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STATE CONVENTION CALL.

To the Republican Electors of Pennsylvania: I am directed by the Republican state committee to announce that the Republican national convention will be held in Philadelphia on Tuesday, the nineteenth day of June next, and for this transaction of such other business as may be presented.

One person for the office of auditor general. Two persons for the office of congressional electors.

Thirty-two persons (four-at-large) for presidential electors, and to choose eight delegates and eight alternate-at-large to the Republican national convention to be held in Philadelphia on Tuesday, the nineteenth day of June next, and for this transaction of such other business as may be presented.

By order of the Republican state committee. Frank Reeder, Chairman. W. R. Andrews, C. E. Voorhees, Secretaries.

REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS—C. C. Feber, E. D. Fellows.

The Tribune lost a faithful servant and the community a promising career when Harold Green, the carrier boy, was killed on Saturday morning.

Halt Wild-Eyed Agitation.

SO LONG as the coal companies in this region express their willingness to meet and treat with any or all of their employees on all matters pertaining to their mutual relations, it is hard to understand why anybody out in Indianapolis in no way connected as an employee with the coal business of the Lackawanna valley should undertake or be permitted to have a deciding voice in the question of whether this community should have visited upon it the awful misfortune of a strike in the mines.

Let the miners of this valley meet the mine-owners and talk over all issues between them, as men to men. Let every effort be made on the part of both to get to the bottom of all differences and to adjust those differences in a straightforward, honorable manner. This is the fair-minded, American way.

A Country Lawyer.

UPON the occasion of the tenth annual banquet of the Ohio society of Chicago, held last week, the speaker of honor was Hon. William H. Day, former secretary of state.

The Proper Site for That Soldiers' Monument.

THOSE WHO have examined the design of the memorial monument which is soon to be erected in honor of the fallen soldiers and sailors of Lackawanna county, and who also have taken note of the surroundings of the suggested site for this monument in the court house square, must have been impressed with the unfitness of the site.

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The Secret of Business Success.

THE DEATH in New York on Saturday of James Pyle, founder of the firm of James Pyle & Sons, manufacturers of soap and soap powders, enabled the newspapers to tell how he laid the foundation of his immense business.

called upon to solve; but the chart of duty is plain. To every man justice; to no man special favor.

Inasmuch as the opening of Wyoming avenue could not in any event have been long delayed, it is undoubtedly well that the advantages accruing from it should be realized as soon as practicable.

Fictitious Fears.

ON SATURDAY Secretary Root and Governor General Davis had a conference with several members of the ways and means committee regarding the Payne bill to extend the United States revenue laws to Puerto Rico.

The principal interests which are fighting the Payne bill are the domestic sugar producers and the Connecticut tobacco growers. In his remarks at this conference General Davis punctured the claims of both by showing, first, that Puerto Rico tobacco does not in any way compete with Connecticut seed tobacco, inasmuch as the former is a filler tobacco while the latter is used as a wrapper leaf; and secondly, that the perill to the domestic sugar industry from the free admission of Puerto Rican sugar is not worth considering in view of the fact that we already import 1,200,000 tons of sugar a year, of which Puerto Rico has never contributed more than 50,000 tons, or only the one-thirtieth part of our necessary sugar imports.

Charles Armstrong, a member of the Puerto Rican chamber of commerce, estimates that it will not be possible, under the best circumstances, to produce in Puerto Rico more than \$9,000,000 worth of sugar a year. A production of coffee and tobacco crop and by the usual trade in fruit, would, under free trade with the United States, make the island prosperous beyond any precedent; yet if all this sugar were to come to the American mainland it would constitute only two pounds apiece for each inhabitant, while the per capita consumption in the United States exceeds sixty pounds, and is steadily growing.

Thus it clearly appears that the fears of hurtful competition from Puerto Rican products held by certain special interests in this country are largely if not wholly fictitious. Yet if they were more substantial they would still not remove the peculiar nature of our obligation to give to the inhabitants of Puerto Rico, who welcomed joyously the military assertion of American sovereignty, the amplest protection and prosperity.

It somehow pleases the Philadelphia Inquirer to look upon the proposed new railroad outlet for anthracite as only a bluff. The interests opposed to this project would give a good deal to be convinced that the Inquirer's view is accurate.

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What she desires to ask, could be more fitting for this time moment, which is to tower 100 feet above the ground level, than Nay Aug park, the coming chief pleasure ground and recreation center of this valley? If a plot of ground were to be offered in the park to the county commissioners and suitably banked up in the form of a large mound with grassy slopes and the monument reared majestically from an elevated foundation in the center, the effect would be visible for miles both up and down the valley, and an additional incentive would be supplied for making Nay Aug park what it ought to be.

Last year, on almost a starvation basis, Cuba's revenues exceeded \$15,000,000 for 1,200,000 people. What will the figures be when the island fully recuperates?

Undoubtedly the problem of what to do with the friars will be the most ticklish one which the American authorities in the Philippines will be

he was pretty well acquainted with Horace Greeley. Greeley told him that the way to prosperity in business was to advertise, but Mr. Pyle didn't look at it in that way. Greeley was so certain that he told the soap man that if he would advertise in the Tribune for a year persistently and it didn't pay, he wouldn't be charged a cent for it.

Mr. Pyle took the advice. He advertised that year, and at the end of the year the result was so encouraging that he paid more than he had expected to pay, and increased the amount of money that he spent the following year for advertising. In his time he was one of the most successful advertisers in the country and his 'Pearline' became a household word.

John Ruskin, who passed away at Brantwood, England, on Saturday, was the greatest writer of prose who has contributed to English literature, and upon occasions rose to the summit of genius in his criticism of life and manners.

The Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, who accused the president of drinking champagne and sharply scored him for it, has learned that the alleged champagne was only mineral water. Whether he has also learned to govern his accusing tongue will appear hereafter.

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Dr. Babcock tells a story of a working woman who purchased a little home and arranged to pay for it in monthly installments. Being taken ill she was unable to meet these obligations for several months until her deficit amounted to \$25. Being threatened with foreclosure she found that she could borrow \$25 to make her payments good by giving a mortgage on her furniture.

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