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Announcement.

FOR ASSEMBLY.

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

We are authorized to announce the name of J. W. KEPLER, of Ferguson township, 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 J. K. JOHNSTON, Chairman Dem. Co. Com.

EDITORIAL.

It is folly to attempt to "defend" the canal without the privilege of fortifying it.

"Stand by the President!" Willingly, if some one will tell us where the President stands.

President McKinley is disturbed by Ex-President Harrison's declaration in regard to Porto Rico. He thinks that Harrison is getting ready to run for President again.

THE Republicans dislike to take their medicine in the Quay case and when forced by Senator Hoar to set a day for considering the matter, they put in so many provisos that it is doubtful whether it will be possible to reach the case before the end of the session.

KRUGER says the Boers will fight to their death, before they will yield to the English, and will blow up the cities of Johannesburg, Pretoria and the gold mines, as war measures, before they are conquered. This has set the English to thinking, because English capital is largely represented there.

If any fair minded individual wants to judge the drift of public sentiment on the Porto Rico infamy of the administration, let them read the few comments on the front page of this issue. It would be well for the editor of the Gazette to ponder over the situation, after its apologetic editorial last week, and tell his readers the true side of the un-American policy of McKinley.

LAST week the Gazette in its customary manner in speaking of the Paper Trust, credited this paper with statements in the former issue, that were absolutely a perversion. A careful reading of what we said, and what the Gazette told its readers we said, are very different. All we ask of Mr. Harter is to stick to the text, and not misquote language that was plain. We said the paper trust had a monopoly of the market by buying up nearly all the mills, and that the tariff aids and helps them to raise the price of paper to an unreasonable figure. Our reference to Senator Ingalls' comment was simply a plain quotation that stood exactly for what it is worth. In speaking of trusts, and the paper trust especially, he said this, which the Gazette is afraid to tell to its readers:

"Of all the unforgiven crimes of the money power this is the most indefensible and infamous. If the republican party does not strangle these monsters it is certain that some other party will." Our article never said that Ingalls attributed the advance in paper to the tariff, as the Gazette declared we did. Mr. Ingalls plainly says that trusts survive because the party in power does not do its plain duty by the people and "strangle these monsters." Mr. Harter we have no objection to your political views, and make no apology for our editorial comment as long as plain language is fairly interpreted.

TUESDAY'S CONVENTION.

The notice at the head of this column will fully explain its purpose and importance. It is desired that there be a full attendance, a representative from each district in the county. In any case where the former delegate finds it impossible to attend, it is desired that a substitute be sent to the convention this coming Tuesday.

The delegates to the former Democratic County Convention have all been notified by the Chairman. Let there be a full attendance as there will be of importance come up that need consideration.

The members of the President's Cabinet might be called its money drawers. "leigh-o!" said the tenor, after he struck high C. "How's that for high?"

WASHINGTON TOPICS.

The House Republicans earned the anger of the country for their persistence in acting contrary to "plain duty" in regard to Porto Rico; the Republican Senators will earn something worse than anger—utter contempt—if they persist in their course of procrastination and vacillation on the subject. Said a prominent Democratic Senator just recently: "It will not satisfy the country for the Senate to pass an act paying over to the government of Porto Rico money wrongfully collected from the citizens of that unfortunate island. The Republicans do not seem to realize that it is not a question of robbing Peter to pay Paul, nor one of the extent and burden of the duties imposed, but a radical issue between justice and injustice—and that there is as much injustice in delay as in imposing a duty. The memorial addressed to Congress by the merchants of Porto Rico makes this statement: "The fact cannot be disputed that our people are in sore distress. All commerce is now hampered. The investment of capital is stopped. Our farmers have not the means to plant or to gather crops. Building and improving are impeded. Capital refuses to come here for investment in either manufacturing or agricultural pursuits, for the reason that the sovereignty of the United States over this island has deprived us of free trade with Spain and with Cuba, which formerly took our exports at fair prices and enabled us to live. We now ask a right that free trade with the United States be given us. We ask bread as a right from our mother. Do not, we pray, give us a stone. We ask for an immediate decision." It is at this moment that the Republicans of the Senate, confessedly from motives of political expediency, decide to debate the tariff bill indefinitely, in the hope of being able, in one or two months, as the case may be, to reach an agreement which will preserve party unity, and, worst of all, in order not to interfere with Senators Aldrich and Platt (of Connecticut) who are enjoying themselves on a junketing trip to Cuba."

The decision of the House naval affairs committee fixing the price of armor plate at \$545 a ton, was much more far-reaching than was announced. At the time, a statement was authorized to the effect that this price was fixed for only what is known as the "emergency armor" for the battle ships Maine, Ohio and Missouri, which are now building. On account of the threatened suits for damages resulting from the failure of the government to provide the armor for these vessels, because the armor-plate concerns refused to furnish it at the authorized price, the committee were unanimously in favor of acceding to the demands of the armor-plate factories so far as the armor for those ships was concerned. But the action of the Republican majority of the committee went further than this, and authorized contracts for the armor for all the ships heretofore authorized and to be authorized in the present bill at \$545. This action was taken after a specific proposition to limit armor plate at that price to the "emergency armor" had been voted down. The Democratic members of the committee voted against the proposition to authorize armor at that price for other ships. They say that the fight will be carried on to the floor of the House.

