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## THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION

### Pledges Support to Col. Quay as Candidate for Re-election.

### THE TICKET NOMINATED

**E. B. Hardenbergh, of Wayne, for Auditor General; Galusha A. Grow, of Susquehanna, and Robert M. Foerderer, of Philadelphia, for Congressmen—at-Large—Senator Flinn, of Pittsburg, Protests in Vain Against the Endorsement of Senator Quay—Senator Penrose Is Greeted with an Ovation—Mr. Flinn Is Greeted by Cheers—William Connell Named as Delegate-at-Large, and James Moir as Presidential Elector—Governor Stone's Remarks—The Platform.**

Harrisburg, April 25.—The Republican state convention which was held in this city today cordially endorsed the administration of President William McKinley and instructed the delegates to the national convention at Philadelphia to support his candidacy for re-nomination. The convention also declared in favor of the election of United States senators in the same manner that state officers are elected; endorsed Senator Penrose, the administration of Governor Stone and other state officials and pledged its hearty and cordial support of Colonel M. S. Quay for election to the United States senate.

The convention also nominated Senator E. B. Hardenbergh, of Wayne county, for auditor general, and Galusha A. Grow, of Susquehanna county, and Robert M. Foerderer, of Philadelphia, for congressmen-at-large. The endorsement of Colonel Quay was opposed by Senator William Flinn, of Pittsburg, the leader of the anti-Quay Republicans in the last legislature. Mr. Flinn explained that he was in sympathy with the platform in everything but this plank and moved that it be stricken out. His motion was defeated and the platform was adopted as reported from committee. Those voting against Colonel Quay on the Flinn motion were the delegates from the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Allegheny districts; William M. Ely, of Bucks; George W. Kearns and James H. Smith, of Crawford; D. K. Phillips, of Greene; Robert A. Moore, Juniata; John Melly, of Lebanon; John D. Forman, Daniel G. Harley and Stanley Finmer, of Luzerne; Johnson Matherhaght, of Mifflin; J. H. Wagner, of Northumberland; ten from Philadelphia; two from Warren; five from Washington; Charles C. Wolfe and John B. Anderson, of Westmoreland, and the five delegates from York. The delegates from the First and Second districts of Allegheny voted in the negative. Several delegates refrained from voting.

### CONVENTION AT WORK.

An Ovation to Senator Penrose—Senator Flinn Greeted by Cheers.

Harrisburg, April 25.—The convention let out the first big yell when Senator Penrose rose to present a formal resolution providing for a committee on resolutions to which all resolutions shall be referred. The applause was so rapturous that Mr. Penrose was finally compelled to acknowledge the ovation by rising and bowing. There was another outbreak of cheering when Mr. Durham, of Philadelphia, offered a resolution naming eight delegates at large, leading off with M. S. Quay. He did not get beyond that name as the chair decided that this was not the time for such a motion. A resolution was adopted providing for a special committee of seven on contested seats.

Sentor William Flinn, of Allegheny, the leader of the anti-Quay forces, offered three resolutions prepared by Mr. Quay's opponents. Several delegates objected to the reading of the resolutions. Chairman Oliver ruled that they could be read but not debated, and the first was read without creating much comment. The other two were greeted with jeers and hisses, so that scarcely a dozen delegates knew what the clerk was reading.

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### Mr. Campbell's Breeze.

James A. Campbell, of Philadelphia, created a slight breeze in the committee on resolutions by offering the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this convention denounces the methods which have led scandals in connection with the awarding of public contracts in Allegheny county which have been the means of bringing discredit upon the Republican party of that county and this state.

Sentor Flinn, at whom the resolution was directed, said there were no such scandals in Allegheny county. Mr. Campbell withdrew the resolution.

The three Flinn resolutions were not considered by the committee on resolutions.

### Presidential Electors.

While the committees were in session the following district presidential electors were announced:

First—E. B. Stuart, Philadelphia.  
Second—W. S. Gibbs, Philadelphia.  
Third—George E. Hoffman, Philadelphia.  
Fourth—Geo. C. Bladen, Philadelphia.  
Fifth—Daniel P. Greenwood, Philadelphia.  
Sixth—William M. Hayes, West Chester.  
Seventh—Charles W. Freeman, Quakertown.  
Eighth—Robert H. Sayre, South Bethlehem.  
Ninth—Russell W. Davenport, South Bethlehem.  
Tenth—Frank Keller, Lancaster.  
Eleventh—James W. Blair, Gettysburg.  
Twelfth—W. J. Harvey, Wilkes-Barre.  
Thirteenth—Robert Allison, Port Carbon.  
Fourteenth—Robert Picot, Pottsville.  
Fifteenth—John H. Brown, Carbon.  
Sixteenth—Geo. Weymouth Lack Haven.  
Seventeenth—Curtis H. Jennings, Lopez.  
Eighteenth—Thos. S. Crago, Waynesburg.  
Nineteenth—T. Frank Small, York.  
Twentieth—Henry A. Gripp, Tyrone.  
Twenty-first—Morris J. Lewis, Blairsville.  
Twenty-second—Robert Picot, Pottsville.  
Twenty-third—David Edgar Parks, Allegheny.  
Twenty-fourth—Thos. S. Crago, Waynesburg.  
Twenty-fifth—Geo. W. Johnston, New Castle.  
Twenty-sixth—Howard H. Clayton, Kane.  
Twenty-seventh—Harry R. Wilson, Clarion.

### Candidates Nominated.

The convention then proceeded to the nomination of candidates. The name of Senator Hardenbergh for auditor general was presented by N. E. Hartman, of York.

