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EDITORIAL.

A REVIEW OF THE FIGHT.

We are within a few days of the close of a very bitter fight which has been on between the factions of the republican party for the last month or more. It is not "our funeral" and we have done nothing but stand off and look on. To an ordinary mortal it seems strange that such a terrific party fight should be waged over so simple, worthless, and expensive position as delegates to the State Convention.

That less important men should want to fill such positions we do not wonder at, but that such distinguished citizens as an ex-governor, and the president judge of our Courts of Common Pleas, should wage a fierce political battle extending over weeks for so unimportant places is simply astounding. As it appears to us nothing is to be gained by either faction except the empty honor of who shall for the time being be the recognized head of the party in the county.

The governor who has done and is now doing much for the prosperity of Bellefonte is a private citizen. As such he has always taken an interest in the politics of the county, and he seems to one standing on the outside, to have conducted his campaign with dignity and fairness. We do not know that he has made any promises which he cannot fulfil, nor do we know that he is recklessly or extravagantly using money, although we hear it charged by his opponents that he is.

There is a good deal of strut and splutter on the other side. The judge is the leader, is off the bench for the time being and button-holes a "coon" on the street with the same grace and dignity as of yore. It is a beautiful sight to see the president judge of our courts thus engaged. My! but it tickles the honest and upright citizen who loves to have justice administered without fear, favor, or partiality. To help him the judge has E. R. Chambers, an employee of the state at a salary of \$1000.00 per annum, and while he has drawn the salary for four months or more, one, or two days at most, would cover the services rendered. Then there is Wilson L. Fleming, a clerk from the state department at Harrisburg, put there by Governor Hastings and helped by him in various ways; then comes John Hamilton, "professor" we still call him, so puritanical in his ways that he will not laugh at a joke, now secretary of agriculture, who a few years ago could not too fiercely denounce the ring he now serves, at a salary of \$3,500 a year. Then he also has the support of a lot of post masters and other federal office holders. Back of these is quite a host of smaller fish, not office holders but to whom promises of office are made both thick and fast. "You can have anything you want, only so you stand by us." So much of this is being done that one of this crowd said to us the other day, "If I don't soon get something I will break away." After the fight is over, little odds who wins, there will be a breaking away from this crowd. They have promised so much that the fulfillment of the hundredth part is utterly impossible.

Are they using "boodle"? We do not know. It is stated that money is being freely used on both sides. Judging from the drunks on the streets this would seem to be true. The followers of Gov. Hastings are not office holders. They do not belong to the office-holding crowd. They are mostly substantial citizens, who believe in good government, and to us it would seem that they would not use "boodle," at least extravagantly.

The Love people seem to be after "boodle." The Philadelphia Press says the judge was in Philadelphia and through the departments at Harrisburg last week making an effort to secure the "sinews of war," and this, too, in the face of the fact that the "great leader" at whose shrine he worships, through the state conventions of 1895 and 1896, declared, "That we decry the growing use of money in politics and the corporate

control of legislatures, municipal councils, political primaries and elections, and favor the enforcement of laws to correct such abuses."

This is about as the fight stands. Who will win, we cannot tell. The leaders say but little, while followers of each side insist that their candidates will be successful. This is how the scramble for party supremacy looks to us a few hours before we go to press. We have no advice to give except to say to the democrats not to interfere, but to stand and look on, and you will see the prettiest fight in the republican party it has ever been your privilege to witness.

JUDGE LOVE'S DUTY.

The Pittsburg Dispatch of the 19th inst. produced a good sized sensation in Bellefonte yesterday morning. The published observation of a staff correspondent of that journal, who spent Tuesday night in Bellefonte, upon the republican primary situation in the county, did the business. Among other things the correspondents' dispatch said: "The charge is made by the Hastings people that the saloonkeepers have been assessed \$50 a head. The Love men answer that it is not true."

