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The Presidential Race.

The Chicago Times-Herald, the lead-

ing McKinley organ of the west, resents

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candidates for the presidential nomi-

nation ought not to poach on each oth-

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state boundaries. The right of a can-

didate to secure delegates by fair and

honorable means in any state is recog-

nized by the people. If a candidate

which have candidates of their own. It

McKinley to consider whether the in-

good. If, for instance, it should anger

the friends of Reed, Morton and Quay

to the point where they would unite

would be the loser or the gainer.

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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 delegatesat-large to the Republican national conother business hs may be presented. By order of the state committee. AL S. Quir

Chairman.n.

Attest:-Jere B. Roz. W. R. Andraws, Ferritaries.

Senator Chandler is, we believe, the only Republican of national prominence who seems to take delight in furnishing

the Democrats with campaign ammunition.

The Dunmore Shooting Affray.

The affair at Dunmore yesterday suggests a few common sense thoughts. In the first place, what has been gained for Christianity, for patriotism or for morals by an armed clash of rival selfappointed champions of different creeds? If nothing has been gained, has anything been lost?

In the second place, who would benefit if these clashes should become more numerous? To what extent could they possibly contribute to peace and order? What kind of a community would this become if every meeting between Protestant and Catholic should be followed by an exchange of pistol shots? We do not assume, at this moment

of conflicting testimony, to locate the blame for yesterday's disgrace. In due time this will be determined, judicially.

such a howl would have arisen from tration he presides, it is natural that the country as to imperil the security that section should resent the reflection. of his position. In the senate's case, and equally natural that its public representatives should give voice to its inhowever, we hear it said that its selfstullification has been "commendable. dignation. The statement, either as a historical generality or as a specific prudence," and "wise and cautious forecharge aimed at a designated part of sight;" although to the lay mind it our country, namely, the west, is not looks more like a plain case of comtrue that a pioneer people are a less moral and a less decent people than a One cannot much wonder that in the

people many generations grounded in face of such contradictory and indecithe polite ways of civilization. Such a sive garrulity the press of Spain, no people may be, and generally are, less less than the people of America, should conventional than the people who live be moved to sneers. It is such exhibiamidst older institutions. Their ways tions as these which discredit the senmay be cruder; their methods more ate and fill the public mind with anxabrupt. But the very circumstance of lety for radical changes in its compotheir hardihood as shown in their darsition. It is to be hoped that the presing to combat the wildernesses and ent week will witness the ringing wrestle at first hand with the problems down of the curtain on this painful of untamed nature is a proof of virility and humiliating farce. Better leave which renders the effeminate vices and Cuba's fate to the stubborn and selfgilded sins of older civilizations imposopinionated executive, with all his sible conditions in their own relations traditional unfriendliness for weak people struggling for liberty, than to have one with another.

The criticism which President Cleveit turned into a jest by the burlesque land uttered came with the worse grace senate. Cleveland, at least, can act

from him when we consider that he spoke absolutely without personal The Erie Dispatch says it has docuknowledge of his subject. Mr. Clevementary evidence to prove that the reland has never, we believe, been west cent passage-at-arms in the newspaof the Mississippi river; his whole attipers between Mark Hanna, the generaltude as president, during both adminissimo of the McKinley boom, and istrations, has been one of indifference Senator Quay was purely Pickwickian. or open contempt for a portion of our It predicts that if Quay sees he cannot republic larger a dozen times than all be nominated, he will be likely to turn

of the states upon whose soil he has ever trod, and richer in possibilities, if not in men, than he has ever, so far as the public knows, had any conception of. For a man thus narrowed in mental vision to utter in a solemn place upon a notable occasion an aspersion on the character of these unknown people which was neither true in fact nor er's preserves. It says: "There is no germane in context was, we repeat, an such principle of party ethics. The exhibition of injustice which could not be expected to escape challenge. We think that Senator Vest replied none too severely. He might have said a good many more cutting things and still have remained within the limits of justification.

