

JENKS THE NOMINEE.

THE ALTOONA CONVENTION NAMED HIM FOR GOVERNOR.

Centre County's Boom Landed This Man at the Head of the Democratic Ticket.—A Strong Candidate Against Quay Bossism.—The Balance of the Ticket.

The State Democratic Convention in session at Altoona last night nominated the following ticket:

Governor, George A. Jenks, of Jefferson.

Lieutenant governor, William H. Sowden, of Lehigh.

Secretary of internal affairs, P. C. Delacy, of Scranton.

Congress-at-large, Jere N. Weiler, of Carbon; F. P. Iams, of Allegheny.

Superior court judges, Wm. Trickett, Cumberland; C. M. Bower, of Centre.

The convention was dominated by the friends of William J. Bryan, led by Col. James M. Guffey, of Pittsburg. Notwithstanding this fact, an effort to insert a plank reaffirming the Chicago platform was defeated, the controlling influence in the convention preferring that the platform should relate entirely to state issues.

Although his defeat was certain Judge Gordon, of Philadelphia, remained in the fight to the finish.

Aside from the brief paragraph supporting the government in its position in the war with Spain, the platform relates entirely to Republican misrule in the state and the steps that should be taken to produce a change.

Altoona has been the mecca of Democracy since Monday. Admirers of each candidate came in throngs, and the city was crowded.

The convention convened in session at noon yesterday and lasted until 11 last night, and was a decidedly lively gathering. A recess was held from 5 o'clock to 7, when the ticket was nominated.

The vote on first ballot for Governor which elected Jenks, was: Jenks, 305; Gordon, 116; Coffroth, 2; Cochran, 1. One ballot only was required for the balance of the ticket.

At 12:45 this morning the convention adjourned.

Before the War.

Before the war we must have been a tame and uninteresting people, accustomed to plod along, working eight hours a day or less if possible. Our principal life was to draw enough pay to meet the bills. This is before the war. The roar of distant guns aroused us from this stolid indifference. Bands began to play, flags popped up everywhere, and every man discovered that he was a patriot if not a hero.

Reward.

It has been rumored by certain persons who desire to hurt our business that we are trying to persuade people not to patronize our newly appointed postmistress, so either of us hereby offer \$25.00 to any person bringing us an individual who truthfully says we intimated any such a thing to them.

S. M. SWARTZ & SON,
Tusseyville, Pa.

Quotas of Counties.

The state's quota of volunteers to meet the call for 75,000 men is 15,010. The quota for nearby counties is as follows: Lycoming, 317; Centre, 109; Clearfield, 109; Clinton, 109; Elk, 109; Montour, 109; Northumberland, 218.

Had a Bad Fall.

Last Thursday afternoon Mrs. James Durst, east of town, drove to Pleasant Gap, to witness the flag raising. As she alighted from the buggy, she slipped on a loose round stone, and fell heavily. She badly wrenched her ankle, probably breaking a bone.

National Relief Day.

Sunday, July 3, is the day selected by the National Relief Commission for a special call to every pastor and church in the country for aid in the work of relief for soldiers in the field, and care for their families at home.

"I think De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve is the finest preparation on the market for piles." So writes John C. Dunn, of Wheeling, W. Va. Try it and you will think the same. It also cures eczema and all skin diseases. For sale by Smith & Crawford.

SANTIAGO MUST FALL.

The American Army in Sight of the City.—The Spanish Hemmed In.

Gen. Shafter with the American army is in plain sight of Santiago, and has the Spanish city completely hemmed in.

An opinion prevails that within the next day or two Gen. Shafter will have begun his attack on the city, and it is expected that the city will fall in forty-eight hours.

The Spanish force is about equal to that of the Americans. The city is strongly fortified, and a battle with great loss of life on each side can be expected before the Spaniards surrender.

Since landing on Cuban soil over a week ago the American army has met with little resistance, and steady advances have been made until the army is now encamped within four miles of the city. The army has cut off the water supply to Santiago, and the city cannot hold out long.

Shafter has mounted siege guns and when ready will bombard the Spanish forts and attack with the army.

Admiral Sampson is guarding the entrance to the harbor. He will force an entrance and destroy Cervera's fleet.

8000 Spanish troops are marching to reinforce the city. They will not be allowed to enter, and a battle may be expected before the city is attacked.

