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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION. To the Republican electors of Pennsylva-

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, for the purpose of nominating two candidates for pose of nominating two canonics of representative-at-large in congress and thirty-two candidates for presidential electors, the selection of eight delegates at-large to the Republican national convention, and for the transaction of such other business as may be presented. By order of the state committee.

M. S. Quir. Charman Attest:-

Jere B. Rax, W. R. Andraws, Feeretarten.

While Uncle Sam should not be quick-tempered with Spain, it would add to the total of human happiness tf a half-dozen good Yankee warships were ordered to cruise in leisurely fashion for the next few months, in the vicinity of Cuba.

### Protection the True Issue.

"A Republican Since Fremont" contributes to our New York namesake a letter containing some timely advice to voters in the Republican party. The point with which he introduces his communication is that unless Republicans are careful Mr. Cleveland will force the next campaign to be fought on an issue of his own choosing, instead of on the one which he and his party most dread, namely, the protec-

"After three years of pusillanimous disgrace abroad, and impotent groping among disasters at home, Mr. Cleve hand," this writer observes, "has suddenly treated us to a display of belated vigor over the fifty-year-old Venezuela dispute, and at once the whole country is adame. Next comes another There is a hope left for high-toned sylvania candidate; but ere three days afiame again." What he wants to know is whether Mr. Cleveland is to The only objection to Mr. Swisher is his doesn't seem to be much doubt that the be "allowed and actually helped to bunco the people after this stale, old Democratic fashion into shifting the real ground of contest? Is it not worth while for voters, before choosing their delegates, to stop for a moment and consider what it is they really need to vote about, this fall?"

Falling into a reflective mood, the writer asserts, what is everywhere admitted, that "four years ago this was the most prosperous country in the world. Its credit was at the highest. Its currency was everywhere current Its internal development, its advance in diffused wealth and other elements of a higher civilization, its productive industry, and its internal and external trade, were enormous beyond precedent. It paid the highest wages in the world, and it gave its workingmen the greatest leisure and the greatest comfort." But-

The very plenitude of their prosperity intoxicated them. The workingmen were so well off themselves that they fancied the manufacturers must be too well off, and resolved to yote for a change, which Democrats said would strip their employers, and give them more. They voted accordingly, and instantly inaugurated the worst panle and a protracted senson of the most widesprend and disastrons hard times the country has ever seen. Every election from that day to this has only brought oit more and more clearly the fact that they have discovered their mistake. Every election has shown that the one thing they want is to undo their mistake in 182, and get back to where they were. Now what does this mean? Does it mean that the politicians are properly interpreting the popular want when they play into Cleveland's hands by raising a hullaballoo over the Monroe doctrine, which everybody supports and England will never resist; or by starting a new fillbustering crusade about Cuba, which everybody knows we must get some day, and knows also that we ought to avoid taking as long as possible?

The author's real purpose, however, appears in the paragraph which fol-

appears in the paragraph which follows:

If the one thing the people want is to get back to where they were, a natural response to their desire would have been the nomination of General Harrison. He himself prevents that. What is the next most natural response? Is it not the nomination of the man whose very name expresses to every voter the system which was abandoned in 1892, and which he wants now to restore as quickly as he can? Names in a popular canvass are sometimes the most powerful of arguments. Every voter now knows that four years and what was derisively called "McKinleyism" meant to him personally high wages, and meant to the country protection and prosperity. Every voter knows that the mistaken abandonment of it brought panic, lower wages, less consumption, long-continued hard times. Why should not Republicans now brush away Mr. Cleveland's cheap imitations of old Democratic devices to make the country forget their blunders at home and abroad by reviving the war spirit; and at once clarify and inspire the canvass by putting forward the one name that means, to every voter in the Union, a return to the old system, which gave prosperity, and the abandonment of which brought disaster? Why help Cleveland to confuse and bewilder voters by ourselves trying to elevate side issues on which the party is not united, and neglect the one issue on which it is not only absolutely mite; but on which it is not only absolutely mite; but on which it is not only absolutely mite; but on which it is not only absolutely mite; but on which it is not only absolutely mite; but on which it now counts hosts of supporters in the ranks of the Democracy itself? The very name of McKinley would bring the campaign to the true fighting-ground, and furnish inspiration for the light.

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the mention of McKinley while Pennsylvania herself has a candidate actively in the field. State pride, and the thought that however much the name of the distinguished Ohioan may by political accident be identified with the others who are easily his peers in devotion to the protective policy and perhaps his superiors in varied statesmanship and practical business knowledge, constrain us for the present to withhold from this particular part of the foregoing quotation our unqualified ap-

At the same time we fully concur in the thought that it is the privilege and more than that, the duty of the Republican party to choose its own issue and to make its fight on its own grounds, irrespective of the diverting devices of the opposition. Republicans hold in their hands the cards that will win; it is their lead, and the highest trump is clearly called for by the logic of the situation.

