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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION. To the Republican electors of Pennsylva-

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

By order of the state committee.

M. S. Quay,

Attest:—

Lere B. Rex,

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

It was Pattison who made Cleveland the Democratic nominee four years ago. Now the question arises, Is Grover grateful?

Municipal Changes.

At noon today the executive departments of the city government will pass. for the first time in ten years, from Republican into Democratic control. The record which the Republican party has made during this decade of municipal administration is endurably written in the city's magnificent development. Waves of prejudice may from time to time blind the electors' eyes to that record, but it will stand, for it is now his-

Of the out-going officials it can be truthfully said that they have been honorable, public-spirited and faithful to their trusts. So far as the executive branch of the city government is concerned, its duties during the past three years have been performed conscientiously and with ability. Had there been equal conscience and equal ability in the legislative department, the results would have been even better than they have been.

The Tribune proposes to treat Mayor Bailey fairly. We shall not go out of our way to criticize him because he is a Democrat. We shall endeavor at all times to remember that he is the elected chief magistrate of the whole city and shall judge his official actions by the standards expected to govern the mayor of a large, liberal and enlightened city like Scranton. We wish him success. We trust that his administration may be clean, straightforward. progressive and business-like. We are ready to co-operate with him in all broad measures for the common wel-

If Mr. Cleveland declines to be a canof modesty but because of fear.

## Treat All Alike.

ginning of a decade and the last results of it are seldom announced before the decade is half completed. If we had a permanent census bureau organized on expert lines, this gross waste of time would be obviated, and our census statistics would be made public almost as soon after each general enumeration as are the statistics of England 4.nd France.

Messrs. Quay and Platt have simultaneously gone to Florida, "for their health." This does not necessarily mean, however, that they are as sick as the McKinley bureau reports would indicate.

### Inexorable Alternatives.

While it would obviously be out of point, it is proper enough to say that duty honestly and fearlessly. the politiciars who are importuning Mr. Balley for favors bear only a small proportion to the number of citizens who simply and unselfishly wish his administration to dignified, businesslike and helpful to the best interests of the city. It is possible that the ques tion will more than once present itself to him for official answer whether the active party workers or the people generally shall be accorded his preference. In such a contingency we believe that the new executive will find it to the ultimate advantage of his administration to act broadly and firmly from the standpoint of the non-office-seeking public, without much reference to the effect of such action upon the distinctively partisan element immediately surrounding him.

The circumstances of Mr. Bailey's

election are certainly favorable to the adoption of a policy of independence. His debt to the workers of his own party, no matter how they may strive to magnify it, is small. He manifestly owes his election to no one man and to no one faction. The power conferred upon him by that election could, therefore, with propriety, be reserved for use toward purely public ends. The opportunity before him to consider questions of appointment and removal solely with reference to the best interests of the city irrespective of faction, personal claim or party pull, is one such as rarely comes to a mayor elected nominally on a party ticket. He could, with exceptional justification, say to his advisers: "Gentlemen, I consider that I have been called to the executive chair of a large corporation, and that it is my duty to administer that trust on strictly business principles, neither discharging nor employ ing a man except for business, rather than political, causes." While such a declaration, rigidly adhered to, would little probably cause disaffection among the small circle of active politicians who have none but selfish interests in view, t would win and retain the confidence of the immeasurably larger and more important class who regard municipal office as a thing unsuited to low partisan manipulation.

Between these two elements in the community there is no durable middle ground. The official who attempts to ground. The official who attempts to face both ways is lost. Either the politicians or the people must eventually predominate, Neither class will long rest satisfied with a compromise. It is the unvaried history of municipal government in this country that the government in this country that the men who achieve distinction are positive and uncompromising men, who espouse one or the other of these alternatives and thenceforth proceed undeviatingly. Mayor-elect Balley will tovintingly. Mayor-elect Balley will to-day find himself contropted with the

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where does the ordinance authorize the was determined upon. Of the four who a millionaire can get into the white house street commissioner to tear down an received the cash prize of \$125 each, are after all, as remote as they ever obstruction which is a nuisance of the three were Episcopalians. The com-

preted the issue placed before them, and are to be congratulated upon their wise judgment.

If the Philadelphia Press is sincere in its daily reiterated assertion that the whole country, from Maine to Callfornia, is frantically "solid for honest money," why does it waste doubleleaded space each morning to say so?

The last issue of the Providence Register announces that John U. Hopewell has become sole editor and proprietor of that interesting weekly journal. We congratulate Mr. Hopewell and wish for him abundant success.

According to the programme, the amended Cuban resolutions are to reach place for The Tribune to offer to the a vote in the house today. The house new mayor advice from a party stand knows its duty. Let it perform that

> Notwithstanding that Mr. Magee daily denounces Senator Quay as a bold. bad man, we notice that the Quay column is steadily growing.

### WITHOUT PRECEDENT.

"Penn," in Philadelphia Bulletin.

There are some conditions of the presidential campaign this year which mark an almost complete abandonment of precedents in both parties. The Republican washouts of the past three years have indeed, destroyed entirely some of the old political landmarks. For the first time since the war the candidates have all been brought into the field without any regard to their states or to their "availability" in carrying this or that state. Some of the best men, among both the Republicans and Democrats, were long practically ruled out of consideration because they were not satisfactory to one or two localities. But this year, there has been an entire letting down of the bars the country over to all candidates who could show a reasonable claim to the nomination, through their personal merit or their national popularity. Penn," in Philadelphia Bulletin.