GRAMLEY DISCHARGED.

Released on Charge of Counterfeiting for Lack of Evidence.

The final hearing of Clark M. Gramley, of Rebersburg, was held yesterday at the office of United States Commissioner McLeod, at Altoona, on the charge of counterfeiting, and for lack of sufficient evidence he was discharged from custody.

Gramley was arrested several weeks ago by United States Secret service detectives, along with Valentine Breon, of Madisonburg, and Charles Bartges, of Loganton, all charged with making and circulating counterfeit coin. They were confined in the Blair county jail at Hollidaysburg, for a hearing. Gramley was released on \$1000 bail for a hearing June 29, and the others were bound over for trial before the United States District court, the evidence at the hearing strongly incriminating both.

At the hearing Tuesday the detectives who testified at the first hearing did not appear, and he was released. He returned to his home at Rebersburg on Tuesday morning. Both Breon and Bartges being unable to furnish the bail required are still confined in the Hollidaysburg jail to await their trial.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week:

Wm. Parker Mitchell, of Howard, and Katherine Williams, of Bellefonte. Michael E. Hess, of Knox, Clarion county, and Rebecca E. Jodon, of Aaronsburg.

Frank B. Sprankle, of Tyrone, and Minnie Daughenbaugh, of Port Matilda.

Harry H. Bowers, and Minnie Miller of Moshannon.

F. W. Meyer, of New York, and Mary J. Twigg, of Rush twp.

Daniel McGahan, of Huntingdon, and Lillie Gill, of Pleasant Gap.

Pennsylvania Chautauqua.

Reduced Rates to Mt. Gretna via Pennsylvania Railroad: For the Pennsylvania Chautauqua, to be held at Mt. Gretna, Pa., July 1 to August 4, 1898, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell tickets to the general public on June 20 to August 4, good to return until August 10, inclusive, from stations on its line in Pennsylvania, and from Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md., and Canandaigua, N. Y., and principal intermediate stations, to Mt. Gretna and return, at reduced rates.

Keep Your Money.

If a man comes your way claiming to be an agent of the government in quest of horses, wants to buy two or three and gives in exchange a check for an amount larger than the debt and wishes you to pay the difference in money, run him off your premises. He is an impostor and is trying to get away with your money.

No Paper Next Week.

According to the time honored custom no paper will be issued from this office next week, as all hands want a couple days vacation. The office will be open at all times for the transaction of other business.

The editor of the Evans City, Pa., Globe, writes: "One Minute Cough Cure is rightly named. It cured my children after all other remedies failed." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. For sale by Smith & Crawford.

REPUBLICAN POLITICS.

A Number of Republicans Who are Anxious to Leave their County.

Since the Democratic county convention political circles in the county have not been seriously agitated. The Democrats have made their nominations, and the coming fun on hand is the Republican primaries billed for four or five weeks later the date to be determined.

As yet there are but few Republicans who have had the temerity to announce. For Congress Wm. C. Arnold the present incumbent, is out asking for a third term. He was turned down by the Republican state convention, for congressman-at-large, and is compelled now to come out straight and ask the voters of the district for support—something he does not relish. In the Legislature both John A. Daly, of Curtin township, and E. F. Townsend, of Phillipsburg, are out. They will not have the field to themselves by any means. Harry R. Curtin, who suffered such ignominious defeat a couple years ago, is flitting around and pumping his friends in their opinion whether he would get it in the neck again, and trying to explain away why he voted for certain measures at Harrisburg. As Penns valley has been completely ignored by the Republicans for several years, Charley Long, of Spring Mills, is thinking seriously of insisting on this side of the mountain having some representation or there'll be some trouble in the camp. On a square shake Charley will give the slate makers a great deal of trouble. He has worked hard for his party and will insist on some recognition.

For Prothonotary, the most lucrative job in the county, there promises to be a lively fight. A. C. Williams, of Huston township, has been hustling around for many weeks past. He is a school teacher and is very anxious to give up his job. James Gregg, son of the late Col. Andrew Gregg, of near Centre Hall, has shield his castor into the ring and is pushing his claims to beat the band. In the race he gives promise to be among the leaders at the finish. Right around home here there is some fun in its infancy. Potter township has two candidates who have claims to push forward, and unless some concession is made either to influence a withdrawal, ex-county Commissioner James Strohm, of Centre Hill, and George M. Boal, west of Centre Hall, will be out. Both are strong candidates and have had feelers out for them many days. The next few weeks will tell where they are at.

