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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

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Legislative.

First District—THOMAS J. REYNOLDS, Second District—JOHN SCHUELER, JR., Third District—EDWARD JAMES JR., Fourth District—F. A. PHILBIN.

Colonel Bryan announces that he is disassociated with the Republican platform.

We fear that as a critic he is not disinterested enough to count.

The Situation in China.

AS THE actual problem in China increases, it is interesting to notice that the theoretical problem diminishes. The actual problem consists of getting enough war-making machinery into the danger centers to rescue imperiled foreigners and avert hideous destruction of life and property.

The keeps the powers so busy that the earlier speculation concerning the theoretical problem as to what Russia had concealed up her sleeve or as to how soon Japan would release against Russia the carefully poised and surcharged thunderbolt which was to involve the globe in a world-wide war, has in a measure subsided.

No doubt there is a lot of selfishness and covetous intent smoldering in the inner offices of the European diplomats and some of it also at Tokio; but for the present the work of coping with the Chinese Boxers is all-engrossing.

Nor do we longer hear complaint that the government at Washington is inactive or that it does not know what to do. It has done just what it should have done: it has sent all the ships and all the men that it could spare, under hurry orders from the Philippines to the Chinese treaty ports, and it has told the ranking American navy officer who is at the scene of the trouble to do whatever he finds necessary to be done in the protection of American persons and interests.

If the men and ships now there or under orders to get there are insufficient, more will be forthcoming. Uncle Sam does not intend to tolerate any nonsense.

Here the case rests pending the receipt of fresh information. The situation is serious, but nothing is to be gained from worrying over remote contingencies, such, for example, as a world-war.

Senator Platt's Fears.

NOW THAT Roosevelt is slated to get out of Albany soon, Senator Platt is beginning to show his fangs. Roosevelt's steadiest friend at Philadelphia was General Greene. He did all he could to protect Roosevelt against the draft and it had been announced that he would be chosen to succeed Lemuel Ely Quigg as chairman of the Republican committee of New York county, a position for which he was urged by Governor Roosevelt, Senator Platt assenting. The idea in making this selection was that the elements of the party and thus swell the vote of the presidential campaign. But since Thursday a change has come over the spirit of Senator Platt's dreams. Here is what the New York Sun, which has been called Mr. Platt's personal mouthpiece, had to say in its issue of yesterday on the subject of Platt and Greene:

Senator Platt said last night that he was chiefly interested at the moment in ascertaining just what the Republicans of New York county thought of General Francis Vinton Greene, who, it is known, had been slated for president of the New York county committee to succeed Mr. Quigg. Senator Platt said that he was rather inclined to be friendly to General Greene, and yet he did not understand General Greene's conduct, he said, at Philadelphia, in discussing national affairs particularly the nomination for vice-president, without consulting with the Republicans of the organization of the state of New York. In fact, Senator Platt in his conversation last night was rather inclined at times to be critical about General Greene. He said that he believed that General Greene should not have taken so active a part in advising Governor Roosevelt not to take the nomination for vice-president. "General Greene," continued Senator Platt, "might have remembered that the Republicans of the state of New York were quite as interested in the future of Governor Roosevelt as he is. I have nothing unkind to say of General Greene. Nevertheless, the most influential leaders in the Republican party in New York county are to have a talk with me on Tuesday night. You newspaper men would call it a conference. Call it what you please. There's nothing unkind in my heart against General Greene, but still at this conference the industrial Republican county leaders will advise as to the availability of General Greene for president of the New York county committee to succeed Mr. Quigg."

The versions of Senator Platt's remarks given in the other New York newspapers are substantially to the same effect, only the senator is credited with much sharper comments upon General Greene. For example, the

Herald quotes Platt as having said: "There is opposition to General Greene because of his attitude on the vice-presidential question at Philadelphia. He wanted the position himself and urged Governor Roosevelt very strongly to get out of the race." Now as a matter of fact, General Greene had not the slightest desire for the vice-presidency; he has recently declined proffers of political place far more desirable. His attitude at Philadelphia in the matter of Colonel Roosevelt's candidacy was prompted wholly by a sense of personal friendship for the governor of New York, and it will be interesting to observe whether Roosevelt will effluently acquiesce in Platt's obvious scheme to discipline Greene or whether he will accept the Platt gauntlet thus thrown down and give the country another evidence of his ability to fight.

