

# Democratic Watchman

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## Democratic State Ticket.

FOR CONGRESSMEN-AT-LARGE.

JOHN M. BRADEN,

Washington county.

BENJAMIN C. POTTS,

Delaware county.

FOR ELECTORS-AT-LARGE.

WILLIAM M. SINGERLY,

Philadelphia.

JAMES DENTON, HANCOCK,

Venango.

A. H. COFFROTH,

Somerset.

GEORGE W. GUTHRIE,

Pittsburg.

FOR DISTRICT ELECTORS.

Samuel Dickson, John M. Carroll,  
Albert M. Hicks, Chas. J. Kelly,  
John M. Campbell, J. P. Hoffer,  
James J. Ryan, Lucien Banks,  
John Hagen, A. J. Brady,  
John H. Hickson, George W. Rhine,  
John B. Storn, John C. Patton,  
Thos. A. Haak, William Wehe,  
Chas. F. Reninger, Judson J. Brooks,  
Thos. H. Schadt, John J. McFarland,  
Thos. F. Phillips, C. H. Aikens,  
Charles F. King, Seymour S. Hackett,  
John K. Royal, Harry Alvin Hall,  
William Stahl.

## Democratic County Ticket.

FOR CONGRESS.

J. L. SPANGLER.

Subject to the decision of the district conference.

For Assembly—JAS. SCHOFIELD,

ROBERT M. FOSTER.

For Sheriff—W. M. CRONISTER.

For Treasurer—C. A. WEAVER.

For Recorder—J. C. HARPER.

For Register—GEO. W. RUMBERGER.

For Commissioners—P. H. MEYER,

DANIEL HECKMAN.

For Auditors—FRANK HESS,

B. F. KISTER.

For County Surveyor—J. H. WETZEL.

For Coroner—W. U. IRVIN.

## Their Political Balance Sheet.

The theory of the astute Republican politician on the result of Tuesday's convention will evolve nothing but a portentous condition and he is brought up, with an abrupt turn, to confront a series of unfortunate occurrences that are enough to make the ichor of the god of hope run cold. It is not enough that allopathic doses of harmony were smeared on chairman CRISMAN so lavishly that he had to have a barber scrape him off before he could get into his chair at all for the afternoon session, but a swallow, that bird of ill omen, floated grimly over the cadaverous looking assemblage just about the time the real work was to begin. The fact that CRISMAN at once divined the "horn swogging" process that was being worked on him, the bird, and JOHN HAMILTON's speech all combine to make a thorny cushion for the Republican reasoner who attempts to collect his wits for a serious contemplation of the ticket.

The first stumbling block is the Hon. HARRY CURTIS, whose sycophantic treachery to the State administration will, led him to vote for the MARSHALL coal-oil bill, the pernicious Woods water bill, against the miner's oil bill, for the outrageous judge's pension bill and for every treasury depleting scheme the gubernatorial messengers whispered in his willing ear. It was this gentleman from Curtis Works who gave the endorsement of the people of Centre county to the extravagance of refitting the executive mansion at a fabulous cost and it is this gentleman who must now answer to his constituency for his actions.

The Hon. little FILL-UP WOMELSDORFF, of Philipsburg, is another peg with which the deliberate thinker will hardly find himself capable of plugging the next hole in the climbing ladder. He it was who became odorous because the Governor snubbed him and the only prominence he enjoyed in Harrisburg was through a joke as the notorious objector. His "no" became so much of an anticipation at Harrisburg that it was unnecessary to call for his vote on any question, no matter how good, as it was always "no." In the Combine fight he was with QUAY and, of course, the Governor's friends will forgive this recalcitrant spirit and take him back into the fold along with the willy-willy CURTIS.

