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EDITORIAL

IT might be true that the Ohio man's favorite opera is "Stradella."

for is to be tied to some nice post near whom all can cheerfully support. the public crib.

In two weeks it will be our opportunity to attend the republican circus in Bellefonte. There will be fun, you bet.

THE ticket is named in Centre county. There were the usual number of disappointments and defeats. No candidate honest with himself and the people can consistently go home and do anything else but give his hearty support for the same.

THE TICKET. The primary elections and the county He is a sociable fellow, who knows every convention are over, and the ticket, that man in the county by face and name. will lead the battle, is named. They His affiable manner and pleasant address are representative men, chosen by the won friends for him everywhere. As people for the standard bearers. They come from all sections of the county, and as one of the best officials. Always represent the various avocations of life obliging and courteous, he is the kind of and are especially adapted for the posi- a man the people like to meet when they tions they should fill and duties to be COL. J. L. SPANGLER.

structed for Mr. Spangler, as their choice tion. in the district, for the congressional nomination. For over twenty years Col. Spangler has been an enthusiastic democrat. He has devoted much time, and quarter of Centre county. For many contributed very liberally for the party's years he has been engaged in instructing success at all times. He always supported its ticket, except in one instance when he cast a vote for a close friend come in contact with all phases and and associate in business, which never in kinds of people. The early portion of the slightest degree affected his political his life was spent on the farm and he faith or convictions. He has an oppor- | has lived among farmers most of his life. tunity of securing the nomination in this The Meyer family is one of the largest in congressional district and, if nominated, the county, and a highly respected class would be elected. Whether that event of people, are Iknown for industry and happens or not, he will be found, as ev- frugality wherever found. He possesses er, an enthusiastic worker for the sup- good judgment, unquestionable integrity port of the ticket nominated and a strong and is well qualified to look after the expounder of the principles and doc- public's interests as commissioner. trines of the democratic faith.

ROBERT M. FOSTER.

Two years ago the name of Robert M. Foster was on the democratic ticket for assembly. He is a resident of State College, where he devotes much of his spare time to farming. He also is a traveling salesman for a grocery firm in Philadelphia. This places him in touch with the larger element of the countythe farming community, whose needs he fully appreciates, and as a salesman he has come in contact with the business men of the day, and is conversant with stability, who cannot be influenced the ways of men and the affairs of the by every element, or swayed by selfish world. Possessing a good education, of interests. agreeable manner and unquestionable integrity, he is just the kind of a man who could be of service in our legislative halls and a credit to our county. He is

ABOUT all the dark horses now hope in close touch with the people, and one

JAMES SCHOFIELD.

There are few persons in Centre county who have a wider acquaintance than Hon. James Schofield, of Bellefonte. About twenty years ago he engaged in the harness business in Bellefonte, and has continued at the same old stand ever since. In a business way he has come in contact with all classes. For many years Mr. Schofield has been identified with the political affairs of the county. In campaigns he always was solicited the customary usages and was for the party's candidate. The system

in the field. His popularity was shown in almost every district in the county. prothonotary, years ago he made a record come to the county seat to transact business or spend a few moments in conversation. Mr. Harper is an active demo-The vote in the county sent every crat and will be a hustler on the ticket, delegate to the county convention in- and is eminently qualified for the posi-

PHILIP H. MEYER.

The name of Philip H. Meyer, of Boalsburg, is known in almost every instrumental music and conducting musical conventions. In this manner he has

DANIEL HECKMAN.

Daniel Heckman, of Benner township, is a farmer in the full sense of the term. He was born and raised on a farm, and has been a hardy tiller of the soil ever since. He knows exactly what the farmer's interests are and will fully appreciate their claims. The present condition of the farmer has taught him that economy in Centre county expenditures is what | eagerness and less than the ordinary atthe tax payers want, and is the right man in that office to carry their ideas into effect. He is a man of firmness and

COUNTY AUDITORS.

petent to fill these positions. Both are young men of good business qualifications and adapted for such duties.

COUNTY SURVEYOR.

There is very little work in this office but we have a skilled surveyor, a good man and an active democrat in Henry Wetzel, of Bellefonte.

FOR CORONER.

Dr. W. U. Irvin, of Julian, is one of Centre county's brightest young physicians. His name graces the ticket.

FOR COUNTY CHAIRAMN.

CAMPAIGN OF MONEY.

SOUTHERN DELEGATES BOUGHT LIKE CATTLE.

The Mask of Decency No Longer Veils the Corrupt Methods of Republican Politicians In the South-Longest Purse Captures the Most Votes.

