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Republican State Convention.

A state convention of the republicans of Michigan will be held at the Detroit club, Detroit, on Thursday, April 1st, at 12 o'clock.

It will be warmer and fair today.

UHL AND THE RECORD.

Mayor Uhl has declined to be a candidate for mayor for a third term. He publishes a card saying so and that ought to settle it, but will it? What record the democrats have made in the administration of municipal affairs during the past two years has made while he was the chief executive.

The coming spring campaign will be a vigorous one and both parties will be obliged to put in the field its strongest man. Mayor Uhl cannot consistently refuse to stand for the contest if it shall be demanded that he do so.

Elsewhere C. K. Gibson in a forcible manner calls attention to the narrow and selfish order requiring veterans, inmates of the Soldiers' home, to turn over a surplus of their pension money to the treasury of the institution.

It is the preacher who grapples with things as they exist and who discusses them in plain and vigorous language that wins the approval and confidence of his hearers.

There are now two city tickets in the field, prohibition and the people's, and neither one of them can lay claim to greater merit than the nominees have an itching for office.

REPUBLICAN JUSTICE seems at last to have overtaken the notorious crook Considine, and he now suffers from a gun shot wound in the chest, fired by a convict friend who suddenly became angry.

ONE Chicago paper says that two aldermen is better in the penitentiary than one in the council. This may be true of Chicago, but Grand Rapids aldermen in the council make it decidedly interesting for one city official at a time to keep out of the penitentiary.

In speaking of Sarah Bernhardt a caustic dramatic critic once wrote that an "empty sack drove up to the hotel and Sarah stepped out." Yesterday an exploded presidential boom arrived in Washington from the south and David B. Hill dropped out of it.

Is the hope of carrying one or more of the western states for the democratic national tickets the democratic leaders are focusing with the "alliance" and giving to it all the state offices. "Free trade and fusion" will make an alliterative slogan.

BEN BUTLER'S look is not received with the popular enthusiasm Ben anticipated. It is very disappointing to Ben, but it goes to show that he is not so great a man as he fondly imagined himself to be.

GROVER is quietly permitting the nomination for the solemn office of president to seek him. The procession is not headed by a horse, but it will be in November.

Coal combiners declare under oath that their purpose is not to advance the price of coal to squeeze the consumer. It is probably their purpose to "roast" the dealers.

STONARD will ask for home rule on the same basis as demanded by Ireland. Together they may be successful in securing the coveted prize.

MILLS claims that he is sure to be elected senator. He entertained a like opinion in regard to the speakership.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

Naval topics are prominent in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for April. The opening paper is a profusely illustrated account of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, by Thomas Simson Jarvis.

The greatest novel of the season will be M. Emile Zola's "The Smash Up" (La Debacle) which the Cassell Publishing company will issue simultaneously with its appearance in France.

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REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

A first county Republican convention to select forty-seven delegates to the state republican convention called to meet at Detroit April 1st, will be held at the Detroit court rooms in the city of Grand Rapids, Thursday, April 1st, at 10 o'clock a. m.

By order of Republican county committee, THOMAS WALSH, Secretary. Dated March 16, 1892.

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TAKING MEDICINE.

Even in taking medicine it seems to be hard for some people to understand that "enough is as good as a feast." The story comes from Ohio of a lady who lost her life as the result of disobeying the explicit orders of the physician as to the amount she would take of the medicine prescribed.

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SOME WONDERFUL RIVERS.

The Subterranean Rivers Not the Only Ones of Special Interest.

The subterranean rivers of the world, of which the one in the Mammoth cave of Kentucky is usually reckoned as the most unique, are generally set down in lists of natural curiosities as being the greatest wonders in the line of waterways; but such lists, however, are not always reliable.

To the mind of "ye curious man," there are other rivers which have a sufficient element of the marvelous to admit them into categories of the wonderful. Algeria, Spain and India, for instance, each has rivers within its borders which are composed, not of water, but of ink.

That in Algeria is water until after the union of two of its principal tributaries, one of which flows through a country strongly impregnated with iron, the other comes from a peat bog. The chemical action of the iron on the peat acid from the peat makes a beautiful writing fluid.

The Wobbe Shebell, an African river, is one of the wonders of the dark continent. Although it is a large, rapid-flowing river, almost as large as our own Missouri, and flows for hundreds of miles through a fertile country, it never reaches the sea.

About thirty miles before its waters get to the point where they should mingle with those of the Indian ocean the whole stream sinks out of sight into the sands of a desert.

Over the triple doorway of the cathedral of Milan there are three inscriptions spanning the splendid arches. Over one is carved a beautiful wreath of roses, and underneath is the legend: "All that which pleases is but for a moment." Over the other is sculptured a cross, and these are the words: "All that which troubles is but for a moment." But underneath the great central entrance, in the main aisle, is the inscription: "That only is important which is eternal."

Letter From Cyrus W. Field, Jr. No. 8, East 56th Street, New York, May 8, 1883.

Several times this winter I have suffered from severe colds on my lungs. Each time I have applied Allen's Peppermint Cure, and in every instance I have been quickly relieved by applying one across my chest and one on my back. My friends, through my advice, have tried the experiment and also found it most successful. I feel that I can recommend them most highly to any one who may see fit to try them.

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