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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. 28, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Table listing delegates by district: Bradford, Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Schuylkill, Wayne, Wyoming.

The tariff will be an issue in American politics just so long as Democratic in capacity attempts to monkey with it.

The effort of T. F. Penman to set up alleged Willard delegates in this county without consultation with Judge Willard and behind his back may succeed, but we do not believe the fair voters of this county will approve such political methods.

Reading, Humph!

It is very kind in the esteemed Philadelphia Times to assert, apropos of the recent directory canvass giving Scranton a population of 125,000: "This is distinct cause for objection, if not war, on the part of Reading, and the war is doubtless at the gates, for the best Reading can do by the way of a census is 85,546."

Speaking for Scranton, and meaning no unkindness to our pacific Quaker contemporary, we wish to hurl back its impudent insinuation to its teeth. It is easy for the factious scoffer six-score miles removed to smirk and jest at the magnificent and growing amplitude of Scranton; it is easy for him to give play to the satire of his skeptical imagination; but if he will simply come to our city, go with us through the stretching miles of its recently multiplied new stores and homes, and view with a just eye the multitudinous contemporaneous exemplifications of its incessant and insatiable development, we will wager a Roman candle that the skeptic will return a devout believer in Scranton's supremacy.

An Important Convention.

Next Wednesday, in Boston, will begin the first of five days' sessions of one of the most notable gatherings of the year—nothing less than the annual international convention of the Young People's Christian Endeavor societies.

Fourth of July.

With the dawn of another day of patriotism, pyrotechnics, picnics and perpetual rancor, the most sedate American citizen somehow feels a certain sense of secret exultation that he is residing in the land of the free, even if it is outwardly apparent he takes no pleasure in the day that is raised by Young America in honor of the event.

The eagle should be allowed to scream with an undue vigor, tending to steal the thunder of any of the Fourth of July orators who are loaded for the exercises of the occasion. It is fitting, however, that the Tribune should extend the congratulations of the season to its hosts of readers, and wish that the fires of patriotism may be kept ever brightly burning within their breasts, and that their love for this land of freedom may increase at the return of each Independence Day as they salute "Old Glory" at sunrise and again at eventide.

Time for Friends to Act.

It is fair to assume that those Republicans who, without consultation with Mr. Willard, and without caring about him, are setting up delegates in various districts in this county ostensibly as Willard delegates, but in reality as persons who would care precious little about Mr. Willard if they could by any accident get into the Harrisburg swim, Aug. 28, appreciate fully the significance of their action.

That being the case, we have only to say that we are glad they have taken this early occasion to declare themselves. It will simplify matters to know at once who are friendly to our home jurist's candidacy and who are hostile. By planting the war flag fair in the field, the latter need not expect to escape the possibility of receiving a vigorous fire, all along the line.

It is now the duty of the latter to rally to his standard, and to sit down hard upon the shifty schemers who are trying to sneak to victory on an audacious jugglery with his name.

Six Months of Mayor Strong.

On Monday of this week Mayor Strong, of New York, completed the first six months of his reform administration. It is interesting to read the various opinions as to its success. The regular reader of the New York Sun no doubt has by this time concluded that Mayor Strong represents, in politics at least, everything that is deceptive and vile. But the equally outspoken Chicago Times-Herald, whose own home municipality is also undergoing a Swift scrubbing, thinks exactly the opposite.

For at least one thing it thinks that "Mayor Strong's first half-year's administration has proved the possibility of good government, even in the largest, as for many years the worst governed, city in America. Administrative honesty has been signally illustrated. This new exhibition of official honesty and of unflinching courage in the enforcement of existing laws has struck a new note in American municipal government, the effects of which are being felt today in every city clear across the continent. It cannot be claimed that Mayor Strong's administration has been non-partisan; he has not claimed it, but has, on the contrary, been frank in claiming that it has been bipartisan. That is, he has accepted the fact of the existence of the two parties, and has tried to deal fairly in the circumstances with both, while first of all and all the while intent on the appointment of no man, whatever his party or whatever his presumed party pull, unless believed to be personally an honest and competent man, distinctly fit for the place.

