kansas City convention should speak in a subdued tone concerning the silver issue. The worst thing about Hryan is not his advocacy of 16 to 1; that is only a detail. It is his complete subservience to the Populistic instinct: his willingness to truckle to ocrat who has respect for the traditions of his party must wish to see it | The letter says: redeemed from control by the Bryan fic in political discontent. Hence the the breach occasioned by his nomination in 1896: and the nomination of a

and especially so in parties which have the whole world and a degree of prosthe distribution of patronage. There perity which has rarely if ever been are Republican malcostents today; not equalled in the whole course of the many as compared with precious presidential years, but sufficient, in the ag- prosperity is that the Federal treasury gregate, to represent a consideration is full to overflowing; more money is in the game of national politics. Among pouring into it as the result of taxathose who are miffed at failures to get | tion than its custodians know what to what they wanted are doubtless some do with. Since last July its superfluwho could support a "Democrat" like ous wealth has accumulated at the Dewey when they would draw the line average rate of over \$6,000,000 per at a rank partisan like Bryan.

The last factor in the Dewey equation-the sentimentalists-is less easy o locate and to bound. Just now the nurrah for Dewey is conspicuous by 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 dag-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 perple respect George Dewey as a sallor 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 Dewey 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 effeet of keeping numerous organs on the fence for several weeks hence.

The United States and Cuba.

ENATOR 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 thinged General Wood reiterates it from time to time. All these men are siscere and mean what they say.

In the light of present knowledge concerning the condition and capacity of the Cubas people, the voluntary advange-pledge of the American government 46 withdraw its forces from Cuba as soon as the island had been pacified was a mistake. It opened unnecessarlly the door to impatience and distrust on the pust 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 so devoid of value that he has to reinforce it with in the back garden. an affidavit.

But the pledge has been given and it must be kead. Cuba is not fit for independence and until she finds a native Diaz to sule her with intelli-gent autogracy sub will not be fit. Self-government. In the American acceptangreef the term will not be possible in Cuba for at least a generation. there & teason to deabt that it will be pos-

sible so long as the Latin race consti tutes 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 'uba where it belongs-on the native inhabitants.

Admiral Dowey certainly has some mowledge of politics. He did not have to guess at the weight of the Pennsylvania Democracy,

The Democratic Platform.

N INTERESTING document certainly, is the platform of the Pennsylvania Democracy. In foreign relations it wists the British lion's tail, encourages the Filipino insurrection, throws a bouquet at the Boers and, profounddly conscious of its own wisdom, loftily deprecates the ignorance of the American state department. It flays the trusts, excerciates the corporations, applauds bimetallism (a word mere cuphemistic 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 ROM THE standpoint of ex- Quay, calls for retrenchment and repediency the Democratio form, urges public ownership of public party could, it seems to us, utilities and takes another fall out of very profitably toss Bryan the corporations. In conclusion it ineverboard and substitute Dewey. As structs for Bryan, whom it eulogizes the Democratic candidate, the admiral as the republic's principal hope. In would poll every Democratic vote short, it is a collection of practically which Bryan could command, and he all the freak ideas of the hour, tuned would have more or less additional in the key of Populism, rabidly "agin strength made up of the following ele- the government," and suggesting the intellectual coherency of a mad house.

If Dewey runs for the presidency as a Democratic candidate, his battle flag The Gold Democrats could not con- will need to contain the inscription 'I have changed my mind.'

Concerning War Taxes.

NE OF THE largest firms of pharmaceutical chemists in this country is distributing a letter to the press asking class prejudices; in plain words his for newspaper help in the endeavor demagogism. Every conservative Dem- which is to be made to secure an early repeal of the stamp tax war revenue.