The experience which the Republican party is now having in its conventions in the several southern states to choose delegates to St. Louis ought to come, and would come to a party led by dif. ferent men than the Elkinses and Claytons and Platts and Quays, with all the force of a demonstration requiring a change in the system of representation in national conventions. Everybody knows, and these gatherings at the south make it patent, that the southern delegates are to be acquired by those candidates who have most money to spend in getting control of their states. They represent nothing.

The Republican party there is only a name, and not a fragrant one. It cannot carry a state, elect a candidate or choose a member of the electoral college. The men whom it sends to national conventions simply make them, as a rule, an opportunity to turn their political pretensions to personal profit. Every four years there is a perfect carnival of corruption throughout the south in order to obtain the large and sometimes decisive vote of those states in the convention for some particular candidate. It was one of the most serions drawbacks to the Republican campaign of four years ago that Mr. Harrison's strength in the convention lay so largely among the southern delegates, who could contribute nothing to his election.

This year the buying and selling process is going on with more than usual tempt at concealment. With the rise to undisputed control in the party's councils of its most venal and least scrupulous element, the mask of decency that has veiled its operations in previous years has fallen off. The different candidates have massed their resources and are going through the southern states as Messrs. Frank Hess, of Philipsburg, stock buyers might traverse the cattle and B. F. Keistler, of Millheim, are com- ranches of the west. The man with the long purse captures most of the delegates, and it is not difficult to see where the funds come from. While the moral sense of the Republican party of the nation has fallen almost to the point of disappearance, we cannot think that this process will pass without its proper rebuke by the voters. It constitutes an element of weakness which will make it-

self felt later on.

There is no possible reason for the continuance of a system of representation which is based upon population instead of upon party vote. The strength of the southern states in the Republican Hugh S. Taylor, Esq., for several conventions is ont of all proportion to years secretary of the county committee, the number of votes that they will cast THE REPUBLICANS are very much ical orator. He had the honor of rep-ical orator. He had the honor of rep-resenting this county at Harrisburg one of curve, alert and can the unstructed for the unfittest. It makes little difference alarmed about the prospects of the dem- resenting this county at Harrisburg one give vim and energy to the party in that in states which are pretty evenly balanced between the two parties, but in cases like this, where one party or the inance of improper influences. Among eyes of the honest people of this conntry is the unconcealed campaign of moneyed interests for control of the party convention by capturing the delegates from the south.-St. Paul Globe.

OUR CENTURY MARK.

At the Democratic convention on Tues-

rise, flourish and sink away. It has completed an apportionment on the basis stood on a broad foundation, upheld just of two days of institute to every county principles and advocated noble senti- having not over 1,000 farms, three days ments that have survived, not on account to each county having more than 1,000 of their popularity, but because they and not over 1,500 farms; afterward, were right. Time has demonstrated one day for each 1,500 farms or fraction their justness. While not always in pub- thereof additional. lic favor, and frequently rent by side issues and sectional differences, it has survived all storms.

grand old organization, championed by sections and ninety-nine to another. A our sires for many generations, is not seperate set of lectures will be assigned our purpose. But we would urge upon to each section and in a given county the our county organization the appropriate- same department workers will continue ness of observing this century mark in until all the institutes in that county have some befitting manner. Let us have a been held. The amount of money to be democratic centennial jubile, with ap- distributed to the various managers for propriate exercises, in which the entire local expenses will be according to the county should participate, at some later number of days of institutess held. date in the cambaign. Such an event would be largely attended. It could be the past year in this state, taking the innode a notable success.

THE DEMOCRACY of Centre county put equal for the coming season this sum themselves on record, on Tuesday, for sound money, as advocated by the nation- stitute. This provides \$18 for each two al administration. Some of our democrats days of institute to be used for local exwho have been on the free silver side, failed to have any of their ideas incorporated in the resolutions. No matter what Southern and Western democrats may think on this subject, we remain firm to the gold standard, worth one hundred cents.

June's Great Days.

June is a month rich in patriotic memories. It has at last been given its distinctive commemorative day, June 14 being Flag day-particularly to be celebrated in the mother-city of Betsy Ross. Hastings, Miss Helen Hastings, Attorney, June 15 will be the one-hundred-andtwenty-first anniversary of George Wash- of the Common wealth and Mrs. Reeder ington's appointment as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army-an event originally of political significance but, as matic gout at his home at Easton and it proved, of eventual destiny for the new will not come to Harrisburg before Thurs-Republic. June 17 marks the date of the day afternoon. Battle of Bunker Hill, and 18 has perpetual interest to Philadelphia as the Evacuation day of the British.

years ago, Richard Henry Lee arose in the great lakes by boat to Buffalo, where the Continental Congress and offered the resolution : "That these United States are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States." It was instantly seconded by John Adams. This resolution was, indeed, the seed of the famous Declaration of Independence and of the immortal Fourth of July.

