



A CONTEST ON

MILLER WILL FIGHT CRONISTER'S ELECTION.

A Petition Presented to the Court Contesting the Sheriffship—General Dissatisfaction Among the Republicans.

Last Thursday afternoon a few minutes before adjournment of court, a petition was presented by ex-Judge Furst and E. R. Chambers in which the election of Wm. Cronister is contested by the defeated Republican candidate Abram V. Miller.

The petition is signed by a number of men on the other side of the county and states that by means of irregularities and illegal votes in many of the districts of the county, Cronister received the majority of 16 votes which elected him. In several districts the petitioners claim that many votes were counted on ballots illegally marked. A mark had been placed in the circle at the head of the Republican column and a cross also placed after Cronister's name. On these grounds the petitioners claim that Miller received the greater number of votes.

It is claimed that the following number of illegal votes were counted in the districts named below:

Howard Boro., 30; Howard Twp., 15 or more; Liberty 10; Marion 12; Patton 25; Worth 40; Burnside 30; North Rush 15; South Rush 20; Phillipsburg 1st Ward 28; 2nd Ward 17; 3rd Ward 100; Benner 15; East Gregg 5; West Ward Bellefonte 5; North Boggs 15; West Boggs 20; East Boggs 5; West Ferguson 15; Unionville 10; Huston 20; General 50.

Judge Love granted a petition and named Saturday, Jan. 2nd when Cronister will make answer to the charges. The case will be argued and if the court deems sufficient evidence can be produced, the contest will go on and the fun begin.

Meanwhile Sheriff Cronister will be sworn in and take his office, his certificate of election having been served on him.

It is not known whether there will be a contest in the full sense of the word or a recount. Either will throw the county into an enormous expense, and the move of Miller has met with little approbation from the better class of Republicans.

The Democrats express no fear as to the outcome. In every district but two there is a strong Republican majority which is bound to affect Miller more than Sheriff Cronister.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

The Success of the Experiment in Farming Districts.

Rural free delivery for letters has been begun at a number of points in 22 states, in accordance with a provision in the latest postoffice appropriation bill. It is working very well so far, and its success gives encouragement to extend the service. The department has acted on rational principles in making the small beginning of a great work. It has begun the free deliveries in small towns having thickly settled farming communities around them, the service being limited to within a radius of four miles from the postoffice. It is thus a legitimate and logical extension of the city delivery service, and begun in this way, it can be gradually extended further from time to time, until the whole country is covered. The work can be aided materially by a revision of the postal laws; cutting off, or at least cutting down, the abuse of the franking privilege and making the postage rates more rational, and also by pushing the good roads movement in every community, so that the carriers can get about on bicycles. In fact the latter might be reasonably made a condition of free delivery, and doing so by Congress could accomplish a great work without cost to the National Treasury.

Big Game Confiscation.

At St. Paul, Minn., the other day, the State game warden seized and confiscated 30 tons of venison, which, it is said, was being shipped to Boston, New York and Chicago.

The fines for illegal transportation of the game will reach \$40,000 or \$50,000. This is said to be the largest seizure ever made at one time in the United States.

One Way to be Happy.

Is to attend to the comfort of your family. Should one catch a slight cold or cough, call on R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, and get a trial bottle of Otto's Cure, the great German Remedy free. We give it away to prove that we have a sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Constipation, and all diseases of the throat and Lungs. Large sizes 50c. and 25c.

LIST OF JURORS.

Drawn for the January Term of Court, Beginning Monday Jan 25, 1897.

On Monday the jury commissioners met in the arbitration room, at the Court House and drew the following grand and traverse jurors for January court, commencing on Monday, January 25th, 1897.

GRAND JURORS.

- R. F. Comley, Union.
- Percival Rudy, Colledge.
- Edward Fisher, Union.
- Wm. Straub, Spring.
- John Moore, Potter.
- Watson Struble, Spring.
- T. O. Morris, Miles.
- Elias Krumrine, Penn.
- A. Walters, Millheim.
- Charles A. From, Harris.
- Orlando Weston, Taylor.
- Gabriel Betz, Marion.
- Wm. Calderwood, Taylor.
- Emanuel Bollinger, Phillipsburg.
- Henry Heaton, Boggs.
- W. L. Lewis, Boggs.
- Wm. Lyons, Howard Twp.
- Thomas Bechtel, Howard Twp.
- Wm. Bitner, Gregg.
- Lewis Marshall, Benner.
- George Ulrich, Millheim.
- Hays Schenck, Howard Boro.
- Joseph Fox, Bellefonte.
- S. S. Crissman, Phillipsburg.

