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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1898.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

GOVERNOR, HON. GEORGE A. JENKS, of Jefferson county. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, HON. WILLIAM H. SOWDEN, of Lehigh county.

SECRETARY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, PATRICK DELACEY, of Lackawanna. JUDGES SUPERIOR COURT, WILLIAM TRICKET, of Cumberland. C. M. BOWER, of Centre.

CONGRESSMAN-AT-LARGE, JERRY N. WEILER, of Carbon. F. P. IAMS, of Allegheny. DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET. FOR CONGRESS, RUFUS K. POLK, Of Montour.

FOR ASSEMBLY, WILLIAM CHRISMAN, Of Bloomsburg. W. T. CREAMY, Of Catawissa. COUNTY SURVEYOR, BOYD TRESPCOTT, Of Millville.

"I have been a Republican since 1860 but our party now stinks in the nostrils of any decent man. If the people are willing to uphold this corruption and dishonesty, God save the country!—Ex-Postmaster General John Wanamaker."

A peace commission will have to take a hand pretty soon if the warring factions of the Republican party don't stop calling each other such naughty names. Men who have risked their lives by going to the fever-infested camps during the recent war with Spain, will not, we venture to assert, name any of their children after Russel A. Alger. There was a time when the Secretary enjoyed the respect of the American people, but that was before the war.

In a recent speech Mr. Stone says he will, if elected, know no faction, but will perform the duties to the very best of his ability. But that won't do. We have had too many promises like that, from numerous Republican Governors in the past. The people this Fall want a man who they know will look after their interests, one who will correct the many evils now existing. That man is George A. Jenks. He is the people's candidate.

The Clearfield Republican wants the next Legislature to pass a law giving the County Commissioners power to establish training schools for election board. The Republican asserts that some of the returns made to our Courts of elections held are a disgrace to a civilized community. Men who can hardly write their names sit on election boards, and others who know as little as possible about our laws are chosen as judges and these men pass upon the qualifications of voters. As long as election officers are chosen without regard to fitness, the only remedy lies in establishing training schools."

The Judgeship contest in this, the Twenty-sixth Judicial district, took on a new phase last week, when the Attorney General notified the Chairman of the Prohibition County Committee that the certificate of nomination of Hon. Charles Hawley, of Scranton, Prohibition candidate for President Judge, would not be accepted. The Attorney General states that in order to file a certificate of nomination the party doing so must have polled for the same office, at a previous election, at least two per cent. of the highest vote cast. As our prohibition friends had no candidate in the field, and no representation at the Judicial election ten years ago, they are, of course, out in the cold. There is but one thing left to do, and that is to take out nomination papers.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, Sept. 9th, 1898.

Gag the soldiers and whitewash every official, is the remarkable policy that has been adopted by the administration in dealing with all complaints made as to hardships caused by mismanagement and inefficiency in providing supplies for the troops. It would hardly have been possible to have adopted a more foolish policy. The mouths of the men can only be stopped while they remain in the service; as soon as they are mustered out they will tell everything they were made to suffer. The idea of those who persuaded Mr. McKinley to adopt such a short-sighted policy is to keep the mismanagement of the War Department from figuring in the Congressional campaign. They think that when Congress meets arrangements can be made to have an investigation of the conduct of the war made by a picked committee that will whitewash everybody and everything. If the people were all fools and there were no such things as newspapers such a scheme might succeed. Mr. McKinley is likely to live to bitterly regret that he did not have every complaint investigated and every man punished who was found guilty of having caused unnecessary suffering among the soldiers, instead of allowing himself to be made to assume the rule of apologist for and protector of the guilty officials.

Complaints of a serious nature are being made by the privates of many volunteer regiments against their officers in connection with the failure of regiments to get mustered out when the privates were practically unanimous in their wish to be allowed to return to their civilian occupations. It is claimed that, in numerous instances, the officers misrepresented the wishes of their men because of their own desire to retain commissions which carry larger salaries than their holders can command elsewhere, not to mention the petty authority they enjoy, which is a source of the greatest pleasure to men of small caliber. It is announced by the War Department that no more regiments will be ordered mustered out, except for special reasons, for some time to come. Under their terms of enlistment the volunteers belong absolutely to the government for two years, if the government chooses to keep them that long, and yet the government can muster them out at any time it sees fit to do so.

