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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

Legislature. First District—THOMAS J. REYNOLDS. Second District—JOHN SCHUBERT, JR. Third District—EDWARD JAMES, JR.

Recent denials and declarations seem to be powerless to wipe out the suspicion that Admiral Dewey is still on the fence.

The Growth of William McKinley

THE ACTION of the Republican state convention of Maine in declaring formally for the re-nomination and re-election of President McKinley suggests a brief inquiry into the causes of this man's wonderful hold upon the American people.

When McKinley was nominated at St. Louis, the feeling which prevailed among perhaps a majority of the Republicans in public life was that a grave party risk was being taken. McKinley as the apostle of protection and author of a tariff bill which had brought about a prosperity that had given way to panic after the Democrats had substituted the Wilson program of tariff reforms.

Such, we are frank to say, was the feeling behind the scenes when McKinley became president. We need not occupy space with a list of the details of his administration; few of the great events crowded into the intervening three years have escaped the public's memory.

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THE MONOLOGUE entertainment to be given by Miss Ethel Chase at St. Luke's Parish House Monday evening is the most interesting event immediately following Easter.

demonstration but quietly dispersed. They probably the only instance on record in which a country audience has felt that the worth of its money has been received in a "Sapho" performance.

To Expedite Court Proceedings.

A SUGGESTION relative to court proceedings has been made by Justice Leaventritt, of the New York city supreme court, which seems to have merit in it.

Justice Leaventritt believes that in this case the rights of the defense before the jury would be better safeguarded because efforts at cross-examination would not be so likely as at present to escape the comprehension of the jury.

An additional advantage claimed for this plan by Judge Leaventritt is that it would tend to shorten trials. We do not perceive how the New York jurist arrives at this conclusion unless through the belief that the presiding judge could more readily rule out irrelevant testimony.

The resignation of Colonel Webb Hayes is but another of the straws that indicate the true condition in the Philippines. In spite of an occasional despatch calculated to keep up the interest in the campaign at Manila, little intelligence is received to show that there is any work for the American soldier save that of running a few disorganized bands of robbers to the earth.

In the Thick of Politics.

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One reason why the supporters of the administration in the senate are not fighting a postponement is because they recognize that the extent to which anti-British feeling has been developed in this country since the beginning of the South African war makes it doubtful whether so important and delicate a matter as a treaty with England proposing to undo fairly the Clayton-Bulwer treaty could attract serious unbiassed consideration.

According to accounts the sojourn of General Cronje and his men at St. Helena promises to be as pleasant as a "personally conducted" railroad excursion.

leaders might try to keep congress at work. We do not recall a congress which had before it so many measures of the first importance as are pending in this one, but it is useless to try to secure good results in law-making when the attention of both legislators and people is distracted.

The divorce proceedings in which Madame Melba has been defendant have been conducted so quietly that the fact that the prima donna's husband had secured a decree was a surprise to many admirers of the fair singer.

Padewski cancelled an engagement at Sacramento the other night because the audience that assembled to hear him numbered only 122.

One company of soldiers in the Philippines, belonging to the Thirty-seventh infantry, has already deposited with the paymaster \$20,000 in savings, and the men intend, as soon as their term of enlistment expires, to take this money and go into business on the island of Negros, in the vicinity of Iloilo.

The decision to bar the gold statue of Maud Adams from the Paris exhibition on grounds that it has been made for advertising purposes, seems scarcely fair to American enterprise.

A \$75,000,000 automobile trust is now scheduled, and of course the projectors announce that the company is being formed for the sole purpose of cheapening the price of the horseless carriage.

Dewey may have the Gold Democrats behind him, but it is evident that Colonel Bryan has captured the entire output of Vermont maple syrup.

In pursuit of the many-winged rumor, Mr. Macrum seems to experience more trouble than a full-fledged candidate.

In Woman's Realm

COLONEL BOHNS says that among the best work being done in Puerto Rico at this time is by women, the wives of army officers established there. Chief of these is Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Hunt.

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NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

Thirty years ago there were only about twenty-five explosive compounds known. Now there are more than 1,100.

The olive crop of the past year of Southern California, including pickled olives and olive oil, was estimated at \$100,000.

It is computed that there is \$500,000,000 worth of gold and jewels at the bottom of the sea on the route between England and India.

