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EDITORIAL.

THE Illinois republican fight, after a three-weeks' fierce wrangle, ended by the nomination of Deener for governor and leaving many sores.

FOURTH-Assistant Postmaster General Bristow on Monday announced that the salaries of the rural free delivery mail carriers will be adjusted on the basis of the number of miles traveled.

ONE of our DuBois exchanges, a daily, complains that some of its contemporaries depend on its issues for their local matter. Och, what's the use of mentioning it—be glad that you are capable of getting up something that others think worth of cabbagging to better their own larder.

DURING a recent epidemic Williamsport had eighteen cases of smallpox, with four deaths. The cost of these, including vaccination, maintenance, fumigation, destruction of infected materials, clothing, bedding, etc., guards and medical attendance, was about five thousand four hundred dollars.

REV. Dr. Slias C. Swallow, of Harrisburg, is the choice of the Pennsylvania Prohibitionists for the presidential nomination, and the State convention, in Uniontown, will probably instruct its delegates for him.

SIBLEY from one of the northern counties of this state, some years ago elected to congress by the democrats, but who did not find the democrats corrupt enough to answer his purposes as an oil trust magnate hence went over to the Quay machine, is now a candidate to fill Quay's vacancy in the senate.

IS. DURHAM, a Philadelphia machine corruptionist, ballot-box stuffer, registration padder and boodler, is now the boss to take the place of Quay in issuing orders. What a delightful contemplation for Centre county republicans and all over the state, to again have a boss to "daddy" all their party affairs!

DAY by day the indications grow stronger that Judge Parker will be the next democratic nominee for president. It is not unlikely he will be nominated unanimously. The feeling over the country seems to run in that direction. He will make a strong candidate and his election is considered certain.

SNYDER county should be happy even if its lawyers are not. The June term of Snyder county courts began at noon Monday and adjourned at 3 o'clock same day. There were no cases tried. This was the shortest term in the county's history. Some of the lawyers are engaged in mercantile pursuits to make up for the depression in legal business.

TRN butchers, who occupy stalls at the Williamsport curb market, were arrested by Officer Simmens of the State Pure Food commission for selling hamburger steak, or chopped beef, which was embalmed with sulphite, a poison, to make the meat look fresh. It cost the ten butchers before Alderman Batzle about \$70 apiece, or a total of \$700 in fines and costs to sell "doctored" meat for fresh, and they will likely leave out the "embalming" in the future.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has fixed upon his private secretary, Cortelyou, for chairman of the republican national committee. This angered the leaders of the party and they are strenuously opposing the appointment of that gentleman as manager of the Roosevelt campaign. They are very mad over it and spilled out some of their ill will. The fact is, while Roosevelt is likely to receive a unanimous nomination for president by his party, he really is not the choice of the leaders of the party, and had Hanna not died the ship-subsidy-knight from Ohio would most likely have received the nomination for president and Teddy met the fate of former vice presidential accendancies in the presidential chair. But Hanna died so closely to the time of meeting of the national convention that all were at sea as to whom they would settle upon.

The difference between an editor and a doctor is that if the editor makes a mistake he has to apologize for it, but if a doctor makes one he buries it.

—Dorothy Dodd Russia calf oxfords or ladies. Yeager & Davis.

COUNTY TICKET.

The work of the Democratic County Convention, on Tuesday, is given in detail on another page of this issue. The naming of the ticket was practically done by acclamation, with one exception—the vote taken for Assembly. The primaries had no intense bitterness among rival candidates and the convention was a most harmonious gathering throughout. For this reason the ticket named on Tuesday goes forth free from factional strife or disaffection from disappointed candidates and their friends. This is a remarkable condition—gives strength to and augurs well for its success this year. The different nominees are well known throughout the county, have been prominently identified with the Democratic party in various capacities, and therefore need no special introduction.

The head of the ticket is strong in the selection of Ellis Orvis, Esq., for President Judge. For over half a century the name of Orvis has been prominently identified with our courts, and in that time ranked in the very forefront of the legal profession; also furnished one of the most eminent jurists of this state, whose opinions to this day are quoted as the essence of pure logic and legal reasoning. Our nominee has the learning, experience, even temperament, dignity of character to occupy this most important office in Centre county. By his election all will be assured a clean, pure, upright administration—free from the taint of personalities and political intrigues; the highest confidence will then be reposed in our courts.

A very high compliment was paid Arthur B. Kimport, the nominee for Prothonotary, in the fact that he had no opposition. His department in that office as a deputy demonstrated his ability and capacity, while his gentlemanly and courteous manner was so marked, that the nomination came as a general expression of esteem and good will to a most deserving young man.

While the emoluments for the office of district attorney in Centre county are very small, it often arouses a lively contest. This year the democratic nomination has been given to one of our prominent attorneys, W. G. Runkle, without a contest, and it is quite probable that no one will be named on the republican ticket for the same office this year. This is a double assurance of his ability and worth.

