

STATE POLITICS.

Eighty-eight Delegates Elected to the State Convention.

PHILADELPHIA PRIMARIES.

A Majority of the Winners Are Friends of Quay.

SENTIMENT FOR COLONEL STONE.

The Feeling Among the People of Philadelphia Is Decidedly in Favor of the Candidate From Allegheny—A Handsome Endorsement From a Labor Organization—Interesting Facts Concerning the New Capitol at Harrisburg.

(Special Correspondence.) Philadelphia, Jan. 17.—The fact that additional delegates have just been elected to the Republican state convention from this city is a reminder of the fact that that interesting gathering will take place sooner than has been expected. While the primary elections in Philadelphia on last Tuesday mainly had reference to the local contest for the office of receiver of taxes, the Republican voters of the city also went to the polls for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention. In one of two districts factional lines were not drawn very tightly in the selection of state delegates. It is confidently predicted by those who are in a position to know that a majority of the delegates from the Quaker City will be friendly to Senator Quay.

None of the men who are candidates for delegates announced their preference for any particular candidate, and for that reason it is difficult at this stage of the game to make any attempt to count any particular number of delegates for the various gubernatorial aspirants. It is no secret, however, that a large number of the delegates are heartily in favor of the nomination of Colonel William A. Stone. Unless there is some attempt to block the wishes of the delegates by the leaders their votes will certainly be cast in favor of the man from Allegheny.

The sentiment in this city has been very strongly in favor of Colonel Stone from the start. He is a frequent visitor here, and has made a favorable impression upon all those with whom he has come into contact. He was a speaker at one of the annual dinners of the Young Republicans a few years ago, and the forceful speech that he made upon that occasion caused him to loom up as a formidable candidate for the gubernatorial chair. Outside of the personal impression made by Colonel Stone, he is conceded to have great political and popular strength by reason of his excellent record in the lower branch of congress. His sturdy defense of the rights of labor, his positive views upon the tariff and currency questions, and last, but by no means least, his firm and unwavering attitude upon the question of immigration makes him one of the strongest candidates that could be nominated for governor this year.

Colonel Stone has had a remarkable endorsement forwarded to him. While it is out of the ordinary for lodges of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers to bespeak their preference for a candidate for any public office, the action of Good Will lodge, No. 59, of New Castle, is voluntary and is undoubtedly due to the high appreciation in which labor interests hold Colonel Stone. These testimonials coming so early in the campaign are very remarkable proofs of the popularity of the candidacy of Colonel Stone.

The endorsement referred to is contained in the following letter received by Colonel Stone:

Good Will Lodge, No. 59, Pennsylvania.
Amalgamated Association of Iron, Tin and Steel Workers of the U. S.
New Castle, Pa., Nov. 27, 1897.
At the last regular meeting of the Good Will lodge, No. 59, A. A. of I. and S. W., held at Red Men's Hall, the following resolutions were adopted:
"Resolved, That we endorse the candidacy of William A. Stone for governor of Pennsylvania, knowing him to be a friend of the laboring classes in all his dealings, and in the public positions which he has already held; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we earnestly request all sister lodges to endorse a friend of labor and a man fully equipped for the position."

Signed and sealed by the following officers: Thomas Jennings, president; A. G. Robinson, vice president; Samuel Grigg, recording secretary, and Harry Sargent, financial secretary. (Seal.)

Good Will lodge is one of the strongest lodges of the Amalgamated Association in New Castle. It embraces the employees of the Atlantic iron works of that city, and has a membership of 250 men. They are nearly all boilers and fitters. This is the second endorsement of the kind given Colonel Stone within a month by such an organization, the first having come from the employees of Jones & Laughlin's south side mills. It is said that there were a remarkable series of such expressions from organized labor through the state during the next few months, attesting strongly to the friendly regard in which Colonel Stone is held by reason of his great labors for the cause of American labor.

Every citizen of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania is naturally interested in the details concerning the erection of the new state capitol building, and at the risk of repeating some things that might have been known before, I propose to give some of the latest news concerning the proposed new edifice. To begin with, the architect has finished all of the plans, and is now waiting for the award of the contract, which will be made in a very short time.