We trust that Consul General Wil-

### Cuba in the House.

The Cuban resolutions yesterday adopted in the house at Washington by a viva voce vote differ from the resolutions passed on Friday in the senate uppermost in the public mind. It was solely in that they are more emphatic. They "recite," says the United Press abstract, "that in the opinion of con- done." gress a state of war exists in Cuba, the parties to which are entitled to belligerent rights: deplore the destruction of life and property in the island, believe that a solution of the trouble lies in the choice of the Cuban people, and conclude with the declaration that the United States should protect American interests there by intervention if neces-

The senate resolutions made no ref-

erence to possible intervention and mildly proferred the "good offices of the United States in the attempt to secure dependence." The last clause in the house resolutions brings much nearer than heretofore the possibility of an open break with Spain; but it is clearly within our lawful and rightful prerogative as a nation, and if the utterance of it should lead to war, the conflict could be entered upon by the American people with a clear conscience and in the gratifying knowledge that its motive would receive the unhesitating approval of every Revolutionary sire, from Washington down to the humblest private in the continental

An indication that a good tone of politics prevails in Wyoming county is found in the fact that J. S. Swisher, of Tunkhannock, is put forward by nonpartisan Democrats as a candidate for the nomination for representative. Mr. sometimes a loaded bomb. The Swisher is district passenger agent of Pittsburg Commercial-Gazetic, a Quay the Central Railroad of New Jersey paper, tried it, hoping to exhiband has headquarters in this city, it the popularity of the Pennpolitics when such men are sought for and are not themselves seeking office. and is steadily forging ahead. There

## Silver's Real Friends.

One hopeful fact in connection with the currency discussion is that no Republican leader or newspaper, so far as our observation goes, has turned entirely away from silver. While a specific declaration has been called for pledging the Republican party to oppose the experiment of free and unlimited silver comage by the United States alone, it has also been without exception admitted that our government should exert its utmost influence to seare the concurrence of the chief European nations in an International agreement restoring gold and silver to a legal parity and admitting both met-

als to coinage on equal terms, In other words, while the majority of Republicans doubt the ability of the United States to uplift silver independently, at any such ratio as 15% or 16 to I, they believe it to be the duty of the American government to exercise its good offices for the silver cause internationally, and have no sympathy whatever with the monometallic extremists who wish to put the whole burden of the world's currency on gold alone. This attitude is not all that the silver enthusiasts desire, but it is more than they can expect from the Cleveland wing of the Democracy, which is for the gold standard unreservedly. It means that if a Republican administration is installed in power next March, the voice of the United States will be friendly and not hostile to silver, as it has been during the Cleveland regime.

And why, indeed, should Republicans oppose silver? Does not half our metallie wealth lie in western silver mines? Is it policy for us to try to depreciate our own possessions? Is it not rather a part of the protective creed that the owner of a silver mine should receive As goodly a share of the governmental

the action and speeches of the senate. Such a step is inconcelvable. As Mr. Webster said, in the famous Hulsemann letter, it would be an interference with our domestic affairs which no independent state could admit for a moment subject of protection, there are yet I trust and believe that the Spanish government understand their situation and ours better than these Spanish newspapers and popular meetings appear to do, and I have no doubt they

"There is nothing in all this which should affect us. The United States must do what is right and what it is their duty to do. We cannot suffer that useless brutal warfare to go on and that slaughter house to be maintained and our large business interests in Cuba to be destroyed right at our doors and under our eyes without protest and without every effort which a great and civilized nation should make to end it and to restore peace to the island. The violation of the consulate of the United States at Barcelona makes a disavowal necessary by Spain, liams, our representative at Havana, and the United States probably will who has so suddenly resigned, is not inquire of the Spanish government what amends will be made. The case finds an analogous one in the event which occurred sixty years ago, when a mob of persons in New Orleans assaulted the Spanish consulate at a time when the Florida question was a case of mob violence, and the government of the United States made compensation to Spain for the damage

Yesterday's news confirms the senator's belief that the Spanish government has made no move in the directon of protesting against the expressions employed by the United States senators in debating the resolution granting Cubans belligerent rights. On the contrary, the Spanish minister of foreign affairs has expressed his unqualified regret at the action of the Barcelona mob and has given assurance that American interests shall be accorded the full protection of Spanish law. While the situation is critical because of the possibility of a rash word or deed on the part of some subordinate official setting fire to ignorant popular prejudice, there is no reason as yet to from Spain a recognition of Cuba's in- apprehend a rupture of amicable relations with Spain. If, however, a quarrel should be picked, the United States could not afford to be the aggressor.

> Representative Stone, of Allegheny, has been figuring out how Senator Quay is to be nominated at St. Louis. There will, he thinks, be more than three ballots, and after the third most of the New York delegates and a majority of those from the South and Southwest will go over to the Pennsylvania candidate. Says Colonel Stone: "The real workers in the party and the men who go to conventions and nominate presidents know Mr. Quay, and they trust him. They know he would make a safe president, and one who would have the interest of the business men and working people at heart." Pennsylvania will hope that Colonel Stone is a true prophet.

