

MATTERS AT ALBANY.

A LIVELY WEEK AT THE EMPIRE STATE CAPITOL.

Lawyers, Politicians, Farmers, and Laboring Men Invade the Knickerbocker Town—Straws in the Political Wind—Death of a Popular Ex-Speaker.

Political and social matters have been very lively during the past week. The Legislature got down to work, and the meeting of the State Bar Association, the State Agricultural Society, the Federation of Labor and the Gov-



Vice-President Stevenson.

ernor's reception, together with the attendant visits of Vice-President Stevenson and Senator Hill, filled up the cup of local gossip and curiosity to the brim.

Perhaps the meeting of the State Bar Association attracted the most attention. The meeting was characterized by a scarcely concealed sentiment of rivalry to the New York City Bar Association, which has taken such vigorous action in our recent political history. Nothing, of course, of a political character appeared in the addresses or proceedings of the Association. Yet the knowledge of the recent rejection of William B. Hornblower as a candidate for United States Supreme Court Justice, owing to the opposition of Senator Hill, and the presence of the New York Senator, accompanied by Vice-President Stevenson as the chief cynosure of the occasion, were matters that did not escape the attention of the hundreds of experienced politicians that invaded the town. Senator Dolph, of Oregon, who delivered the principal address to the lawyers, was fairly overshadowed by the peculiar political atmosphere of the occasion.

Two thousand invitations had been issued for the Governor's reception, and more than half the number were present. They included the most prominent politicians in the State, although the representation of Republicans and Mugwumps was rather overshadowed by the preponderance of machine Democrats. It was very evident that four men were the chief figures of the occasion, and these men were the Vice-President, Governor Flower, Senator Hill and ex-Judge Maynard. All of these gentlemen were the recipients of ovations. The Republican members of the Legislature and State officers all accepted the Governor's hospitality. The newly elected Judge of the Court of Appeals, Edward T. Bartlett, was present, and smilingly witnessed the Democratic tribute to his defeated rival. Mr. Maynard appeared in fine



Hon. George Z. Erwin.

health, and showed no effects of his political overthrow. He has opened a law office here, and returned to the practice of his profession.

The opinion of politicians is uniform that the events of the week indicate the renomination of Governor Flower by the Democrats. The Governor is evidently resolved to test his popularity, and that he is popular with the State Democrats is beyond question. It would be utterly futile to attempt to defeat his renomination by his party if he desires to run again.

The legislative pot has only fairly begun to boil, and two of the interesting political subjects up are the Buffalo charter bill and the New York Police Commission bill. Both of these bills are the subject of some very shrewd wire-pulling.

There is general regret expressed here over the death of ex-Speaker George Z. Erwin. Both branches of the Legislature, of which he had been a popular member, adjourned out of respect for his memory. The ex-Speaker was a thoroughly manly man, and he was as much liked by Democrats as Republicans. He was a strong partisan, but naturally generous and fair-minded. He served six years in the Assembly and four years in the Senate. He was always cool and self-possessed, and made an admirable Speaker. He often jokingly called himself the "ugliest man in the State." His features were peculiarly rugged, but full of character and manly strength, and his manner was always full of quiet dignity and firmness. Had not his health failed he would have been a

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

A Democratic caucus was held in Town Hall Wednesday evening to nominate candidates for officers for the Town of Bloomsburg. The meeting was called to order at half past seven o'clock by James H. Mercer, who asked for some one to be named as chairman of the meeting. J. C. Rutter was made chairman and W. B. Allen secretary. The chairman stated that the first business was that of nominations for President of Council. A motion was made that no nomination be made, another motion made that Wm. Chrisman Esq. be named. After some discussions as to nominating a candidate—the chair put the motion and being unable to divide, determined to divide the house, and put the motion that all in favor of no nomination shall pass to the north side of the hall, when after being counted—all opposed to the motion passed to one side—a count showed the motion lost; and nominations were called. The names of Wm. Chrisman and Dr. T. C. Hart were placed in nomination—a vote was taken by having them again pass to one side of the hall and a count made—the result was the nomination of Wm. Chrisman Esq. Nominations were made for members of the Town Council, tellers appointed and a vote taken by ballot with the following result:

- Stephen Knorr.....101
- Clinton Sterling..... 79
- Isaac Yost..... 78
- Wm. Housel..... 47
- J. D. Jones..... 24
- Fred Schwinn..... 12

Knorr, Sterling and Yost were declared the nominees. John M. Clark was nominated by acclamation for Justice of the Peace. For School Director the following were placed in nomination. M. Ellenbogen and Louis Lowenberg appointed tellers. The result was:

- J. R. Townsend.....65
 - C. A. Kleim.....41
- Mr. Townsend was declared the nominee.

