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## HOW THE CANVASS STANDS.

Elkin, 90; Watres, 62; Pennypacker, 19.—Necessary to a choice 187.

The summing up of the elections for delegates to the Republican State Convention made a week ago showed that there were then to elect outside of Philadelphia ninety-nine, and that Attorney General Elkin would have to get ninety-five of these to add to those already instructed and pledged for him to give him a bare majority of the convention. The elections on Saturday have made the defeat of Mr. Elkin certain.

Not including Somerset County, from which the returns are not definite, delegates were elected on Saturday last as follows: Fayette, 5; Fulton, 1; Northampton, 5; Warren, 3, a total of 14. The Second and Sixth Districts of Luzerne, where there are three delegates, are not given here because they were practically selected several weeks ago, are for Colonel Watres, and were included in last week's statement of the result. Of the fourteen delegates chosen on Saturday outside of Somerset County Mr. Elkin has only the five from Northampton. The remaining nine are uninstructed and will be opposed to his nomination.

The delegates instructed and publicly pledged to Mr. Elkin now number ninety and are from the following counties: Armstrong, 3; Berks, 7; Blair, 5; Bradford, 4; Chester, 7; Clearfield, 4; Dauphin, 6; Forest, 1; Franklin, 3; Indiana, 3; Jefferson, 3; Juniata, 1; Lancaster, 12; Lebanon, 4; Luzerne, 5; McKean, 3; Mercer, 3; Northumberland, 4; Northampton, 5; Schuylkill, 5; Union, 1; Wyoming, 1, a total of ninety. The delegates instructed or pledged to Judge Pennypacker are: Delaware, 7; Lawrence, 3; Montgomery, 9; a total of nineteen. The delegates instructed or pledged for Colonel Watres are: Lackawanna, 8; Luzerne, 3; Monroe, 1; Wayne, 2, a total of fourteen. There are two disputed delegates in the First District of Luzerne. All the other delegates so far elected, sixty-two in number, are uninstructed.

Mr. Elkin has sought to secure instructions or pledges in all cases, and wherever he has failed it is pretty well known that the delegates are opposed to his nomination. He has more delegates than any other pronounced candidate, but he has less than one-half the 187—including the two disputed in Luzerne—already elected. Among those yet to be chosen are the eighty-six from Philadelphia, and nobody seriously pretends that Mr. Elkin will get one of these. He needs just ninety more delegates than he now has in order to secure a nomination, and outside of Philadelphia there are but eighty-five delegates yet to elect. Should Mr. Elkin secure every one of them they would not make enough to give him a majority.

But he will not get them all. He will be doing well if he gets one-half of them. He will be from fifty to seventy votes short when the convention meets. When the ballot is taken he is likely to be short still more than that.

## The Immigration Bill.

The House passed the immigration bill, and among the more important changes are those increasing the head tax on aliens coming into the United States by land from \$1 to \$1.50; adding to the excluded classes epileptics, persons who have been insane within five years, anarchists, or persons who advocate the overthrow of government by force, certain persons of immoral occupation (whose importation is now a felony, but whose entry if not prohibited); broadening the word "contract" in the contract labor law to include "offer, solicitation or promise;" providing for the fine of steamship companies which receive at the port of departure aliens afflicted with leathsome or contagious disease, instead of providing as now for their deportation on arrival here; extending the time within which an alien who becomes a public charge may be deported from one to two years, and providing that immigrants over 15 years of age should be able to read in some language.

## Hon. Henry C. McCormick Dead.

Hon. Henry Clay McCormick died Monday afternoon at 2:10 o'clock, at his home in Williamsport. Mr. McCormick recently returned from Virginia and was seized with an acute attack of Bright's disease. He became worse Sunday morning and steadily grew weaker.

Mr. McCormick was born in Lycoming county June 30, 1844; was admitted to the Lycoming county bar in 1866; served Williamsport several terms as city solicitor; was congressman several terms and was attorney general under Governor Hastings.

Candidates made their round-up tours the beginning of this week, and it appears they made it suit to all do Centre Hall at one time. Tuesday four willing Democrats were on hand.

Dorothy Dodd.

## DESTROY THE CATERPILLAR.

Points in the Ohio law that should be operative in Pennsylvania.

The tent caterpillar should be destroyed. Every person living under the shade of a tree should have pride enough about him to remove the unsightly tent caterpillar nests, and thereby save the beautiful foliage of the shade tree, and increase the chances for fruit trees to bear the luscious fruit.

