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An "open door in China" should be maintained at least long enough to enable the foreign residents to get out.

The Party on Expansion.

COMPILATION made by the Rochester Post-Express of the expansion planks from the platforms adopted by the important Republican state conven tions of 1990 shows that the president's treatment of this new issue receives not only the unanimous but also the enthusiastic support of his party in all sections of the country,

In California the continuance of the policy of the present administration is declared to be essential to the public welfare, Colorado Republicans repos implicit confidence in the ability of their party to solve with credit to itself and with satisfaction to every loyal and patriotic American every problem concerning the new dependencies. Connecticut Republicans believe that the glorious victories won by our brave soldiers and sallors were won in the cause of liberty, justice and peace and that the nation has acquired honorably and rightfully absolute title to the Islands won from Spain. Thes-Views reappear in different words in every other Republican state platform, together with this sentiment so well expressed in the lowa plank: "We favor the extension of self-government to all the people that have lately come under the protection of this country a: rapidly as they demonstrate their capacity to exercise it. We hold our authority over them to be a solemn trust, to be exercised with an eye single to their instruction, development and there is no dissenting voice. The the ory that expansion means exploitation finds no support among the twentytwo platform deliverances quoted in our contemporary's compilation. As it

"Those who examine these declarations will be impressed with the unanfmity and the vigor with which the policy of President McKinley is supported by the Republicans of the pation. In the dominant party in this country today there is substantially no difference of opinion. The Philippines must be retained; this country must govern the islands, and must give to the inhabitants thereof the blessings of civilization; they must be educated, they must be trained in self-government, and gradually they must have a share in government. The Democratic policy, on the other hand, the policy formulated by Mr. Bryan and set forth in the platforms of the many Democratic conventions, is quite different. That policy calls for 'Immediate declaration of the nation's purpose to give to the Fitipinos (1) a stable form of government, (2) independence and (3) protection from outside interference.' In other words, we must immediately turn the islands over to the savages that inhabit them and use our army and navy to see that no great nation interferes with them! This is a cowardly, flag-hauling policy, so dangerous to the Filipines and so full of menace to ourselves that this country will never adopt it."

President Steyn states that the Orange Free State is still the state of the free; but it is through no fault of

No Fooling with Misfits.

(From the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.) N APRIL, 18th, within thirty

days after his succession to the presidency, the death of William Henry Harrison opened the White House to John Tyler, who thereupon proceeded to wreck the hopes of the Whig party and to exhibit himself as the smallest man who up to that time had reached the presidency. In 1850, a little more than nine years later. death struck down General Zachary Taylor, after he had served but one year and four months of his term. Millard Fillmore took his place, and when he went out of it the Whig party had been destroyed. Fifteen years afterward and within six weeks of the beginning of his second term, the assassination of Abraham Lincoln caused the presidential office to devoive upon Andrew Johnson, who disgraced it as it had never been before, and as it has not been since, and who struck vindictively at the party which elected him to the vice-presidency. In 1881, or sixteen years afterward, assassination and Chester A. Arthur became his successor. He was not in sympathy with that. For a half century and more his predecessor's colleagues; his eleva- Russia has had a college at Peking.

ed president, he could not save his tries join, and the building of the party from the Democratic revolution n 1882, which opened the way for Cieveland in 1884.

From 1841 to 1881-four times within period of forty years-the vice-presilent of the United States has been called to the office from which he is separated by only a single life, and in very case in which he has been so called he has proved to be either inompetent or a source of disaster to his party or both. William McKinley is reported to be in excellent health; so also when elected were all the other presidents who died in office, and while there is every prospect that the president will live to serve out a second term, experience shows that it is the part of wisdom to keep in view the cossibility of a vacancy in his office when the one man who has the right to succeed him in such contingency s elected to the second place.

The delegates to the Republican naional convention should, therefore, hoose their vice-presidential candidate with this question uppermost in their minds: "Is this a man whom we would be willing to see in the White House if any misfortune should deprive the country of the services of William McKinley? Is he able, wellequipped, wise and faithful-a man who can be trusted by his party and respected by his country?" A little patriotic meditation over this thought will eliminate from further consideration the noodles and the money bags who have been figuring in the vicepresidential canvass. The vice-presiency may be a No. 2 office, but it, nevertheless, should be filled by a No. 1 nan, when we consider that as often on an average as once in every fifteen years since 1841 its occupant has been ummoned to the presidency.