TRAVERSE JURORS 1ST WEEK.

- Jacob Wooding, Worth.
- John McCool, Gregg.
- W. E. Kaufman, Snow Shoe.
- G. W. Naugle, Phillipsburg.
- C. K. Hicklen, Bellefonte.
- J. Miles Green, Milesburg.
- Jacob Cole, Spring.
- Wm. Johnson, Snow Shoe.
- P. J. McDonald, Unionville.
- E. Ross, Phillipsburg.
- S. R. Kunes, Liberty.
- Phillip Ertle, Howard Twp.
- J. Green Irvin, Colledge.
- Joseph Barton, Unionville.
- L. C. Rearick, Benner.
- A. W. Harper, Phillipsburg.
- Wm. Bridge, Marion.
- John C. Bair, Bellefonte.
- Abraham Craft, Snow Shoe.
- S. H. Eisenberg, Centre Hall.
- Charles Rachau, Gregg.
- Geo. W. Cummings, Millheim.
- Conrad Miller, Spring.
- Fred Slegal, Gregg.
- A. C. Barges, Haines.
- Henry Sowers, Colledge.
- Albert Smeltzer, Spring.
- Philip Wortz, Colledge.
- J. B. Howe, Phillipsburg.
- Wm. Shutt, Benner.
- Jeremiah Runner, Liberty.
- Adam Felty, Harris.
- A. C. Kelly, Benner.
- W. J. Bodle, Benner.
- Robert D. Musser, Gregg.
- Michael Mays, Boggs.
- P. H. Stover, Penn.
- Thomas E. Royer, Miles.
- Jesse Gunsallus, Snow Shoe.
- W. S. Miller, Miles.
- Wm. H. Twigg, Rush.
- Aaron Meyers, Huston.
- Wm. B. Mingle, Centre Hall.
- John Gentzel, Walker.
- George W. Musser, Patton.
- Fred Decker, Colledge Twp.
- John Brown, Spring.
- Emanuel Peters, Colledge Boro.

TRAVERSE JURORS—2ND WEEK.

- David M. Whiteman, Walker.
- A. Newman, Milesburg.
- Henry Lowry, Bellefonte.
- James Black, Phillipsburg.
- Thomas Malone, Boggs.
- D. D. Goodyear, Rush.
- B. V. Fink, Taylor.
- J. R. Lee, Potter.
- Wm. Condo, Haines.
- Jacob Long, Gregg.
- Wilson Irvin, Union.
- John Summers, South Phillipsburg.
- Joel Johnson, Bellefonte.
- J. H. Wyle, Haines.
- Adam Ertle, Gregg.
- Wm. Tate, Spring.
- John Jodon, Spring.
- J. P. Smith, Bellefonte.
- Andrew Bolger, Phillipsburg.
- Ed. Brown, Jr., Bellefonte.
- Wm. Carson, Spring.
- E. T. Tuten, Bellefonte.
- J. H. Griffin, Halfmoon.
- Siney Hoy, Benner.
- Adam Mays, Rush.
- Wm. Goheen, Harris.
- W. N. Auman, Millheim.
- Frank Geisewhite, Haines.
- Samuel Gordon, Spring.
- Archie Allison, Bellefonte.
- Thos. Eckenroth, Union.
- C. C. Barges, Gregg.
- Walter Smith, Boggs.
- Seymour Winkleblech, Haines.
- Edward Kerlin, Benner.
- Geo. Brown, Boggs.

Weekly Weather Report.

Temperature: Highest Lowest.

Dec. 3	27	13	clear.
" 4	30	13	part cloudy
" 5	42	24	cloudy.
" 6	52	34	clear.
" 7	48	31	part cloudy
" 8	45	31	cloudy.
" 9	47	36	cloudy.

Rainfall: On 8, none to midnight, 7.5 inches.

TOURS TO CALIFORNIA.

Three Tours Arranged for the Season of 1897 by the P. R. R.