Those who burned the caterpillar nests last year and observed the result can not fail but condemn that method of destruction. That method kills the twigs on which the nests are built, but leaves a large percentage of the pests unharmed. By applying the torch the web is quickly burned, the caterpillar drops from its place of refuge unharmed only to remount its nasty nest.

The safe and effective way to destroy this pest is to either cut off the twig on which the nest is built, or with a stick or other web, being careful, in both methods, to utterly destroy the caterpillars.

Ohio has very strict laws concerning the tent caterpillar.

An officer inspects the fruit trees in the spring, and if they are found to be infested with caterpillars, the owner is notified. Later a second inspection is made, and where the pest is found the inspector proceeds to severely mark the tree by cutting into the trunk of the same. The owner is given a limited time to cut down the tree, and if he neglects to do so, the cutting is done by others and the cost charged to the owner. That method seems severe, but it is effective.

## SHOW JUNE 4.

The Big Walter L. Main Shows Always Complete.

It is a positive fact that the incomparable Walter L. Main confederation leads all others in greatness of its rarest wild beasts, famous performers, brilliant acts, and races, and in magnitude and splendor of its princely parade the Great Walter L. Main enormous shows claim and with the strongest kind of an array of facts to endorse them to surpass anything else of the kind. Each and every one of these attractions, and many other new innovations will be forthcoming at Bellefonte, Wednesday, June 4.

Manager Main pledges his word that the Big Show is never divided or curtailed, but that everywhere and under all circumstances, every one gets precisely the same for his money, and a great deal more at that than any other that can or will exhibit here can possibly give.

Two performances at 2 and 8 p. m. Doors open an hour earlier. Seating capacity, 10,000. 25 uniformed ushers. The most perfect water and sun proof tents ever invented.

## Candidates Who Registered.

The following persons have properly registered as candidates to be voted for at the Democratic primaries, May 21.

For State Senate—W. C. Heine, of Bellefonte.

For Assembly—J. W. Kepler, of Ferguson twp.; Robt. M. Foster, of State College. J. H. Wetzel, of Bellefonte.

For Sheriff—H. S. Taylor, of Bellefonte; Bardine Butler, of Howard twp.

For Register—A. G. Arceby, of Ferguson twp.

For Recorder—John C. Rowe, of Phillipsburg; Frank A. Foreman, of Centre Hall.

For Treasurer—W. J. Carlin, of Milet twp.; A. P. Zorby, of Penn twp.; John J. Arney, of Potter twp.; J. P. Alexander, of Centre Hall.

For Commissioner—W. E. Frank, of Rush twp.; E. A. Hampton, of Snow Shoe twp.; P. H. Meyer, of Harris twp.; Isaac Frain, of Marion twp.; Henry Heaton, of Biggs twp.; John L. Dunlap, of Spring twp.

For Auditor—J. H. Beck, of Walker twp.; W. B. Tibbens, of College twp.

JOHN J. BOWER, Chairman.

## Snow Wednesday.

Tuesday and Wednesday were unusually cold May days. Wednesday morning snow flakes were falling.

At Grafton, W. Va., one inch of snow fell Tuesday.

At Greensburg, Pa., trees had the appearance of being in full blossom on account of the snow fall.

Berlin, Somerset county, had the experience of a snow fall to the depth of an inch.

There was a slight fall of snow at Altoona.

There are no reports of damage done to fruit.

Three prisoners escaped from the Clinton county jail last week. They gained exit by sawing off bolts and breaking locks.

Prodded on by the sensational rise in the price of beef, some student has been at work and has discovered that the American people are the greatest beef eaters in the world. The rate per capita of meat consumption in a year in the United States is a third larger than England, twice as large as France, two and a half times larger than Germany, Belgium or Denmark, three times as large as Russia and Ireland, and six times as large as Italy. The meat monopolists knew their ground when they got after us.

Dorothy Dodd.

## SOBER THOUGHTS.

Let Democratic Voters Attend the Primaries and Express Their Preferences.

The Democratic voters of Centre county Saturday of this week are asked to exercise a privilege that none should refuse to perform. It is by the free exercise of this privilege that the most popular candidates are placed on the county ticket. At the primaries every individual has a right to express his preference, and he should do so. This privilege should be performed, however, with a willingness to support at the general election any candidate who is regularly nominated at the Democratic county convention. Every individual has preference in politics as well as in other things, but it is only in a willingness to join the majority after the convention on June 3, that Democratic success can be secured in November. Before the nomination on Tuesday every one has indisputed right to do everything honorable to accomplish the nomination of his favorite candidate, after the nominations are made, every true Democrat will be content with the result of the work of the convention.