This astounding statement, coming as it did with unexpected force in the last days of the battle, created no end of a stir in political circles and has since been the subject of considerable speculation and comment among our citizens. The "Hastings people" emphatically deny the source of the statement, indignantly disclaim all knowledge of its origin and any connection with it whatever. The consensus of opinion on the subject, however, so far as Bellefonte is concerned, is that Judge Love should at once proceed against the Dispatch for the publication of the charge alleged to have been made against him by the "Hastings people," if the same be false and without a shadow of truth in its allegations.

Judge Love is surely placed in a position which demands immediate action on his part. To permit a charge of so grave a character to go unchallenged without calling to strict account those who have given the imputation publicity, thereby proving to the public the falsity of the charge, is to leave the question of judgment with the citizens of Centre county whose rights and privileges have been impugned by the accusation directed against the president judge of their courts. A hazardous alternative this that confronts him. It is truly a critical situation for the Judge to meet and one which requires prompt and effective treatment.

ALGER HAS RESIGNED.

After weeks of halting Secretary of War R. A. Alger handed his resignation to President McKinley yesterday. The dispatches announce the occasion as one of a "stormy scene." Alger asked for protection from the president but was told that he had "been protected long enough." Among those who are prominently mentioned as Alger's successor are Attorney General Griggs, General Horace Porter and Major General Frank O. Greene, of New York. The appointment will be made in a day or two.

The contest for delegates to the State Convention overshadows everything else and the candidates for county offices are having their fun all to themselves. It would seem that the desire for factional supremacy was stronger among the republican leaders of the county than that honest and capable men should be nominated for sheriff, treasurer, commissioners, register, and recorder. They doubtless realize that defeat awaits them in November and do not care to become responsible for the loss and disappointment that every nominee will suffer.

The announcement of the names of persons selected by Senator Penrose to supervise the census taking in the several districts of this State has created a mild sensation. An analysis of the list leads to the conclusion that no favor will be given the "insurgents" by the Quay machine, and that every bit of attainable patronage is to be used by that machine to assist in the re-election of Quay to the senate. In fact, the Quay followers make no secret of their intention to make open war upon the opposition.

The rumor that Governor Stone is going to bounce Dr. Fernald, the economic zoologist of the agricultural department, to make a place for Senator Mitchell's son-in-law will be easily believed because this is just exactly the sort of thing the people expect Governor Stone to do. In one thing, and in one thing only, he has been strictly consistent, and that is in his devotion and obedience to the machine. If ever there was a man in public office who was owned, body and soul, he is the man.

You can catch more flies with sugar than you can with vinegar. If some of the active participants in the republican fight now on could realize this they would cease their bulldozing tactics and pattern after Daniel, whose words are sweeter than sugar and honey in the honey comb.

LAST week's issue of the State College Times was a fitting illustration of the desperate situation in the Quay ranks in this county. If reports are correct, however, the Times "stuff" proved a boomerang to the cause it was intended to boost.

SHAKING THE PLUM TREE.

The comptroller of the currency stands up for Secretary Gage, as the secretary stands up for President McKinley, in stabbing civil service reform in the back. This is not surprising, as the comptroller's underlings will stand up for him, and so it goes, down and up, all along the line. But there is one fact uppermost. Every recognized friend of civil service reform in the country censures McKinley. Every spoilsman burns incense, as he gets a chance to handle another office.

It is an established fact that Quay is now using offices put at his disposal by McKinley's spoils order to further his re-election to the senate, and if any man in the country knows better how to do this than Matthew Stanley Quay he is not visible to the naked eye.

It is publicly advertised that the twenty odd census supervisors just agreed on were handed over to Penrose and Quay to promote the latter's re-election. Several thousand enumerators are held in a position of promise or "come and get" for the same laudable purpose. Quay and Penrose will use these offices to buy up the weak and disaffected.

We have an impression, and it is general among well informed politicians of both parties, that all the talk of an extra session of the legislature, that will come together pledged to re-elect Quay, has its origin in the fact that the fat offices recently placed at Quay's disposal by the murderous blows aimed at civil service reform will be used to convince the anti-Quay members of last year of the evil of their ways. Some of them are recanting already. Quay knows how to shake the plum tree. President McKinley has given him a fresh orchard.—Post.

