

CAPITAL invested in farming in this country is estimated at \$16,000,000. These are actual dollars, and not figures of the trust variety.

TOLSON JONES is reported to be a candidate for the United States Senate. His golden rule appears to be to run for all the big offices in sight.

IN VIEW of the eccentricities usually associated with the fair sex, the wonder is that Ladyship has not fallen into hysterics by this time.

IF NORMAN is to be Bryan's stage manager in the coming campaign, the Maryland idea of silence on silver will be the keynote of operations.

THE Democratic State Committee will meet at Harrisburg on Wednesday of next week to decide upon the date for holding the State Convention.

REV. SILAS SWALLOW is contemplating being a candidate this year for State Senator in the Dauphin District. Just on what ticket he will run is not stated.

IF ALL the Somersetites who are for expansion and against silver keep away from the polls this year the Democratic vote of the Southern States will be the lightest ever known.

FOUR years ago McKinley said it would be better to open the mills than the mills. Both ran full time last year, and not a dollar worth less than 100c was handled by either.

IN December, 1898, there was a treasury deficit of \$499,000, and in December, 1899, a surplus of \$7,413,890. A Republican administration can keep ahead with a war on its hands.

EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND is opposed to a colonial policy. Having recovered the forty yards of flannel handkerchiefs from his lame foot, Mr. Cleveland has apparently resumed his natural gait.

ENGLAND is organizing a corps of "gentlemen" to go to the relief of the yearning in the East. The yearning is not a Governor who unquestionably received a plurality of votes.

THE Democratic Baltimore Sun wars its party that the Gaelic operations in Kentucky will return as a plague. It announces as a revolutionary effort to unseat a Governor who unquestionably received a plurality of votes.

SENATOR DEWEY'S speech on the Philippines proved him to be an earnest believer in American policy. His personal observations in the Philippines convinced him that the policy of the Administration has been right and broad-minded as well as just.

REPRESENTATION in the next State Convention, which opens in Harrisburg on April 25th, will be based on the Presidential vote of 1896, and will give Somerset county three delegates. A number of aspirants for the honor are already talking the matter of their candidacy over with their friends.

GRANDPA HOAR may be a trifle off on the Filipino question, but he is all right on the admission of Senator Quay to the Governor's certificate of appointment, and his minority report to the Senate from the Committee on Privileges and Elections will be a convincing one.

EX-SENATOR and ex-State Chairman Thomas V. Cooper has announced his intention of being a candidate for the Republican nomination for Assemblyman in Delaware county to succeed Representative Baldwin, who may represent his constituents in voting against the Republican caucus nominee for United States Senator during the sittings of the last Legislature.

You may have noticed that the delegates from Philadelphia to the National Republican Convention are all friends of Senator Quay, says the Harrisburg Telegraph. That is the kind of delegates that will be elected in almost all of the districts in the State. It may as well be understood that the friends of Senator Quay are on top in this State, and they propose to remain there.

THE Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections is expected to submit its report in the Quay case to the Senate to-day. The majority report will be signed by two Democrats, one Republican and one Republican, Burrows, of Silchester, while the minority report will be signed by Messrs. Hoar, Chandler, Pritchard and Spooner, all Republicans. It is expected that an agreement will be reached that the time each day until a vote is taken will be divided between the Quay case and the Currency Reform bill. The debate may last ten days or two weeks, after which Senator Quay's friends feel confident that he will be seated by a decisive vote of the Senate.

THE great nations have been having bad luck in their wars against "inferior races" recently. Italy got badly beaten by the Abyssinians two or three years ago, England has met several reverses in its fight with the Boers in the past few weeks, and now France has been badly beaten in a battle with the Chinese. The United States has fared better than any of the other countries in its conflict with inferior peoples. It has beaten the Filipinos in every fight it has had with them, and has scattered them to such an extent that they are now in the islands in now of the guerrilla order entirely. Uncle Sam is a lucky individual, but he makes a good deal of his luck himself.

THE Republicans of Philadelphia, in electing an almost solid delegation of stalwarts to represent them in the coming State Convention, have set a very lively pace for their brethren throughout the State. In a large majority of the counties without much difficulty. Three-fourths of the delegates will be elected within the next six days, and it will be interesting to watch county after county give to the Insurgents, hoppers, kickers and disgruntled opponents of majority rule, and the "red-down" and "blue-top" Republicans, who are adherents of party organization and the right of the majority to govern, to represent them in the nominating convention. The year just closed was a bad one for Insurgents, but the present year promises to be much worse.

THE CASE OF QUAY.

From the Chicago Inter-Ocean.

In spite of all the clamor and intrigue, the case of Matthew S. Quay will be before the United States Senate on its next session in a decisive form. The report of the Senate committee on Privileges and Elections is not conclusive. It is not even indicative of the sentiment of the Senate. Mr. Burrows, of Michigan, two Democrats and a Populist have joined in a decisive vote. Mr. Quay on the appointment of the Governor of Pennsylvania. Senators Chandler, Hoar and McComas will present a minority report to him. That is the whole situation at present.

The issue is a constitutional one, and it is significant that Senator Hoar, the best constitutional lawyer in the Senate, is strongly in favor of Senator Quay. It can not be said that Mr. Hoar is given evidence by party feeling. He has given evidence within the last two years that he will not yield his convictions, though his party suffer and his own name be injured. His position is that of a constitutional lawyer. He is supported in this position by the best lawyers among the Democratic and Republican members of the Senate.