FORTY WARS.

A Paris paper, going into British history, closely shows that the present war with South Africans is the fortieth war that England has indulged in during the reign of Queen Victoria, which has lasted for sixty-three years. This is doing pretty well. No other state in the world has so often been at war. But during all that time, and with these many years, the only nation except the Transvaal that England has tackled that had European progress and civilization back of it was Russia in the Crimean war of 1754-55; and in this war England was allied with France, Italy and Turkey. She has had in the forty years three wars against Afghanistan, four wars against China, two wars against the Sikhs, three wars against the Kaffirs, three against Burmah, nine wars in India, two against the Transvaal, three in the Soudan, three against Ashanti, one war with the Persians, one with the Zulus, one with the Basutos, one with the Egyptians, one with Zanzibar, and one against the Matabeles. Of the forty wars, thirty-eight were with the inferior orders of mankind, the brown men, mostly, with an occasional dash at the blacks and the copper colored. In all that time Great Britain went to war with only three nations of the Caucasian type. One with Russia and twice with the Transvaal.

THE QUAY CASE.

The republican primary elections, held in different sections of the state, indicate that the Quay issue is on the decline. The defeat of Speaker Farr, in his own county, for nomination, was one of the reflex movements that surprised the Quay people. The condition of the Quay case, in the United States Senate, is such as to give him little hope and the battle ground has been changed back to local primaries, where they have hope in winning. Thus far there has been little encouragement in him securing his seat by the governor's appointment or in the choice of the next legislature.

PREACHER OUT OF PLACE.

The attempt of Rev. Sheldon to run the Topeka Capital, a daily paper, of Kans., as Jesus would edit the same, attracted a great deal of attention over the entire country. There was novelty about the scheme, and everybody wanted to see whether the preacher would be a success in the undertaking. Some preachers are like a great many other people, they are very ready to criticize newspaper work, and have radical views of their own as to how same should be conducted. This eminent divine had full sway over this daily paper for one week. He directed everything from advertising to the editorial departments. The result of his work, from the standpoint of a newspaper, was that he made a failure of the undertaking. His paper displayed a lack of capacity to set forth the important happenings of the day; was dull and stupid in various ways. The preacher may be able to put up a good sermon, but he showed that he was a misfit in his effort to get up a newspaper. Then there was a great display of egotism, so customary among this profession, to presume to say how Jesus would edit a paper; it almost borders on the sacrilegious and disgusted many sober and thoughtful people. Newspaper men have much to learn in the calling and the same applies equally well to the Rev. Sheldon.

A. V. MILLER APPOINTED.

On Monday Judge Love appointed A. V. Miller, of Pleasant Gap, to fill the vacancy in the board of County Commissioners caused by the recent death of M. F. Riddle. There were scores and scores of applicants after the position and the Court was in an embarrassing position in making the selection. For many years Mr. Miller has been one of the most ardent and zealous party workers in Spring township, where he has resided for many years. Mr. Miller should be entirely competent for this position, and from point of services, had a strong claim that seems to have won. Many thought that Thos. Fisher, the nominee of that party, who went down last fall as a candidate for the office, would receive more favorable consideration, after making a good fight and polling his full party vote and contributing largely to the expenses of that campaign. He no doubt missed the appointment because he is one of the Hastings men.

The friends of Geo. Sholl, of Houserville, expected that he would be the appointee, as he made such a good showing the last time as a candidate for the nomination. Just as to why these two men were overlooked, and what was Mr. Miller's pull, we leave to the politicians to figure out.

FIRST FRUITS.

It is hard to tell what particular brand of Philippine news should be credited just now. The fighting is going on. Otis declares the war at an end. McKinley is fitting out another commission to divide responsibility. There was news the other day of a shipment of leg manacles and handcuffs to Manila to restrain American soldiers' going insane in such unprecedented numbers. That was an export. We have an import in the arrival of 575 bodies of dead American soldiers at San Francisco brought back to this country in that shape for burial at home. But over and above all comes the dreary record of the losses of our troops in the Philippines, compiled from official dispatches, since August 6, 1898, and which reports as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Count. Killed: 419; Died of wounds and accidents: 251; Died of disease: 968; Total deaths: 1,638; Wounded: 1,994; Grand total: 3,632.

Then add to this fully \$150,000,000 as the money outlay and an army of 70,000 American soldiers on the islands and you have everything up to date.

TIMELY COMMENT.

We take the following from last week's Reporter and it covers a matter in which great abuses are practiced:

ASSESSOR'S PAY.

