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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION. To the Republican electors of Pennsylva-

nia. The Republicants of Pennsylvania, by their duly chosen representatives, will meet in state convention Thursday, April 23, 1856, 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-at-large to the Republican national con-vention, and for the transaction of sin-other business as may be presented. other business as may be presented. By order of the state committee, M. S. Quiv. Attest:-

Attest:--Jere B. Rox. W. R. Andraws, Feerena des.

Do not be too sure that General Harrison may not yet be, in spite of himself, a powerful factor at St. Louis.

### Testing the Validity of the Interstate Commerce Law.

The withholding of the supreme court's decision in the Brown interstate commerce case, which questions the right of witnesses to refuse to make incriminating testimony, and which is said upon good authority to have been decided in the government's favor, is explained by the assertion that the court wishes to announce its findings in two other interstate commerce cases at the same time. One of these collateral cases relates to the long and short haul clause; and the other is known as the import rate case.

The import rate case contests the right of railroad companies to make a less rate from the seaboard to the interior on shipments in transit from abroad to the interior than is made on similar shipments originating at the seaboard. In this case the Texas and lawful is carried on. Careful regula-Pacific railroad claims that in order to tion of every portion of the traffic is compete with steamship lines it is pelled to make a lower rate from New Orleans to San Francisco on foreign freight than it makes on domestic freight originating in New Orleans. It specifies that such discrimination, ranging all the way from 50 to 200 per cent., is forced by competition of the water line from Europe around Cape Horn to San Francisco, the line direct to the American ports, the water line via the Isthmus of Panama to the Pacific coast, the Canadian water lines, and the water and rail lines within the United States from the east to the west. The main points upon which the government contests these claims are thus outlined by the government's counsel. Simon Sterne, of New York:
1. The interstate commerce net in terms of the totat of domestic origin, and includes in the inhibitory and puntify chanses from a foreign port to any point in the dudes in the inhibitory and puntify chanses from a foreign port to any point in the dudes in the inhibitory and point in the dudes in the inhibitory and puntify chanses from a foreign port to any point in the dudes in the inhibitory and point in the dudes in the inhibitory and point in the dudes in the risk of the provisions which permit any railway commany to discriminate in favor of foreign against home matter of the former as a sections of the interstate commerce and indicates of the interstate commerce and the provision of the interstate commerce and the public policy superior to any yiews of public policy superior to any views, of the charged, change should not be permitted to be made by a discregation of the second and the public policy superior to any be found by the carrier for any reasion whatever. They are decharged, change should not be permitted to be made by a discregation of the second has the barriers of the function can be found by an emeritant on the found by a discregation of the interstate. Simon Sterne, of New York: good behavior. ness of one of its terminals. It is stated in trustworthy Washington advices that the Supreme court has decided all of these cases in the government's favor, although in the Brown case there is to be a dissenting opinion. The confirmation of this prediction would mark the beginning of a new era in the regulation of interestate com- being translated by him from the manumerce by federal authority. Excellent as the interstate law has been in intention, it has hitherto broken down at the vital point because of the government's York. The original record of these ininability, under the rulings of district courts, to compel witnesses to testify, Necessarily only two partles in any phia Press:

likely to then the hurrah tide in his favor. But the trend of political favoritism just now is all toward the spectacular.

The platform of the Ohio Republicans who on Tuesday launched the McKinley. boom "demands the use of both gold and sliver as standard money either in accordance with a ratio to be fixed by an international agreement, if that can be obtained, or under such restrictions and such provisions, to be determined by legislation, as will secure the maintenance of the parities of values of the two metals," Now look out for "gold bug" raid on McKinley, charging him with being a straddler.

#### The Raines Bill.

other places.

