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Chairman of the Republican National Committee Argues That Body Has No Right Nor Power to Dictate as to Matter of Representation in National Convention

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The members of the Republican national committee were convened today by President McKinley at the White house. There was no speech making, the members of the committee simply passing through the room and shaking hands with the president. After the reception the committee members were grouped in front of the White house and photographed. While arrangements were being made for taking the photograph, President McKinley entered the carriage and was driven to the residence of the late Vice President Hobart, and escorted Mrs. Hobart to the station, where she took the train for New Jersey home.

The members of the committee returned to the Arlington hotel and assembled in session. Mr. Payne, of Wisconsin, who had prepared a resolution to change the basis of representation, said that he would not offer it, but would make a statement to the committee. Shortly after the meeting was called to order Mr. Payne made his statement, as follows:

"I ask the committee to honor me with its attention for a few minutes for a statement somewhat personal in its nature.

"It is well known by members of the committee, both from the public press and correspondence with them, that I have intended to offer and advocate the adoption by the committee of a resolution proposing to the next national convention a change in the basis of representation in subsequent conventions. I some time since gave to the press for publication and discussion the resolution which I had prepared to present to the committee upon the subject.

"Bridly stated, it proposed to make the national convention which nominates a Republican ticket and formulates a Republican platform fairly representative of those who vote for Republican platforms and Republican principles. The proposition has received the support of almost the entire Republican press of the country, and I have reason to believe that upon its merits, as well as upon grounds of expediency, it has the support of a large number of this committee.

"I have not in the slightest degree changed my conviction as to its justice, nor have I the slightest doubt as to its expediency. Within a day or two, it has encountered opposition which I had no reason to anticipate, including that of the chairman of this committee. It is sufficient for me to say that out of my regard for his opinion and the opinions and wishes of others high in the councils of the party, which, as a loyal Republican, I am proud to defer to, I am constrained not to offer the resolution.

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Senator Hanna took the floor and briefly discussed the proposed resolution, although it was not formally before the committee. He said that he did not believe it was the province of the national committee to inaugurate any such radical changes. The committee is appointed for the purpose of assisting in every honorable way the election of the ticket nominated and to arrange the preliminaries for the next convention. Changes in the basis of representation, he thought, should be left for the convention to deal with. He did not believe that the committee should make recommendations to congress as a legislative body. In their individual capacity members could ask their senators and representatives to bring about such legislation as they favored, but the committee, in his thought, should maintain its position as an organization to conduct the affairs of the party, under the instructions of the convention. If it assumed more, it would be charged with dictation. Mr. Hanna's remarks were cheered by the committee.

None of the other propositions on this subject were brought forward. The subcommittee on arrangements for the convention was announced as follows: Manly (Me.), chairman; Payne (Wis.), Scott (Ky.), Kean (N. J.) with Hanna and Dick chairman and secretary of the national committee, ex-officio members. The selection of delegates to the District of Columbia was referred to an election board.

There was some talk about the large representation from territories, but no action was taken. The committee adjourned subject to the call of the chairman. It being explained that it will assemble a few days before the convention meets to make up the preliminary roll of delegates.

NOT TOO LATE.

Senator Hoar on the Situation in the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Senator Hoar has written a letter to former Senator Edmunds, replying to an invitation to be present at a meeting to be held tomorrow night to discuss the Philippine question.

THE HEALTH HABIT

Just as Easy to Form as Any Other.

We do not deliberately form our pet habits, but they are unconsciously acquired and grow as we grow, and by the time we learn that they are bad, we find them too strong to be easily broken. Then, why not form a good habit, a habit which will counteract the many bad ones, in other words, contract the unfashionable habit of being always tired. The best health habit to get into is to have and keep a vigorous stomach; if you have a healthy digestion you can drink your beloved coffee, smoke your favorite brand of tobacco, with little or no harm; the mischief begins when these things are forced upon the faithful stomach, without any assistance.

Form the habit of taking after meals some harmless but efficient digestive which will relieve the stomach of so much extra work.

Nature furnishes us with such digestives, and when they are combined in such a pleasant preparation as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets they give the over-worked stomach just the necessary assistance to secure perfect digestion without any of the harmful effects of cathartics and similar drugs.

The habit of taking Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after meals is as necessary to the weak stomach as food itself, and indeed to get the benefit from food eaten nothing better and certainly nothing safer can be used.

Many families consider Stuart's Tablets as essential in the house as knives and forks.

