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In view of the deliberate failure of 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 thoroughly justified in calling itself "the only Republican daily in Lackawanna county?"

The interesting weekly letter of Northwestern travel by J. E. Richmond. which has proved so instructive a feature of the Saturday Tribune, will appear in next Monday's issue.

state convention which has been called stantly advanced. It may be that this St. Louis convention. Of the two present congressmen-at-large, Mr. Grow is sure to be renominated, and if the cessor will be one for the western counties themselves to decide, and consequently not one in which the east will take special interest. The choosing of candidates for presidential electors will be purely a perfunctory duty.

So far as is known, the northeastern which, in the natural order of things, is apportioned to them-Representative J. A. Scranton. It was at one time thought that he might secure this honce in default of other aspirants for it; but his recent conversion to Mugwumpery as indicated in the "Independent Republican" caption which he has placed at his newspaper's masthead may in- and if his choice should not be the same spire the straight Republicanism of this as Quay's, then there may be two hopesection to seek more trustworthy representation. In that connection the still be the more hopeful, unless the names of Hon. Morgan B. Williams and state administration were to swing in Hon. Charles A. Miner, of Wilkes-Barre, and Representative Walter T. Merrick, of Tioga, have been mentioned, and doubtless either would be acceptable to the masses of the party. Probably neither of these gentlemen would use such an honor in the payment of personal obligations rather than in the reflection of party preferences for the presidential nomination.

would be the first to prescribe. Unlike the president, the speaker has a party behind him, and it will hold him responsible. If he does not meet its expectations I predict that before this as ession ends a Republican caucus will call him to account and go to battle

party's duty. He is undoubtedly a big enough man to see that the country is not in a mood for mere partisanism in its congress, but that it expects and, if necessary, will demand resolute and patriotic action in relief of patent gov-

patriotic action in relief of patent gov-ernmental troubles. The fact that Quay and Magee met in Washington the other day, and shook hands instead of pulling guns, appears to have given some representatives of the press quite a shock. The fact that Quay and Magee met in Washington the other day, and shook hands instead of pulling guns, appears to have given some representatives of the press quite a shock. The fact that Quay and Magee met in Washington the other day, and shook hands instead of pulling guns, appears to have given some representatives of the press quite a shock. The fact that Quay and Magee met in Washington the other day, and shook hands instead of pulling guns, appears to have given some representatives of the press quite a shock.

### Mr. Palmer's Candidacy.

Hon. Henry W. Palmer, of Wilkes-Barre, has been somewhat extensively interviewed recently on the subject of his candidacy for United States senator. and these interviews brought out the fact that he is not an avowed aspirant for senatorial honors at this time. With characteristic frankness he said he proposed to give the matter further consideration and ascertain the actual inwardness of the situation before making his decision. By this Mr. Palmer doubtless intended to convey the idea

that if the senatorship remained open to all comers and was a free-for-all contest, he might take his chances with the other aspirants. If, on the other hand, there should be an apparent concentration of the potent leaders on some one candidate he would remain out of the fight. That is probably the status of a considerable number of those who

have announced themselves as canaldates. By reason of his recently emphasized powers in the leadership of the Republican party of Pennsylvania in the Senator Quay is, by many Republicans, regarded as the man who will practic-

to meet at Harrisburg Thursday morn- concedes excessive and undue influence ing, April 23, 1896, will be principally in to Senator Quay, but there is not the the selection of delegates-at-large to the slightest doubt that the aspirant for the senatorship who is so fortunate as to be able to command the support of the junior senator will have a tremendous friends of Senator Quay should decide advantage over all competitors. We asto pass Colonel Huff by because of his sume that if Senator Quay were to make attitude in the last state chairmanship it apparent that he will use all his infight, the question of naming his suc- fluence in behalf of any one of the announced candidates two-thirds, if not a larger proportion, of all the others would abandon the contest as hopeless. It is highly probable that nearly every avowed aspirant for the senatorship conditions his candidacy on the expectation that Senator Quay will either counties have only one announced can- support him or refrain from all active didate for the delegateship-at-large participation in the contest. The latter contingency might as well be abandoned, for nothing can be more certain than that Senator Quay will have a decided preference as to who should be his colleague in the senate, and that he will exert all the influence at his command in behalf of his own choice. Senator Cameron, too, will have a preference,

