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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

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

The Growth of William M'Kinley

HE 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. Mc-Kinley 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 nostrum of tariff reform; McKinley as a man of gracious personality whose thorough cultivation of the art of making friends had established in every section of our country the nucleus of had shown more desire to pacify the preliminary oratory. clashing factions than success in the

of his administration; few of the great events crowded into the intervening three years have escaped the public's memory. But what is chiefly significant in the connection in which we Kinley's relationship toward Republi- have settled it in about three minutes. an politics, is that while retaining mastery over the esteem and, indeed, the affection of the common people certainly not surpassed by any man in our generation, he has also, after three years of having to deal with very numerous items of patronage, captured the good will of an overwhelming mafority of the politicians. Not a hand is lifted against him. Nor has there been any serious canvassing of the possibilitles of an organized resistance to his renomination. The launching of the Dewey boom, evidently planned as a stunning surprise, caused not a tremor in Republican circles: Dewey, at the pinnacle of the Dewey excitement. could not have displaced McKinley had he tried. People and politicians for once are of one accord. McKinley has

The simple truth of a long story is president of the United States has outgrown all expectations and has fairly earned his place among the great administrators of our history. He has been honest, patient, self-controlled; he has shown the fine intuitions of a master politician and has utilized them in carrying out the broad policies of a great statesman. The war which is, of course, the historic feature of his administration, came up suddenly, like a tropical storm, and broke before its tenminence was generally appreciated; but so far as one administration could remedy the deficiencies of years the administration of William McKinley was found prepared and self-confident. swift results of the war outran and surpassed the most during anticipations; but the only pause before the siministration's cheerful acceptance of them; was while the people themselves were adjusting their minds to the new situation. High purpose, manly courmmon sense and a kindly spirit McKinley's chief personal and emchilf characteristics; and their embodiment in the exceptional achievements of his truly marvelous adminis tration answers the ordinarily difficult question of a presidential succession. The choice of Maine will be the choice of the nation.

Adfording to accounts the sojourn f General Cronje and his men at St. Helena promises to be as pleasant as a spersonally conducted" railroad excur-

gave way in the stair case scene, letthe play had to be discontinued. The

This is probably the only instance on work. We do not recall a congress

It is stated that the inhabitants of the Danish Islands of the West Indies are up in arms against the purchase of the islands by this country. It is not likely, however, that the inhabitants of the group will need to lose much sleep over the matter for some time yet. There is no particular reason just at this time why the United States should be persuaded to invest in this territorial gold brick that has long been a burden to Denmark.

To Expedite Court Proceedings.

SUGGESTION relative to court procedure has been made by Justice Leaventritt, of the New York city sucourt, which seems to have merit in it. He proposes that when a nediately following the opening adparticulars the defense intends to challenge the plaintiff's proposed proof and what the affirmative defense, if any, will be.

Justice Leaventritt believes that in this way 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 island of Negros, in the vicinity of Ilofew juries are sufficiently trained in to solve the Philippine problem. the fine points of logic to follow the subtle trail of the expert cross-examiner through a maze of apparently confusing testimony without the guidance

of a diagram. This opening address by the counsel for the defense is to serve as a diagram, so that the jury can enter upon its task of weighing fined idea in advance of what its relevancy to the case is supposed to be. The charge of the judge at the conclua volunteer organization which Mark sion could be relied upon to remove Hanna and other resourceful admirers any false impressions as to the law in supplemented by practical promotion; the case which might be worked in by formed for the sole purpose of cheapen McKinley as a governor of Ohlo who ingenious counsel in the course of their ling the price of the horseless carriage.

An additional advantage claimed for bestowal of patronage-this man of this plan by Judge Leaventritt is that destiny-the words were sometimes it would tend to shorten trials. We do used derisively then-had won greater not perceive how the New York jurist output of Vermont maple syrup. favor among the people than he had arrives at this conclusion unless acquired among the politicians. The through the belief that the presiding latter remembered Garfield and were judge could more readily rule out irdistrustful. They had done their best relevant testimony. It is his prerogato sidetrack him with Reed, and hav- live to do this now. And incidentally ing been beaten at St. Louis they were we might say that our judges would inclined to view the future with mis- earn additional gratitude from the people if they should more generally Such, we are frank to say, was the and sytematically exercise this prefeeling behind the scenes when McKin- rogative by stripping justice of its ley became president. We need not plainly unnecessary delays. The case occupy space with a list of the details | which has recently occupied one of our courts without interruption for almost two weeks, involving costs estimated at \$10 for every minute of time thus employed, is a good illustration of circuitous methods which might profitwrite, for we are considering now Mc- ably be abbreviated. A Solomon could

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 Manita. little inteligence 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. For any except the trained and patient "regular," this sort of campaigning soon becomes irksome.