California has been most fittingly termed the "Italy of America." All the delicious balm, the cloudless sky, and the rich verdure of the great European peninsula are duplicated in this sunny land of the Pacific. Here nature basks in the sunshine of her own beauty; and here she has established her own sanitarium, where eternal spring inspires everlasting youth. With the snow mantled peaks of the Sierras upon the one hand, the calm Pacific with its soft breezes upon the other, and a veritable paradise of flowers, fruits, and plants between, man can find and needs no lovelier land. To visit such a country is a privilege, a blessing.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, recognizing the need of a more comfortable and pleasant way of crossing the continent, inaugurated a series of annual tours to California, running a through train of Pullman palace cars from New York to the Pacific Coast, and stopping at the principal points of interest en route. The great popularity of these tours demonstrates the wisdom of the movement.

For the season of 1897 three tours have been arranged to leave New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburg, January 27, February 24, and March 27.

The first tour will run direct to San Diego via St. Louis and the Santa Fe Route, and return from San Francisco via Salt Lake City, Denver, and Chicago, allowing five weeks in California.

The second tour will run via the Mammoth Cave and New Orleans to San Diego, stopping at the "Crescent City" during the Mardi Gras Carnival. This tour will return via Salt Lake City, Denver, Omaha, and Chicago, allowing four weeks in California.

The third tour will run via Chicago, Denver, and Salt Lake City, allowing passengers to return by regular trains via different routes within nine months.

All of these tours, either going or returning, will pass through the famous Colorado region, Glenwood Springs, Leadville, and the garden of the Gods. Rates from all points on the Pennsylvania Railroad system east of Pittsburg: First tour, \$310; second tour, \$350; third tour, \$210 round trip, and \$150 one way.

For detailed itineraries and other information, apply at ticket agencies, special booking offices, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

The Game Laws.

The following are the game laws of Pennsylvania: No person shall kill or have in possession after being killed any gray, black or fox squirrel between January 1 and September 1, penalty \$5 for each squirrel; hare or rabbit, between January 1 and November 1, penalty, \$5 for each rabbit; wild turkey, between January 1 and October 15, penalty, \$10 for each turkey; upland or grass plover, between January 1 and July 15, penalty, \$10 for each plover; woodcock, between January 1 and July 4, penalty, \$10 for each woodcock; quail or partridge, between December 15 and November 1, penalty, \$10 for each quail; ruffed grouse or pheasant, between January 1 and October 1, penalty, \$10 for each pheasant; rail or reed bird, between December 1 and September 1, penalty, \$5 for each rail or reed bird.

Diphtheria Ravages.

The family of W. L. Decker, at Spring Mills, has been seriously afflicted with diphtheria in a most malignant form for several weeks past, and already two deaths have occurred in the family, and at this writing another child is reported beyond recovery. The disease has been confined to the family of Mr. Decker, and has not communicated to other persons, and every precaution is being taken to confine it within the Decker family. The two children who have died were both girls, aged about 4 and 6 years.

Improvements.

Clem Luse has the foundation completed for his new house, and before many moons expects to have it under roof. Sheriff Spangler is putting up a big ice house on his lot adjoining the hotel. An addition has been built to the rear of Wolf & Crawford's store room, to give them more ware house room. C. Poulson will soon have his house ready to move in and then he'll fit from Howard here.

We have the finest assortment of canned goods, evaporated fruits and fine groceries ever offered to the trade in Bellefonte. Goods in this line are fine in quality and very reasonable in price.—Schuler & Co.

HANNA'S REALM

MCKINLEY'S MANAGER WILL RULE THE COUNTRY.

He Has Charge of Everything and Will Dictate the Policy to be Pursued.—An Extra Session of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The reign of Mark Hanna has opened in Washington. He is attracting more attention from Republican Senators and Representatives than the opening of Congress and the President's message combined, and he seems to be greatly enjoying it. Congress has no favors to distribute at this session, while Hanna has them by the barrel. The Republicans who have been re-elected to Congress want to work Hanna for their friends, and those who will cease to draw Congressional salaries on the 3rd of March are anxious to make connection with other public salaries at the earliest possible moment thereafter, and they recognize the necessity of getting on good terms with Hanna in order to do so. Hanna has no particular respect or reverence for anything except money. He went through the pretense of listening to protests by the local Republicans against the selection of a gold Democrat for Chairman of the inauguration committee, but he never had any idea of going back on the promise he had made to the clique of millionaire real estate speculators to select the man they had named for the place, both as a reward for his campaign contribution and as a means of putting a man under their control in a way to get into the good graces of McKinley and into a local office where he can influence the expenditure of the District of Columbia funds in a way to benefit their investments. If I wanted anything from Hanna I should hunt up the millionaire who had contributed to his committee, for a backer, instead of bothering with political influence. Mark regards politics as simply a question of money, and not of principles, and I make the prediction right now that the millionaires of the country will be far more influential with the McKinley administration, than the politicians.