keeps out of another candidate's state It is merely a matter of agreement be-The action of the court yesterday tween the candidates or party manin handing down a rule directing Coragers, and is an arrangement not necesnelius Smith, esq., to show cause why he sarily indorsed by the people. The peoshall not be disbarred is the culminaple have a right to the expression of tion of an episode which might easily their own preferences in each state, rehave elicited such a rule at a much gardless of any deals among self-conearlier time. The bench which he has aspersed in and out of season and the This is true enough, as a matter of bar-upon which he has cast repeated legal right. There is no law to prevent reflections in connection with the now the friends of any candidate anywhere celebrated Jennings case have exhibitfrom giving voice to their preferences. ed toward him a patience and a for-The only point to be considered is bearance which he seems to have miswhether it is always wise to insist upon

taken as a license for augmented liberthe exercise of this right in states ties. It is lamentable that a man of Mr. Smith's conceded ability should in will be remembered that the invasion this one direction have lost the sense of Ohio by the Blaine forces in 1880 did of fairness and discretion which ought not nominate Blaine. It merely dealways to control the utterances of feated John Sherman. In similar gentlemen in his profession; but, lafashion, it is for the admirers of Major mentable or not, the court cannot in justice to itself, accord to Mr. Smith a vasion of New England, New York and freedom of speech which in any other Pennsylvania by them may not do their attorney would immediately be called candidate, in the end, more harm than down.

## POLITICAL POINTS.

Center county anti-Quayites want a di-rect vote for president at the Republican primaries. in an effort to punish McKinley, then the question is whether McKinley It is stated that ex-Senator Packer will andidate

and if elected would till the position in a creditable way, but he is so closely identified with a lot of project in the state who are objectionishe to the ratik and the of the party in the provinces that it would be makes to take him up fust how. Mr. Wattes is the man of the mo-ment. He would be acceptable on all sides, to Quay as well as to every one ease."

Concord. March 31 Portland. April 9 Lexington April 15 Grand Forka April 15 Grand Forka April 15 Trenton April 16 Portland. April 16 Nashville April 22 Harrisburg. April 25 Montgomery. April 25 Montgomery. April 25 Springfield April 25 Springfield April 25 Sacramento. May 12 Rateign. May 12 Rateign. May 12 Charksburg. May 14 Muzcogee April 25 regon..... *sebraska* North Dakota ... New Jersey ..... Maine Tennessee Pennsylvania. Alabama abama..... orgia llehigan... alifornia. North Carolina Baleigh West Virginia Clarksburg Indian Territory, Muzcogee .April

From the Chicago Record.

From the Chleago Record. While Italy is dehating whether or not to abandon a portion of her African pos-sessions, it is interesting to note the ex-tent to which the European nations have carried on their so-called colonizing schemes on that continent. Italy, while not, by any means, the chief offender in seizing territory in Africa, has nearly 509, 500 square mines of territory in cen-tial Africa alone, while France has about 1000 square miles of territory in cen-tial Africa alone, while France has about 1000 square miles. Germany dominates about \$00,000 square miles in the tropical portects 750,000 square miles in the tropical portions of the continent. Including the trade of the Congo Free State, which is about \$1,500,000 anumally, the total trade of the continent is esti-mated at \$57,500,000, of which one-half be-longs to Great Britain slone. Italy's por-ion of the trade is estimated at \$5,500,000, while France comes next to Great Britain with \$15,500,000 anux to Great Britain

idea of the trade is estimated at \$2.566,650, while France comes next to Great Britals with \$2.566,060. The Interesting feature of the Italian dilemma is as to what will become of Abyssinal in case Italy abandons it. Bus-sia would like it, and so would both France and Germany, but it is probable that the provess exhibited by Menelek's soldlers will make a war with him unat-tractive, even to those powers. Territory under British control bounds the country of the north as well as on the zouth, and which means the dominion of theRed sea as well, Abyssinia is quite likely to be a British possession ultimately. Menelek cannot live always, and his suc-cessor may be more easily dealt with than the present king.



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ITALY IN AFRICA.

In the meantime, it will be a good thing for good people of every creed to do some plain thinking, and to keep cool.

