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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

To the Republican electors of Pennsylva-To the Republican electors of Pennsylvania.

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 purpose 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 convention, and for the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

By order of the state committee.

M. S. Quay,

Attest:—

Jere B. Rex.

A good idea to keep in mind in this period of pre-convention roorbacks is that the man who gets nominated in June will have to get elected in No-

Elect Quay Delegates.

The calls which have been issued for delegate elections in the First and Fourth legislative districts will soon bring before the Republicans of those districts the duty of electing delegates to the state convention which will assemble at Harrisburg on April 23. This convention will nominate delegates- atlarge to the St. Louis convention, choose two candidates for congressmen-at-large, select presidential electors-at-large and perhaps designate a state chairman to succeed Senator Quay, although it is possible that he may wish to be continued in that position for another year.

In view of the practical certainty that Congressman-at-large Grow will be unanimously accorded a renomination, the chief interest of Lackawanna Republicans in the April convention will center in the selection of the eight national delegates-at-large. This year, for the first time since the birth of th Republican party the banner Republican state of Pennsylvania, hitherto the willing supporter of presidential candidates from other states, has a serious candidacy of its own. That candidate may or may not win. But he at least is entitled, as the leader of his party in the commonwealth which holds the record for great Republican majorities, to the support of his state so long as he is a candidate; and it is the duty as it will no doubt be the pleasure of the Republican voters of the First and Fourth legislative districts to choose as delegates to the forthcoming state convention men who will favor the election of national delegates-at-large in the interest of the presidential candidacy of Senator M. S. Quay.

In the primary elections of one year ago, in the thick of a factional fight precipitated, so far as this county was concerned, by men who thought more of personal interests than they did of Senator Quay, whose name they employed when appealing for popular support, it was shown that the senator had a large and an enthusiastic following. Today, with the party, throughout the state re-united, and with Governor Hastings himself preparing to make the speech nominating Senator Quay at St. Louis, there will doubtless be no serious dissent in Lackawanna county, to the election of state delegates favorable to the senator's candidacy. Such a unanimity of support for an eminent son of our great Republican state need not imply a lack of confidence in any of the other candidates for presidential honors. There is no reason why it should excite opposition from any who favor McKinley, or Reed, or Allison. The Republicans of Ohio, of Maine and of Iowa are not divided in their fealty. The fair principle of state pride is of itself a sufficient justification for the rallying of Pennsylvania Republicans around the standard of Senator Quay, just as it has caused the Republicans of these other states to sink minor differences in behalf of their respective favorites. The question of a second choice can be raised when the necessity for such a choice presents itself. Until then, there ought to be no division of opinion as to the propriety of standing by Pennsylvania's candidate boldly, fairly and without

reservation. It would be proper, in our judgment, to elect as state delegates from the Let it cost what it may, public opinior Lackawanna districts men who will defer to Senator Quay's own preferences for delegates-at-large to the St. Louis convention. As the person most interested in having loyal support at that convention, has he not, in all equity, a right to be consulted as to the comested in having loyal support at that represent no narrow district but the whole commonwealth? This courtesy has been accorded to the candidates of other states. It has been accorded by Ohio Republicans to Major McKinley, by Iowa Republicans to Senator Allison, and no one doubts that it will be similarly accorded when the Republicans of the Pine Tree state meet on the 16th day of April next to indorse Thomass. B. Reed. Pennsylvania Republicans, in this reasonable sarticular, fer to Senator Quay's own preferences

may well initiate their brethren in the

On another page appears a very interesting short story from the fluent pen of John Courier Morris. It was one of the stories that came near winning The Tribune prize at the recent Robert Morris Lodge eisteddfod-so near that the adjudicator long had difficulty in reaching a final decision. Its theme is the more interesting in that it is vouched for by the author as having been taken from real life; and the story is therefore in a sense historical. Its picturing of life in Old Gwalia will be recognized by all Welshmen as faithful to the facts. Read it.

