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Milford, Pike County, Pa.

CALL FOR 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 25th, 1900, at 10:30 o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following officers, to wit:

One person for the office of Auditor General;

Two persons for the office or 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 it in the Convention of 1896.

By order of the Republican State Committee.

Frank Reeder, Chairman.

W. R. Andrews, C. E. Voorhees, } Secretaries.

The various reviews of the year's business and commercial progress in the United States do not indicate any immediate necessity for adopting free silver.

If we had only kept to our original thirteen States we would probably never have gotten into this frightful Philippine muss. As it is, we are quickly sinking into oblivion, and will probably carry Boston with us.

Secretary Gage's action in preventing a financial crash is looked upon by the Populist as particularly reprehensible. A wave of disaster would have been a splendid card for them in their present depressed and depleted condition.

With war expenses 38 per cent. less than one year ago and the Treasury surplus for the last six months of 1899 over $21,000,000, those Democratic soothsayers who saw the Republic tottering on the brink of an abyss of imperial financial ruin have quickly turned their attention to other fields of criticism.

The Democratic Louisville Courier Journal gives an analysis of the expansion question which is far from complimentary to Democratic sagacity. It says: "The policy of expansion is the old Democratic policy, which the Republicans have been shrewd enough to take up, and which some Democratic leaders are trying to get Democrats to antagonize simply because the Republicans have taken it up."

Bank clearings are safe indications of business transacted. At the commencement of the new year, according to Bradstreet's, the total of the country's clearing houses was $93 billions an increase of 36 per cent over the prosperity of a year ago, of 74 per cent. over 1897, and practically double 1894. "Active stock speculation," Bradstreet's says, "and immense industrial floatings, but above all enormous trade and industrial activity, naturally swelled the volume of clearings."

The custom receipts for December with a short number of business days, amounted to over $19,120,884, a most remarkable and to Democrats disgusting showing. When it is remembered that these receipts are, with the exception of the small item of tea, entirely under the original Dingley law as enacted, it will be seen that Democrats who predicted its failure as a revenue producer have cause to look sour. Under the last December of the Wilson law the customs receipts were $10,779,412.

The anti-imperialists propose to go before the workingmen of America with the proclamation that with the retention of the Philippines the United States will be overrun with cheap labor which will pauperize the labor of the country. Such statements will hardly bear the light of scrutiny when it is known that the Filipinos could not be induced in any number to leave their tropical native country for a foreign colder and alien one. Attention might also be called to the fact that England, which supports a far greater proportion of laboring and factory hands than the United States, has for years had close relationship with the cheapest labor of the Orient—that of India—and yet no pauper Indian laborers are found in the factories of Great Britain.

The anti-imperialist propaganda plainly states that it will attempt to catch the labor vote by showing that with the occupation of the Philippines the Chinese Exclusion Act would be evaded and this country would be flooded with pauper labor. We could not, they say, refuse admission to people from these islands, and that being the case, they would be used as a gateway for the entrance into America of all the Oriental hordes to exclude which the Chinese Exclusion law was enacted. There does not seem to be any great similarity in appearance between Filipinos and Chinese, but even granting there is, and that it is impossible to police the islands to keep out those desiring passage to the United States, there are various other methods by which undesirable immigrants can be excluded from this country. American statesmen, upon arriving at bridges, have heretofore always devised some manner of crossing them, and when this difficulty arises, if it ever does, it will be provided for easily and effectually unless Democrats should happen to be in power.

"Publish copies of every record of my administration if called for," is the sum and substance of President McKinley's instructions to the members of his Cabinet. That is the straight-foward answer of the man who knows that the closer his official acts are studied, the higher his adminstration will stand to the roundabout attempts of the democrats and assistant Democrats to play politics by offering all sorts of resolutions asking for all sorts of information, so worded as to arouse suspicion in the minds of the suspiciously inclined that their authors know of something discreditable on the part of some branch of the administration. This offer to furnish any information desired by Congress, together with President McKinley's request to the republican leaders in both branches of Congress that they would not take advantage of the republican majority to defeat resolutions of inquiry offered by democrats, has disconcerted the democrats, and they seem to be in doubt as to what they shall do next.

The democratic Senators seem to be even more afraid of the financial question than were the democrats in the House during the debate on the republican financial bill. There was something almost pathetic in the attitude of Senator Jones, of Arkansas, when he asked Senator Aldrich who is in charge of the financial bill, if no more republicans intended to speak on the bill, and acknowledged that no democrat was ready to speak. Senator Aldrich promptly replied that the republicans were ready to vote on the bill, but were willing to allow its opponents to do all the speaking against it they wished. So far the only speech in the Senate against the bill has been made by Senator Stewart who is a long ways from being a democrat, notwithstanding his radical silver views. Mr. Bryan expected in Washington this week, en route to the Eastern States, where he is going to try to convince the properous people that the country isn't getting along all right. Perhaps after they confer with him, the democratic Senators will be ready to do more talking, although rumor says that Mr. Bryan himself has promised not to do much silver talking in the East.

