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SCRANTON, DECEMBER 11, 1895.

In view of the deliberate failure the Scranton Republican to join this paper in a pledge to support the nominees of the next Republican city convention, regardless of individual preferences, is not The Tribune thor oughly justified in calling itself "the only Republican daily in Lackawanna county?"

The selection of June 16 as the time and the city of St. Louis as the place of the next national convention is in the nature of a surprise, since party sentiment has distinctly favored a late convention with Chicago as its site. The practical politicians seem, however, to have overruled the masses in the matter of a date: but it deserves to be said that the site which they have chosen is more generally acceptable. St. Louis is neutral ground, easily accesible and well provided with hotel and other necessary ommodations. Its selection is deyold of any factional significance.

Senator Cameron's Successor.

It has already been intimated that while Senator Cameron's letter is explicit enough in its statement of the senator's intention to retire, circumances might be so shaped in his behalf by the compact organization which exists among his friends as to render it possible for him, a year hence, to come to a different decision. It has been suggested that were an artificial sentiment in his favor to be manipulated after the membership of the next legislature shall have been chosen, so as to give the Cameron following an excuse to vote for him, he might be moved to reconsider, "at the earnest request of the people of the state through their duly elected representatives."

This view of the senator's letter is suspicious, and in the case of any other man would also be insulting. But Mr. Cameron has only himself to blame for Republicans accept as candid his communication to Senator McCarrell, for had he not resorted to deceit at the time of his last re-election his written word would to-day pass current in better and more complimentary favor. That a second attempt will be made to juggle with the lagislature in his interest we dq not, however, believe, although our m rests on other foundations than the Bacredness of the senator's published correspondence. It will not made for the simple and sufficient reason that the awakened sentiment of Pennsylvania's Republicanism does not propose to take any chance in this direction. It proposes to proceed toward the election of Senator Cameron's successor precisely as if the senator were himself an avowed candidate in his own person and name; and it will meither be tricked by a bogus appeal to him to reconsider nor will it without a struggle hand over to him in the privilege of naming as his successor

The year which will intervene be ore the legislature can act in this matter will be ample time for the consideration of candidates. The people and e press of the state will doubtless see that such a discussion shall not wane.
It is important that the commonwealth should gain a representation in the sen-ate which will not humiliate or misrepresent it. The junior senator being dislinetly an organizer of political forces and a worker along quiet lines, it would seem to be desirable that his new col-league should be an effective public aker and a well-versed student of blic questions. Intellectually he should be of recognized force and prominence; politically he should be in full sympathy with the best ideals and ons of his state and of his party; and personally he should be of elevated character and of manly dis-The search for such a man id be prosecuted until he is found.

David A. Wells says the country is seed by barbarians. David should be too hard on the Democrats, now though there is not a complete record.

hat they are down.

The Proper Reply. her's, so long as neither knows the Interest in Correspondent Curtis' in that Lord Salisbury's reply to y Olney's Venesuelan letter s that the United States has no sterfere in a dispute between ong as her own interests are not inolved or her peace and prosperity en-two houses throughout the other years angured. In other words, Johnny Bull, of the house's history, the total num-In other words, Johnny Bull, states, politely invites Uncle mind his own business, regard-anything President Monroe ever the message to congress. Nor exceptionent, according to this the Marquis of Balisbury's recent right to dictate how Great that conduct or determine a first according to the state of the first that the

Thirdly, her majesty's ministers would like to know who intrusted the government of the United States with a protectorate over the western emisphere or authorized her to assum to forbid any government in the world to enlarge its territory or extend its jurisdiction either upon the American continent or elsewhere. Then our British cousing want to know how far the United States is prepared to maintain the proposition advanced by Secretary

Of course thin is merely a guess. It nay be accurate and it may not. Mr.

Curtis says he has fairly good authority

or believing that the above is substantially the tenor of the British govern-

nent's argument. Whether this infor-

mation is correct or not will not be

known to a certainty until the presi-

dent comes back to Washington from

his Southern duck-hunting trip, reads

Lord Salisbury's correspondence, talks

it over with his cabinet and sends the

document with a message to congress

Should the foregoing guess be verified.

however, it is not to be doubted for an

instant what congress' reply will be.

