

Republican State Convention.

To the Republican Electors of Pennsylvania:

I am directed by the Republican State Committee to announce that the Republicans of Pennsylvania, by their duly chosen representatives, will meet in 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 Congressman-at-large.

Thirty-two persons (four at-large) for Presidential Electors, and to choose eight delegates and eight alternates-at-large to the Republican National Convention to be held in Philadelphia on Tuesday, the nineteenth day of June, next, and for the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

In accordance with the rule adopted at the State Convention held in Harrisburg on August twenty-fourth last, the representation in the State Convention will be based on the vote polled at the last Presidential election. Under this rule each legislative district is entitled to one delegate for every two thousand votes cast for the Presidential Electors in 1896, and an additional delegate for every fraction of two thousand votes polled in excess of one thousand. Each district is entitled to the same number of delegates as represented in the Convention of 1896.

By order of the Republican State Committee.

FRANK REEDER, Chairman. W. R. ANDREWS, Secretaries. C. E. VOORHEES, Secretaries.

CHAIRMAN JONES of the Democratic National Committee now talks of regulating trusts rather than smashing them.

By exercising more caution the British begin to make a better showing against the Boers. Their adversary has high qualities for fighting and staying, and can be beaten only by superior numbers well handled.

DEMOCRATIC spellbinders are now evolving a theory to show the disadvantage of increased wages. Higher wages, they will say, mean, of course, greater cost of production and necessitate a higher charge for manufactured articles, and the farmer is therefore compelled to mortgage his farm to buy silk hats and rosewood hayrakes.

MR. BRYAN will please make a note, for use in his eastern converting tour, that on January 2 of the new year the wages of 25,000 steel and glass operatives were advanced five and ten per cent., and in some cases even more. Under Mr. Bryan's method this occurrence can doubtless be explained into a misfortune.

GEN. WOOD's new Cabinet seems to please nearly every element of a Cuban people. All its members are well known Cubans, and all, it is contended, are well qualified for the duties of the posts which they are to fill. Great advantages to Cuba are expected from Gen. Wood's regime. The General has already done much to popularize the American connection.

THE effort of the free-traders to veil their attacks upon the protective tariff, which has brought activity to thousands of factories and given employment and better wages to several million American workmen, under the guise of an anti-trust crusade in the coming campaign will not succeed. All that is necessary to do is to point to the flourishing condition of trusts in Great Britain, well known as the home of trusts.

THE reciprocity treaties which were framed under the McKinley administration and are now before the Senate will, if ratified by the foreign governments as well as our own, increase very greatly the exportation of farm products, their principal object having been to obtain reduced tariff rates on articles of agricultural production, both in European countries and in the West Indian islands with which they have been negotiating.

THE action of the administration in bringing about an "open door" agreement among nations with reference to our commerce with China has awakened general interest in our trade with the Orient and its prospective development, and many leading men in the Democratic party, both North and South, are cordially commending the course of the Government in its efforts to develop our foreign trade in that part of the world.

FARMERS will not object to expansion when they observe that our exports of wheat flour to Cuba alone increased from \$671,000 in the first eleven months of 1897 to \$1,074,000 in the corresponding eleven months of 1899, and from \$600,000 in those months of 1897 to \$1,655,000 in 1899, bacon from \$202,000 in 1897 to \$842,000 in 1899, hams from \$319,000 in 1897 to \$608,000 in 1899, corn from \$267,000 in 1897 to \$434,000 in 1899, and butter and cheese from \$27,000 in 1897 to \$154,000 in 1899.

SOME of the western railroads are complaining that, after their making great efforts to secure adequate transportation, the farmers are holding their grain instead of shipping it. This is interesting when it is recalled that a few years ago the farmers were not able to hold their crops until prices suited them, but were forced to sell at the earliest possible moment to enable them to pay their debts incurred under Democratic rule. The farmers are enjoying their share of the present good times.

THE talk about "oppressing" the Philippines and denying them freedom and justice is along the line of the fulminations of a certain class during the Civil War, who constantly asked whether the United States should subjugate the South and hold its free people as vassals. The Confederate States were subjugated forced to submit to the sovereignty of the Union, but the people of those states are not now vassals or oppressed. Oppression under the Stars and Stripes is only a phrase for demagogues.

The Murder of Lawton.

