Constitutional Convention

Whether the voters of this State shall cast their ballots at the election next November, for, or, against, the assembling of a Constitutional convention, is a grave question, demanding the most serious consideration from the citizens of the commonwealth. The proposition in no sense involves political lines or party affiliations, but should be determined solely from the standpoint, whether the interest and welfare of the State require that we should have a new Constitution, embodying radical changes in the present organic law.

When the necessities of the people demand a new Constitution, as the situation was in 1873, the cost of pro-curing relief should not stand in the way, but when as now, the question is precipitated upon the citizens of the State without any previous, great, popular demand for it, it is well for the tax-payers to keep before them the extraordinary expense they will be subjected to in making this experiment, by bringing into existence a convention, whose work, afterwards, may be tion, whose work, afterwards, may be rejected at the polls, and the entire expenditure of the money, obtained

by taxation, go for naught.
It is proposed that this convention shall consist of one hundred and seventy seven members, whose salaries are fixed by Act of Assembly at \$1,500 each, together with mileage. This, without more, would readily amount to over \$200,000; but to this sum must be added all expense of the machinery of the convention, the clerks, not prevent him from hearing ordinary printing, and various officers, and a multitude of expensive details, which, he hears little or nothing, because he in the general aggregate, wil readily purposely shuts out everything else but swell the gross sum up to nearly double the salaries of the delegates them selves. But it is to be remembered that the Legislature has no power to fix or limit the salaries of the delegates composing a Constitutional convention, and the limit of \$1,500. now named in the Act, is of no force what-

A Constitutional convention is a legal revolution, and when it is assembled, it is the soverign power, owing no allegiance, except such as the conscience of its members may dictate, and with unlimited powers, except as far as the Constitution of the United States may impose restrictions. This conversational tone. I expressed surprincipal was recognized and invoked by the convention of 1873, for, in that ditions in which I found him. "Oh, States may impose restrictions. This case, the Act of Assembly fixed the that's the easiest thing in the world," he salaries of the delegates to that convention at \$1,000, and yet that convention, in the exercise of its high perrogatives, ignored the salaries designated in the Act, and determined that the salary of each of its members should be \$2,500, and they were accordingly so paid.

It is fair to assume that the delegates to the proposed convention, in the event that a majority of the vote shall declare in favor of it, will not value their services at less than did their predecessors, and that they will at least take \$2,500 each, so that the tax payers will then be called upon to pay salaries aggregating \$442,500, which sum, with mileage, and the other sources of expense, will represent as the cost of the convention, probably the enormous mind." sum of \$600,000 to \$800,000. It is wise that each tax- payer should consider this subject of expense; more, it is a duty to do so, in connection with is a duty to do so, in connection with right and he in the wrong. He sent for other vital subjects to which we shall the fellah, and, after acknowledging his refer later, involved in this question should there be a Constitutional convention. Is the necessity for it so great; do we labor under such present disadantages as to justify this great cost, for the tax-payer must foot the bill?— Doylestown Democrat.

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Casteria.

It Is Genuine Tanglefoot, and Far Diferent From the Good Old Brands. "More than one-half of the men that

ire arrested for drunkenness and taken to the police headquarters are crazy drunk," said a veteran officer in a western town. "There is something about the whisky men drink nowadays that winds their understanding all up, twists them all up, and fumbles their ideas into a shapeless mass," he continued.

"Now, years ago, back east, it was nothing unusual to see a man get so that his legs would all twist up and his tongue would even get a little thick now and then, but he seldom got crazy drunk, like men do nowadays. Why, just the other day we had a man up here that had too much of that Jackson street whisky, and he was hysterical. He could walk all right, but he would laugh like a maniac one minute and weep like would throw himself into an attitude that would melt a wooden man in front of a cigar stand to tears.

dissertation on whisky to go below and unlock a prisoner, but everybody agreed that he spoke as an oracle.

One of Edison's Oddities.

For several years the newspapers have contained statements that Thomas A. Edison is afflicted with deafness. This subject has been exaggerated greatly. It is true that the great inventor's hearing is not as acute as it once was, but what pas-es for deafness is largely mental abstraction. Mr. Edison's infirmity does conversation. But when he is at work the matter upon which he concentrates his thoughts. I called upon him last summer at the residence of his father in law, the Hon. Lewis Miller, with whom he was enjoying a brief vacation of rest and absolute quiet. I found him in the nursery in the midst of a bedlam, which would have driven a nervous man crazy. Several children of tender years were "playing horse" and the noise they made gave unimpeachable evidence of the soundness of their lungs. In the middle of the room sat Mr. Edison, before a small table on which was a graphophone, with which he was experimenting. In the course of the half hour's interview which followed I never repeated a question and did not speak above an ordinary replied. "I don't hear anything I don't want to hear. That's all there is to it. When I begin work I shut out everything else."-[Chicago Mail.

