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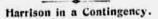
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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION. To the Republican electors of Pennsylva-

The Republicant of Pennsylvania, by their duly chosen representatives, will meet in state convention Thursday, April 23, 1996, at 16 o'clock a.m., in the opera-house, city of Harrisburg, for the pur-pose of aominating two candidates for representative-sil-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 such other business as may be presented. ther balances as may be presented. Hy order of the state committee. M. S. Quay, Attest:-Chairman.

Jere B. Rox, W. R. Andrews, Secretaries.

The cable advices say that Spain is "greatly exasperated" at the action of our congress. For once Spain and the United States can shake hands and agree.



The circumstances under which the name of Benjamin Harrison may become a powerful factor at St. Louis can be imagined as follows: In the first place, it is probable that a scattering vote will be east for the ex-presiexperiment of free and unlimited silver coinage, regardless of consequences dent from the beginning of the balloting, thus keeping his name constantly Their position is as absurd as would be that of the sick man who should want, before the convention. This may be done by accident or by arrangement while weak and debilitated, to get up but in either event it will have the from his bed without any intermediary effect to draw the attention of disaf? stages of convalescence and start at fected delegates to a candidacy which would immediately solve the perplexities of a bitter fight in the convention. Secondly, should it appear that Mc-Kinley cannot win because of the combination of the politicians against him. what more natural result than that the McKinley forces, rather than turn their position is sound provided they to any one of the anti-McKinley candidates, should go in a mass to the In- ment among the nations and not strive dianian, whose nomination would be quite as likely to give a pain to Mr. to be feared from this class of bimetall-Platt, Mr. Quay, Mr. Clarkson and their immediate colleagues as would that of the Napoleon of protection himsolf General Harrison could no doubt pull from "the field" enough votes, added to the McKinley strength, to nominate himself easily. After that, of course, it would be made unanimous. All this is only a harmless bit of speculation, but at a time when the outlook with reference to the St. Louis convention seems impenetrable, one is privileged to draw on his imagination in lieu of more substantial evidence. We have no doubt that General Harrison was sincere in his recent letter refusing to permit his name to be considered in connection with another presidential nomination; but he is nevertheless subject to party draft and such a draft he could not refuse to The nomination of Benjamin honor. Harrison at St. Louis would give eminent satisfaction to every Republican who is a Republican from principle and conscience

and they call the isolation of vice by a bit of quackery and deny without The Scranton Tribune and they call the isolation of vice by a bit of quackery and deny without legal license such a compromise. If it reservation that planets exert any be what they say, it is a compromise power of regulating the actions of huunder the terms of which vice gets the manity. The weak point in this denial smallest possible power for mischief is that while it demolishes one ingenand society gets the largest possible ious hypothesis which affords a tole -security. Until reformers recognize ably satisfactory explanation for otherthat men are not made better by legal wise inexplicable phenomena, it offers prohibitions but are only improved by no substitute. It tears down, but does mental and moral and spiritual sua- not afterward build up. Science, we sion, the social evil and the drink evil may remark in passing, has a habit of will continue to thrive despite outlawry doing this, and yet somehow we acand all the long chain of their offspring cord it a great measure of awe and veneration, not a little of which is probvils will thrive with them. In view ably undeserved. of this demonstrated leason of human history, it becomes wise to consider not To return, however, to our crimes,

an anybody offer an intelligent exhow time, money and effort may be vasted on impossibilities, but how defplanation why murders and suicides inite results can be achieved for good and defalcations and elopements should cour, as it were, in bunches and not be by the recognition and prudent adjustqually distributed throughout a given ment of conditions as they are. seriod of time? Why should there Mr. Dana rises to remark that the eldom or never be one big fire with-

comination by the Democracy of Mr. out two other big ones quickly followleveland for a third term would be ing it; or one big railway or steamship quivalent to suicide. Yes, but the accident without the inevitable twain nomination of any other Democrat of parallels? That these things do hapwould clearly be equivalent to manpen in close proximity to each other is demonstrated beyond question, despite slaughter. the fact that outside of the hypothesis

