The Centre Reporter.

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A good motto for all honest voters—Be Dill-igent.

Does a Secretary of Internal affairs know how to cure a belley-ache, might be made question in the pending campaign.

The National or greenback nominees, Bently for Supreme Judge and Shearer for Lieut. governor having declined, a portion of the delegates re-assembled at Harrisburg last week, to fill vacancies.

After remarks by a number of members as to the prospects of the party and as to the best means of prosecuting the campaign, the names of Chief Justices Agnew and Furman Sheppard were presented for supreme judge. The nomination of Mr. Sheppard was soon after withdrawn and Judge Agnew was selected by acclamation.

For Lieutenant governor J. M. Steck, of Lycoming county, was nominated on the first ballot.

Let democrats proceed with all Dill-igence and organize campaign clubs.

A humiliating confession indeed, as an exchange says, the Cameron platform adopted at Harrisburg, by the knaves and slaves of that dynasty, the other day conceded the depression and general bankruptcy that prevails throughout the State, in all business affairs. This is a disgraceful admission. This party or clan which has ruled the "Church and State," in this Commonwealth, for EIGHTEEN YEARS, and now the Deacons and Elders—Mackey, Cameron's, Quay, Rutan, etc., stand up in broad day-light, at the State Capital, and confess that they have ruined the morals and business of the State, and nominated Hoyt, etc., and have the impudence to ask the people to tolerate them for four years more. Can fraud and impertinence be rendered more transparent? Their confession is conclusive proof to every sensible voter, that this faction is unfit to govern a free Commonwealth and deserves to be defeated in November.

The Centre Herald and Philipsburg Journal are printed on the "outside" plan. More spasms in store for those editors whose sleep seems constantly haunted by "outsides."

The Pittsburg Telegraph an able republican paper says this: Apropos of the opinion recently expressed by Governor Hartranft that Jack Kehoe is an innocent man, and even the fear that political capital should be made of it, could not drive him to consent to the hanging of an innocent man, the public has not yet forgotten that it was the open boast of the Kehoe gang that their political influence was such that they had no fears of the gallows—a sentiment expressed while Governor Hartranft was the chief executive of the State—nor have two years effaced the memory of the testimony taken during the Mollie Maguire trials of political bargains between Quay and Hartranft and Jack Kehoe, and a few other Mollies, by which for political service, immunity from the extreme penalty of the law was alleged to have been promised. It is not uninteresting to note that even now Kehoe is believed to control directly and indirectly about 15,000 votes. Members of the ring can afford to believe such men innocent.

The legislature will adjourn in a few days, after having been in session one month over the usual time. Now what has it done to benefit the farmer, the mechanic and the working man? Absolutely nothing at all for the toiling and over-burdened tax-payer. Year after year the corporation, the speculator and the money shaver have monoplized legislation, and the laws passed have have been in their interest alone, while the working man has been overlooked as though he had no rights which a legislator is bound to respect. This is the simple truth. There is no class so much in need of relief as the working class. Yet look at your taxes and you find not copper cut down, while wages are down.

If our public servants were to make a raid upon fees and salaries among office holders, from the highest to the lowest, and seek to cut down the expenses of the government so much needed, it would go far to lessen the enormous taxation resting upon the farmer, mechanic and laboring man, who has scarce an income at all in these times, wherewith to maintain himself and family and pay his taxes—taxes that are squandered by our public servants, many of whom revel in luxury with the sweat of the working man foots the bill.

We repeat, the legislature has done nothing to relieve the oppressed masses one iota. How long will the people stand it.

Now democrats, we have a most excellent state ticket in the field—with Dill-igence we can elect it.

The ten dollar fellows who sat at Harrisburg all winter doing nothing adjourned on 24. May we never see its like again, is the universal wish. The leading ringsters, tickled each other with presents on day of adjournment.

The Williamsport Bulletin, rad, says democrats "are not at all pleased with the enthusiastic manner in which the Harrisburg nominations are received by the people." Well we do not see where the enthusiasm comes in or comes from. It does not come from Centre county, and from other parts of the states the information is that Hoyt's nomination does not enthuse at all. People are tired of Cameron's set ups, and the Harrisburg nominations were so plainly the work of Simon and Don that there is a strong disposition among republicans to let them go over board.

