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The Tribune is the only Republican daily in Lackawanna County.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

To the Republican electors of Pennsylvania.

The Republicans of Pennsylvania, by their duly chosen representatives, will meet at a 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.

Attest: Jere B. Rye, W. R. Anderson, Secretaries.

At the recent banquet of the American Newspaper Publishers' association in New York, one of the brightest and witliest addresses of the evening was delivered by John E. Barrett, the brilliant editor of the Truth.

His Duty is to Obey.

The continued re-iteration, apparently by authority, that the president will make no move in the interest of the Cuban insurgents because he has given a secret pledge to the Spanish government of non-interference pending the result of the present military campaign in Cuba, is beginning to jar upon the public mind.

It may please Mr. Cleveland to regard this nation as a turbulent people, which needs the curb of a strong-willed ruler. Doubtless the speech in which Mr. Bayard affirmed as much was a welcome tribute to his self-esteem.

The American people, through their representatives in congress, have spoken in a deliberate manner upon the subject of the present insurrection in Cuba, and their practically unanimous opinion is that the aid of this government should be extended to the struggling Cuban patriots to the utmost limits consistent with our proper observance of the laws of nations.

When Mr. Cleveland sought the office of president he was qualified for the place, he must have accepted the position with a full foreknowledge of his subordination to the people, and therefore cannot justly take it amiss if the people expect him to carry out their mandates.

study Roundheads of Cromwell's time to invest with danger the attempt of an American president to employ Stuart tactics on the men who placed him in office.

It is noticeable as an instructive coincidence that while most of the leading men in England are declaring by preamble and resolution for international arbitration, these same men as members of parliament, are getting ready to vote for Mr. Gosen's naval budget, which appropriates in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000 for more war ships.

Right to the Point. Senator Quay has brought his practical mind to bear on the subject of postal savings banks, with fortunate results. His bill provides that all money-order postoffices already in existence in the United States be opened and empowered to receive small savings of the denominations in sums of ten cents or decimal fractions of a dollar; that no deposit be received less than ten cents or over ten dollars at any one time; that interest be allowed at two per centum on yearly deposits, no interest on any deposit over five hundred dollars; that the system shall be by the purchase of stamps of such value and placed upon cards; that upon presentation of such card at any other money-order postoffice in the United States, such value may be redeemed in current specie.

This measure has the merit of simplicity and directness. Like the senator's "reform" platform, it covers the whole ground in a few words as possible, and leaves nothing to be added. Incidentally it discloses the fact that a level-headed man can generally cover more ground in congress by keeping his mouth shut and his brain busy than by stuffing the congressional record full of verbose speeches that are never heard nor read.

The chances are that Mr. Cleveland regards congress as an altogether superfluous luxury.

Sophistical Championship.

We have received from the American Trade Press association, of New York, the report of its president, David Williams, of the Iron Age, upon the Loud bill changing the postage rates on certain printed matter.

Mr. Williams, however, does not rest his case here. Lest the inducement of a perpetuated monopoly of the publishing business should not win established publishing firms to the support of the Loud bill, he tries the other tack; he resorts to a veiled threat.

Not only is Mr. Magee going to run for the state senate from his Pittsburgh district, but it is now said that Colonel Harry Hall, his versatile lieutenant, will be a candidate for the house, Magee evidently means business.

The total deficit for the last eight months, as shown by the treasury report, is \$17,516,558. And yet Cleveland in his last message to congress as much as said there was no deficit.

THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE. The well-informed chief Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, E. J. Gibson, sends us the following interesting review of the Republican presidential canvass.

Political Expenses. So much wild comment about the use of money in politics is indulged in, from time to time, by men who gather their opinions on this subject either from the depth of their inner consciousness or else from stammering talk by political irresponsibles, that it is refreshing to encounter, once in a great while, an opinion founded on fact.

It is often hinted that much of the money collected for political purposes is dishonestly or improperly applied; but this idea may be dismissed, generally speaking, as an erroneous one. At least one-half of the whole amount that it costs to nominate and elect officers is paid by individuals for ordinary traveling expenses, and as a matter of personal enjoyment, while the amount that goes into campaign funds is used for telegraphing, printing, music, transparencies and other legitimate objects.

is not wasted. We get an adequate return for it and have no reason to grumble about it.

No doubt a good deal of money is wasted in politics, although probably not more than in any other calling in war, minus the sabres and guns. But the notion that all, half or even a tenth part of the money spent in politics is spent illegitimately or for corrupt purposes is simply not true.

One of the advantages possessed by Senator Cullom over several of his active competitors for the Republican presidential nomination consists of the fact that although he has been in public life for more than a quarter of a century, he has always been and is today a poor man.

It is singular how rapidly the cuckoo organs, like the Boston Herald and the Philadelphia Record, have taken their cue from the reported displeasure of the president at congress' action with reference to Cuba, and are now hard at work trying to apologize for Spain and ridicule the Cuban patriots.

What is the matter with the mayor of Carbondale, anyhow? Out of the goodness of his generous heart he picked a quintette of favorite councilmen, paid their way to Newark to inspect a pot bridge, got due advertising for his liberality and finally had his own way in the awarding of the bridge contract.

Notwithstanding that Oxford university has just declined to confer upon women the degree of bachelor of arts, it is probable that the more fortunate male graduates of that venerable institution will continue to pay their best addresses to their feminine "inferiors," in the old-fashioned knowledge that the "hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world."

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the vote of Illinois would go to McKinley. And there may be some difficulty in keeping some of the votes away from Mr. McKinley on the first ballot. As the situation now stands, however, from the best sources of information that can be obtained here, Mr. McKinley will lead considerably on the first ballot, and if it were not for "the favorite son" his vote would be still larger.

A very prominent supporter of another candidate said yesterday that "it was really McKinley against the field." He argued that if McKinley were beaten his supporters would divide the nomination. In other words, they would turn against the man who had combined to beat McKinley and would support a candidate who was not unfavorable to the Ohio statesman.

OUR HATS ARE DOFFED. From the Scranton Times. The Tribune published a twelve page paper today in which sporting news was a prominent feature. We understand that it is the intention of the management to issue a twelve page edition of sports every Wednesday during the spring and summer.

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaxchus, The Tribune Astrologer.

A child born on this day will do well to refrain from entering the subject of a war with Spain unless his pa is too old for military service.

President Cleveland by this time is doubtless sorry that he said anything about Monroe doctrine in the hearing of congress.

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