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### EDITORIAL.

QUAY is down in Florida running the Pennsylvania Legislature by long distance telephone.

THE promised ballot reform to be given by the present Legislature, turns out a sham and a fraud, just as half dozen similar pledges were, since 1895, by the machine.

SINCE the introduction of the linotype machine in the offices of the large dailies, there are frequent typographical errors to be found in these journals. Even the always "clean" New York Sun is having "mistakes."

TEDDY is now ready, to go on a tear in the Rockies to kill bear. Some 70 of a guard are to go with him, so the wild Indians and animals do not eat up Teddy. He has not succeeded much with his extra session of the senate, hence we hope he will know how to run the wild denizens of the Rockies, if he can't run the senate.

GOVERNOR CUMMINS, of Iowa, has reaffirmed his devotion to the "Iowa idea." He still believes that the tariff is a shelter for monopoly, and that a general revision of the schedules is needed. He proposes to carry this idea to the next National convention of the republican party, and to insist on its incorporation in the platform.

THE present Legislature is fully as corrupt as previous ones for the past decade. Were it not for the sharp eye of Pennypacker, the public money would fly like dust in a cyclone, and new offices would be created by the score with no use for them. If Stone were still the executive, all the evil intentions of the machine majority would receive his sanction. Pennypacker, it is to be regretted, in all his appointments, yields to Quay's dictation but it is some satisfaction to know that he evinces a disposition to condemn, by veto, what the democrats for years have opposed and denounced, namely, the wholesale robbery of the treasury by all manner of enactments.

Col. W. Reeder is a candidate for delegate to the next Republican State Convention from this county. We also hear that Col. Edw. R. Chambers has ambitions along the same line and would like to represent the county at Harrisburg, and especially so since Pap Pennypacker is Governor. Since Edw. was made a brave Colonel, it is quite natural that he should want to impress upon His Excellency that he, Edward, is in fact one of the main guys in the push around here. Well, that is just about what our friend Reeder would like to demonstrate to the powers-that-be as not being the case. Col. Reeder is the present County Chairman of the Republican party and the authorized distributor of patronage, and the leader of the Hastings element. Col. Chambers proposes to step in where the late W. E. Gray stood in local politics—Judge Love's principal lieutenant and active field man. There you have the situation, watch the game.

THE special session of the Senate of the Fifty-eighth Congress has adjourned, after ratifying the Panama and Cuban treaties. Attention now turns to the action of Colombia on the canal treaty and the magnitude of the undertaking to which the United States has committed itself. It is estimated by those who believe in the success of the agreement, that about the autumn of 1904 some 20,000 negroes armed with spades and picks will invade the isthmus of Panama and begin digging. It is said by the engineers that 20,000 will be a minimum force of laborers and that as high as 50,000 may be employed at times. There are now about 1,000 men at work under the French company and every foot of the ground for the canal has been broken. There is no contract labor law which applies to the isthmus and doubtless negroes from all the West Indian islands will be imported and a few may go from the United States, although those already acclimated will be given preference as the amount of sickness will thus be materially diminished. Labor on the isthmus commands from 40 to 50 cents per day. There are now on the route of the canal two thoroughly equipped hospitals and these will doubtless be kept full to overflowing as none but Americans will be given the higher grades of work.

### AT THE STATE CAPITOL.

The most important work of the past several weeks in legislative halls, has been the effort in the direction of good roads. The chances are very largely in favor of the present legislature enacting some effective good roads legislation. An indication that the question of improved roads is taken seriously, is the appointment last week by Mr. Mayne, of Chester county, of a sub-committee of five, of which he himself is one, to confer with a similar sub-committee appointed from the Senate Good Roads Committee by its chairman. The purpose of this conference is the codification of good roads legislation which has already been presented, and is now in the hands of the Senate and House committees. All of these measures will be carefully considered by the sub-committees, and a bill will be drafted which will secure the endorsement of the rural districts, as well as the more thickly settled agricultural communities. The House sub-committee is composed of Messrs. Wayne, Ambler, of Montgomery; Coons, of Bradford; Yasbinder, of Jefferson; Creasey, of Columbia.