For Tax Collector the names of M. C. Woodward and J. K. Bittenbender were placed in nomination. Harry Rhodes and Wesley Knorr appointed tellers. The result of the vote was:

- M. C. Woodward.....59
- J. K. Bittenbender.....55

The convention then divided into four sections, each one representing a district of the Town, and the following nominations made:
 First District; Assessor for registration of voters, J. Q. Barkley; Judge of Election, W. E. Knorr; Inspector of Election, F. C. Eyer.
 Second District; Assessors for registration of voters, F. P. Baum; Judge of Election, John Welliver; Inspector of Election, Samuel Pugh.
 Third District; Assessor for registration of voters, Peter Billmeyer; Judge of Election, Eli Jones; Inspector of Election, Rush Zarr.
 Fourth District; Assessor for registration of voters, Peter Jones; Judge of Election, Isaiah Ohl; Inspector of Election, H. W. Gigger.

WILFRED CLARKE.

Mr. Wilfred Clarke does not believe that the public taste has degenerated to any great extent during the reign of so-called farce-comedy with its clownishness and horse-play, and his success during the past three seasons in presenting comedy of the purer type proves that he is right and that the public is always willing to pay for the privilege of enjoying such comedies when presented by capable actors. Mr. Clarke, himself, has become such a prominent figure in the theatrical world that he scarcely needs any mention in the connection, suffice to say, that as "Paul Roach," the nervous, irritable, and jealous young husband in "Tit for Tit," he finds ample room for the display of his remarkable talents. His company has been carefully selected and each member seems to be fully up to the requirements of high-class comedy. They will be seen at the Bloomsburg Opera House on Saturday, February 3.

On Monday Judge Ikeler appointed Frank Pursel and Frank Ikeler as appraisers in the matter of the assignment of I. W. McKelvy, who made a deed of assignment to A. Z. Schoch last week Thursday. When the appraisers have completed their work the store will be opened by the assignee, and the stock closed out.

Frank Ikeler severed his connection with the Farmers' National Bank on Thursday and A. H. Bloom is now the cashier of that institution. Mr. Ikeler has been a popular and obliging official and he made many friends. He will pursue his law studies, and will soon be admitted to the bar, where he will no doubt meet with success.

Young Biggars—No, I can't say that I believe in those Bible fables. In fact, I take higher ground.

Deacon Pottery—Yes? If history isn't wrong there were some fellows in Noah's time who thought that higher ground would answer all purposes, but they rather made a failure of it.

There was a great deal of wisdom in the old practice of giving emetics, such as ipecac. It did a great deal of good. It might not be very pleasant, but it was effective. Now, if you had a real, first-class case of malaria, I don't know that I could do better than to advise a trip to Europe; or, if you should not be able to go to Europe, then a little ocean trip, out of sight of land, and the swell of the waves. There's nothing like an unloading, and you would soon feel very much better. In all these ills you get your stomach overloaded, your digestion falls, and you retain your food in your system. After a good emetic or an ocean trip has done its work you will wonder how you got along with such a vinegar factory inside of you.—Interview with a Doctor.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

A republican caucus was held in Town Hall Tuesday evening. The meeting was called to order by J. C. Brown, who asked for nomination for a chairman; G. E. Wilbur was named and unanimously chosen. Fred Holmes was made secretary. The chairman said the first business of the meeting was the naming of a candidate for President of the Town Council. Isaiah Hagenbuch placed in nomination. W. O. Holmes and Jacob Stiner nominated F. P. Drinker, both were duly seconded; a ballot was called for and K. C. Ent and John Woods named as tellers, the result was, W. O. Holmes, 32; F. P. Drinker, 27, and G. C. Sloan, 1. Mr. Holmes was declared the nominee for President of the council.

The next was for the nomination of members of the Council, it was moved and seconded that three persons be named. The following were placed in nomination. S. C. Creasy, M. K. Appelman, Wm. Swentzel, J. E. Wilson, B. F. Hicks. The chairman appointed Wm. J. Shutt and Theodore Smith as tellers, and announced that each one should vote for three candidates. The result was as follows: S. C. Creasy 39, M. K. Appelman 27, Wm. Swentzel 35, J. E. Wilson 37, B. F. Hicks, 53.