The candidates seeking recognition at the hands of the Democratic party are Thoroughly honest, Thoroughly capable, Men of the highest integrity, Loyal to the Democratic party.

No matter to whom the nominations go, the result will be creditable to the party.

Let every Democratic voter go to the primaries Saturday, keep in mind the unwritten law of the party, be zealous in the support of his preferred candidates, and then rest his case with the highest authority in county politics—the Democratic convention.

## Candidates Withdraw.

Messrs. Gettly and Fortney have withdrawn their names as candidates for the county chairmanship of the Democratic party. The delegates elected to the convention will be at liberty to select the chairman as heretofore, without confining their choice to a registered candidate. The withdrawal of the candidates mentioned was an entirely sensible move.

## THE STATE CONVENTION.

Chairman Creasy Issues His Call for June 25, at Erie.

Pursuant to the Rules of the Democratic Party in the State of Pennsylvania, and the action of the Democratic State Central Committee, notice is hereby given that a Democratic State Convention for the purpose of nominating

One person for the office of Governor, One person for the office of Lieutenant-Governor,

One person for the office of Secretary of Internal Affairs, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it, will be held on Wednesday, June 25th, 1902, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Park Opera House, Erie, Penns.

The representation will consist of representative delegates one from each one thousand or majority fraction of one thousand of the average vote cast for the Democratic candidate for State office at the last preceding State election in the respective representative districts of the State, provided that each representative district shall have at least one delegate.

WM. T. CREASY, Chairman.

## POLE TAX TEST CASE.

To Be Appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court affirmed the decision of the Superior Court Monday and the court of Lackawanna county in the case of the borough of Taylor against the Postal Telegraph Company. The borough placed a tax on the poles and wires of the company. The company resisted the tax, making it a test case for the State, other boroughs, including Centre Hall, having imposed a like tax.

The court of Lackawanna county sustained the tax and so has the Superior and Supreme Courts. An appeal is to be taken to the United States Supreme Court. The payment of this tax means several hundred thousand dollars to the telephone companies of the State.

Rev. J. F. Shultz greatly pleased the veterans by a sermon, especially adapted to their needs, delivered at Pine Glen Sunday.

Dorothy Dodd.

## A THRILLING EXPERIENCE.

Mrs. James Gilliland Saves Her Children From Drowning By Heroic Measures.

Mrs. James Gilliland, of Oak Hall, had a thrilling experience, and only by great presence of mind and heroic action, were three of her children's lives saved after going through a wreck and being pitched over a bridge into a creek by a horse that shied and backed.

Mrs. Gilliland and her children were on their way to visit Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Gilliland's mother, Friday of last week, when all this happened. They were driving the family horse, but on reaching the public road the horse took fright at a pile of stones lying by the wayside, began to back and finally the buggy, occupants and horse landed in the creek, having made a descent of ten or twelve feet. How to escape from this peculiar predicament was the question to be quickly solved by the mother. The conclusion was speedily arrived at—the boy aged about five years was thrown out on the bank; next a little girl about three and one-half years old was landed on the green, but in the meantime the baby boy floated down the creek. The mother made a mad rush for her lost treasure, and recovered it. Thoroughly soaked with water, thoroughly frightened, thoroughly satisfied with the fortunate turn of affairs, the family awaited help.

None of the children were injured of any account except the little girl, who received a cut about the head.

One of the buggy wheels was crushed to pieces, and the rig otherwise damaged.

## FROM ILLINOIS.

Crop Prospect Promising in Northern Illinois. Abundant Rain.

The weather conditions is a much used subject for conversation with us now-a-days, we greet our friends and neighbors with, "how do you do,—lots of rain,—how fine everything in the country appears," etc.

We are having very much rain, lately. It has rained every day for more than a week, and in the mean time several very heavy rains have visited us. Old mother earth is literally saturated, in northern Illinois. We think the weather clerk is about as generous with us this season as he was stingy last. Many springs and small streams as well as wells dried up last summer. Sloughs could be cultivated, and, in many places, close encroachments were made on the beds of rivers and creeks, by the farming population. About the only fair crops we had last year were grown on river bottoms.