Candidates for congressmen-at-large were next placed in nomination. Mr. Grow was nominated by Frank Wheaton, of Wilkes-Barre; Mr. Arnold was named by W. C. Miller, of Clearfield; General Charles F. B. Smith, of Franklin; Robert H. Foerderer, of Philadelphia, by ex-Speaker Walton.

A resolution was adopted inviting Governor Stone to appear and address the convention. Senator Penrose then read the platform as adopted by the committee on resolutions, of which he was chairman.

Auditor General McCauley was chosen chairman of the committee on permanent organization. Senator McCauley, of Harrisburg, was chairman of the committee on contested seats, and Senator Penrose was the head of the committee on resolutions.

After Senator Penrose read the platform and moved its adoption, Senator Flinn was recognized by Chairman Oliver. He moved the question whether he would participate in this convention, support the candidate chosen and endorse the platform as which they stand.

Mr. Flinn replied that such a question came with ill grace from a man who had made such efforts to break down party discipline in Philadelphia by advocating a candidate for sheriff (Mr. Crew) who never received the party nomination. "I have given the best years of my life to the Republican party. I have never voted for a Democrat in my life and I do not intend to. We do not want to elect a Democrat to the United States senate but a proper Republican."

The motion to strike out reference to Senator Quay was lost, yeas, 69; nays, 284.

The committee on contests reported in favor of the sitting of delegates from Center county, Gray and Womelsdorf.

Delegates at Large.

Mr. Durham presented and secured the unanimous adoption of the following list of delegates and alternates at large to the national convention and electors at large:

Delegates at large, Colonel M. S. Quay, of Beaver; John B. Steel, of Westmoreland; Frank Reeder, of Northampton; William Connell, of Lackawanna; B. W. Green, of Cameron; Charles A. Porter, of Philadelphia; James Elverson, of Philadelphia; John E. Lehnering, of Luzerne. Alternates at large, J. Preston Thomas, Chester; W. E. Rice, Warren; C. Barclay, Cameron; Edward A. Price, Delaware; M. E. Lilley, Bradford; W. C. Kregs, Franklin; Jesse L. Hartman, Blair; Dr. George Edward Reed, Cumberland.

Electors—at-large: Clarence Wolf.

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## TURKEY'S TROUBLES ARE INCREASING

### OTHER NATIONS MAY PRESS THEIR CLAIMS NOW.

All Due to the Attitude of the United States—Representatives of the Powers Ask for Instructions, Sultan Showing Every Consideration to Our Consuls—Hopes He May Induce the American Government to Grant More Time for Payment.

Constantinople, Tuesday, April 25.—In view of the steps taken by the United States government in regard to the claims arising out of the Armenian massacres the embassies of Great Britain, France, Austria, Italy and Germany have asked their governments for instructions as to their similar claims.

The promulgation of the trade authorizing the rebuilding of the Armenian structures which were burned at Kharpout and the enlargement of Robehyrt colliery is regarded as showing clearly the desire of the Yildiz Kloak to be agreeable to the United States in the hope that the latter will not press for the payment of the indemnity. The United States government, however, has no intention of abandoning its claims.

The American legation has also succeeded in obtaining permission for the continued working by American missionaries of the hospital in Kharberch, which the authorities have been trying to shut, on the pretext that certain local regulations had not been observed.

The American vice consul at Alexandria, Walter E. Welker, was recently presented by the representatives of the people who have full power over territory belonging to the United States in harmony and subject to the fundamental safeguards of our free institutions for liberty, justice and personal rights. We sustain the president and congress in exercising this power with due regard for the safety and welfare of the union and with the most generous, humane and fraternal consideration for those over whom the authority of the nation is extended. We advocate for them free schools, full security for life, liberty and property, the most liberal measures for the development of their agriculture and industry and the largest degree of local self government which can be afforded. We have faith in American patriotism and character, and we know that the American government will extend the inestimable blessing of freedom, law and civilization to the people who are hrousa under our protection.

"The wisdom and the success with which President McKinley has performed the duty imposed by the treaty of Paris, and the fortitude and heroism of the soldiers and sailors of the United States, through whom it is achieved, is well known to all eyes. The treaty itself, is heartily approved. It is declared that sovereignty over the new possessions must not be repudiated and that the "high purpose of its origin must be accomplished: the establishment of peace and order and the blessing of individual liberty among the peoples of the Philippine islands."

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### MINISTER STRAUS TO RETURN. Expected to Go Back to Turkey in a Week or Two.

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An old report of two months ago that Mr. Straus had resigned was revived today. It is true, as was admitted at the time, that Mr. Straus had offered to resign. When Mr. Straus had obtained the sultan's promise to pay the indemnities he informed President McKinley privately of his desire to retire. Both the president and the secretary of state, however, requested the minister to remain in office. Mr. Straus's promise was fulfilled, and he consented to see the business through.

Whether Mr. Straus will resign his office after that is not yet settled. It is quite possible that he may continue to act as minister to Turkey for some time to come.

It is asserted positively by those who are in a position to know that the talk of the United States being compelled to make the sultan carry out his promises by force of arms or by a show of military force is nonsense. They say that the promise of the sultan to reconstruct buildings at Harpoot is being carried out and that the whole question will be settled diplomatically and peacefully.

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London, April 26, 5 a. m.—It is now apparent that the chances of Lord Roberts catching the retreating Boers in a net are very slender. The Boers have everywhere retired at the first pressure of the British advance and the hope that General Buller would be able to induce them to remain at Devetorsdorp until they had been forced to fight or surrender has been disappointing.

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