Recognizing that it would be impossible to defeat the Democratic nominee for District Attorney, the Republicans will not nominate a candidate for the office, and N. B. Spangler will have the field to himself.

The Terrible Vesuvius.

The officers are elated over the success of the Vesuvius. They expect to accomplish much in the future. The officers are anxious to try her against Morro Fortes, which presents a fine mark.

As the identity of the Vesuvius is well known to the enemy during the day, she holds a position on one side, screened by and under cover of the flagship. The three big gun turrets rising diagonally from her deck are covered by a square black canvas.

At night she slips down through the fleet to within a few hundred yards of Morro battery, fires a few shells and then quietly withdraws without the enemy having found her location. This operation has been repeated for five nights.

She fires three shells on each trip. There is no flesh, no smoke or noise emitted from those terrible engines of destruction, and the first intimation the Spaniards have of danger is the terrific explosion of 250 pounds of gun cotton dangerously close.

Fire Works Will Cost More.

The small boy will not get so many squibs this Fourth as in former years by reason of the increase in the price, caused by the American-Spanish war. Since the Cuban trouble reached a crisis the price on Chinese imported squibs has increased 100 per cent, and American-made fire works 40 per cent. Last year two packs of sixty squibs each, of Chinese make, could be purchased for five cents, this year they will cost five cents for a pack. The greater part of fire works used in the United States other than the small squibs and including the big crackers, sky rockets, Roman candles, etc., are manufactured in this country. The rise in the prices has had no effect on the purchasers and the makers can hardly keep up with the demand.

SAW MILL FOR SALE, in narrows, near Lamar, a portable outfit, with shingle mill, all in good running order. Purchaser can have about 200,000 feet of sawing before moving the mill. Terms reasonable. Apply to Adam S. Bierly, Penn Cave. 2314

WASHINGTON LETTER.

THE AMERICAN FIGHTER HAS NO SUPERIOR IN THE WORLD.

Gen. Shafter is Conducting His Own Campaign in Cuba, and that is the Reason the Don's are Falling Back.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—Gen. Shafter's army, by its victories in every engagement that any portion of it has had with the Spaniards since its landing in Cuba, is demonstrating to the world what we knew all the time; that the American soldier is no whit behind the American sailor in fighting qualities, and as a fighter the American sailor has never been surpassed. Shafter has driven the enemy into the main fortifications surrounding Santiago, and if he is not interfered with the town by assault. For the first time during the war we have had a considerable number of killed and wounded, but every man who volunteers to fight knows that he must take his chances.

It is claimed by friends of the administration that Shafter is being allowed to conduct the campaign against Santiago in his own way, without orders from Washington, but there have been several things said and done by members of the administration which have been sufficient to cause a doubt of that claim to be entertained, and if it turns out that Shafter waits for the reinforcements that have been sent, and are to be sent him before attacking the main fortifications at Santiago, it will be very safe to wager that the delay will be the result of Washington orders. For some mysterious reason the administration has become alarmed less the garrison at Santiago should prove strong enough to defeat an attack by Shafter, and members of it have publicly expressed the hope that he would not make a general attack until the reinforcements reached him. This feeling was so strong that arrangements were all completed to send Gen. Miles to Tampa for the purpose of taking about 15,000 troops to Santiago, but for some equally mysterious reason Miles did not go. Some say that Miles feared that he would be charged with trying to pilfer glory that properly belonged to Shafter, and persuaded the administration to change its plan—not a difficult task, in view of his habit of making changes from day to day.

Such a hubbub has been raised among the Republicans of the House by the manner in which that alleged Currency Reform bill was reported to the House from the committee on Banking and Currency—treasury is openly charged by some members of the committee—that it has been found necessary to recall the bill from the calendar, in order that radical changes may be made in the wording of the report and of the bill. Many of the Republicans of the House were unwilling to be so strongly committed to the perpetuation of the single gold standard as this bill and report made them, on the eve of a Congressional campaign. Some of them say, with a wink, that after the election the bill can be taken up and passed without danger.