The only issue now before the people is between honesty and corruption—the government administered by pure men or by rings. The Cameron clan on one side with Hoyt, and Dill on the other whose nine years in senate prove him to be a true representative of the people.

John A. Woodward, of Howard, is member of the democratic state committee, for this senatorial district. A most excellent choice. Mr. Woodward is a democrat of the purest water.

The latest from Europe now is that peace negotiations are regarded at St. Petersburg as in a fair way for a satisfactory conclusion.

At the republican primary meetings in Lancaster county the other day, the Cameron gang was completely routed. Do it some more.

THE INVESTIGATION.

As to the committee's plans in investigating the presidential fraud the World's special writes from Washington, on 20, that the Special Committee on the Florida and Louisiana Election Frauds will organize 21st on the return of Mr. Potter, the Chairman, from New York. It will be divided into two subcommittees to take testimony from each State. Mr. Morrison will probably be made chairman of the Louisiana portion with General Butler as a part of the Republican minority. Mr. Morrison was chairman of the House investigation into the Louisiana election in the last Congress, and is, therefore, familiar with the subject at the outset. He will find an able second in General Butler, who is well informed on Louisiana affairs, especially as to the bargain made by the commission sent to New Orleans by the President a year ago, by which Packard was deposed from his claims to the Governorship. The telegram read in the House by General Garfield from Minister Noyes asking that he be subpœnaed as soon as the committee is organized, will be laid before the committee, but it is not probable that Governor Noyes will be summoned until some evidence is taken implicating him in the frauds in Florida. Mr. McLin, of the Returning Board, while here recently, gave his own measure in a silly story he told that whenever any of the Republican members of the board or Republican politicians would become timid and hesitate during its progress in making up the returns in the interest of Hayes, Noyes would often and familiarly place both hands on their shoulders, and, with a significant look, would say with great emphasis: "Gentlemen, you don't know Governor Hayes." M'Lin now says that he believes Noyes was quite right, and that he didn't know then what kind of a man Hayes was. He counted the State for him, however, and now declares that he has acquired very full knowledge of the kind of a man Hayes is, but his confidence in Noyes's opinion has quite oozed out at his fingers' ends. Among the witnesses who will be summoned on the Florida case is William E. Chandler. It is true that he testified in the investigation by the Forty-fourth Congress, but he pleaded the privilege of counsel when called upon to explain the cipher telegrams which he sent to Hayes's private secretary at Columbus, to Zach Chandler and other leading Republicans. These telegrams have been recently reprinted from the old report in the newspapers, and one of them to Columbus, on December 14, 1876, indicates that the prospect for Hayes was stormy. Mr. Chandler is now willing to explain all these telegrams.

A. H. DILL.

This gentleman, the choice of the REPORTER as well as of nine-tenths of the democracy of Centre county, was nominated last week, by the Pittsburg convention, for governor. The convention did a good thing in this nomination, and it receives the most hearty and enthusiastic endorsement of the democracy of the state.

We favored the nomination of Mr. Dill because we deemed him the strongest man, because a nine years record in the state senate leaves him with a pure and spotless record, and because he is emphatically a man of the people and for the people. Although he lives in a strongly republican district so great is Mr. Dill's popularity among the people who know him, without respect to party, that he was thrice elected for state senator. This is one of the strongest testimonials for the man, and we venture to say that the fidelity with which he has served his constituents and the people of the state in the senate, will give him a larger vote from the honest portion of the republicans than any other man that could have been nominated.

Andrew H. Dill's character is unassailable, and his nomination has caused consternation among the slangwhanging portion of the republican press and republican leaders. He is the friend of the common classes, and in Union county where he is known, he is the favorite of the farmer and the working man, always having mingled with these and ever identifying himself with their interests. No hand was ever too crusty from labor but Andrew H. Dill was ready to give it a friendly grasp and lend it sympathy and aid. Workingmen, here is your friend, nominated for governor; he has stood by you in all your interests, stand by him now and with your votes assist to elevate him to the position of governor where he can still further guard and more surely serve your interests.

To the people of Centre county, we can say that Mr. Dill was one of the early, and warmest friends of the Pennsvalley road, often coming into our county to attend our railroad meetings and speak in favor of the road. He stands to-day yet as one of the most earnest advocates for its completion. This county will roll up an increased majority for Dill—he is well known to many of our people, and wherever he is known, among republicans as well as among democrats, Andrew H. Dill is strong.

