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Democratic Candidates.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE,
(North Side)
GEORGE W. STERNER,
of Hemlock Twp.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE,
(South Side)
C. Z. SCHLICHER,
of Beaver Twp.

FOR SHERIFF,
DANIEL KNORR,
of Locust Twp.

The final exit of Mr. Roberts
relieves the public print of a great
deal of warmed over humor.

No wonder civilization fails to
catch on in Abyssinia. Smoking
has been prohibited in that celestial
spot since 1642.

Florida is making an attempt to
cultivate sponges. The brand that
grows in these parts seems to thrive
without cultivation.

It is an open question whether
DeCastellane would have been so
profuse by cable if his brother-in-
law had not owned a frank.

Paris has decreed that next year's
bonnets shall be miniature flower
gardens. This should give the
bird crank a much needed rest.

England really does not know
yet what a real war horror is. Wait
till the monthly magazines tune
up and the books start to come out.

A big demand for American
wind-mills comes from the Holy
Land just when everybody was
wondering what should be done
with Billy Mason.

Russel Sage gets off some more
corned philosophy. He advises
poor young men not to hesitate
about marrying heiresses, but no-
body has ever noticed much hesita-
tion in that line.

The preachers and undertakers
of McKeesport, Pa., are trying to
reform funerals. Most men are wil-
ling to contribute liberally to any
scheme that will do away with the
necessity of having funerals.

London "War Experts"

The war between Briton and Boer
has created a new and apparently
profitable profession in London,
where every newspaper has a "war
expert" whose oracles are read
with breathless reverence, and
cabled to remote corners of the
earth at enormous expense. Just
how the war expert has obtained
knowledge and authority sufficient
to bring the British public to his
feet is not apparent, but his prin-
cipal duty seems to be to read the
meagre dispatches the wrong way,
surmise a great deal, and then stick
his interpretations and surmises
together by the wrong ends, thus
evolving a system of warfare no
sane man ever dared dream of. Us-
ually he overflows with caustic criti-
cism, he talks big about "incom-
petency" and has a mighty poor
opinion of the brave men at the
front who are doing the fighting
and patiently taking all the hard
knocks. He always knows a better
plan than the one in operation, and
his hindsight is highly developed.

During our recent turnup with
the Don, we had strategy boards
organized and doing a thrilling
business at corner groceries in
every enterprising village in the
land. But the work of these
industrious debaters was purely a
labor of love, their ample product
was strictly for home consumption
and nobody had to pay a cent for
enlightenment on the art of war.

These London chaps are too
sharp to waste their weird produc-
tions on the desert air. By some
dark magic they have induced hard-
headed British editors to pay fat
salaries for a choice lot of trash.
The newspaper readers have been
gulled into thinking that his bold
tone betokens knowledge, and the
"war expert" waxes ponderous and
important.

It is rather hard to understand
what excuse a war expert has for
staying in London and shedding
ink at the present stage of the
game. There seems to be a rather
brisk demand for such people in
South Africa just now.

The Horse to the Rescue.

Paris is the headquarters for freak
medical discoveries, and every
little while there the doctors have
to announce a wonder just to keep
themselves in trim. The latest and
wierdest of the lot is a special brand
of serum calculated to paralyze the
Demon Drink.

An able bodied horse is permitted
to take of the flowing bowl until he
reaches the point where humming
birds begin to look like eagles. His
veins are then tapped and the re-
sulting serum is administered hypo-
dermically to the victim of the
morning cocktail and the evening
nightcap. It is confidently
announced that the patient thus
treated will tremble at the mere
sight of an imbibitorium, and cease
from piloting schooners across the
bar.

The horse world should welcome
this innovation with enthusiastic
resolutions of gratitude. For some
years the patient martyr to chronic
sore throat in order that victims of
diphtheria might have a chance to
combat that dread disease, now
he has an opportunity to embark on
one long sweet jag, and with such
a privilege as this, can it be truth-
fully stated that he is below man?

The man behind the gun is the
strongest power in Kentucky poli-
tics just now.

JERSEYTOWN NEWS.

The Republicans and dissatisfied
Democrats held their caucus last
Wednesday evening and nominated
the following ticket: For Supervisors,
Wm. Howell and Ade Parker, for
School Directors, C. A. Kreamer and
J. A. Essick, Poor overseers, C. M.
Johnston and W. H. Leighow, In-
spector, Howard Greenly, Tax Col-
lector, C. E. Crawford.

George F. Kreamer and family, of
Bloomsburg, visited friends at this
place on Sunday last.

George S. Lee and wife drove over
to the County Seat on Saturday last,
where the latter is visiting, at her
daughter's for a week.

Wilbur C. Kreamer intends going
in the lumber business in the near
future, as he is about to purchase a
fine span of mules.

Messrs. Reichard and Kreamer are
around among the farmers balng hay.
H. I. Gingles and family paid
Bloomsburg friends a visit on Sunday
last.

