



WILL OPEN BALLOT BOXES.

THE CONTEST FOR THE SHERIFFSHIP TO GO ON.

Judge Love Grants the Petition of Miller—Cronister Charges Bribery and Illegal Voting in Many Districts.

The contest for Sheriff is now a go, and the taxpayers of the county stand good to reach down in their pockets and whack up thousands of dollars, just for the fun of trying to give Abe Miller an office.

The sentiment all over the county is strongly against a contest. Every sensible voter, regardless of party affiliation, did not hesitate to denounce the move in contesting the office of sheriff to which Wm. M. Cronister last fall received the majority of votes. This sentiment was so strong that the attorneys for Miller had difficulty in securing the necessary affidavits to present their petition before the court.

Miller charges that a great many districts had ballots which should have been counted for him instead of Cronister, as the election boards interpreted the law. Judge Love fixed last Saturday, Jan. 2, as the day when he would hear argument on the contest.

Judge Furst and Ed. Chambers have been retained by Miller as counsel, and Cronister has retained N. B. Spangler, C. M. Bower, and Ellis L. Orvis to look after his side of the case. Judge Love with Associate Judge Faulkner were on the bench on Saturday when the case came up.

The court house was well filled and the argument caused much interest to be taken in the ruling of the court. Cronister's attorneys replied at length to the appeal of Miller. They claimed his election was legal and on the other hand charged that in several districts bribery was resorted to to gain votes for the Republican party.

The principal facts which it sets forth are as follows: Denies that Cronister's election was illegal. Respondent received a clear majority of the votes cast. It is not true that over 600, or any part of that number of votes, were cast for Cronister that should have been counted for Miller. On the other hand there were over 400 votes counted for Miller, that should have been placed to Cronister's credit. Declares that votes cast in Howard, Liberty, Worth and other townships, and marked with a cross at the head of the Republican ticket, and also opposite the name of Cronister, are not illegal, and were rightfully counted for the respondent.

In Phillipsburg and Burnside township 30 votes marked with a cross at the head of the Republican ticket, and also at the head of the Socialist Labor ticket were rightfully thrown out and not counted for A. V. Miller. Denies that there were more votes returned as cast from one precinct than there were voters residing there. Declares a recount would show a largely increased majority for Cronister. Charged that the ballot boxes had been opened and tampered with contrary to law. Some of the votes being defaced. In event of a recount this was very unfair to the respondent. The ballot boxes were left in vacant houses with no locks on the doors and in out of the way places.

In the following election precincts votes were counted for Miller which were cast by men who were not qualified, had not registered within the required time, were not naturalized citizens, had received money for their votes, had not paid taxes within two years or were not legal residents of the place in which they voted. Bellefonte, Phillipsburg, Centre Hall, Howard, Millheim, Milesburg, Unionville, State College, and Snow Shoe boroughs, and the following townships: Burnside, Potter, Benner, Boggs, Curtin, Ferguson, Gregg, Haines, Liberty, Marion, Patton, Miles, Penn, Rush, Spring, Taylor, Union, Walker and Worth.

In closing the counsel said that all the facts which their answer set forth were true to the best of their knowledge. He therefore prayed that the petition be set aside and the petitioners pay the costs. Judge Furst in answer to this said: On account of the great hue and cry raised by the Democratic press about the expense to the county, they had been unable to secure affidavit which they needed. He also said that it was the desire of the petitioners that this should be done with as little expense to the county as possible. Therefore he prayed the Court to hold a recount of the vote in the several precincts in dispute. He stated that they did not mean that there was any wrong intention on the part of the election officers, but that they through ignorance, counted votes for Cronister which should have been counted for Miller or thrown out. Compel all election officers to produce the ballot boxes, and have them taken to Bellefonte and placed in the custody of W. F. Smith, the clerk of the Court. He to place them under lock and key, and

allow no one to tamper with them. He further stated that his clients had no malice against anyone, but represented the public, who desire that justice shall be done, and the legally elected man be seated as sheriff.

Counsel for respondent were agreed on a recount of all the precincts in dispute on both sides.

Judge Love granted the appeal of Miller's attorneys, and directed that every ballot box in the county be brought to Bellefonte and placed under lock and key, and that the ballot boxes be collected before the February election. He appointed Constable H. H. Montgomery and John Dunlap to go over the county and secure the boxes.

