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DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

Democratic State Committee Rooms
 Harrisburg, Pa., April 1, 1908.

As directed by the Democratic
 State Central Committee at a special
 meeting held in the Board of
 Trade rooms, in this city on Wed-
 nesday, February 26th, 1908, notice
 is hereby given that the Demo-
 cratic State Convention will convene
 in the Orpheum Theatre, at Har-
 risburg,

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20th, 1908.

at 11 o'clock a. m. The business
 for which the convention will meet
 will be.

To nominate one candidate for
 Superior Court Judge:

Two candidates for Presidential
 Electors-at-Large.

To elect in the manner provided
 by the rules of the party: four De-
 legates and four Alternates-at-Large
 to the National Democratic Con-
 vention;

To certify the nomination of
 thirty-two Presidential Electors, as
 named by the delegates from the
 respective Congressional Districts
 of the State.

And to act upon and determine
 such other matters, relating to the
 welfare and success of the party
 within the State, as may be brought
 before it.

P. GRAY MEEK, Secretary.
 GEORGE M. DIMELING, Chairman.

Ammerman Endorsed by Three Parties

At the recent primary election
 Montour county registered unmis-
 takable endorsement for local option
 when Hon. R. Scott Ammerman,
 capitol prober, Democratic and lo-
 cal option candidate for the Legis-
 lature, was not only chosen by his
 own party, but got a majority of
 the Republican votes over Charles
 W. Cook, beside being selected as
 the Prohibition candidate. The
 organized liquor forces in the coun-
 ty had selected George Maier, former
 sheriff, as the Democratic
 candidate for nomination. They
 took with them the entire Demo-
 cratic machine and all the party
 workers, so that Ammerman did
 not have even a watcher at any of
 the polls except in the First ward,
 where he remained himself. The
 Republican candidate for the Leg-
 islature, Charles W. Cook, had de-
 clared against local option, so that
 the Republican local optionists
 nominated Ammerman on their
 ticket with stickers. He defeated
 Maier by 101 and Cook by 77.

Newspapers as Business Ventures.

Considered as a manufacturing
 business, newspaper making is
 enormously hazardous and absurdly
 unremunerative. With other
 manufacturing concerns, the rule is
 that if they don't make profits they
 quit, but that is not the rule with
 newspapers. They always have
 moral and political reasons for
 clinging to life long, long after
 there has ceased to be any pecuni-
 ary warrant for it. A newspaper
 in these days is about as likely to
 declare a dividend as a church is.
 Competition between papers is in-
 tense, the price of nearly all of
 them is too low, the cost of white
 paper and manufacture too high,
 and they give a great deal too much
 for the one meager cent that most
 of them now sell for.

THE CAPITOL GRAFTERS.

There is a constantly growing
 impression in the public mind to
 the effect that the convicted capitol
 grafters will never be sentenced.
 The other day a hundred or more
 reasons were filed for new trials
 and it is said that arguments on
 this point will not be begun for a
 month or more. No doubt these
 arguments when they do come will
 be prolonged as much as possible
 and by the time the questions in
 dispute are disposed of the people
 will have forgotten the graft and
 the prisoners will be allowed to dis-
 appear into oblivion. There is a
 good deal of foundation for this
 gossip.

We own to considerable surprise
 at the conviction of the grafters. It
 was never intended by the party
 managers that they should be con-
 victed. Public sentiment forced
 that result, however, and it couldn't
 be checked in time. If the election
 of last fall had come six months
 sooner and with the same result,
 the plan of procedure would have
 been changed. The election of
 Sheatz inspired the machine man-
 agers with courage and courage is
 inventive. Some scheme would
 have been discovered to secure im-
 munity for the grafters if the man-
 agers had had courage to think.

Burd Cassell, whose trial is sched-
 uled for next month, is a member
 of Congress but though the session
 is nearly over, he has not qualified.
 It is said that he is afraid to take
 the oath of office because some Dem-
 ocrats have threatened to raise the
 question of his competency and
 thus prejudice his case. It may be
 assumed, however, that the real de-
 terrent influence is the desire to
 have the incident forgotten. Least
 said is soonest mended and those
 yet to be tried as well as those al-
 ready convicted may escape through
 oblivion which is the only hope.

—Watchman.