Franklin Phillips of Lairdsville,
spent Sunday with Geo. Nephew.

E. F. Johnston and family of Harris-
burg, Pa., are visiting friends at this
place.

Robert Butler and wife drove over
to Limestoneville on Sunday last.

Buchanan it is Believed has Gone West.

The friends of Alex. Buchanan, who
mysteriously disappeared from his
home, at Central'a more than a week
since, now think that he has gone
west. They no longer believe that
he has been murdered, and his body
thrown into a mire breach somewhere
in the wilds of the Shamokin mining
district. They have exhausted every
effort to find trace of him there, and
can not even find that he was in that
district on Saturday, in fact, the only
trace that they have of him is that he
bought a ticket at Mt. Carmel for
Shamokin on Saturday morning. He
may not have gone any further than
Alaska, and there taken a train on the
P. & R. for some point in the west.
This his people now believe that he
has done, and they have decided to
let the future determine whether they
are not right.

Chaplin Shields Dismissed.

The Erratic Minister Discharged From the
United States Service.

A Washington special says: Post
Chaplain David H. Shields, who was
appointed from Altoona, Pa., has
been dismissed from the army of the
United States, to take effect on the
1st proximo, and Rev. Edmund T.
Esterbrook, of New York, has been
selected for appointment to the
vacancy. The action in the case of
Chaplain Shields was the result of
court-martial proceedings. He was
tried at San Francisco for conduct
unbecoming an officer and a gentle-
man, in consequence of the alleged
use of intoxicating liquors, and was
convicted and sentenced to be dis-
missed. The case came before the
president in the course of procedure
and he approved the sentence Thurs-
day, directing it to take effect on the
1st proximo.

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THE CANAL TREATY

Considered by Senate Foreign
Relations Committee.

Opposition Expressed to the
Neutrality Clause.

State Department Confident
Hay-Pauncefote Convention
Will Be Approved.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The senate
committee on foreign relations met to
consider the Nicaragua canal treaty. The
discussion was animated. While some
opposition was manifested, it was not of
such a character as to indicate the defeat
of the treaty, but that it will be amended
there seems to be little doubt.

One of the amendments proposed is
that the whole of the Clayton-Bulwer
treaty shall be abrogated. It is said by
members of the committee favoring this
change that there is no need of keeping
alive any portion of the old treaty.

Another change suggested is in regard
to the protection of the canal. The treaty
declares there shall be no fortifications,
and it is said that this will prevent the
United States from erecting batteries,
which are by some considered absolutely
necessary in view of the insurrections
that occur from time to time in South
American countries. It is possible that
this language will be modified so that
such protection as the United States
deems necessary may be afforded along
the route of the canal.

Nearly the entire time of the committee
was consumed in listening to an elaborate
statement from Senator Morgan, who is
thoroughly familiar with the subject of
the Nicaragua canal proposition and all
treaties affecting it. There was little or
no expression of opinion from other sen-
ators, save that it was a very important
subject and would need careful consid-
eration.

It is learned that the text of the Hay-
Pauncefote treaty was the work of the
state department. The British govern-
ment accepted the document just as it
was drawn, so the responsibility for
whatever is contained in the treaty and
the form in which it is expressed is
chargeable entirely to the department.

Department officials are surprised at the
amount of criticism that has been direct-
ed against the treaty, but feel confident
that it will be consummated, provided
it is not amended, especially as to the
fortification clause. It is insisted by the
officials that an amendment on that
point would completely defeat the treaty,
and it is intimated that the objection will
be twofold—first from the British gov-
ernment and second from the president
himself. The president is said to regard
the neutralization scheme as completely
obviating the necessity for any fortifica-
tions for the canal, for, by the terms of
that arrangement, every one of the mari-
time powers will pledge itself to use its
army and navy, if need be, to preserve
the absolute neutrality of the canal, and
fortifications would be unnecessary.

Attention has been called to the state-
ment that no matter what differences of
opinion may have existed up to this time
as to the living force of the Clayton-Bul-
wer treaty, all doubt upon that point has
been dissipated by the signature of the
Hay-Pauncefote convention. By that act
the executive branch of the United
States government formally recognized
the existence of a Clayton-Bulwer treaty.
It is said to make no difference whether
or not the Hay-Pauncefote treaty is rat-
ified by the senate, the executive branch
of the government, to which alone for-
eign governments may look, has gone on
record.

REFORMS IN CUBA.

Governor Wood Makes Suggestions
to the Cabinet.

HAVANA, Feb. 7.—General Wood held
a cabinet meeting yesterday which lasted
three hours behind closed doors. Senor
Villalon, secretary of public works, ex-
plained the reason of his order regarding
the contract between the Pan-American
Express company and the United rail-
way. This contract he denounced as "an
unholy violation of the people's rights." He
said that a man recently took a train
at Cienfuegos for Havana, having with
him a typewriting machine. The latter
he was compelled to give over to an em-
ployee of the railroad, who insisted on
expressing it. In another instance a
woman who attempted to board a train with
a couple of chickens was similarly treat-
ed. Senor Villalon cited numerous other
cases of a like nature.

