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New Ballot Bill Ready. Party Circle is Displaced.

But a Square Will Give Some **Opportunity for Straight** Voting.

ompleted, and will be submitted to he Republican State Committee within two weeks, and then rushed o the Legislature. Senator Benamin K. Focht will introduce it. In brief the provisions are these: The circle for straight party voting will be displaced by a square, which will give the same opportunity for straight voting. The candidates are grouped under the title of the office for which they are nominated. To the left is a column in which the party squares are placed, the majority party leading, the others ejection.

The size of the ballot will be smaller than the present Baker ballot by the elimination of party columns and the substitution of party squares. Printed on the ballot will and spirit has had much to do with be full instructions to the voter. One paragraph will tell him how to cast a straight party vote, a second paragraph will inform him how to banks from the Senate committee on cut his ticket and cast a mixed legislature of the state shall endeavor ballot.

> It is understood that there will be little if any change in the regulations respecting watchers and assistants to the voter.

BALLOT REFORM AND REPUBLICAN SUPREMACY.

states, which shall offer a pecuniary An effort is being made on the inducement to every township in the part of the supporters of the Mastate to make a beginning in scientific chine to create the impression that road making. The plan has worked the passage of the Ballot Reform well elsewhere; why should it not Bill, proposed by the Joint Comprove a benefit to Pennsylvania, in mittee, would result in an overthrow which state there has been so much of the Republican party. All other neglect of this important subject? considerations aside from this would What is most needed is that a beginseem to indicate that Republican ning be made in every section of the majorities depend not upon the will state. When this is done, there is of thepeople, but upon the operaevery reason to believe that the local tion of a law. authorities will make some effort to

The Joint Committee is an entirely non-partisan body, composed of Republicans and Democrats alike although, possibly, the former predominate.

The Ballot Reform Bill is modeled on the one which has been in force in Massachusetts for a number of years. It has not interfered with address itself to the task immediately, Republican supremacy in that State nor will it interfere with Republican supremacy in this State. It will be a credit to itself, and a benefit simply provides a perfectly fair, equitable and constitutional means to those engaged in the occupation of farming. The cities and boroughs for the expression of public opinion concerning candidates and politics; are very fully awakened to the imporit places every party and every cantance of the permanent improvement late upon an absolute parity. The this way. There is no reason why the present system in Pennsylvania people of the rural sections of the gives to regular party nominations state should not also be encouraged a monopoly of straight voting and discriminates against independent parties aud independent candidates. The proposed Bill recognizes parties, but it does not discriminate in favor of or against any one. It recognizes the fundamental right of every citizen to record his choice and express his wish, and this is a truly American proposition. That is to say, in this country the theory remendous importance to the is that before the law each man is as good as every other man, and each armer. Wrong feeding is man's vote is as good and important as any other man's vote. If practical politicians will only be frank and admit it, the majority of the people want to cut their tickets, not, perhaps, in state and national contests, but in local con- the most milk, his pigs to get tests, and even if this were not so, each man is entitled to have pre- the most pork, his hens to cisely the same rights under the law, whether he is a candidate or a voter, and this is what the present law does not guarantee. Because, the largest bicycle manufacturing in the first place, the candidate in the Republican or Democratic column is in a more eligible and more science, a bone food if bones favorable position than the candidate in some other column, and the are soft and undeveloped, a placed at a disadvantage as com- flesh and muscle food if they voter who wishes to cut his ticket is pared with the man who desires to vote a straight ticket. By the practice of obtaining votes for a straight food if there is anemia? ready to take up with the coming fad. ticket under the present law bribery and intimidation are promoted and made easy, because no man can vote for candidates in different columns food; the Cod Liver Oil in it hundred dollars reward for any case of without his action being known. catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's The new act would enable each voter to feel that no one but himself could know how he had voted.

WASHINGTON. From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, February 9, 1903.

The Littlefield anti-trust bill, on which the Attorney General and the members of the House Judiciary committee expended so much time, is destined to ignoble death in a pigeon-The new ballot bill, with the ex- hole of a Senate committee. Evieption of a few details, has been dently its provisions did not meet with the approval of the trust magnates and accordingly the House leaders deferred action on it until the charges be prohibited and that grantthat they did not dare to precipitate ber of votes cast at the preceding roads have no objection to the Elkins bad light. Before voting on the ap- jurists of the opposing side. No

the granting of rebates. ****

The Knox bill popularly known as the "hurry-up" bill, has been enacted. It provides for the expediting of antitrust cases in the courts and was favorably reported by Senator Fair-Judiciary- The conference committee on the bill establishing a department of Commerce and Labor is now hold ing daily sessions and Senator Nelson them their mail but the negroes have hopes to secure the adoption of his amendment providing for certain publicity features as a part of the duties of the proposed Bureau of Corporations. The Littlefield bill will doubtless be passed by the House but will

