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SCRANTON, MAY 4, 1900.

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

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The gentlemen who have set out to enforce a better respect for law in this city and yesterday fired the opening gun in a carefully planned campaign with that purpose solely in view are men of experience, independence and pure purpose.

A Month of Unrest.

MAY IS USUALLY the month of labor's discontent, and the present month of May seems more of it than usual.

The last period of strikes in any large number was in 1892, when, as now, the country was exceptionally prosperous.

Where men are underpaid for what they do and cannot get fair treatment by peaceful and conciliatory means; especially in instances where there is good reason to believe that the employer as a business proposition can well afford to raise the wages of his employees, the question of striking becomes a serious one.

Most employers, if for no other reason than the selfish one of personal convenience and business tranquility, are amenable to reasonable argument.

The New York papers have just printed the contents of an alleged long-lost letter from King Agrippa to Christ, which has been mislaid for 1863 years.

The Philippines.

BISHOP POTTER says he has not changed his original opinion as to the undesirability of acquiring territory like the Philippines.

The steamship Ponce came into port at New York Wednesday from Porto Rico with the largest cargo of sugar and tobacco yet received from that island.

avoided by any change in our attitude early in 1898? To this he replied: "No, it was inevitable from the start.

When Aguinaldo left Hong Kong and came to Cavite it was with the intention of fighting the Americans.

But Aguinaldo yielded, and his entire subsequent course in the Philippines has been in complete consonance with the scheme.

Pennsylvania will not be entirely without honor in the coming campaign.

Roosevelt's Franchise Tax.

A TEST CASE involving the constitutionality of the Roosevelt franchise tax law is expected to reach the New York court of appeals in its June term at Saratoga.

Estimates made at Albany place the first year's revenue from the franchise tax at \$4,422,900, of which \$3,322,900 will be raised in New York city.

In the Buffalo test case the point raised was that the placing of the power to make franchise valuations and assessments in the hands of a state commission instead of committing it to the various local assessors in the municipalities where the franchises are operative constituted a violation of the principle of home rule secured to municipalities by the state constitution.

Governor Roosevelt will probably feel the weight of the political displeasure of the corporations thus taxed. It is believed that they have had a good deal to do with the effort to get him to accept the vice-presidential nomination, their hope being that his successor at Albany might not be so firm.

By fixing the price of armor plate at \$445 a ton and providing that if the manufacturers don't accept that price the government may spend \$2,000,000 on an armor plate factory of its own.

The candidate Wharton Barker does not appear to be very successful in persuading followers of the various issues to go on a sympathy strike.

Governor Allen's press bureau does not display much enterprise in giving attention to details since the inauguration.

As the days pass the army of men who climbed San Juan hill with Teddy Roosevelt is rapidly on the increase.

Bishop Hartzell On the Boer War

Chicago, May 3.—A lecture on the South African war was delivered by Bishop Hartzell, of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the Auditorium this evening.

No one can understand the full significance of this contest in South Africa unless he studies the laws and spirit of the transvaal constitution, and the relation of that constitution to the native and black populations, in their midst and in surrounding sections.

The American people can rest assured that what their government has done in reference to the Philippines has been done upon the basis of thorough information and was the one thing which could be done under the circumstances.

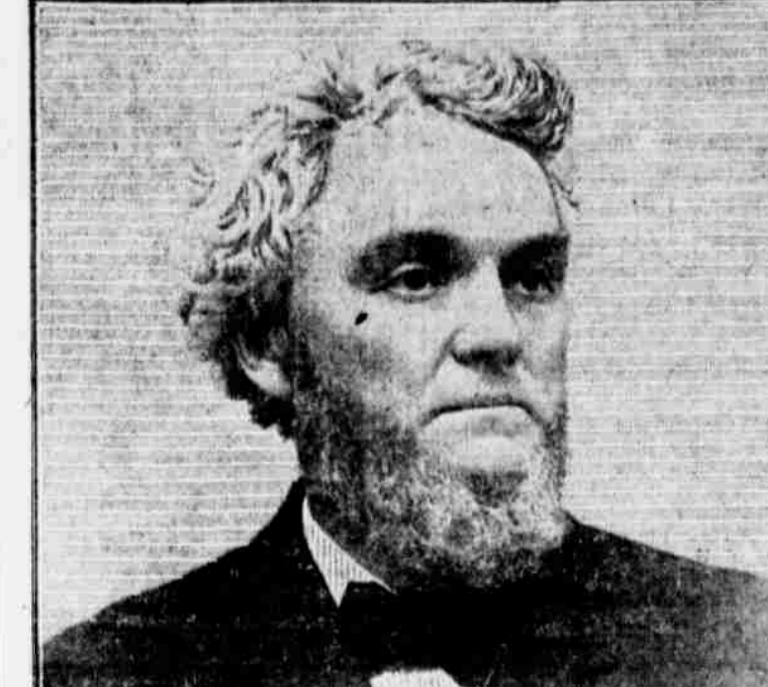
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The immediate occasion of the war was the treatment of the Outlanders in the Transvaal.

WHARTON BARKER.



Wharton Barker, of Philadelphia, is the Populist candidate for president. This picture furnishes our readers with the index to the mind of the man who will receive the votes of the "Pops."

under that rule the Boers have advanced in intelligence and wealth. There has been more intermarriage, and if it had not been for the organized conspiracy at Pretoria, determined to check the advance irrespective of race or language, the Boer and the British would have prospered in all respects.

Take the law of franchise, or rather disfranchise. An Outlander must be 40 years of age; he must own property, a majority of the burgheers in his district must express in writing their desire that he be made a burgher; he must not be a member of any church or sect, and must not be a native of the Transvaal.

The Transvaal voted in 1896 as a permanent government in its present form in August, 1895, when it threw aside, by a vote of 28 to 6 in the upper Raad, a petition containing over 50,000 names acknowledged to be genuine, asking for some slight modification of the franchise.

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