An oversight of the administration in not making the terms of peace with Spain include immediate American control of Havana and all other parts of Cuba, will cost a few thousand and poor devils, who are unfortunate enough to be residents of Cuba, their lives. Captain General Blanco has prevented the landing of supplies, carried to Havana by the Red Cross Society, for free distribution to the needy, although he knows that thousands are on the verge of starvation, and, owing to that oversight of the administration, those who would gladly feed those hungry Cubans and Spaniards must bow to the inhuman will of Blanco. The best that the administration could do was to announce that food for the poor would be admitted free of all duty or prescription at all Cuban ports that are under our control, which means Santiago and several smaller places.

Senator Burrows, of Mich., came to Washington with his war paint on this week. He came for the purpose of compelling the administration to either keep out of the Senatorial fight in his state, or to fight out in the open, and he is said to have given Mr. McKinley and Secretary Alger to understand that he did not care a continental what the administration did, further than to know it. The idea seems to have got out among Pingree's friends that Alger, backed by the administration, was encouraging Pingree's fight on Burrows, also in Washington. Burrows says he secured positive denials from both McKinley and Alger, but his manner leaves one to suppose that he still entertains doubt. It seems that the Democrats of Michigan ought to be able to take advantage of the Burrows-Pingree fight to elect a majority of the Legislature and secure the Senator.

Some of the defenders of the War Department system of doing things should hump themselves for awhile and explain how it was possible, under such a perfect system, that an entire regiment of troops—the Thirty-second Michigan—was absolutely lost, so far as the War Department knew, for several days, and was only found after sending a goodly sum in telegraph tolls.

A special program is being prepared for both morning and evening services in the Presbyterian church this coming Sunday. There will be some special music, as it is the last occasion on which Mrs. Melick's voice will be heard in the choir for some time, on account of her removal to Philadelphia.

STRAY PARAGRAPHS.

—The frost will soon be on the pumpkin. —Only one month till Fair time. This year's exhibition promises to be a rouser.

—A walk around town furnishes considerable evidence of returning prosperity.

—It has been truthfully said that persons who profess to be our best friends are sometimes our greatest enemies.

—Wheat was one dollar a bushel last year. Why isn't it that price now? Will our Republican contemporaries please explain?

—The Town Council made a good move when they purchased the stone crusher. It does its work to perfection, and no better covering for the streets than crushed cinder can be found.

—The Evening Express, published at Morristown, N. J., says: "John Sherman and Secretary Alger thoroughly hate each other. Gen. Miles married John Sherman's niece. By keeping these facts in mind, much can be explained."

—The City of Manila, which passes to the United States, according to the peace terms, recently signed by Spain, is lighted by 12,000 incandescent and 260 arc lights; has a telephone system and is the center of 720 miles of telegraph lines in the islands.

—Yes, there are many stories afloat to the effect that incompetency and neglect are responsible for the majority of American lives lost in the present war. While sufficient investigation has not yet been made, still it looks as if the rumors are not entirely unfounded. Keep up the investigation so that the people will know who is to blame for the loss of so many of our brave soldiers.

—It seems as if a few of our young men take it for granted that they can do as they please on the streets after eleven o'clock at night. Tuesday night, at about the time stated above, four or five malignant characters turned one of our prominent thoroughfares into a veritable race course, running their bicycles up and down with reckless speed. In a spill, which very naturally followed, one of the wanton riders was disabled, and his wheel considerably damaged. We didn't pity him, because he got just what he deserved. "In the future he'll know better."

Mothers.

This notable collection of sayings in regard to mothers was compiled for and read at the recent National Congress of Mothers, at Washington, D. C.

A mother is a mother still, the holiest thing alive.—Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

A mother's love is the best of all.—West Africa and Hindoo.

A mother's love the best love, God's love the highest love.—German.

