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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

To the Republican electors of Pennsylva-Republicans of Pennsylvania, by The Republicans of Pennsylvania, by their duly chosen representatives, will meet in state convention Thursday, April 23, 1836, 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:—

Chairman.

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

It is noticeable that the onward march of the loud-sounding McKinley boom has of late grown somewhat unsteady. Can it be that Mark Hanna's "bables," Platt and Quay, are getting down to hard work?

The State Chairmanship.

The formal announcement by Deputy Attorney General John P. Elkin, of Indiana county, that he has consented to be a candidate for state chairman to succeed Senator Quay, who has at last decided not to seek a re-election, will gratify that large element in the party which has been looking forward with mingled feelings of regret and disgust to a possible infliction of some such man as Andrews or Leach. The circumstances attending Mr. Elkin's announcement are such as to leave no doubt of his sincerity and very little that he will have the tacit if not the open support of Senator Quay. All that is needed is a free field and no favors; upon such conditions Mr. Elkin ought to have very little difficulty in securing the honor as against Frank Willing Leach by an overwhelming majority.

Mr. Elkin has been for years a warm friend of Senator Quay but he has not lacked in those essentials of friendship which prompt to wise counsel and timely admonition. He has not sought to trade on the senator's favor, nor has he ever tried to set up a sub-dynasty for his own personal advantage. Had Senator Quay listened, one year ago, to the honest opinion of men like Elkin, there would have been no factional warfare. It is a reassuring augury to discover that the senator has at last reached a realization of the disadvantages incident to a noisy and officious retinue of none too respectable hangers on and is preparing to widen the circle of his confidantes to include clean men

and true. We should have liked to see our ex perienced fellow-townsman, Colonel Watres, made state chairman again; but the chairmanship of a gentleman like Mr. Elkin will doubtless be equally efficient and certainly no less satisfactory in its promise of political cleanliness.

Mayor Balley will discover that delay only serves to sharpen the appetites and the knives.

Political Ethics.

It is greatly to the discredit of American politics that any one should feel called upon to discuss the religious beliefs of the candidates for president. That in the interest of one of these candidates it should have been thought necessary to make a public statement of the denominational affiliations not only of himself, but also of his manservant, his maid-servant and the guest within his gates, is to be regretted and deplored, as introducing into the canvass a factor which has no rightful place there. The civil government of the United States is happily separated from ecclesiasticism and while the present temper of the vast majority of the American people endures, it will remain in this state of complete divorce. No president would dare to recognize lines of religious cleavage or division in his official capacity as the executive head of a nonsectarian government, and no sect the religious test in national politics is

wholly uncalled for. On the other hand, it is distinctly to ing and driving is lost by reining up, pulling out and in, and calculating how to avoid apprehended dangers.

"The bicycle rider is of all others most likely to suffer in case of collision. He has a light and swift-moving vehicle, but he is not always able to extricate himself from perilous positions and should be careful to keep within the bunds of safety at all times. Familiarity with there was no tenable ground for suspicion and no vestige of evidence tending under the most strained construction to warrant an inference of dishonor, was very properly, rebuked by decency-loving citizens of both parties, in terms which left no room for mistake as to the public's intention of demanding fair play. It is believed the fine sense of justice which the credit of American politics that the recent effort of a small number of politicians to cast odium upon one of the prominent candidates for having been at one time helped out of a financial difficulty by the unsolicited contributions of wealthy friends and admirers has utterly failed of its purpose. This unfeeling attempt to turn to factional vicissitude in which there was no tenable ground for suspicion and no vestige of evidence tending under the most strained construction to warrant an inboth parties, in terms which left no aster." room for mistake as to the public's in- In this city there is an ordinance

indignation the ghoulish effort to rider approaches a crossing. The ora private citizen will be equally insist- for nearly three years, but we do not ent upon the elimination of the sectarian element from the next presiden-

Meanwhile, it will be observed that one Robert Emory Pattison is busily engaged in concealing his views on the currency and other live questions.

Senator Quay's Chances.

Mr. Manley, as the general-in-chief of the Reed forces, has naturally denied the story that the anti-McKinley contingent expects to concentrate at St. Louis on Senator Quay. At the same time, his denial must not be taken too seriously, nor must it be too readily concluded that Senator Quay is not a full grown possibility. is not likely that any fixed

programme has yet been mapped out for observance at St. Louis. Such a proceeding at this early day would be decidedly premature. But it is altogether probable that the leaders now actively arrayed against the Ohio aspirant have given careful thought to what they would like to do in the event of their being able to control the national convention, and it is equally probable that the choice of most of them would, in certain contingencies,