Carbondale has a Rod and Gun
 Club of 120 members, who think it
 worth while to restock the lakes of
 Wayne, Lackawanna and Susque-
 hanna counties with the varieties
 of fish that Nature stocked them
 with originally. The club has al-
 ready secured 100 cans of fish from
 the State, mostly from the hatchery
 at Pleasant Mount. More than
 75,000 fish, including bass, perch,
 blue gills and cat fish, have been
 secured. The streams and ponds
 throughout this entire region, in-
 cluding Wayne and Susquehanna
 counties, will be stocked and pat-
 rolled by the club.

The National Publicity Bill society
 has petitioned congress to pass
 a law for publicity both before and
 after election of campaign contribu-
 tions made to national committees
 to be used in influencing the ap-
 proaching election of November 3,
 1908.

Pale, Thin, Nervous?

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 a very bad condition. You
 certainly know what to take,
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ALL FOR KNOX.

WASHINGTON, April 22, (Special)
 That Senator Knox will have the
 68 votes of Pennsylvania solid in
 the Chicago convention was shown
 beyond any question when the re-
 turns were in from the primaries
 held on April 11. Sixty-four of
 these delegates were selected in the
 districts on that date and every one
 of them is a strong Knox supporter.
 Wherever an anti-Knox candidate
 was running for delegate he was
 beaten by a big majority.

The Pennsylvania Republican
 state convention will be held at
 Harrisburg on April 29, when a
 resolution will be adopted pledging
 the support of the state to Knox
 and instructing the delegates at-
 large to vote for him. Gov. Stuart,
 James Elverson, publisher of the
 Philadelphia Inquirer, and Col.
 Charles A. Rook, publisher of the
 Pittsburg Dispatch, will be three of
 the "Big Four" from this state.
 The fourth man has not yet been
 decided upon. These men will all
 be enthusiastic Knox boomers who
 will stand by him to the end.

The report that Congressman
 John Dalzell had been defeated for
 national delegate from the Thirtieth
 district was found, upon a count of
 the ballots to be incorrect. Instead
 of being defeated, Mr. Dalzell led
 the ticket in that district. He says
 the entire delegation from Pennsylv-
 ania will go to Chicago with a
 determination to secure the nomi-
 nation of Knox and that there will
 not be a single vote missing. Some
 weeks ago Mr. Dalzell made some
 complimentary remarks at a Yale
 banquet in this city, concerning
 Secretary Taft, which were twisted
 into an endorsement of Taft. Mr.
 Dalzell emphatically denied the
 statements attributed to him, but
 the report has been spread by the
 Taft supporters. Mr. Dalzell will
 be one of the most prominent Knox
 boomers at Chicago and doubtless
 will be the Pennsylvania member
 of the committee on resolutions.

No Self-Seeking.

Grover Cleveland to General Bragg,
 March, 1862.

I cannot refrain from declaring
 to you that my experience in the
 great office of President of the
 United States has so impressed me
 with the solemnity of the trust and
 its awful responsibilities that I can-
 not bring myself to regard a candi-
 dacy for the place as something to
 be won by personal strife and active
 self-assertion. I have also an idea
 that the Presidency is pre-eminently
 the people's office, and I have
 been sincere in my constant advoca-
 cy of the effective participation
 in political affairs on the part of all
 our citizens. Consequently, I be-
 lieve the people should be heard in
 the choice of their party candidates
 and that they themselves should
 make nominations as directly as is
 consistent with open, fair and full
 party organizations and methods. I
 speak of these things solely for the
 purpose of advising you that my
 conception of the nature of the
 Presidential office, and my conviction
 that the voters of our party
 should be free in their selection of
 their candidates, preclude the pos-
 sibility of my leading and pushing
 a self-seeking canvass for the Pres-
 idential nomination, even if I had
 a desire to be again a candidate.

Better Pay for R. F. D. Men.

Congressman John M. Reynolds,
 of the Nineteenth Pennsylvania
 district, has introduced in the House
 a bill increasing the salaries of ru-
 ral mail carriers to \$1,200 per year
 as the maximum.