THE NEW AND THE OLD.

A NEW board of county commissioners is now in office. We have no doubt they will prove worthy successors to the retired board in good house-keeping. Messrs. Riddle, Heckman and Fisher have been entrusted by the people of our county with the management of its affairs for the next three years. They are gentlemen of experience in general business affairs and of untarnished private character, and in their hands we think the county will be guided in the interests of the taxpayers.

The late board of commissioners, Messrs. Goodhart, Adams and Strohm, during their two terms of six years, managed the affairs of our county well in every sense of the word. True to every principle of economy—no leak can be charged up to them, having given every item of expenditure their closest scrutiny before it was incurred. Well done, faithful servants, the old board. They step out of office with clean hands and with the affairs of the county in splendid shape, debt paid and with assets showing a surplus.

Robert F. Hunter, six years commissioners' clerk, retires with great credit for constant attendance upon his duties, obliging, and always ready to serve those having business in the office. His work in that office will ever stand as proof of high efficiency. A more faithful clerk never occupied a desk.

In D. F. Fortney, esq., the board of commissioners had a safe attorney and the impress of his legal ability is shown in the smooth sailing that attended the board in its important and oft delicate duties. Attorney Fortney strove to do what was right and with no eye to hawk about for private gain.

John Q. Miles leaves the treasurer's office with a clean record—his duties he discharged with faithfulness and in all his intercourse with his constituents he was most pleasant and obliging. His successor, Harrison Kline, is a farmer of undoubted integrity and intelligence, which leave no doubt that the public funds rest in safe hands.

W. H. Cronister, the new sheriff, is so pleasant and affable a gentleman combined with splendid fitness for the position, that one is not likely to find any meanness in him in the discharge of his duties. As his counselor he has made a deserved selection in attorney N. B. Spangler, who has gained prominence as a young lawyer, and will not be influenced by other than just motives.

Recorder Morrison goes out with deserved credit for a faithful discharge of duties, and ever at his post. His successor, J. C. Harper, will prove an efficient recorder and fill the place with his usual accommodating style.

In our intercourse with these retiring officials we found uniform kindness and fair-dealing.

Happy New Year to the "outs" and the "ins."

A One-Sided Legislature.

The Legislature of Pennsylvania says the Record, will assemble under peculiar circumstances. The preponderance of Republican representatives is so great that if half of the members should die or move out of the State that party would still have a comfortable working majority. In this state of affairs the ordinary curb upon unfair, partisan legislation does not exist. The Democratic minority is a mere appendage, without power to help itself or to hinder the enemy. There is, in fact, no restraint upon the majority in the Legislature, except the limitations of the Constitution. The Executive veto would prove no stop.

This is both unprecedented and dangerous. It is not only dangerous to the Commonwealth, but dangerous to the party in control. If when the present Legislature shall have done its work and adjourned the people of Pennsylvania shall be as well off in person and estate as they are now on the day of its assembling there will be good reason for thanksgiving.

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TO REGULATE BARBERS.

Provisions of a New Legislative Bill. Barber Shops to be Inspected.

Barbers throughout the state are receiving copies of the bill that is to be introduced in the next legislature. The proposed act is entitled: "To regulate the occupation of barbers, and to provide for the sanitary inspection and regulation of their business by the board of health." The bill authorizes local boards of health to inspect barber shops and to observe the sanitary methods used, particularly with reference to the precaution employed for the prevention and spread of disease. Boards of health may pass rules regulating barber shops, and the penalty for violation is a fine of from \$10 to \$100.

The proposed law requires barbers within six months after the passage of the act to register with the state board, and new barbers shall pass an examination before the board as to their moral character and whether they are possessed of the necessary skill and knowledge of the sanitary methods. If so, a license, which is to cost the barber \$1, is to be issued. Then the applicant is to register his license in the probonoary's office and with the local boards of health.

Failure to procure a license or to register the same shall subject the offender to a fine of from \$50 to \$100 or three months' imprisonment.

All fees collected by the state board shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of the board.

NEW GAME LAWS.

