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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

State.

Governor-S. W. PENNYPACKER. Lieutenant Governor-W. M. BROWN. Secretary of Internal Affairs-ISAAC B. BROWN. Legislative.

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The workingman's friend by deed as well as word-William Connell.

The Foremost Consideration.

HE QUESTION of competency should take precedence of prejudice or political retalla-

tion in the selection of a congressman. Competency includes experience, personal acquaintance and influence among the leaders of congressional action, and that expertness in dealing with large affairs which comes through a long, varied and successful business career. For more than half a century William Connell has been in course of training for the public trust

which he occupies at Washington and which his opponents, for wholly personal reasons, propose should be taken panded Fourth, which also must be away from him. That training has established as a success. Independence covered every phase of human experience, from poverty and hard daily toil throughout a stretch of domain almost up, step by step, to a position of eminence. Its quality is unsurpassed for fitting those who undergo it for practical mastery of the affairs of life.

The government at Washington is a business institution which handles near- tively compact territory, the descendly a billion dollars a year. This handling is done chiefly in congress. It is limits of human possibility, for men of congress which has the say as to what different race and speech in far-off the money shall be used for and how islands near another mainland, so that much shall be used. In a sense con- Liberty shall enlighten the world by gress is like a board of directors or an distributed example as well as by volexecutive committee. The men servin upon this great national board or committee should be, and William Connell is, qualified by business training and made the Fourth. The other expands experience to administer the immense it. That expansion, in our judgment, obligation intelligently, economically has merely begun, and successfully. This has been shown so clearly that it is not questioned in any quarter. Those who oppose his return simply say that they don't like him, or that they have scores to settle with him. We submit that this offers a narrow basis for an appeal to the people, especially to voters who are more concerned that the county shall be acceptably and efficiently represented at the national capital than that individual resentments should prevail.

he must necessarily deal. Mr. McKinindorse and sustain him overwheimingley was that kind of politician himself. ly. We match this prediction against Mr. Roosevelt is not and never will be the Inquirer's and await the verdict. Had McKinley lived, it is difficult to believe that Cuban reciprocity would The Democratic congressional camhave been beaten or delayed in the senpalgn committee has reconsidered its

dition of his success and retention in

An Expanded Fourth.

upon an erroneous foundation. It pos-

sibly is true that the character of the

commemoration is changing with the

years. There is noticeably less of the

and wisdom called our nation into be-

ing was primarily selfish. They had

been forced by conditions and original-

simply had to make their new experi-

have been the return of the very evils

which provoked the Revolution. No

doubt among the founders were some

far-seeing men who looked forward

with the mind's eye to a time in the

evolution of human institutions when

the doctrine of democratic republican-

ism would be worked out so successfully as to invite its widespread accep-

tance among the nations. But primarily

They succeeded and cannot be over-

praised. But in consequence of a sim-

ilar necessity we have today an ex-

paddling their own canoe.

ficance of the anniversary.

AMENT is sometimes express-

ed that the celebration of

out. We think that it rests

the white house.

ate. He had a way of winning over first intention of distributing widely Democratic as well as Republican sen-Senator Hoar's recent speech on the ators, of all kinds and degrees, and was Philippine question. Dewey did it. always several votes stronger than his The reported discovery of a snake party. On the contrary, Roosevelt has

shown no strength among the Demowith whiskers in New Jersey will surcratic members of the senate and has prize no one. The whiskers upon New not been able to hold together the Jersey snake stories have been appar-Republican membership. The senate ent to the public a long time. broncho has bucked and scored the first fall. The president must remount and According to Senator Quay there is conquer. That is the unavoidable con-

"no pressing need" for a meeting between him and Governor Stone. Times have charged since a year and a half

Good congressmen in most other districts are continued without opposition. And many of the orators today pro That not being possible in Lackawanna pose to demonstrate that all the elos this trip, do the next best thing and quence of the land did not find vent in the recent sessions of congress.

It is announced that the Delaward peach crop is all right. The bulletins in reference to J. Edward Addicks, however, are somewhat nebulous. Independence Day is dying president's determination t The

abolish hand-shaking at Pittsburg is wise enough to be made permanent. Disconsolate weather prophets will

spread-eagle instinct on this occasion please remember that it did not rain on than was formerly in evidence. Noise St. Swithin's day. and swagger have decreased. But it does not follow that these changes in-It is probable that the Union party dicate a waning interest in the signis bigger in print than at the polls.