Architect Cobb is very proud of this achievement. He has designed many buildings, public and private, but he is so confident that the Pennsylvania cap-

itol will be his greatest work that he is willing to risk his reputation on it. "Pennsylvania is going to have the handsomest state building in the country," he declared to The Inquirer correspondent today. "The design is my masterpiece, and I am proud of it. My plans will cost the state 50 per cent less in running expenses and 25 per cent less in cost of construction than those of any of the other architects who originally competed with me. The building will have plenty of light, and I feel certain that the people of Pennsylvania will be delighted with it when it is finished."

Some radical departures have been made in the plans from the stereotyped ideas concerning state capitols, but Mr. Cobb declares that they are all in the nature of improvements. At the last moment a change in the arrangements of the rooms was made, and the incoming legislature will see the senate chamber and the house of representatives in the same relative positions they have occupied for nearly a century. The commission agreed to this remodeling of the original plans because it was found that the sentiment was against any change of position of the two chambers.

The capitol will face the west. The senate chamber will be located on the north side of the rotunda, and the house of representatives on the south side. Adjoining the senate and house wings will be two large buildings devoted to department work. The entrance to the capitol will be through the center building. The west front will be five stories high, with the senate and house each two stories high. Back of the rotunda will be situated the committee rooms, arranged in a building seven stories in height. The wings on the extreme north and south, in which the department work will be done, will each be five stories high.

The main floor of the central portion of the building will be the second. Visitors will enter from the basement floor, and public elevators will convey them to any of the floors on the west front. In the rear of the rotunda, on this floor, private elevators will be built for the exclusive use of members and employees of the legislature. Exits to these elevators are to be constructed so that a member can go from either chamber to his committee room without being seen by any visitor if he so desires.

In the center of the building will be a large rotunda. On the second floor from the rotunda one will enter on the western side the rooms of the lieutenant governor and a ladies' reception room. Card rooms separate the two legislative chambers from the rotunda. In the rear is an entrance to the committee rooms building. A memorial stairway will lead from the rotunda up to the fifth floor of the front and to a 60-foot gallery extending all around the interior. From this will be the entrance to the press rooms and to the public galleries of the two chambers. In each of these public galleries there are 400 feet of bench room. The senate library will also be entered from this gallery, and on the house side a large caucus room has been arranged, into which the house library can at any time be thrown.

Local politics are in a cyclonic condition in the city of Philadelphia. Although David Martin has succeeded in forcing his brother-in-law upon the Republican ticket for receiver of taxes the prospects for Mr. Roney's election are far from promising. It is true that he has received the nomination, but in this respect he is no better off than his opponent. Mr. Newitt has also been nominated, and he received his nomination in a convention in which it is asserted that 811 of the 891 regularly elected delegates handed in their credentials. Mr. Newitt proposes to remain in the field on the ground that he was really a choice of the voters at the primaries, and that the Roney nomination is tainted, and that it was brought about by illegal and unprincipled methods.

In addition to this there is a very strong popular feeling against the leadership of Mr. Martin in Philadelphia. No one attempts to disguise the fact that the party organization here has been used for the personal advancement and selfish interests of a little clique of politicians who are willing to wreck the party if necessary in order to accomplish their own personal ends. The fact that the so-called Business Men's League has united with Mr. Martin in order to force Mr. Roney upon the people once more is likely to prove disastrous to Mr. Martin's candidate. The people know and thoroughly understand the alleged business men's organization, and it is a simple statement of fact to say that the favor of this organization will seriously cripple, if it does not entirely ruin, any candidate for public office who is unfortunate enough to receive it.

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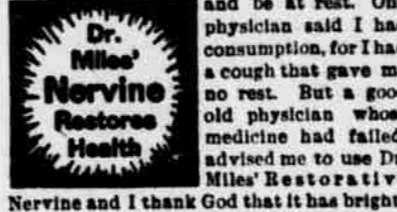
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WOMAN'S

The Benefit of Change.