We had an extended interview, a few days ago, with Mr. Sober, president of the state game commission, and find him strictly in accord with the REPORTER in its advocacy of stricter laws for the preservation of game. From president Sober we learn that the commission will present to the legislature the following suggestions for enactment:

The amendments proposed by the Commission, to our game laws, are to prohibit the killing for sale of any game in Pennsylvania and also the shipping of game outside the State. The amount of game that has been killed and sent outside the State is enormous. Another change proposed by the commission is the alteration in the time which hunting may be allowed. It has been deemed advisable to make all the seasons come in and go out at the same time, thus saving much complication. The new law makes the season for all kinds of game coincident, beginning on October 15 and ending on December 15. The work of the commission will be approved by all right minded men.

We think the killing of deer for the next three or five years should be prohibited, thereafter only in each even numbered or alternate year.

WANAMAKER DEFEATED.

At the Republican caucus on Tuesday night, at Harrisburg, Penrose defeated Wanamaker for U. S. Senator by 58 majority.

This is a great victory for Quay, who now gets a firmer grip than ever upon the Republican machine in this state. Penrose is simply Quay's tool and this action makes Quay a double senator.

This is fair notice that no decent Republican will get a show and that no business man need apply.

Even in a minority we are proud to say we are a Democrat.

The vote in the caucus stood: Penrose 133, Wanamaker 75, Cameron 1, Robinson 1, Rice 1.

The election for senator takes place in the Legislature, Jan. 19.

A BIG FIGHT ON.

Penrose's nomination for Senator has intensified the Republican fight. Wanamaker and his friends are on the war path. Quay has turned against Hastings for not helping Penrose. Hastings in his message puts a hot shot into Quay on bossism and corrupt use of money to secure offices. Now Quay follows it up by defeating Hastings' man Ames for post master of the senate. Reports from Harrisburg say the fight between the two factions is more bitter than ever and will be kept until Quay's power is broken.

Opened Last Week.

The schools took only one week off this year and resumed work again last week. A vacation of another week will be allowed about Easter.

Rev. Barick's Appointments.

Sunday, Jan. 10, at Centre Hall, 10 a. m.; at Spring Mills at 2 p. m.; at Tusseyville at 7 p. m.

—When you can buy good qualities at the same prices others ask for shoddy clothing, you will be quick to take advantage of the opportunity. Lewins, Bellefonte, can prove this to you.

EXPOSE ELECTION METHODS.

CONGRESS WILL HEAR OF HANNA'S CAMPAIGN.

A Check Upon Removing Silver Democrats from Office.—Democrats Score at the President's Reception.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—A great political sensation may follow the delivery of several speeches bearing upon the methods employed in the election of McKinley, in the Senate before the close of this session of Congress. Several Senators, including Jones, of Ark., and Teller, of Colo., have had agents at work ever since the result of the election was announced, investigating and gathering facts to be used in the speeches they intend to make.

No gold Democrat nominated by President Cleveland to hold an office from which a silver man was removed will be confirmed, unless the silver Senators change their minds. This agreement was reached by them after mature deliberation. If the offices are to be held by gold men, they prefer that they shall be gold Republicans selected by McKinley. Although it has not been fully decided there are reasons for the belief that Secretary Francis and some of the other men who were nominated to fill vacancies not created by the removal of silver men will be confirmed by the Senate, but if failure to confirm his nomination would not cause litigation by throwing a cloud upon the legality of his official acts as Secretary of the Interior, it would be by no means certain that the nomination of Secretary Francis would be confirmed.

It will be some time before the gossip about the scarcity of Senators and Representatives at the President's reception is stopped. There were less than a dozen Senators present, and only one of them was a Democrat, and out of about two dozen Representatives not more than half of them were Democrats.

If the original McKinley Republicans can have their way, McKinley's administration will start out just about as harmoniously as did that of the last Ohio President, poor Garfield. The latest edict of these hog politicians is that the friends of ex-President Harrison need not apply for offices under McKinley. With the friends of Tom Reed, Matt Quay, Tom Platt and Ben Harrison black-listed so far as official favors are concerned, the new administration would find itself confronted with as vicious a lot of enemies within its own party as could be gathered together. It is possible, however, that McKinley is wiser than some of his would be advisers, and that he will not put himself up as a target, for all the stones thrown by this quartette and their friends, lest there be a little David among them.