ABRAHAM MILLER, the man whom "DR. POTTER" declared to be dead, "doesn't prove a clarifier for the Republican soup pot. He has a great war record, but it is totally eclipsed by his propensity for public office and official pad. Ever since he came home from the war he has been sucking the public teat until he now believes, with JOHN HAMILTON, that the Republican party owes him a living. Possibly it does, but if such is the case it must deny its "favorite son" in this county the right to be incensed at a man who fought him. MILLER was bitter against HASTINGS and it was MILLER's friends who walloped HASTING's friends in the North ward on Saturday. What conclusion can be drawn from his nomination. Certainly not that that the Governor is the leader in Centre county. And if not the Governor, who?

AL DALE or VICTOR GRAY?

The Spring township bugaboo is enough to keep the reasoner from falling into a state of coma over his reflections. A district that gave less than a twelfth of the Republican vote in the county in 1894 practically getting the three best places on the ticket must surely make a horrible nightmare of Mr. MICHAEL MUSSER and the contingent from "the other side." HARRISON KLINE is a nice man but his free potato dodge will prove the same Nemesis as befell a would-be judge in this district a few years

ago. HARRISON doesn't possess any more qualifications than the law allows, but that matters little as "brother JOHN will be the treasurer, if he is elected." MATTHEW RIDDLE, the other product of the Spring township hive, will be very apt to be looking out for himself. Away up in those convolutions of grey matter he has stored away a memory of 1893 and the manner in which he was traded in Potter township in that year will prompt him to go in for RIDDLE, entirely unmindful of his quiet, Quaker running mate, who has never showed talent for anything except squeezing the juice out of apples and making vinegar the gall of which won't be a circumstance to the bitterness of his defeat in November. Tommy is said to have an original way of disposing of frozen apples, but such a trifling thing as that won't do for campaign argument.

J. E. RICARD, of Rush township, has not been identified, but his triumph over a large and influential family like the Stuarts will give the political obituary writer of his party a chance to tell the people who he is after November.

The rest of the ticket is made up of what a prominent Republican dubbed "nonentities." It would require a long time to tell the people who they are and why they are on but they had to have places, even if such men as Capt. Geo. BOAL had to be set aside.

Republicanism is unique in the field it occupies in Centre county. It does funny things, but then who dares gainsay its right to do just as it pleases.

## The Checky Tariff Plank.

The tariff plank in the St. Louis platform means not only the old protection platitudes, but also the old protection humbugs. It is full of the fallacies, falsehoods and sophistries of MCKINLEYISM, all of which have been exposed by the actual experience of the American people, and it suggests the MCKINLEY brutality of taxing the many for the benefit of the few, against which the American people rebelled in 1892.

It seems almost incredible that the MCKINLEY managers should presume so much upon popular gullibility as is indicated by their assertions concerning their protective system. They evidently believe they are addressing a set of idiots when they persist in claiming that the tariff tax is not paid by the American people, but by foreign importers. This is the impression they intend to make when they say in their platform: "Protection taxes foreign products and encourages home industry; it puts the burden of revenue on foreign goods." The shopping women knew better than this when they rebelled against the increased prices of goods caused by the MCKINLEY duties.

The tariff plank of the platform goes on to enumerate the customary excuses for tariff spoliation, including, among other claims, that "it upholds the American standard of wages for the American workmen." How it upheld the standard of wages was illustrated in the two years under the MCKINLEY tariff, between 1890 and 1892, when workmen were engaged in a continual fight against their wages being reduced by employers who were reaping the benefits of MCKINLEY protection. If the shopping women found out who paid the tariff duties by the drain on their pocket-books in consequence of the increased price of goods, the workmen of Homestead and other localities where strikes prevailed, discovered how the MCKINLEY tariff "upheld the standard of wages."

## A High Tariff Job.

The whole business of furnishing the Republican party with a presidential ticket has been managed by interests that propose to be benefited by tariff favoritism. The trusts, monopolies and other parties that expect to reap the profits of tariff robbery took the contract of nominating MCKINLEY and made a perfect success of the job.

