

New Jersey's Republican plurality is 23,918, against 8455 in 1898, an example of the expansive influence of expansion.

Our first duty is to pledge in Cuba to give the island a stable government. And Uncle Sam's ways lives up to his agreements.

This question in Kentucky is whether the state is to be run by a majority of voters or by a conspirator armed with a trick election law contrived by himself.

GREAT activity in gold production continues. Official reports indicate that the 1899 production of the yellow metal in Australasia will be at least \$17,000,000 greater than that of last year.

The year 1899 will go down as a record one in industrial history, especially as relates to substantial and widespread advances in wages, and a general increase and activity in employment.

THAT the beef trust is not getting the whole thing is shown by the statement appearing in Bradstreet's last week, that "Three-year-old Texas shorthorn cattle sold for \$6.75 at Chicago stock-yards Monday, which is the highest price paid for Texas cattle since 1892."

Of the nineteen Vice Presidents of the Anti-Imperial League elected in Boston fifteen are prominent Democrats or Mugwumps and almost the entire number opposed the war with Spain. They have a chronic habit of turning up against the government on every public question.

THE gavel with which Speaker Henderson called the Fifty-sixth Congress to order is made of wood from the Spanish cruiser Reina Christina, captured by Admiral Dewey at Manila. It is artistically carved, heavily mounted in gold and was presented to Speaker Henderson by the Governor of Iowa.

J. P. V. GRIDLEY, of Erie, Pa., son of the late Captain Charles Gridley, who commanded Admiral Dewey's flagship, Olympia, in the battle of Manila has been designated for appointment as a lieutenant in the Marine corps. His examination expenses have been borne jointly by President McKinley and Admiral George Dewey.

EVERY American citizen who has read anything on the subject of the Alaskan boundary dispute believes that the United States should hold onto every foot of ground to which she is entitled. There is not a dissenting voice to this proposition. And yet some years ago there were a lot of people in the country who opposed and fought the Alaska purchase and accused the Government of idleness, if not criminality, on account of it. The case has a strong parallel at the present time.

ANOTHER ten per cent. advance in wages of the New England mill operatives is announced. Notices of an advance of ten per cent. in the wages of the Borden Iron Mills, to take effect December 4, were posted on Thanksgiving morning, and those familiar with the situation in manufacturing circles of New England say that this advance by the Borden mills, in which nearly 3,000 persons are employed, will result in a similar advance in establishments employing fully 100,000 persons.

THE President's message was delayed one day in its transmission to Congress, on account of the adjournment of the Senate immediately after its organization out of respect to the memory of the late Vice President Hobart, hence we are unable to lay this important and highly interesting document before our readers today. We hope to be able to do so next week, however. Everybody is anxious to see what the President has to say on the momentous questions now before the American people.

An evidence of the increasing interest which the United States has a right to feel in the Pacific is found in the fact that practically one-half of our enormous sugar imports of the present year came from the Pacific, including Hawaii, the Philippines, and the East Indies, while nearly one-half of the remainder came from Cuba and Porto Rico. From the Philippine Islands the amount for the ten months ending with October is over 50,000,000 pounds; from the Hawaiian Islands, 534,000,000 pounds; from the East Indies, over 1,000,000,000 pounds; and from Cuba 653,000,000 pounds.

"THE time has passed for the people of the United States to discuss the question of what is to be done with the Philippines. We drove out the Spaniards who had been the governing power nearly 40 years. For us to withdraw would leave a condition of anarchy, and foreigners who own property in the country would have certainly a strong moral claim against the United States for their losses. Americans will find this an excellent field for their energies and the wealth-producing powers of these islands under American influence will be great."—Letter from General Joe Wheeler in the Philippines.

TWO COMMITTEES of Pennsylvania Republicans have been appointed to foster the project of holding the next National convention in Philadelphia, at which city in 1856 the first National Convention of the Republican party was held, and at which, in 1872, was held the last convention at which a Republican President was renominated who was re-elected to that office. It has been brought to the notice of the members of the Republican National Committee which meets in Washington two weeks hence to fix the time and place for the 1900 convention, that Philadelphia has in the buildings of the Export Exhibition a place suitable for the convention. If necessary, an auditorium accommodating 20,000 people could be constructed under the roof of the Exhibition main building. It is pointed out that New York, Boston, Baltimore and Pittsburgh have not asked for the convention; that Cincinnati and Cleveland are politically unavailable, and that Philadelphia will be the only large Eastern city in the field.

Major Powell's Report Thereon.

The War Department has made public the results of the survey by Major Chas. G. Powell of the Allegheny river for the extension of the slackwater navigation. Summed up his report shows that the river is well worth the improvement that it would make the entire valley one chain of manufacturing towns from Oil City to Pittsburgh, and be the source of fabulous wealth to Pennsylvania. The annual haul is placed at 924,000 tons, and the project contemplates 54 dams and locks, to cost \$13,705,000. The following are extracts of the report from a special to the Pittsburgh Dispatch:

The river was surveyed from Oil City, Pa., 134.7 miles above the river mouth, to Tarentum, under the direction of Major R. E. Hoxie, corps of engineers, or Major Charles F. Powell during the late falls, when low water generally obtains, in 1896 and 1897.

