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#### REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

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The gentlemen who have set out to enforce a better respect for law in this city and who vesterday fired the opening gun in a carefully planned campaign with that purpose solely in view are men of experience, independence and pure purpose. They are not working out any splies or grinding any axes. They are obeying their view of civic duty and they intend to continue until the house cleaning is compicte. Kept on this basis, their movement will do great good.

#### A Month of Unrest.

AY IS USUALLY the month of labor's discontent, and the present month of May sees more of it than usua! simply because times are improving; invested capital, after the years of depression during which it was fortunate if it earned enough to pay depreciation and taxes, is beginning to declare prosperous dividends, and labor wants its share of the bettered conditions, frequently differing from capital as to what that share is.

The last period of strikes in any large number was in 1892, when, as now, the country was exceptionally prosperous. Homestcad, it has been said, defeated Harrison and thus brought on the four trying years of Grover Cleveland and the Wilson low tariff bill which few workingmen will soon forget. We do not anticipate a recurrence of the political experience of eight years ago, although it has been charged that Democratic politicians have been calculating upon the possibility of another Homestead this year; but there is need to reflect that if strikes never occur except when times are prosperous there is such a thing as striking too much and too often. Labor should be careful of \$76,221,025; this year the valuations not to kill the goose that lays the golden egg.

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 emcomes a serious one and when, in such public opinion of the substantial sort pose. But the practice of striking on strike because others in another instrike in the long run does harm to everybody affected by it: it is the canker worm which eats the root of business prosperity. This practice is labor's greatest peril.

Most employers, if for no other reason than the selfish one of personal are amenable to reasonable argument. plete right to do so. They want a strike as little as labor does. As a rule, however, they can the weight of the political displeasure endure a long strike better than labor of the corporations thus taxed. It is can. Hence patience and common sense are better safeguards for labor than deal to do with the effort to get him bluster and violence. In the end the to accept the vice-presidential nominagood workman usually commands his price. This is especially true when times are good, industry is active and there is an appreciative market for his

The New York papers have just printed the contents of an alleged longlost letter from King Agrippa to Christ, which has been mislaid for 1803 years Yellow journalism's next feat will be awaited with increased interest.

#### The Philippines.

ISHOP POTTER says he has opinion as to the undesirability of acquiring territory like the Philippines. "If my son came to me and said he wished to marry a Creole I should," he says, "feel at liberty to call him an ass. On the other hand, if he came to me after naving married one I should try to

make the best of the situation. lifficult. We certainly have not the soon raining of a great colonial empire. out what has been done in the United States of America since the adoption of the constitution is only what stamp measure a law in New York. Great Britain has done in wider fields. I have no doubt we shall blunder, try and blunder again. I believe, however, that it is our duty to show ourselves willing to widen the influence of the great moral ideas for which I believe

our great republic stands." This view will be accepted by the common sense of the people. Not what might have been but what is is the question before the house. In this connection a statement issued at Manila on Wednesday by General Otis may be cited. General Otis was asked the queztion: "Do you think the Fill-

tvoided 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. Independence was the junta's scheme even then. Recently we have come into possession of proof that when Aguinaldo went to Hong Kong from Singapore the whole subject was discussed at a big meeting of the junta. They

planned that Aguinaldo should come to Manila with American assistance, make a show of co-operation until the Spaniards were expelled, and then drive the Americans out, Aguinaldo was unwilling to pursue such a course because it would be dishonovable. Sandico, who was minister of the interior in Mabini's cabinet, made a speech which carried the meeting. He declared that everything would be fair considering the object that was to be ichieved. Aguinaldo yielded, and his entire subsequent course in the Philipplace has been in complete consonance with the scheme. The junta was then prepared and instructions were given, and subsequently, in the middle of January, 1899, they warned their friends in Manila to leave, saying that the time was near at hand. We have many documents in Aguinaldo's handwriting, including his plans for a rising in Manila last October, when he detailed the methods to be employed ir assassinating the Americans."

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

Pennsylvania will not be entirely without honor in the coming campaign. The Rock Island Christian party has nominated Rev. Dr. Swallow, of Harrisburg, for president.

#### Roosevelt's Franchise Tax

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. The case arises in the matter of the Queens borough Electric Light and Power company to review the assessment on that corporation recently made by the State Board of Tax commissioners, In behalf of the company ex-Justice Brown and ex-Senator David B. Hill will appear and offer argument. A similar case which came before the Supreme court of Buffalo has recently been decided in favor of the state, and there seems to be little doubt that the court of appeals will take the same view.