There need be no bluster, but in plain

words England should be told that the

first step taken by her to seize disputed

cepted by the United States as equiva-

for harmony's sake Luzerne county Re-

publicans ought to voke him, a Hest-

ings man, up with Editor Hart, a Quay

man, and send them both as delegates

to the national convention. This would

be harmony with Wilkes. Barre left out.

But maybe Wilkes-Barre has had her

Perhaps Grover hunts ducks to get his

markmanship up in case the wors

Inordinate Burial Costs.

The introduction by Senator Peffer

yesterday of a bill to regulate public

funerals gives special interest to some

facts which he lately compiled from

the federal records. From this compil-

ation it appears that the whole number

of deaths of senators while in office

from the beginning of the government

to the present time, is 107, while the

number of deaths of representatives is

very much larger. We quote now from

a recent Washington letter in the Sun

The total number of senators whose

funeral expenses were provided for out

of the contingent fund of the senate is

73, at an aggregate cost of \$100,234.80,

or an average of \$1,373.18. During the

first thirty-seven years of the senate's

history twenty-two of its members

died, but no expense was incurred by

congress until after 1826. Within the

next twenty-two years after that date.

or in the period from 1826 to 1847 inclu-

sive, twenty-seven senators died, and

the remains of eleven of them were in-

terred at the expense of the govern-

ment, at an average cost of \$618.80. The

average cost of the first three sena-

expenditure was \$68,855.57, and the av-

more than half of the entire expendi-

ture on all such occasions during the

whole period of the senate's existence,

and \$4,139,20 more than all the funerals

from 1790 to 1884 inclusive, a period of

ninety-five years. In other words, of

the seventy-three burials from the sen-

ate the last thirteen cost \$4,139,20 more

Three cases those of Thomas J. Rusk

of Texas, who died on July 29, 1856;

Andrew P. Butler of South Carolina.

who died May 25, 1857, and James Bell

of New Hampshire, who died May 26.

1857, cost the government but \$4.50 each.

This is the smallest amount charged to

the account of the death of senators.

one case on this account was on the

occasion of the death of George Hearst

of California. The items in that case

when collected and footed up, show an

aggregate of \$21,322.55. Among the

curious things which appear from the

record of these funeral expenses is that

the difference in the cost does not ap-

pear to be governed by the distance of

the home of the deceased senator from

the capital. The cost of senatorial fu-

nerals seems to vary for no reason

whatever. Here are a few figures to

illustrate the variation in cost, without

regard to the distance of the senator's

1859—John C. Cainoun, S. C. 3,06 47
1852—Henry Clay, Ky. 5,447 02
1858—Joshua C. Evans, S. C. 906 02
1858—James P. Henderson, Tex 541 45
1874—Charles Sumner, Mass. 4,687 29
1879—George S. Houston, Ala. 1,064 67
1885—John F. Miller, Cal. 2,552 34
1891—George Hearst Cal. 21 222 55

In the house of representatives, al-

\$26,792.67, or an average of \$1,275.84. Dur-

ing the same years eleven senator died.

and the average expense of their funer-

als was \$4;542.02. If the same propor-

tion exists between the number of

deaths and the funeral expenses in the

two houses throughout the other years

ber of deaths among members of that body must be about 213, and the num-

ber of those whose deaths were the oc-

home from Washington:

The largest amount expended in any

than all the other sixty.

met accordingly.

omes to the worst.

share.

torial toga with C. L. Magee or David

An Interesting Report. The state bureau of industrial statistics has collected some decidedly interesting figures concerning manufacturing in Pennsylvania in 1894 as compared with the years 1892 and 1893. They relate to the number of persons employed. the amount of wages paid and the value of the product. Several important changes may be noted. First, there has been a decrease in the number of employes in all the industries. This is shown in the following table:

EMPLOYES.

territory in South America will be aclent to a declaration of war and will be Carpets 4,648
Hosiery 1,725
Woollen 5,390
Cotton 3,818
Glass 7,239 Representative Leisenring thinks that Miscellaneous 23,338