It will, we believe, be the consensus of opinion that the Chicago view, albeit somewhat colored with eulogy, is nearer the truth than the obviously prejudiced opinion of the Gotham organ of Tammany Hall. Mayor Strong is not pro-against mistakes, but the mere fact that, entering office against the greatest odds of a generation, and subjected to an intensity of critical scrutiny unparalleled in the history of that office, he has been enabled to move forward to fairly satisfactory results without materially sacrificing the confidence of the business men's element to whom he owes his election is in itself a signal victory for clean government, since it demonstrates that clean city government is by no means an iridescent dream.

Next Wednesday, in Boston, will begin the first of five days' sessions of one of the most notable gatherings of the year—nothing less than the annual international convention of the Young People's Christian Endeavor societies. Fifty thousand delegates are expected, and inasmuch as 40,000 went to Cleveland one year ago, despite the prevalence then of great railway strikes, it is reasonable to suppose that fully that number will attend. Although only twelve years old, the Christian Endeavor movement already numbers a membership in excess of 2,500,000 covering every civilized country in the world, and is rapidly growing.

This movement must have great merit, else it would not command such rapid and yet uniform success. Its general character may be fairly gauged by the standard set by the various local branch societies, which are recognized on all sides as most valuable auxiliaries to the Christian church.

In the opinion of the Norristown Herald, "Governor Hastings has done nothing whatever, during his brief incumbency, that would warrant his name as an increase of confidence and support. He has stood faithfully by the public interests in every emergency that has occurred. He has striven very successfully to protect the treasury from the lobbyists that swarmed around the halls of legislation. Every bill that he has signed has been carefully and conscientiously considered. He can well afford to have his record examined. It exceeded in no particular by that of any person who ever occupied the office in Pennsylvania. Governor Hastings' course is eminently proper. His standing for popular rights and for party interests. He is repelling a most unjust and unmerited attack upon himself."

The suggestion is made that the governor defer the appointment of a judge to fill the position made vacant in Luzerne county by Judge Rice's elevation to the superior bench until after the Republican county convention nominates a candidate and then appoint the nominee. It is claimed that this would relieve him of the task of selecting one of the many eligible candidates in the field and obviate a great deal of the disappointment which would be a choice made at this time. The esteemed Wilkes-Barre Record thinks it "would be rather embarrassing if the governor appointed a judge and the convention failed to endorse him. On the other hand, if the nomination of the convention is ratified by the governor, he can assume the duties of his position in time for the fall term of court, with every chance in favor of his election in November."

Refrigerators

According to present plans a regular Quaker headquarters will be opened on July 5, at the time stated. Philadelphia, from which the fight throughout the state will be directed. Senator Andrews, Frank Willing Leach, ex-Magistrate Durham, ex-State Treasurer Boyer and other leaders of the Quaker faction will be in charge of the establishment, and they will be assisted by a corps of retainers in every county in the state. Special attention will be paid to the legislative districts in which the delegates to the state convention have not yet been elected, but the counties that have already chosen their delegates will not be neglected.

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Colonel George F. Huff, of Greensburg, congressman-at-large, has lined up on the side of the administration in the state chairmanship fight. He wants to see Mr. Gilkeson re-elected. Colonel Huff said: "I think it the duty of the Republicans of Pennsylvania to sustain the administration in the course it has taken on the re-nomination of the state. Governor Hastings acted in accordance with the mandate of the constitution and his oath. For that reason we ought to give all the aid possible."

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Alceobus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrocab cast, 1.10 a. m., for Thursday, July 4, 1895.

POLITICAL GOSSIP.