"That act, we believe, has now fully type of socialistic politician whose served whatever good purpose was to chief stock in trade to the ability to be expected from it, and its further rant glibly against capital and to traf- continuance is inexpedient, not to say unjust. The late war with Spain found renomination of Bryar, must keep open the government in urgent need of funds, and an emergency measure like the stamp tax commended itself to the new man like Dewey would supply the judgment and patriotism of the people. opportunity for a political reconcilia- But now, though, unfortunately, some echoes of the war are still heard in the There are maleortents in every party | Philippine islands, we enjoy peace with country's history. One result of the month; the surplus for March alone

Was \$15,000,000. "Such diversion of funds from the egular channels of trade and their its absence. There has been a reaction ury vaults not only prove the absence unfruitful accumulation in the treasof legitimate special channels 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 failen 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 sacriffee,"

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 season when the tramp should be given the cold shoulder. Work is so plentiful now that there is little excuse for any one save a poli-

tician to be out of employment. TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus,

The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cast 1.34 a. m., for Saturday, April

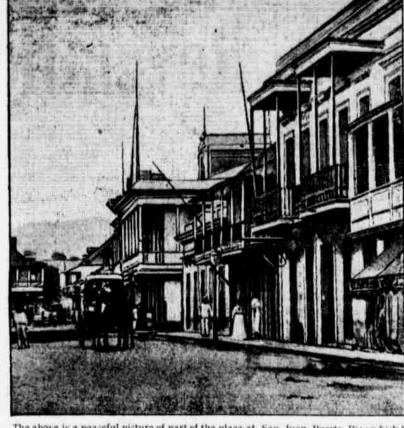
A child born on this day will notice that base ball fever can scarcely be tormed an epidemic at Scranton this spring. Many a bright boy who can already through three curves on the base ball ground, would

many a promising liar.

When a soft head accompanies a soft hear the able-hodied tramp is always sure of a hearty meal at the back door. Marriage is some times a failure, but divorce

Ajacchus' Advice. If the faults of your neighbor are not at al times apparent, better consult an occuliat

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.

or knowest thou the time when they bring

Smyth evidently didn't cauch the

point of the above. He replied from

Why do the heather rage and the people im-

The next passage from Com Paul

I sink deep in the mire, where there is no

anding: I am come into deep waters where the

This was wasted on Smyth. No

South African could get any sympathy

Let not him who is deceived trust in tamity; or vanity shall be his recompense.

Kruger's reply to the above was very

To everything there is a season, and a time to stery jumpose under the measure, Λ time to be been and a time to die; a time

plant and a time to pluck up that which is

A time to kill and a time to heal; a time to

A time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to

A time to east away stones and a time to

gather stones together; a time to embrace and a a time to retrain from embracing;

A time to get and a time to lose; a time to

cep and a time to east away;
A time to rend and a time to sew; a time to

A time to love and a time to hate; a time

When he was pushed to it Smyth

could be just as philosophical as Kru-

Better is a handful with quiciness, than both be hands full with travail and vexation of spirit,

Oom Paul now sent another mes-

sage "Collect" referring Mr. Smyth to

Behold, upon the mountains the feet of him

that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace

O, Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy yows; for the wicked shall no more pass through

Smyth didn't know just what had

caused a rise in Kruger's spirits, no matter whether the Boers were win-

ding or losing; he referred the South

African potentate to Malachi ii; 8, 9;

But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to simulfe at the law; ye have

arrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the Lord of

Therefore, have I also made you contemptible

and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law.

THE BABY.

This ended the correspondence:

Oh, this is the was the buby came:

Out of the night as comes the dawn, Out of the embers as the flame, Out of the bird the blossom's on,

As in glad summers dead and gone, with a grace and beauty none could name-

The sweet eyes glimmered through and through. And eldyings and dimples broke

The apple bough that blooms the same

Oh, this is the pay the baby came!

And when in deepest drops of dew The shine and shadows sink and soak

And this is the way the baby woke:

About the lips, and no one knew Or could divine the words they spok

And this is the way the haby woke!

A mist of tresers backward thrown By quavering sighs where kisses crept

With yearnings she had never known The little hands were closely kept. About a lify nearly blown,

And God was with her, and we wepe

Roll Top Desks,

Flat Top Desks,

Standing Desks,

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And Office Chairs

And this is the way the baby slept!

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And this is the way the haby slepts

ger, as is shown by the following re-

sep silence and a time to speak;

ply from Ecclesiates iv: 6:

ar and a time of peace.

Nahum i: 15:

thee; he is utterly cut off.

from him. His reply was "Job xv: 31."

Save me, O God, for the waters are com-

Mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

tention to Ecclesiastes iii; 1-8;

agine a vain thing?

was Psalms lxix: 1-3;

The Bible Used In Correspondence Point of the

From the New York Sun.