WORTH REMEMBERING.

The following is an extract from the State Constitution:

Any person who shall give, or promise or offer to give, to an elector, any money reward or other valuable consideration for his vote at an election, or for withholding the same, or who shall give or promise to give such consideration to any other person or party for such elector's vote or for the withholding thereof, and any elector who shall receive or agree to receive, for himself or for another, any money, reward or other valuable consideration for his vote at an election, or for withholding the same shall thereby forfeit the right to vote at such election whose right to vote shall be challenged for such cause before the election officers, shall be required to swear or affirm that the matter of the challenge is untrue before his vote shall be received.

Any person who shall, while a candidate for office, be guilty of bribery, fraud, or willful violation of any election law, shall be forever disqualified from holding an office of trust or profit in this Commonwealth; and any person convicted of willfull violation of the election laws shall, in addition to any penalties provided by law, be deprived of the right of suffrage absolutely for a term of four years.

John Siney, one of the "labor party" leaders in the coal regions, was a prominent actor in the convention of the Nationals. He made several speechies, in one of which he said "there are but two parties in this county, the skinners and the skinned, the robbers and robbed." The Pottsville Standard, published where Siney lives, and, therefore, a competent witness, in remarking upon the declaration, "feels, called upon to say, for the information of the general public, that there isn't a more perfect specimen of a skinner in the State of Pennsylvania than this same John Siney." This is about the length and breadth of it, no doubt.

We know a little of John Siney in these parts—he was one of the leaders in last summers terrible riots, and made himself particularly conspicuous in the riots in the Clearfield coal fields. He is a dangerous man, and his championship of the laboring class is a sham that he may be enabled to get his living off of them without working.

During the campaign in which Hartranft ran for governor, it was charged that the Mollie vote had been bought over for him by his agents. During the Mollie murder trials afterwards it was charged by Frank B. Gowan that Mollie Maguire leaders had been bought by the Hartranft party, and that some of the indicted leaders said the "old man at Harrisburg" would take care of them. This is what Hartranft, the "old man at Harrisburg is now declaring he will do with Jack Kehoe. The governor a few days ago said that he thought Jack Kehoe innocent of the crime of which he was convicted, and said he could not be driven to consent to the hanging of an innocent man, even though it should be carried into the campaign and made a handle of politically. The Pittsburg Post adds it don't care to see Kehoe hung, but if the Governor pardons him he should insist on the repayment of the $2,000 given Kehoe in 1875, to secure the Mollie vote for Hartranft as against Pershing. Compel him to make restitution, Governor.

DILL DEMONSTRATIONS.

THE GALLANT DEMOCRATIC STANDARD BEARER RECEIVES A GRAND OVATION AT SUNBURY.

AN IMMENSE THRONG OF PEOPLE GREET HIM ON HIS ARRIVAL AT HIS HOME IN LEWISBURG.

Sunbury, May 24.—At least one thousand people independent of party assembled at the depot this afternoon to greet Senator Dill on his way home. His remarks, as well as those of Senators Allen and Peale and Representative Sherwood, were received with tumultuous applause. At night one hundred guns were fired and an immense impromptu ratification meeting convened in front of the Clement house. The valley of the Susquehanna is a unit for Dill. Put down old Northumberland for 2,000 majority for Dill and the whole ticket.

DILL AT HIS HOME.

Lewisburg, Pa., May 24.—Upon the arrival of Hon. A. H. Dill at his home this evening he was met at the depot by an immense throng of his fellow citizens, who, as he appeared upon the platform, gave expression to their joy and pride at his nomination for governor by cheer upon cheer. The wildest enthusiasm prevailed, and amid the hugsh of the multitude and the waving of handkerchiefs from every window he was conveyed to his residence in a barouche, drawn by four horses. In the first carriage with Senator Dill sat Hon. Joseph C. Bucher, Hon. R. T. Allen and Hon. S. R. Peale, followed by distinguished citizens in other carriages. Flags were flying on every side and men, women and children with beaming faces rushed to bid him welcome as he alighted in front of his home. His house had been festooned with wreaths, flags and evergreens by the Spyker Graham, post of the Grand Army of the Republic, No. 52. Flowers were strewn upon the threshold and from the hands of an impromptu committee of lovely misses.