FARMERS INSTITUTE.

In the matter of holding farmers' in day, attention was called to the fact that stitutes throughout the state during the one hundred years ago the democratic season of 1896-97. John Hamilton, the party was founded, when Jefferson an- director of farmers' institutes, has made tagonized Adams. It has seen others radical changes. That gentleman has

This insures department aid to each county in proportion to its agricultural interests. The state has been divided To write the achievements of this into three sections, with 100 days to two

> The average cost for local expenses stitutes as held under the new method was \$6.54 a day. To make the amount has been increased to \$9 per day of inpenses. There will be in addition the state help of two lectures, which with the local assistance, is expected to carry the work through in a creditable manner.

The Governor Going to St. Louis.

Governor Hastings will start from Harrisburg next Friday for St. Louis to attend the national republican convention. They will go in a special car attached to Niagara express and expect to reach the Mound City Saturday afternoon. The party will consist of Governor and Mrs. General and Mrs. McCormick, Secretary and Private Secretary Beitler. General Reeder is nursing a severe case of rheu-

The party will be gone about two weeks. They will leave St. Louis the morning after the convention for Duluth. On June 7, one hundred and twenty Here they will leave their car and cross the car will be in waiting to carry them home. Governor and Mrs. Hastings will stop over in Harrisburg a day after their return and then start for their home at Bellefonte to spend the summer. The governor's party will stay at "The Planters" with Senator Quay and a party of personal friends.

DON'T forget to tell the high tariffite QUAY says McKinley will be nominated that the McKinley law did not in any on the first ballot. Hastings may now be one year of its existence produce reve- deprived the opportunity of displaying nues sufficient to meet the expenditures. his oratorical fireworks.

policy. That is the popular craze in the | the party to give him a second renomina-South and West. McKinley continues | tion. His past experience will increase afraid to commit himself.

in line supporting the nominee. He isa democrat from conviction. He never fought a ticket to satisfy a personal grievance. Not made of that kind of stuff.

THE REPUBLICAN politicans in Centre county are warming up. It looks as though their ticket was named. The leaders in Bellefonte have sent out the word as to whom should be nominated. Cliques are being formed and combinations made. Such work always proves mjurious. A free field and an open fight is what the men are asking.

much strength in the South and West sluring the past week. It seems almost certain that the Democrafic National convention will be in charge of the silver people and that they will declare for free coinaget This we look upon as a view, a free silver platform might win years ago, and made a good showing. party.

JOHN HAMILTON, director of farmers' institutes, has completed an apportion. ment showing the number of days the Department of Agriculture will furnish two lec'ures to each county in the State for institute work during the season of 1896-97. The apportionment is made on the basis of two days of institute to every county having not over 1,000 farms, three days to each county having more than 1,000 and not over 1,500 farms. This insures department aid to each county in proportion to its agricultural interests.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE has profited by protection to the extent of millions of dollars. He is not a professional politician, and when he was asked whether he attributed the depressions and panics of the last few years to the agitation for a reduction in the standard of value he answered instantly and honestly: "I do. ner, conscientious in the performance of All other causes combined," he said, his duty, clever and obliging he will "have not affected the country to the extent that this has." He agrees with Mr. Roberts, the president of the Pennsylvania fit to keep such a man at his place a Railroad Company, and other competent and careful observers as to the nature of the difficulty. The belief is becoming the difficulty. The benef is becoming general that the money question must be settled and that the tariff can take a rest. Harper, of Bellefonte, made a splendid canvass. The result of the primaries indicated that he was the strongest man trade and commerce."

ocratic party endorsing the free silver term, and his record there has induced

tives besmirched themselves.

WHARTON M. CRONISTER.

Our nominee is from Worth township, for the nomination he made an untiring canvass over the entire county, and the of all voters. public had an opportunity to become acquainted with him. Mr. Cronister has been an active democrat and has done The Postmaster General's Incisive Exposure faithful service for the party in years gone by. From his experience as a traveling salesman, his business qualifithe duties of that office in a satisfactory THE FREE SILVER move has gained manner. Mr. Cronister will make a good Sheriff; he is a faithful democrat and deserves the hearty support of all.

CALVIN A. WEAVER. the democracy, in the eastern portion of Mr. Condo since then. From our observations we can attest Mr. Weaver is a thoroughly competent man for the place. In his canvass he was honorable, manly and courteous to his competitors, for all of whom he proved a worthy foe. He is upright, moral, honest, clean.

Such a man, it is a pleasure to support. GEORGE W. RUMBERGER.

