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Announcement.
FOR ASSEMBLY.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. W. WEITZEL, of Bellefonte, as a candidate for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of ROBERT M. FOSTER, of State College, as a candidate for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

Democratic County Convention.
A reconvened meeting of the Democratic County Convention of June 13th, 1899, will be held in the Court House, at Bellefonte, on **TUESDAY, MARCH 27th, 1900.**

at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of selecting five delegates to represent the Democrats in the next State Convention. All delegates elected at the Democratic primaries on the 10th day of June, 1899, are requested to be present.

By order
A. J. GRAHAM,
Chairman Dem. Co. Com. 1899

Attest
J. K. JOHNSTON,
Chairman Dem. Co. Com.

EDITORIAL.

It is "benevolent taxation without representation" now.

HON. JAMES K. P. HALL, the present congressman from this district, has been given the responsibility of conducting the Congressional campaign for the Pennsylvania Democrats this year.

SENATOR PENROSE expects to secure a vote in the Senate sometime next week on the Quay case. The result is hard to predict and both sides seem to be confident of success in the end. There is no doubt but that a number of democratic senators, who are personal friends of Quay, will vote for him; and then there are a number of republicans who will not. So that there is no telling until the final vote is taken, what the result may be.

THE cost of the war with Spain is estimated at \$259,441,299; that of the war in the Philippines for 1899 and 1900 at \$165-503,201. The war in the Philippines is not yet over, and for years to come the naval and military expenses of nation will be "expanded" with the expansion of the nation. The commercial returns to the trusts that will take possession of the Philippines as soon as they find it safe to do will have to be large if they are to offset the cost to the people of the acquisition of these distant islands.

DURING the past year the dispatches sent from Manila, by Gen. Otis, predicted that the Philippine insurrection was at an end. But such does not seem to be the case. The Philippines seem to be plentier than ever and are giving our troops no end of worry in all parts of the island. It means that those people, are not so easily overawed or overcome as was imagined, and that they hold their independence dear. The sober thought of this country is beginning to realize that there is an immense task ahead in the subjugation of these people, and that it means many years of continued military duty for a large army to police those islands. It is doubtful if it ever will pay, and then the justice of our course is something that is hard to explain.

THE amendment of the Nicaragua Canal treaty, giving this country the right to defend and control the canal in time of war, although proposed by a republican—Senator Davis—was a democratic triumph, because the amendment is an unqualified endorsement of the position taken by the democrats when the treaty was first made public. As amended, the treaty will probably receive the votes of enough democratic Senators to make its ratification reasonably certain, although there are features in it that will prevent some democrats from voting for its ratification.

Are the majority of the Senate afraid of England? Their action, when Senator Mason compelled the Senate to take up his resolution expressing sympathy for the Boers, certainly looked that way. The majority refused to allow the resolution to be discussed in open session, because things would be said that might offend England. Ye Gods! this sort of talk in the American Senate, where men who cringed to no foreign friend or foe, once upon a time fearlessly expressed their opinion and time after time have spoken in favor of down-trodden peoples, without stopping to think whether their oppressors would like it or not. Now, as soon as anything affecting England is even mentioned, the majority ordered the door closed. What a picture for the American people to contemplate. Even in secret session, the administration Senators are afraid to allow Senator Mason's resolution to be squarely voted upon. Their programme is to throttle it by having a majority vote to lay it on the table. If the so-called era of friendship with England is to result in squelching our Americanism and our love for liberty, the sooner it comes to an end the better for us as a people.

"SOLD OUT."

It is doubtful if any president of our country has ever before been subjected to such direct and merciless criticism as has been given Mr. McKinley since his straddle on the Puerto Rican tariff, much of the denunciation coming from members of his own party. A remarkable editorial appeared the other day in the somewhat staid Boston "Travelers," headed "Sold Out," these two words, the "Traveler" said "exactly sizing up the McKinley administration." "Sold out," declares the "Traveler," "is the only fitting epitaph to describe an administration whose pledge to the world has been broken, by whose recreancy to the high principles it caused to be promulgated the American flag is made to stand for indirection and oppression instead of liberty and relief for oppressed peoples. Shame upon President McKinley for eating his own words, publicly spoken upon the rights of Puerto Rico!