Philadelphia estimates that the convention brought 200,000 visitors and \$1,000,000 of outsiders' money into their midst. It was high water mark for Quaker City enterprise.

American Patience.

FORTY-NINE days ago the 2500 men employed by the street car company which controls the rapid transit of St. Louis went on strike because of a difference as to wages and conditions of employment. Since then, in direct consequence, 13 persons have been killed and 150 injured, exclusive of three women stripped naked by mobs for riding on the cars; the loss of the strikers in wages has exceeded \$320,000; the loss of the company in fares has exceeded \$120,000; the loss to the company for extra employes, guards, detectives, etc., has been \$600,000; the direct cost to the city has been \$300,000, and the loss to the business interests of St. Louis is estimated at \$25,000,000.

The company is now operating regularly every car that it owns. It has induced about 300 of its old employes to resume work as non-union men and has imported 3,000 other men from other cities. But this has been done at extraordinary expense and most of the cars, it is reported, are empty. A St. Louis letter in the New York Herald says: "The company is losing a very large sum every day under the boycott, which is daily growing more serious. Not one person in ten thousand will dare ride direct into the northern and southern sections of St. Louis. Not half a hundred legitimate fares have been collected on the north and south lines since traffic was opened. The boycott extends to every person who patronizes or associates with anybody who rides on a car, who works for anybody who rides on a car, or who is related to anybody who rides on a car."

A condition of affairs like this is out of place in free America and there ought to be ways and means to put a stop to it. When will public opinion demand the reference of all such differences to a court of arbitration and make acceptance of the award of such a tribunal compulsory upon both parties to the litigation?

"Trusts," says Richard Croker, "have been made possible and have been fostered by Republican legislation. They are creatures of Republicanism." How about the tea trust?

How Platforms Are Made.

DISSATISFACTION with the language used in expressing some of the ideas in the Philadelphia platform and with the non-use of other language is indicated by a number of leading Republican journals. The Philadelphia Press, for instance, calls the platform "rambling, verbose and incomplete," and it upholds Congressman Grosvenor in his assertion that through some hocus pocus on the part of the platform sub-committee, and more especially owing to the irrepressible modesty of the New York member of that sub-committee, Hon. Lemuel Ely Quigg, who assayed to edit the draft of the platform which had received at Washington the president's approval, a most important plank, declaratory of the highest policy, disappeared in transit. The suppressed paragraph was as follows:

"We reassert the principle which was the watershed of the Republican party in its first great battle, of which Abraham Lincoln was the illustrious champion, and on which he was elected president, that congress has full legislative power over territory belonging to the United States, subject only to the fundamental safeguards of liberty, justice and personal rights."

General Grosvenor says that "this plank, straightforward, intelligent and written in good English, agreed upon first by the president himself, and afterward by the sub-committee, was delivered out by a driveller from New York, who had charge of that branch of the work. Upon the greatest question of the hour, upon the question about which the Republicans in congress fought and won, the driveller performed this act."

Mr. Quigg, the "driveller" referred to, says he acted in good faith under instructions from the sub-committee and defends the omission on the ground that the whole question is now pending before the United States Supreme court. In this he is sustained by Senator Fairbanks, the chairman of the platform committee. Nevertheless, the Press says: "The suppression of this declaration without making the fact known in any other manner than in an inaudible report was a gross imposition if not a fraud upon the convention. If it had been known that the committee had omitted this essential Republican principle in reference to our possessions the convention would have inserted it over the heads of the committee. It was seriously proposed to do so next day, when the grave omission was discovered, but the knowledge that the president could and would cure this defect, as well as give vitality, directness and force to the intention of the platform made it seem hardly worth while to bring the platform a second time before the convention."

