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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

For Judges of the Superior Court: CHARLES E. RICE, of Luzerne; E. N. WILKINSON, of Lackawanna.

For State Treasurer: BENJAMIN J. HAYWOOD, of Mercer.

Election day, Nov. 5.

Senator Quay's selection of ex-Lieutenant Governor Watres as northeastern Pennsylvania's representative on the state executive committee is at once a deserved compliment.

Russia and Japan.

No student of current events can fail to take interest in the nearing probability of a war between Japan and Russia for the control of the neutral seaports of Asia.

In the outset of our war with China," said the aforementioned Japanese diplomat, "the sympathies of England were so markedly on the side of China that we had good reason to believe that at some stage of the war she would interfere on behalf of China."

As to results, the Japanese speaker doubted his country's ability to cope with Russia on Russian or neutral soil; but on home ground, he assured Colonel Cockerill that the Japanese are confident of victory.

When I was in St. Petersburg two years ago I was told by a Russian diplomat that Japan could not expand because the Christian nations of the earth could not afford to see a heathen power arise to force and prominence and become an influence in the world's affairs.

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Will Soothe the Ruffled Nerves. An early consequence of the advent of the horseless wagon will doubtless be a marked decrease in the number of nervous diseases in large cities.

The Carbondale Herald does not concur in the opinion that as compared with a true American like Lincoln, General Washington diminishes into a minor character.

dent, that the name of all names that will live longest and command of the future the greatest homage in connection with free government is that of the first martyr president, the homely, philosophical, undaunted Lincoln.

The proposition to have the next legislature abolish the Superior court comes, naturally enough, from the Democrats, who fancy they see in it a chance to re-open the recent war of Republican factions.

The Condition of Labor.

It is announced that one of the pieces of proposed national legislation which will come before congress at its next session is the bill authorizing the appointment of a non-partisan commission of twenty-one persons to consider and recommend legislation to meet the problems presented by labor, agriculture and capital.

In this connection, as illustrative of the recent progress of the cause of labor in this country, it is opportune to study the course of wages from 1840 to 1892, as shown by Labor Commissioner Wright's investigation of wages and prices.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Wages, Prices. Rows for 1840, 1845, 1850, 1855, 1860, 1865, 1870, 1875, 1880, 1885, 1890, 1892.

In order to fully understand and appreciate this tabulated statement, it is, as the esteemed Washington Post remarks, "important to bear in mind that the hours of labor were reduced from an average of eleven and one-half hours a day in 1840, to ten hours in 1892, and that, notwithstanding this very material reduction, the standard of wages, estimated on the gold basis, steadily increased, and there was a still greater increase in purchasing power."

Furthermore, we are reminded by the same authority that there "is scarcely a state in the Union whose legislation has not been materially changed at the demand and in the interest of labor. In the manufacturing and mining states, especially, labor has secured many and great reforms through legislation. The lives and health of workmen in mines and factories and on railroads have been protected by national and state laws that were not dreamed of fifty years ago.

Senator Quay will have, in the next legislature, an opportunity for ornamental penmanship on the scroll of fame such as comes to few men. We sincerely trust that he will measure up to it.

Wherefore This Delay.

It is a circumstance fraught with not a little humiliation that our state department, in the Waller case, has permitted a foreign power to keep an American citizen in jail for months without submitting for its consideration a transcript of the evidence upon which the imprisonment was based.

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An early consequence of the advent of the horseless wagon will doubtless be a marked decrease in the number of nervous diseases in large cities. We reason out this conclusion as follows: Much of the present nervousness in cities is occasioned by the noise of heavy drays rattling over cobble stone or block pavements, and by the yelling of profane drivers.

In this connection it is interesting to note that a highly successful exhibition of a horseless wagon was made less than a fortnight ago in New York city. The vehicle in question was imported from Paris, where it had been in

use as an omnibus, and will now be stored by a large Gotham dry goods store as a delivery wagon. It moved noiselessly, speedily and gracefully, and all who witnessed the test speak with enthusiasm as to its entire success.

