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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 representative-at-large in congress and thirty-two candidates for presidential electors, the selection of eight delegatesat-large to the Republican national con-vention, and for the transaction of such other business as may be presented. By order of the state committee.

M. S. Quay. Chairman. Attest:-Jere B. Rox, W. R. Andrews, Feer starten.

Even Charles Emory Smith, if we may believe reports, has become convinced that Senator Quay's presidential candidacy is genuine, and not a political blind. The senator must have something up his sleeve that the multitude

Correcting Misapprehensions.

We are surprised at the amount of misconception and (doubtless unintentional) untruth crowded into the following paragraph from the esteemed Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer:

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Our esteemed contemporary, the Scranton Tribune, is still engaged in the task of driving Joe Scranton, and his newspaper, out of the party. But Scranton resolutely refuses to go out, and it looks as if The Tribune would have to give up the job. Mr. Scranton is one of the pioneer Republicans of Luzerne, now Lackawanna county, and although he differs sometimes with the methods of mominating candidates, is still as good a Republican as the men who are objecting to him. The Tribune had better abandon the undertaking and take up some cause that will offer more certainty of succeeding.

Our Luzerne neighbor is entirely mis-

Our Luzerne neighbor is entirely mistaken in its words. Mr. Scrapton and his paper left the Republican party sweet will. were not driven. Neither were they coaxed to stay. Mr. Scranton's paper has intimated on one or two occasions that it wanted to be coaxed; and that if it had been coaxed it would have supported the last Republican ticket; but in consideration of the fact that it and its proprietor have received in the neighborhood of \$300,000 from the Republican party, at various times, further coaxing was deemed unnecessary and uncalled for. That Mr. Scranton's desertion to the Democracy was one of the factors in turning the city government over to that party is perhaps true; but we fall to see why that should cause the Republican party, which he betrayed, to entertain kindlier feelings for him, or to get down on its marrow bones and beg him not to betray it

For the News-Dealer's benefit, we will say that The Tribune, having always supported Republican nominees, even Mr. Scranton, whom it deemed less deserving than many another Republican, feels that it has a right to counsel the Republicans of this city and county as to the party's future. The party is at liberty to accept or to reject our advice. In either case, we shall welcome back into the fold every Republican who was misled and sound the alarm at every new danger of fresh

The newest presidential candidate is Senator Burrows, of Michigan, who will, it is stated, get the Wolverine state's complimentary vote. The Republican party might go further and fare worse than to nominate Burrows He is competent.

Cleveland Should Explain.

Mr. Curtis, the well-known Washington correspondent, states "most positively and upon the very highest authority"-presumably upon that of the Spanish minister himself, with whom Mr. Curtis is exceedingly friendlythat the president has given the Spanish government an assurance that this government will take no action in the way of intervention in the Cuban war. but will preserve the most strict neutrality until the end of the present Cuban campaign.

Congress, it seems to us, should take cognizance of this assertion and ascertain from Mr. Cleveland whether it be true or false. If true, congress should by concurrent resolution emphatically disavow the imprudent bargain and declare its belief that this government should be guided by no fixed rule but by circumstances. If Mr. Cleveland has covenanted with Spain to keep hands off while Weyler carries out his policy of barbarism in Cuba, he has plainly exceeded his authority, and should be called to account. Contingencles might easily arise which would imperatively demand American intervention, not only in the protection of American interests, but also in obedience to the supreme behests of humanity; therefore, the pathway to such in-

terposition should be kept free. While no thoughtful American desire a war with Spain if it can be honorably avoided, it should be clearly understood that the dread of war will not duty in this affair, Recreant indeed would this nation be to the traditions of its founders if it permitted any power on earth to stiffe its voice in behalf of liberty, and to gag its sympathy with those who are oppressed.

A timely word has been spoken by the Philadelphia Inquirer in deprecation of the growing tendency of Republican presidential boomers to become abusive of each other. This tendency simply breeds ill-feeling. It does not change votes. No man yet named for the presidency on the Republican side would deserve an unkind word. All the candidates are worthy men. Let us fight like men for our special preference and yet be decent about it.

Belated Enlightenment.