*** A compromise on the Statehood bill is confidentially expected by the leaders of both factions in the Senate within a day or two. The compromise will either admit the three territories as two states, combining New Mexico and Arizona under the name of the latter, or provide for the immediate admission of Okiahoma and authorize the President to admit the two others by proclamation when they shall have complied with certain prescribed conditions. The acceptance of the compromise plan by the Senate leaders constitutes a decided victory for the democrats who have stood squarely on the Statehood proposition and whose firm support has enabled Senator Quay, who led the fight, to force the opponents to a compromise. ***

The Venzuelan negotiations continue and with increased prospect of definite settlement on terms satisfactory to the United States. The proposi- ial package tion that 20 per cent of the customs receipts of the ports of LaGuira and Puerto Cabello should go to the Allies and 10 per cent to the other nations, until the entire amount of Venzuela's

ly rejected by Mr. Bowen on the for the money order service as many PHILADELPHIA & READING ground that such an arrangement employers have sent money-orders to would perpotuate the alliance of their negro employees for small Great Britain and Germany against an amounts and they are not being American nation for not less than six cashed as the negroes do not know years When the Allics found that that they are there. The authorities the United States stood back of the have advertised the fact but the rerejection they again began a serious of groes do not read the papers so they confidences which are expected to re- cannot be reached in that way. sult in a satisfactory decision.

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Considerable interest has arisen in treaty have been made public and are political circles from the refusal of the receiving commendation and condem-Senate Judiciary committee to stand nation. The treaty provides for six Senate found an opportunity to enact back of the President's unwarranted commissioners, three to be appointed the Elkins bill which embodies one of deal with "Gasman" Addicks of Dela- by the President of the United States the Attorney General's recommenda- ware. Mr. William Michael Byrne, and three by his Britanic majesty, who tions, that rebates on transportation a United States attorney of Delaware, are to examine into the claims of resigned his position at the behest of Great Britain and the refutation of or and receiver be made liable under Addicks and ran for Congress against those claims advanced by the United the law. This important measure the anti Addicks nominee. He was States and decide as to the accuracy was passed by the Senate without de. defeated, a democrat being elected, of both and define the boundary bebate. So anxious were the demo. and Mr Roosevelt promptly reap- tween the United States and Canada. crats, that some measure be enacted, pointed him Attorney. Now the All questions must be decided by a Judiciary Committee has refused to majority vote so that it will, in every discussion. It is generally under- report his nomination favorably and instance of a difference of opinion, be stood that the more influential rail, has thus placed the President in a necessary to convince one of the bill as they believe it will save them pointment, the Committee notified seventh jurist is to be called in in the from many embarassments incident to the President of their position so that event of an irreconcilable difference and it is on this point that Secretary he might withdraw the nomination Hay bases his claim that the commisbut he declined to do so and with his usual stubbornness insisted that his sion cannot be considered an arbitration tribunal. If no decision is reachnominee be confirmed.

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not have been changed. The opposition of the treaty is based on the The President's persistent refusal to reopen the postoffice at Indianola. ground that the boundary was clearly defined in 1825 by a treaty between Miss., is making much trouble for the postoffice authorities. The white peo-Great Britain and Russia and the ple of the town have made an arrangesubmission of the dispute at this late ment with a white carrier who brings date is a virtual admission of doubt in a situation where no dcubt existsno such arrangement and as a consequence their letters and numerous remittances are accumulating in the fime Table in effect May 25, 190 postoffice at Greensburg where Indian-Poranton(24 d) iv 46 ds Pillston 7 US ola mail now goes to the prejudice of the service and the inconvenience of receive no consideration by the Senate. the postmaster at that place. The Wilkesbarro. ...iv Plym'th Ferry '' f 7 25 Nanti-Ose.....' f 12 Mocanaqua....' 8 01 accumulation is also making trouble

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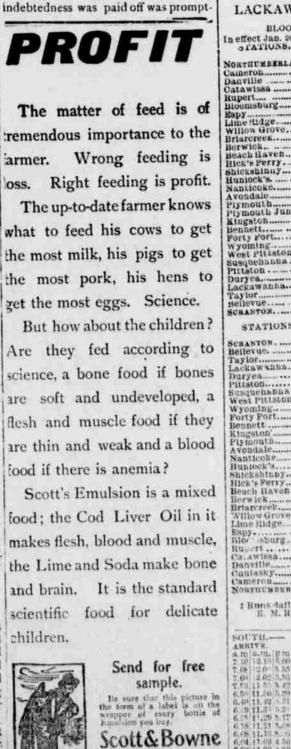
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