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. The law will add \$195,000,000 of additional taxable property to the tax rolls, which will enable the next legislature to make a reduction in the state tax rate equivalent to about \$350,000. Last year the total assessments in New York city by the state were on a valuation aggregate \$219,689,351, an finerease of \$143,468,326,

raised was that the placing of the power to make franchise valuations and assessments in the hands of a state commission instead of remitting it to ployer as a business proposition can the various local assessors in the well afford to raise the wages of his municipalities where the franchises are employes, the question of striking be- operative constituted a violation of the principle of home rule secured to municircumstances, a strike is declared, cipalities by the state constitution. In overruling the point Justice Kenefick invariably sympathizes with its pur- admitted that the language of the new statute is "involved, redundant and slight provocation or of threatening to apparently conflicting," but he added that the intent of the legislature was dustry have struck or are going to plain. It intended, he continued, to create a new species of taxable property. Having created a new species of property as the subject of taxation, it was necessary to vest its assessment either in existing officers or to create new officers for that purpoe. The legislature chose the latter course and the convenience and business tranquility, Buffalo court holds that it had a com-

> Governor Roosevelt will probably feel believed that they have had a good tion, their hope being that his successor at Albany might not be so firm. It remains to be seen what counterbalancing strength will come to him from the people in whose interest he has made the fight for a more equitable apportionment of the burdens of taxation. The chances are that he will not lack friends at the polls.

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, not changed his original the senate has probably got as close to the line of fairness in this matter as it is possible to get under existing conditions. Let this action be accepted and the controversy ended.

The steamship Ponce came into port at New York Wednesday from Porto Rico with the largest curgo of sugar and tobacco yet received from that isl-"Some such relation we now have and, and shipping men say there is to with the Philippines. Whether we like be a rush of imports now that Porto t or not, we must count it a national Rico's status has been determined. In nortification if we should give up our Porto Rico's case it is evident that esponsibilities because we found them the calamity howler has howled too

> Governor Roosevelt has signed the document that makes the anti-trading The left over coupons are now on a par with many of the Klondike mining stock certificates.

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

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

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

#### Bishop Hartzell On the Boer War

Chicago, May 2.-A lecture on the South African war was delivered by Bishop Hartaell, of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the Auditorium this evening. By way of introduction the bishop spoke of the remarkable features of the war now going on in Africa. Not one-half of the Boers of South Africa, he said, are in arms against England. More than halt of the Dutch in South Africa live in Cape Colony and Natal: and, outside of a few thousand along the Natal; and, outside of a few thousand along the northern edge of these colonies adjoining the Orange Free State, while deeply sympathizing unt of race and blood ties with their Dutch friends who are fighting England, they yet protest their loyalty to Queen Victoria. Years ago President Burger, speaking in Holland, said "in that far away South African country there is to be a new Holland. In a few years there will be 8,000,000 of Europeans, all speaking the Datch. torre powerful than Holland will be greater an prestige of Dutch civilization will be greatly advanced. This sontinues iguage, and that Holland will be greater and cam for Dutch empire in South Africa.

No one can understand the full significance of this contest in South Africa unless he studies the laws and spirit of the Briton and Hoer con-cerning the native or black populations, in their midst and in surrounding sections. Char-tered companies, protecterates, republics, col-onies, and empires in Africa will come and go, but the one over-shadowing, persistent problem which will remain, is the treatment of the native black races. However much in certain se ns there may be white civilization, the largst proportion of that continent is to ied by these people, and the 150,000,000 of today re to multiply more and more in the future as there is good government and development of

