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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

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The traveling public will heartily endorse the remarks of Judge Archibald in reference to the Abington turnpike. Its interest in the matter is to have the road put and kept in fit condition for use.

Good Roads and the Trolley. A NEW PLAN to secure a complete system of good roads in Pennsylvania, starting from the county seats and radiating in various directions, has been formulated by Arthur Kirk, a Pittsburg enthusiast upon the subject.

As drafted for presentation to the next legislature, Mr. Kirk's bill is exceedingly voluminous, comprising 40 sections. It provides for the state office of chief engineer of highways, salary \$5,000 a year, the occupant to be supreme over all details in his department, and to name a chief highway engineer in every county, salary \$300 a month.

That Porto Rican Tariff. IMMEDIATELY after the enactment of the fifteen per cent tariff law for Porto Rico, when a great ado was being made by the Democrats as a matter of politics, and by some Republicans under a misconception of the actual facts, over the imaginary betrayal of national faith, the New York Sun despatched to Porto Rico a trusted representative to make a thorough study of the conditions on that island and to report what he found.

Winnie Wakefield, of Maine, has spoken to no one but his mother in 28 years, and only a few words in that instance. It is possible that Winnie may become a 16 to 1 orator this fall in honor of Chaussey Black.

erence to populous and fertile counties where the rural inhabitants are amply able to sustain first class country roads, with or without the trolley; this connection is made to meet the necessity; and a point to be noted is that such counties as a rule are already plentifully supplied with trolley companies, rendering doubtful the organization of new ones.

One thing is certain. The United States will do its best to protect its citizens and its interests in China, with foreign help if possible, but without it if necessary. The bickerings of the powers annoy but should not deter the government at Washington from performing its whole duty to the utmost limit of its ability.

There is no doubt that all of these leading strings would be very helpful to the experiment of a free Cuba, and would, as a matter of fact, present the only probability of that experiment terminating successfully.

Frankly, we do not see any means of escape from the Cuban dilemma but to let go at a certain time, absolutely, coupling our retirement with a declaration of intention to protect to the utmost every American interest in the island or connected with it in consequence of the Monroe doctrine.

European representatives at Tientsin act as though they would rather have every white resident of Peking murdered than to admit that a mistake had been made at the beginning of hostilities.

Citizens of Pike county contemplate offering a bounty for rattlesnake skins in order, if possible, to rid the locality of the dangerous reptile. But for the presence of rattlesnakes in numbers almost beyond computation by the snake story correspondent, Pike county would be the most delightful summer resort in the land.

Hon. Chaussey Black states that Mr. Wannamaker and Mr. Quay both favor his ideas of a constitutional convention for ballot reform. Where experts agree laymen have little excuse for differing.

A few days at furthest ought to decide whether Wu Ting Fang or the yellow newspapers can furnish the most reliable war news.

tax that her own people pay, but she gets also the tariff tax that the American people pay on her productions. But further than this, many articles taxed under the Dingley law are absolutely exempt in Porto Rico. These are articles of universal use, articles of food chiefly, such as flour, codfish, rice, beans and salted meats.

Such in brief is the much abused and much denounced Porto Rican tariff bill. This bill is operating, according to the officials, with a minimum of hardship. The only complaints that are made about the tariff generally relate to the imposition of a duty on two articles of food. One is rice and the other is codfish.

The American codfish is better than the Canadian codfish for them because it is cured differently. The Canadian codfish is kiln-cured while the American is sun-cured. The kiln-cured fish lasts in the tropical climate much longer than the sun-cured. The Porto Ricans think that in the matter of codfish they should be permitted to get what they are used to having without paying any duty on it.

Every quintal of coffee, that is, every 100 pounds, exported from the country had to pay an export tax of \$1.50. The coffee production of the island made up six-tenths of the total production. Every 100 pounds of tobacco had to pay a duty of \$1 if it was exported.

Every 100 pounds of tobacco had to pay a duty of \$1 if it was exported. If manufactured into cigars it had to pay \$1.12 a thousand and if manufactured into cigars it had to pay \$1.68 a thousand. Wood was another export of the island and that had to pay a duty of 15 cents for each 100 kilograms.

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Meanwhile South Carolina that cast 68,075 votes in the last presidential election, has as many senators and representatives in the congress of the United States as California, that cast 278,064; as many as Kansas, that cast 253,134; and as many as Minnesota, that cast 241,044.

Two books are announced for early publication by the Baker & Taylor Co. which ought to be widely welcomed. One, by Dr. Josiah Strong, author of "Our Country," is entitled "Expansion Under New World Conditions."

SIR ROBERT HART, BART.



This brilliant English director of the Chinese imperial maritime customs, to which post he was appointed in 1855, was offered the assistance of Prince Ching and other influential mandarins, but refused to abandon his countrymen in Peking, and is reported massacred.

Some Imperialism Very Near Home

It was Benjamin R. Tillman, popularly known as "Pitchfork" Tillman, the major senator from South Carolina, who read the platform to the national Democratic convention at Kansas City and moved its adoption.

South Carolina is one of the three states in the American Union in which the colored people outnumber the whites, the others being Louisiana and Mississippi. In 1880 there were 27,000 negroes than whites in South Carolina.

Tillman, one of the roughest demagogues in the United States today and one of the most dangerous men in public life, not only took an active part in the robbery and disfranchisement of the negro, but he actually had the audacity to brag of his crimes, even going so far as to boast that he was a "good" man.

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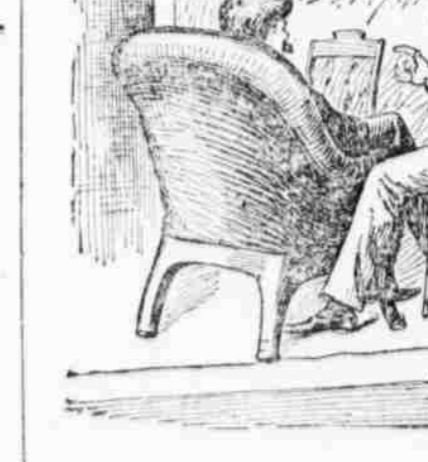
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