An interesting liquor law is before the standing as to the facts. copie of New York state in what is mown as the Raines bill. It has passed An example of how one's thought is the senate and received the sanction of often vetoed by the types was shown in the majority caucus in the house. It yesterday's Tribune in the paragraph therefore will doubtless reach the govwhich, as printed, read: "It is formnate that the supply of Republican senrnor, who, it is said, will sign it. The bill, as summarized by the Troy aterial timber in Kentucky is so much Fimes, fixes a tax rate as follows on on the sapling order." As written, the every hotel, saloon, restaurant and club word, of course, was "unfortunate;" where liquor is sold: Eight hundred but it seems to be as yet an iridescent dollars in cities with a population of dream to hope for such a perfection in 1,500,000 or more (New York); \$650 in newspaper work as will obviate such cities of less than 1.500,000 and more exasperating slips of type or pen. The than 566,666 (Brooklyn); \$566 in cities of jideal newspaper of the future will have less than 500,000 and more than 50,000; to have not only infallible editors and \$350 in cities or villages of less than 50,- reporters but also proof readers verg-

900 and more than 10,000; \$300 in cities | ing on omniscience. or villages of less than 10,000 and more Spain leads us in the item of armored than 5,000; \$200 in villages of less than cruisers and torpedo boats, having 9 000 and more than 1,000, and \$100 in all of the former to our 1 and 11 of the latter to our 4. But we have 6 battleships

No person or corporation conducting to Spain's I and 19 monitors to her I a dry goods, grocery or drug business is besides 11 gunboats to her 3 and 39 permitted to sell liquors to be drunk unarmored cruisers to her 21. Alto on the premises, unless such traffic is nether, our naval force is an ample carried on in a place not communicatguarantee that Spain, however hot ing with the other store. Certificates beaded by disposition, would think are issued for seling liquor in quantities twice before challenging us to a trial of less than five gallons, not to be drunk strength. on the premises. The charges for this class are \$500 in cities exceeding 1,500,000

In Rochester the proceedings of the in population; \$400 in cities between Board of Education and also of coun-500,000 and 1.500,000; \$300 in cities be- cils are officially reported verbatim, in tween 50,000 and 500,060; \$200 in cities or designated newspapers, at advertising villages between 10,000 and 50,000; \$100 rates. Sometimes a council report oc in cities or villages between 5,000 and | cupies a page, and costs the taxpayers 10,000; \$75 in villages between 1,000 and more than \$50. A proposition to intro 5,000, and \$50 in all other places. Drug- duce this custom in Scranton would gists who sell liquors upon the prescripcause the average local councilman to tion of a physician are to be taxed \$100 have a fit.

in New York; \$75 in Brooklyn; \$50 in The Chicago Times-Herald is getting cities of less than 500,000 and more than quite excited upon the subject of the 50,000 population; \$30 in cities of less financial plank to be adopted at S than 50,000 and more than 10,000; \$20 in Louis: it takes italies to say that that cities or villages of less than 10,000 and plank "must be an unreserved, absomore than 5,000; \$15 in villages of less lute, plain and sincere assertion that. than 5,000 and more than 1,000, and \$10. in all other places. All steamboats and while silver has its proper place in modern currency, there is but on railway cars on which liquor is sold standard of money in the world recog nust pay a tax of \$200,

nized as supreme, namely, gold." Each receiver of a certificate must give a bond for a sum at least twice his Because Senor Pi y Margall, a Span tax, and in no case less than \$500. There ish Republican leader, said Cuba ought are strict provisions against Sunday to be free, the Spanish government, we llouor selling, except with meals at ho- are told in a Madrid despatch, "serious tels. Clubs are placed in the same ly discussed the institution of crim class with other liquor dealers. No inal proceedings against him." On secnew saloon can be established within ond thought, this idea was abandoned 200 feet of a church or school, or within Hereafter, however, Pi had bette mince, matters if he wants to save hi 200 feet of any residence without the consent of two-thirds of the owners, dough,