In the Thick of Politics.

The SEEMS to be well established that a vote on the Hay-Pauncefore canal treaty will not be taken at this session of congress. survived without injury a series of The reasons for postponing the subject storms in public opinion which might are of two kinds, parliamentary and readily have caused a weaker man's political. Opinion in the senate is reutter undoing. The clamor over Cuba, ported to be so badly divided at this the beef scandal and Algerism, the time that neither the original treaty Otis round robin and the temporary nor the amendment offered by Senachange in policy concerning Puerte tor Davis has any chance of securing Rico-all seemed at the time to threat- the two-thirds vote requisite to a ratien his political life, yet all passed lication. This is because the Demsmoothly and harmlessly by: so will occatic minority is holding together it be with the flurry of sympathy for for partisan purposes and is threatenthe Boers which designing Democrats ing to vote in any manner which will are trying to turn into a campaign fac- embarrass the administration. After the presidential election the Democratic senators will be at liberty to drop that William McKinley in the office of party considerations and vote in accordance with their individual convic-

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 at present secure unblased consideration. It is clearly evident that a large proportion of the American people are undergoing an epidemic of emotional insanity on the subject of our diplomatic obligations toward the combatants in South Africa. The temptation among public men to hitch partisan schemes to this passing Impulse of Anglophobia is such that it would not be wise politics to take many chances founded on the supposed ability of senators to resist it. When the storm has subsided a deliberative atmosphere will again prevail.

For similar reasons and because this is presidential year, when every 3 man in public life, whether he wants to or not, has to put politics uppermost in his thoughts, very little legislation of general importance outside of the appropriation and other routine hills may be expected to receive final attention at this session of congress. The desire of the leaders is to hasten through the routine legislation as raptdly as possible consistent with careful attention to details and then to At a performance of "Sapho" at adjourn. The date which is in their sharon the other night, the scaffold mind as an appropriate time for adjournment is the first of June. By ting "Sapho" and "Jean" drop into a that time the national conventions will cellarstwelve feet below. "Jean's" arm be taking everybody's attention and it and feg were broken by the fall and would be impossible to secure careful consideration of important legislative audience, strange to relate, made no matters, no matter how earnestly the

demonstration but quietly dispersed. leaders might try to keep congress at record in which a country audience has which had before it so many measures felt that the worth of its money has of the first importance as are pending been received in a "Sapho" perform- 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. We are nolens votens in the thick of politics, and the fact might as well be ecepted philosophically,

The divorce proceedings in which Madame Melba has been defendant have been conducted so quietly that the fact that the prime donna's bue band had secured a decree was a surprise to many admirers of the fair singer. Madame Melba long ago arrived at a stage that made divorce proeedings of little value for advertising purposes, which probably accounts for the secrecy of the recent suit.

Paderewski cancelled an engagement at Sacramento the other night because the audience that assembled to heat case is to be opened, the defendant's him numbered only 122. This state of ounsel shall have an opportunity, im- affairs probably would not have been possible three or four years ago, but dress of the counsel for the prosecu- with the alarms of war constantly tion, to state the general nature of ringing in its cars the public evidently the defense, and to announce in what has no time to listen to the rumblings of the virtueso.

One company of soldiers in the Philippines, belonging to the Thirty-seventh infantry, has already deposited with the paymaster \$30,000 in savings, and the men intend, as soon as their term of enlistment expires, to take this money and go into business on the the jury. It will be recognized that flo. Men of this kind will help greatly

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. Even as a theatrical advertising scheme a figure of pure gold costing \$150,000 is the testimony with a fairly well de- entitled to consideration as a sample of American ingenuity.