The announcement that ex-Senator Blackburn, of Ky., is to be a brigadier general in the volunteer army was a positive pleasure to many persons, for few, if any, ever made more warm friends during their long service in Congress than "Joe" Blackburn did.

The Senate committee on Claims has begun the investigation directed by resolution of the Senate as to the payment to a lobbyist of a large percentage of the \$238,000 recently paid to the Southern Methodist Book concern, by act of Congress, for war damages to its property at Nashville, Tenn. The investigation was dead easy, as Mr. Barbee, agent of the book concern, told the committee that 33 per cent. of the money received had been paid to Mr. Stahlman, who had been the attorney at Washington of the book concern; and he added that he considered the employment of an attorney to aid in the pushing the settlement of the old claim was a matter that concerned only the book concern, and that he had not at any time considered himself under any obligations to inform Senators or others of the nature of the contract made with the attorney. Mr. Stahlman, the attorney, told the committee that he had received the pay for his services, and that he did not mention the nature of his contract while the matter was pending in Congress, because to have done so would have been to prejudice the claim, and to prevent its being voted upon on its merits. Those two witnesses appear to have told the committee everything that was directed to find out. There is some curiosity to know whether the committee will recommend any action and if so, what. If it be a crime to employ an attorney to lobby a claim through Congress, about every claim-

ant who has had or now has claims before that body has been or is guilty.

It will be seen this week whether the thirty-odd Senators who are opposed to the annexation of Hawaii can succeed in preventing the fifty-odd Senators who favor annexation getting the annexation resolution to a vote. The screws are being put on by the majority. Some of the opponents of annexation frankly admit that they will not aid in filibustering to prevent a vote, but others still say that they will resort to any sort of tactics to stave off a vote. Butting one's head against a brick wall is neither pleasant nor profitable, and the chances are that the opposition will gracefully throw up the sponge and allow the resolution to be adopted without attempting a lengthy filibuster, after they have all had their say against annexation.

About Postage Stamps.

During the next year the postage stamps will be printed at the bureau of engraving and printing of the treasury department instead of by private contractors. The contract will amount to over \$62,500,000 even at the extraordinary low price charged. The ordinary postage stamp will be furnished at five cents a thousand, postage due stamps at four cents a thousand. The contract contemplates a total of 3,963,633,885 ordinary stamps, 4,346,350 special delivery stamps, 5,544,229 newspaper stamps and 19,573,150 postage due stamps. The largest number of any one denomination to be printed will be the two cent postage stamps, the total being 2,729,767,325; of the one-cent stamps 1,341,527,650 will be printed. The smallest number of any one variety will be 4,420 \$50 stamps, which are used for newspapers mailed in bulk. The number of \$100 stamps to be printed will be 12,915. There has been an enormous increase in the stamp business. Ten years ago, in 1888, the total value of stamps issued was \$38,298,741; today it is \$62,500,000; twenty years ago, in 1878, the total was only \$21,180,558.90.

Charges Against Borough Councilmen.

Thirteen members of the Borough Council of Shenandoah, who served in the body during 1897, and two ex-members of the body, who served during the same year, were arraigned before Justice Toomey on Friday, charged by Borough Auditors Ploppert, McDonald and Byrne with issuing illegal orders in payment of materials supplied to and work performed for the borough during the year stated. The specific charge is that orders were issued to several of the accused themselves for work performed and materials furnished in violation of the act of Assembly prohibiting members of Borough Councils from having direct or indirect interest in contracts, or receiving money directly or indirectly for services. The auditors submitted testimony, after which the Justice required each of the defendants to furnish \$300 bail for trial at court.

This is a case in which there were auditors who audited.

As to Killing Birds.

It should be remembered by those who are in the habit of shooting any bird that comes within their reach, that the killing, wounding or trapping of any birds of song, cat-bird, robin, woodpecker, blue-bird, yellow-bird or any other bird not a game bird, is indictable as a criminal offense, and any person convicted of such an offense is subject to pay costs of prosecution and a fine not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars, and to be imprisoned. One-half the fine goes to the informer. This is an excellent law and should be rigidly enforced.

A Man of Wide Experience.

