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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 Republi-
cans of Pennsylvania, by their duly
chosen representatives, will meet for their
convention at the opera house, in the city of
Harrisburg, on Wednesday, April 25, 1900,
at 10.30 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of
nominating candidates for the following
offices, to wit:
One person for the office of auditor general.
Two persons for the office of congressional
representative.

General Otis.
THE ANNOUNCEMENT that
General Otis has been asked to be
relieved of his command in
the Philippines and that he
will soon come home supplies an opportunity for appraising the value of his public services.

Rep. Frank Reed, Chairman.
W. R. Andrews, C. E. Voorhees, Secretaries.
REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.
Legislature.
First District—THOMAS J. REYNOLDS.
Second District—JOHN SCHEUER, JR.
The American public does not like to be discourtaged to a woman. Mrs. Dewey had, therefore, better keep out of politics.

THE LESSON OF THE PRIMARIES.
PRIMARIES were held on Saturday in twelve counties; the regular Republicans won in ten, the insurgents in one and the twelfth county is claimed by both sides. In most of the counties where the lines were clearly drawn as they were against Dr. Mackey in the Third Lackawanna district, the insurgent candidates were beaten decisively. In every county except Warren the insurgent strength was smaller than two years ago; and the situation in Warren is accounted for by the fact that Warren is the home of Charles W. Stone, who blames the Quay people for his recent defeat for congress.

The fact is becoming plain to the most casual observer—it had long been evident to the expert—that the bottom has dropped out of the Wanamaker movement to "purify" Pennsylvania Republican politics. Villification, calumny, false representation by means of a subsidized press, persecution in the forms of law; in fact, the whole notorious tactics of the disgruntled factionists who, since 1895, have been gunning for the political scalp of M. S. Quay and plotting to capture his citadels of power have run their expected course and wound up in public disgust. This does not mean that there is not a vigorous honest sentiment among the people for political reform; it simply means that the people are not to be tricked. They have taken the measure of the rank imposture which has been in course of exhibition in the much-abused name of reform under the auspices of the Wanamaker cabal; and until the genuine article appears they will prefer the known to the unknown.

There has been, too, since the legislative object-lesson of one year ago a noticeable reaction toward party regularity. Caucus bolting for the deliberate purpose of deadlocking a legislature and defeating majority rule is not encountering indications of widespread popularity. Many who personally do not admire Colonel Quay recognize that the weapon aimed at him could, if given sanction, be turned at any future time against any other majority choice; that its indorsement would strike a fatal blow at all successful party organization. Quay and his enemies will both soon pass out of the range of active struggle, but the lesson of the futility of arrogant hubing in politics will outlive all of them.

Admiral Dewey says he once wanted to vote for Grover Cleveland. How he must now rejoice that he was not permitted to make such a mistake.
Vicissitudes of a Reformer.
REPRESENTATIVE CORAY was one of the members of the last legislature who used up a good deal of time in telling people how much worse the Quay men were than the Dave Martin-Bill Flinn men, of whom he constituted one. We don't believe that Mr. Coray started with the idea that a monopoly of political virtue was concealed somewhere on his own person, nor do we think that at the outset he meant the public to take literally all his fervid figures of speech used in "viewing with alarm" the iniquitous opposition. But the task of being a professionally better man than other men, no matter how modestly entered upon, gains steadily in self-inspiration; and it was not long until the Hon. Ellwood M. Coray acted as if he felt that the mantle of a special mission was really upon him.

plained why, in behalf of his Barklike willingness to be drafted into a renomination, the sinews of reform were poured into the Second Luzerne district on Saturday with a profusion not hitherto paralleled. These sinews, it is said, came in wallet-fuls from Philadelphia and were doubtless meant to be used innocently in the protection of the virtuous from the vicious. At all events, they were used. And behold the result. This heretofore great insurgent stronghold is actually in doubt. It has not leaped into Coray's arms with a virtuous and condoling shriek; it seems disposed to hesitate and waver. Against the Honorable Mr. Coray ran only an ordinary Republican, pledged to go with the majority of his party; yet it is possible that the next legislature may have to flounder along with a man in its representation of the Second Luzerne who will not combine with minority intriguers to knife the party which elected him.

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Our Disgraceful Streets.
THERE ARE some things which no modern city can afford to neglect. One of these is its streets. Unclean streets are not only an annoyance, they are also an extravagance. Dust and filth, left to blow about, cost more than cleanliness. The best system of street cleaning is the cheapest.

There is need now of the same kind of firm pressure on councils in behalf of a business-like settlement of the question of street cleaning. The pitiful makeshift methods of the past, with their dust-scattering employment of sweepers too often hired by rule of "twelve," are not in keeping with the times, but represent a frittering away of public funds and a provoking public nuisance. The street commissioner should present to councils a systematic plan for the thorough cleaning of the streets in the best possible manner every day in the year; and there should be such a discussion of the subject, both in councils and out, as to insure public support for the carrying out of the project intelligently and in a business-like manner.

