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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION. Headquarters Republican state committee, 1231 Walnut street,
Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 12, 1895.
To the Republican Electors of Pennsyl-

The Republicans of Pennsylvania, by their duly chosen representatives, will meet in state convention, Thursday, April B. 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., in the Opera House, city of Harrisburg, for the pur-pose of nominating two candidates for representatives at large in congress and thirty-two candidates for presidential eletors, selecting eight delegates at large to the Republican national convention, and transacting such other business as may be presented.

By order of the state committee,

Jere B. Rex. W. R. Andrews. Secretaries.

Representation in this convention will be the same as in the last state conven-

The President's Message. As will be seen from the president's message and the accompanying correspondence yesterday transmitted to congress, the relations of the government of the United States with the government of Great Britain have in consequence of the territorial dispute between Venezuela and British Guiana and the interposition of this republic with a request for arbitration, drawn hear to a crisis. The correspondence reveals that in reply to Secretary Ol- and a fourth reduction, of 2 cents, would ney's upholding of the Monroe doctrine as a reason for American interposition. the English premier, in language curt and trenchant, utterly refuses to recognize that doctrine as possessing present-day vitality, declines to submit the laims of Great Britain to arbitration, and in substance warns this government not to concern itself with a subject of controversy in which it has no direct

In his comment upon this domineer- following statement: ing attitude President Cleveland rises to a plane of dignified yet determined Americanism upon which we trust that he will be enthusiastically supported by his countrymen, regardless of past differences. His suggestion, in reference to the assertion of Her Majestey's government that the Monroe doctrine had fallen by the wayside of events, is that that doctrine is still "sound and strong, because its enforcement is important to our peace and safety as a nation, and essential to the integrity of our free institutions and the tranquil maintenance of our distinctive form of government:" and that it "cannot become obsolete while our republic endures." And this suggestion touches the keynote of American patriotism, and will not have to wait long for responsive proof of its ac-

Dignified, too, is the executive's other suggestion, that, since Great Britain has flatly declined to submit its claim to impartial arbitration, he himself be supplied by congress with funds for the despatch of a commission to Venezuela. to examine into the merits of that country's boundary contentions, to the end that if it be found that rightful Venezuelan territory has been threatened with appropriation by Great Britain. the United States may, "by every neans in its power," prepare to aid Venezuela in her resistance. The message, strong and manly in every line, is especially to be commended for its concluding paragraph, in which the presi-

In making these recommendations I am In making these recommendations I am fully alive to the responsibility incurred, and keenly realize all the consequences that may follow. I am, nevertheless, firm in my conviction that, while it is a grievous thing to contemplate the two great English speaking peoples of the world as being otherwise than friendly competitors in the onward march of civilization, and strenuous and worthy rivals in all the arts of peace, there is no calamity which a great nation can invite which quals that which follows a supine submission to wrong and injustice, and the consequent loss of national self-respect and honor beneath which are shielded and defended a people's safety and greatness.

In view of the gravity of the issue

In view of the gravity of the issue thus presented, it is earnestly hoped and confidently expected that domestic itical divisions will be brushed aside and the world at large treated to the novel spectacle of 70,000,000 American itisens standing together in complete on with their president and with gress in the defense of a vital prinof American freedom. The issue rns all Americans equally, and it vill unquestionably be decided in Amries's favor if the American people hrow into the scales their united sup

port of this government's contention. It will be noticed that for once Salisery's "bluff" didn't go. Now waten its

An Interesting Situation.

In addition to getting itself cordially tested by every non-stockholding scause of unparalleled audacin its mistreatment of patrons, the ion Traction, company, or Philadel-la's new "hog combine," now has a

the already paltry wages of its unfortunate employes; and it is assumed that the present strike is a consequence. If the present difference is not soon adjusted, the city of Philadelphia will doubtless find its means of local travel utterly gone; while the possiblilty of violence and bloodshed is ominously

prominent among the situation's perils. From an outside and disinterested standpoint, it would seem that the ar regant course of this evidently ill-directed company had proceeded quite as far in the direction of contempt for popular rights as public opinion ought to tolerate. The streets of a city belong to that city; and when a free grant of them to a private corporation is utilized for the oppression of the city and for the incurring of public dangers as well as public inconveniences, it apparently should be considered by the citizens of that city, whether, in the exercise of their paramount right of self defense, they ought not to take such measures as will insure in the future their safety and their welfare.

