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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

Legislature.

First District-THOMAS J. REYNOLDS. Second District JOHN SCHETER, JR. Third District EDWARD JAMES, JR.

It is fortunate both on personal and on party grounds that but one candidate for the Republican legislative nomination has registered in the Fourth district, and he a young man so popular and so deserving of undivided support as P. A. Philbin of Archbald. Ordinarily this district is a close one politically, but with Mr. Philbin on the ticket, and with the earnest support of his friends, its restoration to the Republican column is assured. Mr. Philbin, by his graceful action four years ago in declining to make a contest in convention against the majority choice, exhibited the kind of Republicanism which the people of that district like to see, and they will welcome with satisfaction the opportunity to confer honor upon him at both the primary and the general elections.

Puerto Rico.

HE BILL creating a civil government for Puerto Rico and providing temporarily the revenue for its support, which will today by presidential signature become a law, has encountered naturally the opposition of all Democratic politicians, because it is the measure supported on the eve of a presidential campaign by the Republican administration which is asking to be continued in power-

Not so naturally and not so explicably, it has also encountered opposttion from a number of Republicans distributed unevenly throughout sections of our country. Some of this opposition, we believe, has been interested. It has been inspired by the trusts, such as the two which, having get this merchandise into the port at New York duty free; or by the milling trust, which finally succeeded in forc-Puerto Rican ports upon articles of food imported from the United States, Some of it was the honest prompting of a creditable sentiment which for the moment did not perceive the pecusystem in Puerto Rico, while the structure of the new civil administration was being put in place.

To the citizens who have been in this last-mentioned frame of mind toyesterday afternoon, we say: Judge not by your fears but by the accomplished results. Give the new law a has been wholly without substantial foundation.

The Philadelphia Press figures out a net insurgent gain of fifteen in the legislative primaries to date. The Press scorns to specify where they are,

The Canteen Problem.

HOSE SCRANTONIANS who heard the recent lecture or ports of Chaplain Charles C. urge his nomination. Pierce, brother of Rev. Dr. R. F. Y. Pierce, pastor of the Penn Avenue Baptist church in this city, upon the Philippines know what his views are upon the subject of the army canteen. So far as army conditions in the vicinity of Mantla are concerned, his testimony is that of a qualified witness and is entitled to respect. Those who would abolish all intoxicating drink should have no quarrel with a system which does the nearest practicable thing in the direction of temperance reform by reducing the evils surrounding the soldier in the field, and this is the claim made for the army canteen by a large majority of the officers of our army, whose opinions the commander-in-chief

is bound to respect. explanation given in the Philadelphia Times, "is simply a place where beer and non-intoxicating drinks may be . sold to southers under fixed limitations. . beer, not exceeding two bottles per day to a man, and various other drinks supplosed to be non-intoxicating, with sundry other articles needed from time to time by the private soldiers, is given | matter, to a gesponsible member of the command, who is under strict orders to * there are the sick or otherwise helpless of the command. The army canteen system was organized to prevent saldlers on leave from visiting saloons and wasting their money in riotous drink, and it is the general judgment of military officers that it has very largely mulnished drunkenness among the privates. They have very many opportunities for obtaining intoxicating fiquors outside of the military jurisdiction; and when denied beer in the barracks, camp or field, many of in on telive to dissipation. There is now, as a rule, but little drinking by our soldiers outside of the army canteen. and there it seems to be hedged about Those who are condemning President Mcking for not abolishing the army canteed forget that with him the ques-

tion is strictly one of military disci-

enc of officers may the canteen reduces

notes the welfare of the private solits failure through military channels.

Senator Clark undoubtedly spent to establish a wholesome example. But the cutthroats who have been forcing him to fight fire with fire had better not try to get in his place, for if the senate should ever have to investigate one of them it would unquestionably use a catapult.

The Vice Presidential Situation.

HAT SEEMS to be a semi-authoritative statement on this subject appears in the Washington Post of yesterday. With the positiveness of direct and authentic informa-

Cornellus N. Blice, of New York, is not to be the Republican nomines for the vice-presidency. He will not allow his name to be considered. This ultimatum was delivered by him to Senato oon. Senator Hanna returned from New York and Philadelphia early yesterday morning, and talked over the vice-presidential situation with many senators during the day, Senator Platt, of New York, being among the number. Mr. Bliss' immovable determination is a matter of sincere regret to the Republican leaders, who had hoped o be able to induce him to be a candidate. Sen ator Hanna brought every argument possible to bear upon him, telling him that he would strengthen the ticket in every section of the country, but his appeals were in vair. The New York field is now open between Roosevelt and Woodruff, with the former declaring that he does not want the nomination, and the latter working industriously to secure it. Senator Platt said yesterday that Mr. Woodruff would undoubtedly go to the convention with friends in the New York delegation, but Senator Hanna does not to make a formidable showing. In the mean-time, Governor Rossevelt's name will be jushed to the frent, in the hope that the convention will nominate him, despite his disinclination to be on the ticket.