They were thoroughly assured that they had the right man for their purpose in the individual whose name is associated with the recent monopoly tariff. They have been training him for the work they intend him to do, having had him on the road as a presidential candidate for the last three years, furnishing him with the means to push his campaign which was commenced while he was still Governor of Ohio. The ground having been thus prepared beforehand, MARK HANNA, a millionaire manufacturer of Cleveland, who owes his wealth to tariff favoritism, and won notoriety by the success with which he suppressed labor strikes, took hold of the boom and rushed it through with all the force that could be given it by the use of unlimited money. The nomination of MCKINLEY was a job that was taken hold of and put through the same as any other enterprise that had millions in it for its promoters, no other principle being involved in it but the dollars and cents which the class represented by MARK HANNA expects to make out of the restoration of a monopoly tariff.

In this case we have an illustration of the wretched and dangerous demoralization in public affairs produced by the system of so-called protection. It builds up money interests that coolly take charge of presidential nominations and exerts its power to place its own creatures in the chief executive office.

—It was a singular coincidence that NAPOLEON MCKINLEY should have been nominated for President by the Republicans on the anniversary of the battle of Waterloo. In a few days his WELLINGTON will be named at Chicago.

## Extraordinary Gall.

In its general tone the Republican national platform appears to be predicated upon the assumption that the American people are a set of idiots. Particularly does that part of it relating to the tariff and the revenue have the appearance of being an appeal to popular ignorance.

There could not be a bolder piece of lying than the attempted arraignment of the CLEVELAND administration by this mendacious document. In general terms it charges that administration with "incapacity, dishonesty, and disaster," and going into particulars accuses it of "ruthlessly sacrificing indispensable revenue, entailing an unceasing deficit, eking out ordinary current expenses with borrowed money, piling up the public debt by \$262,000,000 in time of peace, forcing an adverse balance of trade, keeping a perpetual menace hanging over the redemption fund," and other charges equally false and equally impudent.

These are nice charges, indeed, to be brought by the rascals who, when they were ousted from power four years ago, left the treasury in such a condition that this Democratic administration has had the greatest difficulty in warding off the effects of their vicious legislation and reckless mismanagement.

A nice set to talk about "sacrificing indispensable revenues and entailing an unceasing deficit," who passed a tariff bill under which, in two years' time, from 1890 to 1892, the revenues declined from \$229,000,000 to \$177,000,000, and who, during HARRISON's administration, wiped out a surplus of \$100,000,000 left over from a previous Democratic administration and reduced to a nullity an annual surplus of nearly the same amount.

This was the condition in which affairs were left when they were forced from power, with an actual deficit existing, which was prevented from appearing in the balancing of accounts by using \$50,000,000 of the bank redemption fund, and by other temporary expedients employed to prevent a loan before they got out of office, thereby shoving the deficit upon the incoming administration.

It was on account of the crippled condition of the treasury which they left, and the financial disorder caused by their currency legislation, that public loans were made necessary, and if this Democratic administration has piled up the public debt \$262,000,000, who does not know that the issuing of bonds to that amount was made necessary to protect the public credit, imperiled by the vicious character of a system of currency, established by the Republican party?

If there is "a perpetual menace hanging over the redemption fund" it has its source in a monetary system established by the Republicans which has extended the redeemable currency far beyond the capacity of the redemption fund. When to such a cause of embarrassment is added the outrageously extravagant outlays of a Republican Congress, which has exceeded by a hundred millions any previous effort of Republican extravagance, the impudence of the arraignment of the Democratic administration by the St. Louis platform strikes the intelligence of the public as the most extraordinary display of gall on record.

## Absence of the Bloody Shirt.

It is observable that the bloody-shirt does not make its appearance in the St. Louis platform, and there is an entire absence of sectional issues from that document. The only thing that approaches that kind of politics is the resolution that "we demand that every citizen of the United States shall be allowed to cast one free and unrestricted ballot, and that such ballot shall be counted and returned as such."

This is rather tame in comparison to the bloody sectional appeals that used to appear in Republican platforms, and its moderation may be ascribed to the fact that in consequence of the defeat of force bills by the Democrats the opportunity for sectional devilry, which at one time formed so large a part of Republican campaign ammunition, has been removed.