They consist entirely of natural digestive principles without the objectionable characteristics of drugs; they have no cathartic action, but simply go to work on the food eaten and digest it.

Take into account your bad habits and the expense they entail and then invest 50 cents in a box of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and see if your digestion for the next month is not vastly improved.

Ask the clerk in any drug store the name of the most successful and popular stomach remedy and he will say "Stuart's."

tion. Senator Hoar declines to attend, because he thinks that what he would have to say on the Philippine question will be more effective if said in his place in the senate than elsewhere. He adds: "I have not changed the opinions I formed and expressed last winter, except that I have been confirmed and strengthened by what has happened since. If we had dealt with the people of the Philippine islands as we undertook to deal with the people of Cuba, who we delivered—and they certainly had no better title-of-right ought to be free and independent. It is instead of undertaking to buy them and then undertaking to subjugate them by force we had assured them of our purpose to respect their rights, to protect them against foreign interference, to aid them to restore order and to protect them whenever they should desire, to the blessing of freedom and self-government, we should have had no wars. We should have had no loss of life. We should have had no large expenditure of money. We should not have trampled on the doctrines upon which our own institutions are founded. We should not have contradicted the pledges of our fathers. We should not have disappointed our own great history. We should not have incurred the undying hatred of the people of the Philippine islands. We should have received from their gratitude everything in the way of commercial advantage or advantage of military or naval station that their gratitude could bestow. We should have the glory—with which the glory of no other country in history could be compared—of being the great liberator in both hemispheres.

"Terrible mischief has been already accomplished through the blunder of last winter's treaty. But it is not too late to retract our steps. Congress has not yet committed itself to the policy of imperialism. Still less are the American people so committed. It is not too late to assure the people of the Philippine islands that we will not trample them under foot, that we will not obey against their will; that we will protect them against foreign cupidity; that we will aid them to restore order; that we will help them in every way in our power to establish for themselves such government as they may desire; that we will not allow our relations to them should be only those of friends and restored in an hour. Order and prosperity and happiness would prevail instead of war and devastation. The flag of the United States which it is sought to make the symbol of conquest and oppression would be as it has ever been until now a symbol of liberty and of hope to all the nations of the earth. Withdrawn only from territory over which it waves without right it would continue to wave over that moral field over which its rightful supremacy and its right which it could never be hauled down."

QUAKERS ARE ACTIVE.

Are Now Seeking Headquarters of Republican Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—The members of the citizens' committee, whose efforts resulted in the selection of this city for the Republican national convention, has started a movement to have the Republican national committee make this city its headquarters.

Republican Leaders Dine.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Senator Hanna gave a dinner at the Arlington hotel tonight to the members of the Republican national committee. Covers were spread for forty-four guests. The dinner was elaborate and the table and banquet room were tastefully decorated with flowers of many varieties. Mr. Payne, of Wisconsin, occupied the seat immediately to the right of the chairman, and Mr. Manly, of Maine, immediately to the left. The dinner was private and none of the speeches were given out.

Gov.-Elect Nash Entertained.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Gov.-elect Nash, of Ohio, was tendered a public reception at the Ward hall tonight by the Republican club. The reception was given by the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, B. C. Wood, and was followed by several members of congress who congratulated him and the state upon the result of the recent election. A letter was read from President McKinley.

CHINESE MELODRAMA.

Tricks of Property Man in Celestial Theatrical Performances.

Leetle's Weekly. The average Chinese melodrama is about sixteen acts long, and never takes more than two weeks to play. A Chinese production possesses at least one distinguishing feature, that it is interpreted entirely by men. Drama, comedy or comic opera, it matters not—the immutable law of China demands that no woman set foot upon the stage. And Chuck Cornors' stage manager could play "The Black Crook" or "La Belle Helene" without the aid of a single chorus girl.

Over the audience rests a settled, immovable stillness, unbroken even by a sigh. When the villain, who has been the stage under escort of the property man, who has been nudging him since to life, his face never moves. Only once do his eyes change, and that is while the property man is on the stage, and he is never off it. The Chinese property man sees his duty to the management, and puts it into practical effect. No "property" is left behind. He gathers all things by the way. When the Chinese Romeo slays Tybalt the property man steps on to the stage, gathers up Tybalt's sword, cap and cloak and things, and walks off with them. He wears a Macbeth's banquet hall white; that weak-kneed monarch was exercising Banquo's ghost, gather up the goblets and plates in one hand, and the property man's chair with other and carry them away.