Eight thousand Pina Indians in Ariona are starving through the action of white settlers who have diverted water until it has censed to flow in sufficient quantities to irrigate the crops on their reservation. The govrnment will distribute rations and in a few seasons transform the tribes that have heretofore supported themselves into lazy beggars. This is but ne of the many instances where the noble red man has been forced to take a step backward by the enterprise of the hustling white settler.

Occident Vs. Orient.

NE OF THE most careful stu dents in this country of the Chinese problem is ex-Governor Bookwalter of Ohio, also n authority on Russian affairs, and ve observe that in a recently published nterview he offers reasons for doubtng that the present internal troubles n China will result in an obliteration of Chinese nationality.

"In making any predictions as to

'hina's possible future you must," he ays, "always take into account the istory of this marvelous nation. For ,000 years now China has been a naion and has preserved her integrity s such, and has maintained her naional life. During that period she has een the birth, growth to maturity and lecay of every civilization in the vorld, Chaldean, Egyptian, Greek, Koman and a hundred other peoples lived their appointed time s nations and passed away, while hina, a nation before those periods n and pursued her appointed course. During this great cycle of years, China as faced crises that make the presnt outlook there seem trivial by comarison. The Tarturs under Grengis khan, Kubla Khan and Tamaran wice conquered her in war, and China ecame a Tartar possession; but hina, in the lapse of time, absorbed per conquerors and later emerged an ntegral nation and still holds fateully to her appointed destiny. The Hoxer riots find their predecessor in he great Tai-Ping rebellion, in which to less authority than Chmese Gordon places the loss of life at 18,000,000; and ty, peace and happiness. et, a few years after the rebellion vas over. China had wholly recovered

rom this tremendous blow. "In these 60 centuries of national ife the Chinese have become the most ixed and persistent type of humanity known to ethnologists. The Chinese are more homogeneous than any other copie. Take a Chinaman and let him ive 50 years among an allen people at the end of that time he is a China man still. He picks up no characterisies of the people he lives among; he loes not amalgamate with them. All other nations are new when compared with the Chinese. They constantly indergo change: China never does. faking these conditions into consid- arise hereafter. ration, I do not believe China will ose her national existence. An attempt may be made to control the internal government of China by some

o-called concert or agreement of the powers. In such case it would be well to remember that no matter what think she is, the everlasting fact 99 years China has had a vital living government that has afforded protection for one-third of the human race, and has that government today. I beleve she could be able to preserve own inherent strength (and the have outside assistance, in my opinion. Ethnological affinities must be counted on, and an attempted partition of China would draw together the orient and array it against the occident; and it looks to me as though, concealed beneath the surface of the present difficulty, there might be the

lizations of the east and west. "The uncertain problems in the Chi nese situation are Russia and Japan, and the former is a tremendously serious factor. Russia is quasi-oriental. and for that reason can better appreclate and understand the motives and ambitions of China, She and China claimed James A. Gardeld as its victim are friendly. Everyone conversant treasure. with eastern affairs acknowledges tion to the presidency caused the coun- where her young men have gone for try to pass through a long season of the sole purpose of receiving education distrust, and although he proved to in Chinese affairs. For nearly 5,000 ily support the administration in the

eginning of a war between the civi-

Trans-Caspian and Trans-Siberian railroads has brought the two nations into actual physical, commercial and political contact. It is, moreover, a vital necessity for Russia to guide China's national life so that it will be least harmful to her politically, and most helpful to her commercially. From this state of affairs, I deduct that when it comes to a show-down, if China's existence is threatened, Russia will call a hait. She will insist on the preservation of the empire and will guarantee the protection of foreign interests in China. If the other nations refuse this, then war will fol-

"In considering this situation it seems to me that there are four cardinal points to be remembered; first, China has the internal ability to preserve her national life; second, any attempt to partition China will probably be occidental, in which case any extraneous combination of the nations in interest will be on ethnological lines; third, politically the preservation of China as a nation is a necessity to Russia and she will fight,if necessary, to preserve it; fourth, that naturally Itussia, England and China should be friends and not enemies, and that an alliance between these three powers would put the orient on a firm and solid political foundation for centuries to come. While a war may take place first, I think in the end that there will be an alliance between these three

powers. There is, it seems to us, one other rossibility. A Russian guarantee of protection for foreign interests in China would have to be tested before its value could be known. That Russia will seek to control China in the end is undoubted, but what if, in doing so, she shall not satisfy the occidental nations as to the good faith of her observance of international pledges? Is the western or modern world to lay down while the Russian bear bestrides the orient like a colos-

Reports from Taku indicate that Russia and Japan are neck-and-neck in the rush to stake out claims in the Flowery Kingdom.