Now what to say of our present register, Geo. W. Rumberger, is a question. He is the same genial, good natured, obliging individual as ever. He has a kind word and a smile for all, everybody is charged his duties so well that we have the first word of complaint to hear from anyone. He attends strictly to the duties before him, and is especially adapted from years of clerical training to keep the records in his department in a neat, accurate and systematic manner. Upright in character, unassuming in mancommand the respect and support of his party and the public. It is a public benesecond term, and that will happen.

J. C. HARPER. For the nomination of Recorder J. C.

position The above geutlemen are on the dem-

ocratic ticket. They are competent. other is helpless and permanentlyin the to saw wood on this question and is his usefulness in the future, With Scho- They were nominated in a fair field and minority, it opens the way to the domfield and Foster to represent the tax open canvass; selected by the party at payers of Centre county there need be the primaries and nominated by the rep. the forces which are at work today to WHILE there may be no political fod- no fear of them favoring increased sal- resentatives regularly assembled in the degrade the Republican party in the der in the rack, for Editor Kurtz of the aries, the pensioning of judges or Stand- convention. As men they, no doubt, are Centre Hall Reporter, he will be found ard Oil jobs-as our former representa- human and imperfections can be found. Where is the perfect man? Considering all these things, the ticket nominated is as good as any ever put in the field. It

where democrats survive in the hot-bed contains the names of democrats who of rank republicanism. As a candidate deserve the support of every democrat and will commend itself to the confidence

WILSON ON THE SILVER CRAZE.

of the Cheap Money Heresy.

"The first effect of free silver would be to drive out of circulation the \$625,000,000 cations are such that he will discharge of gold and to sink all silver and paper money to the standard of the silver dollar. There would be a shrinkage at once of our currency of two-thirds of the present purchasing power of money efficiency by the disappearance of over \$600,000,000 Our nominee for county treasurer of gold and a shrinkage in value of the comes from Aaronsburg, and represents other \$1,000,000,000 to one-half its present value. The first step, then, would calamity, to the business interests of the valley. He first came before the be to contract our currency from \$2,000,the country. From a political point of public as a candidate for register three 000,000 to about \$1,000,000,000 in purchasing power. Along with this conthe next presidency for the Democratic He has served as deputy sheriff under traction, of course, would come a like contraction of debts, salaries, wages and all past obligations.

There is no country in the world that could make this sudden change in its money standard without plunging headlong into an indefinite period of panic, bankruptcy and distress, with a disastrous check to its development and long idleness to its industries.

would never be realized, because they would be at once pressed for their debts, and in such disorganization of trade and his friend. As a county offical he has dis- of all business they could not get the cheaper dollar, and the idea that free aged to train down to one newspaper insilver would give us a larger currency terview per day. The other booms might would not be realized, if ever, in the lifetime of the present generation.

Out of all the catastrophies of such a change no men would emerge unharmed except those who own gold or who own silver bullion or mines; and when we had once got to a silver basis and began to build up again the credit system upon it, the marvelous system which has made possible our development and which represents many times in currency circulation and power the money basis on which it rests, we should have a cumbersome, heavy, inferior metal money, like

M'KINLEY AND QUAY.

Probable and Logical Candidates of the Republican Party.

Major McKinley has secured the Exposition building for headquarters during the national convention, says the St. Louis Republic.

For the favorite sons a back room on the top floor in any of the St. Louis hotels will be amplo. Several of them are not certain at this time of needing headquarters at all.

If they discover later that it is wise to maintain private consultation rooms, three or four of them can club together. Cullom and Manderson and Bradley, by hearty co-operation, might bring enough "delegates together to remind the newspaper men that they were once considered in the fight.

But even this is not certain. It will largely depend on whether McKinley makes an aggressive fight in Illinois, Nebraska and Kentucky.

The Republic's Republican ticket is gaining ground every day. McKinley and Quay are the logical Republican candidates.

A Lesson to the Bosses.

If no unforeseen or unexpected circumstance occurs, there will be absolutely no possibility of preventing Mc-Kinley's nomination. Such an event would be a signal lesson to the bosses, and teach them to take their orders The hope held out to debtors that they from the people instead of attempting would be able to pay in cheaper dollars to control the whole business.-Utica Press (Rep.).

The "Kitty" Keeper.

Hon. Mark Hanna, the royal "kitty" keeper of the McKinley boom, has manmanage to make some headway if they only had a Hanna in stock .- Washington Post.

Brotherly Advice Needed.

If Pennsylvania's favorite son would only give Illinois' favorite son an occasional suggestion on the political necessity for giving his mouth and pen a rest, the senatorial combine would have more presidential strength. -St. Louis Repub-

Both Are Protectionists.

If Morton has placed a keg in Indiana, the manufacturers will bestir themselve for McKinley. But why should they? Morton would sign a McKinley bill as readily as McKinley himself. --St. Louis Post-Dispatoh.