A disreputable attempt has been made to carry into the Senate the persecution of Mr. Quay, which was carried into the courts of Pennsylvania against all traditions of fairness and decency, against the plain provisions of the statutes, and against the judgment of the best lawyers in the State. The object of this persecution in the courts of Pennsylvania was to prevent the re-election of Senator Quay by the Legislature. On the latest pretense a baseless lawsuit was kept before the courts until the Legislature adjourned, when the whole case against Mr. Quay was dropped. The Legislature adjourned that the prosecutors and persecutors of Senator Quay were without evidence, and that they had failed utterly to influence the people of Pennsylvania against the people of the State. It was clear that a political trick had been used to rob the State of representation in the Senate. There was instant reaction against the persecution of Mr. Quay. As the Legislature failed to elect a Senator, the Governor appointed Mr. Quay. If the Governor had a right to appoint Mr. Quay is entitled to his seat, and the attempts to revive the conspiracy should not confuse the people nor delude the United States Senate from the lawful course of action.

The indignation of Senator Hoar over the petition sent to him asking him to resign against Senator Quay because the signers of the petition believed that Mr. Quay is not a proper person for Senator is fully justified, and there is no doubt his indignation is shared by every man who has a proper sense of the dignity and honor of the Senate. The mugwump press throughout the United States has lost sight of the only issue at stake, and, taking up the cry of the conspirators, is inducing the Senate to take up the case of the court prosecution that failed; of the controversy in the Legislature based on charges that were thrown out of the court.

Mr. Quay stands before the Senate to-day insisting upon his claim to a seat. Behind him are the ablest constitutional lawyers of the Senate. His claim will be presented on its merits and argued on its merits. It is to be hoped that it also will be decided on its merits, and not in deference to the anarchic clamor of spiteful mugwumps or discredited party plotters.

Dr. Schaefer and the School Fund. Ex-Assemblyman C. Tyson Katz, of Norristown, recently addressed a letter to Dr. Schaefer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, asking him on what basis he proposed to distribute the school appropriation for the year beginning on the first Monday of June next.

The following is Dr. Schaefer's answer, January 9, 1900.

Hon. C. Tyson Katz, Norristown, Pa.: Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your letter of recent date asking what policy the Superintendent of Public Instruction will pursue in the distribution of the annual school appropriation. It is my duty to give you the opinion of the Superintendent of Public Instruction as prescribed by law, and it is my intention to administer my duties in this and every other respect as the law requires.

The Legislature at the last session passed an appropriation of \$5,000,000 annually. The Governor approved the appropriation in the sum of \$5,000,000 and distributed it as follows: \$1,000,000 to the State; \$1,000,000 to the counties; \$1,000,000 to the cities; \$1,000,000 to the school districts; and \$1,000,000 to the State Normal School. It is my duty to determine all disputed questions of this character.

Very respectfully yours, (Signed) N. C. SCHAEFER, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

It is said that Mr. Katz is after this decision of Superintendent Schaefer for the purpose of making a test case in the courts to establish his right to the school appropriation from the original sum approved by the Legislature.

A Standard Amusement Newspaper. Reducing in its widening circulation and increasing advertising patronage the prosperity that marks the opening of the new year, The Pittsburgh Times more than ever impress upon its readers the excellence of its high standard and the success of its efforts to make a model paper for the individual and for the family. The Times is a newspaper superior to any other in its class. It is a newspaper that pays no expense to cover its cost, but is published every day, and its current page of history may be complete, and in its longer range of overlooking nothing that occurs at home. It is clean, dignified and reliable, certain that no lack of confidence can be made up in the newspaper. It is a newspaper that is filled with whole-some instruction and entertainment. The news, the Times is recognized as the best type of a concise, crisp and complete newspaper, and among newspaper men it is the publication with which comparisons of excellence are made. While the Times is Republican in politics, it realizes that others have a right to be on earth, and that politics are not everything. When one cent a day will buy a morning paper it is foolish to be without one. The Times is three dollars a year or six cents a week, and is worth the money.

No Clue to the Alabama Judge's Assassination. FLORENCE, Ala., January 11.—There is no evidence as to the murderer of Judge McClure, of Lauderdale county, on Tuesday night, by shooting him from behind. Nothing was known of the murderer until yesterday morning, when a servant found the body on the ground.

More than a year ago Roland McFarland, a young editor here, took occasion to assail in his newspaper the habits, morals, and official character of Judge McClure. One right he was denying on the sidewalk, with his skull crushed in. McFarland's family, who are prominent people, and perhaps half of the citizens of Florence, charged Judge McClure on without cause. The judge was indicted by the Legislature investigating committee, which had been given the money by State Senator Whiteside, who testified to-day against Clark.

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IS A STREET RAILWAY FRANCHISE INCORPORATED?

A Proposition Alleged to Have Been Made for the Sale of the Highland Inn to the National Government.

"BAT OUT OF THE TRAP."

It is not improbable that the anxiety exhibited by Mr. W. A. Scott, of Pittsburgh, to grab three of the most important streets of this town without the formality of setting the owners of the streets knowing anything about it until after an ordinance conveying them to him and his associates had passed council, will appear from a careful perusal of the following articles from the Pittsburgh Courier (Commercial-Gazette) of last Wednesday.

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