Jonas A. Smyth of Chicago believed hat 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 untia few days ago. Mr. Smyth's original letter was as follows:

Chicago, U. S. A., Oct. 10, 1800, His Excellency, S. J. P. Kruger, President of South African Republic, Pretoria, Transaval,

My Dear Sir: As an American, a resident of hicago, and a lover of justice and fair play, I olicit from you a matification of your presenattitude toward England and the Ultlanders of your nation. You must have a definite reason for cour position of resistance and oppression, and if con are in the right I would be pleased to know from your own pen. I am, yours very sin Room 1989, Massaile Temple.

Mr. Smyth was somewhat surprised receive from President Kruger the following answer by cable:

Pretoria, S. A., Nov. 7, 1899. Mr. Jonas Smyth, Room 1999, Masonic Temple Chicago, Ill., U. S. A.; Honorable Sir: Psalm 35, verses 11 and 12, nd 19 and 20. Respectfully, Kruger, President.

These are the berses of the Psalm: False witness did rise up; they laid to my harge things that I knew not. They rewarded me evil for good to the spoiling Let not them that are mine enemies wrong

the eye that hate me without cause, For they speak not peace; but they devise deciful matters against them that are quiet in

Smyth cabled back:

First Timethy, verses 1 and 2. The verses are:

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the co-Faul, an aposite of Jesus Curist, by the room-mandment of Gold, our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope; Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace, from Gost, our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

President Kruger came back at Smyth by cabling: "Zechariah, ix:8:" And I will encamp about mine honse, because of the army, because of him that passeth by

pressor shall pass through them any more; for now have I seen with mine eyes. To this Smyth-replied by mail quoting Ezekiel, xxxii: 2-6: Son of Man, take up a lamemation for Pharao

King of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou art us a whale in the seas; and thou comest forth with by rivers and troubledst the waters with the Thus saith the Lord God: I will therefore pread out My net over thee with a company of nany people; and they shall bring thee up in

Then will I leave thre upon the land, I wil ast thee forth upon the open field, and will ause all the fowls of the Heaven to remain upon bee, and I will fill the beasts of the whole

And I will lay the flesh upon the mountains nd fill the valleys with they beight. I will also water with the blood the land wherein then swimmest, even to the moun tains;

and the rivers shall be full of thee. All the terrible things which Smyth through the above passages, predicted

would happen to the South African, vidently had no terrors for Kruger He brushed them all aside by giving Smyth a little practical advice by return mail from Matthew vi: 34:

Take, therefore, no thought for the morrow; or the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil Smyth cabled back "Hosea x: 13."

which is: Ye have ploughed wickedness, ye have reaper

niquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies; because thou didst try in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.

Up to this time Smyth and Kruger have been very considerate of each other in the matter of cable tolls, each prepaying his own messages. Now President Kruger's reply was sent to Smyth "collect." The Chicago man was referred to Jeremlah xviii: 20-22; Shall exil be recompensed for good! For they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember that I

stood before thee to speak good of them, and to turn away thy wrath from them.

Therefore, deliver up their children to the famine, and pour out their blood by the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children and be widows; and let their men be put to death; let their young men be slain y the sword in battle,

Let a cry be heard from their houses, when hon shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them for they have digged a pit to take me and hid shares for my feet.

Isaiah li; 19," Smith cabled: These two things are come unto thee; who shall be sury for thee? desolation and de-struction, and the famine, and the sword; by whom shall I comfort thee"

President Kruger by cable referred the wise Chicago prophet to Job xxxix Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring firth? or canst thou mark when

the hinds do caive?

Canst thou number the months that they fulfill?

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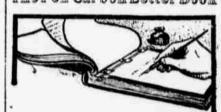
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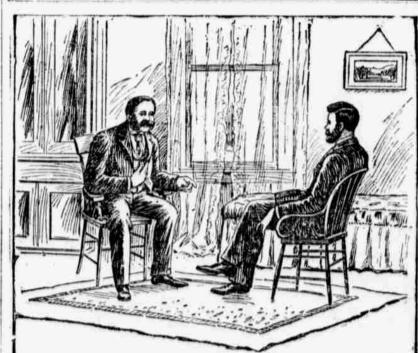
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