EXPENSIVE STUTTERING.

Colonel Davis Talks by Long Distance Telephone to Boston.

Charles A. Davis, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary at large for a well-known circus, is a most picturesque and accomplished stutterer. Mr. Davis withal is dignified, distinguished and decorous, and resents bitterly any indication on the part of his hearer that he has not a free flow of speech. Once in apologizing for his failure to keep an appointment with a friend he started to explain about the accident which had befallen his train.

"I have j-j-j-ust arrived in the s-s-s-s-s-s——" He was hopelessly anchored to that word, and his benevolent friend mildly suggested:

"City?"

"N-n-n-n-n-oo!" shrieked Davis, with a gesture of inexpressible disgust. "D-d-d-d-d-darn it, the t-t-t-t-t town, darn it, the town!"

Recently, Colonel Davis was led to break his rule of steering clear of telephones. He was anxious immediately to adjust a bit of business with John Lewis of Boston. He went to the long-distance telephone at the Hotel Aulic in New York, had Mr. Lewis called up, and courageously began the task of making his wishes known. Nine-tenths of the conversation consisted of repetitions of the same consonants. Colonel Davis has known what it was to have trouble with consonants, but on this occasion all his previous experiences were surpassed. Consonants arose like mountains to check his progress. But perseverance finally made good its reputation for conquering all difficulties, and Colonel Davis completed his arrangements, the telephone remaining intact. Davis, with a look of deep relief, came forth from the box, wiped his brow, cracked the drip off his finger-ends and offered payment. The girl in charge, with a smile, said:

"It'll cost you $40, sir."

"G-g-gr-great H - H - H - Heavens!" cried Davis, "I thought the rate was a d-d-d-doi-dollar and s-ss-s-seventy-f-i-ff-five."

"That's for five minutes' talk. We charge extra for each additional minute."

Colonel Davis slowly brought forth a roll of bills from an inner pocket, and murmured, as he paid the $40:

"N-n-n-next t-t-t-time I'll s-a-v-e t-t-t-time and m-m-money by t-t-taking a t-t-t-train."

Negros Still Has Savages.

The Island of Negros is mountainous and wild. Its coasts are difficult of access, and the breakers strong except on the west coast. A high mountain chain crosses it from Point Doong on the north to the harbor and point of Bombonon on the south; from the last third extend several ramifications of high mountains, terminating at the coast on the extreme south and in the Sierra Dumaguete. Its streams are not important, being short and of little volume. The ground is uneven but fertile. The natives irrigate their estate, and produce tobacco, coffee, sugar cane and wheat. Manufactures consist in fabrics of abaca and canonegro, of which boat cables are made. The interior of the island, covered with thick forests, is almost unexplored, being inhabited by a few savages. There are in the island 49 pueblos, 41 barrios and 40 rancherias of subdued infieles.

The east coast of Negros is bordered by a reef, which extends more than a mile from it. Layers of coal have recently been discovered in this part of Negros, and outcrops of coal are visible in the rivers which enter the sea near the towns of Calatrava and Talabe.

The province of Western Negros is situated on Negros Island, and its population is 226,995.

The capital is Bacolod, inhabited by nearly 7,000 natives. Western Negros has 25 towns, all of which have over 3,000 inhabitants.

Eastern Negros on the same island has 17 towns, with an average population of from 2,000 to 10,000. The capital of Eastern Negros is Dumaguete.

The natives have been very thoughtful in indicating the entrance to Point Pandan, which lies on a narrow strait, by stakes that have been driven into one and one-half to two fathoms of water. The entire coast of Negros offers protection in this way for incoming vessels.

While the coast line of all the islands of the Philippine group is very irregular and broken, there are long stretches of canals and passages between them, but these are not always navigable.

Although these islands are situated in the region adapted to the growth of corals, the scarcity of this formation is accounted for by the presence of volcanic fires and the occasional deluge of hot water, which prevents the growth of the polyps.

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REV. W. R. NEFF, Pastor.

MATAMORAS.

EPWORTH M. E. CHURCH, Matamoras. Services every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sabbath school at 2.30. C. E meeting Monday evening at 7.30. Class meeting Tuesday evening at 7.30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.30. Everyone welcome.

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HOPE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, Matamoras, Pa. Services next Sunday as follows: Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Junior C. E. before and C. E. prayer meeting after the evening service. Mid-week prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7.30. Seats free. A cordial welcome to all. Come.