No woman who has never tried it can conceive of the rest and pleasure resulting from change. Sameness is not only fatal to health, but to good spirits and content. It is said that the reason prima-donnas and dramatic stars carry their years lightly and keep their good looks so long is because of the constant succession of changes in their lives—of climate, diet, companionship and immediate environments. Brain and body gratefully respond, there is no chance for fag. All the world cannot have timely changes of scene and air, and the question arises, What shall we do about it? That much can be done there is no doubt, and the resting of eye and brain by changes in the aspects of our homes is one of the most telling.

Make such changes as are possible, by rearranging rooms in the matter of furniture, pictures, ornaments, etc. Do something, anything, to rest eye and brain from dead-level monotony. It is said that marked cases of insomnia have been cured by changing from one sleeping room to another. The wise woman will also change her family dietary as completely as possible as the seasons change.

Then there is change of occupation, which is nearly as restful as change from doing. The work of the year can certainly be so divided that monotony may be absolutely broken. A change of environments, even if to others less attractive, is beneficial, simply because it is a change. Let the most famous cook among housewives, when physically depressed, dine or lunch with a friend, and she will be astounded at the amount of appetite that comes to her, even though the viands do not meet her ideas of excellence.

Too Much Zeal. More and more often latterly in club papers and speeches is the note of conservatism sounded, and more and more frankly are women saying "no" to plans of fresh organization. In other ways, too, the hint of reaction in the splendid spirit woman has taken is obvious; she is willing to listen nowadays, in the gospel of progress to which she diligently hearkens, to an occasional sermon on the text, "Make haste slowly."

But the leaven has by no means spread as far as it should. There is still a tendency to belong to too many clubs, to learn everything from political economy to clear starching, to be philanthropic, educational, literary, social, artistic, reformatory and a capable daughter, wife and house-mother—all in one trail five feet seven of feminine humanity. The sin of to-day among women is not idleness certainly, rather the other extreme—over-zeal.

Being Trusted He Became Honest.

Here is a beautiful and true story, full of pathos and of suggestion: A family man, says Home and Farm, discovered, once upon a time, that he was being robbed of small sums of money. At length, one night, a slight noise in the room awakened him. He opened his eyes quickly, to see a small figure creep past the bed to his pocketbook, abstract a bill, and steal silently away. He recognized his own son, a little boy. The next day the father called the child to him. "I have been thinking," he said, pleasantly, "that I shall want your help in my money affairs. I am going to make you my treasurer, if you will do that for me. Here is my purse. It has \$50 in it. Now, when I want to pay for anything at the house, I shall come to you." After that speech and that transfer the pilferings ceased. The boy became an honorable and honest man.

For Stout Women.

The woman who is inclined to be stout can gain a pound quicker in a day than a slender woman can in a year. It is said that when the beautiful Empress of Austria discovered that her waist was growing larger and that her beautifully-modelled chin was losing its curve, she, the finest housewife in the world, gave up riding and took long walks every day and in all sorts of weather. To grow thin you must exercise. Walk if you can, but better still, work; keep mind and body busy. Above all, renounce everything that comes from the confectioner. Eat moderately of underdone meat, green vegetables, salads and those fruits that are slightly acid. Drink but little, bathe regularly, taking tepid baths. Constant work will do more to reduce one's flesh than anything else.—Ladies' Home Journal.

To Boil Rice.

Buy the best rice and wash about a teaspoonful, removing in doing so any grit or rubbish that may have become mixed with the grain. Let fully two quarts of salted water boil in a large saucepan, and when the liquid is bubbling throw in the rice and allow it to boil hard for about twenty-five minutes. There is no hard and fast rule about the length of time for rice to boil, but it can best be determined by rubbing a grain between the fingers. If it rubs away easily it will be done, and the rest of the rice should be removed from the fire quickly or it will become too soft. When removed from the fire drain the rice through a sieve; pour a quantity of cold water over it, and drain again. Then put the dish of rice into the oven to heat again and to dry the grains, till each is separate from its fellow. This is the sign of well-cooked rice.



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