GIVE US THE TRUTH.

Reports of an active news censorship in the Philippines by which the true condition of affairs there has been kept from the knowledge of Americans, have been as strenuously denied by the administration as emphatically asserted by newspaper correspondents and others. Administration organs have gone so far as to attempt to prove the impossibility of a censorship by argument instead of by testimony, and for a time really allayed suspicion.

But the truth was bound to prevail and it has prevailed. The latest news story from Manila tells how the newspaper representatives there went to Otis in a body and protested against the censorship, which was not designed for—or at least was not—keeping news from the Filipinos, but was preventing the real situation being known in the United States. The fact that a censorship was established and maintained for that purpose gives credibility to what has been announced as the wildest rumors and at the very least creates a feeling of uneasiness that would be impossible had news stories been full and free.

In addition it may explain why Miles is not a hammock soldier nor a slave of bureaucracy. He would correct evils and wink at nothing. Therefore he must be kept away and Otis retained where he can work the censorship and the American public. This censorship must be removed. As an eminent contemporary said the other day, if the administration cannot trust the people the people cannot trust the administration. We want the truth.—Patriot.

JUDGE LOVE AFTER HELP.

Wednesday of last week Judge Love declared himself weary of the continued and pressing importunities of his pretended followers, and gave out that he was off to the mountains for a three days' fishing trip. Friday's Philadelphia Press explained the kind of fish the Judge went after in the following dispatch from his Harrisburg correspondent:

Harrisburg, July 13.—Oppressed with a sense that he is going to be badly defeated in Centre county in his fight for the Quay machine, Judge Love, of that county, trailed his judicial ermine over Capitol Hill today in his search for help to defeat the anti-Quay people.

He wanted to see State Chairman Elkin, and he wanted to see him very badly. The Judge is scared, and he seeks assistance from anybody.

State Chairman Elkin was not here and Judge Love sought consolation at the other departments, but it was a mighty scarce article in administration circles, where it has been known for several days that General Hastings has the Judge defeated. His Honor wrapped his judicial robe about him and left for home this afternoon.

When asked how the fight was going in Centre county he smiled a sickly smile and said in a half-hearted way that he was going to win.

GOLD STANDARD WILL ELECT BRYAN.

Ex-Senator DuBois says that if the republican platform comes out squarely for the single gold standard, as now seems likely, it will, elect Bryan by republican votes; that he knows of thousands who voted the republican ticket in '96, solely because of the promise to bring about a wider use for silver, who will under no circumstances vote a gold standard ticket. Mr. DuBois says he regards it as certain that the republican platform will contain as strong an anti-trust plank as the democratic platform, but thinks the individual voter should have no doubt as to which party will really combat the trusts. Mr. DuBois also says that he is certain the tickets will be headed next year, by Bryan and McKinley, as in '96.

KERR ON PENNSYLVANIA POLITICS.

Democratic Outlook Bright This Year—Bryan and the Party in 1900.

Washington, July 17.—Ex-Representative Kerr, of Pennsylvania, was here today, and, in response to inquiries, gave his views on politics in the Keystone State. "The people are waiting with much interest for the action of the Quay Convention," said Mr. Kerr. "If the republicans nominate Colonel Hawkins for State Treasurer, his connection with the army in the Philippines may give enough strength to secure his election, in spite of the anti-Quay feeling in the State; but the prospects seem very good for the election of the democratic candidate. It is thought that the democratic candidate will get a very heavy vote from the republicans whom the Quay people call 'insurgents.' It is not likely that there will be an extra session of the State Legislature. The election of a Senator to succeed Quay will go over to a new Legislature. I think there is a fair chance that the democrats may elect the Senator. Quay controls the republican machinery, and will name the candidates for the Legislature, who will be Quay men, and this will mean that many of them will be defeated by democrats. I think the anti-Quay republicans fully realize that the only way to succeed in this fight is to join with the democrats in the fight against Quay. I think many of them will vote against the Quay legislative candidates, and the democrats are likely to get control of the lower house. There is a possibility that the result might be the election of a democrat. At all events, it does not seem possible that Quay can be elected."

