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THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1898.

The Democratic State Convention will be held in Altoona on June 29th. Among the names that have been mentioned as active candidates for Governor are Judge Gordon of Philadelphia and James M. Guffey of Pittsburgh. Judge Gordon was an aggressive participant in the campaign of 1896 as an opponent of Bryan and the Chicago platform, and it is not likely that he can bring the two wings of the party together. Guffey on the other hand could not get the support of the gold Democrats. The Altoona convention will act wisely if it shall nominate a man for Governor who can draw votes to the party instead of driving them over to the opposition.

Other names have been suggested, among them George A. Jenks, Senator Cochran, and Ex-Congressman Wolverton. If he could be induced to accept the nomination Mr. Wolverton would make a strong candidate. His great ability as a lawyer, his high reputation as a man of integrity and honor, and his not being offensively identified with either branch of the party, would give us a candidate upon whom all Democrats could unite, and if elected, would give Pennsylvania a Governor of whom she could well be proud. Factional fights have rent and divided the Democratic party in this state too long, and the large and growing republican majorities are owing more to this than to any other one thing. When we have chances for success, they are weakened or destroyed by the blunders forced upon the party by the factional leaders. If we can drop this sort of thing, and act wisely this year may be, and will be a Democratic year for the old Keystone.

The Republican party in this state is divided, and many republicans are awaiting the action of the Altoona Convention to see what the Democrats are going to do. If a strong platform on state issues shall be adopted, and candidates shall be nominated who can not only hold the silver Democrats, but recall the gold Democrats to their support, and at the same time furnish a ticket for vote, the chances for Democratic success this year will be bright.

It is good politics always to take such action as will draw men into the party. It may be some satisfaction to denounce those who have temporarily left us, and to threaten them with dire political punishment for having departed from our way of thinking, but it is bad politics. Men cannot be compelled to return to the fold, and renew their allegiance to the party by threats and denunciation, and when there has been division in the ranks there must be concession on both sides.

Many who did not endorse the Chicago platform in 1896 are now ready to return to the party this year and give it their hearty support on state issues. They claim that they are Democrats and always have been, though differing with the platform of 1896 on the money question.

If the prodigals desire to return, we ought at least to open the door and permit them to come in, though they can hardly expect the party to go to the length of killing a fatted calf for them. If they will now turn in and help us to success this year, it ought to count something in condonation for what they did in helping to defeat us in 1896. While we would not favor admitting gold Democrats to the councils and leadership of the party until their repentance shall prove to be true and lasting, we need their help now, and one of the matters of importance to be considered at Altoona is how best to get it. The hot-heads to whom vengeance is sweeter than success, should be turned down, and the counsel of clear-minded and even-tempered men of judgment should prevail.

The old saying that politics often makes bad friends was verified on Tuesday when two well known men became enraged as a result of a hot political argument. They went at each other in dead earnest but were gathered in by Chief of Police Wesley Knorr, and taken before President of Council Holmes, who fined them each \$3.60. "They'll never go there any more."

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, June 13, 1898.

At last, after all sorts of unexpected delays that army has got off to Cuba. It is said that some of the orders sent from Washington were hot enough to melt the wires. There was evidently occasion for the use of hot words, as the delay in getting the army started from Tampa prevented Santiago being captured when Admiral Sampson knocked the outer fortifications to pieces so completely that he was able to land a force of marines to spike the guns that his bombs had not made useless and to take possession of several positions, aided by insurgents. Gen. Miles did not go south a day too soon. His report of the condition of affairs at Tampa caused consternation in administration circles for awhile, but he was ordered to adopt heroic measures to straighten out matters and to hurry the army off, and he has at least got the army off, if he hasn't straightened out everything; and is now engaged in getting another army ready to be started to Porto Rico just as soon as it is known that the movement against Santiago has been successful. Congress has found it difficult to keep quiet, but the disposition to regard all well that ends well is causing a suspension of judgment until the end is shown to be well or otherwise. That it will be all right in the end is certain enough, but there can be no other reason than politics for dragging this war along until the Congressional campaign.

Although the Treasury Department has widely advertised its intention to offer the \$200,000,000 in bonds, which will be the first issue under the authority conferred by the war-revenue bill, to the people, Secretary Gage makes no secret of his belief that the greater portion of these bonds will be bought by banks. It is probable also that he will much prefer seeing the banks get them; he is a banker and has always looked after the interests of the banks.

Alabama men are telling many stories illustrating the peculiarity, grit and determination of the family of Lieut. Hobson, the hero of the daring feat of sinking the Merrimac in the entrance to Santiago harbor. This remarkable family lives in the little town of Greensboro. Lieut. Hobson has a brother at West Point and another practicing law. His lawyer brother earned a reputation by the way in which he argued the first case he had before the Alabama Supreme Court. It was an appeal from a lower court, and the following was his opening speech: "Your honors, this case has been decided by you already seven times and each time it has been decided wrong." He lost his case, of course, but he got advertised all over his state. The whole family seems to make a specialty of upsetting precedent and doing things in their own way. Lieut. Hobson and his companions will all be promoted as soon they are restored to liberty, and Congress will give them all medals of honor.