Senator Jones, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, has written the following letter to a discouraged correspondent, which speaks for itself: "I don't agree with the gloomy view you take of our efforts. When we polled a million more votes than Cleveland did four years ago, when he was said to have carried the country by a landslide, we certainly have accomplished a good deal, especially when we remember what the feeling of the party was when the Chicago convention met. Another thing is a matter of decided satisfaction to me and that is that we polled at least two-thirds of all the intelligent votes in this country. The large Republican vote embraced millions of negroes and utterly unlettered foreigners, who have no conception of the genius of our government, no appreciation of the obligations of citizenship, and no idea of economic questions. In this country I believe that intelligence is bound to win, and considering the fact that the overwhelming majority of intelligent men are on our side in this controversy, I see nothing to dishearten the friends of Democracy."

Senator Wolcott, who has gone to Europe to confer with the leading advocates of international bimetallicism, stated before his departure that he was not encouraged by anything he knew to believe that his trip would be productive of results, but that he was going to make it because he had been requested by the Bimetallic League to do so, for the purpose of ascertaining in an authoritative way what prospects there are, if any, for international bimetallicism. Silver men in Congress while of course, hoping that Senator Wolcott may bring back encouraging reports, do not believe that he will. There is more or less uneasiness among Republicans about his trip. They fear that if he comes back and reports that there is no prospect of obtaining any agreement for international bimetallicism, that he and the other silver Senators who supported McKinley may follow Teller and the other silver Republican Senators who

supported Bryan out of the party, and that would make the Senate anti-Republican for a long period of years.

Senator Vest, who spent his holiday in Washington, has gone home to remain until the Missouri legislature elects his successor. He is confident that he will be his own successor, and unless all the information received in Washington has been wrong, his confidence has a solid foundation.

Tours to Florida.

No district in America presents, during the winter season, so many varied attractions as the State of Florida. Besides the delightful climate, which to one escaping from the cold and unhealthy changes of the North seems almost ethereal, it is pre-eminently a land of sport and pleasure. Along its eleven hundred miles of salt-water coast and in its twelve hundred freshwater lakes are fish of almost every conceivable variety, from the migratory triles common to Northern waters to the tarpon, pompano, and others of a more tropical character. Nowhere in all our broad land can the angler find a greater variety of game or better sport.

Here also the most enthusiastic hunter finds satiety. Deer, turkeys, bears, panthers, and wild cats roam at large through the more sparsely settled regions, while birds of all kinds may be found in abundance throughout the state. The more novel sport of alligator and manatee hunting may also be indulged in by the more adventurous tourist.

With its matchless climate, its orange groves, its rivers and lakes, its boating and bathing, its fishing and hunting, and its extensive forests, Florida presents unrivaled attractions for the valetudinarian, the lover of nature, the sportsman, and the explorer.

To this attractive state the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged four personally conducted tours during the season of 1897, leaving by special train January 29, February 9, and 23, and March 9. The first three tours will admit of a sojourn of two weeks in this delightful land; tickets for the fourth tour will be valid to return until May 31 by regular trains.

Rates for the round trip, \$50.00 from New York, \$48.00 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points.

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

County Appointments.

The new board of County Commissioners organized last Monday afternoon after being sworn into office. Matthew Riddle was elected president of the board, and Thomas Fisher, secretary. Nelson Robb, agent for the American Express Company at Bellefonte, was elected Commissioners' clerk. W. F. Reeder was appointed attorney for the board at a salary of \$400. Cal. Harper and G. W. Rumberger were sworn in as Recorder and Register respectively. Sheriff Cronister has appointed N. B. Spangler his attorney, and Harry Jackson his deputy. Harrison Kline, the custodian of the county funds, has appointed Wm. T. Royer his deputy.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been granted the past week:

Reuben Harrison and Hattie Williams, Bellefonte.

John M. Rine, Marion twp., and Anna Shilling, Mackeyville.

George Symonds, Benner twp., and Margaret J. Love, Spring twp.

R. W. Gunsallus, Bellefonte, and Mollie Minnemyer, Milesburg.

Frank Gfrerer and Sadie E. Royer, Centre Hall.

Emanuel Shope and Blanche Chandler, Milesburg.

Harry H. Royer and Lulu Stover, Rebersburg.

Samuel J. Wolf, Fiedler, and Carrie Kline, Howard.

Wm. E. Borst, Stormstown, and Emma Davis, Juniata Mines.

Harry Spats and Susie Frantz, Port Matilda.

