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THREE CENTS

## ANTI-PATTISON MEETING HELD

### And Preparations Made for Perfect Organization by Districts.

## AN ORGAN PURCHASED

### And a Bold Fight Against the Administration to be Waged.

## A COMPLETE STATE DELEGATION

### To be Chosen at a Convention, March 23, to Send to Chicago.

Secretary of State Harry Saye has not been disturbed at the action of his Opponents—It Means Two State Organizations, Sure—The First of a Series of Moves—Philadelphia the Center of Operations—Congressman Wilson Not a Candidate for Governor of West Virginia, but He Could Be Coaxed to Run—Sherman and Hoar Sound the Slogan of the Anti-Silver Men.

**PHILADELPHIA, March 1.**—The Independent Democratic or anti-administration organization known as the "Democratic Committee of Philadelphia County," met to-night and issued a call for a convention to revise the rules of the party so as to provide for division representation. The meeting, which was held at 108 South Thirteenth street, was largely attended, and complete arrangements were made for holding primaries to elect delegates to the aforesaid convention.

Ex-Representative George McGowan presided over the gathering, and the first business in order was declared to be a report from the Executive Committee, to whom the whole subject of division representation had been referred. The committee consisted of Michael J. Ryan (Chairman), ex-Secretary of State W. S. Stenger, ex-State Chairman Dallas Sanders, Morris Boney, Albert H. Harris and John L. Brennon.

Chairman Ryan announced that the committee had unanimously agreed upon a report, which he proceeded to read. It was to the effect that the Democrats of Philadelphia be invited to go to the polls on the evening of March 14, between 7:30 and 8:30 o'clock, and in each division select one of their number to represent the division at a convention to be composed of one duly qualified voter from each election division of the city.

It was then declared that the purpose of the convention was "to form rules for the guidance of the Democratic party of Philadelphia county, and to insure to the Democratic party of each division adequate and honest representation in all future conventions of the party." The report concludes by naming March 23 as the time, and Musical Fund Hall as the place for holding the convention.

First of a Series of Moves. This is the first in a series of moves that is to be made by the anti-Harriet-Pattison administration. Preparations will be sent to the State convention. Arrangements have already been perfected for that. Later a full delegation from the State will be sent to the National Convention at Chicago. The anti-administrationists are evidently in earnest. A literary bureau is to be opened in this city.

Late to-day final arrangements were completed by which ex-Speaker John E. Faunce, ex-State Chairman Dallas Sanders, and George McGowan become joint promoters of the Evening Herald, of this city. They will put in a new plant and make the Herald an anti-Pattison organ, much after the style of the Patriot at Harrisburg.

## AN ANTI-SILVER SLOGAN

Sounded by Congressman Sherman Hoar—He Believes the Country Isn't in Shape to Coat Disbelief in the United States a Broad—A Carefully Prepared Interview.

**BOSTON, March 1.**—[Special.]—Congressman Sherman Hoar said in the papers to-day a carefully prepared interview on the silver question, which is apparently authorized by the anti-silver leaders. It is as follows: Next Monday the House will enter upon the silver fight in earnest. It will then consider the vote on the rule just reported, fixing certain days in March for the consideration of the Bland bill, and a certain definite day and hour for the vote thereon. The decision of the vote on or against this rule will be the most important decision it will call upon to make this year. Substitutes for the rule above outlined will surely be offered; one, perhaps, nominating all candidates of the question until next December, and still another allowing a certain amount of debate now and a vote next winter.

I feel very confident that if the Republicans do this year, we can pass this last substitute early, though it is now certain that the Republicans will vote for it, they may either not vote at all, or they may vote with the free silver men to defeat it in order to "force," as they say, "the Democrats into the open."

Play at Politics Increased. In other words, they will make the Democrats go on record on either indefinite postponement or the merits of the silver bill itself. Some of them say, in excuse for such contemplated action, that as no free coinage measure can become a law with Harrison, no harm can be done the country if they "play politics" and make the Democrats go on record on the main question, or on the question of consideration. I do not believe that Republicans realize the full gravity of the situation. It seems to me as if a decent regard for the business interests of the country ought to prevent any such trifling on the part of even the most partisan of men. To defeat the free coinage

