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TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1898.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

- For Mayor—JOHN BRATT. For Treasurer—JOHN SORENSON. For Clerk—F. R. GINN.

FITZHUGH LEE is being talked of as a running mate for Bryan in 1900.

NOT a word of complaint is heard about the manner in which Fred Ginn has conducted the business of the office of city clerk.

NINE-TENTHS of the heaviest taxpayers in North Platte will cast their ballot for John Bratt for mayor.

WHEN men like Major Walker, who have known John Bratt for twenty-five years, say they know nothing but good of Mr. Bratt.

IT might prove interesting to some people to look over the records of the city clerk and see how often the marshal has been instructed to notify M. C. Keith to desist in hauling dirt from the streets of North Platte.

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IT is pertinent to ask what benefits the people of North Platte are receiving from the city taxes they pay. They are compelled to stumble over dilapidated sidewalks at night.

SEVERAL thousand dollars collected as taxes for hydrant rental are now in the hands of the county treasurer waiting the result of the suit of the waterworks company against the city.

SENDS IN REPORT.

President Requests Congress to Carefully Consider It.

STILL HAS FAITH IN PEACE.

Believes That Spain Will Act Honorably in the Matter.

FINDINGS OF COURT OF INQUIRY.

Maine Was Wrecked by a Mine—Honored Unable to Fix Responsibility for the Disaster—Captain Exonerated From All Blame.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The president today sent the following message to congress:

To the Congress of the United States: For some time prior to the visit of the Maine to Havana harbor our consular representatives pointed out the advantages to follow from the visit of national ships to the Cuban waters.

Accordingly, on the 24th of January last, after a conference with the Spanish minister, in which the renewal of visits of our war vessels to Spanish waters was discussed and accepted.

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ence, to discharge the onerous duty imposed upon them. Aided by a strong force of wreckers and divers, the court proceeded to make a thorough investigation on the spot, employing every available means for the impartial and exact determination of the causes of the explosion.

The finding of the court of inquiry was reached after 23 days of continuous labor, on March 21, and having been approved on the 22nd by the commander-in-chief of the United States naval force on the North Atlantic station, was transmitted to the executive.

The state of discipline on board, and the condition of her magazines, boilers, coal bunkers and storage compartments, are passed in review, with the conclusion that excellent order prevailed, and that no indication of any cause for an internal explosion existed in any quarter.

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having been opened; and after the destruction of the Maine, the keys were found in their proper place in the captain's cabin, everything having been reported secure that evening at 8 p. m.

The temperatures of the magazines and shell rooms were taken daily and reported. The only magazine which had an undue amount of heat was the after 10-inch magazine, and that did not explode at the time the Maine was destroyed.

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At frame 17, the outer shell of the boiler, from a point 1 1/2 feet from the middle line of the ship and six feet above the keel when in its normal position, has been forced up so as to be now about four feet above the surface of the water; therefore, about 34 feet above where it would be had the ship sunk uninjured.

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MAINE BOARD'S REPORT.

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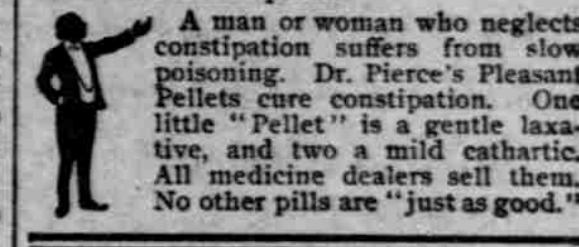
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LAUNCHING THE LIFE-BOAT.

There are greater dangers than those of the angry sea. That dread disease, consumption, kills more men and women in a generation than the sea has swallowed up since the earliest history of navigation.