REV J. A. WIEGAND, Pastor.

Secret Societies.

MILFORD LODGE, No. 344, F. & A. M.: Lodge meets Wednesdays on or before Full Moon at the Sawkill House, Milford Pa. N. Emery, Jr., Secretary, Milford John C. Westbrook, W. M., Milford, Pa.

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GEORGE H. MCCARTY, Lessee.
July 1, 1897.

TRESPASS NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that trespassing upon the southern half of the tract of land known as the William Denny, No. 33, in Shohola township, for hunting, fishing, or, any other purpose, also trespassing on Sawkill pond in Dingman township, or, fishing in it is forbidden under penalty of the law.

M. ULRILAND MILNOR, Attorney for owner.
April 5tm

TRESPASS NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that trespassing upon the property of the Forest Lake Association in Lackawaxen township, Pike county, Pa., for the purpose of hunting and fishing, or any other purpose is strictly forbidden under penalty of the law.

ALEXANDER HADDEN, President.
Nov. 22, 1895.

TRESPASS NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that trespassing on the premises of the undersigned, situated in Dingman township, for any purpose whatever is strictly forbidden, and all offenders will be promptly prosecuted. IRA B. CASE.
Oct. 24, 1895.

NOTICE—All hunting, fishing or other trespassing on the premises of the undersigned, in Dingman Township, on Raymondskill and Dwarfskill Creeks, is forbidden under penalty of the law.

Dingman Twp., May 17, 1898. CHAS. J. BOILEAU, N. BOILEAU, JOSEPH F. BOILEAU.

Executor's Notice.

Letters of administration with the will annexed upon the estate of Julia Ann Van Gordon, late of Lehman township, deceased have been granted to the undersigned. All persons having claims against said estate will present them and those indebted thereto will please make immediate payment to

MOSES W. VAN GORDEN, Executor
Egypt Mills, Pa. Sept. 18, 1899.

Auditor's Notice.

Estate of Francis Manley, deceased. } In the Orphans, Court of Pike County.

The undersigned "appointed Auditor to make distribution of the funds in hands of J. H. Van Etten, Trustee, as shown by his account and make report to next Term, with the evidence taken before him" will attend to the duties of his appointment and meet the parties interested in said Estate on Tuesday, the 30th day of January A. D. 1900 at 2 o'clock, p. m., at his office, corner of Ann and Third streets, in the Borough of Milford, Pa., when and where all parties entitled to share in said funds, or who are in any way interested therein, are required to present and prove their claims, or be debarred forever from participating in said funds, or coming in upon the same.

HY. T. BAKER, Auditor
Milford, Pa., Dec. 30, 1899.

Auditor's Notice.

Estate of Jacob Ellwanger deceased. } In the Orphans' Court of the County of Pike.

The undersigned "appointed Auditor to make distribution of the funds in hands of Philip Ellwanger, Executor, as shown by his third account and make report to next Term," will attend to the duties of his appointment and meet the parties interested in said estate, on Monday the 29th day of January, A. D. 1900, at 2 o'clock P M., at his office, corner of Ann and Third streets, in the Borough of Milford, Pa., when and where all parties entitled to share in said funds, or who are in anyway interested therein, are required to present and prove their claims, or be debarred forever from participating in said funds, or coming in upon the same.

HY. T. BAKER, Auditor
Milford, Pa., Dec. 30th, 1899. 3w

Auditor's Notice.

Estate of Joseph Lattimore deceased. } In the Orphans. Court of the County of Pike.

The undersigned "appointed Auditor to make distribution of the funds in hands of administrator of said estate as shown by his account to and amongst the parties entitled and make report next to Term of said court," will attend to the duties of his appointment and meet the parties interested on Saturday, the 10th day of February A. D. 1900 at 2 o'clock p. m., at his office, in the Borough of Milford, Pa., when and where all parties entitled to share in said funds, or who are in any way interested therein, are required to present and prove their claims, or be debarred forever from participating in said funds, or coming in upon the same.

C. W. BULL, Auditor.
Milford, Pa., Jan. 15, 1899. 4t

Divorce.

Jerusha Alice Grey vs. Thaddeus E. Grey. } In the Common Pleas of Pike Co., No. 5, Oct. Term 1899. Subpoena and alias subpoena returned, defendant not found etc.

To Thaddeus E. Grey defendant:
You are hereby notified to be and appear at our Court of Common Pleas to be held at Milford on the third Monday of March next, it being the return day of our next term of court, and answer the complaint of the libellant filed in the above case.

K. VANDERMARK, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Milford, Pa., Jan. 11 1900.

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