The Candidacy of Thomas B. Reed. The formal indorsement by the Re-

publicans of Massachusetts of the presidential candidacy of Thomas B. Reed calls renewed attention to one of the stalwarts of modern Republicanism. Mr. Reed has been of the dimensions of presidential timber for at least eight years, but was during Mr. Blaine's lifetime necessarily pushed to one side, The presentation of his name this year by New England may not be followed by his nomination at St. Louis, but it will come as a well-won honor, and it will be a milestone in a great man's steady growth in popularity and favor. The qualities which have made Mr. Reed one of the conspicuous leaders of political activity in his generation are qualities which command admiration out do not inspire fervent enthusiasm. They rest, not so much on personal magnetism and diplomacy as on sheer firmness and abundant, fertile brain. in a great emergency Reed would be as a tower among men, and would exercise authority by the very supremacy of his militant and aggressive characteristics. But in an era of complacency and calm, like the present, the angles in his make-up lead men to give their preference to some one else-to some one less positive, less dominant, less given to the cracking of heads. The inferior position which his presidential candidacy has assumed as compared, for example, with that of Major Mc-Kinley is not due to any superiority on the latter's part but in part to sheer popular delusion as to the comparative influence of the two men in securing the enactment of certain protective legislation, and in perhaps greater part to the prevalent idea that Mr. Reed is too much of a political pugilist to make a

This later idea comes from the fact that Mr. Reed's first rise to national publicity and prominence was achieved in connection with his famous battle over the counting of quorums in the house of representatives. That episode was merely an incident in his career and called into play only part of his magnificent equipment for political leadership, but it illustrated his daring. his determination and his invincible habit of keeping at a purpose until he accomplishes it. In that protracted and exciting contest for the expediting of legislation by the candid recognition of known facts without regard to amiable tradition, it is well known that Mr. Reed had to fight not only the Democrats but also many of his own following. There were times in the struggle when it seemed as if the speaker's defeat were inevitable. A man of timid will would, in the first place never have undertaken such a courageous initiative, and in the second place, if we concede the possibility of his having ever taken such a step, would speedily have been frightened into in-

continent and unconditional surrender.

The manner in which Thomas B. Reed

first-class president.

faced the odds, practically singlehanded, and by sheer force of his intrepid and masterful personality, drove the opposition before him exhibited one phase of his character-his spunk, his obstinacy, his self-assurance. But there are other phases no less valuable for being less generally understood. In the popular acceptation of Mr. Reed as a party fighter there is likely to be obscured or minimized the fact that he is a constructive and an originating statesman of the very first rank. In two congresses as speaker he has dominated the situation and practically edited the work of the various committees. His touch upon the details of congressional work is more direct than that of any predecessor in the speaker's chair. He enjoys the sense of power and likewise the responsibility that goes with it. He is in an unusual degree the whole of congress, centered in one man. The qualification of such a man for the exacting and wearing duties of the

presidency is self-evident. Mr. Reed may never be president. In

ity of the opinion which it phrases. If Cuba's cause is lost now it will be lost for years if not forever. No Cuban who has this time lifted his hand for liberty would be spared. The very suspicion of complicity with the campaign for freedom would. In the event of Spain's regaining the mastery in Cuba. be the signal for the lash, the bullet or the innermost dungeon.

It fortunately happens, however, that there are quite enough "romantic North Americans" to invest with serious doubt the triumph of Spanish butchery in Cuba. These "hypocritical defenders of Cuba" may for the moment be misrepresented by senatorial turncoats, willing publicly to eat their words; but they will not fail to find a way of expressing their feelings in these premises should it appear at any future time that the cause of the native Cubans lacked substantial support And just such blabber as that of the Santander Atalia is what will make the impertinent Yankees more determined than ever to insist upon fair play.

The story that Platt, Quay and friends are going to rob McKinley of the presidency by manufacturing bogus contests and seating the contestants at St. Louis would, in the telling, sound better from Democrats than from Republicans. Those boomers of Major McKinley who think his cause can be helped by the circulation of that kind of gammon must be young in politics.