How to do nothing while pretending to be trying to do something, will be the motto of the Republican leaders during the present session of Congress. It has been fully decided at Canton that an extra session of Congress shall be called to pass a tariff bill, and that nothing must be done at this session to give the Republican opponents of an extra session, of whom there are many, an excuse for saying there is no necessity for one. Under the circumstances this will not be a difficult task. The regular appropriation bills can easily be manipulated so as to take up all the time of the short session.

President Cleveland's seventeen thousand word message to Congress is from a literary point of view, a well written document. Its recommendations, some of them repetitions, have the united endorsement of the cabinet, and doubtless of many of Mr. Cleveland's admirers in private life. But it has had about the same effect upon Congress as a whole as the distribution of a batch of temperance or religious tracts would have had. It is neither praised nor denounced to any marked extent, although some features of it may, a little later on be made the text for some interesting features.

Tom Reed is today the most independent man in the Republican party. McKinley needs his support far more than he needs anything that McKinley will have to give, and nobody knows it any better than the big man from Maine, who will be elected Speaker of the next House without raising a finger, although the McKinleyites would give much for some scheme that would enable them to down him, but they dare not make an open move in that direction.

Those enemies of the Democratic party who had somehow, most probably because they wished it, gotten the idea that Senator Hill intended to attempt to knock the bottom out of things by making a speech in the Senate in which he would pay all his political and some of his personal debts by telling things that ought not to be told and saying things which were best left unsaid, have been barking up the wrong tree. Senator Hill may think he has political wrongs to avenge, but it can be stated upon the very highest authority—that of himself—that he has not the slightest idea of assuming the role of a public avenger on the floor of the Senate, and that instead of trying to widen the breach between Democrats he will endeavor to the extent of his influence to bring about a better state of party feeling.

Representative Berry, of Ky., who was re-elected, has this to say of the election in that state: "On a fair and square vote Kentucky would have gone for Bryan by at least 25,000 majority."

But money was used without stint, and it is one of the most potent factors in modern politics. There is always a purchasable element, and when money is as plentiful as it was in Kentucky this year, there is no trouble in getting mercenary recruits. But the Democrats elected seven out of the eleven Congressmen in spite of the corrupt methods of the opposition, and two years hence the Democratic ticket will sweep the state."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Queen Victoria has saved 150 million dollars in the queen business, and can start the biggest queens-ware shop on earth. Vic wont freeze this winter, anyhow.

The Reynoldsville woolen mills shut down last week, throwing many hands out of work. Why don't McKinley tend to his business and keep them going?

The state grange is in session at Altoona, this week, to elect officers, and transact other business. A curtain lecture for the benefit of such grangers as went back on their principles at the late election, would be in order.

If McKinley is not particularly busy just now we'd advise him to go to Millheim and start up that knitting factory.

Congress met on Monday and now we will have a sample of wonderful things to make us all rich, prosperous and happy.

The ravages of the war in Cuba, are beyond description. Plantations ruined, homes destroyed, men and women slaughtered by the merciless Spaniards, yet the Cubans are bravely bearing it all for the sake of throwing off the yoke of Spain.

Potters Mills.

The Seven mountains are flooded with hunters from all parts, only five deer have been killed.

Butchering is about over in this vicinity; W. W. Spangler killed 7 that weighed 237 pounds; that was the largest butchering in these parts. Mr. Spangler knows how to raise hogs.

P. P. Long left home on Monday for a short trip.

Miss Caroline McClaskey went to Bellefonte on Monday.

Richard Palmer and wife and son and F. E. Palmer, all of Houseville, were at this place helping their father, J. F. Palmer to butcher.

Miss Lizzie Faust, of Centre Hall, spent a few days with her mother in this place.

Frank Long is in town taking charge of his brother's store.

Miss Gosner, of Bellefonte is sewing for Miss Lillie Allison.

CONGRESS MEETS.

Congress assembled on Monday, and both houses listened to the reading of the President's message and then adjourned. A caucus of the Republican members was called for Monday evening, but the Republican silver senators refused to meet with the goldbug senators, which leaves the Republicans powerless to pass any tariff bills as the silver senators will not vote for any tariff measure without a free silver section in it.

On Tuesday senator Mills, of Texas, introduced a resolution, demanding a seizure of Cuba by the United States and ending the war. The Cuban question is about the only one that will receive any attention.