The doctrine that every American citizen shall have the right to cast his ballot, free and unrestricted, and that it should be counted and returned as cast, has always been sustained by the Democrats who every year are made to suffer from the practice of padding the list of voters, false personations at the polls, ballot-box stuffing and false election returns that are resorted to in such Republican cities as Philadelphia and Pittsburg.

## Suitably Matched.

The trust and syndicate influence that nominated MCKINLEY had to have a suitable running mate for him, and they got one who matched him exactly when they nominated HOBART for Vice President.

The New Jersey nominee for second place on the ticket has no claim, whatever, to be considered a statesman, but what answered the purpose better than any answersmanship was the fact that he was a corporation lawyer who has grown rich in serving the interest of trusts and tariff fed monopolies.

HOBART, in his professional capacity of corporation lawyer, is one of the "arbitrators" of the national railroad pool, a combination that carries on its operations in defiance of law, and whose officers would be in the penitentiary if the interstate commerce law was properly enforced.

What better recommendation could there be for a nominee on a presidential ticket that was made in the interest of monopoly and represents tariff robbery?

—ADDICKS gave Delaware to the Republicans once, but he will hardly do it again.

## Bringing Its Own Punishment.

Some ugly Republican chickens, hatched for a partisan purpose and intended to be detrimental to the Democratic party, are coming home to roost and are giving trouble to those who managed their incubation. We refer to the silver States which, without the qualifications for Statehood, have been dragged into the Union with no other excuse and for no other object than to increase the number of Republican Senators, Congressmen and presidential electors. They were deficient in the population constitutionally required to entitle territorial districts to admission into the Union as States, and at least one of them, Nevada, after twenty years to Statehood, has not enough inhabitants to constitutionally entitle it to a single Congressman.

The outrageous wrong of admitting such rotten borough States to serve the political needs of the Republican party, worked very nicely for that reckless and corrupt organization as long as they kept in the party line and their representatives in Congress and the electoral college were sure of carrying out the purpose for which those burlesque States were admitted; but the evil involved in such a wrong has come home to roost and those who hatched so unclean a bird will suffer for it. It was the Senators from these mining camp States that blocked the business of the Republican Congress during the recent session, arrogantly declaring that there should be no legislation unless it suited the interests of their localities, and it was their delegates that raised the banner of rebellion against the "goldbug" predominance at St. Louis and, in the interest of free silver, renounced their allegiance to the Republican party.

It was thus that a great wrong, committed in defiance of constitutional provisions in regard to the admission of new States, brings its own punishment; but if this punitive result shall help to diminish the power of a corrupt and dissolute party, it will not be an unmixed evil.

—The young Tyrore insurance agent who has lately enlisted in the regular army must imagine himself sufficiently trained at taking lives to make a good soldier.

—New York Democrats have declared for bimetalism, while Ohio, Indiana and Texas have all declared, unqualifiedly, for the white metal.

—The canard about the mad dog and cattle with rabies at Pottery Mills, which the WATCHMAN exposed last week, is doing serious injury to Mr. Alexander McCoy, a stock dealer at that place. The story having been circulated in eastern papers Mr. McCoy's market has refused his stock. In addition to this injury the Williamsport *Grit* made the false statement that he had been arrested for negligence.

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## Centre Hall.

Progress grange observed children's day in Grange park Saturday afternoon, and wound up by holding a festival in the evening, the proceeds of which go toward the grange hall fund.

Messrs. David K. Keller and George Krumbine are reading medicine with Dr. J. F. Alexander. These young men are of excellent character and possessed of qualifications suited for the professions.

The land owners in and about Centre Hall are taking advantage of the fence law more and more every year. All cattle that are turned out are herded, which greatly relieves the farmers of a much disliked pest.