In the treatment of the black races there ha

en a clear antagonism between the Briton

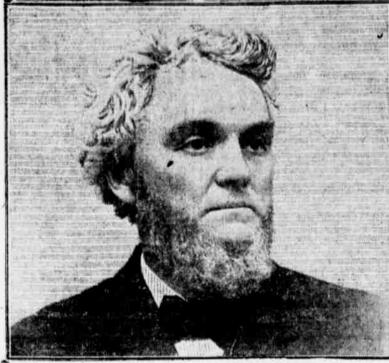
the Boer from the very beginning. The

trek in 1837 was because England abolished slav-ery. There were other issues, but every serious contest had its relation to the natives. The Boer believes that the natives are the chiluren of Ham and are intended by Providence for slav-If slavery cannot be in that form then the tion must by law be fixed so that equality of rivilege is not permitted between the Boer and ne native, ne matter what may be the intelin force in the Transcaul fully demonstrate this. The constitution provides that there shall be no mality between white and colored persons in church or state; no black man can walk on the ative teachers and preachers trained by foreign nissionary societies, but also black or mulatto copile who come from Cape Calony or elsewhere. About two years ago when this law was enforced for the first time in Johannesburg there were many floggings of natives for several days before came to understand what the law meant black man can own land in the Transvaal No black man can become a trader of any kind, no matter what his intelligence or how good black aracter. In to two years ago there could be to legal marriage of any black person. A mar-riage law was passed requiring a fee of \$15, with other hindrances so many that the missionaries and philanthropists are seeking to have it re-No black man has a standing in cours the Transvaal; he cannot say the government a white man. The Transvaal does reching toward the education of the black people, al-though by Receives, and so tieth, they pay 3 per-cent, of the public school money. What is done among them is done by English and European and American Missionary associations, and the estimony of all preachers and missionaries in the ransvaal outside of the Dutch Reformed surch is that their work is often interfered with and that the attitude especially of 'he floor efficials is frequently brutal toward the natives connected with mission stations. Recently Mrs. applebre, wife of a Wesleyan Methodist missionher criticisms of the government, and no arests have yet been made,

The Transvaal Dutch churches, after fifty years opportunity, have done practically nothing in issionary work among the natives. I failed learn of one black convert, much less a native acher or preacher or congregation in either ranch of the Transvaal Dutch Reformed church. President Kruger's branch, which is the Dopper church, and claims to be the True Reformed body, not only does nothing, but beginning with surch in Cape Colony and in Natal, which has the black man as well as example, shows a ifferent record. They have missions among the lacks, and they have some most excellent peole who are giving their time and money to this reat work, although there is a large conserva-ve sentiment even in that section against them their own church. On the other hand, in apo Colony the constitution allows no difference account of color in church or state, natives alk where they please in street or on sidewalk, sey trade under the same conditions as Briton and Boer, can own all the land they can buy, save the same marriage laws as others, educaon is encouraged among them and the govern ent gives assistance to any properly organized dive school and spends many thousands of stands every years in helping to educate the clacks, and as a climax the blacks have the ranchise and vote on the same conditions as heir white neighbors. As a result, there are heir white neighbors. As a result, there are many thousands of natives under English rule who are not only intelligent and educated, but who have property, and the natives very largely apport their own schools and preachers and

Could there be a more positive contrast than the above laws and administration indicate? Add to all this the brutality, especially of Trans-vaal officials, toward natives. One of the many instances is the treatment which General Cronje recently gave to a native chieftainess and her people. On a letter written by one of his own ien, which he read to her, without giving her opportunity of reply or rebuttal, he fined nearly \$700; and gathering together thirteen of her advisors, flogged them, giving to each twenty-ix lashes, and when each one refused to say "thank you," another lash was added. They had done nothing wrong themselves, but claimed ought to have advised her better. case was taken to the courts and the judge de-eided that the fine should be returned, which is never been done. And General Cronic beame the chief native commissioner, and the two en who conducted the flogging were made spetal envoys to study the conditions of the natives n that section. Every black man in America and every well-wisher of the black man in America and elsewhere ought to pray for the riumph of British arms in South Africa.

The immediate occasion of the war was the treatment of the Outlanders in the Transvaal. The Transvaal has been a government administered on the basis of preference instead of principle. Under British rule there is absolute equalty of privilege and protection to all white men,



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." Mr. Barker says in an interview: "I am firmly convinced that Bryan will not be the Democratic nominee for president. Even should be have a majority of the delegates on the first ballot, I am satisfied that he will never receive the two-third majority which the Democratic Convention requires to nominate."

nd under that rule the Boers have advanced in ntelligence and wealth. There have been many intermarriages, and if it had not been for the organized compiracy at Pretoria, determined to check the advance irrespective of race or lan-guage, the Briton and the Boer would have had between the United States and England as repr no war and tegether they would have risen and prospered in all respects. We have only to read a list of the laws now in force in the Transvaal, as affecting the Coultaders, to understand how irrepressible the conflict has been and that sooner or later there must be a change in these laws