Another marked decline is in the value of the product. In most cases the work of production has been conducted at a loss. Another result or the continued decline is a deterioration in the quality of the products. Every manufacturer s desirous of manufacturing as cheaply as possible, and has sought in every way to lessen the cost of production. With respect to the relative depres-

ion of the industries, the report shows that that of the iron industry was the greatest. Though the rates of wages were reduced in 1894, the decline in the prices and the diminution in the quantity produced left the manufacturers probably, in worse condition at the end than they were at the beginning of the year. "It is unquestionably true," says the report, "that Pennsylvania manufacturers are suffering not only from the general condition of business, but also from keen competition in the South and West. In both sections of the country numerous plants have been erected, while advantages that Pennsylvania formerly possessed have passed away. In the South, for example, the ore, fuel and flux lie close to each other, and are concentrated at very low cost. The cost of transportation of the various elements entering into the production of

pig iron is reduced to a minimum. Add

to these advantages the lower wages

paid to much of the labor employed and

the aggregate advantages over Penn-

sylvania are very great." But while some of this depression may fairly be ascribed to competition within the United States, the greater portion torial funerals was \$292.47. From 1848 of it is undoubtedly a tribute to the effipublic expenditures. The aggregate on their own ground, thus causing the laborers of Sheffield and other English erage cost \$2,754.22. The last ten sen- steel centers to receive employment atorial funerals cost \$45,420.17, or an while the laborers of our own steel mills average of \$4.542.02. The funerals of are correspondingly restricted in their senators during the last ten years, employment. Fortunately, the day is from 1885 to 1894 inclusive, cost \$2,069.60 not far distant when the voters of the United States will release memselves from such a humiliating economic bondage to England and restore American industries to the first place in the concern of American legislation.

> Now that an active effort is being made by representative citizens to secure a complete paid fire protective service in this city, definite results may soon be expected. The need of a paid fire department has long been manifest; but the trouble has been that no genera movement has been made in its behalf. It was the true logic of the situation that the Underwriters' association should, in default of a paid service, demand such insurance rates of Scranton policy holders as the present and increasing risk obviously justifies. A growing city with stationary appliances for fighting fires must expect the natural consequences of growing insurance premiums. It can escape this only by doing all in its power to minimize the

The tribute paid yesterday by our esteemed contemporary, the Truth, to the senatorial candidacy of Colonel L. A. Watres was an eloquent but a merited one. From all accounts, our distinguished fellow townsman today stands first in the race for the succession to Cameron. In another place in this issue we reproduce the comments of the leading papers of the state upon the senior senator cameron says he will not want after March 4, 187. "Jack" Robinson is the kind of politician who goes with all his might for anything he wants, but it is only the truth to say that he is not the average Pennsylvania Republican's ideal of what a United States senator should be. senator's retirement, and it will be seen

Senator Cullom's earnest, straightforward and unequivocal enunciation in favor of the Monroe doctrine in all its

Representative Morse, in a bill of only 100 words, has outlined a plan to raise \$40,000,000 of extra revenue annually, at the same time protecting home industries. That bill ought to pass,

Despite Grover's absence, the country will feel safe while Tom Reed re-

mains. CAMERON'S RETIREMENT.

Philadelphia Press: "Under what influences, by what counsels and with what ulterior plans or expectations Mr. Cameron reaches this conclusion are questions which, will excite wide interest. They may be left to the flood of speculation which will tollow the opening of this sluice-gate. For the present, in considering the reacon which has induced the study it is enough to recognite that fir. Cameron has gracefully award to an over-

placed on the amount which may be expended, a time may come when the cost of congressional funerals will be out of all proportion. In this contention the senator is decidedly in the right. There does not seem to be any sense in the expenditure of \$21,000 of public money over the funeral of a several times millionaire like the late Mr. Hearst, who in all his career as a senator probably never did \$21,000 worth of public service. The gentieman from Kansas is on the right track and congress should stand by him.

We gather from some of his casual remarks that Senator Quay would be silightly dissatisfied to share his senators of Mr. Cameron's succession and getty and the proposed of the propose of Mr. Wanamaker, District Attorney Grahm, Judge Paxson and Senator Repulsion are the writing that the writing that the writing that the writing the politicians, who make senators in Pennsylvania.

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Following is the exact text of Senator Cameron's letter: United States Senate, Washington, D. C.,

United States Senate, Washington, D. C., Dec. 9, 1895.