CHICAGO PLATFORM WILL BE ENDORSED.

With regard to the attitude of the Pennsylvania democrats toward Bryan and the declarations of the Chicago platform, Mr. Kerr said: "A majority of the delegates from Pennsylvania to the Democratic National Convention will be favorable to the Bryan organization and will favor permitting the platform of 1900 to be written by the friends of the 1896 platform. There will be some gold men in the delegation, but if the unit rule is enforced, as usual, the delegation will vote for Bryan and let the Bryan people write the platform. Democrats who are true to the party do not feel that the next platform should be written by those who refused to support the party on the 1896 platform. A majority of the Pennsylvania delegation will favor the platform being written by those who wrote it in '96, and will trust to them to adapt it to the present conditions."

LAW AS TO OLD JUDGMENTS.

Judge McClure, of Union county, handed down an opinion Thursday involving a principle of law which is seldom called into requisition and which is of more than ordinary interest to the legal profession and to parties who hold judgments of more than twenty years' standing against debtors.

The case was one where the plaintiff held a judgment against the defendant for twenty-two years without having ever been revived. A few months ago an attachment execution was issued against the share of the defendant in his deceased father's estate. The defendant thereupon moved the court to strike off the attachment because the latter was more than twenty years old, and setting up the doctrine that the presumption of payment had arisen after twenty years.

The plaintiff proved a payment of a few dollars on the judgment before the full twenty years had expired, and the court in the opinion says that the payment revived the judgment for twenty years more from the date of payment, and therefore refused to strike off the attachment.

The court holds that slight evidence of payment of any part of a judgment within twenty years rebuts the presumption of payment of a judgment more than twenty years old.

A Centre County Boy's Success.

Twelve years ago a young man from the Loop went to work at the State College as a day laborer with pick and shovel. He had not a dollar in the world but was poor and friendless and took this means to make an honest living.

About this time he became acquainted with J. W. Houser, the painter, who became interested in him and gave him employment. He worked for Mr. Houser two years then he went to Philadelphia. This was ten years ago, and today this young man, whose name is John H. Glasgow, and who was born in Pennsylvania, is worth upwards of \$50,000. He is a member of the Philadelphia council, a large owner of real estate and proprietor of a large hotel doing a flourishing business, corner of Vine and Second streets. This shows that you can't keep a Centre county boy down; they will get to the top put them where you will.

A report has been received from State Veterinarian Dr. Leonard Pearson, confirming Dr. Bilger's report on the hydrophobia-affected cattle in the herd of William Lowery, of Buffalo Run. It will be remembered that this is the stock that was bitten by a mad dog May 30. Dr. Pearson has ordered the cattle quarantined.

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Why Women are Nervous.

[British Medical News.]

The frequent cases of nervous prostration or utter collapse of the nervous system under which women "go all to pieces," as the saying is, have caused much thought and investigation on the part of physicians.

Certain inorganic substances are well known to cause various forms of nervous diseases which are readily traced to the poisons producing them. Further research leads to the belief that alum is a prevailing cause of so-called nervous prostration, for the symptoms it produces on the nervous system after its absorption into the blood are very remarkable indeed. Experiments physiologically made upon animals by Orfila, Professors Hans Mayer, Paul Seim and others, show that alum frequently produces no visible symptoms for many days after its introduction into the body. Then follow loss of appetite and other alimentary disturbances, and finally a serious prostration of the whole nervous system. The most prominent physicians now believe that "nervous prostration" and many affections of the nerves from which both men and women suffer are caused by the continued absorption of alum in the system.