"Sold out to sugar and tobacco! Previously sold out to the Standard Oil combine, as witness the use of the bank in New York controlled by the Standard Oil monopoly as the depository of internal revenue to the amount of hundreds of millions a year without interest. Sold out to 'imperialism,' as witness its subservency to Great Britain in refusing to carry out the spirit of The Hague conference by tendering its friendly offices to bring to a stop one of the most unjust wars ever waged by a civilized government upon a free people, the war upon the little republics of South Africa now waging by England. Sold out! Sold out!"

THIS THE SPECTACLE

When General Miles was making his victorious campaign in Porto Rico he issued a proclamation to the people who were strewn roses in his path. He said: "Porto Rico under the American flag will enjoy the same privileges and the same immunities as the citizens of the different states and territories of the Union."

When President McKinley instructed congress on the treatment to be awarded to the Porto Ricans, he said: "Our plain duty is to abolish all customs' tariff between the United States and Porto Rico and give her products free access to our markets."

Recently the Republican side of the house of representatives hauled six members off beds of sickness to secure the passage of a repudiation of General Miles' promise and a repudiation of President McKinley's definition of our "plain duty."

TRUE AS HOLY WRIT.

"We are not trying to array one class against another; we are trying to teach each class its relation to every other. The person who warms by the fire must not forget the hand that brings the coal from the mine. The person who eats at the table must not forget the man whose toil loads the table with bounties. The person who can clothe himself with the best that the looms produce must not forget those whose muscles and brain create the cloths. Shall the bud, blooming in beauty and shedding its fragrance upon the air, despise the roots of the rosebush because they come into actual contact with the soil? You may pluck the bud and other buds as beautiful will grow, but destroy the root and all the buds will die."—Wm. J. Bryan.

DURING the past few days the British forces have been making some decided gains in the South African campaign. They have been driving the Boers from one position to another and it seems but only a matter of time until they will be entirely overcome. President Kruger has been soliciting the intervention of the other powers, but thus far there has been no response to his appeals. The British seem to be determined to entirely subdue the Boers and then confiscate and appropriate the rich Transvaal country.

CONSIDERING the alleged fact that the Filipinos are beaten at all points, it seems rather queer to hear that they are attacking our men in force. It was bad enough when Otis reported no victories, but it is worse now that he is repeating what looks suspiciously like defeats.

Grew Suddenly Rich.

Wealth has come suddenly to Edward Schramyer, of Williamsport, who left his home a few years ago for the west with a few dollars. He is to-day worth \$300,000. He secured work on a railroad being built through Idaho and the Dakotas, and managed to save \$500, which he invested in mountain land near Dixey Idaho. Prospectors have recently discovered a big vein of coal on his land and soon after Schramyer was offered \$260,000 for it. He declined and is now negotiating for machinery with which to develop the deposits.

Bought Them Off With a Town Clock.

Dan Rice, a famous clown, who delighted the circus goers in bygone years, died at Long Branch last week, aged 77 years. It was to Dan the people of Lewistown are indebted for their town clock. He had exhibited his circuses at this place back in the fifties without a license and the next day was arrested at McVeytown. So that his show might not be delayed he promised the town a clock if he was permitted to go on, and kept his promise faithfully.—Lewistown Free Press.

MINERS CONVENTION.

