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Announcement.

FOR ASSEMBLY.
We are authorized to announce the name of J. H. WETZEL, of Bellefonte borough, 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.

We are authorized to announce the name of JOHN CONLEY, of Potter township, as a candidate for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of FREDERICK ROBE, of Liberty township, as a candidate for Jury Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

EDITORIAL.

LATE HAPPENINGS.

The committee to investigate the charge that W. A. Clark of Montana had secured his seat in the U. S. Senate bribing members of the legislature, have made a report that he is not entitled to his seat. It is supposed that he spent over \$200,000 to secure his election. He will likely resign.

It was agreed in the Senate that a vote be taken on the Quay case, April 24. The case will then be disposed of. There is every reason to believe that a motion to further postpone the disposition of the case will be made and carried if the Senate has not gotten rid of the Clark case before April 24.

Dewey is still figuring as a presidential candidate and is apparently in earnest. McKinley is uneasy and Bryan has little to say. Some seem to think that he will be put on the democratic ticket for vice president.

A dispatch from South Africa says: "Yesterday General De Wet inflicted the third defeat of the British within a week at Meerkatsfontein, killing and wounding 600. He captured 900, with twelve wagons, losing five Boers killed and nine wounded." During the past week the Boers have gained much. They are harassing the large British army and capturing many men. England is again demoralized over the unfavorable news. It seems that the Boers are avenging the capture of the brave Cronje.

The republican primaries held in different sections of the state during the past week indicate losses for the Quay people that will considerably weaken his standing. It makes his chances for re-election all the more hopeless.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

Thursday of last week the Democratic state convention met at Harrisburg, after our issue had gone to press. Nothing of any unusual importance occurred, although there was some friction over the admission of delegates representing the disreputable factions in Philadelphia who are a discredit to the party.

It was a Bryan convention as the mention of his name evoked the greatest enthusiasm.

Centre County came in for honors as the Hon. P. Gray Meek, editor of the *Watchman*, at this place, was awarded the first position on the ticket, the nomination for Auditor General. Harry E. Grim, of Bucks county; and N. M. Edwards, of Lycoming were nominated for Congressmen-at-Large. Nominations were also made for Presidential Electors, and delegates to the National Convention. Col. J. L. Spangler was chosen as a delegate from this district.

The platform is a lengthy one, endorses Bryan, bimetalism and takes a patriotic stand on all issues of the day. It will be published in a later issue.

A BAREFACED SWINDLE.

The following extract is from the Clearfield Republican and may be of some value to our readers:

"Taxpayers who travel between Clearfield and Curwensville should carefully inspect the new iron bridge across Montgomery creek, about two miles above this place. This is the bridge which was purchased from A. Buchanan, representing the Pittsburgh Bridge company, a short time before the election last fall for eight hundred dollars.

It was a shame to put such a miserable apology for a bridge on such excellent abutments, and any person examining it will agree that less than half this amount would have been a very big price. Parties who have sold iron bridges in this part of the State say that the Montgomery bridge would be very dear to any county at \$12 per foot. The contract above recited compels the taxpayers to pay over \$20 per foot."

EDITOR HARTER CAN NOW spread himself in writing up last Tuesday's convention. Like an ambulance corps, Harter, who won't fight, will gather up the wounded and bury the dead politicians with appropriate ceremony. John Sherman says "war is hell," but the scrap on Tuesday beats even that.

THE still-hunt among the republicans wound up in a rip-roaring riot on Tuesday.

GEN. HASTINGS' TRIUMPH.

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ting the returns, they even stooped to the demeaning depth of wire-tapping. Linemen were paid to make secret connections with the telephone wires into ex-Governor Hastings' residence, and the leaders thus stole private as well as public messages.

But they would not admit defeat even then. Both Gray and the Quay leaders maintained until last evening that they would have a majority in the convention, but last night their contention was very weak when they declared that if they were beaten in the convention today they would contest the result in the State convention, where the Quay power would be great enough to do as they pleased.