General Wood said the only question
was whether the present law gave him
power to act. The entire matter will be
immediately referred to Washington for
a final opinion.

The cabinet decided to establish large
modern hospitals at various points in the
island, and an expert will be brought
from the United States to advise in the
selection of sites and the construction of
buildings.

An agricultural school will be establish-
ed at Puerto Principe. A commission is
to be named to investigate the charitable
institutions and properties of the island,
which Senor Varona, secretary of finance,
estimates to be worth \$15,000,000.

For the first time in months Havana is
clear of yellow fever. No case has been
officially reported for some days.

Five thousand men are on strike in the
cigar factories of the city. Herr Bock
says the question is whether the unions
have a right to dictate to the employers
as to whom they shall employ and whom
they shall not employ. The unions want
the factory owners to discharge the Span-
iards. Herr Bock has received many let-
ters from the men asking him to try to
break up the unions, as their influence is
tyrannous. He believes the strike will be
over by the end of the week.

Fourth Class Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The follow-
ing fourth class postmasters have been
appointed: New York—Belgium, Andrew
Brush. Pennsylvania—Duck Valley, C.
N. Schriever; Chesterville, W. T. Dance;
Knousetown, J. S. Barner; Lizette, R. S.
Cleveland. Vermont—Brownington, W. C.
Sewell.

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TAFT FOR PRESIDENT

McKinley Names Head of the
Philippine Commission.

MAY BE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

Judgeship of the United States Cir-
cuit Court Resigned to Accept
Appointment—Other Prob-
able Members.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—William H.
Taft of Cincinnati, judge of the United
States circuit court, has resigned to be
appointed chairman of the commission
that will be sent to the Philippines to es-
tablish civil government.

The appointment of Judge Taft marks
the first selection for the new Philippine
commission. There will be five members
on the commission, and all of them will
be civilians. Mr. Schurman, president of
the existing commission, has declined for
business reasons to remain on the com-
mission, so Judge Taft will be president
in his place. Mr. Denby and Professor
Worcester have been invited to accept re-
appointments, but so far have not sig-
nified their intentions. Admiral Dewey
will not go back to Manila, and General
Otis will give way, like him, to a civilian.
Secretary Root said that no instructions
had been framed for the new commission
as yet, but it would be easy to perceive
from the sentiments set out in the presi-
dent's message what these instructions
would be.

Judge Taft called at the war depart-
ment, in company with Judge Day, late
secretary of state, and had a long talk
with Secretary Root as to the plans for
the commission. As some surprise has
been caused by the willingness of Judge
Taft to surrender a life position of the
dignity and emolument of United States
circuit judge to join the commission it
may be said that the prevalent impres-
sion is that as soon as the commission
shall have succeeded in replacing the ex-
isting military government in the Philip-
pines with stable civil governments Judge
Taft will be named as the first civil gov-
ernor general of the archipelago. It is
not thought that this change will take
place at once, but the commission is ex-
pected to move steadily toward that ob-
ject and to set up local civil governments
as fast as the Filipinos shall demonstrate
their worthiness.

William H. Taft is a son of the late
Judge Alphonso Taft, who was attorney
general under Grant, and a brother of
ex-Congressman Charles P. Taft, prop-
rietor of The Times-Star. He was born in
Cincinnati in 1857. He graduated at
Yale in 1878 and at the Cincinnati Law
school in 1880. He has been prosecuting
attorney, internal revenue collector, coun-
ty solicitor, superior judge in the state
courts, solicitor general of the United
States and judge of the United States
court of appeals. In 1886 he married
Helen H. Herron, daughter of former
United States District Attorney John W.
Herron of this city.

KILLED BY FILIPINOS.

American Supply Train Captured
and Part of Escort Slain.

MANILA, Feb. 7.—The insurgents
Monday captured a supply train of nine
bull carts between Orani and Dinalup-
jan, killing a corporal and five privates
of Company G, Thirty-second infantry.
The escort consisted of a sergeant and
11 mounted men. The insurgents weak-
ened the supports of a bridge over a
creek, and the first cart went into the
stream. While the escort was bunched
trying to haul the cart out of the water
the insurgents fired a volley from the
bushes, killing the six Americans and
also two native drivers.

The insurgents have been driven out of
Legaspi, on Albay bay, province of Al-
bay.

The rebels of Tayabas province were
conveying some 300 Spanish prisoners to
Libmanan, and, on arriving there, the
prisoners, exhausted and starved, revolted
and dispersed their guards with stones
and clubs. They also captured a few
rifles and barricaded themselves at Lib-
manan, where they are awaiting the ar-
rival of American troops.

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