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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

TO THE REPUBLICAN ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN:—The State Convention of the Republicans of Michigan is hereby called to meet at the Light Guard Armory, Detroit, Michigan, on Thursday, May 3rd, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of nominating Fourteen Electors of president and Vice-President of the United States, and electing four Delegates at large and four alternate Delegates at large to the Republican nominating convention to be held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 19th, 1900. Each Congressional District will elect two delegates and two alternates to the Republican National Convention to be confirmed by the State Convention. Also to select a Chairman of the State Committee and two members thereof from each Congressional District, and the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before it.

Iron County is entitled to two delegates.

SHERMAN D. DABOLL,
Chairman.

HARVEY A. SHERMAN,
Secretary.

St. Johns, Michigan, March 12, 1900.

SOME of the newspapers and newspaper correspondents of the upper peninsula are, seemingly, very anxious to see a rupture 'twixt labor and capital in this region. Don't intimate the possibility of such a thing, gentlemen, it would be a calamity in every sense of the word, and the individual who encourages a strike at this time, or "when shipping begins," is the enemy of the workingman.—Norway Current.

It is reported that Pingree is to oppose McMillan as a candidate for U. S. Senator. No better good fortune could befall Mr. McMillan than that of having Pingree oppose him. A short time ago Mr. P. gave out the statement that in case D. M. Ferry was nominated for Governor he would buck him on an independent ticket and immediately Ferry began to show strength until today he is forging to the front and stands the best chance of getting the nomination.

THE proposition that came up before congress after the president had sent in his message recommending free trade was whether the government would by legislation aid syndicates to enrich themselves at the expense of the native of Puerto Rico. These syndicates had bought up the products of Puerto Rico and put them in store-houses in expectation that this government would admit them free of duty. There were public improvements made and money was needed to pay for them. The Puerto Ricans had already sold their products to syndicate speculators, leaving nothing but their homes to be taxed.

THE greatest effect of the hue and cry that is being made by a few Republicans against the policy which the leaders are



pursuing at Washington is to furnish the opposition with a little campaign thunder. Perhaps that is not a bad move, for the Democrats were so effectually at sea as to what to fight on in the coming campaign that the few straws thrown out by the hair-splitters have been eagerly grasped at, and it might as well be that as something else. It's amusing to hear these fellows tell how the Republican party is going to the dogs, departing from the ways of its originators, and a lot of such rot. It is very curious if the Republican party, which has done so much in the past, has solved all the knotty and intricate questions that have arisen in the country's history, has run amuck this time. The theorists are having their innings. As usual they "see things" and are painting their visions with effect, but soon the practical man in the Republican party will assert himself as ever and our hair-splitters will then find their occupation gone and their only remuneration for all their efforts some cheap political capital ready made for the Democrats.

ONE of the conditions upon which the tax cases were settled last Monday was that, in the future, the monies raised are to be paid out for legitimate purposes. This compact was entered into between the county officials and M. J. Sherwood and that it will be kept, and kept to the letter, there is not the least doubt. Immediately following the coming election Mr. Sherwood will notify every supervisor in the county that if remuneration for services as supervisor are taken at a rate to exceed \$350. per year he will cause their arrest and the prosecuting attorney has given his word that he will prosecute any person against whom Mr. Sherwood brings a case. In other words, in place of fighting taxes in the future Mr. Sherwood proposes to fight those who misappropriate the funds and cause excessive taxes. It is a move in the right direction and in it Mr. Sherwood will have the sympathy and support of the people whereas under old conditions he had only their enmity. This is the line of procedure that the Taxpayers' Association should have taken a long time ago. There is no excuse for the crippling of our schools and municipalities by a nonpayment of taxes because some of the officials take more money than the law allows. The way to stop it is to fight the individuals, not punish the whole people.

The amount stated is good pay for a supervisor and is more than the statute allows but Mr. Sherwood is not careful to stint a man to the least possible amount. He is willing to allow twice the natural amount but no further. We also have Mr. Sherwood's word that the school taxes which he refused to pay this year will be paid providing some little concessions are made in the line of equalization. Let's turn in and give Mr. S. a helping hand. THE DIAMOND DRILL joins heartily in the movement and offers the use of its columns to Mr. Sherwood or to any other person concerned in the movement, providing of course, that no personal spite or no grievance of any kind is back

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of the communication. To show that we practice what we preach the writer who, happens to be acting as supervisor of Crystal Falls township, proposes to start the ball rolling, by claiming only the amount Mr. Sherwood suggests. And, while we are on this matter, it may be well to pass the proposition up to the city officials. The only serious objection any one could raise to the administration last year was the exorbitant salary paid one of the officials. Take away these illegitimate plumbs and we'll have less squabbles and ill feeling around election time.

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