A Soft Answer.

A merchant in Alexandria had a dispute with a fellah, as a peasant is called, about the settlement of an account. The merchant was determined to bring the question to the court, to which the fellah objected. Desiring to make a last effort, the fellah called at the merchant's office one morning and asked the servant if his master was in. The merchant, hearing the inquiry, and knowing who it was, called aloud from his office:

"Tell that rascal that I am not in." The fellah, looking up toward him, calmly said: "Well, sahib, God put thee in a better

became convinced that the fellah was error, he said :

"I want to ask you one question. How were you able to bear my abuse with such patience?"

"Sahib," replied the fellah, "I will tell thee. I was naturally as hot and violent as thou art. I knew that to include this temper was sinful and I found that it was imprudent. I observed that men in a passion often speak loud, and I thought that if I could control my voice I should repress my passion. I have therefore made it a rule never to suffer my voice to rise above a certain key, and by carefully observing this rule I have entirely mastered my natural temper."

An Actress Crittefaed to Her Face. A good story is told in the Stuttgart Neue Musik Zeitung concerning one of the most eminent German actresses and a theatrical crtiic, equally well known to fame. A number of ladies and gentlemen were the other day traveling together in a railway carriage from Dresden to Leipsic. Only two of the passengers knew each other, but the conversation soon became general, and the Court Theater at Dresden became the subject of discussion.

One lady who had been present the evening before at the representation of "Euryanthe" was loud in her expressions of disapproval.

"Worse than all," she exclaimed, "that Madame Schroder is much too old for her part, her singing is becoming unbearable. Don't you think so, too?" she asked, turning to the gentleman next to her. Would you not rather tell all this to

Madame Schroder herself? She is sitting opposite to you," he replied coldly.

After the general silence which followed

this remark the critical lady turned to the actress with many confused apologies: "It is that horrid critic Schmeider who has influenced my judgment concerning your singing. I believe it is he who is always writing against you. He must be a most disagreeable and pedantic person."
"Had you not better tell all this to M.
Schmeider himself?" calmly asked the actress, "he is sitting next to you."

Open Love Letters. Lulu (residing in first flat)—I wish you would not address me so affectionately on your envelopes, Bertie.

Bertie—Why, my dear, what do you

Lulu-Did you not direct your letter to "Suite 1?"—[Xenia Blizzard.

Does Politics Pay?

Does politics pay?
There can be but one answer to that question. Politics as a profession is about the least remunerative of any known. It pays in honor-sometimes in importance' fame, love of power gratified, but it does not pay in money.

The earnings of men in office are surpassed at every point by men of equal ability out of it. This is especially true of the higher places. Lawvers earn more than the pay of Judges or Congressman. Bank presidents have larger salaries than Secretary Foster's or Treasurer Nebacher's. Newspaper men earn larger sums than Private Secretary Halford. The President's salary is large, but so are his necessary expenses.

There are financial claims upon office holders besides campaign assesments. Every "worker" feels at liberty to strike them for loans and seldom thinks it necessary to repay. The man who has the reputation for stinginess dosen't get very far in the race. It is not strange that Sam Randall and Judge Kelley, life long political opponents, both died poor. Hubert O. Thomp-son, the "old man in the fort" in New York, died poor, John Kelly made money in real estate, but not in politics. Richard Croker, his successor, is a poor man to-day. The late United States Marshall Lake, of Brooklyn, left the munificent sum of \$2.000.

Of course there are rich politicians, but they make their money in some other way outside, and often or usually spend far more than their salaries up on official expenses alone; as Whitelaw Reid is reputed to have paid his entire salary as Minister to France for the rental of his house alone,—Ex.

Handsome Versus Homely.

Who is that fine looking lady that we just passed, Clara? Why, that is Mrs. Snow, Well, there, what a change; when I saw her last, her skin was so sallow and muddy looking, it's no won-der I didn't know her. What has produced that lovely complexion? heard that she took Sulphur Bitters, the great Blood Purifier, and now would not be without them. 8-21-2t.

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