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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION. To the Republican electors of Pennsylvania.

The Republicans of Pennsylvania, by their duly chosen representatives, will meet in state convention Thursday, April 22, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., in the opera house, city of Harrisburg.

By order of the state committee: Jere B. Rex, W. R. Anderson, Sec'y.

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