Mr. Creasey has been very busy since his appointment on the committee annotating the bills on good roads and gleaming the salient points which will be embodied in a draft of his views, which he will present to the sub-committee at their conference next week. The measure which shall be evolved by the sub-committee will be presented immediately in the House and Senate and pushed to a final passage. In view of the halt called upon appropriations by Chairman Bliss, of the House committee on appropriations, it is likely that the amount of money the bill will carry will be greatly reduced from the \$6,000,000 Delaware county good roads measure.

Representative Ammerman, of Montour county, last Monday night presented an Act regulating primary elections throughout the Commonwealth. Inasmuch as the platforms of each of the leading political parties declare for this reform, this measure is of the greatest importance; it is important because the primary election is the bed rock of all elections and upon its honesty or dishonesty depends the future of the Republic. This Act provides that the primary elections shall be held each year, one in the early spring for city, borough and township offices, and the other for state and county offices in June. The election shall be conducted by the general election officers, and is what is generally known as the direct primary system.

As the session draws near its setting sun, the ballot reformers are getting more and more anxious concerning their measures. It is generally believed no ballot reform law will be enacted this session regardless of the promises of the Quay machine; it is the practice of this band of political looters to maintain one man power and control as long as a suffering community permits it and allows the opposite system of popular government to prevail.

Our system of government through political parties is eminently practical and entirely satisfactory as long as the parties themselves fairly and honestly represent the will of their members, not only on questions of broad general policy, but also on questions of business administration; but whenever, for any reason they fail to do so—whenever, either in the selection of candidates or the determination of questions of administration, they represent, not the will of the members and the interests of the public but only the orders and private or political interests of those who control their machinery—then the people are no longer able to select their own officers and administer their own affairs, and the parties, instead of being aids to free representative government, become instruments for imposing upon the people an administration as foreign to their wishes and interests as if selected by a legally constituted ruler. If, in such a case, the boss and his machine be wise, honest and far-seeing men, the people will have good government, but it will not be free. If, on the other hand, the boss and his machine be cunning and unscrupulous men, seeking their own profit at public expense, the people will have corrupt as well as arbitrary government. In either case, however good or bad the government may be, it is not a government "of the people and by the people." Whenever such a condition is reached, in order that free and good government may be preserved, government by parties must be abandoned and some other instrument substituted or means provided by which the rights of the people within their parties may be protected by law, and their wishes surely and easily ascertained and carried out.

Recent political occurrences should satisfy even the most partisan adherent of party regularity that party government has reached a condition in Pennsylvania which makes a change necessary if we are to have a reality of popular government. The primary, about which the discussion centers, is of fundamental importance. It is the citizen's citadel of right. It is the source of power in government. In purity, it is the fount from which the great blessings of democratic government flow. It is today proving itself the curse of representative institutions. For this reason it well merits close attention and serious thought. The decline of our nominating institutions has been continuous ever since their origin. The history of in-

creasing corruption has been duplicated by our other political institutions, and, like them they are gradually being forced into subjection to law, conceived in freedom, reared in license, matured in law, will be the complete story of their evolution. The last stage is still in its conception. It is difficult, uncertain, and is the subject of much thought and attention.

The general movement for ballot reform received the solemn warning of its coming death last evening when Representative Ikeler's resolution to discharge the Elections Committee from further consideration of his "Ballot Reform" bill was defeated by the solid republican forces. Although the rules of the House call for the discharge of a committee from the consideration of any measure in its hands for ten days or more, yet, after it appeared that Ikeler's reform measure had been slumbering in this committee for a month or more, the motion for the application of the rule was met with derision and laughter from the republican side. Thus ends for this session the much promised ballot reform.