That is the situation. We do not doubt the perfect accuracy of the statement. The attempt to force the vice-presidential pomination on New York has been only too obvious for teeth of the most emphatic protest on the part of the Republicans whose adds, is strengthened in proportion as names have been suggested in that they are moved to wonder and admira-

From the outset it has been known nomination. Governor Roosevelt has bought up in Puerto Rico great re- been even more emphatic in his reitserves of sugar and tobacco, hoped to erated resolution not to be considered and in the making of ice, creates as in the same connection. So that if deep an impression as the show of New York has been singled out for ing the senate to lift the slight duty this distinction the inevitable candiwhich it at first proposed to levy at date is Mr. Timothy Woodruff. It seems incredible, but stranger things the Moros have also a good effect." have happened. But if it happens this Republicans are recreant to their plain ilar necessity for a simple revenue duty in not presenting and securing the nomination of Charles Emory Smith, It is an open field with no Gazette, "the Republicans of the formidable enposition. The hour is ward the bill which passed congress parable; the opportunity belongs to him and there need be little doubt of the state

We appeal to the Republican leaders fair trial. Maybe all this hullabaloo throughout the state to bestir them- necessity for martial law and federal selves in this behalf. We appeal to troops is to behave themselves and the pride of Pennsylvanians in this behalf. If Mr. Smith is not noralizated at Philadelphic it will be the stupid, indefensible, culpable fault of Pennsylvania Republicans. It is for the Republican leaders to initiate the movement. It is the plain duty of the approaching state convention to inhave read the official re- dorse Mr. Smith and vigorously to

Factional politics offer no possible excuse for the smallest detelletion in subject of the liquor problem in the this direction. The Tribune, months ago, suggested Mr. Smith's nomination solely on account of its eminent expediency and the honor it would give discrediting the state to suggest it. The army canteen, to quote from an The factionalist is lost in Mr. Smith's distinguished service in the greatest arena of American statesmanship. He → It is not Wn individual speculation like the vice-presidency this year, and it * the old sutler system, but the sale of is pre-eminently Pennsylvania's opportunity to secure it.

> The Harrisburg convention ought to act promptly and decisively in this

Wherever the insurgents have fairly con legislative nominations at the prithe army canteen go into a fund for maries the regulars are supporting them loyally. It is only the disgruntled insurgent who talks of bolting or of fusing with the Democrats,

The Sultan of Sulu. N ENTERTAINING description of a visit to Uncle Sam's new ward, the Sultan of Sulu, is embodied in a the Washington Star written by its distinguished editor, Mr. Noyes, who is now seeing what there is to see our Oriental dependencies. Mr. them, strongly incline to devote time Noyes and party reached Jolo, the chief city of the island of Jolo, which is the sultan's abiding place, on board an army transport that dropped anchor in the Jolo harbor Jan. 16 last. In honor by such restraints as to maintain the of their coming, a number of festivities were arranged, which included a visit by the sultan to the transport, a banquet at which the Momammedan contingent received their first introduction to American cuisine, and other novel pline The great majority of experifeatures too numerous to detail.

At another time, we may present Mr.

drunkenness and dissipation and pro- Noyes' impressions of the Sulus in general; at present we have eyes only for fler, and they ought to know. If it the sultan, whom the Washington jourdoes this, it is a valuable feature of nallet thus describes: "His majesty military life. If it does not, it ought is short and chubby, with dark, puffy, to be possible to establish the fact of | pock-marked face, a thin mustache of the rudimentary Japanese type, which failed to cover an ugly mouth, and the dull eye of the blase, unenthusiastic money and should be bounced in order Turk. His filed and betel-stained teeth are decayed and blackened. He were a European suit of light gray, with white shirt and collar (but lacking tie and cuffs), tan shoes and a close-fitting black velvet turban. A very broad, loosely-tied cotton sash encircled his walst and was in its breadth and in the extent to which it fell below the bottom of his coat the incongruous element in his European costume. He wore several rings, including a large pearl; a gold watch chain showed conspicuously outside his coat, and he carried a black, silver-headed cane."