In the course of a beautiful tribute, the Washington Post says of the late Major Richard H. Sylvester, long-time its associate editor: "He was thoroughly skilled in all the branches of his chosen profession, and was one of those to whom it was a profession and not merely a business. His heart was in his work."

Uncle Sam and Cuba.

The strong case made by a Cuban-American contributor to the Philadelphia Press in the matter of the international aspects of this government's attitude toward Spain will be deservedly attract widespread attention.

As the Cuban patriots now fighting for self-government have not been recognized as a state, or even as belligerents, by the government of the United States, the Spanish government refusing to acknowledge that there is a war in Cuba, the international law of neutrality could not have any application to their case.

"The Spanish government," he tells us, "sends its war vessels to our own ports to keep a watch on alleged filibusters, has filled our principal cities and seaports with spies and detectives to shadow every Cuban and even every American citizen who is suspected of giving any assistance to the Cuban cause, which is the cause of freedom and republicanism."

Those who advocate an appointive judiciary doubtless b'ladford their eyes when in sight of Cleveland's Supreme court.

ARE CRIMINALS SANE?

Dr. Forbes Winslow, of London, the distinguished specialist in mental diagnosis, arrived in New York Saturday on the St. Louis, and was promptly interviewed by the Sun. Said he: "In the United States a very small proportion of men accused of crime are sane. An instance of this, and the way the law is treated, occurs in a murder known in England as the Old Kent road murder. A wretched old man killed his wife in a moment of insanity, and succeeded in cutting his throat. If the point of the knife had reached his wife and constituted the crime, she would have been sane and the man temporarily insane. But it happened that the knife did not penetrate far enough to kill him. So as soon as he was well enough to come out of the hospital he was dragged to the Old Kent road and tried for murder. He was, wretchedly wounded, with a great hole in the side of his throat, but the jury decided that he was not insane, and he was hanged. I asked to him in his cell at recess on the day of his trial, and was convinced that he was a lunatic. It turned out to be true, for after his death a lot of letters from him were found, and they were perfectly irresponsible, indicating undoubtedly that their writer was insane."

"Not only are most murderers homicidal lunatics, but homicidal lunacy in London is increasing very rapidly, particularly among young men between 16 and 25 years old. I think the increase comes chiefly from the force of imitation. These boys read about men who have committed murders; their minds become filled with the stories of them; the pulp does all that it can to make the situation worse by preaching about them and their companions to them, and I am certain it is this motive which is the strongest now in the increase of the number of young men in London who are tried for murder. But they are homicidal lunatics just the same, even if it is on the ground of imitation which inspires their crime. They are not responsible; their brains are affected. Homicidal lunacy, unlike suicidal lunacy, is curable. A homicidal lunatic may recover entirely from the attack which led him to commit a certain crime, but at the same time he will never be safe at all. Of all the men that are saved from the gallows in England by establishing their insanity, not a single one has ever been set free. They are all sent to Broadmoor prison, the prison for the criminal insane. From suicidal lunacy a patient rarely recovers, even for a brief period. It takes the form of melancholia, and for that reason it is rarely ever shaken off. When I go into a room and find a man raving, with three men holding him down, I feel very much more secure if he is a homicidal lunatic, my presence quietly and soberly, with a look of melancholy."

