

AS to the cause of the Maine disaster everybody is, thus far, precisely where Moses was when the light went out.

THE Nation's honor is safe in the hands of the men the nation has chosen to guard and protect it.

THE prudential measures of Congress seem to have had a quieting effect on the Spanish jingoes. Firmness and peace are often synonymous.

"FOR United States Senator, Mr. S. Quay," will be placed on the ballots to be voted at the Republican primary election to be held in Blair county Saturday.

THE anxiety of certain parties to name the successor of late County Auditor Silas H. Lichty is now apparent. What a fortunate escape from "combine" dictation!

THE Cumberland County Convention on the 8th instant elected three delegates to the Republican State Convention. The Wananaker people had but 35 out of 153 votes in the convention.

PRESIDENT McKinley made a handsome contribution to the fund for the relief of the Maine's wounded and the families of the Maine's dead. Evidently Mr. McKinley believes in quick charity.

SPAIN is evidently doing a little sober second thinking, and the general situation is less threatening than it was a few days ago. If Mr. Sylvester Seccol can somehow be held back we may not have a war after all.

AN exploded falsehood about the Dingley law is the charge that it was framed in the interest of the sugar trust. Within six months after the passage of the law the sugar stock quotation declined from 150 to 125.

AT the beginning of the nineteenth century Spain controlled more territory in the Western Hemisphere than did any other country. From present indications, the beginning of the twentieth century will find her without a scrap.

THE spirit of Sheriff Martin and his deputies is in conformity with the anti-rail laws of the State. If the defense had not clearly shown that the mob fired upon by the deputies was armed and riotous, a conviction must have followed.

THE State Convention of the Prohibition party will be held in the Opera House at Harrisburg, Thursday and Friday, May 19 and 20, to nominate candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of Internal Affairs, two Congressmen at Large, and a Judge of the Supreme Court.

THERE will be no fight at the Allegheny county primaries, to be held on April 23, on delegates to the Republican State Convention, an agreement having been entered into by which W. A. Stone is to have 12 of the 28 delegates, and the remainder are conceded to the Magee-Flinn people.

THE report of the Senate committee on civil service and retirement, pursuant to instructions of the Senate, which required an investigation into the operation of the civil service law, submitted last week, recommends that deputy collectors in the internal revenue service be excluded from the classified service.

THE Secretaries of War and the Navy appear to have been doing some exceedingly good work in the past few weeks. The announcement is made that our coast defenses are all right, and that as soon as the ammunition is ready we shall have everything useful in case of trouble. Let us hope that there will not be any trouble, but, if it comes, it is well to be prepared.

BORN W. A. Stone and C. W. Stone have notified the chairman of the Blair County Republican Committee not to print their names on the ballots for the primary election on the 19th inst. This means that the five delegates from Blair county will go to the State Convention unopposed, and to whom they shall support for the nomination for Governor.

THE candidate for Governor who enters the contest with no purpose to win, says the result of the State Convention, says the Untowtown Standard, has no business to be in the field for favors at the hands of that convention, he has name Wananaker, Stone, Widener, or anything else. The people are in no mood to take up any man's personal grievances and use a great political party for the purpose of satisfying private ends.

THERE is grave apprehension among some Populicist editors in this State, says the Harrisburg Telegraph, that the Republicans will not be able to find a candidate for Governor, and they have unselfishly set about selecting one for their political enemies. If they will possess their souls in patience until the first week in June the Republicans will produce a candidate for Governor who will be inaugurated next January with great eclat, as they say in Greater New York.

FROM present indications, there will be no less than five State tickets in the field in Pennsylvania this fall. The Silver, or Bryan Democrats, and the Sound Money Democrats will each have a ticket; then there will be the two Independent tickets, one headed by John Wananaker, and the other by Dr. Swallow; but the ticket that will down the old money, and which the Wananaker and Swallow tickets will be nominated by the Republicans at their convention on the second day of June.

WADE HAMPTON says he did not say that the North should do the fighting in case of war between the United States and Spain. What he did say was that the North was better prepared to do the fighting than the South, but that the South would do its share. From the indications on the floor of Congress during the debate on the \$50,000,000 appropriation bill we should judge that the South would take a very lively hand in any fight in which the country might become involved. The Southern Congressmen certainly stood up for the President and patriots.

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