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FOR VICE-PRESIDENT, CHARLES EMORY SMITH, OF PENNSYLVANIA.

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

State. Congressmen at Large—GALUSHA A. GROW, ROBERT H. FORDWICKER, Auditor General—E. B. HARRISONBERGOL.

Legislative. First District—THOMAS J. BRYAN, Second District—JOHN S. HUBER, JR., Third District—EDWARD JAMES, JR., Fourth District—P. A. PHILBIN.

The Convention.

WE ARE FRANK to say that we do not believe as heartily as some in the direct election of United States senators by the people.

The intent of the men who drafted our constitution, as has been well said, was to furnish a restraint and check upon the tyranny and instability of opinion of popular majorities, as represented more closely in the house of representatives, and they sought, and upon the whole with success, to effect this purpose by vesting the election of senators in the state legislatures, tribunals supposed to be in some degree removed from the passion and excitement of public clamor.

The salient feature of this year's report is a revenue of over \$11,000,000 and a surplus of over \$400,000. This is in a country which was bankrupt less than a quarter century ago, and in which there has been constant remission and reduction of taxation through all that period.

Those who know least of the real Matthew Stanley Quay are the ones who throw the most brick bats at him.

The Influx of Japanese.

ENRAGED REPORTS to the effect that Japanese coolies are swarming to this country have aroused much alarm in certain quarters, and have also started a report that the Japanese government is about to take steps to protect the United States from the threatened invasion of cheap labor.

It will be difficult to make the Porto Ricans who participate in the distribution of the \$2,000,000 gift from the United States believe that they are being intentionally oppressed by this government.

General Kyd Douglas has hastened to make a statement that the poem on Barbara Fritchie was all a mistake; and that Barbara did not wave the flag as stated in the verses penned by Whittier.

A Lesson In Expansion.

THE ANNUAL report of Lord Cromer on the state of Egypt has just been published as a parliamentary document, and furnishes information that is of the utmost importance as indicating the advancement of inferior races under the tutelage of the superior.

Penrose in Behalf of Mr. Quay

As already explained, the vacancy happens; it exists; it is an actual condition. The recognition of this fact is the first step, and in the case of all other vacancies, appointments may be made.

The executive thereof may make temporary appointments until the next meeting of the legislature, which shall fill such vacancies.

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more than expressions of sympathy by messenger or postal service when they decide which side is entitled to their consideration.

Rev. Mr. Dixon, of Stroudsburg, some time ago prayed for lightning to strike the brewery in that city. His prayer was answered the other day, and the bolt of electricity that hit the building came very near killing the two sons of a Methodist minister in that vicinity and two workmen about the place.

General Low Wallace contends that there are two sides to the Turkish question. As General Wallace has been in position to know, his statement is entitled to a hearing. His intimation, however, that the Turkish government is not responsible for the loss of property destroyed by subjects of the sultan, indicates that the general's memory must have become impaired.

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The difficulty involved in the requirement of a majority to elect is that it places the control of the legislature in the hands of one, two, three, or more persons, who, by holding out, are frequently enabled to dictate their own terms or to prevent the election of a senator.

There are two other cases in the constitution in which vacancies are referred to, and the interpretation which has been placed upon the word in these two instances is full instruction for the construction of the word "vacancies" in connection with the filling of vacancies in the United States senate.

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