While the nation is mourning the death of Gen. Henry W. Lawton, while citizens everywhere are showing their appreciation of the noble services of the brave man who is gone, the following words written by Gen. Lawton himself a little over a month ago, are strikingly impressive:

"I would to God the whole truth of this whole Philippine situation could be known to everyone in America as I know it. If the so-called anti-imperialists would honestly ascertain the truth on the ground and not in distant America, they, whom I believe to be honest men, misinformed, would be convinced of the error of their statements and conclusions, and of the unfortunate effect of their publications here. If I am shot by a Filipino bullet it might as well come from one of my own men, because I know from observation, confirmed by captured prisoners, that the continuation of the fighting is chiefly due to reports that are sent out from America."

These pathetic words containing almost a prophecy, were written in sorrow, not in anger. That is the only comforting assurance they contain for the "house-but misinformed" Americans whose unwise, unpatriotic course inspired the ignorant insurrectionists to murder one who was their sincere friend at heart. Not Lawton's blood alone, but that of hundreds of other gallant soldiers, stains the hands of those who have been upholding the hands of Aguinaldo. Let the misguided and prejudiced partisans who have sought to make political capital out of Filipino pretensions behold the consequences of their work.—Pittsburg Com. Gazette.

A "Distinctive" Issue.

With free silver and anti-expansion obsolete issues, and with the certainty that Mr. Bryan would also be obsolete were it not for his persistency in pushing forward his personality, a despairing Democrat asks the New York Times what the Democratic party is going to do about getting an issue for the next national campaign. The Times answers as follows:

A determined assault upon the 52 per cent. Dingley tariff that now plunders the consumer, oppresses our most active industries and abstracts our expanding commerce would create with great suddenness a highly distinctive issue.

There is no doubt whatever that this would create a "distinctive" issue and here is the proof:

Exports for first 2 years of Dingley Republican tariff, \$2,458,505,632  
Exports first 2 years of Wilson Democratic tariff, 1,000,145,103

Balance in favor of Dingley Tariff, \$788,360,529  
An increase of \$788,360,529 in exports does not look very much like "obstruction" of commerce. Furthermore, the increase by millions of the number of men in profitable employment, the rise in wages, the unexampled prosperity which reigns, and the immense activity in all branches of trade and industry, do not suggest that the people are being "oppressed" and "plundered" to any great extent. If there is any party that desires to go before the people with a proposition to repeal the Dingley tariff and put into operation the kind of tariff that was framed under the direction of Professor Wilson in the last Cleveland administration, by all means let that party come forward. It can thereby create a "distinctive" issue—an issue on which the Republican party will cheerfully go before the country with propositions of its own and with a record which is open to the entire body of American voters.—Rochester (N. Y.) Democrat and Chronicle.

SEVERAL thousand American troops are ready to move south of Manila. If Aguinaldo has gone in that direction his prospects of another rapid tour are excellent.

COMMODORE WATSON will open at Manila a naval school for sixty likely young Filipinos. The Malays have an aptitude for the sea that can be turned to good account.

WAR Department expenses are 38 per cent. less than they were at this time last year, and the treasury surplus for the last six months is over \$21,000,000. Prophets who saw financial ruin in the Philippines policy are keeping quiet.

THE tribulations of the new glass trust is demonstrating the fact that trust trusts, so called, have not the iron grasp on the country attributed to them by those who seek to make the trust question a partisan issue. Competition cannot be stifled, so long as there is capital awaiting profitable investment and in natural competition lies the natural remedy for trust monopoly.

Since the glass trust organized, planning not to leave a single competitor in the field, fifteen independent glass companies have been started and others are now organizing. And glass is only one instance.

THE convening of Congress and the bringing together of representative men from all over the country call forth numerous expressions and emphases the fact that things are different now from what they were in 1896. Numbers of Congressmen who supported Bryan and silver in that year, whether from conviction or policy, now that the sentiment among their constituents has radically changed as a result of the country's remarkable prosperity, make no hesitancy in stating that the reaffirmation of the Chicago platform and the re-indorsement of Bryan would be a grave mistake, and that, should this occur, they cannot promise their support.

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A Porter Tells How Some Employees Make Money.

One would think that the check systems of today afforded no chances for dishonesty, but the system used by the Pullman company, which seems almost perfect in itself, is defrauded by at least \$500,000 annually.

I will endeavor to explain how it is done. Say, for instance, that a party of four bound for Quebec should board the Pullman sleeper which leaves this city nightly and wanted to pay cash fares. A dishonest conductor and porter would "size them up," and if they thought the party "all right" the conductor would probably issue a passenger's ticket, which would be filled in and punched correctly, but would fill in and punch the porter's check to read, "One passenger, Springfield to Quebec," thereby pocketing three fares, or \$7.50. This is divided equally between conductor and porter. No conductor can be dishonest without being detected by his porter, as the porter is supposed to turn in at his district office after each trip a check for every passenger that has ridden on his car.