On the contrary, one of the benefits Nature should certainly do someof the recent acquisition of territory hing for that Niobe habit. and responsibility will be an intensi-

fication of interest in the true meaning THE MISFORTUNE OF A CHANGE of the Fourth of July. The proposition of the forefathers whose courage

From the Olyphant Record. One of the noblest citizens of Pennsyl-vania is Hon. William Connell, of Scranon, who since 1897 has represented this district in congress. On account of the illness and death of his estimable wife ly against their will into a separation from the mother country, and they he has not given much attention of late to his renomination, which he certainly deserves at the hands of the constituency ment a success. The alternative would he has so faithfully served. Having come up from the people, he is a man of the people, with an established business ability and probity commanding the respect and confidence of all who have dealing with him. Generous hearted to the poor n sympathy with all classes, thoroughly devoted to the building up of all interests for the benefit of this valley and its sur-rounding communities, accessible to all who need his help, he is the man of all others to be continued in the position he has filled with so much credit to himself and honor to the people he represents. It would be a misfortune to this county the forefathers had as their actuating prompting the immediate necessity of

which it would take years to overcome, to make a change at the present time in our congressman. As a rule, it will be found that the districts longest served by one man, so long as he fills the bill, are the best served. A man must be in congress for some time in order to become the most valuable to the district and consti-

tuency he represents. If he belongs to Day today gains commemoration the dominant party of the house, his years of experience and prominent posiequivalent to half the circumference of tion attained, give him a vantage ground which only years can obtain. Having the globe and including the physical this vantage ground in our present con-

stituency than any new man.

variations of three zones. What the gressman, we cannot think the people de-sire to throw it all away, and start with fathers did for a little knot of homogeneous people inhabiting a comparaall the impediments which would conront a new man, particularly when there is no necessity for it. Congressman Conants have undertaken to do, within the nell has done well for his district. He has accomplished by appropriations, by has accomplished by appropriations, by appointments, by pensions, by other favors for this section, achievements which deserve not only the lasting gratitude, but also the trustworthy honor of the citi-zens of Lackawanna county. He is a recognized and influential member of conuminous precept.

'smart' and essential to success in work as well as in play. It is an inquitous game and ought to be abolished. Nothing could be more foreign to American ideas. The man who isbelled it our typical na-tional game ought to be shot. I never hear it referred to by that term without wanting to shoot him." This ended the argument.

FIRE DIDN'T WORRY HER.

A spark from a locomotive on the Cy-press Hills branch of the Brooklyn Ele-vated railroad set fire yesterday to the roof of a small two-story frame house at the corner of Fulton street and Euclid avenue. The house is occupied by Ber-nard Donohue, sexton of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, near by, who lives there with his daughter. When the firemen dashed up and into the house they were astonished to find Miss Dono-

hue at a wash tub in the kitchen, calm-ly scrubbing away at the family linen. "Hey, dontcher know ther house is afire?" yelled one of the firemen. "Sure," returned Miss Donohue in a

tone of deep annoyance, dashing the suds from her hands and looking around with a frown at the firemen. "What of it?"

a frown at the firemen. "What of it?" "Why, you'd better get out, that's all," said the astonished fireman. "Say, don't you be coming in here and bothering me," commanded Miss Dono-hue with some indignation. "The fire's on the roof, isn't it? Well, get up there and put it out. It doesn't worry me any. The old roof catches fire from a spark about once a week I've soit a heavy about once a week. I've got a heavy washing to do, so get out and leave me alone."

The amazed firemen ascended to the roof and put out the fire, which caused

As they were clattering away with their engines they looked back to see the calm and indifferent Miss Donohue, her mouth filled with clothes pins, at work hanging out the family wash on the line. -New York Times.

THE GRAND OLD MAN.

Citizens and voters, with me you will agree: . Vote for the good and grand old man-

Give him victory. Faithful in the past he's been.

In future him we'll try. On primary day our votes will say, Good-bye, John Farr, good-bye. Citizens and voters, do the best you can; Rally round the standard of The

Grand Old Man.