When County Chairman Wilbur F. Reeder called the convention to order at 11 o'clock today it was patent to all that the Quay people had blood in their eyes. Ex-Governor Hastings was present as a substitute delegate from the North Ward, Bellefonte. This fact gave warning to the Quay fighters that no foolishness nor trickery would be tolerated.

On the recall of delegates P. E. Womelsdorf, of Phillipsburg, endeavored to substitute himself as a delegate for Charles Myers, but was only admitted after Myers himself made the substitution. There was no fight on permanent organization, the anti-Quay people having it all their own way by the election of John C. Miller, chairman; George L. Potter, Bellefonte, and J. T. Stewart, Burnside, secretaries, and Thomas Mitchell, reading clerk.

The following were appointed a Committee on Resolutions without any objection: D. G. Stewart, Snow Shoe; S. H. Diehl, Bellefonte; W. M. Allison, Spring Mills; Joseph Hettinger, Boalsburg, and E. M. Lucas, Union township.

Chairman Miller at once declared the convention open for the nomination of candidates for delegates to the State convention, and the anti-Quayites named C. P. Long, of Spring Mills, and W. M. Mellick, of Phillipsburg, while the Quay people put up W. E. Gray, of Bellefonte, and P. E. Womelsdorf.

The recall proceeded only to the call of the delegate of South Phillipsburg, who voted for Long and Mellick, when a protest came from the Phillipsburg delegation, who claimed he was violating instructions. The matter was referred to the Committee on Contested Seats and the recall proceeded. When the Marion township delegate was called he voted for Gray and Womelsdorf and his vote was challenged by Governor Hastings because his instructions were otherwise. The man claimed that two men who intended coming to the primaries, but did not, were Quay men, and that would have given the delegate to Gray and Womelsdorf. However, his vote was counted for Long and Mellick.

CONFLICT IMMINENT.

All through the recall the Phillipsburg delegation caused all the confusion possible, and when the Committee on Contested Seats decided that the South Phillipsburg vote was entitled to be cast for Long and Mellick it looked for a manue as if there would be a hand-to-hand conflict—not between the Quayites and anti-Quayites, but among the Phillipsburg delegation alone.

On the final suming up of the poll of delegates it was found that the ballot stood: Long 48½; Mellick, 45; Gray, 37; Womelsdorf, 33½. Long and Mellick, having a majority of the votes cast, were declared duly elected.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was called for, and during their reading the Phillipsburg delegation kept up a continual tumult. The resolutions were passed, notwithstanding the few dissenting votes of the Quayites.

At this juncture an attempt was made to elect three conferees to meet with other conferees in this Congressional district to select a delegate to the National Republican Convention, but the motion was drowned in the tumult and confusion of the Quay contingent, and on motion of Governor Hastings, Chairman Miller adjourned the convention.

A rumor was current this evening that after the regular convention adjourned the Quayites held another, but so far as "The Press" correspondent could learn it was only rumor, as the only place a crowd of them could be found was in the barrooms.

Such was the ending, but plenty of facts leaked out later which showed the extent to which the Quay people went. One of the uninstructed delegates yesterday received an offer of \$50 to vote for Gray and Womelsdorf in to-day's convention. But even with such corruption they met defeat, and it was a bitter pill to swallow—no bitter, in fact, to Judge Lowe, that after the convention adjourned he refused to shake hands with a man who has heretofore been a personal friend.

This afternoon the Quay people are reiterating their threats to contest the seating of the delegates elected to-day, but whether they will or not remains to be seen.

THE QUAY VERSION.

The following account sent to the Inquirer, the Quay organ, gives the Love-Dale-Chamers version of the fight:

John C. Miller, an insurgent follower, was elected permanent chairman, after which Daniel H. Hastings was given a seat in the convention as a substitute delegate from the North ward of Bellefonte, and Philip E. Womelsdorf was extended the same courtesy from Phillipsburg.