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**WASHINGTON, March 1.**—[Special.]—Owing to the prominence given to the editorial in Senator Gibson's home paper, booming his colleague, Senator Gorman, for the Presidency, there has been almost as much talk here for a day or two about the Maryland Senator as about Senator Hill. Gorman continues to follow the course outlined over a month ago in his editorial, which was a wise one as shown by the way that both the Hill and Cleveland men regard him. It is difficult to say who, Cleveland or Hill men, prefer him most. If the present Cleveland forces in the National Convention are about equally divided, it will not be difficult for them to harmonize around Gorman, if present approval is not enough. Still, Gorman will appear in the National Convention as a Cleveland delegate. One of the leading Maryland Congressmen, who is very close to Senator Gorman, said that the Maryland delegation, with Gorman at its head, would be for Cleveland, and the chances are that Maryland will instruct her delegation for Cleveland. Still, the Hill men understand Gorman's position, and particularly Tammany and the Kings county men, and they will not be offended at his attitude.

Senator Hill expects great results from his invention, and he has no doubts as to the success of his Southern friends assure him that he will have one continuous ovation from the time he leaves until he returns. It is not unlikely that he may also make a successful trip to the West. He has never been west of the Mississippi, and he is anxious to cross that stream. He has had numerous invitations to visit St. Louis, among them being one from both the Mayor and Governor of Missouri. Although Governor Francis is a Cleveland man, he has a high personal regard for Senator Hill, and he is desirous to have it known that Major Francis does not regard the feelings of the Democrats of that city or locality. He will also visit several other Western States.

## WILSON NOT A CANDIDATE

### For the Governorship of West Virginia—However, if His Party Calls Him, He Will Lead It—He Does Not Consider His His in Danger.

**WASHINGTON, March 1.**—[Special.]—Representative William L. Wilson, the brilliant tariff reform leader in West Virginia, has written to his friends in Wheeling that he is not a candidate for the Governorship of that State. Mr. Wilson said today that he had so informed his friends, some of whom were inclined to push him to the front as a competitor for the nomination on the ticket to be elected at the State election. Mr. Wilson said that he had had a long conference with the Republican party, and when questioned closely, however, Mr. Wilson said he would feel it his duty to go to the front if called upon to do so. He was so become the nominee for Governor or county sheriff. He does not consider that West Virginia is in any greater danger of being captured by the Republicans now than it was some time ago. The party organization throughout the State is in pretty good form, and the fact that a President, Governor, a United States Senator to succeed Senator Fairbank, and an entire Congressional ticket to be elected, should stimulate the Democrats in that State to put forth their best efforts.

## YALE BOYS FOR CLEVELAND

### Remarkable Growth of Sentiment in the College for the Ex-President.

**NEW HAVEN, March 1.**—[Special.]—The lecture committee of the Yale University has invited ex-President Cleveland to deliver an address on some civic topic and of much the same general character as a recent discourse at the club, Mich. A member of the lecture committee says that the Cleveland sentiment at the college has shown a remarkable growth during the last few weeks, and draws into its current the sons of a great many Republicans. The students apparently identify him as Joe of the "machine" as an idea in politics, no matter to which party the machine belongs. In this connection it is recalled that in 1880, Cleveland was elected President upon a canvass of the faculty, showing that about nine-tenths of its members favored Cleveland. In 1888 no canvass was made, but the proportion of the faculty favoring Cleveland was not less. Of the class of 1888 who actually voted in that year 30 were for Harrison and 18 for Cleveland.

## CRISIS COMING IN A CONTEST

### Between Pennsylvania and Alabama Iron Masters for the Declining Trade.

**BERMINGHAM, Ala., March 1.**—[Special.]—Iron masters of the Birmingham district are today in the midst of a contest between the Pennsylvania and Alabama furnaces is not far off. The market continues to go down and stocks have accumulated beyond all precedent, over 100,000 tons being now in the yards. A reduction of 10 per cent in wages is being put into effect, and the railroads are being urged to come down to the lowest possible point on freight rates. The presidents of the three largest companies are in New York for conference with the railroads and the Eastern stockholders. The furnaces are all in operation except four.

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**NEW YORK, March 1.**—An entirely new plan for the defense of New York City and the harbor against a hostile fleet under consideration by the Committee on Coast Defense of the United States Senate. It is a plan with some striking features, which appeal to the imagination of the ordinary unscientific citizen, and has been before military and naval experts for several months. It is before Congress at the instance of the Adjutant General's office of the State of New Jersey, and of committees of the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade appointed to look after the matter of the defense of the city.

