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

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS. State. Congressmen at Large—GLENDA A. GROW, ROBERT H. FORDYCE, Auditor General—L. B. HARRISBERGER.

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Upon investigation The Tribune learns that the flag incident, reported in the West Side department of this paper Thursday, did an injustice to Division Superintendent Thomas Williams of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western mines, and Floydman J. A. Green, of the Continental mine of that company. We regret that these gentlemen have been placed in a false light in this community and call attention to the real facts in the case, which appear on Page 7, together with a statement made by Mr. Williams at the request of The Tribune.

Going It Blindly. THE VOTE of 225 by 25 by which the lower house of congress on Wednesday passed the Hepburn canal bill needs to be understood as an expression of the general public opinion favorable to a transisthmian canal rather than an example of intelligent law-making. There has been so much backing and hauling on the subject that congress doubtless thought it would use the goad, and it did so blindly.

The Hepburn bill in detail is ridiculous. It authorizes the president to acquire from Costa Rica and Nicaragua, for and in behalf of the United States, control of such portion of territory as may be necessary on which to excavate, construct and protect a canal of such depth and capacity as will be sufficient for the movements of ships of the greatest tonnage and draft now in use, and gives him blanket authority to pay whatever price is necessary. Then it puts into the hands of the president and secretary of war all details of the construction of the canal, giving them \$10,000,000 to begin with and authorizing contracts and expenditures not to exceed \$100,000,000. We call this ridiculous, for three reasons. First, it proposes, offhand and without any preliminaries, to violate a solemn treaty between this government and Great Britain in which we are pledged not to do, without England's consent, the very thing which the Hepburn bill proposes to do; second, it bluntly ignores the obligations we are under to foreign nations in general, of whom we have asked open door pledges and equal rights in public waterways, but to whom we are now to shut the proposed canal except on terms of discrimination; and third, because the last congress appointed a commission to investigate thoroughly the whole problem of actual canal construction in relation to time, place and cost, and common sense as well as common courtesy would require that this commission be given time to report before congress rushes into a lot of costly contracts, the effect of which no man can foresee. A fourth reason could be added in the fact that if the United States should finally want to purchase land of Costa Rica and Nicaragua the way to get it for a fair price would not be first to establish to the world the fact that we want and propose to get it regardless of price.

There is a right way and a wrong way to go at this canal problem and the wrong way is a good way to let alone.

A bill to add \$1,500,000 to the salaries of public school teachers in Greater New York, which Mayor Van Wyck vetoed, has been passed by the Republican legislature and approved by Governor Roosevelt. Tammany would sooner spend the money where there are more votes.

The Progress of Expansion. THE GROWTH in exportation of manufactures continues to be the most striking feature of the marvelous export trade of the United States, which in the nine months ending with March, 1900, according to a bulletin just issued by the treasury bureau of statistics, reached the unprecedented sum of \$1,633,820,680, and thus promises to be fully \$1,200,000,000 in the fiscal year which ends two months hence.

Of this large exportation more than 26 per cent was manufactures, against 26 per cent in the corresponding months of the fiscal year 1899 and 23 per cent during the same months of the fiscal year 1898. For the month of March alone the exports of manufactures amounted to \$44,767,120, which is far greater than the total for any preceding month in our history, that of March, 1899, being \$36,109,231; March, 1898, \$28,214,640; March, 1897, \$25,874,462; and for March, 1896, \$19,125,725, the exports of manufactures in March, 1900, being thus more than double those of March, 1896, only four years earlier. For the nine months ending with March, 1900, the exports of manufactures were \$113,378,668, against \$103,157,956 for the nine months ending with

March, 1896, the total for the entire period having thus nearly doubled in that time. For the full fiscal year it now seems probable that the total exports of manufactures will considerably exceed \$400,000,000, while the total for the fiscal year 1899 was \$338,675,568; for 1897, \$277,285,391, and for 1895 but \$183,595,745.

This increase is found in almost every important line of manufactures. Scientific instruments show an increase in the nine months in question of from \$2,071,758 to \$4,750,474; fibre manufactures increased from \$1,991,163 to \$3,049,957; chemicals, from \$7,959,218 to \$9,674,760; paraffine, from \$5,050,573 to \$6,874,653; agricultural implements, from \$6,632,538 to \$9,063,787; leather and manufactures of, from \$17,688,596 to \$26,723,432; copper, from \$26,644,957 to \$40,593,399, and iron and steel from \$67,212,695 to \$86,912,155. Thus iron and steel, despite the enormous advance in price and despite the predilection made when the increase began that this advance in price would reduce exports, continue to head the list of manufactures exported and will surpass by more than 20 million dollars the enormous figures of last year and show a total considerably greater than 100 million dollars for the year's export trade in that single line of manufacture.

Intelligent study of these figures and of the table of export growth in another column will explain why expansion has suddenly become the central issue of American politics and why, as usual, the Republican party is on the side of progress.