The height of picturesque idlocy has been reached by the Pittsburg McKinley organ which predicts that the Ohio candidate will deliver a speech at Philadelphia, appealing for Pennsylvania delegates. Fortunately, William McKinley has a better sense of the proprieties of the situation.

For the benefit of those whom it may concern we once more call attention to the fact that the writer who wishes to get a communication of a contentious nature printed in The Scranton Tribune must sign his true name, for publication. Let every tub stand on its own

One can at least admire Frank Willng Leach's grit.

CAN M'KINLEY WIN?

"Penn," in Philadelphia Bulletin.

If William McKinley should carry off the nomination at St. Louis directly on the first ballot he would do something that has never before been done in a contested national convention in the past forty years, unless the nomination of McClellan in 1864 may be excepted. That is the only occasion in the political history of two generations when the winner has come out of the rivalries and struggles of a preliminary canvass with a clear majority on the opening showing of hands. The claims to enough strength to sweep the convention of next June at the very start which the McKinleyites have been making in view of the developments of the past two or three weeks may possibly be realized. They are not altogether extravagant in consideration of the remarkably strong canvass which his managers have thus far made for him. But if they should be realized, the result would upset all of the convention precedents of the Bemocrats. 'Penn," in Philadelphia Bulletin.

Moreover, the occasion is an exceptional Moreover, the occasion is an exceptional one, when a candidate who at this stage of the canvass preceding the convention has taken the lead or who has had the general sentiment of the rank and file behind him in a contest, has emerged the winner. Thiden in 1876 and Cleveland in 1884 are Democratic exceptions, and Blaine in 1884 and Harrison in 1882 are Republican exceptions. Every other presidential can exceptions. Every other presidential candidate since 1856 in a convention struggle has been spawned from a compromise, or at least has not been the popular favorite in the preliminary running. Nor, with the exceptions of both conventions in 1892, has there been a candidate who secured the nomination directly in face of the opposition of the combination of politicians such as now stands in the way of McKinley.

McKinley.

In 1890 William H, Seward was the favorite who illied the popular eye; he was far in advance on the first ballot, but the combination of the politicians, who decided that he could not carry Pennsylvania and Ohio, swung Lincoln to the front, much to the surprise and chagrin of that considerable number of Republicans in the east who then seem to have regarded the Himolsan in about the same light in which we now view prairie statesmen like Peffer. It was sixteen years before the party again went through a contest, and Blaine, who, in the apring of 1876, had a stronger hold on the affection and enthusiasm of the plain people than McKinley now has, went down, after seven hotty-contested ballots, before the alliance which summoned the name of obscure Hayes to the desperate battle of defeating the Plumed Knight. It took seven days to dispose of Grant and Blaine, the two leaders in the race four years afterward. Blaine was the winner in 1884, but with all his great popularity and with most of his old enemies keeping their hands off, three ballots were required before he was able to break down the lines of Chester A. Arthur. In 1885 John Sherman entered the convention with twice as many votes as any other candidate, and there he stuck, Harrison having received man entered the convention with twice as many votes as any other candidate, and there he stuck, Harrison having received only incidental consideration up to the final stages of the proceedings. Harrison's renomination was the first time when the magnates of the party in the usually controlling states found themselves helpless after seeking to storm the convention at Minneapolis, first with Billine and then with McKinley.

Mr. Reed may never be president. In point of actual, net fitness for it he is probably so far above most of his competitors that this very superiority may destroy his chances, as it destroyed the chances of Clay and Webster and Seward and Blaine. But if he ever should be elected, look out for an administration which would move steadily to its ends though the world in arms were opposed.

By the way, it seems to us that Grover's promised anti-third term letter is a long time in coming.

A Yawp from Santander.

