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CENTRE HALL, PA., THURS. JAN. 20.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

PROTHONOTARY
We are authorized to announce that H. A. McKee, of Spring township, will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Prothonotary, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic party.

Platt in New York, Quay in Pennsylvania and Hanna in Ohio, are the three boodle bosses that carry the Republican party in their vest pockets.

Senator Hoar introduced a bill in congress to fix the inauguration of presidents on April 30, instead of 4th of March.

One million bushels of Leiter's wheat were shipped from the west to Philadelphia for shipment to Europe. The freight to Philadelphia was put at 6cts. per bushel.

It may not be many years before cards will be found stuck up in hotels announcing that all guests having their stomachs removed, charged one-third regular rates.

The Philadelphia Republicans have split and placed two tickets in nomination.

The Lancaster and Pittsburg Republicans are also badly at outs and pulling each others hair.

The operatives in over half a hundred cotton mills in the New England States ceased to be paid under the old schedule of prices on Saturday.

On Monday the general policy of the manufacturers to reduce wages will be in effect in nearly every mill centre in the six States.

The men complain bitterly over the deceptive promises made that if they voted for McKinley wages would be raised but now they find them lowered.

Trusts are increasing under the tariff, and the smaller industrial shops are gradually being crowded out.

A syndicate of New York capitalists has secured an option on about 90 per cent of the general ware potteries in Trenton, N. J., and East Liverpool, O., the two principal pottery centres of the country.

A few weeks ago some capitalists met in Williamsport to form a furniture trust. A movement is also on foot to organize a wire trust.

Another stomach taken out—this is the first operation in this country, and was performed upon a man in St. Louis about two weeks ago and he has been improving since. This man and the woman in Switzerland, both having had their stomachs removed, should now join and go to housekeeping, with no need of much food they could live on a few cents per day and be happy.

Europe will be on our side in case the United States is obliged to interfere in Cuba, and it seems that night is nigh at hand.

Our Ambassadors and Ministers have been sounding the foreign offices of the principal Governments of Europe as to their attitude in case the United States Government felt compelled to intervene to stop the troubles in Cuba or become involved in war with Spain because of its attempts to bring about peace. It is stated that replies have been received indicating that England, Germany, France and Austria would maintain strict neutrality, and that France, it is said, would welcome intervention by the United States.

According to U. S. consul Gen. Lee, at Havana, no less than 200,000 people on the island of Cuba are in the last stages of destitution and are wholly dependent upon charity. To feed these people on a 10 cent ration per day would cost \$20,000 daily, which sum is double the amount so far received in contributions during the past 10 days by the State Department. In the opinion of Gen. Lee no less than 20 per cent of these poor people are surely doomed to death from starvation and disease. In such a state of affairs the existence of any form of organized government is threatened and the autonomy plans of the Spanish government command little attention.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY recommends that the government legal tender notes (green backs) be retired and the bankers be allowed to issue their bank notes in their place. What is the purpose of this? Is bank paper better than government money? Is a bank stronger and more reliable than a whole government? Is this the way to establish "confidence" and restore prosperity? Have the people more confidence in the banks than they have in the government, if so, then we should stop electing Presidents and other officers

and let the banks run the whole government direct. The legal tender notes of the United States are the best money the people have. There is no legitimate reason why they should be retired or impounded and the credit notes of the banks substituted therefor. Don't let it be done.—The Caucasian.

STATE POLITICS.

The prohibitionists of Williamsport having elected their Mayor and Dr. Swallow's big run last fall, makes the prohibitionists feel hopeful that they will again carry that city.

In the Snyder county primaries the Republicans will place Quay's name on their ticket to give voters an opportunity to vote for or against his reelection to the senate.

Hon. Walter E. Ritter, of Lycoming, is booming J. Henry Cochran, of Williamsport, for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

Pittsburg Democrats are booming James M. Guffey, of Allegheny, for Governor.

Judge Gordon, of Philadelphia, has quite a number of friends working to nominate him as the Democratic candidate for Governor.

In Pike county the Quay faction are in the saddle.

Congressman J. D. Hicks, Rep., of Altoona, is a candidate for Governor, is also willing to be the Lieutenant Governor, and is likewise seeking a renomination for Congress. A huge patriot he is.

Two prominent Republicans, named Stone, are candidates for the gubernatorial nomination.

Gen. Alexander H. Coffroth, of Somerset, has been recommended by the Democracy of that county for Governor. The General would be a strong candidate.

The Beaver county Democrats have instructed for Col. James M. Guffey for Governor.