When man's achievements will cause the camera fiends to follow him with snap-shot intentions, there can be no question of his greatness.

Defects of American Manners. ONE WHO is described as "A Foreigner" is contributing to the New York Sun a number of entertaining views on American life, more especially minute details in which it differs from the life of the people in European cities. The time was when Americans resented these comments by foreigners, especially if they were uncomplimentary, but the nation has outgrown that period.

The Sun correspondent draws as his first indictment the irregularity with which Americans eat. "I make no doubt," says he, "that all American doctors would agree with their European colleagues that regularity in the mode of life is one of the most essential safeguards against illness, and should be observed by strong and weak, by man, woman and child. But what do I witness here? I meet people at hotels for their breakfast at 8, and the next day the same faces appear an hour, or even two later. The same occurs at luncheon and at dinner. A man of my acquaintance told me: 'Sometimes I lunch, sometimes I don't.' The same man tells me that many of his friends vary their hours of food just exactly as business compels or their theatergoing ladies desire. Not so with the working classes and see how robust they are. It stands to reason that irregularity of life must bring about irregular digestion which opens the door to 'dyspepsia.'" This criticism is certainly well founded so far as it affects frequenters of restaurants and hotels. It might be supplemented with a few remarks about the exceptional waste in the conventional American method of serving food at these public places of refreshment.

The second exception taken by the foreign critic relates to what he calls "the vice of ice." "Never in my life-long experience," says he, "have I witnessed a more insane habit than that of drinking iced water with every meal and drinking it in such unbounded quantities. Mark please, that I do not quarrel with the water, but only with the ice put into it; water at natural temperature at meals, although Dr. Schweigger condemns it, I do not object to, and often enjoy. What a witness here is that every waiter on serving a meal, first puts a glass of water before you, which contains large lumps of ice; the people sip a little or drink half of it and bang comes the waiter and fills the glass up again. I have actually observed people who during a meal have disposed of three tumblers, the waiter alternately filling up with ice or water. We all know that the primary element which keeps us alive is warmth; we therefore make it a custom and a very needful custom it is, of partaking at least twice a day of warm food. Why then put upon your stomach the needless trouble of correcting a glacial liquid which we pour down our throats in large quantities?"

The question is embarrassing. But it is no doubt the fore runner of many others of the same class as the Sun contributor's series of criticisms proceeds.

As it passed the senate the naval appropriation bill carries a total of \$63,128,616, an increase of \$2,241,000 over the house bill and \$15,628,657 more than the naval bill of last year. The senate bill preserves the features of the house bill relating to new ships and authorizes the purchase of five Holland submarine torpedo boats at \$175,000 apiece. It provides for the purchase of armor at \$45 a ton for the three battleships Maine, Ohio and Missouri now awaiting it, but stipulates that future contracts must be at \$45 a ton else Uncle Sam will go into the business of making his own armor. Inasmuch as the differences in conference will relate wholly to minor details, the country can now congratulate itself that so long a stride forward has been made in American naval development.

The Lebanon Report wants to know why The Tribune so highly esteems Charles Emory Smith. For one reason—we could give a thousand—because Mr. Smith in political discussion has always been a gentleman; because he does not preach one thing and practice another; because he is a man whom the longer you know the more you respect. We do not think that the word humbug has ever been formed on the lips of any man whose mind was contemplating intelligently the present accomplished postmaster general. The

THE SHAH OF PERSIA.



Muzaffer ed-Din, Shah of Persia, is on his way to the Paris Exposition where those who recall the former glighting progress of Persia's ruler through the Occident are prepared for the most gorgeous pageantry on record. The Shah travels in a style of unequalled splendor and wears all his diamonds, which are worth a king's ransom, wherever he goes. The political significance of the Shah's European trip is very great. Russia and England will vie with each other to do him honor, for his friendship or his enmity depends the safety of the Indian Empire.

Report has facilities of its own for ascertaining whether as much can also be said truthfully of former Postmaster General Wanamaker.

In his letter of censure to Captain Chadwick Secretary Long indirectly accused him of having been responsible for the publication in a magazine article of certain official dispatches. The magazine referred to was McClure's, and the publisher of it is Albert S. Ward. In writing that Captain Chadwick knew absolutely nothing of the article until he saw it in print and then tried to stop its circulation, but was too late, Secretary Long should inquire into this matter and if he has been imposed upon a second letter to Captain Chadwick will be in order.

At the close of the last fiscal year there were 2,617 railway mail routes, of a total length of 176,728.95 miles, over which the mail cars traveled that year 287,291,269.21 miles. The government paid for the railway postoffice cars \$4,175,724.86, and for the transportation of the mails \$31,942,150.88, or a total to the railroads of \$36,117,875.74, which was an average of 12 1/2 cents per mile for transportation and postal cars combined, or 1 1/2 cents a mile for the cars alone. It is clear that on such a volume of patronage Uncle Sam is entitled to a cheaper rate.