HISTORY OF THE HAT.

It Did Not Come Into Common Use Till 200 Years Ago.

Earliest of all forms of headgear was the cap. The hat did not really come into common use till the seventeenth century. In the time of Charles I. the high, sugar-loaf shaped hat came into fashion. It was worn with a rich band and trimmed with a feather. Constant balancing on the head was necessary to keep it on. This hat was taken up by the courtiers, who satirized their bitter consciences by discarding the frivolous band and the wicked feather.

Charles II. brought the French peruke into England, and the tall hat went out to make way for a low, brimmed thing, gorgeous with feathers and gimp-tracks. These broad brims became broader and broader. At last it became necessary to turn them up. That was done at the back, finally according to the wearer's fancy.

Out of this extravagant style of headgear grew the cocked hat. The Frenchman and livered coachman of many European nations still wear this style of headgear. During Queen Anne's time the cocked hat was the height of the gentleman. The correct fashion was to carry it under the arm as much as possible.

The French revolution, which took off so many heads that had worn the cocked hat, took off the cocked hat, too. In its place the crescent shape became the style, shortly by force. The direct ancestor of that dreadful thing, the high hat of today, was the noble and sturdy beaver. Beavers went out of fashion largely because the supply of material became exhausted.

CROSSING THE LEGS.

New York Physician Claims That it is a Dangerous Habit.

New York City. It was recently announced by a well-known New York medical man that the reason Americans suffer so much from dyspepsia is because they do not know the correct position in sitting. The bad positions in sitting that Americans adopt, the stomach is crowded out of position and cannot readily perform its proper functions.

Now comes a surgeon, well known in Philadelphia, who puts forward the suggestion that appendicitis is more common in America than in other countries because the Yankee habit of habitual sitting with one leg thrown over the other.

Norwegian statesmen are planning a system of national insurance to protect people incapacitated to earn a livelihood.

Store Open Every Evening Till Xmas. Illustrous Xmas exhibition of elegant, useful and Inexpensive reliable Wearables for Men and Boys.

The Palace Greater Stores MINNEAPOLIS. 315-323 Nicollet Ave. ST. PAUL, 7th & Robert Sts. CLOTHING HOUSE CO.

We are pre-eminently equipped to accommodate the Christmas Shopping Crowds—Trading here is made a pleasure—Our rule guarantees absolute satisfaction—Remember, we cheerfully refund money or exchange goods before or after Christmas.

We present the greatest Clothing Opportunities of America

Prompt action now rewards the knowing ones—Positively the only sale of Highest grade Gentlemen's Suits and Overcoats in the Twin Cities—1750 Men's Suits—1500 Men's Overcoats—900 Men's Ulsters—Almost 1/2 less than they are worth—The best money's worth we have ever given you.

The Suits Are Worsteds, Chevots, Vicunas, Scotch Mixtures, Stripes, Clay Worsteds, Cassimeres, Serges, in single-breasted sack, double-breasted sack, walking sack, three-button cutaways and Prince Alberts, in blacks, blues, grays and browns, checks, stripes and mixtures.

The Overcoats Are Shetland, Chinchilla, Fur Beaver, Smooth Beaver, Frieze, Rough Oxford, Rough New Brown Shades, Kerseys, Meltons, Tans and Grays, Covert Overcoatings, in fancy backs, in silk lined, in woolen lined, in Italian lined, in box coats, in all shapes and styles, lengths and widths.

The Ulsters Are extra heavy Frieze, extra heavy Chinchilla, extra heavy Vicunas, extra heavy Chevots, extra heavy Kerseys, extra heavy Beavers and extra heavy Meltons.

Worth \$25, Worth \$24, Worth \$22.50, Worth \$20, None worth under \$18, bunched in one grand total choice at.....

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500 Reversible Golf Cloth Coats as are shown elsewhere at \$8.50. Monday while they last..... \$5.95

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The Storm King, German Chinchilla Reefers, sizes 5 to 16, either bound or stitched edges, shawl collar, muff pockets, plaid worsted lining; silky mercerized sleeve lining; the best high grade reifer in the market. Priced other places at \$7.50. On sale here for..... \$4.90

Christmas Suits—sizes 5 to 15, most beautiful Scotch mixture, extra weights; strictly all wool garments in light or dark effects, solid colors or mixtures; they are worth up to \$5; and you will acknowledge them to be the best value you have ever seen in your life..... \$2.00

Boys' Leggins for 80c—Best you ever saw—leather spat stays in any kind of weather—extra high—three buckles—eight buttons—cavalry shade—felt lined—impervious to water or snow—sizes 10 to 15 years..... 80c

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Special Young Men's Suit Sale—Suits with single or double-breasted vests; they are in black and white checks, brown plaids or fancy stripes; they are fully worth \$10.00. Our great Christmas Suit Sale we offer them..... \$5.95

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If you desire we will box each one separately.

