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CLUB MEN ARE ACTIVE

Republicans Preparing For Convention of State League at Easten.

NATIONAL ORATORS EXPECTED

Reports From All Parts of the State Indicate That the Party Is In Fine Shape.

[Special Correspondence.]

Harrisburg, Aug. 15.

The Republican state organization proposes to give every assistance and encouragement to the young Republicans of Pennsylvania to make the coming convention of the State League of Republican Clubs one of the most successful in the history of the League.

The convention, which will be held in Easton next month, promises to be one of the largest held in recent years, and the local committee of arrangements is planning an exceptionally good program for the entertainment of the delegates and other guests who will visit their city during the convention week.

Clubmen Meet Andrews.

Chairman Wesley R. Andrews, of the Republican State Committee, has had several conferences with officers of the State League, and he is heartily cooperating in their efforts to get the active Republicans of the state to interest themselves in the election of delegates to the convention by their home clubs.

It is pointed out that President Roosevelt has from the outset of his political career looked upon the Republican clubs as a powerful factor in the winning of campaigns, and he has never missed an opportunity to com-mend the work of the vigorous and progressive young Americans who are the bone and sinew of the Republican League of the Nation.

In his last national campaign the president insisted that the Republican national committee must give every consideration to the young men who were in charge of the organization of Republican clubs throughout the country, under the auspices of the National League, and he has since attributed much of the glory of the victory in that campaign to the Young Republicans who marshed behind the club banners on which were inscribed the words "Roosevelt, Protection and Prosper-

Duty of Young Republicans.

Pennsylvania Republicans in the present state campaign expect the club-men of the commonwealth to do their full duty, and there is every reason to believe that there will be no disap-pointment on that score.

It is announced from Easton that the Republican clubs of the entire county of Northampton are preparing to enter tain the visitors, and that all welcome who come with the delegates and will receive the same courtesies and hospitality as the official representatives of the clubs.

A special committee is at work getting Republicans of national fame to promise to address the great mass meeting which will be held on September 20. There are already assurances of the presence of some of the bestknown and most popular Republican orators in the country. All of the can-didates on the Republican state ticket have been invited, and many of the most prominent Republicans of the most prominent Republicans of the several counties of the state are ex-

pected to attend the gathering.

From many private interviews with active Republicans from every section correspondence that is daily received, Chairman Andrews is more than de-lighted with the reports as to the condition of the Republican party and the sentiment of the voters through-out the state. Though the campaign has not been fairly opened there are evidences of unusual activity among the rank and file of the Republican

The attacks of the Democrats serve to stimulate the Republican workers to renewed activity and are actually beneficial to the Republican organiza-

Danger Lies In Apathy.

It is admitted on all sides that the greatest danger to a majority party in what is termed an "off year" cam-paign lies in the apathy of the average yoter. When no great prize, such as the presidency or a governorship, is at stake there is likely to be a feeling of indifference or at least of over-con fidence, particularly after the pelling of such a tremendous Republican ma-

fority as was given to Roosevelt for president in Pennsylvania.

It will devolve upon the Republican to it is not a president in the president of the president in the president managers throughout the state to see to it that every Republican voter is impressed with the importance of casting his ballot in November next so that the Republican lines shall alog, the Principal remain intact and that the party shall be in shape to mass its forces in solid phalanx in the congressional and gu bernatorial struggle which will take place next year.

ARE PLEDGED TO REFORMO

Republicans For Personal Registration and Other Popular Measures.

The Committee of Twenty-one, loading business men, bankers, lawyers and other men of affairs of the Quaker City, all members of the famous Union League, who seek reform within the Republican party, are being complimented by Republicans generally for their success in bringing about the action of the Republican city commit tee in appointing a sommittee to seek to put an entirely new ticket of emi-nently acceptable Republican candi-dates in the field in Philadelphia and the pledging of the party organization to personal registration for the cities

to personal registration for the cities and for ballet reform and other measures demanded by the people.

Republicans who believe in their party strongly pretest against the actions of those who strive to make political capital against the Republican party in the state out of candidate. can party in the state out of conditions in the Quaker City. On this point the Philadelphia Inquirer, among other things, says:

If there has been crime committed against the people of Philadelphia the people will demand punishment and punishment will come. No right-minded citizen of any party or political organization would for a moment shield a criminal or a criminal conspiracy or a criminal organization, po-litical or otherwise. Certainly the great Republican party of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania—and hundreds of thousands of veters compose it—is not the defender of wrong-doing.

"To what extent the newspaper charges are true—whether the crimes that have been alleged are largely imaginative or are based upon fact—we do not know. The courts will decide that—should there be trials. But even were they blacker than have been painted, what argument would that be for smashing the great Republican party of Pennsylvania? What have the hundreds of thousands of Republican citizens to do with the acts of individuals?

"A year ago the whole country was ringing with exposures of crimes in the postoffice department at Washing-Republican officials were the ton. Republican officials were the thieves. Democratic newspapers and orators held these crimes up as a reason why the Republican party should be defeated. Judge Parker led the assault. 'Turn the Republican party out and all would be well.' That was the campaign cry. But the people refused to hold the Republican party. refused to hold the Republican party responsible for the pilferings of indi-

"Today there are seandals in the agricultural department. A sweeping investigation will be made. But are the Republican people of the United States going to hold themselves re-sponsible for what a few persons have

een doing?
"Why, then, is the Republican party of Pennsylvania to be slaughtered be cause of an investigation in Philadel-

"That is what the Committee of Tweaty-one, members of the Union League, want to know, and we think they have the right of it. "They believe that the Republican

party is quite big enough to do all the reforming that is necessary. With vot-ing lists purged of bogus names, with the promise of a personal registration law on the statute books, with an elec-tion in November that will be perfeetly honest, with a Republican city ticket to be made up of names uncon-nected with politics—in other words, with reforms instituted by the Repub-lican party itself—they sees ne reason why the hundreds of thousands of henest, upright Republican veters of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania should

cut the throat of their own party.
"And there is no reason."

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