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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

Headquarters Republican state committee, 1231 Walnut street, Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 12, 1895. To the Republican Electors of Pennsylvania.

The Republicans of Pennsylvania, by their duly chosen representatives, will meet in state convention, Thursday, April 23, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., in the Opera House, city of Harrisburg.

By order of the state committee, M. S. Quay, Chairman.

Representation in this convention will be the same as in the last state convention.

In a war with Great Britain Uncle Sam would not cut very much of a figure with his seventy warships pitted against the more than five hundred floating flag of John Bull.

Cleveland's Latest Message. The day after it had been asserted by Mr. Dewey in New York that American securities had sustained an estimated aggregate shrinkage of \$400,000,000 in consequence of the president's Venezuelan message.

The present message, whatever its author's purpose, is simply a breeder of new alarm. It offers no specific suggestions. It outlines no plan of action. It is wholly the cry of the alarmist, no doubt well meant, but nevertheless certain to do more harm than good.

The authorities of Philadelphia have been able to restore law and order. The mob appears to have exhausted itself after one day of rioting and then suppressed itself, a very sensible proceeding on the part of the mob.

The Board of Pardons. The Pennsylvania Board of Pardons has been frequently criticized with more or less severity by the press of the state for its leniency in cases where clemency was not deserved.

It is of no use at present to mourn for the mistakes of the past, but it is to be hoped that the facts of the present situation will open the eyes of congress to the necessity of providing an army and navy that would make some sort of a showing on more serious occasions than dress parade.

In a number of instances the Board has commuted sentences of death to imprisonment in cases where there was not even the semblance of an excuse for such action, and in rare instances has entirely defeated the ends of justice by recommending the pardon of red-handed murderers.

It is never safe to assume that a murderer will be hanged in Pennsylvania, until after the board of pardons has had the opportunity to sit as a court of last resort on the case.

necessarily learned in the law, and may possess no fitness whatever for the delicate duties devolving upon them as members of the Board of Pardons. A still greater objection is that, as a rule, the Board as constituted, is composed of men in active politics, and it is only the truth to say that political influence too frequently figures before the Board.

Dispatches from Washington allege that President Cleveland will tender to ex-President Harrison the presidency of the Venezuelan commission. If this is really contemplated the country and Mr. Cleveland are to be congratulated.

Our Defenseless Condition.

A contemplation of the figures printed on the sixth page, showing the strength of the British army and navy as compared to the visible defense of the United States, must have the effect of dampening the warlike enthusiasm of sanguine patriots about us who are possessed of a burning desire to wipe the English from the face of the earth.

The matrimonial fever has broken out among the Washington correspondents. Charles B. Lockwood, correspondent of the Pittsburgh Leader, was the first one to be stricken. He succumbed to the charms of Mrs. Nellie Taber Robertson, of this city.

Original pensions have been granted to John Kolb, of White Haven, Luzerne county; William Edging, of Harwood, Luzerne county; Nathan Drumboer, Lehigh, Carbon county, and John Belmer, Fernside, Lehigh county.

POLITICAL POINTS.

Some of our Republican contemporaries in other parts of the state are worrying unnecessarily about the political situation in Lackawanna county.

The Truth remarks that "it is natural for Senator Cameron to wish to have a successor of his own choosing in the United States senate, but it is altogether likely that the people of Pennsylvania will have something to say on the subject." Well, if they do, it will be the first time in a great many years.

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WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

The senate is apparently taking immediate action on the president's Venezuelan message, as the lower branch of congress did, the senate, after debating the question at some length on Thursday, took no action, and the house bill appropriating \$100,000 for a commission to be appointed by the president to locate the boundary line, went over until some future time.

The experts in the state department are at work on maps with the view of determining the line between Venezuela and British Guiana. This looks a little like business. It is a well-known fact that they are possessed of a war-like disposition.

Senator Peffer is certainly of an inquisitive turn of mind. He is always wanting to know something that nobody else ever thinks about, and he usually gets what he wants by asking for it. Last week he amazed his colleagues by furnishing the senate with some interesting as well as startling information concerning the cost of congressional funerals.

Colonel Alexander McClure, editor of the Philadelphia Times, was here yesterday, and "broke bread" with Senator Cameron at the latter's table last night. The editor and the senator are old friends, and while dining and wine they talked over times when both were boys together up in southern Pennsylvania.

Marshall Cushing, ex-private secretary of ex-postmaster General Wanamaker, and now editor of the Capital, a weekly paper published in Washington, has been sued for libel.

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declined the appointment of Superior court judge when tendered him by Governor Hastings, and it is alleged he then knew of Cameron's proposed retirement and expected to be his successor.

The latest move on the presidential chess board is said to have for its object a combination between Morton, of New York, and Bradley, of Kentucky. Platt is supposed to be the mover, but it is safe to say that Platt has no intention whatever in making the ticket Morton and Bradley.

Governor Bradley, of Kentucky, has been in office only a few days and has been overwhelmed with applications for the pardon of criminals. Up to date he has refused all applicants. He declines to act without knowing all about each case.

The New York Journal announces that the Hastings boom for the presidency has been dropped, and that "Senator Quay saw to that." After the sixty-four Pennsylvania delegates to the national convention shall have been selected we will know more about the Hastings boom.

President Cleveland ought to admonish Ambassador Bayard that this is not the season for him to indulge in analogies for our people or our government when responding to toasts. Better still, the president might intimate that a vacation would be beneficial to Mr. Bayard.

The Philadelphia Bulletin's Harrisburg correspondent expresses the opinion that the senatorship lies between Colonel Waters, of Lackawanna, and J. Hay Brown, of Lancaster. He adds that Cameron favors Brown, but Quay's preference is not yet known.

Ex-Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, declares that he has declared himself in favor of Harrison for president. The presidency is not worrying Mr. Ingalls half so much as the succession in the United States senate when Peffer's term expires.

The Monroe doctrine is more lively than ever these days, and when the Venezuela question is finally adjusted even England may be constrained to admit that the Monroe doctrine is something more than a myth.

President Cleveland has heretofore been the British ideal of an American president, but he is no longer. He has given the lion's tail a twist and all England howls in sympathy with the lion.

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