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EDITORIAL.

THERE is mighty little politics in the present war with Spain. From every element, clann, sect and creed there is

JOHN WANNAMAKER'S tour over the state continues and he is continuing to pour hot shot into the Ouay people in an alarming manner. There is a wide difference of opinion as to how Centre county will instruct her delegates

Ar the meeting of the Democratic county committee on Monday evening, one fact was clearly evident-that the party has not taken a step backward on Cassanova presiding. He presented pecially for an appointment at the Govthe money question and that Bryan still s the ideal candidate.

believe that the morals of the county the two great parties. The address was fonte. have been on a slight decline. Probably a cool, calm, dispassionate talk in which This leaves the candidates in a sorry it is due to the vigilance of our public of he presented many facts to his hearers plight. Originally they were Hastings ficials in ferreting down criminals.

passed without a single dissenting vote arguments practical, every-day solid the recent Wannamaker-Hastings meetor opposing sentiment. The entire coun- sense. try was ready for war and the fact is the present administration was forced to take the step. Public sentiment grew powerful; was irresistable.

SINCE Charles Emory Smith was apdoes not seem to have been restored with our friend Col. Al Dale. The latest rumors are to the effect that Gov. Hastings has endorsed Mr. Valentine for the Belletonte postoffice.

GLADSTONE DEAD.

Mr. Gladstone had been in ill health for about a year and had but recently returned from Cannes, France, whence he had gone for the benefit of his impaired health. "The Grand Old Man" was the author of a number of works on political questions and for many years was Minister of England. He was the greatest English statesman of the century.

GUESS WORK ONLY.

The following is the substance of a dispatch sent from Bellefonte to the city dailies

"There was a full and enthusiastic meeting of the Democratic committee here Monday evening. The gubernatorial situation was discussed, and it developed that ex-Governor Robert E. Pattison is Centre county's unanimous choice, and James A. Stranahau second. Col. J. L. Spangler will be supported for Congress and will be given the county con-

Nothing of the kind occurred at the above meeting in regards to the gubernatorial nomination. It was not discussed at the meeting. Since the bank looting in Philadelphia, our democrats are inclined not to hitch to the Pattison band wagon. There are other available men in the state. Col. J. L. Spangler has not announced whether he will be, or not be, a candidate for congress. That matter was not discussed at all.

THE DIFFERENCE.

According to the Ohio Legislature Marcus A. Hanna secured his seat in the United States Senate by bribery. His seat will be contested. It does look as though "God reigns" and quite remarkable that the "Republican party still lives." But that is Hanna's style of politics-get there at any price, and he is minds that may in time threaten the very fortunate in having the means to accomplish the end. That is his platform and it seems to win.

The famous John Wanamaker, the Sunday School Teacher, the man of great piety, decries any such means of states. corrupting politics. Yet we have heard prominent republicans in Bellefonte declare that when John was after the U.S. Senatorship, which Penrose got, that he gave one of the republican legislators in er. Centre county the small sum of \$500 for "legitimate" campaign purposes. If this is correct we still have less respect for him than for Hanna, the boodler.

A Large Crop of Tobacco.

Advices received at the Pennsylvania State College indicate that the tobacco can be met and blasted. The former are crop in this state this year will be the insidious, corrupting and perilous to the largest since 1889, due to the continu. country's welfare. ance of the troubles in Cuba and to the prices which the growers received last year. Experiments had then proved that it is in Pennsylvania a more profitable Sheriff McMakin, of Elk county, for erop than that of some of the cereals, three passes to witness the double hanglast year yielding a return of \$260 an ing. He wants them for himself, his acr ?

BRYAN AT PHILIPSBURG.

