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The Tribune is the only Republican daily in Lackawanna County.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

To 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.

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

A week from tomorrow is the Harrisburg convention, and all is yet as quiet as the grave.

Why Cleveland Hesitates.

An interesting explanation of the administration's hesitancy in taking forward action on the Cuban question is advanced by a gentleman whom the Washington Post describes as thoroughly versed in international law and experienced in diplomacy.

The gentleman in point continues: "American newspapers, as well as English newspapers, have been so filled with rumors of negotiations in regard to the Venezuelan controversy that they have given the impression that the whole matter has reached a satisfactory conclusion."

This, to be sure, is only one man's opinion. It is, however, somewhat plausible. No one familiar with Lord Salisbury's characteristics can readily believe that he has been suddenly influenced by mere newspaper discussion to recede far from his original position with reference to the Guiana boundary line or that he is the kind of man to relish a compulsory dose of American-made crow.

Since 1824, no cabinet officer has stepped from the cabinet chamber into the presidency. Let the Carlisle-Olney shouters be warned in time.

The Flag Question.

Not content with requiring public school buildings to fly the American flag, the Illinois legislature has made its exhibition also mandatory on private and parochial schools.

owner of a private school, or, for that matter, of a sectarian school, occupy before the law a different footing from that of a private citizen?

It would be a good thing if every school of every kind in the United States should honor American institutions enough to display, conspicuously and with proper respect, the national emblem. Too much honor cannot be paid to the American flag.

But it would be madness to try to inculcate such a feeling of patriotism by force. Squalor will beat force any day. When there is a private school or a parochial school which does not fly the flag, it would be proper to request that the omission be corrected.

Bright boys in New York have formed an anti-cigar league. Here is a hint to bright boys in Scranton.

Abolish the Bonding System.

There is an adage which says that no problem is solved permanently until it is solved correctly. This is signally true of what is known to shippers as the bonding system, by means of which cars of merchandise shipped from Boston or New York to Chicago or San Francisco are permitted, under Canadian seal, to pass part of the way over Canadian railroads out and in the country without customs inspection.

This bonding privilege was provided for in the treaty of 1871, before the Canadian Pacific road was built. It was intended simply to facilitate transportation between the North Atlantic seaboard and Chicago, and was expected to be reciprocal benefit. It has, however, since been broadened until it embraces American trade with the Orient.

All this is true, and more. The Canadian Pacific is the most richly subsidized transportation line in the world. It has had in all \$180,000,000 in cash and bonds.

In view of the fact that the Canadians now propose to complete a chain of subsidized railroad and boat shipping lines until English manufacturers can, under the bonding system, ship directly to Asia through the United States at cheaper rates than Americans themselves can get.

The Philadelphia Inquirer is a stanch, almost a rabid, advocate of the gold standard, yet it has the frankness to say: "It will certainly cause serious alarm if there is to be any further contraction of the currency."

cannot fail to do mischief. This contraction has gone far enough. The repeal of the Sherman act cut off the only source of increase, for none of the gold production gets into circulation, and the National Bank system is so cumbersome that it affords no relief where relief is wanted.

We trust it is not true that Senator Quay has decided to pass Northeastern Pennsylvania in the selection of national delegates-at-large. The candidacy of Hon. Charles A. Miner, of Wilkes-Barre, for this honor, which is now, we believe, unopposed, fully merits success, and can probably command it if the delegates from this section will unite in a recommendation to Senator Quay that a Northeastern Pennsylvanian be chosen.

Elbridge T. Gerry, the New York reformer, was recently asked what he considered the chief influence which leads boys to commit robberies and fire thefts, imperiling the lives of hundreds. He said: "More harm is done to the children by the newspapers which print glowing descriptions of crimes and criminals than by any other means."

According to Bradstreet, the present per capita circulation, which is \$21.53, is less by \$1.25 than the per capita circulation one year ago. With the population growing and the volume of money decreasing it is no wonder we have hard times.

The Philadelphia Record is very proud because since the Wilson tariff went into effect, American exports of manufacturers have increased 32.7 per cent. Why doesn't it in fairness explain that our manufacturers had to sell more of their goods to foreigners, at a loss, because democracy had in the meantime disrupted the home market?

That is a queer story which comes from Allentown to the effect that the recent report of a war on Leisenring in Luzerne was instigated by Frank Willing Leach with a view to heading off the Leisenring gubernatorial boom. We should like to see the evidence in the case.

The Syracuse Courier commemorates the anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's birthday by printing a somewhat nebulous editorial entitled "Democracy's Fundamentals." The only fundamental in present evidence seems to be its phenomenal capacity for blundering.

Judge Clayton, of Delaware, the man who stepped down from the bench to engage in a scramble for the position of national delegate, and who at the time declared for Quay, has fopped to McKinley. McKinley is welcome.

It was rough on Brother Smalley to be denied admission into the Century club of New York. But somehow the American people cannot get over their prejudice against renegades.

Those Democrats who are disposed to credit Mayor Bailey with wishing to give them the marble heart should remember that such gifts are common in politics.

According to Chairman Harity, ex-Governor Pattison "does not seek the Democratic nomination." He only stands under the tree with his apron outspread.

An authoritative denial is made by Speaker Reed that he expects to retire from public life. The only change he hankers after is toward the white house.

Hill, Brice and Gorman each predict McKinley's nomination. But then they are something of protectionists themselves.

THE HYPNOTIZED REPORTER.

Luzerne papers announce that "All the News," a Wilkes-Barre publication which died several weeks ago on account of the lack of patronage in the way of patrons, has been resurrected and will shine in the Milky Way of Wilkes-Barre Journalism.

Some time ago I heard of an agitation on part of the State Editorial Association to have the libel laws modified. I view that I was surprised at the support the movement received from honest newspaper men whose columns were daily "not stuffed" with real or imaginary sensational stories that should cause the arrest of the publisher for nuisance and libel.

of some of these specimens that keeps the great army of buzzards in check.

Except in rare instances a term in prison always has a wholesome effect upon the "stunt" editor. A case similar to the one mentioned above is called to mind in which an ambitious young editor succeeded beyond all expectation, but after serving a sentence of seven months in jail lost all ambition to pose as a red-hot journalist.

LET US HAVE PEACE.

From the Altoona Tribune. There is not the slightest evidence that Major McKinley is in any way concerned over the factional differences that have cropped out among certain prominent Republican politicians in Pennsylvania, or that he would assist either faction to take the seat of the other.

DON'T WORRY.

From the Easton Free Press. Presumably Scranton will know itself by nightfall on May 28, but, if after having the Knights Templar parade, Barnum's parade, and a hanging all in one day, the town is a little grossy and dazed, it will be excusable.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Jacobus, the Tribune Astrologer. Astrological cast: 3:14 a. m., for Wednesday, April 15, 1896.

A child born on this day will notice that the Scranton Republican will notice that trout in the mountain towns of the Third legislative district yesterday.

Bring creel and tackle out, and seek ye brooks in rocky glen. Where sport ye festive trout.

If the saying is true that "he who hesitates is lost," a searching party should be organized for Mayor Bailey at once.

Results of elections in the Abington territory yesterday would indicate that Lord Byron Green had taken a vacation.

To the girls—Do not let young men frighten you at the beginning of the season with tuberculosis stories.

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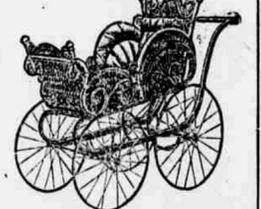
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