"Senator Quay never held a stronger position in this state than last year," says the Philadelphia Press. "The errors of previous years have been recognized and relinquished. The influences and associations of the disastrous Delamater campaign had apparently been dropped. The senator was wisely acting and moving in harmony with general Republican sentiment. It was the satisfied and gratifying comment of Republicans everywhere that he was evincing a broad and liberal spirit toward his opponents. This attitude was cordially accepted, and together with the manifestation of liberal counsels, it won a more friendly disposition. On the part of some active forces which had never been in entire accord there was a willingness to recognize this broader leadership and to cooperate for the advancement of common Republicanism. Senator Quay's position before the state was better than it had ever been, and he must have seen it and felt it, as other Republicans did. If the situation is different today it is because of crossing and wiser policy was not continued. If there is a conflict in Republican ranks, it is because narrow and perverse and intolerant influences have been allowed to supersede the higher and better counsels. If Senator Quay had pursued the policy and cultivated the tendencies of last year, there would be no issue now. The mistakes of the past few weeks have been against the protest of every discreet friend and every prudent counselor. They wanted to hold the same attitude which they held last year; but when someone questioned the propriety of respect and upholding broad Republicanism or of following the juvenile and personal counsels which are doing so much to injure Senator Quay, there is no choice. This situation is not one which can be made by those who are now on a different line from Senator Quay. It is made by the foolish and blind professed friends who have placed the state in a false position, who, if they had their way, would destroy the vitality and vigor of Republicanism."

FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.

The Republicans of the Fourth legislative district will assemble in convention in Odd Fellows' hall, Dunmore, on Saturday, the 13th day of July, at 10 o'clock p. m., 1895, for the purpose of electing delegates to the Republican state convention to meet at Harrisburg on August 28, 1895.

CLARENCE M. FLOREY.

Clarence M. Florey, the sporting goods dealer of Wyoming avenue, has devised a scheme to keep the boys interested in the matter of base ball. With every ten cent ball or bat he will now give a fine cap and belt, which are uniform. Among the hustlers is Mr. Florey.

SUDDEN DEATH ON ACCIDENT

THE BEST WEARING, MOST STYLISH, AND THE GREATEST VALUE OF ANY \$3.00 MEN'S SHOES ON THE CONTINENT.

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FOR SALE BY JOHN H. PHELPS, Pharmacist, cor. Wyoming Avenue and Spruce Street, Scranton, Pa.

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Grand Mid-Summer Clearing Sale

BEGINNING FRIDAY, JULY 5.

All Summer Goods have been greatly reduced in price, in accordance with our semi-annual custom. Every one of our 23 departments has more or less of hot weather stuff, that we aim to dispose of during the month of July regardless of cost or value.

Ten years of truthful advertising in this city is the strongest argument that we can advance in behalf of this important announcement.

GOLDSMITH BROS. & COMPANY.

WE ARE STILL AT IT

Having inaugurated the largest sale of Men's All Wool Summer suits at lower prices (quality considered) than was ever offered before in this city, and as the demand still continues lively for them, we will manage to keep up a good assortment at the popular prices of

SEVEN FORTY-EIGHT AND NINE NINETY-EIGHT

by drawing from grades that have sold as high as Eighteen Dollars. Though alone in the field, we promise to satisfy all comers till July 10th.

"THE SAMTERS," SQUARE DEALING CLOTHIERS

Buy the latest style? It don't cost any more. It is just as serviceable. It is far more beautiful.

The latest style in Bedroom Furniture Is the Curly Birch; it is a Beautiful Wood; takes a high polish; Is strong and stays well in place.

It can be seen at HULL & CO.'S New Furniture Store on Washington avenue, Next to the Presbyterian Church.

IRON AND STEEL

Bolts, Nuts, Bolt Ends, Turnbuckles, Washers, Rivets, Horse Nails, Files, Taps, Dies, Tools and Supplies. Sail Duck for mine use in stock.

SOFT - STEEL - HORSE - SHOES,

And a full stock of Wagon Makers' Supplies, Wheels, Hubs, Rims, Spokes, Shafts, Poles, Bows, etc.

BITTENBENDER & CO.,

MINE PROPS AND TIES

OAK BILL STUFF.

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