My Dear Senator:—I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th. You will remember that in a conversation at my home in Harrisburg just after my election to the senate I told you as well as many other friends that under no circumstances would I again be a candidate for re-election. Since then nothing has occurred to change my mind. Many friends from every security in the senate in the senate in the senate in the property of districts. my mind. Many friends from every sec-tion of the state are writing me, making inquiry as to my wishes and intentions and cordially offering their support. It is due to them that a public announcement due to them that a public announcement should be made in reply to their inquiries, and I take this opportunity through the senator from my native county to thank you any my friends in every county in the state for their more than generous support for more than a third of a century and to say that I have not been am support for more than a third of a cen-tury, and to say that I have not been, am not now and will not be a candidate for re-election to the senate of the United States. Not being in office better oppor-tunity will be afforded me to serve those who have served me, and that I will do so there can be no doubt. Yours truly

there can be no doubt. Yours truly,
(Signed) J. D. Cameron.
To Hon. Samuel J. M. McCarrell, Har-

Senator Quay: "The announcement is no surprise to me. I have for some time understood that Mr. Cameron would not be a candidate for re-election to the senbe a candidate for re-election to the sen-ate, but I have felt it proper that he should make the announcement at his own time and in his own way. Personally, I wish to say that I will sincerely regret losing the association of Mr. Cameron in the senate. He has served his state and his country well." "Who, in your opinion," Colonel Quay was asked, "is most likely to succeed Mr. Cameron in the senate?" "I do not yet know anything about that, but"—and here Mr. Quay about that, but"—and here Mr. Quay amiled grimly—"I believe you would be safe in predicting that Mr. Cameron's successor will not be any citizen of Penn-sylvania who is or who has been con-nected with what is popularly called the 'Combine' of Philadelphia and Pittsburg."

Philadelphia Times: "The retirement of Senator Cameron means the absolute end of the Cameron dynasty in Pennsylvania. It is a leadership without an heir apparent or the hope of succession. The retirement of Cameron will have little effect upon Pennsylvania politics beyond disarming some of the most blatant opp nents of Senator Quay, who have sought to accomplish his overthrow by charging him with seeking the election of Cameron to another term in the senate. There will be new conditions, new men, possibly to some extent new methods, in the politic of this state, but to all these as they shall arise. Senator Quay will adjust himself, and he has therefore every prospect of retaining his absolute mastery of Republication.

Harrisburg Patrict: "Accepting as sincere all that Senator Cameron has said about his retirement those who believe his retention as senator during the remainder torial funerals was \$292.47. From 1848 of it is undoubtedly a tribute to the total to 1867 inclusive twenty-eight senators died, and eighteen of them were buried at the expense of congress, at an average cost of \$1,398.46. The record from and very pointedly been shown to Scrantonians, it has become possible for the state want and the must obey. He is the mourn of the undoubtedly a tribute to the same of his life is a public and patriotic necessity need not despair. The decision of no public man is irrevocable as to yielding up an office. If the people of the state want for the same to th deaths in the senate, and all but five foreign steel rail makers to underbid will not dare refuse them. In this mourn may find sweet consolation.

being instructed against him. This time, however, Senator Cameron seems to mean business. If he does, we quite agree with him that he can serve his friends best as a private citizen. It might be added also that he will serve his state best in that ca-

Philadelphia Inquirer: "Philadelphia is entitled to the vacancy, but unless there is a unity of purpose, which just now does not seem altogether probable because of the multiplicity of candidates, the country will again secure the office. In that event it might be well to keep an eye upon ex-Lieutenant Governor Watres, of Scranton. His position as the residuary legates of a Klikenny cat fight in Philadelphia is a strong one."

Representative John B. Robinson: "This action of Senator Cameron clears the at-mosphere and makes the senatorial race open to all. I expect to be a candidate myself and will go into the fight to wir

-:o:-Captain John C. Delaney, superintendent of public grounds: "Cameron's move means the election of ex-Lieutenan Governor Watres, of Scranton, as the ser

The Philadelphia Press, in its mention of possible successors of Cameron, studiously refrains from mentioning the name

POLITICAL POINTS.