Representatives of the miners in Central Pennsylvania, known as District No. 2, of the bituminous coal field, are holding their annual meeting in Altoona Tuesday, a conference of Pennsylvania and Maryland miners will be held Wednesday and on Thursday the delegates will meet the operators to discuss the wage scale for the ensuing year. This in brief is the program of the miners' conventions to be held at Altoona this week—conventions that are of great importance to operator, miner and consumer. Bituminous district No. 2 embraces the counties of Tioga, Lycoming, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, Centre, Indiana, Cambria, Huntingdon, Bedford, Westmoreland, Clarion and that portion of Somerset county not included in the Maryland district, or No. 16. Between 30,000 and 40,000 men and boys are employed in various capacities about the mines. The delegates number about one hundred. The Maryland district has some 8,000 miners. They are expected to send twelve or fifteen delegates. The present scale is 50 cents per ton for pick mining. The impression seems to prevail that next year's scale will call for 60 cents per ton and an eight hour day. Efforts will be made to make the scale equitable for both districts.

ANOTHER BRITISH VICTORY.

Roberts Captures Free State Capitol—Kruger Will Never Give Up.

LONDON, March 15.—Lord Roberts, on Tuesday evening, triumphantly led his army into Bloemfontein, the capitol of the Orange Free State, and hoisted the British flag over the capitol.

President Steyn had, the evening before, moved his government to Kroonstadt.

Intense disappointment is expressed by the Boers at Lord Salisbury's reply to their overtures for peace. President Kruger is quoted as saying: "Our resistance will end only with death," and "The British will never reach Pretoria." State Secretary Reilly said: "The war must now be fought to the bitter end."

LATE NEWS.

The Porto Rican tariff has caused a still wider breach among republican party leaders.

Quay's case is balked in the senate and may never reach a vote, because the objection of one man can block action. Penrose is growing weary of his job.

FIGHT TO THE LAST MAN.

A dispatch from President Kruger says:

"The burghers will only cease fighting with death. Our forces are returning in good order to our first line of defence on our own soil. The Natal campaign was longer in our favor than we expected. 'The British will never reach Pretoria. The burghers, Steyn, Joubert and myself, as well as all the others, are united. There are no differences. God help us.'"

RECENT DEATHS.

MRS. MARY PRATT.—Widow of George Pratt, died Monday morning at her home, at Spring Creek, of inflammation of the bowels. She was aged 65 years and is survived by five children, all daughters. Mrs. Daniel Showers, of Buffalo, N. Y., Mrs. Samuel Thomas, Mrs. Jacob Jackson; Mrs. James Mackey and an unmarried daughter Josephine, all residing in this vicinity.

JOHN H. PRIEST.—The well known engineer on the Bald Eagle valley railroad, died at his home in Tyrone Monday, after an illness of several months of dropsy. He was in his 54th year.

DICKINSON WIN IN DEBATE.

State College and Dickinson met in their third annual literary debate at State College Friday night and Dickinson for the second time came off victorious. The Judges were Rev. George S. Chambers and John E. Fox, of Harrisburg, and Judge A. O. Furst, Bellefonte. The question discussed was: "Resolved, that prior to the present war England was justified in her course of action towards the Transvaal Republic."

Wanamaker's New Store.

The Cambria Steel company, in common with the other large concerns manufacturing structural steel in the United States, has been asked to bid on the steel frame work for John Wanamaker's new store in Philadelphia. The proposed building is to be ten stories high and will require thirty-four million pounds of steel, which will cost, delivered at Philadelphia and put in place, in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000.

Mr. Wanamaker wants to stipulate in his contract that if the market price of structural building material shall fall below the bid which he accepts before the material is delivered he is to have the benefit of the difference, but it is scarcely likely that the steel manufacturers will accept such terms.

River Bridge on Fire.

An attempt was made Tuesday night to burn the Lock Haven bridge, but fortunately the fire was discovered before it had gained much headway and was easily extinguished. The fire had evidently been started with the view of burning the bridge. Small pieces of dry wood and bits of broken boards had been placed in a pile and fired.

BLIND MAN REGAINS SIGHT.

A Remarkable Case, Standing Unique in Medical Annals.