Day after day brings reports of new strikes in Chicago. The result is, thousands of Chicago families are destitute, many manufacturers are moving out of Chicago or preparing to re-tire from business, and the whole commercial life of the city is belittled. At the exact cause of this bothersome situation. The strikers say the fault is with the employers. The employers blame the walking delegates, who are not, they assert, honest with the men they represent. Whatever the cause, it would be well for the strike promoters not to kill the goose that lays the golden egg. Continual quarrelsomeness is not the frame of mind in which lasting success is achieved.

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PERSONALITIES.
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As to the ability of his administrative rule, the opportunity to form accurate judgment is not yet at hand. He was dealing with an unfamiliar situation complicated by the strange traits of most complex human factors. We were warranted in assuming that he did his best. Who in our army could have done better is a speculative topic useless to discuss. It will take time and experience to teach our representatives in the Philippines how to deal with the Filipinos; the lesson is not to be mastered in a day. Others in the work to come may do better and faster work in the administrative fields which Otis first broke to cultivation; it is to

be hoped so, considering the advantages they will have to begin with. But when history writes the impartial story of the events of the past two years, it will hardly deny high tribute to Ellwell S. Otis.

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SENATOR WILLIAM E. MASON



William E. Mason, Senator from Illinois, has figured extensively in the debates on Puerto Rico. Throughout the discussions of the tariff question relating to that island he has been exceedingly active and has spoken at length on the subject several times.

Outline Studies of Human Nature

"SOME of the queerest experiences that human nature is capable of are connected with the administration of anesthetics," said a New Orleans physician, chatting the other day with a newspaper friend, "and apropos of the subject I recall a little story that I don't mind telling, as the incident occurred long since and in another city. A dozen years ago, when I was temporarily located in St. Louis, I was called one day to the old Lindell House to give chloroform to a young woman who was about to undergo a slight surgical operation to remove a morbid growth in the ear. The patient, as it developed on my arrival, had been married only a few days before, and was in the city with her husband on a bridal tour. Although quite handsome, she was no longer exactly in her first youth, and she was very much adverse to having her face present at the operation. However, he insisted, and she finally agreed that she would stay, but I noticed that she was very nervous and pre-occupied. The operation, as I said before, was trifling. She took the chloroform easily, and all went well until she was just regaining consciousness, when she opened her mouth and out fell a set of false teeth. She had said nothing about that detail, and the truth was that she had hoped, poor woman! to pass through the ordeal without the fact of her wearing such things being known to her husband. Her effect on that individual was entirely unexpected. He gave one horrified glance and then rushed at the old surgeon and seized him by the throat. 'You infernal scoundrel!' he yelled, 'you have broken my poor darling's jaw!' At that stage of affairs I beat a retreat."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

One on the General.

BULLER'S experiences in crossing the Tugela river by fording it and pontooning it recall a few incidents happening during the Civil war. The northern armies were made up of men belonging to all trades and professions, and when a bridge was destroyed by the confederates it was an easy matter to find bridge builders to rebuild them. The brigade general in command of a brigade of regulars once came to a bridge of regulars to stay because the bridge had been burned by the retreating confederates. He sent for the colonel of a Pennsylvania regiment of volunteers and said: "I have ordered my engineers to draw plans for a new bridge. Have you any men in your regiment who can build bridges?" "I think so," replied the Pennsylvanian. "I'll see."

An Active Imagination.

A COMMERCIAL traveler, whose wife is one of those women who borrow trouble indiscriminately, had occasion to make a trip east recently, relates the Memphis Semitar. His wife was very anxious about him, and felt certain that he would fall a victim to smallpox, which was reported to be prevalent in the city to which he was going. She begged him to carry a bit of arsenic in the corner of your coat before you went away!" Naturally he objected, and positively refused to be made the permanent abode of such a persistent odor. When he came home from his trip he said to his wife: "It is wonderful the power of imagination. Why, don't you know, I imagined that I smelled arsenic the whole time I was gone!" "It wasn't imagination at all," quietly replied the wily little woman. "I sewed a bit of arsenic in the corner of your coat before you went away!"

Not Abnormal.

LORD RUSSELL, of Killowen, (when Sir Charles Russell), was once examining a witness. The question was about the size of certain hoof-prints left by a horse in sandy soil. "How large were the prints?" asked the learned counsel. "Were they as large as my hand?" holding up his hand for the witness to see. "Oh, no," said the witness honestly: "it was just an ordinary hoof." Then Sir Charles had to suspend the examination while everybody laughed.

NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

There are between 700 and 800 breeders of Guernsey cattle in this country, and the cattle number about 12,000 head. The instant which ornaments the desk in the room of the Vice President is massive, artistic and elegant, and it cost \$1,000. The factory inspectors in Pennsylvania report

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A gentleman residing in T street, N. W., Washington, D. C., asserts that he suffered for many years with dyspepsia, indigestion and biliousness. He tried every known remedy, consulted many physicians with the hope of getting cured or even relief, but nothing seemed to relieve him. After meals he would feel as if a ball of lead was lodged in his stomach, tired and listless, as though life was scarcely worth living. Finally he was attracted to the ad of RIPANS TABULES and concluded to try them. After taking the first two or three he was surprised to find the relief they gave and soon he felt like a new man. He has never been without Ripans Tabules since, nor has he suffered since.