And the New York Tribune, with equal emphasis, asserts: "Nobody but a driveller would have dreamed of such petting as an attempt to suppress this constitutional question in the campaign. It is so, and the Republican party must see it squarely, accept the responsibility for its acts and educate people to understand the tremendous importance, while doing our duty to the

with Shanhaiwan, which is already in railway connection with Peking. The demand for American goods at this treaty port and the country adjacent to it is shown by the following extract from the report of Walter Lay, commissioner of customs at that point, written in 1898: "The rapidly increasing English drills have been disappearing may be seen by noting that the importation only four years ago amounted to 80,000 pieces, while during the period under review only 2,000 pieces arrived. The predominant position secured by American drills and sheetings is now one of sheer supremacy. The value of these two items aggregated \$1,250,000 hankwan taels—that is, not far short from half of the gross value of all foreign articles coastwise. Cotton yarn did not recede from an advanced position assumed in the previous year, for the falling off of the Indian yarn was neutralized by the increase in Japanese yarn. The insular character of the trade in woolen goods continues. The most striking feature in the category of sundries is the overwhelming importation of kerosene oil, in which trade the supremacy of American brands is exceedingly pronounced, for the large importation of 205,000 gallons in 1898, as compared with the 201,000 gallons for the credit of the period under review. The net value of the imports, which is practically the same as the large figure of the previous year, was \$1,000,000. The value of the exports of trade equivalent to that year, with reference to the leading articles, native cloth, medicines, pig iron, green tea and prepared tobacco have risen, while the value of the exports of raw cotton yarn, manufactured by Chinese mills, advanced from 600 hankwan taels to 77,888 hankwan taels."

AS TO CONVENTION REPORTS.

A Man Who Knows How.

The Scranton Tribune was represented at the National convention, Philadelphia, by its city editor, Mr. James P. Mitchell, whose dispatches to his paper during the convention week were marked by judicious, literary ability and above all by a clear and comprehensive anticipation of the trend of events. Mr. Mitchell never lost sight of the fact that the Rough Rider would be ultimately elected; that Colonel Roosevelt would resignly submit to the overwhelming voice of the convention. Mr. Mitchell in the interests of the Tribune abroad is a graphic and conscientious reporter; at home he is one of the ablest and most indefatigable workers in the editorial rooms of the Scranton daily newspapers.

Covered Every Phase.

The Scranton Tribune was represented at the convention by its capable city editor, Mr. James P. Mitchell. His daily reports of the convention were easily the most readable of any printed in the Scranton papers, possessing, as they did, a flavor and appeal particularly to the people of this section. And, by the way, it is only just to say that The Tribune's reports, generally, were surprisingly good. The progressive management of that paper evidently understood the public desire and catered to it in true metropolitan fashion. Its issues for the past week admirably covered every phase of the convention.

THE OPTIMISTIC VIEW.

However great the present destruction of American property may be in China and however poignant may be our anxiety over the loss of life that may have occurred, the just and philosophical statesman will regard these events as to be regarded as things that are simply the beginning of the end of the confusion that has prevailed in China for years and the inauguration, on a solid basis of peace and prosperity for the kingdom and the security and advancement of all moral and financial interests represented there. Whatever happens, China will eventually be pacified. Civilized nations will exercise sympathy and control is necessary for order in the principal portions of the empire. The concessions that have heretofore been granted by the Chinese government will be things, not shadows. The real government of China to modern trade will occur, and whatever be the part taken by the armies or navies of our own country in the difficulties attendant upon the process, there cannot be the slightest doubt that enormous value will be harvested from it by American merchants and manufacturers. Indeed, it is not too much to say that our country will be the chief beneficiary of the Pacific coast will experience an expansion of business such as was never before dreamed of. Already supplying the great bulk of the cotton fabrics used in China, our mills will find ready and profitable markets in great quantities, and all American mercantile interests will have no less a share in the enormous business that will be done.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY AT A GLANCE.

Born at Niles, O., Jan. 29, 1849. Educated at Poland Academy. First occupation, school teacher. Elected in June, 1896, in Company E, Twenty-third Ohio Volunteers. Won first distinction at Antietam. Last important battle, Cedar Creek. Most noted with distinction as a major. Admitted to the bar in 1867. First office, district attorney of Stark county, Ohio. Fourteen years in congress. Author of the McKinley tariff bill. Four years governor of Ohio. Elected president in November, 1896. Height, five feet eight inches. Weight, one hundred and eighty-two pounds. Complexion, dark; hair, once black, now gray. Abstemious habits, but smokes occasionally. Sanguine temperment, but of a delicate manner. Religion, Methodist Episcopal. Married, but has no living children. Favorite reading, history and economics. Does not read novels. Likes light airs and ballads. Favorite dress, black frock coat and black bow necktie.