The manner in which Philadelphia. raditionally the most American of our great cities, will proceed to the solution of this problem will be watched with attentive interest. It is hardly credible that the city which, more than a century ago, rang the first chime of political independence will, in this second crisis, patiently submit to a new species of taxation without representation, and a modernized form of tyranny and oppression. It is rather to be believed that its strong Americanism will assert itself in a form of redress which, while according to honestly invested capital every fair opportunity, will effectually discourage the recent tendency of certain Traction corporations to operate upon the Vanderbilt maxim: "The public be ---."

Mr. Cleveland has got on solid ground at last. More power to his back bone!

An Urgently Needed Economy.

The statement of Mr. Kemmerer be fore the Board of Trade Monday evening relative to the reductions in fire insurance premiums conditionally promised to Scranton risks by the State Association of Fire Underwriters puts the proposition of a paid regular fire department in the light of an obvious economy. By the accidental omission in our local report of a clause in Mr. Kemmerer's statement, its purport was alightly confused; hence we now reproduce the explanation in corrected form. Officers of the State association, Mr. Kemmerer said, had assured him that if the city of Scranton organized a paid service, a reduction of 5 cents per \$100 would be made in local premiums; another equal reduction would be made if the city established an efficient fire patrol; a third reduction of 5 cents would follow the alteration of the present alarm system to a direct system be made for automatic boxes, making altogether a reduction of 17 cents per \$100. Assuming that \$50,000,000 of insurance is carried in Scranton, which is certainly a reasonable estimate, about \$85,000 would thus be saved on premiums alone, and a further reduction of 1 cent per \$100 has been promised

for each new steamer. The cost of the present volunteer service may be ascertained from the

City approp committee, fiscal year 1895....\$ 41,000 Sums transferred from other appropriations during year about 12,000 Sums raised by fire companies, through fairs, donations, etc.,

cause of volunteer service, Total yearly cost, at present ..\$158,000

paid service as estimated by the special committee of the Board of Trade, only.......\$ 61,450 Total economy of a regular paid service over present vol-

unteer service, about...... \$ 96,550

The complete cost of an effective

The difference between a paid regular service and a volunteer service is well Illustrated in the familiar difference between regular troops and raw militia. It is not a reflection upon the volunteers to say that the very conditions of their service in time of emergency prevents the precision of workmanship and the discipline obtainable from expert, paid men who make such work their life business. The rapid growth of the city, and especially the growing number of large office buildings which, in the case of fire, would invite the most proficient and hazardous service on the part of the firemen, call for corresponding development in the municipal fire protective system. The city has become metropolitan; its fire risks are today on a scale undreamed of when the present volunteer service was organized, and it is simply the logic of the situation that the fire department should be made metropolitan also. When, as a final fact, it is shown that such a forward step would really involve a direct saving of money equal to almost \$100,000 per annum, there remains, it would seem, no tenable foothold of objection. Let councils act.

Salisbury probably made the mistake of judging all Americans by the characteristics of Bayard.

An Excellent Investment.

Public spirited citizens of Scranton, with a sense of numerous favors received, will no doubt readily respond to the efforts of friends of Mr. John T. Watkins to secure for his benefit a testimonial fund, for the part payment of his expenses while fulfilling his intention of studying in the Royal Academy of Music, London, with a view to fitting himself for opera, oraview to fitting himself for opera, oratorlo and concert work.

Mr. Watkins has for many years been me of the mainstays of Scranton's devotion to music. The work that he has done in the organization of chorus choirs would alone entitle him to substantial public gratitude, for in addition to being a delightful aid to local enjoyment and culture, it has also contributed materially to the promotion of Scranton's fame as an elsteddfodic center. But he has done much more than this. To all appeals in all direc tions he has invariably responded cheerfully and often without price, giving freely of his own skill as a singer and taking practical direction of the

persuaded him to develop his undoubted talent so that it may become of greatest value to the public, it is no more than fair to ask that public, out of the volume of its indebtedness; to contribute a degree of practical co-

operation. A voice possessing the capabilities which Mr. Watkins' voice possesses is as much a public resource as is an ore vein or a coal mine. The welfare of the community is benefited by its development even more than is its individual owner. In this sense aid contributed to the present worthy purpose becomes by no means a charity or a donation, but a wise and judicious investment, from which there is reasonable expectation of a most gratifying re-