The Republicans on this side the mountain are mad—more mad than a little—and say "Belleville did the business." It looks as though the Republican political sea was somewhat troubled, and the little waves of dissatisfaction bobbing up all along the line on this side the mountain are likely to develop into a mighty billow by the time it strikes the Republican wigwag on election day. Even our great and immaculate (?) Jim Coburn could not handle the boys.

The Democratic horizon is clear, everything is lovely. When the Republican convention's work was announced in Tuesday morning's *Patriot* the Democratic spirit was put to rest and all felt sure of the safety of the Democratic nominees. There are perhaps a half dozen voters who still persist in claiming that the nominee for treasurer should have been from this borough, and the election returns will show the facts, unless they conclude to change their minds.

The DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN is gaining deserved favor hereabouts. It is always reliable in its views; is the nearest printed paper in the county by fifty per cent, and is always sound in politics. A knot of Republicans, among whom was a Republican candidate, were heard to express the great need of a fearless and honorable Republican journal in the county seat. Well, well, well, but then Republican President Harrison was for the family first and then the party's good and why can't a common county editor take care of his own family connection.

W. W. BOOB, the wheel manufacturer, is not in the swim; in fact, the water is so shallow that inside of thirty days he may have to go with dirty face and hands. And how nice to boast of "clean hands" Boob's wheel factory is one of the largest and most prosperous concerns in the town and gives employment to a number of men at living wages, but he can't run his engine without water. Water manager Daniel F. Luse is quoted as saying that the head of the water company went up to the reservoir and turned the supply of water in the basin down the hill-side (probably to wash his hands) which of course had an undesired effect upon the supply for Boob's engine. Manufacturer Boob protested, and after a meeting of the fifty-per cent profit-directors he was notified that after thirty days he would have to spit on hot iron for his steam. The whistle will blow as cheerily as ever, however, after thirty days and the old wheel factory will still be making wheels.

## All Through Brush Valley.

"Paroni" Wolf, near Wolf's Store, had his leg broken last week.

Charles Meyer, of Philadelphia, is visiting his Brush-valley friends.

Children's day services under the direction of superintendent William Linbert in the Reformed church, last Sunday were most successful.

Prof. Harrison, of Belleville, who is working for a book concern during school vacation, was in Rebersburg, Monday, interviewing the directors.

Miss Goult, of Nashville, Tenn., the seat of Vanderbilt University, is visiting Mrs. Flora Burd, of Rebersburg. She is an accomplished woman with the proverbial pleasant manners of the South.

The directors have selected the following teachers for our schools. Hosterman, grammar; Calvin Morris, intermediate; and Henry Detwiler, primary. J. N. Moyer, Harter's, Harry Yearick, east end; and Mr. Limbert, Wolf's Store.

Hon. Willis Bierly, who is visiting his old home a little north of Rebersburg, it is said will shortly give an address on the silver question. His acquaintances would very much like to hear his views for he is a man who knows what he is talking about.

The Rebersburg grange will shortly hold several public meetings and in five or six weeks a "granger's picnic." Our farmers are beginning to realize the benefit of this great organization and at every meeting papers are read and questions discussed that open the eyes of the hearers and broadens the views of the listeners.

Rev. William Scholl, who has been attending Dickinson seminary, at Williamsport, came home last Tuesday evening. He will shortly start out to deliver a series of lectures on "The Genesis and Exodus of our Nations' Perils," at Williamsport, Renovo, Lock Haven, etc. Although Mr. Scholl is still a student he has so far been a successful, self-made man.

Last Thursday evening, with most impressive ceremonies Rev. Moses N. George was installed pastor of Sugar and Brushvalley Reformed churches. The service took place in the Rebersburg church and was conducted by Rev. Eisenberg assisted by the Reverends Dotterer, Brown, and Black. Rev. George, who finished his theological course at Franklin and Marshall college, is somewhat different from his predecessor in as much as he is just beginning his ministerial career and so far has given us no long old fashioned sleep inducing sermons.