### The War on Silver.

of the astrologers no adequate explan-There are two fundamentally differation has yet been vouchsafed for the nt bases of operation with reference to coincidence, if coincidence it be. Let the question of silver coinage, as illusin de sleele civilization turn its litae rated in the contemporary discussion light on this dark snot in modern knowlof this problem. The one position is rreconcilably hostile to the use of sil-That was certainly a oncer verdict er in any but a subordinate relation . gold. It is willing that sliver shall in London last week when a woman patient sued a physician for breach of be collect as a token money, so long as t rests for ultimate redemption on professional secrecy and won a verdict of \$60,000. The neculiarity of the verold; but at any suggestion of the posdict consists of the fact that the physidbillty, by either independent action or cian's only guilt was in warning his international agreement, of a return to wife not to associate with the patient. that old-fashioned form of bimetallism whom he had in a professional capin which the two metals together acity discovered to be an unchaste formed the so-called "double" but realwoman. The eccentricity of juries is ly single because conjoint standard of proverblad; but in this instance it value, those who maintain the attitude seems to have established quite a new we have described immediately become record. indignant and protest that those who neourage such a possibility are trying The Honorable Warner Millier has to defraud their creditors and debase been telling a committee of representathe currency. These men are gold

tives at Washington that if congress monometallists, who want all values doesn't quickly buy up the Nicaragua measured on a gold basis. They largely canal, the control of that prospective control the gold of the world, and the waterway will pass into foreign hands. more difficult they can make it for The Honorable Warner Miller evidentdebtors to procure gold in payment of ly lacks faith in the vital essence of debts, the greater will be their wealth the doctrine of one James Monroe. when those debts are paid.

Before being shoved by the McKinley The gold monometallists are united comers without his consent into a by common interest; they are access sent on the ticket's tail-end, one sive in the hope of foreseen profit; they Thomas B. Reed begs to notify the pubare powerful with the strength of aclie that he intends to have a merry cumulated great wealth. But on the run for first place. other hand, the bimetallists are divided. Some want to rush at once to the There is reason at times to fear that

good deal of the optimistic exubernce of those who base their predictions d an early millenium on the elemental cisdom of the masses is composed of northeast wind,

FRANK WILLING LEACH. 'enn," in Philadelphia Bulletin.

once to do the hardest kind of work "Penn," in Philadelphia Bulletin. It is thought that Quay's paternal bless-ing will be bestowed upon Frank Willing Leach as his successor next month in the chairmanship of the state committee. In the past eleven years Leach has been one of the sonator's most useful retainers. He is not over thirty-eight years old, but there is no veteran in the party who is better informed on Pennsylvania politics, past and present, or who has more of its secrets in his custody. Quay some time ago expressed the opinion that he was one of the most "serviceable" young men he had around him. He has practically de-voted himself to professional politics, has sometimes been entrusted with the most Others suggest that it would be prudent to await international co-operation be fore undertaking to do anything more for silver than has been done for it in its use as a subsidiary metal. Thes are the conservative bimetallists, and will agree to work for such an agree Builders to make it more difficult. The danger es been entrusted with the elicate functions of the machine, and has urned out to be one of the most pro-ident pupils of a great muster. The curious feature of Leach's career is that he started out as something of a "Francesca da Rimini-mininy-piminy— Je ne suis quoi young man." He had lit-erary ambitions, the tastes of a dilettante, and a mission to purify politics. Twenty-two years ago, among a coterie of bright and aspring youths, who came togetter to cultivate literary habits, he was the most ardent of poets. He used to turn out verses and stories with great facility, and if he had not given up his early as-pirations he had the bent of mind that would have cut a figure in journalism, if not in higher literature. There was not one of his associates who would have thought that this pragmatic, effusive, dap-per young exquisite, with his Byronic fan-cies and his almost feminine concells, would have developed into the right-hand man of a politician eminent for horse sense and practical methods in the pro-tones. The curious feature of Leach's career is OFFICE ense and practical methods in the pro-The set of the second set of the second set of the second ession. Easter Eggs, Egg Sets,