If the published reports of the treatment of Charles Durchek by fellow students at the Wyoming seminary be correct, the incident would seem to open to the faculty of that excellent institu tion an admirable opportunity to exhibit its efficiency in administering discipline. The mob spirit is bad enough among rough and untutored frontlersmen; it is doubly reprehensible among young men who, from their vocations as students at a Christian seminary, are with reason supposed to know

Salisbury hints that may be we think England has no right to Canada We didn't intend to call up that point just vet: but since he has suggested it, the fact may as well be admitted that there is a kind of suspicion to that effect.

The Scranton Times, in its talk of electing a Democratic mayor, is amusing itself chasing rainbows.

It is consoling to think that should the worst befall, there would no longer be a North or a South.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

Tribune Bureau. 515 Fourteenth st., N. W., Washington, Dec. 17. Since the withdrawal of Senator Cameron from the senatorial race Senatorial Quay has been almost run to death by fellows who want to be his colleague in the United States senate. "Jack" Robinson was the first to ask Quay for a helping hand simply because he happened to be in town when Senator Cameron issued his famous letter. Of course Quay hasn't told anybody who he will support and the race up to date is a free-for-all one with no

One of the first senatorial candidates to show up was ex-Lieutenant Governor Watres, of Lackawanna county. The gov ernor is a very astute politician and never goes on political mission with a brass band at the head of the procession. He does everything quietly. He dropped into town on an early morning train on Satur-day, jumped into a closed cab and was driven to the residence of Senator Quay where he spent most of the Seventh day Just what satisfaction he got out of Quay, of course, is not definitely known. It is said, however, that the senator didn't fail combative policy pursued in the late hunt for delegates in Lackawanna county, Governor Watres, according o current reports, promptly explained the position he was placed in in that memora ble fight and asked Quay to forgive him. Whether Watres went away with or without the blessing of Quay I am unable to ay at this writing.
Governor Watres departed in the same

quiet way that he arrived. A grandson of the late Hon. John Covode, of Westmoreland county, was ap-pointed a page in the house today upon the recommendation of Congressman-at-large Huff. The late John Covode was quite a character in his day. He was a shrewd politician, but not much of a scholar. I is said that his chirography and orthogra-phy were awful. That was excusable, for in the days when John was a boy the schoolmaster was abroad from eight to en months out of the year. But Covode was a wonder in his way and controlled the political destinies of western Pennsyl-vania for many years. It was John Covode who originated the expression " deny the allegation and defy the alliga-ter," which is to this day often made by people living in that end of the state.

Speaker Reed is moving cautiously in making up the committees of the house. He has revised them many times and is still undecided in some of the most important ones. The committees will in all probability be announced not later than Thursday of this week. Both houses will

adjourn Friday for the holidays. Representative Codding, of the Fif-teenth district, is not a very "showy" man, but he is made of the kind of material that makes good congressmen. He is a lawyer by profession, and has the reputation of being a good one, too. He is in his forty-seventh year.

National Chairman Harrity, who was made grand dispenser of patronage in Pennsylvania by President Cleveland for Pennsylvania by President Cleveland for his perfidy to Governor Pattison at the Chicago convention in 1892, is said to be persona non grata at the postoNce department since Postmaster General Wilson assumed charge of that pie counter. During Postmaster General Bissell's time all Mr. Harrity had to do was to furnish the department with the name of the person he wanted postmaster anywhere in the state, and he usually landed his man, ynless there was too big a kick from the opposition. It is different, quite different, now. Postmaster General Wilson is not built upon the same plan as his predecessor, and he informed Mr. Harrity soon after his induction into office that he must not expect to dictate every appointment. not expect to dictate every appointment The terms of a large number of presi-dential postmasters will expire within the next thirty to sixty days, and the chances are that Mr. Harrity's candidates for a good many of them will be turned down. Not only Postmaster General Wilson, but President Cleveland himself believes that Mr. Harrity has had his share of the spoils. The last time Mr. Harrity of the spoils. The last time Mr. Harrity was in Washington he didn't call at the white house as was his custom. Straws are pretty good indicators as to which way the wind blows.