Then the ball began rolling, the excitement becoming so great that blows were almost struck, and the convention adjourned without naming a conferee to the conference to name a delegate to the National Convention. The primaries of Saturday night showed beyond all questions that W. E. Gray and P. E. Womelsdorf, the Quay delegates, received the majority of instructions, but between Saturday night and Tuesday the insurgent followers traveled the county persuading delegates to remain away from the convention.

One notable instance of this occurred in one of the wards in Bellefonte, where the delegates had received Gray and Womelsdorf instructions. After answering to their names and having been seen with the insurgents several of these delegates left the hall and did not return.

In South Phillipsburg, where the vote stood eleven to five in favor of Quay, the vote was entirely thrown out.

J. C. Miller, the chairman, was entirely under the control of Hastings, and he disregarded nearly all former rules and

party precedents, and refused arbitrarily to permit substitutions to fill the places of absent Quay delegates. This was done in order that Hastings might elect his delegates to the State convention.

Finally a vote was taken amid great confusion. Then C. P. Long and William Mellick, Hastings delegates, were declared elected.

The stalwarts, after being counted out and being so unfairly treated by such questionable methods, refused to adjourn, and immediately elected Gray and Womelsdorf as delegates to the State convention, where a spirited contest will be made. The honest Republicans of Centre county believe Gray and Womelsdorf are entitled to seats in the State convention.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

If every democratic member of the House will occupy his seat and vote against the Porto Rico bill, that iniquitous measure can be defeated when it is taken up this week. The republican caucus has declared in favor of passing the bill just as it came from the Senate, but there are quite a number of republicans who say they will not vote for the bill, and a few who will actually vote against it, and it is practically certain that owing to absentees, a vote against the bill equal to the full democratic membership of the House, will defeat it.

Both sides are working hard to get their absentees in Washington in time to vote. Bad as the tariff clause is in principle, the section of the bill providing a civil government for Porto Rico is even worse. Under it, the real government of the island can be put into the hands of carpet baggers, and that such a government would be productive of scandals was fully shown by the experience during the re-construction period in Southern states.

Admiral Dewey's announcement that he would be a candidate for the Presidency this fall took away the breaths of the political leaders for a time, but when he followed it by a statement that he was a Democrat, the atmosphere rapidly cleared, and intelligent discussion of the situation became possible. Democratic leaders agree that it is impossible for the Admiral to wrest the nomination from Bryan. There are 930 votes in the Democratic National Convention, 620 of which are necessary to nominate, and 310 of which can cause a deadlock. The largest possible estimate of the anti-Bryan forces is only some 250, making Dewey's nomination out of the question. But though the Admiral cannot be named for President on the Democratic ticket, he can have the nomination for Vice President if he will take it. In fact a boom for him for this post has sprung up with unexampled rapidity, the only doubt being whether he will accept. But to run on an independent ticket be sure defeat and it is believed that he will accept the vice presidential post after he finds that he can get nothing else. He may continue his striving for the first place up to the very nomination of Bryan, and yet accept the vice presidency. Shrewd leaders base their idea that he will do this on the motive which has undoubtedly led him to be a candidate of office at all. They say that it is Mrs. Dewey's doing. She wants the right of precedence at all functions, and if she cannot get to the very top, will probably be contented with the second place. Further, Dewey would not lose his place in the navy by accepting. He could go on the retired list and hold both places at once, drawing the salary of either one while Vice President, and going back to his navy post after the close of his term. So "Hurrah for Bryan and Dewey!"

BELLEFONTE has again achieved notoriety. The Republican riot on last Tuesday, at the convention, is attracting much comment.

EX-SPEAKER REED, who coined Harrison's famous nickname, "The Ice Wagon," has dubbed McKinley "the Emperor of Expediency."

The Census District.