In March of last year collections at the port of Havana were less than \$900,000. In March, 1900, they were over \$1,000,000. These figures show a progress in business development in Cuba not to be misunderstood.

The American Medical Association is urging congress to pass a law making uniform regulation throughout the states of the practice of medicine. State regulation as at present is good enough.

Detroit was once the recognized headquarters for humor, but the Democratic dollar dinner is about the only funny thing reported from that city recently.

There is no good reason now why oleo should not in future be forced to keep off the grass butter territory.

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaechus, The Tribune Astrologer.

Attractive cast: 1:10 a. m., for Saturday, May 5, 1900.

A child born on this day will notice that the weather seems disposed to vindicate Professor Gale's. Many men who have much to say about women being slaves to fashion would rather have their spring overcoat hang upon one arm like a loose blanket than wear it these days. One prominent talent is often better than a variety of attainments. It is not known that Columbus ever discovered anything but America. Whether man has reached the age of reason can be determined by the manner in which he acts at a base ball game. It sometimes takes a pretty good article in the way of true genius to be unaffected by the ridicule or indifference of the cold world. Most men would prefer a small amount of the good things of life to the fame that comes after death. There will be no snow storms in May, but many candidates already know what it is to encounter a frost. Acquaintance will often disillusionize. Ajaechus' Advice. Remember that honesty is the best policy. If not successful for financial achievements, it will generally keep one out of jail.

WONDERFUL GROWTH IN EXPORTS.

The following table, compiled by the treasury bureau of statistics, shows the value of the principal articles of domestic manufacture exported during nine months ending with March, 1898, 1900 and 1900, and includes all articles whose total export in the nine months ending with March, 1900, exceeds 1,000,000.

Table with columns for Articles, 1898, 1899, 1900. Rows include Iron and steel, Mineral oil, Copper and mfrs., Leather and mfrs., Cotton mfrs., Agricultural mfrs., Chemicals, etc., Paper, mfrs. of, Silk, mfrs. of, Boots, mfrs. of, Socks, mfrs. of, Hosiery, mfrs. of, Musical instrns., Glassware, Soap, Paints, Brass.

IS NOT CAST DOWN.

W. E. Curtis in Chicago Record. Senator Quay takes his defeat philosophically, and there is no truth in the newspaper stories of his anger and anguish. He is a political philosopher, and while he was confident of securing a seat in the senate, he knew that the result would be so close that he was not surprised. He is not "seething" anybody; he has threatened no one; he talks freely and calmly about his defeat.

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PERSONALITIES.

Timothy L. Woodruff, lieutenant governor of New York, is one of the best amateur billiard players in that state and makes the game his chief recreation. Senator Hour has purchased, through a London agent, a first edition of Byron's "Child Harold's Pilgrimage." His collection of Byroniana is one of the finest in this country.

The Rev. Joshua Ticevorth, pastor of Plymouth Congregational church, Milwaukee, is reading a novel of his own production to his evening congregations. It is titled "The Gospel in the Story of a Young Man's Conversion."

The London Graphic says that Lord Roberts, notwithstanding statements to the contrary, is not at all likely to be created a duke. Only two men, Marlborough and Wellington, have ever been created dukes for achievements purely military.

Bishop Doane, of Albany, has been invited by the Archbishop of Canterbury and urged by the secretary of the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to preach the opening sermon in St. Paul's cathedral, London, at the bi-centennial of that society, which occurs in June.

Like Professor Agassiz, the late Congressman Bland, of Missouri, was "always too busy to make money." It is understood that the sole hope his widow has of properly caring for her family rests in the profits to be made on a book of his life, which is now being prepared. At the time of his death Mr. Bland owned a fruit farm, but several years will elapse before it can be made productive.



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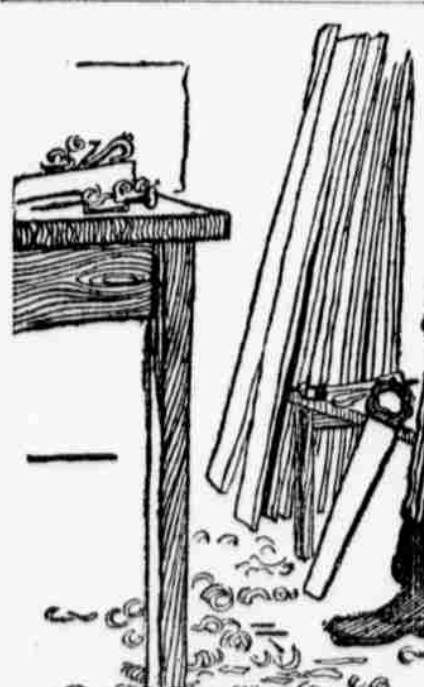
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