Among the reasons which give a color of warrant to such a conclusion may be mentioned the fact that they know and admire Quay as perhaps the shrewdest politician of his generation, and being politicians themselves, each subject in his respective community to that largely mistaken prejudice which obtains among many well-meaning people against the men who do the hard work in political campaigns, it is plausible to suppose that they have for Colonel Quay a specially ardent fellow feeling. They would feel that if he were nominated and elected president, he would not only give the country a clean, safe and conservative administration along practical business lines, but would also friends and supporters than would delegates have been instructed for form of professed hostility to them. This may look like a selfish attitude, but it is indisputably a natural one, and in the present condition of politics in this country it represents a cohesive

power at political conventions not to be

overlooked. Theoretically, perhaps, such a view of the problem may not coincide with the highest ideals of the public service. Practically, it amounts to a recognition of conditions not to be ignored, and for that reason, if the so-called practical politicians are in control at St. Louis, the nomination of Senator Quay for the presidency will by no means be out of the question. On the other hand, we believe that he would, if elected, exhibit a degree of caution, practical sagacity and expert grasp upon the moving springs of politics and legislation which would make his chief magistracy more than ordinarily satisfactory and successful. The one nowconceded defect in General Harrison's otherwise brilliant administration was his inability to keep in touch with the leaders of his party. Wishing to be conscientious, he went to an extreme in the direction of independence, and thus, in the end, rendered futile much lighest endeavor. Such a mistake would be avoided by a political general like Quay, for he would understand methods as well as ends.

All this, of course, is largely conjectural; but it is a line of thought which takes cognizance of obvious facts, and it explains why the Quay candidacy has a potential strength not apparent on the surface.

Does' anybody know whether the report was correct that Senator Cameron

be found appalling. There are thousands maimed for life who might escape injury altogether by the exercise of proper caution and the observance of those rules which are essential to safety. The greatest sufferers from road accidents in recent years have been the riders of bicycles, and while one reason of this is their recklessness as to speed, the main cause is their utter disregard of the ordinary regulations which govern those moving over the

streets and highways. "There are many rules, but the most important of all is that embodied in the familiar direction-keep to the right. Everyone should learn the importance of this injunction, since neglect of it may bring serious trouble when least expected. Some persons seem naturally perverse, and rather disposed to take the wrong side of the road even though the other should be the most inviting. There are those who persist in keeping to the left of the sidewalk and jostling everyone they meet, while they could get on much more speedily and comfortably by would dare to ask for such exclusive or keeping their proper position and movdiscriminatory recognition. Therefore | ing with the current. The same kind of persons are encountered on the highways, and much of the pleasure of riding and driving is lost by reining up, pulling out and in, and calculating

ference of dishonor, was very properly, and over crossings and around corners

noved the public to resent with swift plain sounding of signal bells when the placken William McKinley's probity as dinance has been on the statute books recall that a single arrest has been made under it, notwithstanding the daily violations of it by thoughtless or careless riders in almost every part of the city. In Buffalo, where a similar ordinance prevails, police mounted on bicycles give instant chase to every scorcher," and the result is that although Buffalo has more than 40,000 wheelmen, fast riding in much-traveled portions of the city is almost unknown. If common sense and reason are not sufficient to safeguard pedestrians in Scianton, it will be necessary to resort to sterner methods. While the great majority of our wheelmen are considerate and careful, there is a sufficient percentage of reckiess riders to warrant the authorities in taking note of flagrant violations of the bicycle ordinance, and they cannot do this too soon for the comfort of those who walk.

The generous offer of Mr. William H. Richmond to buy the first 100 copies of the Scranton Women's Paper to be issued by The Tribune May 14, paying for them \$1 apiece, merits grateful recognition. There is no question that each copy of this handsome and comprehensive special edition, filled as it will be, by valuable contributions from the nost gifted women writers of this community, will be worth easily the sum which Mr. Richmond offers. And when it is remembered that the proceeds of the edition are to be devoted to a most worthy philanthropic purpose, the appropriateness of the proffer gains in emphasis. The liberal example thus set should lead to imitation.

Contractor Bates, who dug most of Chicago's drainage canal, is ready to give bond that if he be given the contract, he can dig the Nicaragua waterway for 75 per cent. of the current estimate. If Uncle Sam wants a good bargain, here is his chance.

The Harrisburg Patriot intimates be more likely to deal fairly by his that some of the Lackawanna state some candidate nominated on a plat- Leach for state chairman. There is no record of any such instructions so far as Lackawanna is concerned.

> There were no reservations in Maine's indorsement of Thomas B. Reed. And well may Maine be proud of him.

THE CREED OF DESPAIR.

From the Chicago Times-Herald.