Marion Butler, the junior senator from North Carolina, is the youngest man, with the exception of Henry Clay, who has ever held down a cushion in the United stitutional age of a representative is 25 years and that of a president is 35. President Cleveland was 48 when first elected. He is now 59 years of age. W. R. B.

JUST FOR FUN.

A Rapid Improvement-Manager-You've learned to fall in that death scene much better than you did two Leading lady—Yes. I've been practicing riding on the cable cars.—Truth.

A Chemical Mystery.
Young wife-Before we were married you said you didn't use tobacco in any Young husband-I don't; these are cigar

preparation of programmes of music that have added charm to countless social gatherings. He has not done this with the intention of asking favors in

lazy, careless and perhaps cranky?"
"Mr. Hardhead (an old business man)—
"No, my dear, it indicates he is a hustler

Hppercritical. She stuttered so that when with his Proposal she concurred, He said he couldn't credit her Because she'd broke her word. Richmond Dispatch.

His Guess.

Teacher—Now, Tommy, tell us what an hour-glass is. Tommy (thoughtfully)—Guess it must be what papa takes so often.-Truth.

A Parallel Case.
"No rose without its thorn," quoth they Who maxims love to make; 'No Christmas tree," they also say, "Without the stomach-ache." .Washington Star.

A Danger. "Learn to labor and to wait,"
But be careful how you start,
Let you learn to "wait" so well You o'erlook the "labor" part. Washington Star.

Kindhenrted. Hoax-I'd ask you home to dinner with me, old chap, but for one reason. Joax-What's that? Hoax-My wife is taking

chool.-Philadelphia Record. Generally. The maid who lives her youthful ife As a heartless, coy coquette Is later glad to be the wife

Of anything she can guette. Indianapolis Journal. Strategy. Whene'er he saw the gay gallants
Who danced like puppets at her whim,
He smiled to think no turn of chance

He married her. She seemed to view All things in lights that pleased him best; So well she planned, he never knew

He was a puppet like the rest!

—Truth. Or Whose Play It Was.

She wrote about ethics, she talked abou art; The neighbors declared she was won drously smart; Her brain was enormous, you 'most heard its thumps. But she never, no never, could learn what

was trumps. Washington Star. A Fatal Meeting. There was a terrible noise in the ba om and many things were destroyed by

great explosion. The gas escaped. It was laughing ga when it came out and whispered in the little pitcher's big ears: "I always knew that some day that kerosene would meet its match!"-New ork World. -:11:-

Abnormal. First Doctor-"I had a very interesting case the other day. The diagnosis was all right, but the course of the disease was decidedly abnormal." Second Doctor—"What course did it take?"-Texas Siftings.

Sorry He Spoke. Mr. Saur (to his wife)-"How horrid of ou to be always looking as sour as a crab you to be always looking as sour as a crab apple. Just look at Mrs. X. over yon-der—the very picture of cheerfulness." Mrs. Saur—"You seem to forget, my dear, that Mrs. X. is a widow,"—Neue

The Sour Grapes Cry.
Chicago Times-Herald: "A national convention will be a great event in St. Louis. In Chicago it is usually regarded as an includent."

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Astrolabe cast: 2.16 a. m., for Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1895.

Born under the sign of capricorn, with the moon in Sagittarius, an infant on this day may never expect to be appointed one of the administrators of a big estate. He will be obliged to paddle his can against the stream the greater part of his life, and will never be in position to fight the devil by proxy. He will never hold a fat office nor

successful in speculating on wheat. He will never be able to earn a big sal-For him the horseshoe symbol of good luck is hollow mockery.

Individual Horoscopes. [Ajacchus has undertaken the task of giving advice to a few readers who have enclosed samples of hair and date of

Beatrice, West Side.-From careful study Beatrice, West Bide. - From Carcillade that of the stars one may safely conclude that you came into the world at the proper moyou came into the world at the proper mo-ment and that your life will be constant picnic. But beware of false friends! If you have a best young man, never intro-duce him to a girlish companion who ad-dresses you as a "dear, sweet thing!" It will be dangerous to your happiness even if her face is of the kind that would stop an alarm clock

Willie, Scranton .- The stars do not offer any reasonable excuse for your existence You were born under pisces, which indi-cates that you inclinations will not be apt to rise above a fondness for fried eels and codfish balls. Get off the earth, Willie; you take up too much room.

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