For Justice of the Peace, J. C. Brown made a motion that they agreed upon the endorsement of John M. Clark Esq., the present incumbent, it was seconded whereupon, T. E. Geddis made a speech in opposition. Calls were then made to name some one for the place, but no name being mentioned the chair put Mr. Brown's motion, which showed so close a vote that he could not give a decision. Mr. Brown asked to withdraw his motion, and there being no objection it was withdrawn. Thos. E. Geddis was then named, who declined at once. After a little delay J. K. Edgar was placed in nomination.

For school director W. E. Rinker was nominated without any opposition. For tax collector there was quite a hesitancy as no one seemed to want it. Isaiah Hagenbuch was named, who quickly withdrew saying he did not care to hunt for a bondsman for \$40,000. The chairman passed to the next office, that of Triennial Assessor, and Chas. W. Runyon was named without opposition. The chair again returned to that of tax collector and L. D. Kase was made the nominee.

Each district being represented they took the four corners of the room and made nominations as follows: First District, Register of voters, K. C. Ent; Judge of Election, Theodore L. Smith; Inspector, Fred Holmes. Second District, Register of Voters, H. J. Hartman; Judge of Election, D. Bryffogle; Inspector, Chas. Hendershott. Third District, Register of Voters, B. W. Hagenbuch; Judge of Election, T. E. Geddis; Inspector, E. J. Gerringer. Fourth District, Register of Voters, J. E. Heacock; Judge of Election, W. C. Shaw; Inspector, W. J. Shutt.

Senator Herring's mail is prodigious nowadays, and it is astonishing how many people there are who want positions. He will take charge of the office on Saturday, and it is still undecided whether it will be located in Bloomsburg, Williamsport or Wilkes-Barre. It ought to come to Bloomsburg, and unless too much pressure is brought to bear, no doubt it will come here.

While loading cinder at Neal's cinder tip last Monday morning William Shaffer's horses became frightened, and started up, entangling him in the lines, and dragging him several feet, breaking two ribs and bruising him badly. Geo. Morris was with him, and he was nearly covered by a slide of cinder, but escaped with a few bruises.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmer's Produce Exchange was held on the 25th inst. when the following officers were elected: President, S. J. Conner; Treasurer, G. W. Correll; Secretary, G. W. Suplee; Managers, M. B. Patterson, Daniel Bryffogle; Auditors, A. W. Spear and Eva Rupert. The auditors report showed a gratifying increase in the business and profits for the past year.

The litigation between the Bloomsburg Belt Railroad and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western was terminated by an adjustment of their differences, in which the D. L. & W. is permitted to cross the Belt line tracks at Seventh street, and the Belt line will cross the tracks of the D. L. & W. at the School Furnishing Company's works. J. B. Robison Esq. is the master in the case and will file a decree to that effect.

STUCK IN THE MUD.

A FISH STORY THAT EDITOR RANDALL DOESN'T TELL.

Editor Randall of the *Catawissa News Item*, is fond of trout fishing and of relating fish stories connected therewith, but here is one which, singularly enough, he has thus far failed to tell. Last spring Editor Randall with a few congenial spirits, devotees to Isaac Walton's art, went over to the Lehigh river to camp and murder little trout and eat them. One day the editor with a companion left the river and followed a small stream into the mountains until they came upon an abandoned saw-mill and dam. The flat lands that had been covered by the waters of the dam were left marshy and wet in places when the waters had receded, forming muddy trenches covered with small grass. The editor's companion was ahead and finally stepped into one of these ditches and sank into the mud above his knees unperceived by the editor. Here was a chance to work the editor into the same predicament. The companion moved along the ditch, on the opposite side from the editor, nearer to the channel of the creek, where the ditch would naturally be deeper and wider, and began calling to the editor to hurry along back to the river as the fishing was poor in the creek. The editor, nothing loath, hastened to reel in his line, and wa'k, quite naturally, toward his companion, as said companion knew he would, until he came to the ditch and then into it he stepped and sank, floundered and sank some more until in his frantic efforts to get out, he got in up to his middle and stuck. The companion relates that such language as that editor used while in that ditch would not look well in print, much less would it be acceptable in a drawing room. But with all the bad language he was in the mud fast and sure. The companion was obliged to pull the editor out, but had the companion been at once transported to where the editor in his mad ravings consigned him, he would not have been there to assist. The editor has not yet done with berating the man who led him into the mud, but he never told that fish story.—*Wilkes-Barre Leader*.

The team belonging to Cameron's bottling establishment came running down Main street last Friday morning at 10 o'clock without a driver. They were in the middle of the street, but at the post office they turned to the pavement, and ran into an iron awning post, the end of the pole striking the post and tearing it out. The force of the collision was so great that it bent the post and stopped the team. P. A. Evans' horse and buggy was standing in front of J. G. Wells' store, and the wheels of the two wagons were interlocked, and if the team had not stopped much damage might have been done. As it was nothing was broken.