From time to time there is what is called an epidemic of suicide. We appear to have reached once more one of these frightful cycles. Whatever be true of the generic descent of the human species, the tendency to imitation is so strong in it that monkeys themselves, to say nothing of sheep, are not more liable to follow a striking example, especially if fatuous and evil. Let a poor maniae extirpate his family and extinguish himself, and immediately in various parts of the country men will be found, not maniaes, as the law uses the word, to attempt the same monstrous undertaking, some proportion of the number succeeding. Among the causes of suicide none is more active or prolific, however, than the creed whose preachment has proceeded in recent years with extraordinary energy. The creed consists of two articles. This is its catchism: 1. Who made you? Ans. Nobody, I am a spontaneous generation from matter. 2. What motive have you for living? Ans. None whatever, except to get out of life whatever pleasure I can. When I cease to get pleasure out of it I have a right to destroy it.

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To this catechism there is now an appendix of widespread popularity. It is the dogma of degeneracy. A Lombroso, himself a convicted thief, arises and proclaims that, with whatever defects or debasing tendencies a human being is born, by those shall he be predominated. A Bertillon measures a human being with a tape and, by the turn of his toe, the dimensions of his nose and the curve of his eyebrow, decides that he was born to be a crimnal. If, in addition to these, an Ingersoil is right, then we have a complete creed of despair. Man is no more than a deg or a bird in his origin, no more in his destiny; human beings are no better than diseased dogs or carrion birds; and the sooner they do away with themselves the better for them and for society.

Does anybody know whether the report was correct that Senator Cameron had decided not to seek an election as a delegate-at-large to St. Louis?

The Rules of the Road.

Timely attention is called by the Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette to a fruitful source of mischief in populous cities arising from neglect of the simplest precautions in traveling. "Now that the season for promenading, horseback riding, driving and bicycling has come, serious injuries are reported," it says, "growing out of collisions and other accidents incident to crowded thoroughfares and fast-moving vehicles. If correct statistics were kept of these casualties the loss of life would be found appalling. There are thou-

can your quietus make with a bare bookin?

The modern gospel of despair, more squalld as well as more blasphemous than that of fatality, which the Greeks and Romans held, is largely responsible for the epidemics of voluntary life-taking. Eliminate from the human heart sense of responsibility and capacity for hopefulness and little incitement to resist temptation or to realize duty of any nature in relation to life survives. Lombroso, Bertillonism carried to excess, and a sparkling cynicalism intoxicating the superficial and the shallow, only to depress afterward into disbelief in anything but animality, have combined to form the current creed whose fruit is ashes.

The spectacle of a blatant and bizarre infidel preaching in a Christian church in Chleago marks a peculiarly dilabidated epoch in the progress of this demoralizing gospel. Religion, whose other name ought to be hope and helpfulness, has been reduced, in this instance, to the schedule of a dime museum, whose interest is contingent on the number and variety of its freaks and the rapidity with which dislocations, perversions and lusus naturae can be presented to the audience, who are expected to be the more delighted in proportion to the monstrosity or picturesqueness of the attractions.

AN EYE FOR A GOOD THING.

From the Carbondale Herald. With its customary keen eye for a good thing, the Scranton Tribune has se-cured semi-weekly letters from the Leader's old friend, Whitney, the ver-satile Susquehanna writer. Whitney's bright and breezy budgets are things with-out which no newspaper in this section can keen house.

DEMOCRACY AND THE FARMER.

W. E. Curtis, in Chicago Record.

during the calendar year 1835, under the Wilson-Gorman law:

Spirits, grain 189,890,645 1,745,945 6,429,828 3,295,898 37,411,944 37,348,753 4,430,155 Flaxseed meal



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Yes, sir.
But the latest scheme takes the cake!
What's the matter now?
I see you are to have a woman's edi-

tion.
Yes, sir.
Now, do you expect a lot of women can say all that they wish to in a twenty or even forty page edition of one paper?
Are your married?
Married? No!
Well, if you ever get married and come home late some evening you will find that a woman can sometimes cover considerable ground in a very few words.
Z-z-z-ling!

Well! Who calls? This is Barrett. Barrett, Which? P. A.

P. A.
Oh. yes. How fares the Telegram?
Pretty well, thank you. But I have a conundrum for you.
Let it go.
Why is Mayor Bailey like Charlie Ross?
That's too deep. Give it up. Why?
Because it is said that "he who hesitates is lost."
Z-z-z-ling!

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacohus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cost: 4.08 a. m. for Saturday, April 18, 1896.

4 A child born on this day will be undecided in character. For instance, if he was given a choice of death between hanging and reading some of the Sunday papers

Coxey, Carl Browne and Sam Jones, of Carbondale, have been keeping rather quiet lately. Is this an indication that mis-chief is brewing?

White hat campaign button makers are still hopeful, but makers of other designs are all guarding against over-production. The weight of the Morton presidential boom bids fair to break the backs of half the New York newspapers. Murderer Holmes is now having the laugh on newspapers that published his fake confession. But wait until the gallows artist gets at work!

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