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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

- For Governor: DANIEL H. HASTINGS, OF CENTER. For Lieutenant Governor: WALTER LYON, OF ALLEGHENY. For Auditor General: AMOS H. MYLIN, OF LANCASTER.

BY THE TIME THE senate committee captures "Holland" it will be ready to make its retiring bow in favor of a Republican administration.

The Lesson of the Strike.

It is possible to have a general strike of the magnitude of that now experienced in the bituminous coal regions without scenes of bloodshed and violence, but it is not probable. A strike in itself is one form of war.

In the strike in question the men who are out undoubtedly have the sympathy of the public. That sympathy is general in its character, and does not pretend to know much about the exact merits of the matter.

We trust that the public will perceive the immense significance of the present coincidence whereby in as many states three bodies of armed troops are on the eve of the command to do their grim duty in the preservation of life and property.

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It is NOT an excessive request which our veteran soldiers make when they ask that on one day in each 365 they may be undisturbed in their honest grief.

Flag Day.

The effort of the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America to set apart June 14 as an annual holiday to be known as Flag Day, in remembrance of the fact that on June 14, 1777, the continental congress passed its memorable resolution selecting Old Glory as the emblem of the new federation.

It is proposed to observe Flag Day by the display of the American flag from every home in the land. Such a suggestion is obviously appropriate and cannot be objected to.

ness activities. The symbol of our freedom as a people would be best honored by a national observance which should rest upon a voluntary basis of genuine esteem for the institutions and privileges that that flag typifies; and which, in the very hum of wonted pursuits conducted in peace and profit, should offer up a tribute of incomparable eloquence.

In its suggestion of this new observance the organization which first proposed it has placed the country under real obligations. That organization, with its cumbersome name and somewhat awkward insistence upon genealogical distinctions, does not meet with unqualified favor among all classes of our citizenship.

It is not probable that the next presidential nomination on the Democratic ticket will be eagerly sought. Unless sweeping and phenomenal revulsions of public sentiment should occur within the two years that intervene between now and the next presidential campaign, it is difficult to conceive of any substantial inducement that could lead a rational Democrat to brave the anger of the people in the role of candidate with serious expectation of success at the polls.

The current suggestion of a presidential candidacy two years hence in behalf of Governor Pattison will, therefore, hardly be relished by that gentleman himself, unless he should desire to make a third test of the peculiar good fortune that has somehow inexplicably heretofore attended his political ventures.

This may do the governor himself a certain injustice. To be entirely frank, we are inclined to suspect that it does. Taking all things into consideration, Mr. Pattison, during his two administrations, has given to the people of the state a clean and straightforward conduct of their affairs.

Just why all this should doom him to the hopeless prospect awaiting the next Democratic presidential nominee we are unable to decipher. It is true that Mr. Pattison's nomination in 1893 would be no more unexpected and no less rational than were his two preceding selections in the narrower state arena.

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Civil Service Reform. Representative Erdman, of this state, after consultation with many fellow members of congress, has devised an interesting plan to reform the civil service. Its fundamental principle is the equal division of patronage between the two leading political parties and the equal distribution of that patronage in a geographical sense.

After all the male applicants have qualified at the examinations, to arrange them into two classes, according to the two political parties casting the highest vote at the last preceding presidential election and according to the party to which they profess adherence.

The Old, Old Story. Chicago Tribune. He clapped his hand upon his breast! "What is it, John? his wife cried. "Speak!" And John in faltering voice confessed that the letter she had given him with instructions to mail at once, as it was of the utmost importance, and he had promised so faithfully he would drop it in the letter box as he passed the postoffice on his way down town, had been forgotten until this moment and he was very sorry to say he had been carrying it in his pocket for a week.

It is evident that the appearance of this measure in the house, for ratification or rejection, will impose a severe test upon the sincerity of the various professions of loyalty made by both parties to civil service reform.

AS THE Coffee Cools.

Somehow the conviction appears to be general among laymen that the price now prevailing for type writing machines and stylish bicycles are excessive beyond reason.

The prediction is credited to Chairman Gilkeson that Republican conventions in this state may hereafter be held alternately in Philadelphia and Pittsburg. When Scranton gets its new original armory, a consummation, by the way, devoutly to be wished, it will be necessary to add a third city to this list.

It is possible that this prediction of Mr. Gilkeson will not be relished by Harrisburg; but if the change be made, Harrisburg will have simply itself to thank. For nineteen consecutive years the Republicans of this state have met in annual convention at the state capital, and for exactly nineteen years they have suffered from lack of sufficient accommodations.

The continued absence of all clue to the whereabouts or motive of Henry Harding, the Tunkhannock lawyer, whose recent disappearance was certainly mysterious, recalls with singular vividness T. C. Crawford's striking novelties in the Cosmopolitan some time ago. It was entitled "The Disappearance Syndicate" and purported to be the disclosure of a vast social scheme, engineered by a syndicate of men highly skilled in the occult sciences.

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