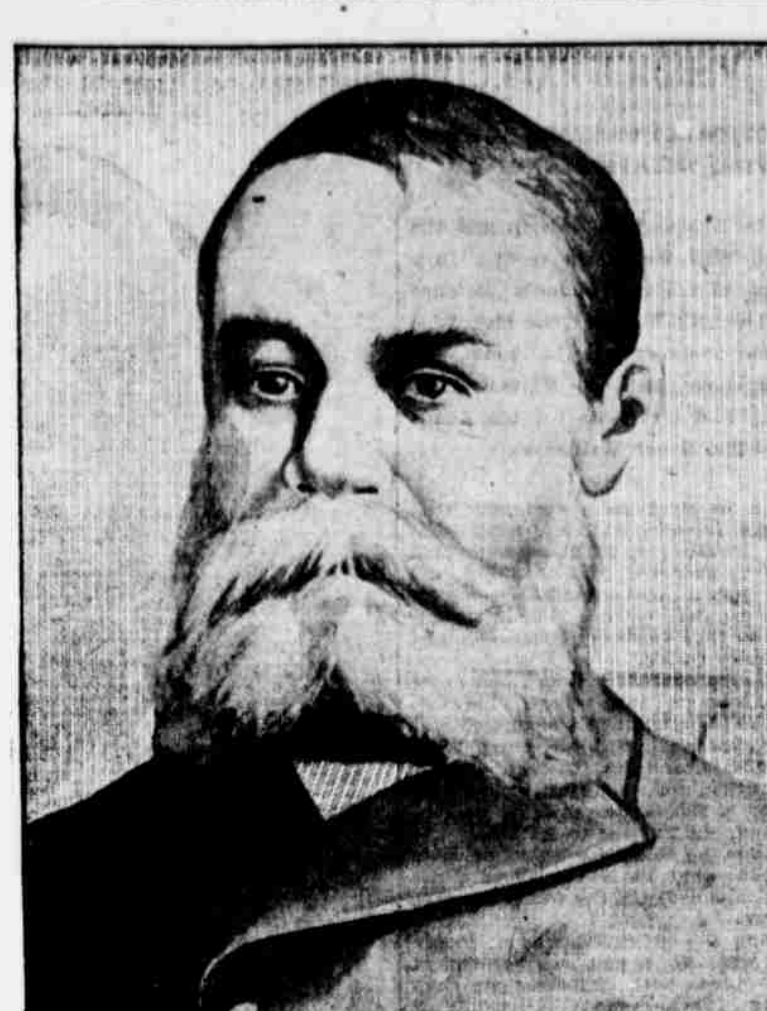
The population of Hungary has increased from 8,000,000 to 18,000,000 this century. The capital of the country counts 470,000 inhabitants against 35,000 in the year 1800.

In 1870 the United States mined 36,805,500 tons of coal and Great Britain 123,682,563. The figures in 1899 were: United States, 244,000,000 tons; Great Britain, 224,000,000.

The sum of \$2,617,000 has been expended in New Jersey making 140 miles of good roads. Massachusetts has spent \$2,617,000 on 250 miles.

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JUDGE HENRY C. CALDWELL.

Judge Henry Clay Caldwell, of Arkansas, who has just refused to become Bryan's Presidential running mate has a long record as a Federal Judge. His attire is picturesque. He affects a hat of uncertain age resembling a Shaker, his forehead is square and expansive while his eyes, which are dark brown, are set in peculiarly shaped orbits.

For the wearing of pale blue silk stockings and lace hankies. Said a lady confidentially yesterday: "I was going as an angel. I had a lovely white robe planned and such beautiful things (I don't know where she got them made; would you try a milliner or a mattress man?) and I was to wear seven stars in my hair you know, like the Blessed Damozel, but what do you suppose? If my husband didn't suddenly decide he was going to the ball as a devil, a regular Faust affair all in red! He was simply determined to do it, and had even engaged them to make his pitchfork down at the Dickson Opera House."

ONE MAN declares that the easiest costume to get up, that he can think of, is that of a Filigian chief, and he has been so recognized in his explanations as to its obvious advantages that he has almost driven his family into dementia. Another thought it would be nice to go as Don Quixote, but his wife, who desired to be a court lady of high degree, made such bitter lamentations over his decision that he weakened in an argument, particularly after her eloquent argument, which was to the effect that he had "just the most perfect hands for lace ruffin."

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