

**STATE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.**  
 For Congress-at-Large.  
**JAMES DENTON HANCOCK,**  
 of Venango County.

The report going the rounds of the newspapers to the effect that State Superintendent Schaeffer is in favor of compulsory education proves to be incorrect. In an interview recently he said: "There is no use to talk about compulsory education in the cities until an exact school census is taken and we find out just where we stand. I shall probably ask the next Legislature to provide the way for such a census to be secured. I am inclined to favor a plan similar to the one in vogue in Massachusetts, which allows the School Directors to provide conveyances to take the children of sparsely settled regions to school."

F. V. Rockafellow, the Wilkes-Barre banker, who was convicted of embezzlement, was sentenced last week to pay a fine of \$1250 and undergo imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary for a term of two years and two months. Judge Lynch in imposed sentence, said that he had due consideration for the age of the prisoner, he being past 70 years, and had made the sentence as light as possible. After the sentence was pronounced Rockafellow sat with bowed head, and wept bitterly; he was then taken to the jail and placed in a cell. Later a dispatch came from the Supreme court in Philadelphia granting the special allocution and admitting him to bail in the sum of \$5,000. His attorney, John T. Lenahan, became his bondsman and he was released from jail. The bail holds good until April, when the Supreme Court will decide the petition for a new trial. Mr. Rockafellow spent much of his time in jail reading the papers. The peculiar part of the case is that Mr. Rockafellow never revealed what became of the \$400,000 of the depositor's money.

The Department of Public Instruction, at Harrisburg, will ask the next Legislature to increase the minimum school term, which is six months. Some years since the minimum term was five months. The Department thinks that the time has come to make it seven months. The fact that twelve other states surpass our own in this respect would seem to be a good reason for making the increase. The generous appropriations for school purposes show a determination on the part of the old "Keystone State" to keep her place among the leaders in educational matters, as well as in the development of her wonderful material resources. Indeed, without the former the latter must flag. It has come to be accepted as an axiom that the greatness of a nation is based up on a virtuous and enlightened people. The states surpassing Pennsylvania in the length of school term and the number of days in the respective terms, are as follows: New Jersey, 190 days; Rhode Island, 188 days; Maryland, 184 days; New York, 185 days; Connecticut, 182.3 days; Massachusetts, 171 days; Delaware, 180 days; Ohio, 165.5 days; California, 159 days; Wisconsin, 158.6 days; Michigan, 156 days; Iowa, 158 days.

**Amended Ballot Law.**  
 The attention of voters in Columbia county is called to the change that has been made in the ballot law in reference to the manner of filing nomination papers. Last year the nomination papers for candidates for township and borough officers and election officers and school directors, were required to be filed with the township or borough auditors, whose duty it was to have the tickets printed and delivered to the election officers. Now the County Commissioners are required to have all tickets printed, and are held responsible for the safe delivery of the same to the election officers, either on Saturday or Monday before the day of election. Section 5, of the amended ballot law reads as follows: "Certificates of nomination and nomination papers for candidates for township and borough officers, and election officers and school directors in the same, shall be filed with the County Commissioners at least eighteen and fifteen days respectively before the day of election."

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**WASHINGTON LETTER.**  
 (From our Regular Correspondent)  
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 22, 1894

Chairman Wilson has surprised some people by his adroitness—he has displayed in piloting his tariff bill through the amendment rocks. He has run aground but once—when the House voted down an amendment endorsed by the Ways and Means committee, proposing to postpone until next fall the time for the free wool clause of the bill to take effect and adopted one making that clause go in to effect upon the passage of the bill. This week the hardest fighting will be done. An attempt will be made to drop the sugar bounty, substituting a tax on sugar; also to drop the bounty, leaving sugar free. Attempts will also be made to put iron and coal on the dutiable list, and to make the income tax an amendment to the tariff bill. All of these changes are opposed by the Ways and Means committee, and chairman Wilson is confident that none of them will be made, although several of his colleagues on the committee are in doubt as to the sugar clause and the income tax amendment. It is understood that the republican vote will be cast solidly for the income tax amendment, not because they favor it, but because they believe its adoption will weaken the entire bill in the Senate. The republicans in the House are not voting on their convictions just now, but to develop democratic dissension.