# POLITICAL POINTS.

The fact that the champions of Gen-eral Harrison have already engaged rooms for headquarters at St. Louis is accepted as conclusive that the ex-president will be a candidate for the nomination next June. There can be no question that Gen-eral Harrison has a large number of ad-hematic among the potent lenders of Reunder other leadership." It is not likely that the Republicans of the house will have to resort to any such extreme measures in bringing the speaker to a realization of his and the party's duty. He is undoubtedly a big be an important factor in the convention

> Ex-Senator Morgan B, Williams, of Wilkes-Barre, has notified his friends that he wants to go to the national Republi-can convention as one of the delegates from the Luzerne district, and unless too

> > lower ends without a light.

The Wheeling Inteiligencer declares in the most emphatic way that Governor McKinley is the first choice of the Re-publicans of West Virginia for presi-dent. If that is the case Mr. McKinley ought to receive the support of the twelve delegates from that state in the national convention. But we apprehend that unless Senator Eikins is for McKinley the latter will not receive much, i any, support from West Virginia. McKin ley's greatest weakness as an aspirant for the presidential nomination is that he is not a favorite with those who make and control state delegations.

Representative Merrick, of Tloga ty, and Representative Focht, of Union, are candidates for re-election to the leg-islature, and each announces that if returned he will aspire to the speakership of the house, Mr. Merrick's friends claim that he will be backed for the speakership by Chairman Quay. These gentle men are certainly taking time by the fore-locks. Speaker Walton, of the last house, will not be a candidate for another term in the legislature, hence the new deal.

It is intimated in some quarters in Wash ington that when a vote shall be reached on the question of admitting Colonel Henry A. Dupont, of Delaware, to a seat in the senate a number of Democratic senators will vote with the Republicans in the affirmative. That would be a sur-The interest of Republicans in the ally name the successor of Senator Cam-Northeastern portion of the state in the eron. At all events, this idea is construction of the case

> Governor Matthews, of Indiana, has signified his willingness to accept the Demo-cratic nomination for president next year, and up to date he has no pronounced op position from the west. Mr. Matthews is confident of his ability to carry his own state and has recently been making bids for support in the south. It is apparent that in a majority of the southern states Cleveland has lost his grip and the oppo sition to a third term for him is more prosounced that in the north.

The New York Herald has been polling the Republican national committee and finds that eleven favor Reed, ten Mc-Kinley, nine Allison, while eight other candidates have the support of from one to four each. There are four silver cranks on the committee who favor the nomi-nation of Cameron. These preferences of the members of the committee have no real significance and are not even a relia-ble indication of Republican sentiment.

The Corporal's guard of Populists who hold the balance of power in the United States senate are manifesting an inclina-tion to fock by themselves and resist an alliance with either the Republicans or the Democrats in re-organizing the sen ate. The Republicans can afford to wait until their reinforcements come. Republican supremacy in the senate is within sight, and no concessions whatever should be made to the Populist senators with a view to an alliance



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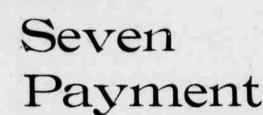
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However, ample time remains for the consideration of this and other subjects suggested by the formal convention

call. If the legislative district primarles were deferred unt!' March, the intervening time would yet be ample to permit the various delegates to gain information as to the wishes of their Aspirants now in the field will disappear constituents in this direction, and thus to enable them to act discreetly. The main fight, if there shall be any, will be over the western congressman-atlarge, and that fortunately will not affect us. Other subjects before the April convention will doubtless be approached harmoniously and in good spirit.

The Tribune will not have a padded Christmas edition this year, with its hiding of patrons' favors under a bushel; but it will continue to receive the advertisements of live business men. whether big or little, at card rates; and as heretofore it will give a thorough

return for its patrons' money.

He Will See His Duty.