Notwithstanding the excitement in financial circles during the past week, the credit of the banks was in no manner impaired. It was feared that a run might be precipitated, and the banks were fully prepared for any such an emergency, but there was no occasion for it. Our financial institutions are as solid as a rock, and the idle rumors set afloat by thoughtless persons did not effect them to any noticeable extent.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., post office and will be sent to the dead letter office Feb. 13, 1894.
 Mrs. Jerome Bitler, Miss Mattie Painton.
 Persons calling for these letters will please say they were advertised Jan. 30, 1893. One cent will be charged on each letter advertised.
 A. B. CATHCART, P. M.

A large number of our subscribers paid up during last month, but there are still many who are in debt for subscription, and to those we must say that a settlement will be highly appreciated. Several thousand dollars are standing out, and every dollar helps.

G. Shuster and A. A. Hawk will have public sale of Illinois horses at Wright's Livery Stable, Berwick, Pa., on Tuesday of next week February 6th. Sale will commence at 1 o'clock sharp. They will sell twenty-three head of horses.

The County Commissioners are kept busy getting affairs fixed up for the new year. They expect to have the new bonds ready to issue in a few days, preparatory to going ahead with the contracts made by the old board of Commissioners.

BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

W. K. Armstrong of Williamsport, was visiting friends in town Monday.

F. L. Foust's family is among the sufferers with sickness. His children are afflicted with measles.

A. P. Young of Millville, was transacting business at the county seat Saturday.

S. A. Goodhue and John Flynn of Jamison City were in town on Wednesday.

Ex-commissioner C. L. Sands returned from his western trip on Wednesday night.

W. R. Hagenbuch, the popular salesman of Frimyer & Co., of Philadelphia, was in town on Thursday.

Rev. P. A. Hei'man will address the meeting at Y. M. C. A. Hall on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. S. Yohe of Mifflin township expects to move to Bloomsburg in the spring. Clark Miller has rented her farm.

Dr. D. H. Billmeyer and wife are expected home soon from Montana. They are at present in Fondulac, Wis.

Rev. Father Reilly of Danville, formerly pastor of the Roman Catholic church in Bloomsburg, was in town on Wednesday, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hagenbuch will celebrate their silver wedding on February 17th, at their home in Centre township.

Mr. John G. Harman second son of P. S. Harman, and Miss May, daughter of H. G. Sherwood were married in Elmira, New York, last week by Rev. Dr. McKnight.

Miss Stella Sickler of Tunkhannock, a daughter of the late Hon. Harvey J. Sickler, and a graduate of the Normal School, was married to Mr. Edwin J. Jordan on January 1st.

Dr. H. S. Hutchison, physician in charge of the Keeley Institute Scranton, Pa., was in town last week. He made a contract for advertisement, which appears in another column. Any information in reference to the Institute will be cheerfully given by addressing postal to Scranton, Pa.

Mr. J. H. Coleman who has filled the position of traveling salesman for L. T. Sharpless & Company very acceptably for the past six years, severed his connection with that firm the first of this month, and is now traveling for Mattson & Magee, wholesale grocers, of Philadelphia. He has an extensive acquaintance and commands a large trade.

Mrs. Stephen Dresher of Stillwater and her two daughters, Mrs. E. B. Beishline and Miss Josephine, were in town on Saturday last. Mrs. Dresher is a daughter of the late Esquire Rhone, and their farm is one of the finest in the up creek region. It is located about a half mile above the village of Stillwater, and is intersected by the B. & S. Railroad. We remember with pleasure the open hospitality of their home, when business called us there a few years ago.

THE NEW POSTMASTER.

The name of J. H. Mercer was sent to the Senate by the President on Tuesday last and he will no doubt be confirmed.

Go and hear Wilfred Clarke at the Opera House Saturday evening, February 3rd.

So long as our supply of almanacs lasts they will be presented to all our subscribers who pay a year's subscription. It was expected that the supply would be exhausted in January, but as there are still some left, they will be given to all those who pay in February.

The third anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held in the Opera House on Monday evening, February 5th. A pleasant program has been arranged, and the anniversary address will be delivered by Dr. Geo. E. Reed, President of Dickinson College, Carlisle.

Nomination certificates must be filed eighteen days before the election, and certificates by nomination papers fifteen days before the election. Candidates for borough or township offices should be careful to get their papers in time.

Now is the time to fix dates for spring sales. Bring your bills to this office, and you will receive a free notice in the paper, which alone is worth the price charged for the bills.