No certificate will be granted to places Representative Terry, of Arkansas where gambling or anything else unfigures it out that the Democratic na tional convention will stand more than 600 to 300 in favor of the free and un-

limited coinage of silver. The fulld-

ment of this predletion would impart

exceedingly cold comfort to Messre

It is the irrepressible Mr. Platt who

intimates that the McKinley campaign

is being brought to a focus a month or

There is one thing about Senator

Hoar's newly acquired contempt for the

"It is not a novel situation, and it i

Cleveland and Carlisie.

six weeks too early.

rent exports.

newspaners. It is reciprocal.

meet of their time consulting with syndi-cates about the price of honds. The bond state, and the their berorn hand seen to be bindred infimilies, and one cannot be encountedly handled unless the other is cradicated. white, a complete wreck, an idlat-1 saw the sad vietha of that infamy." Can Weyler excuse himself by saying he was obeying orders of his superiors? Senor Quesada suggests that Senor

de Lome, the Spanish minister at Washington, request from Weyler a confession or a denial as to these specific charges. The suggestion is timely. If Weyler did these things during the ten years' war, when he was only a subordinate officer, it is reasonable to expeet worse deeds from him, now that he a commander-in-chief, with no fear of being called to account. Furthermore, if this is the kind of warfare Spain wants to wage in Cuba, it will become pertinent for the people of the United States to ask themselves whether they wish to remain moral accomplices to it. Let us therefore have a clear under-

The decreasing handled unless the other is cradicated. The farmers have seen the markets of Spanish America, which were opened by provisions of haw shaped under the hand of Willam B. Alfison, shut in their faces by the standadity of the Fifty-third con-aress. They have seen the dat, on raw sugar, made free on the motion of John H. Gert, restored upon such terms as have indired the nations of Enrope, no ionser bound by the reciprodity treatles of 1890, to exclude the ment products of the Unit-el States upon the false proteinse that our cattle and hege are diseased. They have seen their customers importabled, must sell nearly all they produce. If they sell it all, stripped of their power supplies of wheat fall on the SiG, cam-pared with 1892, according to the report instruction of bushels; of corn, 38,00000 of beach and all arm products in a similar measure. I have heard it said that all this comes in a devicus way from the orige of N52. I tell you that II has come, high and all farm products of a similar the same experience that has taught the prime of N52. I tell you that II has come, high and all arm products and similar this comes in a devicus way from the context in a devicus way from the prime of N52. I tell you that II has come, high and all camp roducts has the similar the comes in a devicus way from the context in the connection between the labeled of and the pay day has given by the American farmer a glimpse of the all measure. I have heard a Republican time check. me check.

"If we never knew it before, we know now that the best customer of the farm is an American artisan, with steady em-ployment and good wares, shtling at the head of his table, surrounded by his family, with a fixed projudice against occomargurine and filled cheeze, and an established tasks for fresh meat and wheat bread.

"We need somebody in charge at Wash-ington whe can ten the difference be-ween f dollar collected and a dollar bor-owed."

THE POLICY OF WISDOM & From the Buffalo News.

From the Buffalo News. It is the part of wisdom in our judgment to select the man most representing con-servative common sense rather than one against whom the alarm may be raised that he has a bobby which may throw the business of the country into the milist of another tariff revision right after the presidential year. It is not the brilliant advocate of a special policy, the Napoleon of any sore of legislative campaign, who makes the cest president. The country is just now suffering from the effects of just and administration of the presidential mind. The president of the United States about be no Andrew Johnson or Grover Cievoland, with "my policy" stamped all over him, but a calm and prudent reviewer of all policies, a balance whest for the party machine in operation in the govertment.