County superintendent Gramley held the annual teachers examination in Rebersburg Monday. Messrs C. Cares, E. J. Wolf, Harry F. Yearick, A. P. Weaver, J. N. Moyer, Thomas Sutterbeck and Hoffer Dale all secured their much desired certificates. The examination questions were fair and reasonable and Prof. Gramley is right in insisting on a thorough knowledge of current events for no man or woman is fitted to teach who insists "that Shakespeare, the man who wrote a play, is living in America." That Patison is still governor of Pa. or that "Harrison and Blaine were opposing candidates for President the same year." Some of our would be teachers need to get a move on.

## Spring Mills.

Our school closed on Friday last after a session of ten weeks.

Commercial agents passing through our village, report business sluggish, orders very few and light.

We had a very severe storm here on Sunday last, accompanied with vivid lightning and terrific peals of thunder. The lightning struck in several places, but no special damage was done in our neighborhood. It rained in torrents for about an hour.

This morning, quite a fair number of the faithful left our station for Belleville to be present at the Republican convention. Some are very anxious to see the nominees, because that is about the last they will see of their position. No one thinks of electing them, so they want to see how they look when dressed up with a little brief authority, and able to say "I am Sir Oracle and when I open my mouth let no dog bark." This evening disappointments will be as plenty as mullein stalks.

The Republican primaries here and at Aronsburg, on Saturday last, assumed for a time quite warlike proportions. In our village the squabble was about the organization and everything else. In the first place C. P. Long, candidate for the nomination for treasurer, asked the privilege of selecting his own delegates. This request was accorded him by a vote of 23 to 3. But the warlike minority, not unlike the three tailors of Tooley street, London, who headed their remonstrance with "We the people of England," they in the name of all the voters of Gregg township bitterly opposed it, pronounced the movement all wrong, contrary to law etc. Although they professed great friendship for Mr. Long (which few believed) yet they insisted and demanded that the delegates should be instructed, but according to the vote no one else did. Baffled, they then made an attack on the legality of the organization and threatened all sorts of direful things, but in this case they were likewise defeated. Floored and upset on every point they then made out a protest to forward to Belleville, and again imitating the three tailors, commencing their protest with "We the people of Gregg township, etc., etc."

But after the imposing delegation of two, possibly appointed by the remaining one, reached Belleville with the formidable protest, the matter was amicably settled by some kind of a compromise. But what became of the written protest is left to conjecture, some say it was immediately thrown out of the window for fear of spontaneous combustion, at all events peace and good will now reign again in the great Republican camp. At Aronsburg, the rumpus was of a similar character, but whether it has been patched up or not, I am not prepared to say. In this squabble a prominent gentleman, of doubt with his usual skillful management, the threatening storm, if any exists, will be averted and a love feast follow. McKinley under this way is rather of a negative character. The Republicans here, can hardly understand his position on finance—neither can anybody else for that matter. They know him to be a silver bug, and why he is placed on a gold platform is the puzzle. Possibly his letter of acceptance may enlighten them and possibly not. Mr. Hanna's candidate has been dumb as an oyster for months on the money question and is likely to continue so.

## Pine Grove Mention.

J. B. Krebs closed a most successful term of school, last Saturday, and now young America is having a rollicking time.

Ira Hess and his chum came down from Altoona, last Saturday, on their bykes making the trip in four hours. The crushed stones lately added to our roads is not helpful to wheeling.

The late showers have caused our farmer friends to wear a broad smile with hopes of good oats and corn crop. Many corn fields, however, have a sickly appearance on account of the worms.

Rev. Aikens is hustling over his pastoral field preparatory to his summer vacation which he will spend in Hanover. While away he will attend the national convention of the Christian Endeavor society at Washington D. C.

D. G. Meek and wife, slow as usual, failed to make connection with the train and consequently did not get to attend the great christian rally at Hecla. However, they had a good time at the College where they spent the day.

Last Saturday farmer C. M. Dale passed through here en route for Altoona, accompanied by his little boy Henry to pay a visit to his sister, Mrs. Harry McGirk and family, who reside at Juniata where Mr. McGirk has steady employment.