It is probable that many medical men are unaware of the extent to which salts of alumina may be introduced into the body, being under the impression that the use of alum in bread is prohibited. Alum, however, is still used surreptitiously to some extent to whiten bread, and very largely in making cheap kinds of baking powder. In families where baking powder is generally used great care should be exercised to procure only those brands made from cream of tartar. The alum powders may generally be distinguished by the lower price at which they are sold.

Catching Snakes For Profit.

Capturing snakes alive has become a business of profit with some of the residents in the vicinity of Pine station. Mr. Wm. T. Williams, of Pine, talked about the matter and stated that he has now four large rattlesnakes, one blowing viper and a house snake in captivity. He says the snakes are being captured alive for the purpose of sending them to a Philadelphia scientist who will experiment with them in the interests of science, but could not say what the exact purpose of the man of science is. Mr. Williams' step-son, I. J. Garris, was bitten by a large rattler recently while capturing the snake. The snake struck the young man on the finger. He kept his hold on the snake until he reached home. Then he took a big chew of tobacco, and putting his finger in his mouth began the suction process, drawing the poison from the wound, which was accomplished successfully. The snake that bit the young man was a very large one and had sixteen rattles.

A New Potato Pest.

A new potato pest, said to be worse than the striped bug, is reported from some sections of the state. For want of a better name it is called the "potato louse." The insect is very small, so small as to be hardly visible to the naked eye, and they cover the potato leaves so that scarcely any of the leaf can be seen. They eat the leaf and in a few days it will wither. Farmers have tried in various ways to get rid of them, but without success. The insects cannot be shaken off, and Paris green does not appear to have any effect on them.

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LUTHERAN REUNION AT ISLAND PARK.

On account of the Lutheran Reunion at Island Park (between Sunbury and Northumberland), on Thursday, August 3, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from Lock Haven, Wilkesbarre, Tomhicken, Bellefonte, Mt. Carmel, Lykens, Harrisburg, and intermediate stations, to Sunbury and return, good only on day of issue, at rate of single fare for the round trip; minimum rate, twenty-five cents.

For the accommodation of persons attending this Reunion from points on the Lewisburg and Tyrone Branch, returning, train No. 101, which leaves Mountandon on arrival of train No. 1, leaving Sunbury at 5:45 p. m., will be run through to Bellefonte. Tickets will be sold on August 3 only.

Freezing Weather in July.

Would cause great discomfort and loss, but fortunately it is seldom known. A vast amount of misery is caused at this season, however, by impoverished blood, poor appetite and general debility. These conditions may be remedied by enriching the blood and toning the stomach with Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine seems to put new life into the whole physical system, simply because of its wonderful power to purify, enrich and vitalize the blood, create an appetite and invigorate the digestive functions. We advise you to get a bottle and try it if you are not feeling just right. It will do you more good than a six weeks vacation. It is the best medicine money can buy.

Lightning and Thunder.

It is said that lightning may be recognized at a distance of 200 miles when clouds among which it plays are at a high altitude, but that thunder can seldom be heard at a greater distance than 10 miles. The sound of thunder is also subject to retraction by layers of different density in the atmosphere, as well as to the effects of "sound shadows," produced by hills and other interposed objects. These are among the reasons for the existence of the so-called "sheet" or "summer" lightning, which seems to be unattended by thunder.

—Do not ring back—"Talk Back" to the telephone.

Reduced Rates to the Seashore.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged for three low-rate ten-day excursions for the present season from Bellefonte, and principal intermediate stations (including stations on branch roads) to Atlantic City, Cape May, Ocean City, Sea Isle City, Avalon, Angelsea, Wildwood, or Holly Beach, on Thursday July 27, August 19 and 24, 1899. Excursion tickets, good to return by regular trains within ten days.

A Great Timber Purchase.

The Crane Lumber company has purchased along the Guyan river in West Virginia, the timber on two sections of 34,000 acres and 175,000 acres. The timber consists of oak, ash and pine, and when milled will make about 800,000,000 feet of lumber. The price paid was \$1,600,000.

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