Then, again, a conductor who is a little timid would fill in and punch the porter's check, "Four passengers, Springfield to New York, Va.," if they were not going through to Quebec, and the passengers' check, "Four passengers, Springfield to Quebec," thereby stealing \$4. So much for the sleeping cars.

Porters of the buffet cars are also "on the make." Soups, sandwiches, peaches, bread and butter, tea, coffee, lemonade and many other dishes are generally expensed so that one order is served for two, two for four, and so on. Just from Boston to Mount Desert ferry I have known porters to reimburse their purses as much as \$20 in this way. Their tips would probably not amount to a fifth of this amount.

All of these forms of dishonesty do not go on forever, however, as sooner or later you have stolen from an unknown Pullman "spotter." There is a small army of men and women riding about the country in the interest of this company. Their duty is not only to detect dishonesty, but incompetency and inattention; consequently every porter and conductor has his eye open and is constantly doing his best, regardless of tips, for fear that a "spotter" might be on.

The wages paid porters range from \$15 to \$40 a month. On a popular sleeping car line, such as the noted Bar Harbor express, a porter receives but \$15 a month, but I would prefer that salary in preference to any \$50 position that could be offered me. It is worth double the amount at times. The porters of such sleeping car lines as Springfield to Lewis and Montreal, Boston to Lewis and Montreal, Boston to Bangor and many other lines, pay \$20 a month. The tips on these lines are also good at times. Buffet car porters generally receive a salary of \$25 a month, which in most cases should be banked, as the tips in these cars are generally sufficient to pay a considerable man's expenses. The highest wages paid a Pullman porter is \$40 a month. These positions are termed "porter in charge," as the porter performs the duties of both conductor and porter. These positions are seldom given.—A Pullman Porter in Springfield Republican.

Very Frenchy. We read recently in a French newspaper of a strangely deliberate suicide in Paris. A doctor expected certain disgrace. He first informed his wife of the position in which he had placed himself and of his suicidal intention. She, young, handsome, very rich, vainly endeavored to dissuade him and then acquiesced. The doctor said that he would suffocate himself by opening the gas brackets in his study. He kissed his wife, who left the room, while he pasted paper over the cracks and apertures, and listened at the keyhole until she heard nothing. Then she went out and told her friends what had happened.

The Waltz King. "I saw Johann Strauss, the dead waltz king, in Boston in 1871 at the World's Peace jubilee," said a Cleveland professional man. "He was a little 'chumping' of a fellow, as the German citizen remarked to me at the time, and the only mark of genius that I could discern about him aside from his hair was the impression that he was full of waltz rhythm by his very finger tips."

He led his own waltzes as if he adored them. You don't get the same idea from Sousa's rather stereotyped march leading, but Strauss thrilled and thrilled and away he went, as if he had been bitten by a waltz tarantula. He had a violin in his left hand, and he used both fiddle and bow as batons. Then he'd clap the violin in his chain and saw away for dear life. How he did bring out the rhythm of the 'Beautiful Blue Danube' and 'Wine, Wife and Song'! It seems to me that we don't hear any real waltz playing now. And the king is dead.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Somewhat Tangled. A Scotch minister and his man were returning from a real old fashioned marriage.

"We had better gang in by the back, the night," said the minister on arriving near the manse.

"What way?" queried Sandy.

"Aweel, there's been a deal o' whisky gaein and I think it will be better."

"Na, na, straucht forrit, straucht forrit," persisted Sandy.

"Very weel, then; but at any rate I'll walk on in front a mienit, and ye'll tell me how I'm dacin'." The minister then walked on a few yards and called back, "How am I dacin', then, Sandy?"

"Brawly, sir, brawly," said the henchman, "but wha's that w' ye?"—"Scottish Life and Humor" by W. Sinclair.

Charity. It is an old saying that charity begins at home, but this is no reason it should not go abroad. A man would live with the world as a citizen of the world. He may have a preference for the particular quarter or square or even alley in which he lives, but he should have a generous feeling for the welfare of the whole.—Cumberland.

Somewhat Different. Lawyer—Do I understand that you wish to bequeath a thousand dollar watch to your son?

Dying Man (feebly)—No, no! To my friend—for for a watch upon my soul.—Jewelers Weekly.

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