Last Thursday the Hon. Wm. Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, passed over the Beech Creek railroad and spent the evening at Philipsburg. Many democrats of that Post Master General Geary had rethis section availed themselves of this opportunity to see the famous orator and of the Philadelphia Press, had been sedemocratic leader. A delegation of over | lected in his place. It was a stunner for a hundred, accompanied by the Undine them, and it is a caution to see them Band left here on the afternoon train for Mill Hall. In the party were delegations line. from State College, Centre Hall, Spring Mills, Millheim, Zion, Hublersburg, Nittany and other points. When Mr. Bryan's train pulled into Mill Hall at least five hundred thronged about the came out on the platform a great cheer was sent up and a rush to grasp his hand. ing Mr. Bryan and conversing with him. a united sentiment to oppose the contin- On the way to Philipsburg crowds assemnance of Spanish cruelties on this con- bled at the small way stations to see Mr.

presidential candidate had arrived. At is no doubt about this. the depot an immense crowd assembled

THE declaration of war by Congress oratorical pyrotechnics-instead facts, alty to Quay by even refusing to attend

alarm and sent the departments in the direction of the meeting but the immense dience consisting principally of ladies.

The wonderful crowds and the intense interest shown in the meetings would have made some of our republicans, who declare "Bryanism a dead issue" sick at heart. The Philipsburg papers declare it to have been one of the largest gatherings seen there in many years.

THE HANNA BRIBERY.

The press dispatches from Columbus about the report of the Ohio legislative committee on the Hanna bribery case were mainly devoted to the minority report of a single senator seeking the ex- Arms and Ammunition Wanted for a Force of culpation of Hanna on the ground the whole affair was a trap to catch the confiding and innocent senator. The report of the majority of four senators was pass-

It is made clear that there was a conspiracy to bribe members to vote for made by Hanna's agent, and that he was aided and abetted in this crime by Hanna, Dick and Rathbone. Hanna refused to obey the summons of the committee and testify, as did others who acted as his managers in the senatorial contest. navy. The conclusion of the committee's report sets forth that-

Your committee believes from the evidence taken that the authorized agents and representatives of Marcus A. Hanna attempted to bribe John C. Otis, a member of the House of Representatives, to vote for him for United States senator. Your committee respectfully submits that such a man as Marcus A. Hanna, if guilty, as hereby indicated, is not fit to represent the great state of Ohio in the United States Senate, and that he should be expelled from that august body. To permit him to hold his seat that would go far toward legalizing corruption and It will menace the very existence and security of everything that is dear to the people of this country. It will inflame the minds of some people and them believe that in the election of United States senators the fascination and power of bribe money have superseded the legislative will. It will produce a sense of grievance and injustice in their "beautiful fabric" of our constitution with destruction. It will discredit and dishonor the Nation in the judgment of foreigners whose good opinions we should covet. It will disgrace the State of Ohio tive assurance is given that the number in the judgment of people of our sister

This report was adopted by the Ohio Senate by a vote of 19 year to 17 nays. It will be sent to the United States Senate for such action as it may a

True, these are war times, but that isno reason the Hanna bribery should be glossed over or ignored in an excess of patriotic emotion. The Mark Hanna methods inflict more injury on the republic than the Weyler methods. The latter

Want to See the Hanging.

A man from Penfield has written to wife and his sister-in-law.

CHANGE ABOUT.

The republican applicants for the Bellefonte post office received a severe shock last week by the announcement signed and Charles Emory Smith, editor turning political somersaults to get in

Under the former condition of affairs, it was considered certain that no one but a machine man could secure the position. That is, only a man approved by Congressman Arnold, and satisfactory to rear of the train to get a glimpse of the Quay would get the place. Owing to "Boy Orator of the Platte." When he the factional feud in republican state politics, the Hastings people were considered of no importance, would have no He made a brief address and the train standing or influence. It was on this soon pulled out with an enthusiastic ground that many considered Al Dale crowd. All had an opportunity of meet- the one certain to secure the prize. The other candidates in the field took the same stand. Many of them previously were Gen. Hastings warmest political Bryan. It was an ovation at every point. friends, but lately forsook the Hastings When the train arrived at Philipsburg camp and vied with each other in decannon were fired from the hillsides to nouncing his leadership to court Arnold announce to the people that the famous and Quay's influence and favor. There