You should have seen Wu, the Chinese minister the other day at the convention after the close of the session.

He wandered about the grounds and the people gazed at him glaucly. Who would't? He wore a yellow jacket of glorious sheen—Li Hung's must be a beauty to surpass it—and innumerable medals and things strung around his neck and up and down his neck by water and by a railway line. Another complete railway line runs northward to the Shanhai Kwan, and an elaborate railway system is projected southward from this point through the province of Shantung and Kiangsu to connect Tien Tsin with Shanghai. In addition to these, the Grand canal, the most important of the great artificial waterways of the world, for centuries connected Tien Tsin with the Yangtze-Kiang and Shanghai.

Its population is in round numbers 3,000,000 and its imports, which in 1898 were less than 25,000,000 hankwan taels, having this year nearly doubled during the decade. The commissioner of customs, Mr. Alfred Hipsley, writing in 1898 of the 1897 trade, said that the importance of American trade at that port, and adds that it is the only trade which increased in 1898 over that of 1897, saying that American goods had especially increased in imports during the year, while the cotton goods from other countries were showing a decrease. Another interesting fact is that the American goods at that port, the railway line recently built to connect Tien Tsin with Peking is already proving extremely popular with the Chinese. On this subject he says: "It is a wonderful fact that the Chinese, despite their reputed conservatism, adapt themselves to a new environment and make the most of increased transportation facilities offered them. Already Peking has sent 100,000 tons of goods to Tien Tsin, and Peking is similarly supplied with southern fruit, and traffic generally developed so rapidly that it soon became necessary to double track the line." Consul Bland, of the same port, says that Tien Tsin ranks in commercial importance next to Shanghai and Canton, and in a report to the state department says: "Tien Tsin, by its geographical position, is the point of accumulation and distribution of all merchandise destined for the United States or intended for consumption in the northern provinces of China. Direct shipment from the United States to Tien Tsin are impracticable, it being in all cases more advantageous to ship to Shanghai or Hong Kong, and then trans-ship to the steamers of light draft that ply between those ports and Tien Tsin."

Chiefso is considered an extremely important treaty port by reason of the constant and growing demand for American goods at that port.

It is located on the Gulf of Pechili, comparatively near Tien Tsin, but nearer to the British port, Waihaiwei, and its importance to American interests is increased by the fact that it is reported to the state department, in which he says: "It is satisfactory to see that during the six months under review the following American goods show a general increase: Cotton goods, 15,214 pieces; sheetings, 111,040 pieces; kerosene oil, 949,050 gallons. It is worthy of note that of the thirty-six classes of foreign merchandise showing a gain in the imports, twenty-seven were imported from gold standard countries and only nine from Asia or silver standard countries; this in spite of the enhanced value of the United States dollar in silver. Of the twenty-two classes of foreign merchandise that show a decline eight are imports from gold standard countries and fourteen from silver standard countries."

Newchwang, while a comparatively small city of but 60,000 population, is of especial importance to the United States as a treaty port. It is located at the extreme north of the Gulf of Pechili, considerably farther north than Tien Tsin, and it is of especial importance to the United States because of the demand for goods from that port. The American goods generally are in great demand in the province of Shantung, of which Newchwang is the treaty port and most important city, and goods reach the interior by the Hsueh river, which is navigable nearly to the northern border of the province. The proposed Russian railway line, which is now under construction, will provide a direct line of Shinkiang Port, passes near Newchwang, and is to be connected by a short line. Another, a British line, will connect Newchwang

In Woman's Realm

THE EVERHART matter recalls many memories connected with the family whose two representatives are now the objects of so much sympathy. The solitary man in his desolate home—the son in his prison cell. Any other more beautiful than the devotion that existed between Mr. Everhart and his dead wife during her life-time would be difficult to picture. She was the very "eyes of him," the blessing of his home. The day she died he said to the writer: "The light of my heart has gone out. In these years since she has been here I never knew her to be anything but sweet and gracious and gentle. She never had a fretful look for me, nor a look that wasn't loving and kind." He recalls her faithful, earnest service in the charities of the city. As vice president of the Young Women's Christian association she gave up the hours most women have for leisure in the work of the kingdom and the welfare of the human race. 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