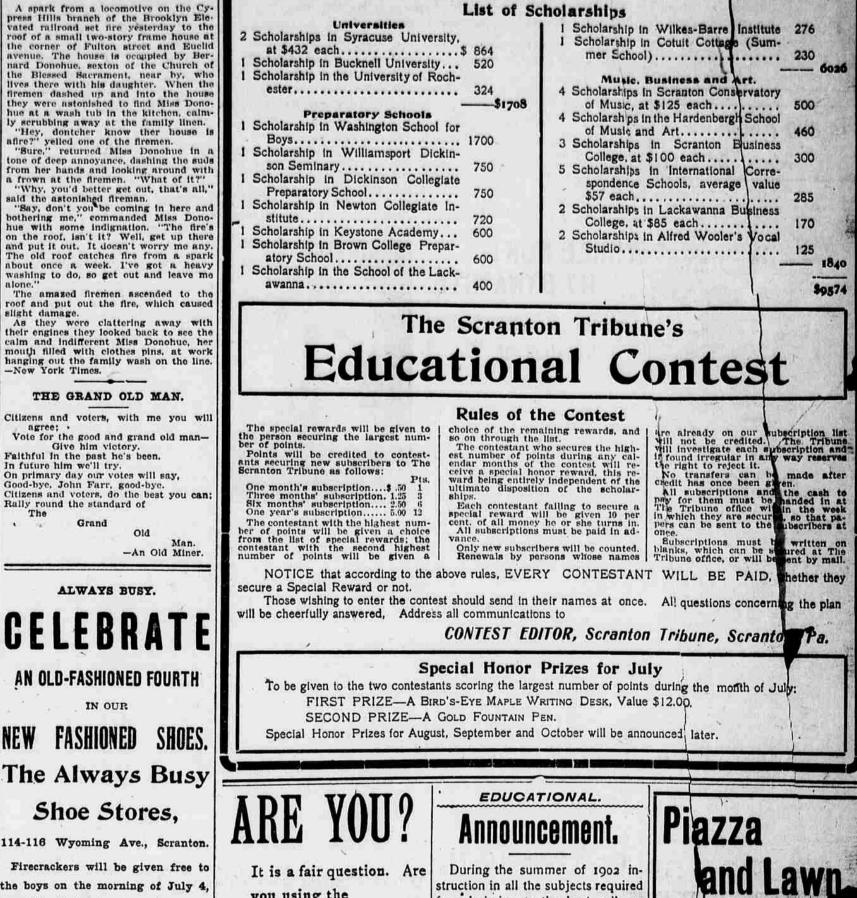
-An Old Miner.

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Ten Months of Roosevelt.

HE ADJOURNMENT of congress suggests not only reviews of its work, but also

study of the record which the president has made in the ten months that he has occupied the executive office. Harper's Weekly this week goes into this subject somewhat exhaustively and reaches what impress us as just conclusions.

In that journal's opinion, the most obvious accomplishment of President Roosevelt to date has been the re-establishment of the merit system in the civil service. This is a pet theme with the Weekly and that it should be pleased with what the executive has done in the matter is cause for congratulation. Others are not so keenly interested; but all must agree that a high standard of personal fitness has been exacted from successful applicants for federal office, and so far as this represents civil service reform the president is entitled to generous credit.

On the personal side there is no quespaign. tion of the president's sincerity and dedication to high purposes; neither can there be any doubt as to his personal popularity among the people. We concur with the Weekly in the view that of Americans now in public life Mr. Roosevelt is the most widely popular. The feeling of admiration which in error. In circles where we have heard he inspires by reason of his strong and striking personal traits has a warmth dissent among Republicans from the very unusual and in some cases is not position that the president and the Refar removed from idolatry. Yet, much publican majority which stood with him was right, and that the few Republias we may admire the man, the president, to justify retention in office, must cans who opposed him and temporarily nullified his efforts to redeem the pledge spow capacity for producing results. He must not only possess high ideals, of his distinguished predecessor to the

aroblems, he must not only think right should Cuba's new government sucand start right, but end right; he must cessfully weather the storm occasioned carry his party with him. It is in this aspect of his adminis-