The Lehigh county Republican organization has been captured by the friends of Quay.

The Trades Unions of Pittsburg are booming congressman W. A. Stone, as their choice for Governor.

The Lehigh Republicans are booming ex-congressman Leisenring of that county, for Governor, with W. A. Stone as their second choice.

Luzerne county Republicans are favoring Leisenring for Governor and will give him their delegates.

In Pittsburg, Philadelphia, and other parts of the state, strong Republican Leagues are being organized to down Quay and prevent his re-election to the Senate.

Of Centre county we can say, that it is hard to say, whether it is Quay or anti-Quay. All the P. M.'s will be Quay sure.

Some Republicans are standing aloof waiting to see whether it's going to be Quay up, or Quay down, so as to get on the wagon that has the ups.

The above is a fair representation as to how "sings" is going in this state at this time.

Road Supervisors to Make Wire Fence.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, etc., that in all cases where any of the public highways within this commonwealth are so located as to render them liable on account of high wind during the winter season to be filled with snow as to render them impassable, and where in the judgment of the supervisors of roads of the several townships in which public highways are situated, such drifts of snow can be avoided by the removal of any board, rail or other fence that may be erected along either side of such public highways and replacing the same by a fence constructed of posts, wire and boards, or rails combined, to agree with the owners of such fences upon the plan for the erection of a fence constructed of posts, wire and boards or rails combined. And it may be lawful for supervisors to pay the owners of such fences a sum not to exceed the first cost of the wire used in the construction of such fences: Provided, that this act shall not apply to any stone wall, hedge or ornamental fence that is now or may be hereafter constructed.

Approved, 23 day of May, 1897.

Daniel H. Hastings.

Dawson City Prizes.

Col. Wm. G. Young, of the National Bank, Indianapolis, received a letter on Friday last, from his brother, D. C. Young, formerly of San Francisco, but now of Dawson City, who says: "It has been at zero and as low as 24 below, this month. Flour is selling for \$2 a pound, fresh beef \$1.25 and 1.50 a pound, and beans, bacon and dried fruit at \$1 a pound. There is one man running out what he brought in in a restaurant. He is charging \$3.50 a meal. Bacon, beans, coffee and bread make the bill of fare. To get your shoes half-soled and heels tapped costs \$0.50. Everything is high. Whisky and cigars are 50 cents each. A broom costs \$1.50, one candle \$1, and everything else in the same proportion. The hotels are all closed because they can't buy any groceries to run on. It costs a dollar to get a letter out or in. They are carried by Indians with dogs and on snowshoes."

Died in Illinois.

Mrs. Polly Musser, widow of the late Philip Musser, of Penn township, this county, died at the home of her step-daughter, Mrs. Christie Holloway, at Orangeville, Illinois, on January 5th.

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ASSETS.

Bills receivable being premium notes due and payable by their present bearing date the past year..... \$30 011 79

Appraisers and Justices..... 1 546 94

Cash from tax No. 29..... 2 481 99

Cash in treasury..... 227 13

EXPENSES.

Compensation to directors..... \$ 165 18

Salary of secretary..... 12 00

Salary of treasurer..... 25 00

Printing, office rent, postage and stationery..... 81 28

Appraisers and Justices..... 3 00

Election board..... 3 00

State insurance report..... 5 00

Appraisers and Justices..... 19 40

Mrs. Mary A. Mays loss..... 4 00

Appraisers and Justices..... 3 00

Mrs. Lillie G. Brill on wash house..... 134 00

R. H. Beal, rebate..... 5 00

Miss Kate Keller on fur..... 151 00

Mrs. S. E. Keller on fur..... 184 00

Philip Hubler estate on barn..... 1 000 00

W. H. Weaver mill..... 1 069 00

Sam'l Garner, bal. on barn..... 92 48

Adam N. Finckel saw mill..... 30 00

Simon Harper, interest..... 33 00

James Huey, part on improvements, hay, grain..... 500 00

Mr. Venada, damage to property by lightning..... 16 28

Total assets less expenses of the past year..... 30 219 23

Total assets of previous year in force this day..... 141 209 87

Insurances taken the past year..... 323 430 34

To which add insurances taken and in force for the years 1896, '94, '95 and '96, and we have the grand total of risks..... 1 488 640 44

LIABILITIES.

Borrowed money..... 1 000 00

Balance on interest..... 27 00

Hazard and Grand..... 97 00

Interest on same..... 9 72

G. W. Nerwood, note..... 42 50

Interest on same..... 10 00

J. I. Thompson, note..... 93 00

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