One of the most remarkable cases of sight restored has come to publicity in the person of Mr. C. O. Corman, who, after over eight years of total blindness, is now recovering sight. On July 15, 1891, Mr. Corman, who was a blaster in the stone quarries of A. G. Morris & Co., was severely injured by a premature blast. Local opticians did all possible to restore his sight, but with no effect, and he was finally sent to the Wills Eye hospital, Philadelphia, where he remained 10 months or more. There it was found that the right eye was totally destroyed, and an artificial member inserted. After a treatment of many weeks the hospital physicians declared that Mr. Corman would never see again, as the pupil of the left eye was also so nearly destroyed that the recovery of sight was impossible.

Mr. Corman recovered in health and came home, and during the last eight years he has been stone blind, and had become a familiar figure in this place from being led about the streets by his little son. And now comes the strange part of the story. Mr. Corman's eye gave him no trouble at all until about six weeks ago, one evening it began to pain him, and the pain became so intense as to be almost unbearable. For two hours Mrs. Corman applied remedies to her husband's eye, until finally there was such relief that the man fell asleep and slept until morning. When Mrs. Corman removed the bandage from the afflicted eye in the morning there was a shout of joy from her husband, for he could see; not very much, but enough to tell night from day and distinguish objects at a close range of vision. During the few weeks that have intervened since then Mr. Corman's sight has daily been growing stronger, until now he sees sufficiently well to go about town alone drive anywhere he desires, and can also see to read large print. Opticians who have examined Mr. Corman declare that his recovery of sight is little short of a miracle, and also that from the present condition of the eye there is strong probability of the man recovering almost perfect sight. There are indications of the growing of almost an entirely new pupil, something never before heard of in science or medical records.

NO COLLECTOR.

Every once in a while some of our subscribers make the apology that they were "waiting for our collector to come around," as the reason that they had not paid their subscription when it was due. Once for all, let us say that this paper does not employ a collector. Make a note of that fact now. At certain times we have sent out men to solicit new subscribers, and they were permitted to receipt for old subscriptions, as a matter of convenience, only. At the price of \$1.00 per year, we cannot afford and will not send a man after you for a dollar, nor do we intend to allow you to lift the paper several years without paying—even if you own a half-dozen of the finest farms in this county or can count your thousands on the ends of your fingers. We insist on prompt payment of subscriptions from rich or poor, as that is the only way we can afford to print a good paper at the low price of this one. In regard to sending money to this office let us suggest that the easiest way is to enclose paper money in an envelope and remit direct. In ten years business we have not had a single instance of any money being lost in the mails in this way? We consider it entirely safe to remit the cash, in paper money, without the expense of money orders or register letter.

Scoring Abusive Lawyers.

The New York Weekly Witness, one of the ablest religious journals in a telling article among other remarks alluding to shysters at the bar, has the following: "It is in great measure the fault of a vicious system that has grown up in our law courts of allowing the lawyers to do their best to perplex witnesses—at make a witness say what he never intended to say and then make out that he is not reliable because his evidence does not hold together, or to so complicate his testimony as to destroy its effect on the jury.

Again.

"The whole system of court practice is, in many cases, an outrage upon private citizens who come into collision with it. Witnesses are compelled to dance attendance on the pleasure of the lawyers without regard to their duties and responsibilities elsewhere, and are then often browbeaten and insulted without any protection from the court by shyster lawyers who are not worthy to stand in the same room with them, or to breathe the same air.

"And other men are called away from their legitimate work to sit on juries and listen to the interminable wrangling of lawyers, often about matters that are of no sort of consequence, and then they are often required to pronounced judgement upon questions which they are wholly incompetent to decide."

Improving.

Howard Spangler, now in the Johnstown hospital, are pleased to note, is on a fair way to recover from the effects of the amputation of arm, foot and some fingers, having been caught and frozen in a blizzard some weeks ago.

There is a reason why

"Sim

The

Clothier,"

There is no reason why

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