No doubt the sentiment of the great majority of the people of Spain is accurately voiced by the Santander paper per personal paper. La Atalia, when it says: "Extermination is the only solution of the war in Cuba. Let the romantic North Americans, hypocritic defenders of the war in Cuba. Let the romantic North Americans, hypocritic defenders of the war in Cuba. Let the romantic North Americans, hypocritic defenders of the war in Cuba. Let the romantic North Americans, hypocritic defenders of the war in Cuba. Let the romantic North Americans, hypocritic defenders of the war in Cuba. Let the romantic North Americans, hypocritic defenders of the Cuban insurgents, say what they wish:

Cuban insurgents, say what they wish:

Let it cost what it may, public opinion in the whole country demands the rebellion should be drowned in lighes of blood. Do not let one suspect five: let them know that the country belongs to disconting the manner of the maxima and traditions of the old stagers, and is not likely to be resident the maxima and traditions of the old stagers, and is not likely to be resident to the most significant of the maxima and traditions of the old stagers, and is not likely to be resident to the maxima and traditions of the old stagers and with the company of the canvass preceding it, completely revised all the maxima and traditions of the old stagers, and is not likely to be resident. The maxima distinct the more of the McKilely.

There is a disposition now to like the movement to a disposition now to lik

wrote the famous letter advising the ex-pulsion of the claus from Pennsylvania and comparing the old chief to the sheep stealers of the Highlands. Then, too, it was Blaine's peculiar fil-luck, not only to turn all the syndicates of powerful politi-cians against him in 1856, but to fall into disfavor with the "better element" as well.

McKinley may not be obliged to beat his head against such an ironsides phalanx as the "30%" but if he can down the combination of all the odds and ends now concentrating against him it will be largely because he is a politician who has always kept his temper.

NOT FORGETTING HIS OWN SON-IN-LAW

From the Elmhurat Signal. Congressman J. A. Scranton has intro-duced a bill in the house at Washington which dught to become a law. The bill provides for the establishment of a mili-tary gost at or near Scranton. The meas-ure is a good cas, and, though of greater reach, nationally, than any other public matter introduced by Mr. Scranton, it shows to his constituents that Mr. Scran-ton is very much alive to the needs of his district in particular and the whole coun-try in general.



Hello! Is the joke editor in?
He is not.
Where can I find him?
At home minding the baby while his wife attends the milinery openings.
Too bad! I want to see him at once.
This is Bedford spenking.
What is wanted?
I want to get some pointers.
Pointers?
Yes. Some new jokes. You see we are to meet tonight to distribute the city.

Pointers?

Yes. Some new jokes. You see we are to meet tonight to distribute the city patronage. I must have something new to cheer the boys up.

Is there anything solemn about the distribution of patronage?

No. But you see Frank Vandling is to be present.

Z-z-z-ling!

Who calls The Tribune? Sarah, What is R. Sarah? I want to know why the councils pro-pose to make an example of Mr. Froth-ingham's band stand.

Olive it up.

Give it up.

Why, I thought newspaper men knew everything.

They often have that opinion of themselves, but when it comes to an explanation of centain council proceedings—
Well?

Nit!

Z-z-z-ling!

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THE BOOKMAN.



John Sherman was hampered in every one of the conventions into which be carried his presidential fortunes by the same kinds of personal feuds and animosities, although less violent and less open than those which dragged down Blaine. In fact, McKinley, as a candidate of the first class, with a big following, has less of them on a national scale than any man who has ever occupied a completious place in a Republican presidential canvass. He has usually been careful to observe the gentle courtesies of public life without any lors of his political virility, and his abilities which are mediore, are not of the kind that excite inclusy or cause other statesman outside of Ohio to call to the driver "car wing" when they have seen in melinoide in McKinley's record a nasty or malevolent fling that he has ever gone out of his way to cast at any one. That is a business, however, which some of his fool friends in their exuberance have not entirely abstained from. All the world loves the beautiful, and every knows it. That's the reason that the ladies who attend this affeir are violence with a strend this affeir are violence.

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