Webster Davis and his Boer resolutions have evidently failed to produce compaction at Philadelphia.

Mr. Magee, of Pittsburg, shows a lisposition to fight some of the Pennsylvania battles over again.

Republicans Favor National Expansion

tate Platform Planks Compiled by the Rochester Post-Express.

California-We heartily endorse the dministration of President McKinley as exemplifying the highest type of statesmarship, and justifying in every particular the confidence reposed in him by the American people. We declare ourselves in favor of the continuance of the policy of the present administration as essential to the public welfare and commend our president as meriting re-nomination and triumph-

Colorado-We commend the policy pursued by the Republican national ad-Cuba, and in the island of Porto Rico as wise, patriotic and humane, and we nation today, has inscrutably looked repose implicit confidence in the ability of the Republican party to solve every problem concerning these islands tion to every loyal and patriotic Amer-

Connecticut-We believe that the glorious victories won by our brave soldiers and sailors were won in the cause of liberty, justice and peace. We believe that the nation has honorably and rightfully acquired absolute title to distant islands of great strategic and commercial value. We believe that it is the high and sacred duty of the nation to secure to the people of those islands the blessings of liber-

Delaware-It is the duty of the nation to give good government to the Philippines with the largest share of self-rule that future conditions may seem to warrant and to regulate their commercial relations to the rest of the country so that substantial justice may be rendered.

Illinois-In endorsing and approving the policy and course of the administration and the legislation of congress thus far relating to our new possessions, we express our confidence in the ability of a Republican administration to deal with the complicated and important questions involved in any legislation for those islands which may

Indiana-The conflict with Spain was egun and carried on from humane and disinterested motives. The possession of the islands, which came to our hands as a result of that war, was which could not be avoided with honor China is or what the occidental people and safety. We cannot escape the responsibility resting upon us. Our first stares us in the face that for 6 .- duty is to establish the authority of the United States against armed resistance: then to replace military with civil administration. The guiding principle of our conduct in dealing with the people of those islands should be to promote their highest welfare that government by sheer force of her and we pledge the largest possible freestrength in the absolute passivity of ability for self-government shall be dethe oriental is incalculable); but in veloped and to use all proper means case of a proposed partition she would to advance their civilization and en-

> Iowa-We favor the extension of selfgovernment to all the people that have lately come under the protection of this country as rapidly as they demonstrate their capacity to exercise it. We hold our authority over them to be a solemn trust, to be exercised with an eye single to their instruction, development, and prosperity.

Kansas-The insurrection of Aguinaldo is kept alive by hopes of Democratic success, based on the false cry of imperialism. We condemn this unpatriotic policy as being responsible for the continued war in the Philippines with its cost of precious lives and

New Hampshire-We glory in the triumph of the Spanish war, both those on land and those on sea. We are proud of the splendid records of our naval and military heroes. We heartbe a moderate, careful and level-head- miles the boundaries of the two coun- annexation of Hawaii and in the ac-

quisition of Porto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines. The insurrection in the Philippines was a rebellion against the lawful authority of the United States, and we assert it is the duty of the president to subdue it. We condemn any encouragement given by American citizens to those bearing arms against our country. We intrust the future government of our new possesons to congress and the president, believing that they may lawfully control and govern them as they deem sest, and feeling assured that they will give the islands every measure of local

self-government for which they may

show themselves fitted. New Jersey-We commend and enlorse the present administration of national affairs, and give our highest approval to the course of William Me-Kinley, as exhibited not only in his able and courageous support of party principles, as defined at the time of his election, but also in the wisdom, patriotism and exalted statesmanship with which he has dealt with new and omplex problems of great national onsequence, which have since arisen.

New York-The insurrection in the Philippine islands has been overcome, Organized rebellion no longer exists and the establishment of American authority in all the islands is proceeding, to the contentment of their inhabitants. And throughout our new colonial dominion the guiding principle of the government in all its acts has een to render life and property secure, to preserve individual liberty and freelom of thought and action and to prepare the way for a local government, administered through local agencies, in which strength and ability should guaranteed in the popular respect for law and order.