The senator received an armful of bouquets. In a word the whole population seemed to have given themselves up to gladness and spontaneous welcome. The senator was overpowered with emotion, but after music by the band and the following introduction by his life-long friend, Judge Bucher, he appeared, and with much feeling, addressed his friends. Judge Bucher said:

"My heart swells with pride and joy at this auspicious meeting. You have assembled here without distinction of political faith or creed in order to do honor to a distinguished fellow citizen and neighbor, who by the kind partiality of the great political organization to which he belongs has seen fit to make him its exponent and standard bearer in the political canvass that is about to open. At such a time as this we would not assemble as partisans but simply for the purpose of paying a tribute of respect to the exalted private life as well as public worth of our friend Andrew H. Dill, who is known to each and every one of you. I recognize in the sea of familiar faces men reflecting every shade of political thought and action, and I am mindful of the responsible position into which I have been placed by your kind partiality, and it too admonishes me that I should be silent amid the war of contending political elements. Union county has had an important place in the political history for many years. She gave from her bosom a Simon Snyder to the governorship of the commonwealth; she gave to the public service an Eli Slifer and a Ner Middleswarth, who for twenty-six years was her representative in the general assembly. Now I know that whatever your political convictions may be, that so far as our distinguished fellow citizen may be concerned personally that you will rejoice if when the ides of November come the terrific thunderings of the popular voices will crown him with the laurel wreath of victory and bear him to the place once occupied by Simon Snyder. Permit me to introduce to you our friend Andrew H. Dill.

Senator Dill said: "My fellow citizens I am overwhelmed with emotion as I stand and look into your faces. As my friend was speaking I have been thinking of all you have done for me; that to you of Union county, republicans and democrats, I owe all of the distinction I may have attained in my political career. You have generously trusted me for ten years as your representative in the senate and now I have been placed by my party in a position of large responsibility and duty as a candidate for governor of this great state, and I am frank to say that I believe I had your earnest good wishes for favorable action at Pittsburg, but I did not expect such an overwhelming demonstration of the people on my return home. My fellow citizens, friends and neighbors, from the bottom of my heart I thank you. I am about to hand back to you the trust that you confided to me in order to enter untrammeled upon the approaching contest. Whatever may be the event of the election it is compensation enough for me that the nomination I have received has been the occasion of this spontaneous outpouring of the people of my own home and the exhibition of the feeling of confidence and good will by my immediate neighbors, who honor me. I again thank you." (Applause.)

Eloquent addresses were also delivered by Wm. VanGezer, esq., Senators R. P. Allen and S. R. Peale, and Rev. D. S. Monroe, pastor of the M. E. church of Lewisburg. The latter gentlemen said: "It affords me much pleasure to associate with you in our offering the highest congratulations to our neighbor and friend. My personal acquaintance with Senator Dill assures me that he is an honest and upright man. With you I most heartily congratulate him upon the distinction that has been conferred upon him by his party and I feel assured that if elected he will never reflect discredit upon his party, upon himself, nor upon the people whom he represents." (Applause.)

GOV. HARTRANFT AND "JACK" KEHOE.

[Special Despatch to the World.]

Philadelphia, May 16.—In conversation with your correspondent at Harrisburg last evening, Governor Hartranft intimated that he thought Jack Kehoe innocent of the crime of which he was convicted and said he could not be driven to consent to the hanging of an innocent man, even though it should be carried into the campaign and made handle of politically. Kehoe is the famous "King of the Mollies," and is supposed to have had a hand in nearly every one of the crimes of the order. Indeed, he is already under sentence of imprisonment for fourteen years for complicity in the murder of Gomer James, the assault on Thomas and the conspiracy against the Majors, besides his conviction of the murder of F. W. S. Langdon at Audenried, June 4, 1862. He is, however, a man of great political influence in the coal districts.

——Fishing tackle, fancy articles, drugs, medicines, &c., at Frank Greens—best assortment in county.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

A Tremendous Gathering of the Unterrified in the Smoky City.

Special to the *Patriot*.

Pittsburg, May 22.—The streets are alive with people, attracted here by the democratic state convention, which is generally regarded to be the largest ever held in western Pennsylvania. All parts of the state are unusually well represented, and there is a determination to place a ticket in the field combining all the elements of strength.