An exchange says: "As a traveler was writing his name on a rural hotel register recently, a bed bug appeared and took its way across the page. The traveler paused and remarked: 'I've been bed by Lewistown fleas, bitten by Huntingdon spiders and interviewed by Altoona greybacks, but I'll be darned if I ever was in a place where the bedbugs looked over the hotel register to find out where your room was.'"

Reduced Rates to Nashville

via Pennsylvania Railroad, account Christian Endeavor Convention.—On account of the Christian Endeavor International Convention, to be held at Nashville, Tenn., July 5 to 12, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets of the continuous-passenger, ironclad signature form, from stations on its line to Nashville, at rate of single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold, and good going, July 2 to 5; returning, tickets will be good to leave Nashville to July 15, inclusive, except that by depositing ticket with agent of terminal line at Nashville on or before July 15, return limit may be extended to leave Nashville to August 1, 1898, inclusive. 21

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LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Oh! Dewey did them brown,
And Hobson be played hob,
And Shafter now goes down
To finish up the mob
And Blanco will soon be
A quakin' and a shakin'
When the "Yankee pigs" turn in
To cure the Spanish bacon.

The editor is at the Altoona convention.

Frank Bradford's home now has the most massive porch in town.

Our farmers are in the midst of hay-making, and harvest is close on.

Mrs. Daniel Fleisher, of this place, is not in the best of health at this time.

Haven't heard of any big snake stories this season. Is the world getting better?

It is reported the huckleberry and blackberry crop will be large in the mountain districts.

Our dealers in harvesters are laying in wagon loads of binder twine; a sign that harvest is near.

Monday was not as good a hay day as farmers who cut their grass Friday and Saturday hoped for.

Streams showed considerable falling away in the past ten days, yet there is no real scarcity of water.

Dr. Frank, of Millheim, informs us there is considerable sickness in his field of practice, many cases being fever.

The United Evangelicals of this place are making improvements on their church and getting it ready for a re-dedication.

Rev. Rarick's appointments for Sunday, July 3, at Centre Hall, 7 p. m.; at St. Johns church, 2 p. m.; at Georges valley, 10 a. m.

Yesterday was the day fixed for the hearing of Gramley, Breon, and Bartges, before the U. S. Commissioner, on the charge of counterfeiting.

The most beautiful rose is the home of a variety of tiny insects, and they pay no rent for all the beauty and fragrance that surround them.

Within 4 miles to the north and 10 to the east of Centre Hall, two of the largest flags in the world laugh to the breeze 400 feet above ground.

John Thomas, one of the best young men of our town, has enlisted, and left on Tuesday for camp at Chickamauga. John will make a good defender of the old flag.

Mrs. Billmyer, of Poe Mills, had a three week's siege of typhoid fever, but we are pleased to say, is now on a fair way to recovery under the treatment of Dr. Frank.

At a meeting of the Centre county committee on Farmers' Insitutes for the county, it was decided to hold the coming institutes at Madisonburg and Realsburg, next winter.

Mr. Stover, the agent at Paddy mountain station, uses a railroad bicycle, to go to and from his home at Coburn, morn and eve, making a mile in 5 1/2 minutes, distance near 5 miles.

A few days ago while some men were at work at Ingleby, below Coburn, a mare while stepping from tie to tie across a tressel, got too near the edge and tumbled over, being killed by the fall.

The water mains in the borough part of the new water plant are laid and covered and an enthusiastic councilman declares water can be thrown over any church steeple in town. Now pass the free ham around.

A deep well has just been finished by our townsman, Al. Krapo, who is usually successful in drilling. The well is on the property of Frank Black, of Pinegrove, and has a depth of 207 feet. A stream of soft water was obtained.

The contract price for digging and covering ditch and laying pipe for the borough water plant is something like \$2 per rod, depth of ditch being from 3 to 4 feet. The same work was done by the old water company for 90 cents per rod, 3 feet depth, at a time when every thing was high and the contractor made money by it.

During the summer of 1891, Mr. Charles P. Johnson, a well-known attorney at Louisville, Ky., had a very severe attack of summer complaint. Quite a number of different remedies were tried, but failed to afford any relief. A friend who knew what was needed procured him a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy, which quickly cured him and he thinks, saved his life. He says that there has not been a day since that time that he has not had this remedy in his household. He speaks of it in the highest praise and takes much pleasure in recommending it whenever an opportunity is offered. For sale by S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Fotters, Mills; J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, and H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.