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SCRANTON, APRIL 23, 1900.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT, CHARLES EMORY SMITH, OF PENNSYLVANIA.

STATE CONVENTION CALL. To the Republican Electors of Pennsylvania.

I am directed by the Republican state committee to announce that the Republican electors will meet in convention at the opera house, in the city of Harrisburg, on Wednesday, April 25, 1900, at 10.30 o'clock a. m.

One person for the office of auditor general. Two persons for the office of congressman-at-large.

Thirty-two persons (four-at-large) for presidential electors, and to choose eight delegates and eight alternate-delegates to the Republican national convention to be held in Philadelphia on Tuesday, the nineteenth day of June next, and for the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

In accordance with the rule adopted at the state convention held in Harrisburg on August 24th, last, the representation in the state convention will be based on the vote polled at the last presidential election.

By order of the Republican state committee. Frank Reeder, Chairman. W. R. Andrews, C. E. Voorhees, Secretaries.

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS. Legislature. First District—THOMAS J. REYNOLDS. Second District—JOHN SCHEUER, JR. Third District—EDWARD JAMES, JR.

It may be true, in the rough and tumble of politics, that men are only entitled to what they can get; that, at least, is a favorite remark among a certain kind of politicians.

An Interview with Quay. TO A REPRESENTATIVE of the Pittsburgh Commercial-Gazette Senator Quay recently gave expression to one or two opinions which have considerable public interest.

"Then you do not believe there will be any fusion?" the senator was asked. "No," he replied, "I do not care to say that. I believe the leaders of the insurgent faction, as well as the Democratic leaders, are anxious to get together for the purpose of defeating the regular Republican candidates, but I do not believe that the Republican voters can be induced to indorse such an arrangement."

Methods That Win. FROM ALL accounts John W. Gates, chairman of the American Steel and Wire company, pursues in business transactions the tactics more properly appertaining to the game of poker.

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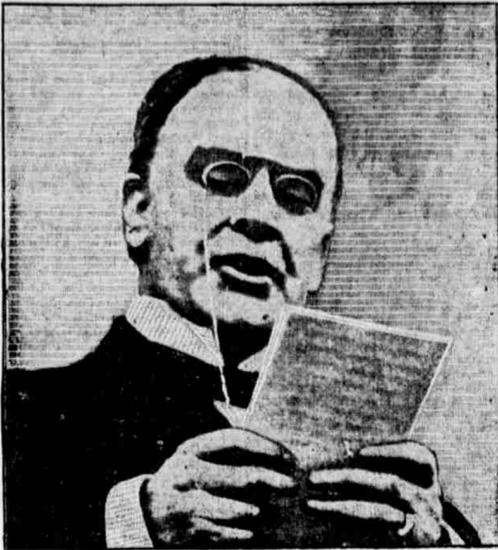
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PRESIDENT MCKINLEY SPEAKING.



This is the first photograph ever published of President McKinley as he appears when speaking in public. As a study in expression it is considered of intense interest by students of character. It is perhaps the most curious picture ever presented of a nation's Chief Executive.

The situation is not a new one in the history of corporate affairs nor in the experience of Wall Street; but it has unfortunately developed at a time when the confidence of the investment community needs strengthening rather than impairment."

This whole incident is instructive inasmuch as it illustrates that even in speculative centers genuine respect is paid only to honorable and conservative methods. These, in the long run, are the business methods that win.

Now that the New York Journal has ended the awful suspense over the question whether it would again support Bryan, the interrupted procession may once more proceed.

The present opportunity to secure a Pennsylvania representation on the Republican national ticket may not recur. Better improve it now.

The washing of military soiled linen while the enemy is yet unconquered seems to be a characteristic of the Anglo-Saxon race.

According to the views of the Turkish minister the sultan intends to pay; but he expects to have his note renewed.

In our relationship toward the national administration let us be, not factionists, but Republicans.

France is safe while the Exposition lasts, but afterward, what?

Outline Studies of Human Nature

A Thorough Scholar. HERE IS a boy in one of the Washington schools who, though he may never be a great statesman and diplomat, may be something equally great in some other department of human endeavor.

Why They Are Admired. AT A LITERARY salon in Paris, Balzac was once asked by a pretty little girl of 17, why it was he liked so much to be called a writer, she related the Cardinal Western Mail.

The Working Man. He lays his hand upon the stubble soil. And, lo! a mighty miracle is done; It grows, responsive to his touch of toil, Fruitful and fair beneath the golden sun.

The Man for the Place. One Senator's View. The executive floor of the postoffice department was buzzing with politics this morning. During the early hours of the day several senators and representatives called upon Postmaster General Smith, and each took occasion to comment upon the published reports of his availability for the vice-presidency.

Senator Platt and His Little Joke. SENATOR PLATT, of Connecticut, has a trick cigar, says the Washington Post. It looks like a good cigar, but nobody has yet had a chance to smoke. Mr. Platt has a pleasant way of engaging a fellow-senator in conversation, and adroitly bringing the talk around to the subject of smoking, when he puts his hand in his pocket, fumbles for a little while, and finally produces a very good-looking cigar with a light wrapper.

Why He Did Not Remember. NO MAN has less false modesty about his early career than General Herbert Macdonald, says the Scotch-American. Shortly after Omaha, he said to a friend, "I have a desire that the hero of the day should be preserved to him and in the introduction shortly afterwards took place at the Marlborough club."

Popular Everywhere. From the Lebanon Daily News. Charles Emory Smith, postmaster general, is being mentioned as a candidate for vice-president on the ticket with Mr. McKinley. If location is no bar, this state being contiguous to Ohio, and the administration as postmaster general has been most able, and the common people know and trust him.

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I never knew then what it was to be in any other way than that constituted, my bowels not moving sometimes in three days. My weight was reduced to 117 pounds, for I was slowly starving myself rather than eat a good meal, knowing what the after-effect would be. About five or six weeks ago two friends and myself were eating dinner when my troubles came up as a subject of conversation. One of my friends took a small packet out of his pocket and handed me two Tablets, saying: "Take one after you finish eating and one before you go to bed. Then buy a box to-morrow and you'll be surprised at the results."

He was right: I was surprised at the results. I purchased a package of Ripans Tablets the next day. The first package seemed to relieve me so much that I purchased the second, and have been taking them ever since. They have surely made a man of me again, and I only wish that I had a "before and after" picture, for it does not seem possible that such a change could have taken place in such a short time. I never tire recommending them to my friends.

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