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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 pur-pose of nominating two candidates for representative-at-large in congress and thirty-two candidates for presidential electors, the selection of eight delegates-tellarge to the Republican national conat-large to the Republican national con-vention, and for the transaction of such wention, and for the trains of the trains of the business as may be presented.

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

Attest:—

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Attest:-Jere B. Rox, W. R. Andrews, Feerstaries.

A good rallying cry for today's Reading convention would be "Home rule

The Speak-easy Problem.

Under a thorough enforcement, thoroughly sustained by an alert public sentiment, the Brooks high license law, whatever inconsistencies it may appear to have in theory, is, in practice, probably as satisfactory as any restrictive or regulative law could be at the present time. We have visited communities in the western, central and south ern parts of the state where the drink problem presents relatively few difficulties, and where, as a result of the present law's rigid honest enforcement, illegalities in connection with the sale of liquor are infrequent and minor. In the main, these have been agricultural districts, where under any system lawlessness would be small as compared with the condition of industrial and urban communities. Yet in Philadelphia the Brooks law is enforced to a degree entirely unknown in Scranton; so much better, in fact, there than here that the president of the State Liquor league, Philadelphia surprised at the knowledge that in Scranton most of the licensed saloons kept open on Sundays.

This official estimates that there are in Pennsylvania over 15,000 "speakeasies." Probably half of this number are within the four anthracite counties. The league will therefore do well to concentrate its energies within these limits. If it can rid Luzerne, Lackawanna, Carbon and Schuylkill counties have small difficulty in breaking up similar violations of the Brooks law elsewhere. Although the licensed liquor men who form this organization are animated in their crusade against ilcommercial purpose, it would seem that they should have the assistance of each community's moral forces. The people of Pennsylvania, having agreed to sell for \$500 or so a year aplece, monopoly privileges in the sale of intoxicants to such men as the license courts approve. it would seem to be a moral duty of the people to try honestly to live up to their half of the bargain. The monopoly is not delivered and the license fee is therefore obtained by the commonwealth under false representations when "speak-easles" are tolerated without serious effort at their sup-

In communities like our own, it will take every possible agency, working without cessation night and day for many years, to make much improvement in this respect. The present, therefore, is no time for superilliousness or dwadling. If the blunday observance people and the law and order people are thoroughly in earnest in their professions of respect for law-observance, they will not throw the whole burden of prosecution on the State Liquor league; they will get to work themselves, and help inake it warm for the illicit dealers. The whole question of the supremacy of law and order is to a large degree involved in this one issue. It cannot be ignored without strengthening the hands of every violator of law, for law when violated in one place gradually becomes weak at all points.

The emperor of Germany wants, it is is welcome. But he must profit by Dunrayen's awful example.

The Salvation Army.

The article on another page reviewing the history of the Salvation army from its organization in the fertile brain of the elder Booth to the recent widespread interest. That the working out of Booth's idea has wrought great good to humanity cannot be doubted; the army, by one name or another, its primitive crudities, is equally indisputable, Such has been the history holders. of all dissenting movements, religious, than that democracy is a constant ap- tion should be committed to a police jus-

onscious or unconscious, into democ-

The mistake which the elder Booth of the American wing of his organization is in imagining that the conditions of individual subjection possible in congested London can be successfully maintained in the freer atmosphere of the United States. The esprit du corps which he developed in the urban centers of England came less from spiritual anticipation than from material and social despair. People who have nothing to look forward to, after the spirit of rebellion has been worn down, are usually models of meekness and resignation. These people joined the Booth rusade because they had nothing else to do; and their wills, being plastic in the droop of dejection, were moulded by General Booth as he saw fit.

In this country, however, the same tactics were out of the question. Men and women eager in emotional fervor to volunteer for incredible tasks are quick to draw back when urged forward, not by their own free initiative, but by the exterior touch of self-assumed authority. The American, whether rich or poor, can be led when he cannot be driven. General Booth, accustomed to drive at home, knowing. in fact, no distinction between driving and leading, for the reason that in his surroundings the two words are necessarily interchangeable, undertook to require his son, Ballington Booth, to use the mailed hand. Ballington, better aware of the American character and temper, refused, and from this arose the solft.

The decision of the junior Booth to head a new crusade means that the Salvation army, so far as America is concerned, will soon be put wholly upon the militia basis. It will rest on voluntary co-operation and become, in course of time, social as well as martial; congregational rather than universal, a religious democracy rather than an autocracy. Eventually, following eminent example, it will wear kid gloves, build meeting houses in approved architectural styles, and worship decorously, alongside the already conventional Christian sects.

If Spain's management of Cuban affairs can produce nothing better than revolutions and debt, isn't it time that in the interest of civilization, some outside power took a hand in the affair and notified the incompetent Spaniards to move on?

The Case in a Nutshell.

The point made by Senator Hale, Senator Morrill, the New York Evening Post, the Philadelphia Record and most of the stock speculators and timid business men of the country, in regard to the Cuban affair, is that whether it be true or false that Cubans have been misgoverned and maltreated by Spain, it is no concern of our's. If we make it our affair by mixing in the quarrel, they argue that we may get hurt.