Hon. H. A. Reed, of Sunbury, supervisor of the census for this the 10th Pennsylvania district has divided Centre County into the following appointments:

- No. 1—Bellefonte North No. 23—Liberty ward.
- " 2—Bellefonte South " 24—Marion ward.
- " 3—Bellefonte West " 25—East & Middle Miles ward.
- " 4—Bellefonte East " 26—West Miles ward.
- " 5—East Boggs " 27—Penn. ward.
- " 6—West Boggs " 28—Millsheim ward.
- " 7—Millsburg " 29—Patton ward.
- " 8—Burnside Twp. " 30—1st and 3rd W. Phillipsburg ward.
- " 9—North Potter " 31—Second ward Phillipsburg ward.
- " 10—South Potter " 32—S. Phillipsburg ward.
- " 11—College Twp. " 33—South P. Rush. Boro.
- " 12—State College " 34—E. Snow shoe. Boro.
- " 13—Curtin Twp. " 35—W. Snow shoe. Boro.
- " 14—East Ferguson " 36—North Spring. Boro.
- " 15—West Ferguson " 37—South. Boro.
- " 16—North and East " 38—West. Boro.
- " 17—Wes. Gregg " 39—Taylor. Boro.
- " 18—Halpen " 40—Worth. Boro.
- " 19—Half Moon " 41—Unionville & Union Twp. Boro.
- " 20—Harris " 42—East & Middle ward.
- " 21—Howard Boro. " 43—Walker. Boro.
- " 22—Howard Twp. " 44—West Walker. Boro.
- " 23—Huston. Boro.

There are a number of applicants for the position of census enumerators and while some have been settled others are being changed, so that Supervisor Reed has been ordered not to publish a list of enumerators until the work of census taking is about to begin.

New Enterprise.

Charles Wooden, has taken charge of the Ward House at Tyrone. He conducted the City hotel for a number of years.

The man who always does as he pleases is often displeased with what he does.

The smaller the caliber the bigger the bore. This applies to men, not firearms.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Opinions From Various Sources on Questions of the Day.

We are to introduce our wares into Puerto Rico free of charge, and Puerto Rico is to be taxed on everything she produces and sends us. Just how congress can discuss this with a straight face we do not pretend to say.—Washington Post, Ind. Rep.

Why should we treat the Pacific Islands, 2,000 miles from our coast, as American territory? Why should we discriminate thus, in defiance of all precedent, practice, promises and the constitution of the United States?—Chicago Inter-Ocean, Rep.

The insults and baffling which Mr. McKinley had to suffer in his policy of "expansion," show in actual practice what was clear in theory from the beginning—that protection goes with expansion about as well as strychnine goes with beefsteak.—New York Evening Post.

If the people of this country wish to get rid of the trusts they must first get rid of Hanna, McKinley and Griggs who are owned, body, boots and breeches, by the trusts. With a president in the White House who will enforce the laws the trust question will quickly be settled.—Chicago Chronicle.

The United States senate is Republican. It does not need the vote of Quay for any party measure. If it deliberately violates law and defies the popular will by seating Quay the people will hold the Republican party responsible for such violation of national decency.—Chicago Times-Herald, Rep.

The Republican party is pledged to bimetalism. Were we bimetallists when we shouted over and over again for remonetization, I want the double standard. So do 1,300,000,000 of people of this world of ours, while only 200,000,000 want the single gold standard. We want the real money of the world to be \$3,000,000,000 in coin. They want it to be only \$4,000,000,000. The difference means injustice, injury, suffering and distress to millions of God's poor people the world over, while the gold class is to wax fat at the cost of their helpless victims.—Senator Chandler, Rep.

New York is on the threshold of a Democratic redemption. In 1896 the Black majority was 246,000. It was Clevelandism that did that. In 1897 it bleached to 80,000. In 1898 it whitened out still further, and stood at 18,500. In 1899 the Republicans in their superiority fade and pale to a trifle above 9,000. In 1900—mark "The Verdict's" word—that superiority will have died and disappeared—buried under a Bryan plurality of 50,000. And all this makes the morose and sulky reason of present Republican gloom. The farther they travel the darker it gets.—The Verdict.