As the sultan was rowed out to the transport a salute of 17 guns was fired in compliment to him, but the compliment came near to being wasted. "At the first reverberation," says Mr. Noyes, "he grasped a post of the launch with one hand and braced himself against his seat with the other." He was plainly scared. On board ship he was greatly impressed with the electric lights and electric fans, mysteries he could not fathom. Another queer thing to the visiting Moro dignitary was the ice which was served at dinner aboard ship He had never seen its like before; but after experimenting found it agreeable and drank copiously of sweetened ice-water. The ice cream was another puzzle, and the sultan, after a mouthful, dismissed it, saying it was "too cold,"

Later in the evening his Mohampay several flattering compliments to the American ship, the American ladies believe that there will be enough of these friends | and to Yankee ways in general, and declared his intention of visiting the United States. The furthest away from home he has yet been is Mecca. Mr. Noves expresses the opinion that the suggested trip of the sultan and his brothers and a few of the most powerful dattos to America could hardly fail to have the most beneficial results in the maintenance of peace and good order in the Sulu archipelago and the continuance of amicable relations between Americans and Moros. "The American influence over them," he tion by things American. Their impressions of the republic are practically all to be formed. Most of them that ex-Secretary Bliss would under have never before even heard of the no possible circumstances accept the United States. The ability of the Americans to sway the forces of nature, as demonstrated to the Moro mind in the applications of electricity military strength in the fine dress parade of armed giants and in the booming of the great guns. The indications of interest in and regard for

What a lark a visit from the sultan to the president at Washington would be for the irrepressible representatives of our irreverent newspaper press!

"In P. A. Philbin," says the Olyphant Fourth Legislative district have a good man and one who, if successful, would auspicious: the candidate is incom- bring honor to the district." Nominate his being successful.

A good way for all men to avoid the

keep the peace. Admiral Dewey now realizes the annoyance attending a failure to get one's advance printing out early in the

A correspondent of the Sun nominates General Otis for vice-president.

He would make a good one. There are no ex-presidents who are subscribing to the Dewey doctrine that the presidency is an easy job

The weather evidently has a grudge

upon the man who prognosticates.

WASHINGTON TOPICS.

pecial to the Scranton Tribune. Washington, April 11.-The exhibit of the divion of forestry for the Paris exposition is nov aplete and on its way to Paris. It will be of the most novel of the government exhibits of will be wholly distinct from the commercial atures of lumbering to be shown in another de-artment. The display will be in the form of a all or pagoda, the walls of which consist of large cencies illustrating American forest con These walls will be double and unimated by interior electric lights. The pic-ures range in size from 3 to 5 feet to 4 by 6 feet There will be two transparencies 6 by 10 feet straying groves of Red Fir and California Bio as, two of the most impressive American tree int will be made of the relation of forestry agriculture, and such subjects as protective ests, the use of trees in preserving water sut the management of woodlands, etc., ar illustrated. The extent of the timber reces of the United States will be shown tures from all important lumber regions. The Twenty of the most important American will be represented by sections of trees.

In connection with the investigations of corercial trees by the division a set of tables has en prepared for the Adirondack hardwoods, by chich various financial calculations can be mad curately and easily if the approximate nur er of trees on a given area and average diamete are known. The most important tables show The value of mature trees at different stumpage tes; value of immature trees of all ages a ificrent stumpage rates; interest represented by naual growth on the capital represented by the trees; and interest represented by annual growth in board feet on capital represented by land. From these tables the timber owner can find the exact financial gain in waiting for his tim-ber to grow to any given diameter, the interesa forest is earning on its cost, and similar val-file information. The tables are now com-cie for the so-called Adirondack bardwoods actuding yellow birch, sugar maple, beech, asswood, and cherry. These hardwood tables re based upon analyses of 1,000 felled trees and on actual measure of the merchantable timber

pon 1,000 acres. A single acre of Washington timber, recently neasured by the division of forestry, contained 18,690 feet B. M. of red fir, 1,000 feet of hem lock, and 6,000 feet of cedar; making a tota stand of 236,000 feet. The smallest fir on th cre was 3 feet in diameter and the largest The height of the forest approximated 300 The hemlock was scaled down to 20 inches in diameter and had it been scaled to 12 to 14 inches, as customary in the east, the stand would have been several thousand feet greater. This acre was measured near Wilkeson, Washing ton, about 30 miles from Tacoma. The average stand per acre for 131 acres measured by the ame party near Buckley, in the same con-5000 fect of codar, 2,175 feet of spruce, and 593

feet of white fir; a total stand of 112,276 feet. In these measurements no trees less than 2 feet in diameter were scaled. No allowance, how-ever, was made in the above calculation for cull. The 131 seres were taken in various parts of a township and represent with fair accuracy the stand throughout that township. The signifi-cance of these figures is apparent when it is renembered that 10,000 feet per acre is considered heavy stand in all lumber regions east of the