On precisely the same principle, if a full grown man, while walking along the street, should see a young girl beset by a rufflan, he should give no heed to her cries of distress and make no effort to investigate, but should leave her to her fate lest if he should intervene in behalf of common decency, he might get a thump on the jaw.

Nations are not different from individuals in respect to the principles which should govern their conduct toward each other. The law as applied to individuals does not recognize the right of one man to maintain a nuisance, or to make of his home a pest house. Why should the law of nations safeguard Spain in perpetuating a tyranny over the long-suffering but now of the "speak-easy" nuisance, it will justly rebellious people of little Cuba?

The Wilkes-Barre Record concisely states the truth when it says that "the Republicans of this state have had their fill of factional fights and will respectlicit selling by a purely selfish and fully decline to engage in another unless tinued at one cent. The Times is worth they have satisfactory proof that the public weal, not personal ambition or political jealousy, demands it."

How to Improve the Government of Third-class Cities.

The convention of representatives of third-class Pennsylvania cities whichwill assemble today at Reading for the purpose of formulating suggestions for the betterment of legislation governing cities of this class will be watched with general interest. While its immediate pupose is to consider methods of promoting uniformity in legislation, the area of discussion will doubtless be widened to include the whole subject of structural improvement in municipal government, thus fertilizing the public mind in behalf of reforms which, although now distant, will yet eventually

In this connection there are a number of changes which suggest themselves THE INPNOTIZED REPORTER. as worthy to be made. In the first place, the present classification of cities needs to be amended. To require a city of 10,000 inhabitants to organize the same cumbersome machinery of government required of a city of 90,000 population is to inflict upon it gross inequity. Cities below 50,000 population should be included in a different class from cities having between 50,000 and 100,000, with corresponding simplification of the mechanism of its government. The Reading convention cannot, of course, remedy this defect of the present municipal act, but it can help to arouse said, to race for the America's cup. He sentiment in favor of an ultimate

A second needed reform is in the organization of the municipal legislature. Experience has conclusively proved, in our opinion, that the double councils idea is cumbersome, expensive and inefficient. A single council, limited in membership to one member for every schism will doubtless be read with 1,000 qualified electors, and elected, twothirds from districts and one-third at large, would do all the work now performed by double councils, in one-half but that under the law of evolution the time and at one-half the cost of the present system; and also do it more is bound in time to lift itself up to a carefully, systematically and thoroughplane of more conventional "respecta- ly. These councilmen should be paid bility," with corresponding sacrifice of good salaries, and should not be eligible to election unless bona fide property

There should also be a readjustment political or social. The history of hu- of the powers, duties and responsibilimanity teaches nothing more clearly ties of the mayor. His magisterial func-

proximation unto aristocracy, and aris- tice, elected for a term of years and tocracy a continual disintegration, paid a stated salary. The mayor should be left free to devote his whole time to the execution of municipal laws, and should, for that purpose, have the power seems to have made in his treatment of appointment and removal over all heads of executive departments, such as the police, fire, health, street cleaning, etc., without reference to the council. Council should, however, have the power of impeachment of any city officlal by a two-thirds vote.

The police, fire and other departments employing any considerable number of men should be placed under civil service rules and kept out of politics. Political assessments should not be made on any office-holder, nor should political service be required of any. The municipal funds should draw public interest and the compensation of the city treasurer should be by salary only. The disbursement of funds for street repairs should be placed in the discretion of the street commissioner, who should be made to give bond for a proper account-Equalization of assessments ing.

should be facilitated; the whole question of tax collection, drainage and sanitation, opening of streets and laying o sewers should be gone over carefully, with a view to securing greater expedition, uniformity and economy; and finally, the municipal ownership of all public franchises should be affirmed and held subject to conditional lease to private or corporate operators.

Were these changes made, the government of third-class cities would be reduced to something like a science. As it is, that government is more often a matter of hap hazard.

Hereafter, if a bill lately passed by the house shall receive the approval of the senate and the executive, quarterly pension payments will be made by registered letter directed to the beneficiaries at their homes, thus doing away with the nuisance and trouble of having pensioners go to the office of pension agents for their checks. The proposed change is a sensible one, and should cheerfully be made.

"Field Marshal" Halstead, who has just returned from Cuba, repudiates the theory that the decent elements of Cubans do not want liberty. He says, however, they have so often been disappointed that many of them have at last become discouraged. This is an additional reason why the American government should send them a message of good cheer.

Pittsburg is to have a new Republican afternoon paper, the Daily News, the initial bow of which is booked for next Monday. It is a coincidence that one doesn't hear much about the starting of new Democratic papers these

According to Brother Clarkson, Major McKinley only drew up one tariff bill, while Senator Allison drew up three. This still, however, leaves the public in the dark on the backbone

Carrying out the Napoleon simile, will St. Louis' battle against the socalled "Platt, Quay & Co." allies be Mc-Kinley's Austerlitz or his Waterloo?

know what need the mayor of Scranton has for a private secretary. If it will visit our city April 7 it will find out. It will be a safe plan not to believe more than 99 per cent. of the political

The Norristown Herald wants to

boom organs between this and June. Senator Sherman insists that we do not need any more coast defenses worth mentioning. We sincerely trust that Senator Sherman is right.