J. W. KEPLER.  
Harrisburg, Pa., March 24, 1903.

### RECENT DEATHS.

JOHN WOLF:—died suddenly, at his home in Rebersburg, Saturday night. For particulars see Rebersburg items.

MARTHA ANN SNYDER:—wife of J. R. Snyder, died at her home at Coburn, Monday, March 16, aged about 69 years. She has left to survive, her husband and two sons, F. E. and N. P. Snyder. Interment at the Cross church, Georges valley.

Mrs. THOMAS WILSON:—died Thursday morning, 19, at her home near Bellefonte, her age being sixty years. She had been at the Bellefonte hospital and underwent an operation for cancer of the liver, but medical skill was of no avail and she gradually grew worse until relieved by death of her suffering. Surviving the deceased are her husband, three sons and two daughters.

WM SWANZEV:—died at LeMars, Iowa, on the 19th, after a few weeks illness. He was well known in this county having been born in Centre county, February 23, 1825. He lived near Jacksonville, Centre county, for many years. In 1852 he went west settling in Illinois and later moved to Iowa. He was a veteran of the civil war and was highly respected as a citizen in the community in which he lived. In 1850 he married Elizabeth Reed, daughter of the late William Reed, of Clintondale. His wife and four children survive.

JOHN E. MCKINLEY:—aged 80 years 3 months, 21 days, died at his home in Reedsville, Mifflin county, Friday morning, March 12. Mr. McKinley was a citizen of Milesburg this county for fifty years prior to 1870 at which time he removed to William Mann's Axe works at Reedsville. He is survived by his brother, Joseph Green and sister Mrs. Jane Broom, both of Milesburg, and the following children, Mary Ragur, of Reedsville; Sarah E. Weaver, of Port Matilda; Anna Huse, of Bellefonte; Eliza Ross and Samuel, of Barham; and Rachel at home.

### A Frightful Death.

A terrible accident occurred at the sawmill of M. M. Motter, at the head of McElhattan run, yesterday morning, whereby William Dress, the fireman, lost his life. The first intimation the men had was as they saw the mangled and bleeding form of the fireman lying on the floor of the engine room. Many of the bones in his body were broken and his clothing was torn into shreds. Supposition is, while in the act of oiling the machinery or adjusting a belt, the man's clothing was caught in the shafting, and no help being at hand to shut off the steam, was whirled around until his body was torn and pounded to a bleeding mass and dropped to the floor. The deceased resided at Rosecrans, where he leaves a young wife and one child. He was aged 30 years.

THE "ballot reform" bill, promised by the machine, and likely to be passed by the present legislature is a bigger fraud than the present ballot law. Thus are the people insulted when just laws are asked for. All "reform" promised by the machine, thus far, has resulted in "reforming" from bad to worse.

### Lemont.

Last Saturday was Wm. J. Bryan's 43rd birthday.

There was quite a large surprise party given for Mr. Hassinger, on last Friday evening. All present report having had a good time.

Geo. Meyer is spending his Easter vacation at home and at Herman's the buckster's.

Miss Sophia Thompson closed a very successful term of school at Centre Furnace, on Wednesday.

Look out for the Easter bonnets and storm.

James Schreck and friend attended church at Houserville on last Tuesday.

Rev. Perks, of Bellefonte, will preach in the U. B. church at Houserville, on Thursday and Friday evenings of this week.

James Lenker and son spent Sunday in State College.

The Jackson family are improving after a long illness of typhoid fever, and so endeth my story. "INBREDIGO."

—Why not have the baby's photograph taken? Mallory & Taylor do beautiful work. 2nd floor, Crider's Exchange.

## OUR HISTORICAL REVIEW

Continued from page 1.