Charles Emory Smith, for years, has and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. been one of Quays bitterest opponents in Several bands were playing and fireworks | the state. The Press has openly opposed illuminated the sky. The party were es- Quay-fought him on all occasions. corted to the Passmore House for supper. With him at the head of the post office An open meeting was held in front of department any reasonable request from the Passmore House with Hon. J. N. Gov. Hastings will be respected, and es-County Chairman H. S. Taylor who in a ernor's own home. Politically and perringing address introduced Mr. Bryan as sonally these two gentlemen are the the great democratic leader. Space will closest friends. The natural deduction FROM the amount of criminal business not permit us to give a review of the ad- from this circumstance is that Gov. Hasbefore this session of court one is lead to dress. He dwelt on the leading issues of tings will name the postmaster at Belle-

that set them to thinking seriously. men, with one exception, next they de-There was no ranting, no wild flights or serted the Gov.; some displayed their loying in the opera house last week. Some During this talk some republicans, of of them took great pains to send word to small dimensions, started a false fire Arnold and Quay that they were Hasting's bitterest enemies and would do anything to defeat him in the coming audience staid right by Mr. Bryan and it | county convention in the selection of delproved a disgraceful failure. Mr. Bryan egates. Yes, they did this and more. pointed Post Master General confidence also spoke in the opera house to an au- Now they are auxious to get back, and don't know how to do it.

> Gov. Hastings certainly has the laugh on the unfaithful followers. He can square accounts with them quite nicely.

> This is the fate of politics. Like the kaleidoscope, every turn brings up a new picture. Some of the candidates, if they could, would change their colors like chameleons-but they can't.

Gov. Dan's inning has come and some of his wayward followers will be called

CUBANS HANDICAPPED.

50,000 Men.

The War department has complete official information in regard to the strength and utility of the Cuban army ed over as of no account, while it really to be employed in conjunction with the contained the essential and important United States troops in the expected occupation of Cuba.

It is said that if the United States would supply 50,000 rifles, with ammu-Hanna, that one payment of \$1,750 was nition, the Cubans would provide every man with a rifle. With an army of this size the insurgent leaders believe that they would be able to march on Havana and capture it, even without aid from any portion of the United States army or

This statement is made by General Gomez, the Cuban commander-in-chief. According to the Cuban authorities the trouble with their army is that it is at present armed with all sorts of inferior weapons, from machets to shotguns. Rifles of almost every pattern manufactured are possessed by some of the insurgent troops, but many of these weapons are useless because they have no ammunition which will fit them. About the only rifles which are of any use to the insurgents are the Spanish Mausers, which have been captured from the soldiers of the invading army. Ammunition for these can be obtained by capturing Spanish garrisons, but it is not possible to obtain ammunition for other guns in any adequate or certain supply.

The War department has been inform ed from reliable sources that about 5,000 existence of our Government and the Cubans in the United States will join the army of occupation in Cuba if this Government would supply them with arms, would not be less than that, and it probably would not be much greater. It is said, on authority which is satisfactory to the army administration, that if the Cuban army could be supplied with rifles and ammunition they would not lose a moment, even in a mid-Summer campaign, in striking a telling blow to the Spanish forces in Cuba, because the insurgents know what a tremendous advantage they possess over the Spanish in

the rainy season. The 50,000 men referred to in the statement about the strength of the insurgent army are represented to be the men who are now in the Cuban army or who have been discharged from it for lack of weapons, or who have expressed their readiness to enlist in case they are supplied with weapons. They do not include the the moment the inspect should attack \$350,000 or more.

THE END OF A BLACK ERA.

With the advent of the American army of occupation in Cuba will end the history of four hundred years of oppression, plunder and inhumanity. The era of Spanish rule in Cuba has been the longest period of foreign misgovernment in the civilized world, outside of Turkey.

Before the landing of Columbus the island was inhabited by an intelligent and gentle race of Indians, who welcomed the white invaders as gods. The Spaniards enslaved the kindly natives and treated them with such relentless cruelty that in a few years the entire Indian population of 300,000 was extinct and negroes had to be imported to take their

For the next three hundred years Cuba was treated as a fenced plantation. No trade was allowed except through the fleet authorized by the Government, and Spanish officials enriched themselves out of the opportunities of their positions.