The lawns and terraces in our metropolis never looked finer than they do at present. Meadows and grain fields are covered with a very luxuriant growth. Rye, grass and wheat are lodging in many places. One can hardly believe that such great changes in the growth of vegetation have taken place in the short space of one month. Corn is nearly all planted. Some are cultivating. The weather being very warm, corn soon germinated and in a few days was up. The stand is considered very good throughout the country. Pastures were hurt last season by too close cropping, and the intense heat and drought so they are comparatively poor and bare in many places.

Small fruits, of the berry type, were hurt by heat and drought and injured by the winter. Berry canes put forth a growth late in the fall, which proved too tender to withstand the winter. Apples, plums and cherries blossomed profusely, and all except plums promise a large yield.

Feeds rule high in price. Hay is worth \$15 to \$16 per ton, oats 40 cts.; 42 cts. per bushel, corn about 70 cts. per bushel and very scarce. We all expect to see prices take a drop ere long, on some commodities.

Illinois is all right.

J. M. STIFFLER.

## State College Cadets on Parade.

On Friday afternoon the four Companies at State College had their annual competitive drill, and it is said they made one of the finest showings ever made in the history of the school. They had been under strict discipline in military tactics and Captain D. H. Clarke, U. S. A., who has command there says he is well pleased with the efforts the boys made to bring their school up to the high standing it is now enjoying.

The judge chosen for the drill were Col. W. Fred Reynolds, Col. Wilbur F. Reeder, and Captain Hugh S. Taylor. Fully one thousand people were in attendance.

## New Owners of the Record.

The new owners of the Philadelphia Record are Wm. S. Stenger, John Wyrth and Harry B. Gross, of Philadelphia, and James Kerr, of Clearfield. All the directors are life-long Democrats and they will continue the paper along the same lines of policy it has hitherto followed.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

Brief Discussion of Political and Other Matters of Public Interest.

It is not surprising that Senator Hoar's eloquent speech on the Philippine question produced a profound impression. Who speaks on liberty touches the hearts of men. The Senator demonstrated that the old-time New England spirit is still alive, despite the advance of imperialistic tendencies. It is true, as Mr. Hoar said, in his citation of the lessons from our own glorious struggle for liberty, that protestation on behalf of the Filipinos has "fallen upon the ears of men dazzled by military glory and delirious with the lust of conquest," yet there is good reason to believe that in the end the United States will rectify its mistakes and revert to the principles upon which its own freedom has been established.

It is quite probable that the House of Representatives recently wound up the Schley controversy by the emphatic vote it gave in condemnation of Maclay's naval "history," which had been introduced in the naval academy as a text-book. The motion pending was that no part of the funds allowed in the naval appropriation bill should be expended in purchasing the book. The House did not accept President Roosevelt's unsatisfactory review of the naval court of inquiry as ending the controversy, but in the vote on barring the Maclay book indirectly added its indorsement of the admiral and condemnation of the Crownshield bureau junta that has been persecuting and prosecuting Schley.

The Prohibitionists in their State convention at New Castle have put forward their strongest man as a candidate for governor in Dr. S. C. Swallow, of Harrisburg, the editor of a Prohibition and Methodist newspaper, and a prominent clergyman of the Methodist Church in Central Pennsylvania. Dr. Swallow made a phenomenal canvass for state treasurer some years ago, but it only resulted in dividing the opposition vote and electing the machine Republican candidate. As the Prohibition candidate for governor he will probably poll the normal vote of that party. He is well known as a "vigorous assailant of machine methods in church and politics, and as given to all the vigor of free speech in his political and church debates.

Some of the newspapers are forecasting President Roosevelt's speech in Pittsburg the coming Fourth of July. One paper says he is going to demonstrate that "Democrats as well as Republicans should see to it that the Government is upheld in the course it is pursuing in the Orient." We trust that Mr. Roosevelt will have the courage to state what that course is. Does it mean subjugation of the Filipinos and their incorporation in the people of the United States, or their ultimate independence? Let us have a flat and clear statement on that subject. Does it mean the punishment of every case of torture and barbarism in the Philippines, as President Roosevelt wrote to Bishop Lawrence, or does it mean approval of orders to make the land "a howling wilderness" and to kill children over ten years of age? The President instead of trying his hand on the conversion of Democrats to imperialism should take up the case of Senator Hoar, of his own political household.

The Boer war is over. The conference at Vereeniging may have reached the decision reported or may delay it; but nothing can delay peace. It is near. It is probably accepted. The British Government, while the facts are not known, has plainly been at last wise enough, as we were at the close of our Civil War, to offer terms and some definite terms of self-government in the near future.