The Allentown Chronicle and News, one of the staunch Republican papers ton, Quay, Cullom and Allison-has, alof the Lehigh valley, has introduced a states have been pretty well heard Goss perfecting press and enlarged to the eight-page form. It is one of the best inland papers in the state, and we congratulate it upon its progress.

#### A Game of Burlesque

The paralysis of common sense which has of late years become intermittently manifest in the deliberations of the United States senate has seldom been so conspicuously and yet unconsciously exemplified as in its treatment of the question of beiligerency rights for Cuba. A brief review of the subject will clearly establish our point.

It was in January that the atten grab at delegates regardless of consetion of the senate was for the first quences, thus running the risk of makseriously directed towards the Cuban struggle. Resolutions expressing sympathy with the insurgents and touching in various ways upon the advisability of formal recognition were introduced by Mr. Call, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Lodge und Mr. Cameron. The result of these various propositions was the adoption ty the committee on foreign affairs of a kind of composite resolution which embraced the good features of all. This was reported to the senate in the latter part of February, and after an animatit seems. ed debate was passed by almost a

unanimous vote. The house, three days later, went even further than the sen- Judge Archbald yesterday was coupled ate by adopting a resolution pledging with a recommendation that the legisthe government to a contingent policy of intervention in case such action suggestion is eminently sensible, and it should become necessary for the proper protection of American Interests in Cuba. The vote in the house was quite as one-sided as had been the vote in the senate, and both votes, despite some Mugwump newspaper clatter, fairly and accurately reflected the temper of the people.

In the meantime, Spanish rioters in Madrid and Barcelona, incensed at congress' action, stoned the American consulates and offered indignity to the American flag. But so far from influencing the senate to stand firmly by its prior action by ratifying the conference report on the concurrent resolution, this ebullition of passion seemed suddenly to inspire the grave and reverend senators with awe and caution. All at The senator has been sharply criticised once they changed their tactles. They began to debate ancient Spanish his- night, joined in the chorus of condemtory and to split into factions over irrelevant questions of mildewed historical evidence. The authenticity of translations and the accuracy of newspaper reports superseded the justice of Cuba's revolt as the theme of discussion. Perceiving his opportunities, the Spanish minister thereupon let fly a cunningly worded shaft, which by raising new doubt as to past affairs they are home missions; this tact is not tended all the more to obscure the vital in question.

topic of Cuba's present needs; and soon the anomalous spectacle was presented States, representing as he should the of the senate gravely questioning its whole people, so far stepped aside from own action and calling for facts after the proper line of his thought as to it had apparently framed and declared | cast a needless and gratuitous imputaa verdict. Had a judge of the Supreme court paralleled the senate's course, tion of the country over whose adminis-

It is, in our judgment, a mistake t again be a congressional nomination in the Sixteenth district. suppose that the St. Louis convention will be a walk-over for McKinley of any other candidate. Of the delegates

the favorite sons are dropped as hope-

less cases.

a good officer.

ranted defense. No doubt the presi-

dent's intentions when he spoke at the

New York home missions meeting were

to have the utmost sympathy. If any

missions are worthy above all others,

But when the president of the United

tion upon the good name of a great sec-

Senator Quay will be the only avowed candidate for the presidential nomina-tion who will sit in the national conven-tion as a delegate. thus far chosen. McKinley has 166 while "the field"-that is to say, Reed, Mor-

Senator Collom does not give up that he has been defeated in his own district. He will not withdraw from the race, how-ever, even if he has. together, 144. But the McKinley from, while the states yet to elect are

The Hon, James Kerr, iats clerk of the national house of representatives, is go-ing to be a candidate for congress again in the Clearfield district. more likely to return a majority for "the field" than for McKinley, New England and Pennsylvania are certain The opponents of Major McKinley are to give the great bulk of their remain-

now talking of trying to induce General Harrison to enter the field. The proba-bilities are they will have their talk for ing delegates to Reed and Quay, respectively; and the fact with reference their pains. to the majority of the Southern delegates, whether instructed or uninstructed, is that they cannot safely be count-