followed conciliation and concession were the watch-words, and Quay was the chief originator of the policy. The result was that very few of the independents drifted to the Pattison administration, and most of them were finally in opposition to it. No party was ever more skilfully handled han the Republicans in Peansylvania were at this time. Quay, who has re-markable insight into the weakness of elever men, was then anxious to build try markable insight into the weakness of some followings, as he quietly planned his markable insight into the use weakness of some followings, as he quietly planned his manuspected tactics for the capture of John I. Mitchell's seat in the United Statics work followings, as he quietly planned his manuspected tactics for the capture of John I. Mitchell's seat in the United Statics who had ambitions, who were unable to to make the Camerons, or who were shrewd enough to see that their day was too had ambitions, who were unable to in for himself as a campaign manager, hered the service of the regular orranisa-tion for himself as a campaign manager, in as a secretary, much to the disgue of the old-time statistic, who could not miteriated why such converts should be miteriated why such converts who could not miteriate the eligient men in the or-alis and with a political institut, fory an secretive.

Looking at men like John Stewart, J. W. M. Gelst, E. K. Martin, J. Levering Jones, Hampton L. Carson, Effingham B. Morris, Whaton Barker, Thomas W. Barlow, John Field, George D. McCreary, John T. Paily, Rudosh Blankenburg and Judge Pennygacker-there are many more whost names do not quickly come to recollec-ions-new confortably reposing on the bosom of the party, and many of them furthful Quaylies, the credit which was lue to Quay for preventing the forma-tion of a Mugwume faction that would elague the party to fits run as the same

the to Quay for preventing the forma-tion of a Mugwimes faction that would clague the party to its ruin as the same class in New York did, becomes manifest. That was what made it casy for Leach to seek shelter under Quay's protecting wing, for he had abundance of company, and when Quay took him into his house-hold as secretary, he found that he had a man whose appearance belled him and who was fit to play the rame of politics as dis-creetly as the oldest heads at the business. There are not more than two or three men, who, perhaps, are nearer to Quay's confi-dence, and Lears's bitterest enemy will concrete that he deserves it for the volun-tary savifie which he made last summer cf one of the easiest and most lucrative offices in Philleichia in order to free his hands for the service of his patron—An at rare in its solid of by alty and not only carrying self-respect, but a smack of the chivalifie in politics. Yet, how odd it may be in this whirli-

Yet, how odd it may be in this which rig of politics to see the Frank Willing Leach of 1882 at the head of the Republi-can state committee in 1895, with the M. S. Q. trademark on his shoulderstraps.

### TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus. The Tribune Astrologer.

ood on Sunday.

f the first bluebird. Law in Scranton seems to gain in clasticky daily.

Place not too much confidence in the political reformed villian. It is difficult for a kopard to change its spots even by frequent applications of kalsonine.

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Revolts against Thomas B. Reed are very frequent in the Washington dispatches. They usually end by exhibiting Mr. Reed in increased mastery of the situation.

### The Licensing of Vice.

The proposition advanced by the Law and Order society of the state of New York to provide by law for the licensing within certain metropolitan districts of disreputable houses, the fees to form a maintenance fund for the support of invalid, indigent or penitent inmates of these houses, will no doubt excite discussion and reveal anew the inability of purely theoretical reformers to dis-

as they say, to compromise with sin, the scientists, who brand astrology as In the reorganization of the party which

ists is that they will gradually, under the cunning pressure of gold monometallists, despair of achieving silver's restoration on a broad scale and will thus by tacit consent perpetuate a plan of campaign which has for its deliberate purpose the doubling of the debts of the world by the subtraction of half

the basic coin of the world. There is, however, a third position not very popular as yet, but destined. we believe, to fulfil in course of time a large usefulness in the arresting of the tide toward the single gold standard It may be roughly outlined to involve the coinage in this country, at a compromise ratio, of the American silver product only, coupled with a tariff on

foreign silver so high that all of it would be kept out, and supplemented. it may be, by a series of retallatory tariffs on countries which refuse to join with the United States in a plan for in ternational bimetallism. As the case now stands, or, rather, as it used for stand when Republican protection formed the law of the land, every in-

dustry in the United States had protection from foreign competition save the silver industry. It alone has had no protection, and today the curious spectacle is presented of the president of the United States, his secretary of the treasury and most of the leading statesmen and journalists of the country trying to kill the demand for American silver, which is one of the principal of our ore resources. If such a raid were made on Pennsylvania's coal and iron we should expect to hear quick protest; but since it is made ostensibly or the silver interests of the far west and sweetened by the euphonious fiction of

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