In the senate Mr. Cameron introduced a resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba.

The Coming Winter.

The meteorologist of the New York Herald is inclined to believe the signs indicate that the coming winter is going to be more severe than its predecessor. He says: "The exceptional rise of the barometer over the United States seems to be quite a distinct indication that the coming winter will not be generally as mild as its predecessor. In November, 1895, no phenomenal 'cold wave' appeared; the highest American pressures reported by the weather bureau during the month were 30.79 inches north of Montana on the 18th and 30.74 at Cape Breton on the 23d. In the present stage of weather study and prognostications it would not be safe to predict an extraordinarily cold winter from the present atmospheric conditions in the United States. But the warning now given by the barometer in the northwest should lead all classes in the northern sections of the country to prepare against the miseries of an inclement season."

Fine pure sugar Table Syrups, new crop New Orleans Syrup, Maple Syrup, and Maple Sugar made from pure sap, finest Coffees, Teas and pure Spices.—Schuler & Co., Bellefonte.

Interesting Inklings.

Our venerable and much esteemed townsman, Peter Hoffer, now 78 years of age, is in feeble condition.

Jerry Shreffler has been nursing a very sore hand the past ten days.

Everybody has been having work cleaned up in good shape out-doors and ready for winter to set in.

Boob has inquiry for sleighs, a sure sign there is to be sleighing this winter—all wish for it.

The Bradford and the Gentzel hunting gangs are in the mountains yet.

Andy Reesman is housed-up from a sore throat.

The Lutheran Sabbath school has concluded to have a holiday entertainment.

Harry Swab is having an every-day pull on butchering, and knows how to do it.

1897 is coming up on the stage—will you turn a new leaf for the new year, make all your crookedness straight and be better in the new year?

For holiday goods, read the ads of Katz, of Lyon, of Lewins, of the Backet, of Meyer, of Fauble, of Kremer & Son, of Brachbill.

The demand for apples is not brisk, the crop generally was large.

The Republicans not agreeing this session there is talk of an extra session after March 4th.

The state grange is in session at Altoona, with over 600 delegates in attendance. Rhone and McSparran are candidates for Master.

Storm set in Wednesday evening which raged all night with great violence, but this morning was calm.

"Christmas gifts" will soon be ripe, get stockings ready.

Three or four new churches were dedicated in this county this fall.

The reason of there not being so many heavy hogs killed this fall, is given by farmers that hogs weighing near 300 are more profitable than those of 500 lbs. and over.

Subscribe for the Reporter and get all the county news and such as is of importance from outside.

Sore throat is troubling a few persons in this vicinity.

Get your job work done at this office large and small, plain or fancy; prices always reasonable.

Two or Three Flocks.

At least three flocks of wild turkeys have been seen on the mountain above town, within a radius of not more than two miles. One flock was very large and seventeen were counted in it. The other flocks have from ten down. The last winter, which was open and mild is attributed the plentifulness of the wild birds. As plenty as they are, only a few turkeys have been killed. The season closes on Jan. 1, and there must be some hustling if any of the birds are to be killed.

Deer on the Edge.

Last Saturday a week a young man named Jodon, while out hunting near the Valentine ore banks about a mile from Bellefonte, came upon a large four-pronged buck. Although Jodon had nothing but fine shot, he had no trouble in killing the deer. It was taken to Bellefonte, where it was found to weigh 120 pounds. Some think the deer was run in by the dogs, while others think that he was attracted by deer on Gentzel's game reserve, near Zion.

A Cure for All Ills.

There is a man in this county who pays for his paper in advance. He never has been sick a day in his life, never had any corns or the tooth ache, his potatoes never rot, the weevil never eats his wheat, the frost never kills his corn or beans, his babies never cry at night and his wife never solds. Try it.

One Week Only.

We understand the school directors have decided to allow only one week vacation during the holidays instead of two as in former years. About Easter however, there will be a vacation of about a week. This it is thought, will be more satisfactory than the former arrangement.

Don't be persuaded into buying liniments without reputation or merit—Chamberlain's Pain Balm costs no more, and its merits have been proven by a test of many years. Such letters as the following, from L. G. Bagley, Huemene, Cal., are constantly being received: "The Best remedy for pain I have ever used is Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and I say so after having used it in my family for several years." It cures rheumatism, lame back, sprains and swellings. For sale by R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, J. H. Ross, Linden, Hall, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, and William Parker, Spring Mills.