At Saturday's primaries Senator Quay carried Lancaster, Blair, Northampton, Monroe, Wyoming, Northumberland and Juniata, Huntingdon turned a somer-sault for McKinley. ed upon for any candidate until the balloting actually begins. Under these circumstances, two alternatives confront the friends of Major McKinley,

In view of the stating of Representative Lytle, of Huntingdon, for speaker of the next state house of representatives, the chief clerkship is expected to go to a Phil-adelphian, probably James Rankin Young. in Pennsylvania and elsewhere: one, to

There is a strong feeling in Montgom-ery county that the national delegate, who will undoubtedly be for Quay for first choice, should be instructed as to second choice. The McKinloyites are pushing this movement hard. ing the other candidates indignant; the other, to adopt a conciliatory policy, with a view to inheriting strength when

In lilinois 18 counties, with 215 state delegates, have instructed for McKinley and 6 counties, with 49 delegates, for Cul-lom. Sixteen counties, with 501 dele-gates, passed no instructions. There are yet 570 state delegates to be chosen. Although the surface indications a this writing point to McKinley, it should not be forgotien by those who

seek for an accurate understanding of Minnesota, New York and Texas Repub-licans hold state conventions today; South Dakota Republicans on Thursday, Massachusstis Republicans on Friday and Oklahoma Republicans on Saturday. These states and territories will have 169 extend to be states. the situation that politics, in these modern days, is an exceedingly complicated pursuit, which is not always what national delegates The appointment of poor directors by

Last week 101 mational delegates were chosen, making the total number thus far elected 2.10, or a little more than one-third of the full membership. Of these 185 are for McKinley. Governor Morton is second, with 52 delegates, while the strength of the other candidates is as follows: Senator Allizon, 33; Speaker Reed, 30; Senator Quay, 19, and Senator Cullom, 10. lature make this office elective. The will probably soon be acted upon. With regard to the two new appointees, it

can be said that they are both credit-Says Secretary Hoke Smith: "The Dem-ocratic party is in the fight for the pred-dency, and will be in it to the end. If the Republicans imagins they are going to have a walkaway, they are decelving them-selves. With the right kind of a platform on the money question, the right kind of a declaration against high protection, and the eight kind of a candidate, we shall be able to contest every inch of the ground and make the issue doubtful till the isat vote is counted." able and representative citizens. Dr Paine is one of the best known and most progressive residents of the West Side. Mr. Terppe is equaly prominent on the South Side, and though he displaces, for reasons which are generally understood to be political in their origin, a man of character, fidelity and long experience, he will no doubt make

Senator Palmer, of Illinois, believes the Republicans will adopt a platform that will hold out covert promises to the two potent elements—the manufacturing ele-ment and the free silver element. On the other hand, the Democratic platform, he believes, will be a straightforward, frank and an unmistakable avowal of the prin-ciples of gold monometallism. Senator Palmer predicts that McKinley will un-questionably be the Republican candi-date. Senator Vest and the President. We printed yesterday the exact text of Senator Vest's, reply to President Cleveland's recent missions speech. for this utterance; even the Truth, last

The ever sanguine Major Moses P. Han-dy thinks McKinley will win on the first ballot by the following vote: nation. Yet we cannot see wherein the senator overstepped the line of war-

Alabama 16 North Carolina 18 Arkansas 16 North Dakota 6 California 19 Ohio 48 Fiorida 8 Oregon 8 Georgia 13 Pennsylvania 18 excellent; indeed, with the object of Illinols South Carolina. South Dakota... Indiana that meeting no decent man can fail Kansas ... Tennessee ..... Texas Maryland Michigan . Virginia Washington West Virginia.... Minnesota Wisconsin ..... Wyoming ..... Territories ..... Nebraska w Jersey w York.

Says the Wilkes-Barre Record: "Frank Willing Leach would be infinitely more acceptable as chairman taan Andrews, though he is not exactly the man for the position, either, at this time. Mc. Leach is a capable man, and an honest one, too,