There is a sure and safe life-boat ever ready to be launched for men and women who suffer from this merciless destroyer, it is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It cures 98 per cent. of all cases of consumption, bronchitis, asthma, laryngitis, weak lungs, spitting of blood and throat and nasal troubles. It acts directly on the lungs, driving out all impurities and disease germs. It soothes and heals the mucous membranes of the lungs, bronchial tubes, throat and nasal cavities. It restores the lost appetite, makes digestion and assimilation perfect, invigorates the liver, and purifies and enriches the blood. It fills the blood with the life-giving elements of the food that build new and healthy tissues. It tears down, carries off and excretes the diseased and half dead tissues upon which the germs of consumption thrive. It checks the cough, facilitates expectoration until the lungs are thoroughly cleared. It is the great blood-purifier and flesh-builder. Unlike cod liver oil, it does not build fatty, unhealthy, fleshy, muscular tissues of health. It does not make corpulent people more corpulent. Thousands have testified that their cure under this great medicine after they were given up by the doctors, and all hope was gone. An honest dealer will not suggest some inferior substitute for the sake of a little extra selfish profit.



A man or woman who neglects consumption suffers from slow poisoning. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. One little "Pellet" is a gentle laxative, and two a mild cathartic. All medicine dealers sell them. No other pills are "just as good."

Lieutenant Commander Richard Wainwright testified that the regulations in regard to paints and inflammables, and all other precautions were strictly carried out on board the ship. Every possible care was taken to avoid accident. All visitors were scrutinized before being allowed to come on board the ship. Nobody was allowed unaccompanied. Special "lookouts" were required at night. No unauthorized boats were allowed to approach the ship.

There was fine discipline, obedient crew, quiet men. He was in the captain's office at the time of the explosion; felt a very heavy shock and heard noise of falling objects on deck. Thought the ship was being fired on. Was told by the captain to see that the boats were lowered. He saw a few men coming, mostly officers. He saw no reason to flood the magazines, because water was coming up. He saw fire forward. Boats began to crowd around the wreck. He induced boats to take the wounded to different vessels. He ordered a list taken of the saved and the wounded. There was excellent discipline after the explosion. Orders were followed with promptness of a drill. The only order not obeyed was the order to leave the ship.

He first examined the wreck at daylight the following morning. He took a gig with Lieutenant Hood and a few men and attempted to board the wreck. He was warned off by an armed boat's crew of Spaniards and then pulled around the wreck. There were still some burning fragments.

Outbreak Is Feared in Havana.

NEW YORK, March 28.—It is now said on good authority that the Manrovo, which sailed for Havana on Friday, went there ostensibly to bring away material saved from the Maine, but in reality to be on hand in case of an outbreak in Havana, so that Americans could take refuge on the vessel, avers the Key West correspondent of The Herald. Consul General Lee, believing that a serious crisis in affairs is likely to occur now at any moment, is today preparing a revised list of all Americans now in Havana, together with their addresses, so that in case of emergency they may be communicated with at short notice. There is an extra guard now around the American consulate.

New Plan of Autonomy.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Spain, although apparently not having asked for further delay before the United States does anything more about Cuba, says the Washington correspondent of The Herald. This request was made through Senator Polo y Bernabe, the Spanish minister. He promised in Spain's behalf that she would lay before the state department at an early day a plan for a more liberal government of Cuba. This matter, the minister declared, would be so fair and liberal that it would be satisfactory to the United States and the Cuban insurgents and would bring about peace in the island. Spain's proposal is generally believed in Washington to have come too late.

Texas at Navy Yard.

NEW YORK, March 28.—The battleship Texas which arrived at Tompkinsville Saturday night weighed anchor Sunday and proceeded to the navy yard. "No orders relating to the St. Paul have been received by us from the governmental authorities," said James A. Wright of the International Navigation company. "The ship will sail on her regular trip without fail. We are doing nothing out of the ordinary in unloading her cargo."

Gresham Ordered to Sail.

MILWAUKEE, March 28.—Captains A. B. Davis, commander of the steamer cutter Gresham, received a dispatch from Washington ordering him to ship a complement of 70 men and proceed to Cleveland as soon as possible. Captain Davis was also asked in the dispatch if he thought it possible the Gresham could run the St. Lawrence rapids, thus avoiding the locks, to pass which would entail shortening her. The captain is investigating the subject.

The Alien Three Cents a Day Law Enacted by the Last Legislature of Pennsylvania Has Been Repealed for the Second Time by the Courts.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascaris Candy Cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it clean, by stirring up the liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascaris, beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed 10c., 25c., 50c.