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An election of a congressman is a federal election and the ballots cast at it, in the event of a contest, belong within the custody of the federal courts.

The Labor Ticket.

IN NOMINATING Rev. Thomas R. R. Watkins for recorder the labor convention made in all probability the most politic choice open to it.

If Republicans wish to make a hopeful fight in a three-cornered campaign they must get together. They will not stand the ghost of a show unless they shall bury factionalism and press forward shoulder to shoulder.

As we said on Tuesday, we consider the nomination of a labor ticket a mistake both from the standpoint of labor and from that of the city and its best interests.

A vice-presidential boom for Congressman Charles B. Landis, of Indiana, is being incubated by his Washington friends, who are legion.

The Next Attorney General.

ANNOUNCEMENT has been made that Allegheny county is to get the attorney generalship and that William B. Rodgers, the author of the "ripper" bill, is to be the man.

Mr. Rodgers is an experienced and effective lawyer, a man of books and of affairs, and a Republican of sterling worth.

President Castro is beginning to talk though he imagined himself the author of the Monroe doctrine.

An Englishman's Views.

THE ADDRESS of Alfred Mosely before the Civic Federation in New York, the other day, was a most able and level-headed one.

We hear a great deal of restriction of output, boycott, unions, free labor, etc. Restriction of output is, to my mind, a fallacy the world over. It cannot be encouraged; it cannot be permitted; it does not think the intelligent workmen of any part of the world encourage it.

I myself am a union man, I am in favor of unions. But while I favor unions, I do not favor all that trade unionism does. There must be a perfect right for a man to join a union without intimidation.

Trusts have been very much abused in this country from the standpoint of those who I do not think have sufficiently looked into the proposition. Personally, I do not view trusts with any distrust.

Whatever the beauties of the Crawford primary theory, its practice here is to make sore that election day does not heal. Hence the importance of trying to avoid the risks of an embittered primary if in any manner there can be a tacit agreement among the aspirants.

At a recent meeting of the American Commercial Union of Europe is the establishment of an American brewery in Ghent, reported to the state department by United States Consul Mowbray.

The basis upon which Secretary Hay and the charge d'affaires of Colombia, Mr. Harran, are now negotiating a canal treaty has been announced. The question of sovereignty will be solved without violence to the Colombian constitution by giving the United States a lease for a hundred years to the territory required for the canal.

One of the needs of Alaska is for a cable connection with the United States. At present the only means of communication by telegraph is over the lines owned by the Canadian government.

A change which has been made in the curriculum of West Point military academy reflects the spirit of the times. The time formerly given to pure mathematics and philosophy has been reduced in order that increased attention may be accorded to Spanish, English, military hygiene, chemistry and electricity.

One of the important benefits to be expected from the enactment of the new militia bill now pending in the Senate is the possibility of organizing in the seacoast states a National guard force of heavy artillerymen to handle the coast defense in case of trouble.

ment whatever regular force proved then available and thus constitute a reserve of very important value to the country. It is to be hoped that congress will give this phase of the subject due attention.

Japan seems to have delicately insinuated, against the appointment of Mr. Barrett as minister, that the royal court of Tokio is not desirous of entertaining what it pleases to consider a cheap man.

Bank deposits in Porto Rico are two millions and a half, in Hawaii, nearly five millions, and in the Philippines, over eighteen millions. We'll wager there'll be interesting comparisons ten years hence.

Monroe county offers only ten dollars for the capture of an escaped prisoner who had been confined in the Stroudsburg jail.

There is a disposition on the part of the government to settle the Philippine currency question without the aid of "Coin's" financial text book.

REPUBLICANISM IS PROGRESS.

For The Tribune by Walter J. Ballard. Our sales to Canada have increased right along since 1875, when the Dominion made her first tariff preferential of 12 1/2 per cent. in favor of Great Britain.

For the seven years prior to 1888, our sales ran from 20 to 54 millions, and Great Britain's from 21 to 42 millions. American quality and American prices fill the bill, in spite of tariff preferentials or family preferences, all the time.

In 1889 the imports of the Philippines were little over \$100,000 and the exports were \$150,000. In 1900 the imports went up to \$25,000,000 and exports to \$22,000,000.

The United States treasury now holds the largest amount of gold ever in the treasury of any nation at any one time, \$610,919,622.

Republican policies create prosperity. Prosperity creates increased home demand, leaving us less goods to export, and causing us to import more. If we do not export we have the goods. Where is the individual loss, other than the profit on the portion we fail to export?

The Rock Island statement for October shows some imposing figures, the net earnings being \$2,250,000 and the gross for the first four months of the fiscal year are at the rate of \$8,000,000 a year, leaving a balance after charges and preferred dividend equal to over 25 per cent. applicable to dividend on common stock.

Estimating the population of the United States at 79,800,000, the money now in circulation being \$1,200,000,000, the average capita, the largest of any country in the world.

A notable instance of the American commercial invasion of Europe is the establishment of an American brewery in Ghent, reported to the state department by United States Consul Mowbray.

The Democrats have revised "Learn to Labor and to Wait" and it now reads "Learn to Work Labor while you wait."

Why the Audience Laughed. At a recent entertainment recently a conjurer had an experience which was highly comical, though quite disastrous from a professional point of view.

This little arrangement he had left to his confederate to carry out. He proceeded to draw the bird from the bag, but what was his surprise on finding that the alleged hen was an old rooster, which strutted about the stage with ruffled feathers and offended dignity.

That plenty but reproaches me (Which leaves my brother bare, Not wholly glad my heart can be While his is bowed in care.)

Almighty! Thou who Father be Of him, of me, of all, Draw us together, him and me, That whichever ever fall, The other's strength decline No task of sorrow that his lot May claim from son of Thine.

I would be fed, I would be clad, I would be housed and dry, But if so my heart is sad— What benefit have I? Best, he whose shoulders best endure The load that brings relief, And best shall be his joy secure Who shares that joy with grief.

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Advertisement for Lewis & Reilly shoes. Includes images of ladies' dress slippers, women's slippers, and children's slippers. Text: "Ladies' Over Gaiters and Leggings, all wool. Nice gift at modern prices, Women's \$1.00, Child's 65c, Misses' 75c. Ladies' Vassar, Full Dress Slippers and Oxford, \$2.50 to \$3.00."

All our Footwear as well as our Rubbers and Boots comes direct from the factories to your feet, therefore you easily save one-fourth. We deliver your goods to all parts of the city at any reasonable time.

Advertisement for Lewis & Reilly shoes. Includes images of ladies' felt Romeo slippers and gentlemen's Hamlet slippers. Text: "Ladies' Felt Romeo Slippers, plain and fur trimmed, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Fine Vici Kid Romeo Slippers, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00. Gentlemen's Hamlet Slippers, made in Velour Calf and Vici Kid, worth \$2.50, OUR XMAS GIFT PRICE \$1.75."

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