In every campaign in the past twenty years, or since the White lengues in the south compelled the Republican party to out up its shutters in that rection. New south compelled the Republican party to put up its shutters in that rection. New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Indiana formed a quartette which had to be deferred to in conventions, and which had to be "carried" at elections. They were the four states of the north in which neither party could ever count safely and surely on a large majority, and in which the fluctuations of public opinion were generally felt more markedly than elsewhere. This year they will stand on the same level as other commonwealths in both the conventions and at the polls. The disintegration of the solid south, the shifting conditions of the west and the sweeping Republican advance since 1892 shifting conditions of the west and the sweeping Republican advance since 1892 have lessened their importance and deprived them altogether of that disproportionate preponderance which enabled them to dominate conventions, and which made them the chief battle grounds of the soap collectors and the fat fryers.

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If the Democratic party of New York was such an essential that ever since the time of McClellan we have had the singular spectacle of every one of its candidates—Seymour, Greeley, Tilden, Hancock and then Cleveland three times—taken from that state. Hancock is not properly an exception, for he had lived little in Pennsylvania, was practically a New Yorker when his nomination came to him, and his affinities to New York were of far more consequence than any which he bore to his native state. This year no special consideration is given to it by either side. Governor Morton, for example, old as he is, would be an immense formidable candidate if New York were now "doubtful" as it used to be in advance of a presidential election. But no politician thinks of regarding it any more as a "pivot." So far as the Democracy are concerned the old combination of New York and the solid south has ceased to be a winner and has passed away forever.

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day find himself confronted with the duty of making choice between these inexorable conditions of chicial policy and it is our honest advice to him, offered in the friendliest possible spirit, that the prospect of greatest success lies in the direction of unswerving independence.

The Chicago Times-Herald is valiantly essaying the task of trying to shame the New York Sunday World, Journal and Recorder out of their mingled frothiness and nastiness. It calls them exemplars of "muck-rake jourthe only northern men who were permit-ted to get into the white house. There is no sign visible that the west will not control the St. Louis convention this year, if not absolutely dominate the situation.

chittenden, in which he presents the arguments of those who oppose the construction of the Frothingham bandstand portico. It will be seen that Mr. Chittenden draws no distinction between a structure sheltering the entrance-way to a public assemblage room and at the same time supplying, with reference to band concerts, a long-felt want, and the projections of private stores. There is, however, in common sense if not in law, both a distinction and a difference.

The resolution introduced last week by Mr. Chittenden calling for the arrest of Mr. Frothingham and the demolition of his portico is not only, in conflict with common sense, but there is also good reason to believe that it is at wide variance from the law. Nowhere does the ordinance authorize the stream of the present o

was determined upon. Of the four who are street commissioner to tear down a nother truction which is a nuisance of the third class, nor is there a syllable of the commissioner than the case stands, the arresting of Mr. Frothingham would subject the city to a suit for damages, in view of the approval of his building plans by the building inspector, while the destrustion of his portico by the street commissioner would become an act of trespass.

If the gentleman from the Ninth is sincere in his wish to enforce the law on sil allike, why does he not introduce a resolution calling for the arrest of every promotery-owner who has awning, cornices or other projections contrary to law, as well as every one who has asking, cornices or other projections contrary to law, as well as every one who has addingerous vaults underneath the side-walk? Why single out Arthur Frothingham? The Tribune will gladly remove its builtent boad if that gives offense, But if one man or one firm is to be attacked, let all be treated alike. Then there can be no suspletion of prejudice or partiality.

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Most remarkable, perhaps, of all the Most remarkable, perhaps, of all the anomalies or new conditions of this presidential year is that a great party virtually confesses its defeat in advance and that not one active candidate for its presidential nomination has made his appearance. There is absolutely no precedent for this in the whole history of the Democratic party. If this condition of things shall continue the campaign of its will be the duliest since the time of Monroe, and there will be litte need of huge campaign funds. But a split in the Democratic party on the money question is more than possible, and if it shall happen, it will add more to the conditions of a unique year in presidential politics.



Is that you. Charley?
Yes. Who's talking?
This is Arthur.
Well, what is it?
Can you make arrangements to as a meeting from the portico tonight?
No. sir! I'm "agin" it.
"Agin" what?
The portico, of course.
Is that so?
Decidedly so! It's an infamous oh

Is that so?

Decidedly so! It's an infamous obstruction; an illegal dream!

Why, I had the mayor's permission—
But that don't go! When asking indulgence from the city government, you will need to supplicate the ward statesman.

See!

Z-z-z-ling!

Say. Andy, can you leave the churn and come over a few minutes?
Something urgent, mayor?
Yes. I want you to cheer me up.
What is the matter?
I'm afraid I shall have trouble distributing the Easter eggs today.
Nonsense! The pupils cannot expect to be served after the supply runs out.
That's all right, but it is the apportion ment that makes me nervous.
How is that?
Why, you see, every fellow on the ap

ment that makes me nervous. How is that? Why, you see, every fellow on the ap-proved list thinks that he is entitled to the goose egg. Z-z-z-ling!

Hello! Is that Sam?
Yes, sir. Where are you?
In the basement—the office of the committee on territories,
Well?

Are the seeds ready for distribution? Yes, sir. I don't think you had better send ther

Why?
I'm afraid its a little too early to plant.
Too early?
Yes, I hear you have just had an awful
frost on the West Side.
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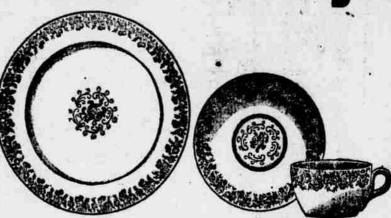
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