The convention did not reach a ballot to-day owing to the numerous contests before the committee on credentials, which was in session seven or eight hours without coming to a conclusion. The convention having been informed at nine o'clock that the committee on credentials would not be prepared to report until ten an adjournment was voted until 9 a. m. to-morrow.

After considerable confusion as to what formed the roll of delegates, the roll was called and the convention effected a temporary organization by the election of Hon. R. Milton Speer, of Huntingdon county, temporary chairman, who was introduced to the convention by Hon. W. L. Scott, of Erie. The vote stood—Speer, 122; Scott, 99.

The result was received with applause by the Dill supporters.

Pittsburg, May 23.—The democratic state convention reassembled at 9 o'clock this morning, and the report of the committee on contested seats having been made and the contestants seated, a permanent organization was effected by the election of the Hon. Charles R. Buckalew as permanent president.

Senator Wallace and Hon. George M. Dallas conducted Mr. Buckalew to the chair, the former introducing him. Mr. Buckalew's speech was an appeal to the intelligence and forbearance of the convention, cautioning it to avoid all feeling.

The platform was called for, and Senator Wallace, coming upon the stage smiling, being greeted heartily, read the resolutions himself, which created enthusiasm.

The following is the full text of the platform:

The democracy of Pennsylvania unanimously declare:

That the republican party, its measures and its men, are responsible for the financial distress, the misery and want that now exist. It has had control of the legislation of the country, and has enacted and perpetuated a policy that has enriched the few and impoverished the many. Its system of finance has been one of favors to moneyed monopoly, of unequal taxation, of exemption of classes, of high rates of interest and of remorseless contraction, which has destroyed every enterprise that gave employment to labor. Its present hold upon federal power was secured by fraud, perjury and forgery. Its laws are unjust and its practices are immoral. They distress the people and destroy their substance. The only remedy for these evils is an entire change of policy, and the dethronement of those in power; and we resolve,

That further contraction of the volume of United States legal tender notes is unwise and unnecessary. They should be received for customs duties and reissued as fast as received.

Gold, silver and United States legal tender notes at par therewith are a just basis for paper circulation.

A close connection of the federal government with the business interests of the people, through national banks, tends to monopoly and centralization, but in changing the system, uniformity of notes, security of the noteholder and protection of the capital invested should be provided for.

Treasury notes issued in exchange for bonds bearing a low rate of interest, is the best form in which the credit of the government can be given for paper currency.

Labor and capital have equal demands upon and equal responsibilities in law. Commerce and manufactures should be encouraged, so that steady employment and fair wages may be yielded to labor, whilst safety of investment and moderate return for its use belong to capital. Violence or breaches of order in support of the real or supposed rights of either should be promptly suppressed by the strong arm of the law.

The republican party by its legislation in 1872, which reduced the tariff upon bituminous coal from one dollar twenty-five to seventy-five cents per ton, and upon iron, steel, wool, metals, paper, glass, leather and all manufactures of each of them ten per cent., struck a fatal blow at the industries and labor of Pennsylvania.

The public lands are the common property of the people, and they should not be sold to speculators nor granted to railroad or other corporations, but should be reserved as homesteads for actual settlers.

Our public debt should be held at home, and the bonds representing it ought to be of small denominations, in which the savings of the masses may be safely invested.

Thorough investigation into the electoral fraud of 1876 should be made, fraud should be exposed, truth vindicated and criminals punished. But we oppose any attack upon the President's title as dangerous to our institutions and fruitless in its results.

The republican party, controlling the legislation of the state, has refused to execute many of the reforms of the new constitution. Among other things it has neglected and refused to compel the acceptance of all of its provisions by the corporations of the state; to prevent undue and unreasonable discrimination in charges for transportation for freight and passengers, and without abatement of drawback to any; to give to all equal means for transporting the raw material of the state in such manner and to such points as they may prefer; and to publish in good faith monthly statements of where the money of the people was kept. The republican party creates new offices and adds enormous perquisites to others, and fills them with favorites, whose chief duty is to manage its political machinery. Its administration of the state government grows more expensive with each year of its rule. Legislation has been directed by republican lobbyists, who in turn manipulate and control the nominations of the republican party, and its candidates are the creation of a junta, whose decrees are accepted as the irreversible mandates of absolute hereditary power. We denounce these methods, these measures and these men as unworthy the support of an honest and free people, and we invite all, of every shade of political opinion, to unite with us in delivering the commonwealth from their hateful rule.

