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The Tribune is the only Republican daily in Lackawanna County.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET. Congressmen-at-Large, GALUSHA A. GROW, of Susquehanna.

Every honest citizen will sincerely trust that the reform movement in Pennsylvania Republicanism will be as good in its deeds as in its promises.

Those McKinley Instructions

There were good and sufficient reasons for the refusal of the Harrisburg convention to adopt the Robinson resolution instructing the delegates-at-large to support McKinley for second choice.

Women and Methodism.

The announcement several days ago that what is known in Methodism as the Hamilton amendment, which authorized the admission of women as delegates to the general conference, had been carried was premature.

The Tariff and Politics.

A call has been issued for a convention in Detroit, beginning June 2, of representatives of the commercial manufacturing, labor and agricultural organizations of the United States, to discuss four subjects of general importance.

is called politics to that of non-partisan consideration on a strictly business footing. The purpose of the Detroit convention, as explained in the present call, is to get congress to pass a law defining how the tariff shall be levied, and establishing as the fundamental principle governing that tariff that the duties levied on all goods imported from any foreign country into the United States shall in all cases be equal in amount to the difference between the cost of producing those goods in any foreign country and the cost of producing them in the United States.

One of the most enthusiastic endorsers of this idea is President M. M. Garland, of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel-workers, Pittsburg. He says: "I believe the tariff, in the hands of a properly constituted commission, would be as well taken care of as it would be by any committee on ways and means.

No more convincing evidence that the Harrisburg convention was a convention of the people could have been given than in the selection of ex-Speaker Grow for another term as congressman-at-large.

The discipline of the church does not distinguish between sexes, but there is an explanatory note which says that wherever the word 'layman' occurs it shall be taken to mean both men and women.

"Acting upon this theory, and believing that the women of the church, who do the greater part of its work and are the prime instruments of its prosperity, should be represented in the law-making body, several lay electoral conferences in 1888 elected women representatives.

During the next quadrennium controversy waxed warm over this question, a proposition authorizing the admission of either men or women as lay delegates having been sent down to the annual conferences. The laymen were also given an opportunity to express their sentiments.

eral conference adjourned than the conservatives, who saw that this particular amendment was certain to be defeated, and that its defeat involved the admission of women to the general conference, set up a cry of 'trickery,' making such an uproar that they alarmed the more timid friends of equality, leading such into their own camp.

"Subsequently, and in order to do away with the accusations of trickery, another chance to bar out women, the Baltimore conference submitted another amendment providing that lay delegates may be either men or women.

According to our Altoona namesake, the one thing which perplexes and annoys the laymen is that while they do not presume to interfere with the ministers in any rules and regulations that the latter may see fit to make concerning the election of ministerial delegates to the general conference—some conferences electing as high each as seven ministerial delegates to the limited two laymen—yet a mere one-fourth of the ministers, plus one vote, now dictate to the laymen concerning the personality of the delegates whom the laymen may send.

Greater New York, now to all practical purposes a fact, will, by 1898, when it goes into legal existence, have 360 square miles against Chicago's 189, and 3,430,000 population against Chicago's 1,800,000.

The Allegheny proposition to prevent any office-holder from being a delegate to any political convention would, if enacted, be likely to raise quotations in the delegate market.

Senator Fling's anti-bribery reform bill deserves not only to be enacted but also to be enforced, no matter who is hit.

KEEPING SECRETS.

"Penn." in Philadelphia Bulletin. Some time ago an employe of an old bank on Third street was taken seriously ill. He believed himself to be on his death bed.

How far the physician was justified in communicating to the officers of the bank his suspicions or what he had heard from his patient, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, was a question which occupied some attention at the time on the part of casuists and moralists.

These thoughts are suggested by the publication of the officers of the bank a jury has given against the famous Dr. Playfair, who informed his wife and other persons of the nature of the case which he had discovered in the course of his professional attendance on a female patient.

It is unnecessary to say that this sense of obligation to secrecy in the dealings of the physician with his patient is almost essential to the maintenance of society in its present form.

Indeed, it is probable that there is no class of professional men in Philadelphia, neither lawyers, nor the clergy, nor even newspaper men, who obtain custody of the secrets most dangerous to disclose than the four thousand practitioners of medicine.

Not less remarkable is the care with which the clergy endeavor to preserve the confidence of their charges and spiritual dependents. This is particularly exemplified in the practice of the confessional in the Roman Catholic church.

Justice, Cardinal Gibbons took occasion to say publicly that he knew of no case—I think he said his observation was confined, however, to this country—of a deliberate breaking of the seals by any priest.

I question, after all, whether any class of men—the Catholic clergy alone excepted—come into the possession of more information, confidentially or under pledge of secrecy, professed or implied, than the editors and reporters of the press.

Progressive. "I wonder if that diamond Mudge has in of the first water?" "I doubt it. It has been soaked so many times in water by this time."—Indianapolis Journal.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Aljochus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cast: 2 1/2 m. for Saturday, April 25, 1896.

A child born on this day will notice that the wise weather prophet always leaves a loophole for escape in case the elements turn against him.

The jurymen at present term of court seem disposed to relieve the pardon board entirely.

From present indications Satan will have his spring planting completed and his summer crop harvested before the Booths get through fighting each other.

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