One of the amusing features of the contemporary discussion of congress' ection with reference to Cuba is empodled in the dispatch from Berlin

which says:

The intentions of the American government toward the rebellion in Cuba, as indicated by the action of the United States senate, awakens profound interest and widespread discussion here. The questions involved are not regarded by any means as being confined in their effects to Spain and the United States. The Cuban resolution is coupled with President Cleveland's Venezuelan message in the public mind, and there seems to be a deep-seated conviction in the European mind that these incidents mark a determination on the part of the United States government to depart from its time-honored course of non-intervention in European affairs. The American action on the Cuban question is therefore regarded as an event of importance to the European world. Germany and Austria stand amazed, and neither statesmen nor public know how to regard what they consider as recent frequent evidences that the United States has formed a new determination to take an active part hereafter in the world's polities.

Following this there is some general talk of a European alliance to whip the conceit out of the United States, supplemented by an interview in which Herr Richter, the Radical leader in the German reichstag, makes with evident surprise the belated discovery that "the United States has undoubtedly become a new factor in international politics." We say this is amusing, but it is more than that. It is likewise instructive: it brings vividly to our notice the small figure which we have hitherto cut in the eyes of Europe-a circumstance which explains why the American tourist abroad is often filled with shame at the scant respect exhibited by the mass of Europeans, officials and commoners, for his country, its institutions, pretensions and achievements. No one who has visited the countries of continental Europe, especially France and Germany, has failed to notice and to feel the general contempt prevalent in them for America and Americans. When we are not held up to derision as long-haired savages living in primeval jungles, we are equally misrepresented by being described as unprincipled cheats and adventurers, devoid of sensibility, culture or the ordinary decencies of civilized society. That upon these shores a government of freemen has been established with natural and acquired resources greater than those of all Europe combined, with the possible exception of Great Britain; and that these despised republican barbarians who live on buffalo meat and frequent the forests are actually wresting the leadership among civilized nations in inventions, scientific discovery mechanical progress and social evolution is a fact so far beyond the average European's ken, it is with a sense of shock and resentment that he is now

The occasions of this compulsory enlightenment heretofore have been few. thanks to our absorption in more immediate problems of domestic politics. But now that Uncle Sam has reached man's estate, and has begun to exhibit a virile anxiety to assume without flinching the responsibilities of manhood, we should not be surprised if our French and German friends would have many opportunities for correcting their old estimates of America's power and importance.

and again forced by the logic of events

into a fleeting and imperfect realiza-

Besides, Cuba and Venezuela are not parts of Europe.

One of the political stories of the hour is that Governor Morton of New York, having decided that spending money on his presidential boom is not likely to prove a profitable investment. has closed his check book. The report is creditable if true. Anybody with half an eye can see that Morton's candidacy is simply a pretence. The sooner he sees this himself, the better for his peace of mind.

An Indiscreet Interview.

The Spanish minister at Washington, Senor de Lome, is quoted in a current press dispatch as having, in an interview, used the following extraordinary language:

dinary language:

The rebellion in Cuba never would have been a serious matter at all had it not been for the interference of the United States. It never would have passed the limits of a mere riot had it not been for the money, supplies, arms and men that were sent from this country. Men have gone from this country with the assurance that the United States would extend belligerent rights to the Cubans and would in all probability send a fleet to Cuban waters to support the insurgents. At no time have the authorities in this country given the situation in Cuba a fair investigation to ascertain what the facts actually are. It has been said that all Cubans are actively interested in the rebellion, but the truth of the matter is that there are seven Cuban generals and several hundred Cuban officers fighting in the Spanish army in Cuba. In fact I am sure there are more Cuban officers in the Spanish army than there are white leaders among the insurgents. All this I am telling you from what I know personally and not in my official capacity.

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It will be interesting to notice whether the American state department will recognize and acquiesce in Senor de Lome's fine distinction between his official and his "personal" capacity. In the case of the Hawaiian minister, Lorin A. Thurston, it refused to distinguish between these two forms of utterance, and invited Thurston's recall because of outgivings to newspaper correspondents decidedly less offensive in form and substance than the foregoing statement of the Spanish

diplomat. Senor de Lome's remarks amount to a grave criticism of the American government and the American people Even if what he said were literally true, the propriety of such an utterance at this particular time is open to serious question. But not true, his assertions become a deliberate offense, which according to diplomatic usage, cause the American people to shirk would justify a request for his recall.

from the full performance of their plain | Should the matter be passed over in silence, it would be another proof of our magnanimity and forbearance.