> A \$75,000,000 automobile trust is now scheduled, and of course the projectors announce that the company is being

> Dewey may have the Gold Democrats behind him, but it is evident that Colonel Bryan has captured the entire

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

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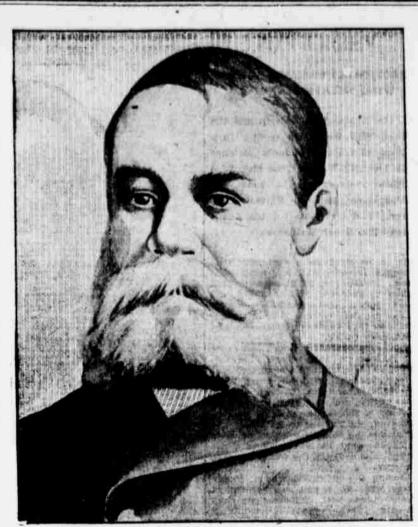
COLONEL BOIES says that among the best work being done in Puerto Rico at this time is by women, the awives of army officers established there. Chief of these are Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Huff. They have the most complete organization for relief of poor women that can be devised. The conditions on the island are peculiar, resulting in many respects from the unfortunate marriage customs, which are even more lax than in Pennsylvania. Owing to the exhorbitant charges—25 pesos—made for performing marriage ceremonies under the Spanish regime and from the fact that a civil marriage was not considered legal, the poor people were unable to marry according to law. They had to save money to buy consolation and burial services for their dying and dead and consequently marriage forms were dispensed with. Men tiring f their wives turned them adrift and took others. The result is that vast numbers of poor women, who have lived decent lives according to their lights, are found destitute, with large usband to provide for them. The officers' wives re aiding these unfortunate unmarried widows n a most practical way. They furnish work for all who come; not one is given anything out-right, but is allowed to borrow a little money and pay in her labor. She makes garments which in turn are given to the needy, and by a close system of tickets and credits is enabled to

T. KATHARINE'S Guild of the Church of the home-made candy. Easter novelties and fancy articles tomorrow afternoon and evening in the Guild rooms. Tea is to be served to all visitors, of whom it is hoped there will be a multitude.

sappy youngsters must be clad after the age of

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

THERE MAY BE things which could create more consternation among society people than a prospective fancy dress ball, but they would have to be something in the way of the notification of an earthquake or the probal-le eizure of this town by a foreign foe. All sorts a receive invitations. They don't know what character to select. Of course, there are always knights and shepherdesses and peasants of varions nations whose adopted country would never mark them for her own. There are Little Bo Peeps, and Maud Mullers. There are gypsies and colonial shames, but to get up something original and becoming in costume, there is the difficulty. Men will trot blithely off and hire a fearful and wonderful creation of doublet and hose, satin, velvet and lare, which they will don without the slightest compunctions or even a certificate They will look satisfied and ten ne as ordinary-perhaps-according or not as they have been endowed by nature



JUDGE HENRY C. CALDWELL

Judge Henry Clay Caldwell, of Arkansas, who has just refused to become Bryan's residential running mate has a long record as a Federal Judge. His attire is picturesqu 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. His eyebrows are heavy and a red beard covers all the lower part of his face.

for the wearing of pale blue silk stockings and knee buckles. But a woman is not thus constituted. She turns up her nose decidedly at the suggestion of appearing in a costume which has been worn by a succession of other people and the responsibility of devising one with the hope of securing a dressmaker who can carry out her ideas is really too great for her busy brain. Hence these

T IS SAID that the prospect of a fancy dress hall soon to be given is turning more than one head gray. Said a lady confidentially yes-"I was going as an angel. I had a white robe planned and such beautiful wings (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 that he was going to the ball as a devil-a regular Faust affair all in red! He was sim-ply determined to do it, and had even engaged them to make his pitchfork down at the Dicksor works. Why, I was almost frantic. He wouldn't give it up until I promised not to be an angel. Wasn't it horrid of him? I'm sure I don't know what to select now. If I didn't happen to please him there's no telling what terrific idea he'd get into his head next. I don't believe we'll go at

THERE IS a coolness in one family because the husband proposes to keep his character even from his wife (She sarcastically intieven from his wife (She sarcastically inti-mates that he has always done so). He intends to have a good time, he says, en masque, and not planning to have her spy on him, which she'll undoubtedly do if she knows him. So my

ger up, that he can think of, is that of a Filipino emeftain, and he has been so earnest in his explanations as to its obvious advan tages that he has almost driven his family into go as Oom Paul, but his wife, who desired to be a court lady of high degree, made such bitter lamentations over his decision that he weakened in - determination, particularly after her clos-ing argument, which was to the effect that he had "just the most perfect hands for lace ruffles."