The present navigation of the river is confined to favorable stages, which in the aggregate do not occur more than four or five months in a year. Years ago packers ran to Warren, 162 miles above Pittsburgh. In later years steamboats have not attempted to go above Oil City and in the last year a single boat only made a few trips from Pittsburgh as far up as Kittanning.

Portions of the Allegheny valley, notably on the Clarion river, below French creek, and on the Tionesta river and Hickory creeks, above Oil City, still abound in timber. Parts of the cut and barges and coal bottoms built for the Pittsburgh river coal trade and loaded with lumber, mine timbers, or tan bark are rafted down the river on rafts. This traffic foots up about 200,000 tons yearly, and comprises about all there remains to-day of river business above the reach of Pittsburgh harbor business.

As to the practicability of extending the slack-water improvement on the Allegheny river in Pennsylvania it is found that the river is of ample width and volume for the purpose. The Allegheny forms the Ohio river, and is a larger stream than the tributary Monongahela and Kanawha rivers, where slack-water improvements are successfully operated. The banks and the bed of the river are reasonably firm, making its course stable, especially below Oil City, and affording foundation for structures, although not rock. A filling of pools is not to be expected from the very moderate amount of sediment carried by the river. An objection to fixed dams is the destructive action of frequent heavy ice gorges. The very cold winters, rapid current and shoal bars combine for forming the ice gorges, but it is probable that the increased depth produced by dams would reduce the extent of the gorges.

A drawback which has been urged against fixed dams is their interference with rafting. The dams would give some compensation for the disadvantage to that interest by affording a more reliable depth of water than during the short-lived freshets, the opportunity of moving rafts at any time during open river, and cheaper tying-up places in the pools while awaiting sale than at Pittsburgh harbor.

The useful natural products along the river, except coal, lies upstream from Kittanning.

In answer to circular letters Major Powell learned the following annual amounts of named commodities, exclusive of present rafting, would be accommodated by a slack-water improvement:

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| Fire clay and silica rock | 75,000 Tons |
| Coal | 275,000 |
| Limestone | 90,000 |
| Iron ore | 2,000 |
| Glass sand and gravel | 15,000 |
| Building sand and gravel | 40,000 |
| Plate and other glass | 10,000 |
| Flour, feed etc. | 10,000 |
| Lumber | 78,000 |
| Wagons, agricultural implements and hardware | 10,000 |
| Live stock | 10,000 |
| Aides | 2,000 |
| Marble and granite | 1,000 |
| Beer | 30,000 |
| Brick | 100,000 |
| Iron, steel, boilers, engines, etc. | 60,000 |
| Building stone | 75,000 |
| General merchandise | 1,000 |
| Miscellaneous | 30,000 |
| Total | 924,000 |

The extension of slack-water from Monterey to Oil City, or French Creek, is not now deemed worthy. The further extension from Oil City to the Pennsylvania State line, requiring 35 locks and dams at an estimated cost of \$7,980,115, is also deemed unworthy and not justified by the interests of commerce.

It is understood that persons who surveyed the requirement for the project had in view a canal connection from the improved river to Lake Erie. To see what this proposition amounted to three possible canal routes were considered and the route via French Creek and Conneaut Lake selected as the most feasible one. This route is wholly in Pennsylvania. The canal would ascend French creek by dams for 19 miles from its mouth, then parallel Conneaut Lake creek for six miles to the summit level, with a lockage of 111 feet; thence along the summit for 17 miles, including 2.5 miles through Conneaut Lake, and thence descend 263 feet for 10 miles to the mouth of Elk creek; if the canal were extended to Erie 113 miles would be added to its length. The elevation of the summit level would be 1,670 feet above mean tide.

A sufficient water supply for a canal giving eight feet depth in the locks, the same as the projected enlargement of the Erie canal, appears to be available by means of a dam above Meadville on French creek, and a nine mile feeder from there to the canal. The total distance of such water route from Pittsburgh to Elk creek would be 186.5 miles, and the total lockage 876 feet; these elements and some commercial features of the canal route do not compare favorably with the same pertaining to the well-known route for a Lake Erie canal from the Ohio river, near Pittsburgh, via the Beaver and Mahoning rivers. So that it may be remarked, only if the State of Pennsylvania build the French creek canal, would the extension by the United States of Allegheny river slack-water from Monterey to French creek, 44 miles, and preferable in that case to Oil City, eight miles further be justified.

only originally opposed expansion, but that he said to President McKinley, when tendered the chairmanship of the Commission, that he was opposed to the acquisition of the islands. The President, however insisted that he wanted only facts, whatever they might be. As a result Mr. Schurman obtained them, and in doing so became convinced that the islands should be retained, and that the United States could give them a vastly better government than they would obtain under any other circumstances.

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| Corn, shelled | .50 |
| Beans @ bushel | 2.50 |
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| Shoulders | .08 |
| Whitfish @ kit. | .50 |
| Sugar | .054@.064 |
| Syrup | .40 @ .50 |
| N. O. Molasses | .40 @ .50 |
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No. 38, February Term, 1899.

To the above named Respondent or her Attorney:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was appointed Commissioner in the above entitled case by the Court of Common Pleas of said county, on November 20, 1899, and that he will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office in the Beatty Block, Warren, Pa., on December 20, 1899, between the hours of 10 o'clock, a. m., and 10 o'clock p. m., at which time and place you may attend and be heard.

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