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150 dozen German Half Hose—High fashioned—strikingly handsome, elegant quality, soft and warm, ought to bring 39c. On sale Monday for..... 19c

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OUTLOOK FOR MONEY

NEW YORK FINANCIER THINKS IT FAR MORE FAVORABLE THAN HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED

DOES NOT APPLY TO LOANS

General Condition of Banks is What is Considered in the Financier's Summing Up of the Situation—Flow of Money to New York Expected to Grow Greater—Will Not, However, Be Record-Breaking.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The Financier says: "The associated banks of New York gained in reserve last week, despite the fact that they lost in cash nearly \$1,000,000. This was made possible through a reduction in reserve requirements of \$3,126,845, due to a shrinkage of \$4,835,400 in deposits. The extensive liquidation which characterized the week's operations is not reflected fully in the statement, but the contraction of \$5,051,400 in loans shows the forces that were at work in the stock market.

"The interesting portion of the statement lies in the cash changes. The banks lost \$2,738,300 in specie, but made a gain of \$1,788,500 in legals, the net decrease approximating \$970,000. The specie loss can be traced directly to operations with the subtreasury.

"Government receipts at this point in the last six days having been about \$4,000,000 in excess of disbursements, the gain in legals plainly reflects a resumption of interior funds to New York, an event that has been foreshadowed by the rising domestic exchange rate at several important interior cities. The extent of this return flow of money it not shown in the current figures, but that it will be continuous seems very probable.

"The statement makes no account of the \$2,500,000 gold exported Saturday, but, on the other hand, the gain of a consid-



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WOES OF SHOPPING MAN.

Tried Distinguished Consideration on Salsgriss to Gain Respect.

New Orleans 'Times-Democrat.

"I don't know of anything more exasperating than an inattentive clerk," said a mild-mannered little man on the street.

"But unless you have a certain aplomb, a way about you, so to speak, you might as well endure the cross in silence. Now, I have a friend," he continued, "who possesses just such a gift, and, needless to say, he is never neglected. I went into a store with him the other day and the young woman at the counter where we stopped continued conversing calmly with another young woman in the next department. 'My dear madam,' said my friend blandly, 'I trust you will pardon me for intruding upon that important discussion, but if you—'

"What do you wish?" said the clerk, looking startled. "Do not be angry," my friend replied, "I know, of course, that the occasional interruption of customers must be annoying, and no doubt—"

"By that time the poor girl was in a nervous flutter and I really felt sorry for her. When we went out I expressed surprise at the ease with which her attention had been secured, and my friend laughed.

"There will be no repetition of last winter's enormous influx, which ran the idle money in New York to very high figures, despite a record-breaking expansion in deposit liabilities, but even moderate receipts will assist in making the situation more comfortable."

Pope's Small Suite.

Out of the Vatican's 11,000 rooms Pope Leo has reserved only three—a small sitting room, a little dining room and a bedroom.

'O, it's no trick at all,' he said. 'All you have to do is to keep cool yourself.'

"Next day I was fool enough to try the system myself, after I had camped beside a counter for ten minutes waiting for a large and haughty lady to conclude a conversation. 'My dear madam—' I began, trying to imitate my friend's sang froid. 'Sir!' exclaimed the saleslady, wheeling on me suddenly and freezing my blood with a ferocious glare. 'My dear,' I stammered, 'my dear—' Really, I could go no further. My tongue stuck to the roof of my mouth, and I could feel the sweat breaking out on my forehead. I know I must have looked the picture of helpless imbecility. 'What do you mean by calling me your dear and things like that?' demanded the enraged amazon. 'What earthly reply could I make? I did the only thing possible—I got up and sneaked out, expecting every minute to feel a policeman grab me by the collar. 'So, as I said before, unless you have the way about you you might as well put up with these little annoyances. The faculty of blandly bluffing one's fellow beings is something that can't be acquired.