trailon that Theodore Roosevelt is yet under present tariff conditions, there

The task of the sons is not less honorable than the task of the fathers. One of his life, having been so positively and prominently identified with its industrial, commercial, social and religious life, h is in touch with its conditions, needs and

wants and he is in a position to have all Judging from reports of proceedings, those wants recognized. It behooves every citizen who believes in the return the mission of the Pennsylvania Bar association at its recent meetings seems of Hon. William Connell to congress, to attend the primaries on Tuesday next, July 5th, and vote for the one man most to have been to show up the Supreme court. Appellate courts, like obstinate deserving of the honor, the one man who In the past has rendered such splendid jurors, are natural targets. service to all this region and the man

Competing Predictions.

OST comments upon the work of the recent session of congresss, appear-

ing in Republican publi-From Harper's Weekly. cations, while commendatory of the large amount of good legislation en-

acted, express regret and in some instances sharp indignation at the failure of the bill to grant reciprocity to Cuba. The Philadelphia Inquirer is an exception. Treating of this topic, it realize into what a whirl of history-mak says:

Cub

ing our latter days have been plunged. Two wars of magnitude have been begun It is being said in some directions that and ended: the colonial empire of a once the people will resent the fallure of the powerful nation has gone down into the dust; the colonial empire of a great reciprocity bill, but the chances are that those who make that assertion Anglo-Saxon people has been welded do not themselves believe it. They know better, They know that the subject is trengthened, and increased; a great and enlightened queen has died; a great and one upon which the prevailing feeling is ulightened president has been struck one of profound indifference. They know that many Americans are indignant at lown by an assassin's hand; great disoveries in science and wonderful strides the pertinacity with which the Cuban n surgery have been made; vast indus-rial enterprises have been born and claim for assistance has been pressed. They are aware that the argument about brought to a successful though early maits being the duty of the United States to buy Cuban sugar and tobacco, and about turity; disasters unparalleled have occurred upon sea and land, and where once this country having been false to its oba smiling city nestled among the soft ver-dure of a tropical hill-side now stands a l'gations in declining to adapt its tariff to Cuban needs without regard to its own smoking wilderness, with naught of life left to tell of that which used to be. The industrics, has aroused a keen resent-ment. They understand that the Cuban reciprocity bill had no real strength either reader of today does not need to rum-mage through his Pliny or his Plutare in congress or before the country, that it was only sustained and pushed along by the influence of the administration, and his chapters of Revolutionary days, his chronicles of happenings to kings and other rulers, his stories of Newton, Ga-lileo, and of Jenner, in search of pas-sages to stir his soul. His daily newsthat its perfunctory indorsement by a few state conventions is attributable to the same cause. They don't really be-lieve that the alleged distress of Cuba can be made an issue in the next cam-nates. lileo, paper for four years past has given him these things in great abundance, and whether it has been of the woes of Pelee, From a party standpoint, viewing

the horrors of Peking, the naval victories of Santiago and of Manila, the privations simply the effect of the fall elections of war in Transvaal or Philippines, that he reads from these flying pages of jour-nalism, he will find nothing in all the upon the voting strength of the Republican representation in the next congress, printed pages of the historians to surwe should not be sorry to witness the pass them. It has been a wonderful per-lod, fit in interest at least to bring one fulfilment of the Inquirer's prediction. But we think that our contemporary is century to a close and to start another upon its cycle

the matter discussed we have found no PIERPONT MORGAN ON POKER.

From Harper's Weekly. While idling upon the deck of an ocean steamship recently, the attention of a group of voyagers, comprising several prominent Americans and two English baronets, was directed to the fact that no less than a dozen passengers were decply engrossed in books relating to but also the power to shape events. In a position of unsurpassed difficulty having to deal with the most vexing the subject; and it is probable that tion as to whether it would retain, by virtue of inherent worth, its present ex-traordinary popularity. The most interby the apparent inability of Cuban pro-duction to secure a profitable market under present tariff conditions, there tration that Theodore Roosevelt is yet in the experimental stage. Harper's Weekly frankly recognizes that what he needs most is the daily advice of a sagacious politician—not as to what he should do, for the president's prompt-ings are quite invariably sound, but as to how he can best do it, taking due ac-count of the human factors with whom



