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side the matter, the only body having the authority to change the basis of representation being the National convention itself.

From the Northern point of view there does not appear to be much weight to the South's argument. It is probably a matter of comparative indifference to the Democracy of the belt-box-stuffing Southern states how much representation Southern Republicans get in the national conventions of their party.

An interesting experiment. The state of Massachusetts will soon supply an instructive experiment in penology. It has recently adopted a law empowering the judge of a criminal court to name, in the sentencing of any malefactor, minimum and maximum terms of imprisonment.

Republican State Convention. Chairman B. F. Gilkeson, of the Republican State committee, has issued a call for a state convention to meet at Harrisburg Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Governor Hastings Vindicated. The ridiculous charge that General Hastings, while superintending the relief operations at Johnston, appropriated to his own use funds contributed for the relief of victims of the great flood would probably never have been noticed by the present chief executive of Pennsylvania had it not been publicly made by a man who had at one time held an important public position.

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The Basis of Representation. At the last meeting of the Republican National committee a resolution was introduced by Henry B. Payne, of Wisconsin, to base the apportionment of delegates to the National convention on the number of votes cast by the Republican party at the preceding presidential election.

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The counter claim was made by the Southern members that in their section the full Republican vote was never permitted to appear in the returns, and that to have representation on the actual vote counted would be to encourage the Democrats to suppress the Republican vote yet further.

Market reports proclaim a general and steady improvement in all forms of the iron and steel industry, and particularly in structural steel.

The officials of Pittston are to be commended for refusing to permit a widely-advertised prize fight to occur in that city.

Councils, in moving at last toward a revision of the present antiquated franchise, is doing a duty which ought to have been done easily five years ago.

Our amiable friend, Sam Hudson, participated Saturday in the Five O'Clock club's big reception to Governor Hastings. There are yet faint hopes of Sam's political regeneration.

Of course the Scranton contingent "was conspicuous at Cleveland." Did beauty in alliance with brains ever fail to attract admiration?

He has not specifically said so, but we infer that Senator Quay's badge of fealty will not be the forehead-dollar-mark.

POLITICAL GOSSIP. One of the events of the Cleveland league convention was the witty speech of Postmaster James H. Hoyt at the banquet Thursday night in the Arcade.

General E. A. McAlpin, the new president of the National League of Rep. "lean clubs" was born in New York city June 9, 1838. He was only a lad of 15 when the rebellion broke out, but the fever took hold of him and he ran away from home to fight for his country.

Some Republican journals that should know better are speaking these days about a Hastings dynasty. There is no evidence to prove that the governor has overstepped the proper functions of his position as the chief executive of the second greatest state in the Union.

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It is an interesting circumstance that the downfall of the Rosebery administration in England, presaging as it does the return of Lord Salisbury and A. J. Balfour to power, is regarded by most foreign observers as indicating a victory for international bimetalism.

Senator Quay made formal announcement Saturday evening of his candidacy for chairman of the Republican state

committee. The announcement was made as follows: "I am a candidate for chairman of the Republican state committee, and if I have any friends in Pennsylvania I ask them to stand by me at this time. I will mention the reasons on the floor of the convention."

A good deal of capital is being made out of the fact that although Senator Quay and Governor Hastings on Saturday occupied rooms in the same Philadelphia hotel, neither saw or communicated with the other.

The suggestion of the Wilkes-Barre Record that Quay is so small a figure in state politics because he citizens are so modest is enough to elicit the loud ha ha!

Friends of John D. Birmingham, of Wilkes-Barre, profess to feel confident of his appointment to be deputy factory inspector.

With Gilkeson in the chair, Senator Quay might have difficulty in getting the floor of the convention. Who knows?

The Altoona Times says that Senator Quay will doubtless secure Blair county's delegation to the state convention.

The Democratic press, it is interesting to observe, is unanimous in the belief that Senator Quay ought to go.

Has a Great Future. Scranton Times: "The Tribune on Saturday celebrated the completion of the fourth year of its existence by issuing a souvenir containing the portraits of the eighty-one persons who contribute in various ways to the publication of the paper, together with a presentation of the front elevation of the new Tribune building on Washington avenue, which it expects to occupy within two months.

They Know Their Business. Wilkes-Barre Times: "With Saturday's issue the Scranton Tribune sent out a handsome souvenir in the shape of portraits, printed in half tone, of the employees of the paper, eighty-one in number. As the editor of the paper remarks, the aggregate beauty of the galaxy is not vouchsafed, but that they are a body of hustlers and acute business and newspaper men is evinced by the growth and popularity of the Tribune."

THE BOSTON MAID. She was a Boston maid of high degree, With eyes that shone like incandescent stars. And just such pouting lips, as seams to me, The kiss invites.

THE PITTSBURGH DISPATCH has always been an anti-Quay paper, but it frankly intimates that it is pledged Hastings-Martin-Magee triumvirate hope to "beat the old man" at Harrisburg in August, they will have to settle upon a single man for boss, and take his orders implicitly.

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Professor C. Coles, the Kingston astronomer, says: "The most beautiful sight of the whole month will be the conjunction of the moon and Venus, Tuesday evening, June 25. The moon will be only two days old at the time, and Venus will hang like a great diamond to the south side of the beautiful crescent. Venus is the brightest 'star' in the heavens. It makes its appearance in the western horizon soon after sunset. It can be seen only in the early evening. Watch it, if the weather is clear."

Is Now Loaded for Bear. From the Fort Jersey Gazette. J. E. Richmond, of Honesdale, Pa., who has been commissioned by the Scranton Tribune to take a very extensive tour through the Pacific, northwest and Alaska, was in town, Saturday, to examine into the merits of the Landulius camera. Mr. Richmond proposes to write a series of letters for The Tribune and will be armed with a camera. We are pleased to know that after an exhaustive examination of the various cameras in the market he decided that the Landulius camera was the best and purchased one which he will use for the purpose of illustrating his letters.

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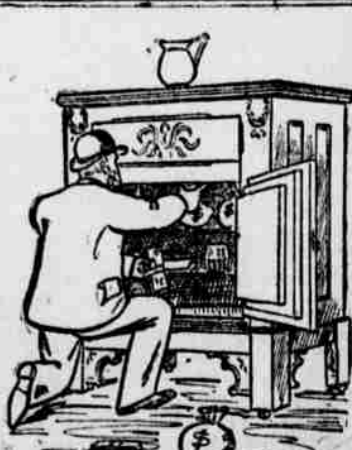
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