Attorney General Griggs declared in his speech at Quincy, Ills., referring to the Philippine war, that "the Filipinos of Luzon who have attempted to drive the lawful authority of the United States from the island, comprise not one-tenth of 1 per cent of the people of these islands." This is very thrilling, but let us figure a little. If there are 8,900,000 people in the Philippines and less than one-tenth of 1 per cent of them are opposing our authority we are confronted by not more than 8,900 enemies. Yet the secretaries of war and navy announce that within the six weeks they will have 70,000 troops and 50 warships on or about the islands to suppress the 10,000 insurgents. Some of the end men of the McKinley caravan have no sense of proportion. Deriding the Filipinos as cowardly savages, they proclaim it takes nine Americans to down one Filipino.—Pittsburg Post.

Since the cession Puerto Rico has been denied the principal markets she had long enjoyed, and our tariffs have been continued against her products as when she was under Spanish sovereignty. The markets of Spain are closed to her products except upon terms to which the commerce of all nations is subjected. The island of Cuba, which used to buy her cattle and tobacco without customs duties, now imposes the same duties upon those products as from any other country entering her ports. She has, therefore, lost her free intercourse with Spain and Cuba without any compensating benefits in this market. Her coffee was little known and not in use by our people, and, therefore, there was no demand here for this, one of her chief products. The markets of the United States should be opened up to her products. Our plain duty is to abolish all customs tariff between the United States and Puerto Rico, and give her products free access to our markets.—McKinley's Message.

When a trust can make \$42,500,000 a year on a capital of \$25,000,000, as the Carnegie-Trick combine has done; when the Standard Oil trust declares a quarterly dividend of \$20,000,000; when Mr. Carnegie's annual income is over \$24,000,000 and Mr. Rockefeller's \$30,000,000, it is not necessary to say that such imperial revenues can only be derived from the exercise of monopoly's power to tax the people unjustly. Neither Mr. Carnegie nor Mr. Rockefeller can possibly render such service to society as honestly to earn wages so colossal. And these two gentlemen represent a class who are daily milking the public as they do, though with less dazzling results. The trusts lay the entire country under enforced tribute—which simply means robbery. The trusts are looting the American people as truly as though they were successful invading armies. Their weapon of extortion is monopoly. The interstate commerce commission has been about as servicable in curing the abuses of railroad administration as a snub from Professor Hadley to Collis P. Huntington would be. The Chicago conference adheres to the true principle. It strikes at the root of the trust tree instead of concerning itself with the branches. The partnership between the railroads and the trusts is at the bottom of most of the monopoly which piles up such fortunes as Mr. Rockefeller enjoys. That neither Mr. Carnegie nor Mr. Rockefeller is in need of any government protection is as clear as daylight.—Philadelphia North American, Rep.



Should women vote? Well, if they could, They'd vote for what is pure and good; And Ivory Soap, because it's best, Would simply overwhelm the rest.

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Littell—Potter.

There was a very pleasant gathering at the home of the Potter sisters, near Linden Hall, last Thursday afternoon, to witness the ceremony that cemented the lives of John W. Littell and Miss Mary T. Potter, "so long as life shall last."

The wedding march was played by Miss Cora Brooks, while the happy couple were being escorted to the altar by Ellis Bierly and Miss Maggie Potter, sister of the bride, and Harry Potter and Miss Daisy Brooks, when Rev. David Hepler performed the impressive ceremony of tying the knot. Mr. Littell is an employe of the Southern Pacific R. R. Co. with headquarters in New York. Miss Potter is the daughter of John F. Potter, Esq., of Milesburg.

Miss Potter spent the last five years in California under circumstances favorable for expansion of womanly development, profiting much thereby, making her a very social and interesting companion. We bespeak for the happy couple a bright and joyous future. They left on the afternoon train for

Baltimore, Washington, Mt. Vernon, etc., and after a joyous honeymoon, will return to New York, their future home.

ONE PRESENT.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Having again located in Bellefonte, for the practice of dentistry, I announce to my friends that I can be found at the Tripple residence 121 North Spring St., fully prepared and equipped with the most modern conveniences for the practice of dentistry in all branches. Gold-illumium and rubber plates and crown and bridge work a specialty.

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