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The Tribune is the only Republican daily in Lackawanna County.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION. For 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.

Devoid of Shame. We reproduce in another column the charge of theft preferred by this paper on Thursday morning against the Scranton Republican (Dem.) and also its reply.

Under the conditions of the contest—conditions which were publicly announced weeks in advance—the successful prize story was to become the Tribune's property, just as much its own as a desk, a type case or a printing press for which it had paid the stipulated price.

Common decency among publishers requires that when an article is reprinted from one paper into another, due credit shall be given.

Signs multiply that the successor of J. Donald Cameron may, if the machine can make it without too great a struggle, be no less a personage than the Hon. J. Donald Cameron himself.

Great Britain Rounded Up. Notwithstanding a number of evasive partial denials, it is generally understood that the United States commission recently appointed to ascertain the facts concerning the boundary dispute between Venezuela and British Guiana has informally reached its decision, which is adverse to Great Britain.

It is asserted by Walter Wellman in his Washington correspondence to the Chicago Times-Herald that Lord Salisbury, anticipating such a decision, some weeks ago showed a disposition to attempt settlement of the Venezuelan difficulty by negotiation with the United States.

It was not accepted, however, President Cleveland and Secretary Olney declined to recommend to Venezuela any plan of arbitration which did not include the whole subject and provide for settlement of all the points at issue.

This government replied with a suggestion that Great Britain agree to place before the arbitration tribunal the whole question, so that in case the verdict should be against England the settlers and miners now operating under license from the British crown would become subject to the laws of Venezuela.

President Cleveland was firm in his insistence that if the territory rightfully belonged to Venezuela all licenses, privileges and control belonged to her also.

States would recommend arbitration on these terms, Lord Salisbury has as yet made no reply. Unofficial intimations, however, come to this government that England expects ultimately to submit the question to arbitration, the only obstacle in the way being as to the disposition of the British settlers in case the decision should be adverse to the English claim.

England's dilemma is no doubt perplexing, but it comes as a logical consequence of a prolonged career of unjustifiable aggression and deliberate overstepping of legal rights, and will therefore excite no commiseration. The man who makes a practice of stealing other men's land must not complain if at some stage in his activity as a "squatter" he is summarily halted and expeditiously dispossessed.

There is every probability, it is said, that the next legislature will again shirk the duty of reapportionment.

The Censuring of Bayard. The passage by the house of a vote of censure on Ambassador Bayard was inevitable if we consider that the people of the United States are the rulers of this land.

A man of self-respect, representing his countrymen abroad, would consider that his duty left no room for partisan affiliation or prejudice, and that as the spokesman of the United States he should always stand for his country, right or wrong.

Mr. Bayard's violation of the proprieties in his Edinburgh address was the more culpable when the fact is considered that he was himself once a secretary of state and had abundant opportunity in that high position to learn the value and the wisdom of discretion.

Ex-Governor Campbell, of Ohio, says he is prepared to vote for any Democrat on any platform if thereby he can reunite and reinvigorate the Democratic party.

Civil Service Reform. Announcement is made, that President Cleveland has decided, with the advice and approval of his cabinet, soon to issue an order placing within the scope of the civil service law all of those offices in the service of the government which are not filled by presidential appointment subject to ratification or rejection by the senate.

The branches of government work which would be affected by such an order are the mint service, a great number of exempted offices in the customs and internal revenue service, all of the Indian agency service below the head positions, and all the places in the Indian school service, the interstate commerce clerical force, the clerical forces in the navy yards, and a host of small groups and classes that are very rarely thought of, and which have been so far overlooked by the advocates of civil service reform.

The rapidity with which the American people have been converted to a belief in civil service reform is one of the singular circumstances of modern history.

From the Harrisburg Patriot. The only apparent use for a military post near Scranton is as a headquarters to soldier on the government.

discredit it and no political party, whatever its politicians secretly think, would think of formulating a national platform without incorporating in it a plank pledging fealty to the merit system.

No doubt Mr. Cleveland's promised order would give offense to the political soldiers of fortune who are building gorgeous castles in Spain upon the strength of the patronage to be administered by the next president. Yet if the truth were known, Mr. Cleveland could not do his successor a greater favor than to liberate him from the traditional thralldom of a president whose administration by marking a change of parties throws open the floodgates of spoils-hunting and wreathes every visitor's face with the expectation of executive favor.

The Cripple Creek, Colo., Morning Journal recently very bitterly President Cleveland's recent intimation before the New York presbytery that more missionaries in the west would be a profitable investment.

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Is that The Tribune? I want to insert a short 'ad.' All right. What is it. It's to go in the want column. Yes. I desire to advertise for a second-hand electric fan.

OUR GROWING PRESIDENT. W. E. Curtis, in Chicago Record. The president of the United States has just been conveyed for a new salt of wool.

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