"My theory of the Jack the Ripper murders was that they were the work of a religious fanatic who fancied that he had some grudge to pay against these women. When I proposed the theory first in London, I got letters from every quarter. After the third murder I got one signed 'Jack the Ripper,' saying: 'This week you shall hear from me.' The police at Scotland Yard got the same letter in the same handwriting, which proved also to be the same writing that was found on the arches in Whitechapel after the murders were committed. One of the people who wrote to me at that time was a medical student-keeper. He said that a young medical student lived with him, and he described this man's actions on the nights when the first three murders occurred. At each time he had gone from the house differently dressed, and had come back on his shoes and clothes covered with blood. He was a religious monomaniac and went to St. Paul's church, where he had a seat. He came home after the murders, changed his clothes, and got out of the house in time to go to church. He had a knife and a razor with him, and some of the people who investigated them found them to be the same as those which were used in the murders. The man was covered with human blood. After the third murder the medical student dis-

appeared and no trace could be found of him. I went to Scotland Yard and asked them to search the man's name, and put an officer at my disposal, so that we could look for the man, but they refused to do that, and I was unwilling to undertake the whole thing myself. Later I wrote to one of the newspapers an account of this young man and my theory of the way in which the murders were committed. From that time there was not another murder, and that strengthened me more than the Thames. He had drowned himself."

"I have had a great deal of experience in kleptomaniacs, particularly of late, and it seems to me the cases are growing very much more frequent. I attribute that also to the force of imitation, just as in the cases of murder. Moral lunacy, which is the general description under which cases of this kind would come, takes many forms, and it is impossible to tell in what way it may manifest itself. I have seen one of them. Oscar Wilde had a remarkable career, and I have no doubt that his insanity, if not he persecuted him, he was responsible for what he did. I am radically opposed to capital punishment, and I believe that if it were abolished, murder has decreased. I believe the same result would follow in any country."

CONVENTION ECHOES.

W. H. Reiff, in Northtown Herald. The people of Pennsylvania will only be too eager to see the legislature reformed. Let competent men be put in place on their merits and there will not be that bungling legislation of old. Allow bills to pass on their merits and not wait for orders from a "boss." Prevent corporations from intimidating senators and representatives by "easy facilities." Stop the "squeezing" in legislation and the absolute purchase of legal enactments by worming them through the legislature. If the constitution is obeyed and the rights of representatives are sent here, there will be much needed reform. All of us who are interested in the welfare of the state, give us a "Model" legislature. We had one in 1888, but that was a fake. Keep all the lobbyists and leaders away and give the people a chance. They certainly can't do any worse and make any more mistakes than have been made in the past."

Possibly the people will get some benefit out of this reform. If there has frequently said, it is true that it's only when the politicians get to fighting that the public good is served. It has been said that reform movements as a general thing do not come until after the eruptions. It's the politician to feel when he becomes a reformer, as he knows all the tricks and trades and while he may be motivated by a noble ideal, he is driven to it by force of circumstances. No one knows better how to reform the people than the man who has been through all of it and up to the present time has been opposed to reform."

The strongest and best feature about the convention was the platform. If there has been no other public benefit acquired over this struggle a strict obedience to every letter laid down in the adoption of the reform platform and resolutions and a sincere effort to carry it out in every particular will be of vastly more importance to the people than the fact that some particular individual or individuals representing this or that faction were nominated and elected. A stronger platform, honestly carried out, could not have been desired by the good Republicans of this Commonwealth."

In summing up the results of the convention there is one source of congratulation out of the whole business, and that is, the Democrats are the biggest fool set of allies the whole set. They objected, even worked and prayed some of them, for Quay, expecting it would result in a reform platform. A stronger platform, honestly carried out, could not have been desired by the good Republicans of this Commonwealth."

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Apechus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrology cast: 3:01 a. m., for Thursday, Sept. 5, 1895.

A child born on this day will be possessed of keen perceptive faculties. He will live in the present and will never be beguiled by the song and dance of "next year" either in politics or base ball.

The Republican's discovery that the Lackawanna agriculturist has been slighted by Governor Hastings as a campaign document comes with the freshness of a cold storage egg of the vintage of '88. From present indications it will take several months to clear out of the editorial columns of our Democratic contemporaries."

Apechus's Advice. Bear in mind that the man who talks peace with a knife in his boot is seldom peaceable.

Keep an eye upon the picnic grounds of local Democracy. Fireworks exceeding Pain's Pompeii are liable to go off at any time.

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