A mother is the divinity of infancy.—English.

A child must ask its mother whether it may be a wise man or a fool.—W. L. Weems.

A mother's arms are made of tenderness, and children sleep soundly in them.—Victor Hugo.

A mother's love will draw up from the depths of the sea.—Russian.

A mother's prayers, silent and gentle, can never miss the road to the throne of all bounty.—Henry Ward Beecher.

A mother's tenderness and caresses are the milk of the heart.—Eugenie de Guerin.

A simple kiss from my mother made me a painter.—Benjamin West.

A wife; a mother; two magical words comprising the sweetest source of man's felicity.—L. Aimee Martin.

Pension Commissioner Evans has prepared a statement, which shows that there were, on September 2nd, 246 pension claims filed, as a result of the late war with Spain.

Your friends may smile But that tired feeling Means danger. It Indicates impoverished And impure blood. This condition may Lead to serious illness. It should be promptly Overcome by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, Which purifies and Enriches the blood, Strengthens the nerves, Tones the stomach, Creates an appetite, And builds up, Energizes and vitalizes The whole system. Be sure to get Only Hood's.

August Sales! GOODS TO BE SOLD OUT AT COST, CONSISTING OF CLOTHING For Men, Boys and Children, HATS, CAPS, SHIRTS, &C, To make room for fall and winter goods, at prices that will surprise you. CALL AND EXAMINE AT Townsend's Star Clothing House. F. P. PURSEL'S FALL OPENING OF DRESS GOODS.

We are again ready this week with the grandest, the largest, the most stupendous display of dress goods that this town has ever known.

Every day from now on must be a record breaker. Great piles of dress goods are here to be sold, and sold they must be.

Cloths will be used this fall. We have a nice lot of them in plain colors and neat mixtures. 36 in. wide at 25c. the yd. All shades 50 in. wide at 56c. These are special value.

Covert Cloth in all the new shades for fall, 38 in. wide, 50c. the yd. Next quality, 50 in. wide at 85c. the yd. The best grades are 50 in. wide, \$1.00 the yd., worth \$1.25. We offer special values in Broadcloth. First lot are worth 85c., sell at 70c. Second lot are worth \$1.25--we will sell them for \$1.00 the yd.

We have never had such a line of neat, pretty effects in dress goods as we have piled on our shelves, and they are at positively lower prices than were ever known in Bloomsburg--28c, 42c, 48c, 50c, 56c, 65c, 75c, \$1.00.

We call your attention to two lines of Poplins which will be good this fall. One 38 in. wide at 42c. the yd. and one 42 in. wide at 79c. We have all colors in both lines.

If you want a coat suit you can't find anything as nice as a good cheviot. We can show you three (3) grades, 38 in. wide, 50c. the yd., 50 in wide, 85c. the yd., 50 in. wide at \$1.00 the yd. We show all colors in the three lines. Bengaline, 41 in. wide, in all colors, at 75c. the yd. French Cord, 38 in. wide in all colors, at 85c. the yd.

F. P. PURSEL.

Camp Meade, Middletown, Pa. Special Reduced Rates via Philadelphia & Reading Railway. The Philadelphia & Reading Ry. announces that during the continuance of Camp Meade, at Middletown, excursion tickets, good for two days, including day of sale, or from Saturday until Monday, will be sold at special rates. For information as to rates, time of trains, etc., consult any P. & R. ticket agent. It looks now as if the 12th Regiment, at present stationed at Camp Meade, will get a taste of soldier life on foreign soil. It is said the Regiment will be sent to Porto Rico to do garrison duty. NOTICE OF INSOLVENCE. In the matter of the petition of William Heffron, an insolvent. To the creditors of said petitioner: Notice is hereby given that a petition of William Heffron, has been filed in the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Columbia, praying the court for the benefits of the insolvent laws of this Commonwealth, and for a discharge thereunder. The said Court has fixed the date for the hearing of the said petition, on Monday, September 13, 1898, at 10 o'clock A. M. as the time for hearing the said petition. W. A. EVERT, Attorney pro Petitioner, Sept. 11, 1898.