Keppart, M. C., Bellefonte; Anderson Troop. Kester, Jeremiah, Haines; F, 12th Pa. Knarr, Henry, Liberty. Knarr, John, Liberty. Koons, James H., Liberty. Krider, Samuel, Potter. Kirkwood, James, Rush; 2d Pa. Cav. Lauck, B. S., Rush; 59th Pa. Lee, Charles, Spring; 6th Pa. Cav. Lingle, Fisher D., Liberty; 1st Cav. Lingle, Harvey S., Bellefonte; Anderson Troop.

Lingle, Lycurgus, Bellefonte; Anderson Troop. Little, Samuel, Potter; E, 57th Regt. Lippincott, Charles E., Walker; C, 52d Regt.; killed at Fair Oaks. Long, Edward F., Haines; I, 56th Regt.

(This list of Miscellaneous Soldiers will be completed in the next issue of the Democrat, in alphabetical order from M to Y.)  
NOTE:—In the list of names, Co. H, 56 P. V. the name of J. Irvin Alexander, of Unionville, was not in the record. He served three years and nine months, and has the remarkable credit of never having missed a roll call, until dismissed July 7, '65 in Philadelphia.

We were also handed the following list of Co. C, 18 U. S. Infantry, from Centre county: Hugh W. Riddle, sergeant; Wm. R. Bird, corp.; John H. Bryan, corp.; privs. Wm. Bottorf, David Bottorf, Martin C. Williams, Harvey Steele. All enlisted January, 1862 from Centre county.

### Rock View.

Indications are that we are getting winter weather again.

Mrs. Harry Resides is visiting with her grandparents at present.

Grandmother Zettle is visiting with her son, Nathaniel Zettle.

Mrs. G. W. Smith, Mrs. Harry Resides and Miss Bella Murry and Edgar Smith spent Sunday with Samuel Waite's at Pleasant Gap.

Miss Grace Hoy, who had been sick for a few days, is better at this writing.

Mrs. Cramer and daughter are visiting with the former's son Samuel Cramer.

We noticed Harry Ishler and lady friend, Miss Bertha Stover, sporting our streets in the new buggy on Sunday evening.

Victor Brungart visited his brother in Millinburg, over Sunday.

Quite a number of our young folks attended Kline's sale on Thursday last.

Mrs. W. H. Swartz was visiting with friends at Clintondale.

Mrs. Rubie and little daughter spent Sunday with Mrs. Zettle.

Our Grammar and primary schools will close April 8th.

Movings:—W. H. Swartz moves to Centre Hall on the farm vacated by Perry Broom, and William Ishler on farm which W. H. Swartz vacated; G. W. Smith moves on the Hoffer farm vacated by Runkle; Jacob Sunday moved below Bellefonte on the Miller farm; Mr. Martz to Altoona.

### Oak Hall.

Miss Mollie Hoffer, of State College. Mrs. Josiah Dale and John Saunders and family, of Centre Hall, spent last Tuesday in town.

Miss Maud Lee, of Arzemann, spent Friday night with her aunt Mrs. E. K. Smith.

Clifford Close is home from Renovo on a visit.

Miss Louella Ross, of Linden Hall, was a visitor in town on Tuesday.

Miss Gertrude Homan spent Saturday at Lemont.

Misses Dollie Loneberger and Annie Leusch Sundayed with Miss Claudia Welland at Boalsburg.

Miss Annie Leusch, Messrs Ralph Lowell and Arthur Peters took the examination for common school diplomas at Lemont on Saturday.

Miss Della Garbrick, of Walnut Grove, spent Sunday with the Misses Homan.

The rabbit may be timid but no cook can make it quail.

## Boys who make Money after School Hours

Over 3000 Boys in various parts of the country are making money in their spare time selling The Saturday Evening Post. Some make as much as \$10.00 and \$15.00 a week. Any boy who reads this can do the same.

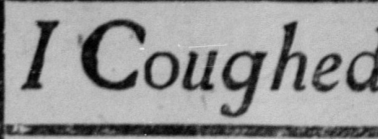
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