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SCRANTON, DECEMBER 18, 1895. REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION. Headquarters Republican state committee, 1221 Walnut street.

The Republicans of Pennsylvania, by their duly chosen representatives, will meet in state convention Thursday, April 2, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., in the Opera House, city of Harrisburg...

Attest: M. Quay, Chairman. Jere B. Rex, W. R. Andrews, Secretaries.

The President's Message.

As will be seen from the president's message and the accompanying correspondence, the relations of the government of the United States with the government of Great Britain have been in consequence of the territorial dispute between Venezuela and British Guiana and the interposition of this republic with a request for arbitration...

In his comment upon this domineering 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...

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...

An Interesting Situation. In addition to getting itself cordially detested by every non-stockholding citizen, because of unparalleled audacity in its mistreatment of patrons, the Union Traction company, or Philadelphia's new "hog combine," now has a wholesale strike of employes on its hands...

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...

The manner in which Philadelphia, traditionally 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...

An Urgently Needed Economy.

The statement of Mr. Kemmerer before the committee of the House on Finance 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...

City appropriation by estimates committee, fiscal year 1895, \$41,000. Sums transferred from other appropriations during year about 12,900. Sums raised by fire companies, through fares, donations, etc., about 20,000. Increased cost of premiums, because of volunteer service, about 85,000. Total yearly cost, at present about \$108,900.

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...

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...

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return; but now that his friends have 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 cooperation.

If the published reports of the treatment of Charles Durbek by fellow students at the Wyoming seminary be correct, the incident would seem to open to the faculty of that excellent institution an admirable opportunity to exhibit its efficiency in administering discipline.

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

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

Since the withdrawal of Senator Cameron from the senatorial race Senator Quay has been almost run to death by fellows who want to be his colleague in the United States senate.

Mr. Saur (to his wife)—"How horrid of you to be always looking as sour as a crab apple. Just look at the very picture of cheerfulness."

TOLD BY THE STARS.

A grandson of the late Hon. John C. Calhoun of South Carolina, was appointed a page in the house today upon the recommendation of Congressman-at-large Huff.

Speaker Reed is moving cautiously in making up the committees of the house. He has revised them many times and is still undecided some of the most important ones.

National Chairman Harty, who was made grand dispenser of patronage in 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 postoffice department since Postmaster General Wilson assumed charge of that pie corner.

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