The greatest manifestations of delight attended the electoral fraud and anti-discrimination resolutions.

Mr. Wallace, finishing, moved the adoption of the report. He was seconded by R. B Brown, of Clarion, and they were accepted without dissent.

At 10:30 the gubernatorial nominations being in order, A. H. Coffroth, of Somerset, named A. H. Dill. G. W. Miller, of Washington, named James H. Hopkins.

Malcolm Hay briefly seconded Hopkins and Senator Allan followed for Dill, declaring Andrew H. Dill was "the man for the hour." Patrick F. Dever, of Philadelphia, named General William McCandless, and although he mentioned his war record in its bright colors he won little responsive feeling for his nomination.

Dallas seconded M'Candless. Wilber, of Bradford, named Colonel Victor E. Piolett; John Ahl, of York, named Levi Maish; Samuel Greenwood, of Chester, named Robert E. Monaghan; and Joseph M. Thompson, of Jefferson, named Geo. A. Jenks, who was seconded by R. B. Brown, of Clarion.

Mr. Dill was nominated on the third ballot, and as Simon Strasbaugh, of Perry county, voted for Dill (making the 124th vote and securing Dill's nomination) there was tremendous applause.

The following are the three ballots:

	First	Second	Third
Whole No. of votes	250	250	249
Necessary to a choice	126	126	125
Andrew H. Dill	92	115	136
James H. Hopkins	58	56	89
Wm. M'Candless	47	40	—
Victor E. Piollet	16	13	5
George A. Jenks	14	13	13
Robert E. Monaghan	12	12	6
Levi Maish	11	—	—
Jere. S. Black	—	1	—

Malcolm Hay moved to make Dill's nomination unanimous, which was agreed to.

The result of the first ballot for the supreme court judgeship was—Judge Henry P. Ross, of Montgomery, 162; Furman Sheppard, of Philadelphia, 71; Judge Edward S. Golden, of Armstrong, 10. Judge Samuel P. Wilson, of Beaver, who had been named for the office, was withdrawn before the ballot began. Mr. Sheppard received only 20 votes from the Philadelphia delegation, while Judge Ross received 24 from the same source.

The field, notwithstanding all its pledges of standing up for the other anti-Wallace candidates in the event of Dill's nomination, went to pieces on the judgeship, and before the roll was half through it was evident that Ross would win by a great majority. The Sheppard managers counted without their host, and had no power to prevent the stampede to Ross.

The nomination for the lieutenant governorship being in order, W. H. Sowden, of Lehigh; O. H. Reighard, of Williamsport; John Fertig, of Crawford; Jacob Zeigler, of Butler; R. L. Johnston, of Cambria; James A. Stranahan, of Mercer; Dr. Louis Heck, of Dauphin; J. E. Faunce, of Philadelphia, and Hon. Wm. M'Clelland were presented, and the list closed.

M'Clelland's name was withdrawn.

The first ballot resulted in no choice—Sowden, 54; Fertig, 50; Zeigler, 30; Johnson, 12; Stranahan, 20; Heck, 7; Faunce, 63; Reighard, 11. The Philadelphians generally supported Faunce.

The names of Reighard, Johnston and Heck were then withdrawn. A second ballot was ordered, the convention persistently refusing to adjourn until the business was finished.

The second ballot for lieutenant governor resulted in no choice—Sowden, 47; Fertig, 76; Zeigler, 28; Stranahan, 19; Faunce, 59.

Mr. Fertig was nominated on the third ballot by a vote of 182 to Sowden's 63.

The nominees for secretary of internal affairs were J. Simpson Africa, of Huntingdon, J. Howard Beach and John H. Reall, of Philadelphia. Mr. Africa was nominated on the first ballot, receiving 181 votes to 69 for Beach and Reall 6.

Hon. R. Milton Speer, of Huntingdon, was on motion of Senator Wallace unanimously chosen chairman of the state central committee for the ensuing year.