Senator Morgan gave ex-Minister Stevens, who at last found time between his alleged bad health and his lecture engagements to appear before the Senate committee on Foreign Relations and give his testimony, a most rigid cross examination concerning his conduct while U. S. Minister to Hawaii, and brought out the acknowledgment that Mr. Stevens was from the first a rabid annexationist, and that he wrote those much talked about letters to Mr. Blaine, asking instructions in case of the overthrow of the queen, with the full expectation that such an event would take place during his term of office, just as Mr. Blount's report charged him with having done. Under ordinary circumstances the impudent and insulting letters written by President Dole of the provisional government to Minister Willis would arouse great public indignation, but what could be expected when publications in prominent United States papers are considered.

Any sort of misrepresentation seems to go down with the anti-administration papers. For instance, Mr. Hastings, who was in charge of the Hawaiian legation here during Minister Thurston's absence, was not invited to the State dinner given by President and Mrs. Cleveland in the diplomatic corps, and straightway the anti-administration was unfriendly to the present Hawaiian government. An inquiry at the State Department, through which these invitations are always sent, would have shown the concoctors of these stories that Hastings did not fill an official position which entitled him to an invitation, but sensations, not facts, are what these papers want.

That Mrs. Cleveland has not lost any of her immense popularity with the people was shown by the large attendance at her first public reception, held at the White House Saturday afternoon. There were more people who desired to pay their respects to her than attended the crushes at the public receptions held by her when she was a bride, and she received them just as graciously as she did when the whole tiresome business was an enjoyable novelty to her.

A member of the cabinet who was asked what he thought of the adverse criticism publicly made by democrats in Congress of the proposed bond issue, said: "I grant the right of free speech which I demand for myself for every man, but I must say that these criticisms would have come with better grace had the men who indulge in them shown any real disposition to prevent the issue of bonds in the only practical manner—by providing the money that they knew as well as Secretary Carlisle did the Treasury must have if it would escape defaulting in the payment of its obligations, in some other way. The administration did not wish to issue bonds, and only decided to do so when it became apparent that Congress would not afford immediate relief, and after becoming fully satisfied of its legal right to do so under the law of 1875." It is not believed here that either of the several resolutions that have been introduced in the Senate concerning this issue of bonds will be passed, or that the passage of either of them or of Representative Bailey's resolution by the House would affect the matter in either way. The offers for the \$50,000,000 bonds to be issued have gone away up in the hundreds of millions, and the premiums offered will make the interest equivalent to 2 1/2 per cent. or lower.

Much regret is felt in the Senate at Senator Walthall's resignation, and the hope is expressed on all sides that his health will improve sufficiently for him to resume his seat at the beginning of the next term, to which he has already been elected.

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**The Man from Owonta.**  
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The wily confidence man was again at work in this city, and his latest victim is J. C. Culp, the Market street stove and tin merchant. On Friday morning a stranger called at his store to purchase some household goods. He said his name was Thomas Smith and that his home was in Owonta, N. Y. He was about fifty years old and wore a grand Army button. He told Mr. Culp that he was stopping at the Central Hotel and that he was going to work for the Pennsylvania company here. He expected to move his family here and wanted to rent a house. After a minute's inspection of Culp's stock he bought a range, a second hand heater and some cooking utensils. The bill amounted to \$51. Then he and Mr. Culp went out to hunt a house. They met Jacob Bartholomew on the street and he rented to the genial Mr. Smith a house on Eighth street in East Sunbury. The three men went out to look at the house and everything in regard to it was satisfactorily arranged. No lease was signed. Culp and Smith returned to the store and Smith presented a check, drawn on the Owonta bank in his favor, for \$92 as payment of his bill. Culp said that he could not cash the check. Culp endorsed the check and Smith got it cashed at the Sunbury Trust and Safe Deposit bank. He returned to the store and paid Culp his \$51. Smith sat around the store until noon, when he left and Culp hasn't seen him since. He said that he had been employed by the Delaware & Hudson company at Owonta. Culp took the stoves and utensils out to the rented house and they are there yet. There are two banks at Owonta and the check has not yet been returned. The statement of Smith in regard to getting a position on the Pennsylvania road was rather fishy, considering the number of suspensions Culp is of the opinion that the check is bogus, but says that Smith looked honest and acted honest. He did not stop at the Central Hotel while here. The police authorities at Williamsport and Harrisburg have been notified to arrest Mr. Smith.—Sunbury Democrat.

Towanda must use 120,000 porous plaster postage stamps before any of the smaller varieties will be sold. Postmaster Donahoe tells us that Dunshire has 5,000 to dispose of. These stamps have proved to be as big a nuisance as the department ever forced upon the public.—Sullivan Review

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