THE HISTORICAL novels of the times afford opportunities for characters not heretofore recognized at fancy dress balls. Richard Carvel could be splendidly portrayed, as could also his sprite of a sweetheart in her eighteenth century frills. The character of Jack Brereton would well suit some big handsome man and the dress of Janice is so definitely portrayed that care for her family. This task seems likely to she, too, could be made a life-like personage. There are Hugh Wynne, Charles Brandon and all children ran about until they were about 12 Mary Tudor, while some of the recent magazine years old without a still of the seems of the recent magazine. all children ran about until new were about 12 Mary Tudor, walle some of the recent magazine literature affords portraits which could be admirably adapted; for instance take "the many-sappy youngsters must be click after the unisappy youngsters must be click after the unit of the recent magazine literature affords portraits which could be admired to the recent magazine literature affords portraits which could be admired to the recent magazine literature affords portraits which could be admired to the recent magazine literature affords portraits which could be admired to the recent magazine literature affords portraits which could be admired to the recent magazine literature affords portraits which could be admired to the recent magazine literature affords portraits which could be admired to the recent magazine literature affords portraits which could be admired to the recent magazine literature affords portraits which could be admired to the recent magazine literature affords portraits which could be admired to the recent magazine literature affords portraits which could be admired to the recent magazine literature affords portraits which could be admired to the recent magazine literature affords portraits which could be admired to the recent magazine literature affords portraits which could be admired to the recent magazine literature affords a literat sided Franklin," or Cromwell, or Dante, or Bis-marck. Miss Johnston's new book "To Have and to Hold" offers exceptional character roles is the hero, "my Lord, the Duke," and beautiful Lady Jocelyn, with the friendly Nantauquas.

> ON MAY 7 Scranton people have a great treat in store for them, when at least 200 will go to Wilkes-Rarre to hear Nordica, Mantelli, the armory on that date. A special train will onvey Scranton patrons.

NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

Thirty years ago there were only about twentyfive explosive compounds known. Now there are more than 1,100. An orange hit in the exact center by a rifle ball will vanish at once from sight scattered into

California, including pickled olives and olive il, was estimated at \$100,000. It is computed that there is £800,000,000 worth of gold and jewels at the bottom of the sea or 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 670,000 inhabitants against 26,000 in the year 1800.

In 1870 the United States mined 36,806,560 ton of coal and Great Britain 1:3,682,965. ures in 1899 were: United States, 244,000,000 tons; Great Britain, 234,000,000.

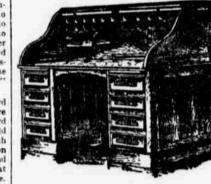
The sum of \$2.647,000 has been expended in New Jersey making 140 miles of good roads. Mas

sachusetts has spent 82,637,300 on 250 miles which are as perfect as any highways in Europe Tea-drinking and "5 o'clock tea" are becom-ing more and more popular in Berlin. The advocates of tea claim that it is a remedy fo anaemia and improves the complexion.

So great has been the improvement of storag batteries of late that, according to an English engineer, a car now requires 500 pounds of cells,

that two years ago needed 1,600 pounds. The deepest ocean temperatures ever recorded were taken aboard the Pacific submarine tel graph survey ship Nero recently. At a depth of 5,070 fathoms a temperature of 25.9 degrees was recorded, and at 5.101 fathoms, 36 degrees, A Lehigh Valley railroad engine recently ac complished the feat of hauling a train consisting of 33 steel cars of 100,000 pounds capacity and 37 wooden cars of 80,000 pounds capacity, each fully

loaded with anthracite coal. The total weight of the 70 cars was 4,567 tons. Five hundred thousand young trees from three to twenty feet tail were chopped down to sup-ply the Christmas trade of New York. Those trees come from the Adirondacks, Maine, New Jersey and Connecticut. The amount of plants and flowers sold in New York is estimated to be in the millions, including 500,000 violets, 200,000 roses, 200,000 carrations, 100,000 lilies of the valley, 500,000 miscellaneous plants, 100,000 bunches of ferns, 4,000 cases of princess pine 500,000 yards of garlands and 750,000 wreaths.



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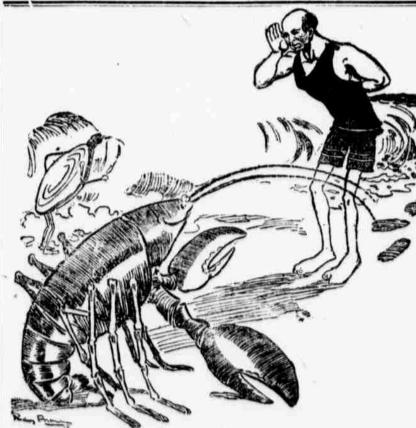
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