There was one brief period of good government, however, and it happened to come just in time to preserve tranquility in Cuba when all the other Spanish colonies in America were revolting. The delighted Spaniards rewarded Cuba's loyalty with the title of "The Ever Faithful Isle," and a decree which put the people under the absolute, arbitrary power of the Captain-General. This decree was issued in 1825, and under its provisions martial law has prevailed in Cuba for over seventy years.

Since that time there has never been twenty years of consecutive peace in Cuba, and sometimes revolutions have succeeded each other at the rate of one every six years. In all of these Spanish warfare has been marked by a characteristic trail of bloody ferocity. The proolamation of Valmaseda in 1869, the first year of the Ten years' War, is a fair example of the methods adopted by the Spanish commanders for suppressing rebellion:

1. Every man, from the age of fifteen years upward, found away from his habitation, and who does not prove a justi fied motive therefore, will be shot.

2. Every habitation unoccupied will be burned by the troops. 3. Every habitation from which does

not float a white flag, as a signal that its occupants desire peace, will be reduced 4. Women that are not living in their

own homes, or at the houses of their present themselves will be conducted

Evidently Weyler's warfare on pacificos and women was no novelty.

The men who failed to conquer the Cubans by rapine and murder ended the Ten Years' War in 1878 by soft promises of local self-government. Those promises were broken, and the old course of oppression was resumed. That is why, when face with eyes cut. the patriots again took up arms in 1895, they resolved that this time there should be no more deceptive compromises, but Heinle, Esq., who represented the dethat the new war should end in a final

The Spaniards on their side undertook the suppression of the revolution in a spirit of barbarous ferocity that the and no probable cause for prosecution Kurds of Armenia never matched. Unable to conquer the Cubans in arms, they men and children to death and then repeopling the depopulated fields with fresh colonists from Spain. In pursuance Hall, the Grand Jury found a true bill. of this atrocious programme they have This case will be called to-day for trial. murdered 400,000 people by starvation. They have committed indescribable outrages upon Cuban non-combatants. They have slaughtered the wounded in hospitals. They have assassinated patriot commanders whom they could not overcome in battle. And to crown all, they have treacherously destroyed an American ship in time of peace and taken the lives of 266 American sailors.

And now the settlement is at hand. The bloody tyranny of four hundred years has reached its end. Hope shines for tortured Cuba at last .- Journal.

OUR GREAT GUNS.

These are the days of big guns, and yet no one can tell which has won in the mechanical and scientific race-the gun and its projectile or the defensive armor plate. The 15-inch gun turned out at the gun foundry at Washington is the best we have. It is 40 feet long, cost \$100,-

forged at Bethlehem and now being finished at Watertown, N. Y. It is intended to be placed on Romer shoal, off Sandy Hook. From breech to muzzle this new gun measures 49 feet 2 inches, and its caliber is 16 inches. It is expected to be able to throw a shot weighing about be able to throw a shot weighing about 2,300 pounds over 16 miles, the charge being nearly 1,000 pounds of powder. There will not be much war with the combatants 16 miles apart, but the range given indicates the frightful force with which the more than ton weight of its shot would strike a ship within easy reaching distance. It is said that a piercing projectile is a secondary matter with combatants 16 miles apart, but the range ing projectile is a secondary matter with such a cannon, because the impact of the shot would smash to pieces any armor that a ship can carry. Incidentally it may be observed that the gun alone will have cost when finished \$120,000, and that the carriers and there is no of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce A. A. Pletcher, of Walker township, a candidate for the nomination for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention. and that the carriage and turret and the foundation will bring the total cost up to

APRIL TERM OF COURT.

Continued from 1st page. This completes the full civil list for the

first week of court. Com. vs. Willis Johnstonbaugh, indicted for larceny, prosecutor H. Hayward. This detendant on the night of the 12th

of April broke into the State College Creamery and took therefrom about twenty-seven pounds of butter and took the same to Philipsburg the next day where he was apprehended. The defendant plead guilty to the charge and will be sentenced later in the week.

