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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

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.

In our opinion the action of the Democratic estimates committee, reinforced by Captain Moir, in cutting to \$600 the salary of the mayor's clerk when it was thought the new mayor would be a Republican, followed by the raising of it to \$900 after the election of a Democratic mayor, constitutes a specimen of about as small politics as can be found.

The specious attempt of the little chorus of politicians which gets its keynote from the Scranton Republican (Dem.) to liken the actions of Scranton, Fellows and Davies in the recent municipal fight to the course of those Republicans who, in 1882, supported John Stewart for governor will not deceive anybody conversant with the facts. The bolt to Stewart represented what was believed at the time to be a justifiable action because of alleged unfair practices by the Republican leadership in the state.

The theory of Dr. Drown that our colleges should graduate men as well as scholars accords precisely with the public's desire. The new executive of Lehigh has made no mistake in his selection of a line of policy for the future guidance of the institution at South Bethlehem.

Under Spanish administration the island of Cuba has to pay to European money-lenders a debt of \$202,106,464 at an annual average interest of 5 1/2 per cent. Cuba has a population of little more than 1,500,000; and for practical purposes 1,000,000 of her inhabitants may be removed from the problem on account of poverty and 500,000 taken as representing those who, by reason of their ownership of property, pay the bulk of the taxes.

Columbus discovered Cuba on Oct. 2, 1492. In 1511 his son Diego called 500 men and sent the expedition under the command of Diego Velasquez to take possession of the island and to begin to colonize it. All the old historians agree that the Siboneyes Indians, the dwellers in the nobler of the Antilles, were amiable, harmless, hospitable, and attractive.

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