Editor Reporter:—In examining the County statement I find some very excessive and outrageous bills that were paid by the County Commissioners, and in which cases the county auditors should have made some more surcharges, and in looking over the assessor's account one can readily detect the inequality. Bellefonte is at the head of the list, the county and state tax for 1899 was \$9184 17; number of votes 1898, 738; assessor's pay \$361 66; per capita, 50 cents, or 8 per cent. In the small township of Taylor, tax \$250 92; number votes 93; assessor's pay \$182 94; per capita \$1 43 or 53 per cent. Centre Hall, tax \$532 53; votes 125; assessor's pay \$33 60; per capita 26 cents, or 6 1/4 per cent. Millheim, tax \$60 94; votes 157; assessor's pay \$83 58; per capita 53 cents, or 12 1/2 per cent. This is certainly a great inadequacy. Is this incompetency or a fabrication in order to extort money from the county. In either of the districts named a person would not need to travel more than from three to fifteen miles circular, and any competent person could go over the ground in a few days. The commissioners should see that this evil is abolished before the tri-annual assessment.

TAX PAYER.

It is somewhat funny that Senator Foraker, when asked in the Senate why the President changed his mind in regard to plain duties, should refer the questioner to Mr. Hanna. War must be brewing in Ohio again.

RECENT DEATHS.

SAMUEL HARPSTER:—Of Gatesburg died at his home in that place last Thursday morning on the anniversary of his 71st birthday. Mr. Harpster was one of Gatesburg's most prominent and oldest citizens. He was a useful and consistent member of the Lutheran church and an old line Democrat. His death was due to pneumonia. He was the father of seven children all of whom survive him. Mr. Harpster was born in White Hall, Centre County. Interment at Gatesburg cemetery.

MRS. WM. EBBERTS:—Widow of William Ebberts died on Monday 12th at the home of her son James, near Martha Furnace, aged about 70 years. Besides her son James, with whom she made her home, she leaves two other sons and one daughter, viz: Frank, Woodland; John, living near Stoneville, and Mrs. John Hill, Morrisdale.

MRS. CATHARINE GROVE:—Died Friday morning in Boalsburg after a week's illness of pneumonia. She was the widow of the late Martin Grove. She was the mother of three children, only one of whom survives, namely, Samuel Grove, of Danville, Pa. She was 74 years of age. Interment Saturday afternoon.

MRS. MARGARET A. THOMPSON:—Died at her home in Brookville on Wednesday morning 14th. She was a sister of the late John T. Johnston of this place and was born and raised here.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT FUND.

Additional contributions for the soldiers' monument fund have been received as follows from the public schools in the county:

Table with 4 columns: NAME OF SCHOOL, NO. OF DISTRICT, AMOUNT. Includes Decker, Beaver Dam, Powelson, Jacksonville Gram., Rock Grove, Marengo, Schools reported, Schools previously reported, but no as, Grand total schools, 217; contributions, \$34.90. C. L. GRAMLEY, Supt.

Speaking of educated animals, there's the spelling bee.

The scarlet fever is a disease reserved for people of color.

A doctor would soon grow sick of his profession if all went well and he never heard any ill news.

You can never tell whether a girl likes to be kissed or not, unless you get it from her own mouth.

WOOD'S PILLS. Remedy for biliousness, sick headache, jaundice, nausea, indigestion, etc. They are invaluable to prevent a cold or break up a fever. Mild, gentle, certain, they are worthy your confidence. Purely vegetable, they can be taken by children or delicate women. Price, 25c, at all medicine dealers or by mail of C. I. HOON & Co., Lowell, Mass.

CORNISH ORGAN.

To Be Given Away to Some Church or Sunday School.

The Centre Democrat will give a fine Chapel Organ to some church or Sunday School in Centre county, and will ask the patrons of the paper to select by vote where it shall go.

JUDGES REPORT.

The following is the result of the 10th count of coupons, Wednesday evening, March 21:

WEEKLY COUNT.

Table with 2 columns: Church Name and Count. Lutheran Church, Pleasant Gap: 492; Union S. S. Zion: 192; M. E. Church, Roland: 459; Total: 1173.

TOTAL VOTE.

Table with 2 columns: Church Name and Total. Lutheran Church, Pleasant Gap: 3157; M. E. Church, Roland: 2928; Union Sunday School, Zion: 2373; Presbyterian Church, Unionville: 240; Reformed Church, Pine Grove Mills: 98; Pleasant Valley Church, Yarnell: 85; M. E. Church, Howard: 41; Reformed Church, Millheim: 6; Total: 8928.

BOVD A. MUSSER, ARTHUR B. KIMFORT. Bellefonte, Pa., March 21, 1900.

CUT THIS OUT.

Unless objection is offered before next count all contestants will be dropped except the three highest viz: Pleasant Gap Lutheran church, M. E. church, Roland and Union S. S. Zion.

The Centre Democrat. COUPON NO. 14 MARCH 22

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The Mallory-Taylor Studio, Allegheny St. BELLEFONTE PA.

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