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provided for, and the business is placed in the hands of a state excise commissioner and assistants, who form a force costing the state about \$250,000 annually. All local excise boards are abolished, the state taking full charge of all liquor selling. Two-thirds of the moneys received go to the several communities, and one-third to the state. It will be seen that this measure differs little, except in a few details, from the Brooks law of Pennsylvania, 11 improves upon that law in taking the duty of passing upon applicants for license away from the license court judges and vesting it in a state com-

PRAIRIE COMMON SENSE. Congressman bolliver, of lowa, perhaps the most econemic political speaker in the Critical States, mode a masterly speech at Des Molnes, Wednessday, in presentiat to the lowa Republican convention fine presi-dential candidacy of Semitor Allivon. E-low are some of its happy points: "For months the maintenance of specie pay-ments has been made difficult, not by any fear of our own people that our pa-per money is not good, that is to say, will not be paid on demand, but by a long-standing shortage in the treasury, can-pled with industrial conditions that have induced a steady drainage of gold out of the country, in abilition to its usual movement, to pay for goods and note chapilies bought abread and ho longer fully paid for by the sum total of car-rent exports. mission, similar to that proposed by the Hackenberg bill which has twice been defeated at Harrisburg. This difference, of course, is radical, and will immensely strengthen the political importance of the gubernatorial office: but the change can hardly be for the worse. in New York state, while a similar change in Pennsylvania would be for the better provided the license commission were made up of honest men, well paid and appointed for life or during

Is Senator Hoar, who has recently been so eager to delay action regarding: Cuba, the same Senator Hear who, a couple of months ago, wanted to pitch into Turkey forthwith, because of Armenia? If so, is it distance that lends enchantment to his belligerent view?

## In Regard to Weyler.

"It is not a novel situation, and it is not one that can be relieved by hurried experiments in finance. It looks to me like a face-timile of the state of trade followed, when Horace Greader, in the old Tribune of the common pecale, litted his voice in behalf of the wrecked and prostrate individuely of his country. In work, every one of them, applicable to our present affairs. He pointed out the identess of the workmen and the signs of the paralysis that had fallen upon every pursuit in the country. He was entitled to give his opinion, because in 1866, he had wrened his country and kept president Buchman busy sending gen-uhe disasters that were before them. There was a condition of things that not only swamped the treasury and kept president Buchman busy sending gen-uhe disasters that were before them. There was a condition of things that not only swamped the treasury and kept president Buchman busy sending gen-uhe disasters that were before them. There was a condition of things that not only swamped the treasury and kept president Buchman busy sending gen-uhe disasters that were before them. There was a condition of the puppes of reminding one generation of the trou-bles of another. It is not likely that any possible system of banking and currency could have stood up against a state of our misfortunes lies in giving back to the workingmen of the United States the ap-point the beat was that the way out of our misfortunes lies in giving back to the workingmen of the United States the ap-point ty to do the work of the American people. At a time when two or three timid senators are preventing this government from granting the moral aid of its recognition to the people of Cuba, on the ground that we should not exasperate our dear friend, Spain, it is interesting to read the incidents of Weyler's prior activity as Soain's commissioned butcher which are vouched for by Gonzalo de Quesada, secretary of the Cuban delegation in Washington. scripts of an uppublished history Manuei de la Cruz, the Cuban litterateur and author who recently died in New cidents Secretary Quesada has thus transcribed in a letter to the Philadel-

The Democratic remedy entirely in-mores the sources of the trauble. It pra-poses to keep on borrowing money, ex-posing the treasury on the one hand to the approach of those who seek the profits of taking gold out, and leaving it help-less on the other hand against the thrift of those who seek the profits of putting gold in. The Populist remedy, a tend by which an influential group of other parties unlet, is to close matters up by abandoning the present basis of American business, on which all existing contracts stand, and taking refuge from public and private creditors allke in the unlimited issue of silver dollars, gratuitously man-uworth in the neighborhood of 20 cents. The Republican party, without concealing its desire to continue the largest practi-cable use of silver dollars, gratuitously man-dimension into our coimage, refuses to follow the counsel of either. The tra-rementy lies in the prompt provision of an adequate mational revenue. That is the first step, and it cannot be taken too soon. <text><text><text><text><text><text>