Under their instructions the new Philippin mmission will assu as entire control of the afcommission will assume entire control of the significant of the island, and will perform legislative, administrative and executive duties. They will formulate municipal, provincial and a general system of government, making such laws as they may consider necessary for the proper government. ment of the Philippines. The commission also has authority to dispose of the many civil prob-lems which have arisen by reason of the Filipino insurrection. They will have authority to grant amnesty to the revolutionary natives and to take measures to place the island on a thoroughly peaceful footing, to attain which they will be empowered to hold conferences with the Filipino caders. The religious questions, involving the rights of the friars, will come under their juris-fiction, as will also all applications for franhises and concessions. The board will make its headquarters in Manila, and from Manila will issue orders for the establishment of civil governments. It is expected that the commission will be occupied for several months in outlining its work. There are hundreds of applications now on file in the war department for franchises or concessions, and the commission will investigate each application and will have authority to re-

The tariff features of the Porto Rican bill passed in the house yesterday and to be prompty signed by the president are well understood since they were the pivots of a most animated discussion in which the whole country participated. The civil government features are not so well understood. The government is vested in a governor, appointed by the president, and two chambers called the executive council, which roughly corresponds to the upper house in a state legislature, and a lower chamber named the house of delegates. The house of delegates is to be composed of thirty-five members elected by the people, and an elector must be able to tead and write either English or Spanish; must be 25 years old, and possess taxable property on Later in the evening his Moham-medan highness unbent sufficiently to of eleven members, all appointed by the president. Five of the council shall be Puerto Ricans, and six of the council will also be the following chief executive officers of the island: Secretary, attorney general, treasurer, auditor, commissioner of interior and commissioner of education. This council, through its commissioner of the interior, has charge of all public works, and is given power over all franchises by the following clause: "All grants of franchises, rights and privileges of a public or quasi-public nature shall be made by the executive council, with the approval of the governor, and all franto congress, which hereby reserves the power to annul or modify the same." Puerto Rico is to be represented at Washington by a territorial resident commissioner. It is the expectation that General Davis who served most efficiently as military governor and is fully acquainted with existing conditions, will be named by the presi-dent as the first civil governor. It is believed that this can be done without necessitating his

TOMMY ATKINS.

Here's a health to Tommy Atkins, Thomas A. himself, alone, As he waits there all attention close up to the firing zone. may not be

titled tag; soldier fag; when bullets clip the heather, care I not for tribe or clan. And that danger chums with duty, Tommy At

don't mind what brogue he carries where the flames of battle belch, it Canada or English, be it Irish, Scotch or I don't care because his bunner wears within its

Or perchance so-called republics have for him He's an Anglo-Saxon brother; trot up better if Than the boys of Modder River; than the men

He may be a jolly hunter, although whiskers are his game; may stalk the Kruger beauties where Out landers stake their claim:

nay strut from being prouder than his station might admit: may walk as if his trousers were shrunk down on him to fit;

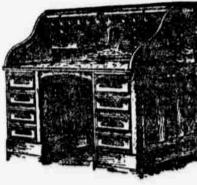
He may brace his spirits skyward from the brand in the canteen; But be not severe with Atkins: land and occan

Then a health to Tommy Atkins, Britisher from crown to heel; For his flag and his honor, for his sweetheart

may not revere his nation, you may love his Boerish foe. You may think the fight unequal, you may think more than you know one thing you can remer Manila bay The flag of Tommy Atkins saw that Dewey had

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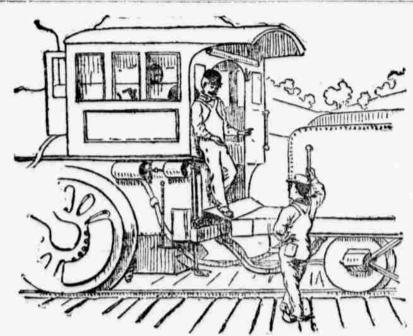
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