The "popular vote" system of determining presidential favorites is had elapsed, McKinley took the lead masses want McKinley.

If it was ever Mr. Cleveland's intention to play Cuba as a political pawn, congress has effectually checkmated

## INEVITABLE LIMITATIONS.

Prom the Washington Post.

Well-meaning ladies with the highest mattee are agitating the old instess which arise in the social cvil. Lecky sets that evil down as a product of human nature, innited by restraints imposed by any form of civilization. But, no matter what its cause, the fact of the extense is the saidest incident in the fightory of the race. Pridence is cumulative that the victim, whicher originally wronged when unguarded and unwary with passion, or the dilberate sacrifice of frivolity and a victions tendency, soon reaches a point when escape is her greatest desire.

The bar to such escape is hotoriously imposed by her own sex. Since Justinian took Theodora to wife and joined her in the pions work of rebuilding the rathedral of St. Sophia and scenting the mortar of its walls with musk, men have been found impently disposed toward the women who have been led by men into the shadows of the half world. Such leniency on the part of women has not appeared. If the son of either lady who went purely and prayerfully into the Division recently were to offer one of the unfortunates the first and whole relemption and refinstatement of parriage, would the mother consent and From the Washington Post. offer one of the infortunates the first and whole redemption and reinstatement of narriage, would the mother consent and receive the rescued to her heart and home? Yet if redemption is the object, honorable marriage is its final guarantee. If mothers find the sacrifice too great for their sons they must admit a limitation upon the virtuous re-enfranchisement of their daughters who may sadly betray. idly betray. In all these effort∗ some things must b

In all these efforts some things must be admitted, some limitations recognized, and those, after all, and pity 'is, 'is so, stand in the way of full and final results of all these prayers and exhorations. Honorable marriage being held as the numerical privilege of homorable women is, by the class metray, recognized as the final and only cleaning ordinance to save the scarlet mark. But when they approach the purifying pool, angels untempted and infallen guard is medicinal waters with many a flaming sword and the unfortunates turn back, toward what?

## A DUTY OF HUMANITY,

From the Washington Post.

touches our honor, our manhood, our tegrity as a Christian people,

### CLOSE UP THE RANKS.

From the Lebanon Daily News.

The Scranton Tribune makes an curnest plea for harmony in the Republican party of that city and its advice should be heeded. By reason of dissension in the ranks of the party the government of that city this spring will pass into the keeping of the Democratic party, although by only a very small majority and many who heretofore served well and faithfully in the various offices will now be replaced by others. This is the result of factionalism in a party and there is carcely any excuse for this in the Resultican party at this time. The people everywhere are tarning to this party for relief from the business depression that has hung over the country like a black cloud for several years and when its former bitter enemics are ready to assist it to power it ill becomes those in the party to make rents and breaches that can hardly be repaired. Close up the ranks. Scranton Republicans, and present a solid, undivided column. From the Lebanon Daily News.

### THINK NOW OF THE PARTY.

From the Courier-Progress.

Some anxiety is being expressed concerning the condition of the Republican party and its prospects for the Important fall election. The situation is undoubted by peculiar, but not such as to imperif the party's chances in November if wisdom be used and there be a getting tegether. Let the party receive that consideration that is its due and the ranks will close up and win a victory in the full. There are embitterments, and there will be some left no matter what may be done, but if the Republicans put aside self and have the right regard for the party there is little doubt of a successful fall campaign. The past is gone and cannot be changed. The present and future can be utilized. From the Courier-Progress.

# ONE OF MANY.

The following letter, received by The Tribune yesterday, is on file in the business office. It is typical of many expressions of opinion by loyal Republicans in this city.

sions of opinion by loyal Republicans in this city;
"I can say the same thing as many others have said. I have been a subscriber for the Scranton Republican (so-called) for a number of years, but I am a true Republican, and now I have washed my hands of that hypocritical paper, and I hope that all good Republicans will do likewise. What will our country and cities come to If we encourage such papers and people to rule? There has been a big mislake made, but now let us take warring for the fature."

This letter accompanied an order for The Tribune, the writer having stopoed the Scranton Republican (Dem.)

### TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrolabe cast: 2.15 a. m., for Tuesday, March 3, 1896. Mar (1) yan

A child born on this day will notice that the individuals who display the great-est anxiety to have this country wipe Spain from the maps of the earth do not belong to the regiment.

There is no further excuse for accusing our congressman of inactivity. The resolution directing the annual purchase of seeds has passed the house.

The land lord who refuses to put gilt pa-per and window screens on his house and will not agree to sod the back yard, may now seek a new tenant. Professor Coles publishes the first authentic picture of the whiskey microbe in "Storms and Signs" for March. The germ has six legs and horns on its back. Fellows who have seen 'em say that the Professor's illustration fills the bill.

Ajnechus' Advice. Keep nn eye on the man who is on all sides of politics and religion. He is liable to be absent at the critical moment.

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