Congressman Robinson, of Delaware county, announces himself flat-footed as a candidate for the seat in the United States

senator's retirement, and it will be seen that in several of these the name of Colonei Watres is mentioned with evident favor. The Northeastern portion of Pennsylvania certainly deserves a senatorship, geographically, intellectually and politically. parties will treat them with the utmost consideration. A deadlock may, however, be expected early in the session.

The Democrats have solid delegations in though there is not a complete record, an idea of the cost of funerals may be had from the accounts of the last four years, which have been kept by items. The deaths in the house from 1890 to 1894 inclusive number twenty-one. The funerals cost the government a total of \$25,792.57, or an average of \$1,275.84. Dur-

Ex-Congressman Sowden, of Lehigh Ex-Congressman Sowden, of Lehigh county, is an aspirant for the Democratic nomination for mayor of Allentown. For various reasons Mr. Sowden was eliminated from national and state politics some years ago, after flaving represented his district two terms in congress, and is now taking a new start. The Wrights, of Lehigh, crowded Sowden out afid are trying to keep him out.

It is a noticeable fact that the name of Thomas Francis Bayard does not appear in the list of possibilities for the Democratic presidential nomination. Mr. Bayard is no longer regarded as a good enough American to eatisfy even the average southers Democrat. Nevertheless it is said he will return to the United States when the Cleveland adminstration goes out.

S. S. Wright, of Susquehanna county, says he is not a candidate for delegate to the national Republican convention. It seems that the Wright mentioned for that particular honor is C. Fred Wright, brother of the late Congressman Myron B. Wright, State Senator Hardenbergh, of Wayne, will have no opposition in his end of the district.

Senator Sherman does not care how se-verely his book is criticized. The harsh criticisms it has received have run the senator's recipts up to \$125,000 and the de-mand still continues. He has never struck anything that paid quite as well.

The concensus of Democratic opinion seems to be that Grover Cleveland will not again be nominated for president, unless nobody else will consent to run. It is doubtful if eyen Senator Hill now desires the nomination According to the Philadelphia Press ex

Justice Payson has been added to the list of applicants for the United States senatorship. This gives Philadelphia half a dozen candidates—enough to kill each It is surprising how large a number of Cameron's friends knew years ago that he would not be a candidate for another term. That was one of the bert-kept secrets we

ever heard of in Pennsylvania politics.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS.

Tom Reed's Answer. Wellman, in the Times-Herald: "When the San Francisco committee approached Tom Reed and asked him what his con-Tom Reed and asked him what his convention preferences were Mr. Reed drew himself up an inch or two, smiled pleasantly and remarked: "This is a question upon which the eternal proprieties require me to maintain a persistent, a dignified and a diplomatic slience. But, confidentially, gentlemen, and at this the committee became eagerly expectant, but, confidentially, I don't mind telling you that I don't care a continental where the convention is held."

Almost Criminal Indifference. Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer: "Say what you please there is a strong current of in-dignation that Cleveland should desert his post to go 'duck shooting' at such a grave juncture in our affairs. The in-difference he shows is almost criminal and the comment and criticism he is the recipent of is justly deserved."

The Wail of Envy. Wilkes-Barre Record: "New York, Chi-cago, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Pittsburg are all after the Republican national convention. What's the matter with Scranton? That aerated city has not passed its plate around yet. Why this un-usual modesty?"

A Pointer for the Speaker. Chicago Times-Herald: "Mr should endeavor to manage congress so that the people may be convinced that the mission of the Republican party is not confined to the work of securing offi-cial jobs for scheming politicians."

Wilkes-Barre Record: "The news of has introduced a bill to establish postal savings banks. That is a practical bill opfore, but was not generally believed. from a practical man and should be passed. There was reason to suppose that it was with a practically unanimous vote."

Lyck to prevent legislative candidates —:o:—

About Our Size.

Harrisburg Patriot: "The area of Cuba is about the same as that of our own state. Her sighs for freedom are about our size -:0:--

Wilkes-Barre Record: "Have Congress-man Scranton and William Connell buried the batchet for the 'steenth time?' No One Herenbouts.

Don't Worry, Brother.

Wilkes-Barre Record: "Has anybody heard any rumors of a Democratic na-tional convention?"

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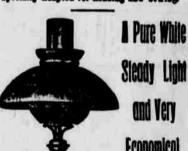
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