Com. vs. Harry Saylor, indicted for assault and battery, prosecutor Thomas Walket. This defendant is a deaf mute and stoned the prosecutor on the 18th of April, while he was driving along the public road. Verdict on Tuesday morning of guilty.

Com. vs. Sampson Wolf and Minnie Harpster, indicted for keeping a disorderly house, prosecutor William Baughman. These defendants have been living in Walker township about one mile east of Hublersburg, where Mr. Wolf is a township's charge and where his wife left him several years ago and sometime last August got Miss Harpster to keep house for him. This girl is better known in and about Bellefonte as "Rosie Posy." The way things were conducted at this house finally became a stench to the people of that community and this prosecution followed. After hearing all the evidence in the case the defendants plead guilty, and were sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, one dollar fine, and undergo an imprisonment in the county jail for nine

Com. vs. James Reed, Charles Lucas and John Houtz, indicted, first count, larceny; second count, receiving stolen goods, knowing the same to have been stolen; prosecutor, Geo. T. Bush. These defendants are charged with stealing brass from the foundry of Jenkins & Lingle and selling the same to Peter Mendis a junk dealer. Verdict guilty. Com. vs. George Hassenplug and

Harry Pierce, indicted first count, assault and battery; second count, aggravated assault and battery; third count, felonious assault to rob-prosecutor Harry Gensberg. On the morning of the 13th of November last, at about 9 o'clock as this prosecutor was driving through the Pennsvalley narrows in the direction of Jiguani, or Bayamo, where maintenance will be provided. Those who do not present themselves will be a context in the town of of the Union county line, but still in Centre county there suddenly appeared two mask edmen and held him to be a context of the union county line, but still in Centre county there suddenly appeared two mask edmen and held him to be a context of the Union county line, but still in Centre county there suddenly appeared two mask edmen and held him to be a context of the Union county line, but still in Centre county there suddenly appeared two mask edmen and held him to be a context of the Union county line, but still in Centre county there suddenly appeared two maintenances. Union county and within a short distance mask edmen and held him up by holding the muzzles of their guns to his head and bringing him out of his wagon and assaulting him in trying to get his money, so much so that after they had been scared away by the appearance of James W. Runkle and wife, that he Gensberg was unable to stand up and fell. The men were dressed like hunters and each had a sack thrown over the shoulder containing something, and each carried a gun, and wore a black cloth over the

The trial of the above case was promptly resumed Wednesday morning and after a few remarks by Wm. C. tion of defendants and their witnesses. They alleged, and were successful in proving, an "alibi," which was evidenced by a prompt verdict of "not guilty and direct the prosecutor, Harry Gensberg, to pay the costs."

deliberately adopted the policy of exter-minating the race by starving their wotrial Thursday morning.

In the case of the prosecution of the Rev. J. H. Erdman, formerly of Centre

No Room for Doubt.

Proof, yes overwhelming proof can be furnished of the excellent curative qualities of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. "I caught a cold which led to a cough and pain in the chest. (pneumonia?) I bought Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and after taking one bottle of it, the cough began to disappear; when I finished taking the second bottle I was cured. Gustav Thurmaster, 49 Hickory St., Cleveland, O." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup costs but 25 cents. Take only Bull's.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

ASSEMBLY. We are authorized to announce J. H. Wetzel, Esq., of Beliefonte, a candidate for the nomina-tion for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce R.M. Foster, of State College, a candidate for the nomination for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

we have. It is 40 feet long, cost \$100,oo' and \$800 to fire its 1,000-pound projectile that will cover 13 miles.

But these guns are led by one which
will weigh when completed 126 tons,
forged at Bethlehem and now being fin-We are authorized to announce Geo, W. Koch of Potter townsbip, a candidate for the nomination for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

We are authorized to announce N. B. Span-gler, of Bellefonce, as a candidate for the nomi-nation for District Attorney, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention. PROTHONOTARY.

We are authorized to announce David R. Foreman, of Potter township, a candidate for the nomination for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Conven-

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