Take the law of franchise, or rather unfranhise. An Outlander must be 40 years of age: must own property, a majority of the burghers n his district must express in writing their sie sire that he be made a burgher; he must not be objected to by the state secretary or the presi ent; and as a climax unparalleled in civilized erament, his son born in the Transvaul takes he political status of his father. These laws lisfranchise for all time everyhedy in the Trans-caal except the 23,001 voters claimed by the burghers and their descendants. It is to be remembered also that the burghers connective oting at 16, so that a very large percentage of the voters who control that country are boys utterly incompetent in intelligence or experience to form a jedgment on great issues. And it must be remembered that nine-tenths of all the Boer voters in the Transvaul are men of not only limited intelligence as to civil government, but are dominated by narrow prejudiced views. It is the 210,000 Outlanders, the great majority of whom have gone to that healthful climate to permanent home, whose rights are outraged, will require from thirty to fifty years to dig out burg, and with a just government there will be at least 300,000 citizens in that section alone is a few years, to say nothing of other great cer ters of wealth which will be opened up. seek to justify the absolute distran y, was murdered on her way to church because of this great mass of enterprising and intelligent people from having any veice in the civil government of the country is monumental absurdity

The Transvaal sealed its doors as a perma

government in its present form in August, 1805 when it threw aside, by a vote of 18 to 6 in the upper Raud, a petition containing over 55,000 names acknowledged to be genuinue, asking for ome slight modification of the franchise. debate on that petition makes an exhibition of ignorance as to the first principles of civil justice and of narrowness of vision that is appalling I'wo or three men stood up manfully, but le by President Kruger the petition was thrown out After that, if ever there was a spot on earth where rebellion was justifiable on the part of the aggrieved it was the Transvast. war were only incidents on the surface indicat neidents may be the occusion, but never are the cause of revolutions. Say all that can be said on the pathetic side in favor of the Boers, livin, as they please on their farms, making the ma tions to the contrary on both sides; there ye remains the everwhelming fact that in no civil ized country on earth would 80,000 grown need epresenting an intelligent and aggressive Angle Saxon population of 210,000 people, conducting enormous business interests, submit to the tyran ny of an oligarchy such as has ruled at Pr The responsibility of this war is upon Presider Kruger and his advisors. England, the Alfred Milner, laying aside all other asked that there be five years franchise, that the first Road, which is the law-making power, have thirty-four members instead of twent four, and that ten of those members all that two-thirds of the population should be a lowed a representation of ten in thirty-four is making the laws. Had President Kruger a Bloemfoutein said "Yes," there would have yet re mained supreme in the control of legislation the Transvaal for years. The provisional offer of seven years which he made afterward had impossible conditions attached to it, which no sell respecting nation on earth would have consi-ered; and when it was asked to have a commision to study the practical results of the franchise propositions and negotiations were going forward, the ultimatum was sent. It had beer porting troops were not completed.

History will condemn this war as having beinaugurated by the Boera because in the admir istration of civil justice to white men irrespective of race or language, they showed themselves is terly incompetent and out of sympathy with the demands of nineteenth century civilization. Eng land will succeed because she is right, because she stands for liberty and justice as applied to man, irrespective of race, black or white, or lan guage or religion. England deserves the good wishes, and as far as possible the practical synpathy of the United States. She stands in mat-ters of government and administration for what America stands for, as no other nation on earth her has given an opportunity for all her critics

to say their worst. Her friendship for the United States among her best people is sincere. It greatest boon that has come to civilization all the earth at the opening of the twentipeace of the world. If by any untoward fluence, which may God prevent, there show be a break between the United States and Eng-land, it would endanger the peace and safet of both nations to an extent little realized by many thoughtful people. There may soon a questions in South America touching its ; nments. It is an open secret in high di circles of Europe that the test of Am ea's right to give advice as to South Americ matters may come in the near future. With t United States and England one that test of rever be a serious one; but with them divides the issues may be of a serious type much sooner than we think. Commencing with the twentieth century a committee of five will rule the world, America, England, Germany, Russia and France. God has given the unquestioned leader ship to the two English-speaking, Anglo-Saxor nations, one in language, one in liberty, in religion, one in civil justice and one in freedom of Let that unity stand, let it gre naturally as the best interests of lumanity quire that it should grow, not as a menace any other nation or people, but as the friend all nations and as the commander of the perand well-being of the world.

#### A SUFFERER'S CONFESSION.

I envy not the naboles gold, I seem the monarch's might: I covet not the right to hold A place in Fastrion's sight. Yet Satan bids me join his clan. One pitfall and I slip. I envy heartily the mar



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