> At the recent fire in a collar factory in Troy, in which four lives were lost, the firemen were unable to work to advantage because of the network of overhead electric wires which impeded them. In recognition of this fact the grand jury of Rennselaer county has presented indictments against the telegraph, telephone and electric light companies. Should the case reach trial, it would afford an interesting opportunity for the courts to pass on the overhead wire nulsance.

The Philadelphia Bulletin is, we believe, the only American newspaper which out-Weylers Weyler in its abuse of the Cuban patriots. It calls the "adventurers," a "murderous horde," an "ignominious rabble" and most other names in the vocabulary of contempt, and would apparently like to see them all hanged, drawn and quartered. We suspect that the Bulletin would have made a first rate court journal for King George III had it been published during the American revolution.

An interesting example of the exigencles of journalism is supplied in the statement that B. H. Butler, who prepared for yesterday's Pittsburg Times a graphic special article with regard to the Russian oll trade and its bearing upon the petroleum industry in America, traveled 16,000 miles for the information embodied in the article, and was sent on this long journey upon less than six hours' notice.

The authorized announcement of C. L. Magee's candidacy for state senator from the Forty-third or Pittsburg district probably means that the handsome Alleghenian wants another wrestle with his former friend from Beaver. Doubtless Senator Quay will accommodate him.

In 1894, under the reciprocity clause of the McKinley tariff, we exported \$38,963,554 worth of cattle at good prices In 1895, under Cleveland and the Wilson tariff, we exported only \$26,997,701 worth, a falling off of \$11,965,853 in one year. This is how Democracy benefits the cattle grower.

In 1894, we imported, under the Mc Kinley law, \$8,361,866 worth of wool. In 1895, under the Wilson law, we imported \$33,770,159 worth. In 1894 we exported 1,711,355 sheep; in 1895, 3,310,936. This is how Democracy benefits the

The reason why Mr. Whitney doesn't want to run for president on the Democratic ticket is said to be because he does not believe the Democratic candidate can be elected. In which respect Mr. Whitney's head is clearly horizontal.

Mr. Whitney asserts, despite the "gold bug" clamor, that international bimetallism will be a fact inside of five years. Mr. Whitney's proper place evidently is in the Republican party.



As I am supposed to be hypnotized perhaps things appear to me in a different light than they should. It is possible that I am looking under the surface by the sid of X rays that are twisted. In any event there is much both above and beneath the surface that looks queer. One of the things that puzzled me recently was the action of certain advocates of good government who voted to put the party in control in our municipal offices that has already begun to turn the affairs of the city into a chaotic state. But this is an old subject; one that has been exhausted by explanatory writers and may now be dropped. As I am supposed to be hypnotized per

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I have also been somewhat mystified by the agitation over cookery that has caused talk about the city, and astonished to find to what depths Scranton has descended, gastronomically speaking. Maria Parloa, the celebrated cook who gave lectures here several years, ago, was foud in her praises of Scranton groceries, Scranton markets, and even went so far us to display an admiration for Scranton people. She unhesitatingly declared that Scranton possessed the finest marketing facilities of any city that she had ever visited, outside of the four or five metropolitan cities. Since the arrival of Mrs. Horer I am shocked to discover that Scranton is in an alarming state. In addition to eating bread, eggs, meat, soup and other things unhealthy, well meaning but misguided citizens have been using cotton seed oil to lubricate their entrees. Consolation is derived from the statement that cotton seed oil is "harmless" even if it does taste worse than axle-grease. In view of all these facts it is hard to understand why Mrs. Rorer should waste her time teaching people to cook unhealthy food. Why not give recipes for the preparation of macaroni, cotton seed and bean soup and spend the rest of the course in advising unfortunate residents to leave the city.