A number of the horses in this community have died recently of various causes. A. M. Brown lost a valuable one last week. John T. Markle had one to die for him. John Behers and Messrs Brown and Kelly are all mourning the loss of valuable horses.

Carriage maker Chas Smith is, this week, entertaining his sister from Philadelphia, who is delighted with old Centres broad and fertile acres as well as the mountain scenery. Before returning to her city home she will visit in the Broad Top region for some weeks.

Mine host J. A. Decker not only entertains the traveling public royally but serves the general public to the choicest steaks, roasts, and chops from his butcher wagon, which he has lately started. In his shop he has an excellent refrigerator to keep his meat in good condition.

Miss Clara Ward, who has been presiding over her brother J. Herbert's home for some years, is happily spending a few weeks at her old home on Main street, where the Ward family have been having a continuous union ever since the return of their big brother from Kansas.

Our school board officers recently elected are C. B. Hess, president, Jacob Harpster, secretary, and J. G. Fortney, treasurer. They were all interested enough in the recent teachers examination to attend and were rather surprised that nearly half of the applicants failed.

We are exceedingly sorry to note the illness of one of our former towns women, Miss Alma Zimmerman, who has been suffering with iritis for some months. She is going this week to the Wills eye hospital in Philadelphia, where it is hoped something can be done to spare her sight.

Mr. A. E. Schull, of Williamsport, is this week making his summer visit to his patrons exchanging goods for wool. Mr. S. has built up a large business in Lycoming, Union, Huntingdon, Mifflin and Centre counties. As he handles the best of goods he has the confidence and esteem of everyone who transacts business with him.

With the beginning of the hot summer season the famous old camping ground a few miles east of this place, is again a favorite rendezvous with campers, who have to visit our town occasionally for provision and necessities. These gypsies enjoy all the luxuries of the land without telling fortunes peddling baskets or trading horses.

Mr. Elmer Bowersox, a student at State College, passed a favorable examination last week and was admitted to the regular army as a bugler. On last Thursday he said good-bys to his friends here and started for San Antonio, Texas, where he will be mustered in for three years. Elmer is every inch a soldier and we hope to see him return with a captain's commission.

Last Thursday afternoon, Ed. D. Tyson and his best girl Miss Anna M. Ewing, of State College, drove over to have Rev. C. T. Aikens perform the marriage ceremony after which the young lovers took their departure with the pastor's and his wife's best wishes. Ed is one of our sturdy farm boys and can well support the charming young wife he was fortunate enough to get. We wish the young couple all possible happiness.

Tax-collector Port is not a complete wreck; but came very near being so. Last Monday afternoon while making his rounds behind his spirited horse it suddenly turned off the bridge landing in the stream below head foremost. The Fortney family ran at once to assist and were finally able to get the horse untangled. With the exception of a few scratches the beast was not hurt but the buggy was pretty badly broken and Port was certainly frightened.

Last Sunday morning the Lutheran church here was filled to overflowing with an audience anxious to enjoy Children's day. Rev. Aikens as usual had it done up brown. Everyone who took part deserves special mention. The church was elaborately decorated, the music was excellent and the entire program interesting. The day was a busy one for the pastor for he had charge of the children's exercises at Baileyville in the absence of Rev. Ermentrout, and in the evening he presided at Children's day exercises at Gatesburg, which although last were by no means the least of the day.

Last Saturday evening brought a full turnout of our Republican friends. The lieutenant were on the ground early. Mr. Harmon was on deck looking after his chances; but the old office hunter Ab Miller carried off the instructions as did Curtin and Womelsdorf. For treasurer the vote was so evenly divided between Burket, Bricker and Stover that no one received instructions. Boal received 3 votes and C. P. Long one. Harry Stewart was not forgotten while candidate Fisher, of Unionville, led our home candidate by several votes. In this we were disappointed and from what we heard many of our friends—the enemy—believe the silver men have rights as well as the Eastern bankers and brokers.