

Republican State Convention.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 12, 1895, To the Republican electors of Pennsylvania:

The Republicans of Pennsylvania, by their duly chosen representatives, will meet in State Convention Thursday, April 23, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., in the Opera House, city of Harrisburg, for the purpose of nominating two candidates for Representative-at-large in Congress, and thirty-two candidates for Presidential electors; the selection of eight delegates-at-large to the Republican National Convention, and for the transaction of such other business as may be presented. The representation to which each legislative district is entitled is indicated in the annexed schedule.

By order of the State Committee, M. S. QUAY, Chairman. Attest: JERE B. REX, W. R. ANDREWS, Secretaries.

Chairman Quay also issued a call for a meeting of the State Committee at the Lochiel Hotel, in Harrisburg, on the 22d of April, at 10 a. m., to prepare the roll of delegates.

THE Blizzard is of the opinion that in case of war Canada will not be as good an asylum as it was for many during the Rebellion.

ON Sunday, while the good people in the churches were sending up their prayers for "Thy servant, the President of the United States," the aforesaid servant was on his way home from a week's duck-shooting in the Roanoke marshes.—Franklin News.

SPEAKER REED has already appointed the Congressional committee, a thing heretofore almost unheard of before the holiday season. This indicates that the present Congress believes it was elected to do something, and don't propose to be long about it either.

REPUBLICANS who have taken hold of affairs in Kentucky are compelled to begin operations with an empty treasury, but this is an easy job compared with the one to be tackled in Washington in 1897. The party that set things to rights after Buchanan can repeat their work after Cleveland.

SENATOR QUAY has introduced a bill to establish postal savings banks. It provides for deposits of sums from ten cents to ten dollars at all money order offices, and for interest on deposits which do not exceed \$500. It is argued that such depositories would stimulate the spirit of saving and economy among the people.

OVER forty armored ships belonging to England, Germany, Italy, Austria, Russia and France are gathered near Constantinople, and yet the only prospect of relief for the Armenians is in the hurrying of the unarmed Red Cross Society to the scene. The spectacle is not one exciting a wild desire for any extension of European rule on American territory.

CONGRESSMAN STONE, of Warren, has introduced in the House a bill amending the statutes so as to provide that if any pensioner, being insolvent, shall desert his wife or minor children, and a court shall adjudge him guilty of desertion, one-half of the pension due him and coming due him shall be paid to the deserted wife or the guardian of the minor children.

It must be gratifying to every true American to see the patriotic spirit that has been manifested by Congress in backing up the action of the President. It suits the English to attribute the firm stand taken by the President to partisan motives, and they have solaced themselves with the delusion that what one party proposed the opposition would antagonize. They are now in a fair way to discover that devotion to the welfare of the Republic is not the monopoly of any party, and that when the cord of national spirit is struck this nation is one heart and one soul.—Blizzard.

THE "Monroe Doctrine," as enunciated by President James Monroe, December 2, 1823, and of which we are hearing so much of late, and liable to hear in the future, is contained in the following: "We owe it, therefore, to candor and to the amicable relations existing between the United States and those powers, to declare that we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety. With the existing colonies or dependencies of any European power we have not interfered. But with the

Governments who have declared their independence and maintained it, and whose independence we have, on great consideration and on just principles, acknowledged, we could not view any interposition for the purpose of oppressing them, or controlling in any other manner their destiny, by any European power, in any other light than as the manifestation of an unfriendly spirit toward the United States."

WILL WE WAR WITH ENGLAND?

England's refusal to arbitrate the boundary dispute, which has been submitted by the President to Congress for decisive action, brings the Venezuelan controversy to a critical stage. To further summarize Secretary Olney's summary of the situation, the points involved are these: The title to a large extent of territory is in dispute between England and Venezuela, which Venezuela for a quarter of a century has been endeavoring to submit to arbitration, but England has refused, and now refuses when urged by the United States, to agree to any such settlement except upon a renunciation of a large part of Venezuela's claims. This is a controversy, the Secretary says, in which "the honor and interests" of the United States are involved, "and the continuance of which it cannot regard with indifference."

Here is the situation which presents itself to this country, and the President grasps it with commendable vigor and courage. For the country's own information and justification he says the true divisional line between Venezuela and British Guiana ought to be ascertained by the United States Government, and he asks, and has already promptly received an appropriation by Congress to pay the expenses of a commission to make this inquiry. When the commission reports, and its report is accepted by Congress, he thinks it will "be the duty of the United States to resist, by every means in its power, as a willful aggression upon its rights and interests, the appropriation by Great Britain of any lands or the exercise of governmental jurisdiction over any territory which, after investigation, we have determined of right belongs to Venezuela." This has the true American ring. It is an echo of his predecessors, John Adams and Andrew Jackson, in crises when the honor and interests of the country were endangered by foreign aggression. It is what the American people expected of their President under the circumstances; no more no less.

If the Monroe doctrine is to remain a vital principal of American diplomacy this is the time to assert it. The Essequibo river is generally recognized to be the westerly boundary of that part of Guiana which England acquired from Holland in 1814. It was the line which Holland and Spain for a century and a half had been calling the westerly side of the former's possessions. Along to 1840 there appears to have been no dispute on this point, but in that year, probably because of information that the country beyond was rich in silver, England began to claim everything west of the Orinoco. Then Sir Robert Schomburg drew an arbitrary line which included all the new claims of England. But even this line did not extend far enough west to suit British greed, and new boundaries, changed from time to time, but always extending westward and stealing more and more of Venezuela's territory, have been erected. England refuses to arbitrate the question of title to territory east of the Schomburg line, a boundary put up without Venezuela's consent, and which she never recognized. This is the sort of an assault by a European Power on an independent nation on this continent which President Monroe declared would be "dangerous to our peace and safety." As this assault is persisted in despite the protest of the President, Congress has a right to look upon it as a manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States, and should act in accordance with this fact.

It develops that Hayward's hanging was far too long delayed. This arch devil has left a confession in which he admits the cold blooded murder of five innocent people, Catherine Ging, for whose murder he was hanged, being his last victim. As the Franklin News remarks, "it makes one's blood boil to think that lawyers fought in court for weeks and months to clear this low beast and taro him loose again."

In a nutshell the Venezuela situation is simply this: The boundary between Guiana and Venezuela has never been defined. The question has been open and in dispute for several generations. There is a large

and valuable tract of country claimed on historical grounds by both countries. Various attempts to settle the dispute in the past have been made, and they have all failed for one reason or another. Meanwhile, according to our best information, Great Britain's claims have increased. She now asserts sovereignty over territory to which a few years ago she had laid no claim. Into the disputed territory she has gradually pushed her settlements and her system of government. Now, all we say is this: If Great Britain is appropriating Venezuelan territory, then she is strengthening her power on the South American continent in a manner dangerous to our interests. What she ought to do is to submit the whole question in dispute to an impartial board of arbitration. If she will not do this, then she seems to admit that she has a weak case. If her claims are good, she has nothing to fear from their examination. In other words, all we want is that Great Britain shall have her rights and only her rights, in South America. And we shall insist that she shall not encroach upon the territory of Venezuela or of any other American State.

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