That veteran political observer and conservative prophet, Major Moses P. Handy, after a week of mixing with congressmen at the capital, assures the readers of his correspondence that a tariff bill is bound to pass the present lower house of congress. In this prediction he simply confirms the advices which we print this morning on our first page

Says Major Handy: "Nobody wants a fight merely for the sake of a fight. Nobody wants the business interests of the country wantonly disturbed by launched in behalf of ex-Lieutenant agitation. An advance to the McKinley Governor Davies. earthworks from which the Republican party was driven is neither expedient nor desirable. But if the election of crop is doubtless destined to get frosta Republican congress meant anything bitten. it meant that the people wished a re-

adjustment of the tariff on protection lines, with a view to the revival of our industries, the betterment of wages and a provision for an adequate reve-

nue. With a patient lying very ill, it is not edifying to find Dr. Reed and Dr. Cleveland standing at the bedside bowing gravely to each other, alike fearful of assuming responsibility, and saying in affected courtesy, 'After you, sir!' President Cleveland may do as he pleases; as he has always done, and ignore the patent facts of the business situation in an effort to avoid confession to a deficit where he had predicted

a surplus, but Mr. Reed is under the necessity of making a correct diagnosis and applying the remedy which, if he were not a candidate for president, he man; but they, are so few.

ful candidates, but Quay It ought as well be understood and accepted in advance that this is a billion dollar congress. It is such because it must legislate and vole appropriate money for the support of a billion dollar country. It takes just about that sum to meet the necessary expenditures of the government every the voles. The present congress and fight a second battle with Quay. That is a contingency perhaps out of the question.

General Palmer is a man of keen perception and does not rush headlong into the senatorship contest. Before he takes the field he will ascertain just what support he would be able to com-

sible view of the situation.

within call on June 16 next. His head-

It will be noticed that Senator Quay

tions concerning the gentleman who

While the selection of St. Louis is

generally regarded as devoid of faction-

al significance, it probably will not

Senator Quay's discovery that he is

"not fit to be president" ought to be

revised by some kind friend for the

From the feathers sticking to his

mouth it is inferred that naughty

Thomas Platt has again swallowed the

It will be noticed as a fact of interest

that no senatorial boom has yet been

Candidacies for delegate-at-large will

now be in order, although some of the

It is to be borne in mind that the

people, as well as Senator Cameron, ex-

pect to have a voice in naming the next

In all probability the country will

respect Senator Quay's feelings and not

The season is young yet and hence

As we understand it, the Hon. H.

e who know him aver that J.

W. Palmer, of Wilkes-Barre, is only a

there is still time for "Jack" Robinson

to enter the presidential race.

receptive senatorial candidate.

try to force the presidency upon him.

senator.

benefit of Mr. Grover Cleveland.

Gotham Republican canary.

hurt the chances of Senator Allison.

enters no disclaimer as to his expecta-

will officiate as the next president.

quarters will be at the Planters'.

necessary expenditures of the government every two years. The present congress will do well enough if it keeps the appro-priations even a fraction below the bil-lion. the only Republican paper in the state that appears to regret the retirement of Sena-or Cameron. But in this connection it mand. The contest has not yet taken definite shape and will not for several must be remembered that the Scranton Republican has lately manifested Indemonths. Candidates may announce themselves and the press and politicians pendent or Mugwump proclivities. That may account for its recent comments on may discuss these candidates, but all Cameron's retirement. this amounts to nothing. • The lines will

Senator Quay's announcement that he would not accept the nomination for presinot be formed until the members of the next legislature are elected, and then dent under any circumstances will not the situation will be rapidly changed. cause a sensation in political circles for the simple reason that the country has and by the time the legislature meets not at any time regarded him as a candldate for that office. Colonel Quay is possibly not more than one or two will president-maker. remain. General Palmer takes the sen-

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Postmaster General Wilson is eliminating the postmasters of the country from active participation in politics. His latest vicim is Posmaster O'Donnell, of Pitts-burg, who has been compelled to resign In order that the party may not be inconvenienced, General Harrison has the chalarmanship of the Democratic city kindly signified his intention of being ommittee.







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