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Republican Conuty Convention,

In pursance to a call the Republican Standing Committee for Sullivan county, met at the Court House in Laporte, Pa., an Saturday, March 17, and fixed the dates for holding

primaries and convention for April

the 14, and 16, respectively.

The duties of the convention will be the selection of deligate to state convention, naming of congressional conferees, selection of a county chair man, naming a standing committee, nominating a county ticket and any other business that may proper-

Should the convention deem it proper or expedient when convened to postpone any part of its work until such date as may be decided upon the convention may adjourn leaving untill the second meeting such of its work as the convention may decide. F. P.VINCENT, Chairman.

ly come before the convention.

Philadelphia, April 10.—There is a strong movement among the business men and manufacturers of this city in favor of the nomination of a Philadel-phian for one of the places of confavor of the nomination of a Philadelphian for one of the places of congressman-at-large by the coming Republican state convention. The need of full representation of this city's interests in the lower house at this time is due to the desire to push several projects which are under way to advance the commercial and industrial interests not only of Philadelphia, but of the entire state of Pennsylvania. There are several matters which will require the most persistent and aggressive support if there shall be any hope of ultimate success. The improvements of the harbor of Philadelphia, the development of League Island, the advancement of the shipbuilding interests and the construction of an immense government drydock, such as will make this port the mecca for all first class ships in these waters in need of repairs, are but a few of the things which Philadelphian are advocating and which have prompted the suggestion that a Philadelphian be placed upon the Republican ticket for one of the nominations for congressman-at-large at the state convention which will meet at Harrisburg on the 25th inst.

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This is not, as has been represented, a political movement, designed to bring about the retirement of Mr. Grow or any one else. It is not based upon the candidacy of any individual; for no one has been agreed upon to receive the support of the delegation to the state convention from this city for the honor. It is the outcome of an agitation which has been going on for some time with a view to strengthening the delegation from Pennsylvania in the house of representatives and for the purpose of promoting the several schemes which the leaders of the Commercial and Martitime Exchanges, the Board of Trade, the Trade League and other organizations have proposed for the benefit of the interests of the city and the state.

TRADES LEAGUE ACTIVE.

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"If there's one attribute above all others that this great city possesses to a greater degree than many cities, it is in her innate modesty and in being content to passively submit to existing conditions rather than to press forward, and by urging her claims in season and out of season, thus to gain such rights, conveniences and representation that her importance and dignity entitle her to.

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both our exports and imports; not content to know that we hold our own, but to see to it that such national encouragement as might be needed to enable us to forge to the front would be granted, if energy, pluck and perseverance on his part could accomplish it. "It is a truism that standing still is retrogression,' and as a city we should not be content to stand still; therefore, I join hands with you in asking that the next congressman-at-large should be from Philadelphia and that he should be an aggressive and energetic man."

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POLITICIANS WATCHING.

It is a somewhat remarkable condition that the politicians who are usually alert in slating favorites for almost every office have not as yet taken up anybody for congressman-at-large from this city. It is true that several well known Philadelphians have been mentioned for the honor, and some of them, it is believed, would consent to the use of their names in that connection, but there has not been even a suggestion of yetting the state convention delegation begether to unite upon a candidate. This may be done later our fit the movement among business men results in their uniting upon any one. Former Minister to Italy William Potter, a leading member of the Union League; Alexander Balfour, a prominent manufacturer, and a half dozen others are being discussed as available to represent Philadelphia on the state ticket.

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It is likely that before many days sentiment will crystalize on one of the
candidates and there will be a determined effort to bring about his nomination.

There will be a good field of candidates for these two nominations for
congressmen-at-large at the Harrisburg convention. From the western
section of the state it is announced
that Congressman Davenport, of Erie,
will not be an aspirant for renomination as congressman-at-large. Dr. T.
L. Flood, of Crawford county, is being
backed by the Republicans in his section of the state and J. B. Steel, of
Westmoreland, carried that county for
the same honor over former Congressman Robbins. Then Mr. Oliver, a
manufacturer of Allegheny, is highly
spoken of and two or three others have
been mentioned from the western and
northwestern counties. The fact that
Senator E. B. Hardenbergh, of Wayne,
has gotten such a long lead in the race
for the nomination for auditor general has not been relished by those
who are advocating another term for
Congressman-at-Large Grow, who halls
from the adjoining county of Susquehanna. Mr. Grow has not been able to
get about much of late on account of
illness. There has been no personal opposition to him, but the demand for a
younger and more active representative
from the Quaker City business men
has, of course, had its effect upon Mr.
Grow's candidacy for renomination.

What the outcome will be at the
state convention it is difficult to say.

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If congress removes the price limit on armor plate, which now appears altogether likely, the present naval appropriation bill, the same measure of the previous session, and the work now under way will set the shipyards of the country at work on a navy which, in point of efficiency, is not excelled in the world.

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Philadelphia, through the great Cramp plant, should profit much by the creation of this new navy, for with vastly increased cpace and facilities the big Delaware river yards will be fully capable of undertaking any or all of the new work for which contracts may be secured. The present naval program contemplates the construction of two seagoing coast line battleships of approximately 13,500 tons each, to cost about \$3,600,000 apiece, exclusive of armor and armament; three armored cruisers of 13,000 tons each, costing not over \$4,250,000 each, and three protected cruisers of 8,000 tons, to cost about \$2,800,000 each. Added to these eight ships must be the three similar sized battleships, Pennsylvania, Georgia and New Jersey, and the three great cruisers, West Virginia, Nebraska and California, which were authorized in the last bill, but which have never been contracted for, because of the \$300 a ton limit placed on the purchase of armor plates.

Thus, if the restrictions are all re-

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ing content to passively submit to existing conditions rather than to press forward, and by urging her claims in season and out of season, thus to gain such rights, conveniences and representation that her importance and dignity entitle her to.

"Until the election of the Hon. Boies Penrose to the United States senate, I believe that no man from Philadelphia had represented this state in the upper house of congress for over two generations, and my memory runs back to the time when our city had a congress-man-at-large. The present occupant of that position is a very able and talented man. He has been in congress for half a century and therefore it need not be said that he must necessarily be very old, and also it would not seem to be a great hardship if, like the Hon. John Sherman, who entered congress about the same time, he should take a rest and allow some man, possibly more in touch with the changing conditions of the times, to represent the interests of our great state and this great city.

"But more than this, the need of the hour is for the election of some aggressive, fearless and industrious business man to fill this important position, and he should by all means be selected from Philadelphia. One who is thoroughly cognizant of the needs for an almost sleepless activity in looking out for the city's interests and rights, as well as the state; a man wealthy enough to give his whole time to legitimate legislative work, and who would be so independent as not to be compelled to spend half his time in looking after his political fences, he should, above all, be familiar with the city's requirements that may be necessary to extend

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a.m., 10:00 a. m., 2Arrive Halls 7:59 a.m.
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m., 1arrive Halls 4:51 p. m.
From Phila., New York and intermediate stations—leave New York via Phila. 7:30 a. m. 9:00 p.m.; leave New York via Phila. 7:30 p. m. 9:00 p.m.; leave New York via Phila. 7:30 p. m. 9:00 p.m.; leave New York via Phila. 7:30 p. m. 9:00 p.m.; leave New York via Phila. 7:30 p. m. 9:00 p.m.; leave New York via Phila. 7:30 p. m. 9:00 p.m.; leave New York via Phila. 7:30 p. m. 9:00 p. Connection with Phila & Reading at Halls tions—leave Towarda 645 a.m. and 1030
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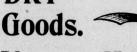
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