"The rural carriers are not given
 enough money for the work they
 perform," said Mr. Reynolds, in
 discussing the merits of the bill.
 "They are compelled to work at all
 seasons of the year, in summer, in
 winter, in rain, snow and under all
 conditions. The government takes
 no excuse from them. In addition
 to this they are compelled to fur-
 nish their own horse and wagon
 and keep both in proper repair.
 The amount allowed them by the
 government, therefore, hardly en-
 ables them to make both ends meet."
 "I think \$1,200 a year is little
 enough when one takes into consid-
 eration the duties performed by
 these servants of Uncle Sam. I am
 going to do everything in my power
 to have my bill favorably acted
 upon by this Congress."

Coal Output.

Over one-third of the anthracite
 coal mined in the United States
 was produced in Luzerne county
 last year, according to the reports
 of mine inspectors. There was also
 an increase of 14 per cent. in ton-
 nage over the previous year.

CASTORIA.
 The Kind You Have Always Bought
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 Signature
 J. C. Ayer & Co.

The Rashness of Taft's Boomers.
(From Leslie's Weekly.)

Let Mr. Taft's boomers remem-
 ber that fate has a feud with the
 Republican favorite of the moment
 who fails to carry off the candidacy
 on the first ballot. Seward in 1860,
 Blaine in 1876, Grant in 1880, and
 Sherman in 1888 had long leads at
 the outset in the conventions in
 those years, but in each case the
 nomination went to somebody else.
 Lincoln won the candidacy in 1860,
 Hayes in 1876, Garfield in 1880,
 and Harrison in 1888. Harrison
 and Hayes were far down in the
 voting on the opening ballots in
 those conventions, while Garfield
 was not thought of by anybody in
 connection with the candidacy un-
 til after a long contest between
 Grant, Blaine, Sherman, Edmunds,
 and other aspirants. Blaine, in
 1884, was the only Republican fa-
 vorite who, failing to carry the
 convention on the first ballot, won
 on a subsequent division. He led
 from the start, and got the nomi-
 nation on the fourth ballot, and was
 beaten at the polls. All the omens,
 therefore, are against Mr. Taft.
 He is hardly so much of a popular
 idol as Blaine was, and Blaine's
 fate when he reached the people
 was not one that any Presidential
 aspirant should anticipate with sat-
 isfaction.

Always Take a Receipt.

There are occasions when the
 taking or giving of a receipt for a
 sum of money paid may seem to be
 unnecessary, yet it is wise to do so
 in every case. With the most hon-
 est and best meaning of people
 there is possibility of a failure to
 make proper credit for an amount
 paid, and unless memory serves
 there is likely to be ground for a
 serious misunderstanding. As soon
 as one receives a receipt or ac-
 knowledgment he should file it
 away in a place of safe keeping,
 where it can be found should oc-
 casion require. The saving of all
 receipts may mean the saving of a
 good many dollars in a period of
 years.

National Guard Encampment.

Gettysburg has been selected as
 the site of the next division en-
 campment of the National Guard
 by a committee of the high officers
 of the guard who spent a day at
 the battlefield. The site will be on
 the scene of the third day's battle
 on the historic field, the infantry
 occupying the same sites as in
 1904. The date will be selected
 later, but it is certain that the en-
 campment will be held the latter
 part of July.

Sports—Sports—Sports.

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 who read the news of sports pub-
 lished from day to day in *The Phil-
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 formed regarding the sport you are
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 by newsdealers, carriers and boys
 nearly everywhere.

Must Read English.

The attorney general's depart-
 ment has given opinions to the fac-
 tory inspection department that
 children of aliens are required to be
 able to read and write English be-
 fore being allowed to go to work
 when under the age of fourteen.

The 1908 Baseball Guide.

John J. McGraw's official base-
 ball guide for 1908 just published is
 one of the most complete books of
 the kind ever issued. It contains
 everything that is of interest to the
 enthusiasts, and a special feature is
 a chapter on the famous spit ball,
 with illustrations showing how that
 wonderful curve can be mastered.
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 trations and contains instructions
 how to play every position on a
 nine, and a feature is made of the
 art of pitching a curved ball. It
 has all the official rules for the post-
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 ule of the season's games, averages
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 new Fabrics, what a variety. It's easy to imagine how
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Take a look at that rackful of the new Spring Walking
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 lovely colorings, graceful styles. Panama, Serge and Voile
 are here; old friends, but with new faces. The stripes, the
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