After the announcement by the various senatorial districts of membership of that committee Senator Dill was introduced to the convention and made a few well timed and eloquent remarks. He was followed briefly by Senator Wallace and Hon. C. A. Buckalew and the convention at 4:30 p. m. adjourned.

THE FAMINE IN CHINA.

Washington, May 20.—Minister Seward sends to the state department accounts of the Chinese famine up to the middle of last March. The distress occasioned by the famine last year is spreading over a much wider area, owing to renewed drought. The district now affected composes part of or the whole of the provinces of Shansi, Chihli, Shantung, Shensi, Hanan, Sichuen and Kansu.

Actual famine is pressing upon 15,000,000 people, while fully 60,000,000 are suffering more or less distress. The Chinese journals teem with accounts of the suffering. One of the most pitiable features of this famine is that there is an abundance of food in the country and it is only the lack of transportation which causes so much misery and loss of life.

The crops have been good immediately around the stricken districts, but as food can be transported only on wagons or pack animals, it cannot be taken thither in sufficient quantities to save the lives of the people. The Chinese officials have done all that is possible. The missionaries are distributing relief as best they may. The Chinese have usually classed opium and missionaries as among the chief evils due to foreign intercourse, but the latter are now winning favor through the practical help they afford.

EXCELLENT SCHOOL BOOKS.

People now-a-days are very much in the habit of boasting of the facilities enjoyed for acquiring an education. It is true they are largely improved over those enjoyed a few years ago; but the question arises—Are we obtaining the best it is possible to procure for the cost? If not, in what does the deficit consist, and how shall it be satisfied?

These considerations have occupied us to no small extent in an examination we have recently made of some new and progressive text books for common schools. They comprise a series of arithmetics by Prof. Milne, principal of the State Normal School at Geneseo, N. Y., and a history of the United States by Prof. Ridpath, of the Indiana Asbury University. These books possess original features of so much value that a brief reference to them must prove interesting to every intelligent reader.

First. The Arithmetics. These comprise "First Lessons in Arithmetic," and "Practical Arithmetic." They are upon the inductive plan—that is, they a reason explication of the science of numbers deduced from actual experience, as opposed to hypothetical or assumed definitions. They come right down to business principles at once, to the practical work of buying, selling, contracting, borrowing, loaning, and all the various ramifications of commercial life, without interposing the abstruse theories and ridiculous puzzles with which so many arithmetics are lumbered. Their analysis of the rules which lie at the foundation of the study is simple and concise and will be readily comprehended. The rules are few and briefly expressed, but they tell the whole story. There is no opportunity for misunderstanding them. They are the handsomest and most substantially made books of arithmetic, as well as the cheapest in the market, and we think enough has been said to induce those interested in practical instruction to examine them.

Second. The History. It involves more distinctive features of an attractive character than any school history of the United States we have ever examined. The narrative is smooth and fascinating, the facts are succinctly and impressively stated and the deductions are satisfactory and impartial. In the way of maps, charts, diagrams and illustrations there is nothing to be desired, for they are according to the best authorities and in every regard admirable. The maps show the conditions of the country at important periods; the chronological charts indicate events in their order, and fix them in the mind with contemporaneous happenings in other countries; the topographical diagrams point out the historical battle-fields, important settlements, etc.; the illustrations are portraits of those who have added luster to our national annals. The work has a full index and a pronouncing vocabulary, a recapitulation of each chapter and decidedly the most admirable arrangement of its subject matter it is possible to make. No book can induce the pupil to love the history of his country if this fails to do it.

These books are published by Messrs. Jones Brothers & Co., of Philadelphia, Cincinnati and Chicago.

HE CONFESSES TO FOUR MURDERS.

Myerstown, Pa., May 22.—John Stoever, alias Harris, who confessed on his deathbed to having committed four murders, was one of the most respected citizens of this place. He made the confession the night before he died to Geo. Haffelfinger and his wife and Percival Daub John Harris, of this place, who was Stoever's stepfather, said yesterday that such a confession had been made. He also told Isaac Loeb, of Lebanon, that he (Loeb) was implicated in the confession. The matter will be investigated to-day.

—— No one can long abuse health without suffering generally with blood diseases. Keep the blood pure by using Dr Bull's Blood Mixture.

Some forty shad have been caught at Newport, and three or four at Shamokin Dam.

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