"news" sprung on the public in the

David Martin denies that he is going to run for the state senate or any other office. David thus subtracts spice from the political outlook.

The Williamsport Times has enlarged to eight pages, but its price is condouble the money.

Senator Culiom is a poor man; and moreover, he is doggedly determined that the whole world shall know it.

If Mayor Bailey can turn Ferber out by a stroke of his pen, April 6, why make so much fuss about it?



Editor James Coon, of the Nanticoke News, makes no claims as a saint, yet James occasionally hits the bullseye at long range. In speaking of remarks made in some of the Scranton papers about girls of questionable character, who have "imposed" upon generous ladies by begging food, Editor Coon suys: "Questionable or anquestionable in character the girls have to eat and sleep just the same. And if really in want it ought not to make much difference to the truly charitable giver, so that a hungry stomach has been satisfied or a weary head has been laid to rest. And what good would be accomplished by the police arresting the poverty-stricken girl of questionable habits." Editor Coon's remarks turnish food for reflection. Real charity should not draw the lines too finely. It is to be hoped that the parties in charge of the distribution of aims to the suffering in Scranton will not loss sight of the object in view. Poverty and perfection do not always go hand in hand and the unfortunate may err and still be human. Many persons who are interested in charity no doubt would be pleased to hear more explicit explanations as to "worthy" and "unworthy" people who ask assistance of the poor board or the Board of Associated Charities.

One of the most amusing features of

One of the most amusing features of the Burke-Herring row, which lights up occasionally like the veritable volcano, is the recent defense of Collector Herring offered in all seriousness by Deputy Collector Dicky Brundage, of Wilkes-Barre, Brundage, the son of a well-known Luzerne Democratic politician, is enjoying his fourteenth year in the service of the government as a deputy collector in the Twelfth district of the internal revenus department, He was appointed under President Cleveland's first administration and was the only Democrat not required to walk the plank when Major Penman was made collector. By the way, Congressman Scranton and Dicky's father, Attorney Asa Brundage, are warm friends. Brundage dislikes any trouble that disturbs the equanimity of the position upon which he seems to have a life lease, and has hastened to inform the public through the Wilkes-Barre newspapers that there is nothing in the wild talk of Mr. Burke. The certificate of

character given by Deputy Brundage will doubless afford relief to Collector Her-rins's triends. Dicky should have spoken before.

As we have not near anch about olive of for several days past, a new one is effered; A party who claims to know states that the pure oilve oil usul by good housewives of Scranton is pressed from menhaden, a small fish captured along the Atlantic const. The oil is taken from the fish presses in casks to New York where it is refined, bottled and placed upon the market as genuine juice of the office. The oil is of a pale green color and can only be detected by chemical analysis. How does this stelke you?

I see that Where-Barre has recently had a mad dog seare that has resulted disartrously for numerous curs in Luzerne's ceptal. The raving canine that cannot be accounted for down at that city these days is put out of misery in short order, and while the hydre-hobis scare is not pleasant to contemplate, it may in the end prove a blessing if the victims of the supposed and dog escape. A mad dog agitation is not particularly desirable in any city, and Scranton may be congratulated that Wilkes-Barre leads in this respect. Still, there are many dogs in Scranton that could well be spaced.

Speaking of Wikes-starre, I am in-formed that New York dallies and press associations will no longer accept news from that city, unless from known corre-spondents. They fear that a strange writer might accidentally hit upon the troth in preparing a Wilkes-Barre "spe-cial."

THE BRIDISH WAY.

From the Times-Herald Nothing could better thustrate the com-mendable severity of the English election laws than the recent unseating of Tanker-ville Chamberlayne, conservative M. P.

or Southampton.
The substance of the charge against Mr. The substance of the charge against My. Chamberlayne was that his agent had paid a voter's railway fare amounting to two shillings. That was all, yet the junctices of the high court, while invisiting apon the point that the candidate was not aware of his agent's act, refused to consider the circumstance as trivial or pardomable. They agreed that the election had been rendered void and so decided. We don't often go to England for patterns, but no American can read of the adjudication of English election disputes and retain satisfaction with our methods.

WE HAVE GOOD CLAIMS.

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A SIBILANT SONG.

Sudden swallows swiftly skimming, Sunset's slowly spreading shade, Silvery songeters sweetly singing Summer's soothing serenade.

Susan Simpson strolled sedately, Stiffing sobs, suppressing sighs, Seeing Stephen Slocum stately, Stopped she, showing some surprise.

Say," said Stephen, "sweetest sigher, Say, , shall Stephen spouseless stay?" susan, seeming somewhat shyer, Showed submissiveness straightway.

Summer's season slowly stretches, Susan Simpson Slocum she; So she signed some simple sketches, Soul sought soul successfully.

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