When the war is over a Congressional investigation into certain transactions in which the government has been made to pay large sums of money for ships, and other things bought in connection with the war is likely to bring about sensational developments and to result in public disgrace for certain individuals who have used their pull with the administration to profit by this robbery of the public treasury. Much information is in possession of Senators and Representatives, but patriotism has kept them quiet, and will keep them quiet until peace is declared; then they will talk, and there will be a day of reckoning.

There is much humbug in the civil service discussion in the Senate over the bill providing for taking the next census. Everybody knows that Congress intends to have the employes of the Census Bureau appointed by pull, just as all of the employes of Congress are now appointed, and that the very men who have been advocating having the appointments made through the Civil Service Commission will be in the front rank of the scramblers after these places when the time comes to give them out.

The controversy over the annexation of Hawaii is in a fair way to become a personal fight between Czar Reed and Mr. McKinley, if it has not already done so. Reed is playing for time and with the assistance of some of his lieutenants he has played successfully this week. His game is to delay action until all the appropriation bills are disposed of and then to force an adjournment of Congress without acting upon annexation. As soon as this dawning upon Mr. McKinley, he served notice upon the Czar that if Congress adjourned without action upon annexation he would at once call it together again in extra session. While a majority of democrats in the House would join Reed in voting against annexation, they are not likely to join him in voting for adjournment, as they believe that Congress ought not to adjourn while the war is going on.

THE JUDGESHIP.

To the Editor of the Columbian:

The political situation with reference to the judgeship in this district invites to some levelheaded thinking on the part of men who are anxious to secure a fit judge during the next term of ten years.

In the first place it is clear that the primary election of Saturday last was unofficial and voluntary and imposed no binding obligation upon Democratic voters of the county, under party law. For the time fixed by that party law is the Saturday before the second Tuesday of August in each year, and the plain rule establishing that date has never been repealed or changed by any competent authority: it might have been changed by the last annual convention but was not, because the friends of change were afraid to submit the question of new rules to a convention vote.

It follows that every Democratic voter of the county is perfectly free to withhold his vote from any candidate standing as such upon last Saturday's vote; though that vote may be accepted as indicating public or party opinion with reference to individuals at the time it was cast, and upon uncontested nominations as satisfactory and sufficient.

One peculiarity deserving of notice marked the late judicial contest: the issue was not so much between Judge Ikeler and Mr. Little as between the friends and the opponents of the judge himself. The canvass developed personal antagonisms to the latter, accompanied by an unprecedented amount and variety of newspaper criticism and denunciation to such an extent that the candidate named against the judge measurably escaped attention and adverse remark.

But we are now confronted by the possibility of a new and important change of situation by the appearance of the Republican party upon the scene of contest: for, on the one hand, the Democracy of the district is now and may continue to be either in form or in fact or in both respects divided until the election; and, on the other, the Republicans may seek by presenting a candidate to achieve a triumph of their own. That they are not entitled to such advantage is perfectly plain; for, as a minority in the county, they have already an associate judge and it would be unreasonable to assign to them the control of the court upon all questions of county administration and business by yielding to them the president judge, political majorities in both counties are Democratic, and it comports with fair play and justice that those majorities should have the principal voice in selecting the president judge.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of F. Pa., issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pa., and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Bloomsburg, Pa., on

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1898,

at two o'clock p. m., all that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land, situate in the Township of Fishingcreek, county and state aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a yellow pine, corner of land of John Zaner and Ellis S. Stoker; thence by land of said Ellis Stoker north twelve and one-half degrees west fifty-two perches to a chestnut oak; thence by land of William Ikeler north twenty and three-fourth degrees east fifty-two perches to a white oak stump; thence by the same north eighty degrees east twelve and six-tenths perches to a stone in the road; thence by the same south three and one-half degrees east, nine and two-tenths perches to a stone in the road; thence by the same south nine degrees east, three and one-tenth perches to a stone in the road; thence by the same south nine degrees east, three and one-tenth perches to a stone in the road; thence by the same north five degrees east, fourteen and one-half perches to a white oak stump; thence by the same north forty-one degrees east two and seven-tenths perches to a stone; thence by the same north sixteen degrees east five and seven-tenths perches to a post; thence by the same north seventy-nine degrees east eight and one-half perches to a post, on the bank of the creek; thence by the land of John Zaner south five degrees west thirty-seven and three-tenths perches to a post; thence by the same south six degrees west fifty-nine perches to a maple, gone in the creek; thence by the same north seventy-three and one-fourth degrees west seventy and one-tenth perches to the place of beginning, containing

35 ACRES

and ninety perches, strict measure, whereon are erected a

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE,

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W. W. BLACK, Sheriff.

HERRING, Atty.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of John Singley, late of Main Township, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of John Singley, late of Main Township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administratrix to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

SARAH A. SINGLEY, Administratrix.

SNYDER, Atty. 6-9.

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French muslins, 45 in. wide, 45c., 50c. and 60c. per yd.

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We offer this week four special lots of cambric embroidery and two lots of Swiss emb. Cambric embroidery, lot 1, 5c. per yd. " " " 2, 10c. " " " " " 3, 12c. " " " " " 4, 15c. " " " " " 5, 25c. " "

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