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By the way, another matter occasionally springs to the surface in a way that makes one nervous. That is the talk of the germ enthusiast. This city, like others, is blessed with several uneasy individuals who delight in worrying timid residents with stories of microbes that threaten to destroy us. Barber shops are dangerous, towels and soap positively deadly and citizens generally are warned not to expectorate, as the germs will leap from the dust and take wings on the air and sow seeds of disease and destruction everywhere. Milk has become dangerous in the extreme and never should be taken raw. All kinds of meats are inhabited by germs of threatening character. And water! The man who drinks water that has not been boiled down to jelly, takes great risks. No mention is made of beer in this connection or of the persons who eject tobacco juice on the sidewalks. It is not claimed that a microbe can exist in beer or tobacco. This is the one cheerful aspect in the germ agitation. Remember, I do not presume to doubt the statements of germ experts. I only wonder that we are yet allve amid such awful surroundings.

Did you ever consider the peculiar style of architecture that has characterized Seranton's recent building booms? Do you know that for one decent, convenient modern building erected in the city a dozen building erected in the city a dozen building erected in the city a dozen building server building. That where one substantial foundation has been iaid a dozen dangerous structures have been erected upon almost no foundation at all? It is to be regretted that these are facts. Within the fire limits many filmay, one-story buildings, with thin brick walls stand in unsightly contrast beside the handsome edifices that enterprising citizens have erected on our principal business streets. Away from the business thoroughfares uncouth, barn-like dwellings are springing up like mushrooms on all sides, increasing the cost of insurance and damaging property near. These shells are held at a rental that makes it impossible for the average tenant to occupy one unless he turns it into a boarding or ledging house. Many families therefore are obliged to forego the pleasure of home and "camp out," so to

speak, lodging in one house and eating in another. Good tenants are difficult to secure for houses of this sort, and the property goes to decay early.

Some years ago the experiment of erecting rows of small houses to be rented for a moderate price was tried. The expense of building four small houses was not much greater than the cost of two of the big barn-like structures. The revenue from the four houses has been much more than that received from two large houses, and while it is sometimes difficult to find temants for the latter, the small dwellings are never vacant. The capitalist who will erect anywhere in the central city small houses or even modern flus that can be rented at reasonable rates need never be in want for good tenants. In speaking of flats, I do not mean the ill-contrived fire-traps that pass for flats in some portions of the city, but apartments constructed upon up-to-date plans. I hope that some of our capitalists will yet be made to see the feasibility of such a scheme. I am convinced that no better investment could be made with cold cash. In fact I am almost persuaded that such property would be more profitable than Hazleton or Schuyikili mine stocks.

HER FIRST SERIOUS CANDIDATE,

From the Philadelphia Times.

For the first time in the history of the Republican party the delegation from this state will present a candidate for president whose nomination is earnestly desired. The delegation that gave a nominal support to Cameron in 1850 and the delegation that gave a nominal support to Hartranft in 1870, did not expect the success of their candidates, and a majority of the delegation really did not desire it. Cameron was made a candidate to serve ulterior purposes which were accomplished by his appointment to the cabinet, and Hartranft was made the candidate solely for the purpose of defeating the nomination of Blains. Had the delegates from Pennsylvania who desired Blaine's nomination been permitted to vote for him from the start, he would have been nominated on the second ballot.

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The delegation from Pennsylvania to
the coming St. Louis convention will be
very earnestly for Quay. Like all delegations there will be exceptions, but they
will be rare. A few will prefer the nomination of some other candidate, but they
are not likely to oppose the overwhelming
sentiment of the party in the state that
calls for giving Quay a fair chance for the
nomination. With the support he has
from his own state he will certainly be
in the list of hopeful candidates, although
two of his competitors may lead him on
the first ballot, but whether he shall be
nominated or not, it must now be evident
to all dispassionate observers of the situation that no man can be nominated as the
Republican candidate for president without the support of Quay.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrolabe cast: 2.18 a. m., for Wednesday March 4, 1896.

P2 ③ \$ A child born on this day will be assured of the fact that March came in like the king of beasts with agitated whiskers. It is probable that the Times' scribe, who speaks of begging food as "infamous work," has never been very hungry. All signs of spring still remain in the Carbondale has Mayor Hendricks. It is

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