Ohlo-The provisions of the treaty of Paris, which took from Spain her title o the Philippine Islands, and vested in the people of the United States unquestioned sovereignty over those islands, to be exercised for securing to the people thereof the blessings of liberty and law, opened for those people the only possible pathway of escape from oppression, and placed them on the road to progress in enlightenment and civilization. We approve the wisdom and humanity of the president in negotiating the treaty, of the senate in confirming it by a two-thirds majority, and of congress in appropriatng the sum of \$20,000,000 provided therein to be paid, by an almost unanimous vote. The sovereignty thus deliberately assumed by the conjoint action of the great treaty-making and law-making powers of the United States it was the duty of the executive to maintain, and we approve the vigor, the wisdom, and the success with which President McKinley has performed that duty, and the fortitude and heroism of the soldiers and sailors of the United States, through whom it was performed. That sovereignty must not be repudiated; and the high purpose of its origin must be accomplished in the establishment of peace and order, and the blessings of individual liberty among the people of the Philippine islands,

South Dakota-We unhesitatingly enlorse and approve the policy and ourse of the administration and the egislation by congress in respect to our newly acquired possessions and express full confidence in the wisdom, integrity and ability of the administration, supported by the Republican and also two representatives in congress. ongress, to deal wisely and justly with the questions concerning the same, as they may arise.

should manfully accept and shoulder the increased duties and reponsibilities that have come to it during the present administration, through he wish and free choice of the people Hawaiian islands, through the fortunes of war and as the glorious fruit of the heroic achievements of American sailors and soldiers in the island possessions that became ours by the erms of our treaty with Spain. ong as any of the inhabitants of any of these islands continue in acts of insurrection against the authority of the United States it is the duty of the government to quell such insurrection, and to establish there tranquility and

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ELECTIONS IN 1900.

From the New York Sen.

number, will choose presidential electors and numbers of congress on November 6, except Oregon, whose two congressmen were chosen on June 4. All the territories will elect delegates on the same day and the following state elec-tions will also be held in November: Colorado, to choose a successor to the present Democratic governor and Democratic-Populist

The present governor is a Republican, Delaware, a governor for four years in place of the Democratic incumbent. There is no lieutenant governor in Delaware.

Idaho, a state ticket for two years. Illinois, a state ticket for four years. The present Republican governor of Illinois is not andidate for re-election.
Indiana, a state ticket for four years.

Minnesota, a state ticket for two years. esent governor is a Populist and his accoiates in the administration are Republicans.

Missouri, a governor and other state officers
now divided between the Clark and the Daly actions of Democrats.

Nebraska, which has a Populist governor and

count governor and state officers, as well as soft branches of the legislature, will be voted

mitted to the voters.

North Dakota, in which a governor and state officers will be voted for.

officers will be chosen for a like period. Tennessee, in which a governor, treasurer and auditor will be voted for. There is no licutenant

Utah, in which a governor and state officers will be chosen. Utah has not had a state election since 1895.

ent administration there is Populist.

West Virginia, in which a governor and state officers will be elected for a like period. The

Wisconsin, in which a governor and state of floers will be elected.

The states in which there will be no general election for state officers this year are Maryland, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey and Virginia. The states which have already held their state elections are Rhode Island, which chose a gov-erner and state officers in April; Louisiana, which holds its state election in the same month, and

The states which are to hold elections this year in advance of the November contest for presidential electors are Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Maine and Vermont. Alabama chooses its governor and state officers in August, Ar-kansas chooses a governor and state officers in month before the general election. Maine elected a governor and other state officers (Maine has no lieutenant governor) on the second Monday in September. Vermont chooses in the same mouth, but a week earlier than Maine, a gov ernor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state and treasurer for the like term of two years,



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Massachusetts, a complete state ticket for one

Michigan, a state ticket for two years.

Populist Democratic state administration, will fill all these places, besides choosing legislators who will have the selection of two United States

North Carolina, in which a governor and all! state officers will be elected for the period of four years, and a constitutional amendment be sub-

Ohio, in which a secretary of state will be the highest official voted for. Pennsylvania, in which two congressmen-at-large will be chosen. South Carolina, in which a complete state ticket will be elected for two years. South Dakota, in which a governor and state

Texas, in which a whole state ticket will be

Washington, in which a governor and state of-ficers will be elected for four years. The pres-

sent administration of West Virginia is Re-

Oregon, which voted in June.

September. Georgia, in compliance with an old political custom, chooses its governor and state officers on the first Wednesday of October, a



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