If the invention will do all that is claimed for it, a big blow will be taken out of the minds of many New Yorkers. The invention is electrical. It can be applied to the protection of all seacoast cities in any country, but the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade committees are not worrying about its use anywhere but in New York, and all the plans so far have been confined to this harbor.

## THE CLAIMS OF THE INVENTOR.

What is claimed for the invention, in a few words, is this: If any hostile ship or fleet attempted to enter this harbor, as it crossed any given line, say the 6 1/2 fathom line in the outer bay, a blow of 50,000 foot-ton could be struck upon each ship, which would effectively put any vessel now afloat out of the way of doing damage to New York City or to anything else. The blow would come from overhead, out of the air, would strike vertically and with absolute certainty. It could be directed at any part of the vessel, and would be aimed at the spot where it would do the most and surest damage.

## A STANDARD KNOCK-OUT.

### The Ohio Supreme Court Ousts It From Any Right to Make Trust Agreements—Attorney General's Demurrer Sustained—Franchise Not Forfeited.

**COLUMBUS, O., March 1.**—[Special.]—The Standard Oil Company got a clean knock-out in the Supreme Court to-day. It is ousted from the right to make trust agreements, which have been its principle of operation since the trust was formed. The Supreme Court's decision means that the Standard Oil Company, to do business in Ohio, must operate under the provision of its charter, independent of the trust. The violation of the conditions of the charter by the company, which was its forfeiture, and had the Attorney General asked for such a penalty in the trial of the case it is probable that would have been one of the results to follow. Attorney General Weston, who brought the proceeding, only asked for the company to comply with the law and cease to do business under trust agreement. This object was achieved by the decision of the Court ousting the great corporation from the right to make trust agreements and power to perform the same.

## GENERAL SEWELL'S CAREER.

General Edward W. Sewell, of this city, is the inventor. He is an engineer of note, and a new 62 year old. He helped build the Niagara Suspension bridge and the Bristol bridge over the Avon, England, and is in charge of the Hoosac tunnel in 1858, and has superintended the construction of several railroads. He was a colonel of engineers in the Civil War, and chief engineer of the Tenth army corps in 1863. He was chief engineer and chief of staff under General Butler, 1864, and planned and superintended the construction of the famous "Swamp Angel" batteries during General Gilmore's siege of Charleston. He also designed and executed the plan by which Fort Pulaski was captured. He is the inventor of the hydraulic vertical gun lift, for barbette guns, and a great many other devices. He has been in the United States public works.

## THE COMMITTEE WENT TO GENERAL SEWELL

and asked his aid in suggesting means for defending the harbor. He has declined to take up the matter, mainly because he thought it was in good hands with the Boards of Ordnance and Fortification. Eventually this electrical idea "occurred to him," and he submitted it to his friends in military and engineering circles. The officers at Fort Monroe have been considering and investigating it for some months.

## SOME THINGS OF THE PROPOSED WEAPON.

General Sewell would not, for obvious reasons, describe his invention when asked about it to-day, but gave some points of information. He said it would not in the least interfere with or endanger commercial vessels entering or leaving the harbor, and that it could be built very quickly and at little cost. The 6 1/2-fathom line extends from outside Sandy Hook to a point off Coney Island. The device would be under control of officers in fortified or protected stations on the shore near the line. These "stations" would be absolutely proof against any fire from the enemy's ships, and, indeed, their location would not be apparent. All that would be visible and afford a mark for the fire would be five or six pieces of iron, which the General exhibited, about a foot long and an inch thick. In each station would be a camera lucida, which would indicate, day or night, the position of the hostile ships, with absolute accuracy, and when attempted to cross the line the 50,000 foot-ton blow would fall on it. There would, of course, be duplicate stations. The Senate Committee on Coast Defense met to-day, for a further consideration of the plan, in Washington, but because of General Sewell's inability to be present the hearing was postponed. A second day for consideration of the plan will be set soon.

## RITCHIE FOR BRICE

### He Speaks Coolly for Cleveland and Hill, and Favors the West.

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I will give you a sufficient time in which to conform to my reasonable demand—say ten days. If, at the end of that time, you fail to respond, I shall deem it my duty to give in substance their contents, and corroborate my statements by publishing letters from your son, both prior and subsequent to our marriage.

You know full well that your charges against me regarding the marriage are unfounded. I give you ample opportunity to retract. You have two alternatives—the one suggested, or silence. Your consideration for your grandson will surely induce you to decide in favor of the first.

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