This has ended a conflict which might have dragged for a year or more, perhaps two years, longer. It brings an end which gives some return for the Boer struggle in the last two years. The Boer cause has been, in a military sense, hopeless, since Cronje surrendered and the capitals of the allied Republics were occupied. In a moral sense, the Boers have gained much by their pertinacious resistance. They have won a respect which would never have been theirs without this long fight. Their rights in the future are secure. Their self-government will come sooner and be more complete. These are great gains. Their losses are as great. The entire farming plant of the two Republics is laid waste. The Boer population has had a fatal blow. A local bitterness has come in Cape Colony time cannot remove. Battles men forget. Scauldons are never forgiven. English immigration is certain to be large, rapid and overmastering. The Boers by prolonging the war have left space for it.

C. B. Houser, whose announcement for county commissioner embodying a reduction from \$3.00 to \$1.50 per day for services attracted some attention, was a caller Tuesday. He has given up the idea of becoming a commissioner on that basis, but maintains that farmers are poorly paid for their labors, and that there should be the strictest economy in all offices. Mr. Houser also renewed his subscription to the Reporter, being convinced that the paper was worth its price to the most economical farmer or tradesman.

Dorothy Dodd.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Teacher's examination is in progress today (Thursday.)

Note slight changes of the Pennsylvania railroad time tables, east of Montandon.

The will of Elias Connor, who died recently, leaves \$1200 to establish a potter's field at Lewistown.

Ex-Governor Hastings and his family will go to Europe within a few days, and will remain several months.

17 to 1 was the score of the ball game between State and Franklin & Marshall on the former's field Saturday. It was State's walk-over.

The carpenters and all other mechanics, teamsters and laborers are very busy at present, and have work ahead for some time.

W. B. Mingle Sunday anticipates picking the first dish of strawberries from a strawberry bed upon which he has spent considerable time and labor.

Miss Violetta Wolf, of Rebersburg, will stop with her sister, Miss Bertha, in this place, within a few days prior to going to North Hector, Schuylker county, New York.

Mrs. Allison, wife of Dr. J. R. G. Allison, of Leroy, Pa., with her son Gross, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Runkle, in this place. She will remain for about a month.

Notices were posted at the works of American Tool Co., Mill Hall, to the effect that if the employees affiliated themselves with organized labor, the factories would be permanently abandoned.

Merchant W. H. Kreamer Wednesday went to Rebersburg to look after the family plot in the cemetery in that place. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Tacy, who will go to Lewisburg to spend some time with her aunt, Mrs. Della Brungart.

Bailey Kennedy, engineer running between Lewisburg and Bellefonte, has been promoted to a run on one of the Buffalo flyers on the Philadelphia and Erie in place of Engineer Schreiner, who was killed in the recent wreck near Jersey Shore.

The passenger train west Monday afternoon killed five cows, one steer and one heifer at Dale's Summit, below Lemont. The animals were the property of Willard Dale, son of Geo. Dale. It is said the railroad company will pay \$30.00 each for the cattle.

The Democratic voters of Centre Hall and Potter township have had little to do with candidates during the campaign to close Saturday. The candidates in the borough and township have been the means of barring out all seekers except aspirants for commissioner.

Expecting to assume his duties as postmaster of Renovo about June 1, A. Y. Jones Saturday tendered to the court of Clinton county his resignation as county commissioner. A. L. Merrill, of Lock Haven was appointed to fill the unexpired term ending December 31, 1902.

The Franklin & Marshall weekly has a new staff, and among the corps of editors known to the Reporter readers is Henry M. Bitner, son of Prof. H. F. Bitner, of the Millersville State Normal. John S. Hosterman, son of Dr. G. W. Hosterman, of this place, is the business manager.

The new brick dwelling being erected by James Runkle, on his farm near Tusseyville, is pretty well completed so far as the brick work is concerned. The dwelling makes a splendid appearance, the brick being the Mill Hall quality. Messrs. Wolf and Osman are doing the brick work.

The Reporter acknowledges the receipt of a very neat invitation to the Bellefonte High School, June 5. The indications are that the Bellefonte schools are in an excellent condition, and that the citizens are quite liberal with funds in order to maintain a high stand in school work. With efficient heads, the best instructors and a moderately loose purse Bellefonte has made a good showing of what can be done in the public schools. Much of the credit is due the untiring efforts of the principal, Prof. John D. Meyer.

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