Clarie Galbraith, and Mary H. Clark, Eagleville.

J. Wilbur Wagner, Martha, and Leona Harpster, Port Matilda.

Benjamin F. Hoy, Lemont, and Mrs. S. A. Shaffer, Zion.

Where the Blame Rested.

A man living in Indiana telegraphed to his mother-in-law in the southern part of the state the following message eleven times in twenty years: "The Lord has seen fit to leave another baby at our home. Wife is doing well." The last time the message came, the mother-in-law telegraphed back "Don't blame your sins on the Lord. Send my daughter home to get rested or you will have to bury her."—Ex.

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Items of Interest from Our Neighboring Towns.

The people here are wishing for colder weather and snow; hope their wish will be granted.

A. E. Zeigler transacted business in Bellefonte Saturday.

P. Bradford and wife and children spent Sunday, Dec. 27, with Mrs. Bradford's parents at Colyer.

Mrs. Samuel Gettig, of Aaronsburg, was a pleasant visitor at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Wm. Gettig, on Monday.

Wm. Raymonds entertained some of their friends from Boalsburg on Sunday.

Miss Jennie Weibly, of this place, visited friends near Colyer last week. Jacob Lee, of Lewisburg, spent part of the holidays with friends in and out of town.

John Grove, of Houserville, was a very pleasant caller in our community on Christmas; Mr. Grove seemed to enjoy his Christmas dinner very much but we think he enjoyed a certain lady's company far better.

Jonathan Tressler and wife and daughter Bertha visited among friends near Potters Mills on New Year day.

Alfred Lee and wife entertained some of their many friends a few days last week.

Benjamin Yearick, of Centre Hall, was visiting friends in our vicinity on Monday.

Mrs. John Stover, of Peru, was the guest of her son Wm. quite recently.

Miss Magdalena Calloway, of Bellefonte, was the guest of her friend Miss Fredrica Hess during vacation and by all appearances they had a delightful time.

Wm. Miller, of Tusseyville, and his brother Harry, of Williamsport, were pleasant callers at the home of Mrs. Gettig and family on Christmas evening; the latter is one of Lycoming county's bright and efficient school teachers.

One evening last week while John Ross, Sr., was attending to some barn chores, his feet slipped from under him and he fell, striking his head on a stone, which is proving very painful to him; we hope for him a speedy recovery.

Henry J. Gettig, of Tincup, Colo., was a welcome guest at the home of aunt, Mrs. E. Gettig, during the holidays; Mr. Gettig had many laughable as well as sad incidents to relate of his life and travels in the west.

Frank Tharp and wife and son left Monday morning for Selinsgrove, Snyder county, where they expect to visit among relatives and friends until Saturday when they will again return. George Musser and sister Alma, of Millheim, spent New Year's day at the home of their uncle, Henry Zeigler, and on Saturday they, in company with Misses Lizzie and Katie Zeigler drove to State College; they were through the College buildings and report having a very pleasant and profitable day.

Misses Minnie Gummo and Hannah Bheres, two of Waddles pleasant and agreeable young ladies were the guests of their friends Misses Lizzie and Valerie Gettig over Christmas. We hope these young ladies enjoyed their visit, and will return soon again.

Potters Mills.

The year 1897 is on the move and the people are getting ready to provide a place of shelter; there will be a great deal of changing around in the spring.

Wm. Kesler has moved his sawmill from Granville, where he was operating, to this place; he has no job yet.

John Slack expects to move on a farm near Pleasant Gap in the spring. J. L. Armstrong will move to Oak Hall in the spring, where he expects to work in the factory.

J. W. Smith did the first work in his new tannery Monday.

Sydney Reish, who spent the holidays in Williamsport, returned on Monday.

Mr. McClenahan, of Rolland, is visiting his uncle at this place.

The Democratic legislative caucus nominated Chauncey Black for U. S. Senator by acclamation.

Quite a number of bank cashiers have committed suicide lately on account of their swindling operations.

A Cure for Lame Back.

"My daughter, when recovering from an attack of fever, was a great sufferer from pain in the back and hips," writes London Grover, of Sardis, Ky. "After using quite a number of remedies without any benefit she tried one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and it has given entire relief." Chamberlain's Pain Balm is also a certain cure for rheumatism. Sold by R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, and Wm. Peeler, Spring Mills.