It was conceded to Hon. J. W. Kehler, a renomination for assembly. He made no personal canvass of the county, sent out no appeals for support, even had no tickets printed for the primary election; he simply announced in the customary form his desire to represent this county again in the General Assembly, went home and looked after the spring work on his farm. He felt that his work in the last session now was fully known, a matter of record, and upon it the party would determine his nomination. He was right—received a strong endorsement from every section of the county. It was a mark of approval and he deserved it.

When the convention named John Noll, also for the same office, they selected a straight, clean, sober, industrious man. By occupation a master stone mason and contractor, he truly earns his bread by the sweat of his brow. In 1860 he was one of the "Boys in Blue," and no better soldier ever marked time or carried a musket. He has always been a loyal democrat, active in the party ranks, and no matter whether in sunshine or defeat he remained true. John Noll is an intelligent, upright citizen, free from taint or corruption, and a man safe to send to Harrisburg.

A county surveyor has very little work to perform, but J. H. Wetzel is fully qualified for the position, and no better could be chosen.

With this brief reference we present the Democratic County Ticket to the public. We are proud of it; we believe it will receive general commendation, and a handsome majority in November.

QUAY'S SUCCESSOR.

If any dependence can be placed in the reports of the leading city papers the past week has been an exceedingly lively one for the republican politicians and the many aspirants to take the place of the late M. S. Quay in the U. S. Senate.

Gov. Pennypacker does not seem to be in a hurry to reconvene the legislature or quite ready to name a man. He is in a receptive frame of mind, wants to consult the politicians and read the papers. The Governor is not certain as to which is the legal method.

Senator Penrose and Israel Durham, the Philadelphia boss, have been consulting Gov. Pennypacker with no definite results. They are opposed to John P. Elkin and urged George T. Oliver, a wealthy Pittsburg man, but he has withdrawn. Now they are urging Frank L. Robbins, president of the Pittsburg coal company. Senator Plinn, of Pittsburg, is another strong candidate who carries great prestige in Western Pennsylvania, and the Elkin people will support him if they can't land John P. The name of Dick Quay seems to have dropped out, and Joe Sibley, the political turncoat, is nowhere.

From all the stories of dickers, trades, intrigues, one can hardly figure anything definite out of the situation which seems to be arousing the former Quay and Elkin factions, who are lining up to secure future control of affairs in their party and the state, which this contest will practically determine.

REPUBLICANS STIRRING.

The republicans will have their county primaries on Saturday, and the convention next Tuesday. This week a spirited contest is being waged by the four candidates for legislature. As intimated in former issues, there are indications of a combine. Phil Womelsdorf, of Phillipsburg and John Kuisley, of Bellefonte are pulling together against John Daley, of Curtin township and A. A. Dale, Esq., of Bellefonte. Womelsdorf has made very little canvass, expecting the magic name of "Phillipsburg" to swing the whole county into line for him. This is the same "Little Phil," who was in the legislature when Hastings was governor and had the nerve to join in with the gang who fought Gov. Hastings and opposed him in every manner and form. A few of General Hastings' friends survive and either at the primaries or the general election they will make their influence known.

John Kuisley is working like a trooper and puffing like a porpoise as he is chasing over the county introducing himself to the country folks and, as the story goes, leaves the impression that he and Womelsdorf are no small pumpkins. Veteran John Daley is working like a hero to nail this nomination down pat. He is up early and out late, and certainly is hustling. He will be nominated sure as fate, if there is no outside interference, and is keeping a close tab on the bosses to see that they keep hands off. Look out for Daley.

Al. Dale was the last nag to enter the race, and if there is any virtue in the Biblical quotation that "the last shall be first", etc., Dale will be strictly in it. He is his own candidate, and if anyone hangs onto the tail of his political kite he is willing to let him sail along. In the past month Al. has followed the instinct of a mink—slept with one eye open. His candidacy was a surprise to the politicians and since then he has been stirring up things around the monkey cage quite lively. Look out for some surprises when Al. Dale's vote is counted.

SLUMP FELT IN ALTOONA.

The general slump in business has hit Altoona hardest because of the large reduction in working forces made by the railroad corporations. There has not been such a cut since the panic of 1892. Not only are 2,700 railroad men laid off for an indefinite period, but those employed are working but eight hours a day for five days a week. Most of the work is being done on a piece basis. The materials are held back, thus reducing the men's earnings. The following table shows the falling off:

Table with 3 columns: Employees, Monthly pay roll, and other financial data for various industries like Penna. railroad shops, Altoona iron works, etc.

In this bituminous coal region there is a falling off in workmen from 45,000 to 30,000 employees. The wage scale is less than two years ago and the number retained at the mines is not on full time. The monthly payroll in 1902 was \$2,250,000. It is now about half that.

An item from the Lewistown Sentinel is of the same tone. It says:

The night turn workmen on the eight and twelve inch mills of the Logan Iron and Steel Company have been laid off, involving about seventy-five men, and it is said that double that number of the employees of the works will be suspended in all.

The Penna. R. R. company, has laid off no less than 15,000 employees in this state alone. Large industries like the Westinghouse company have laid off about one third to a half of their employees. Then we have nearly all the iron furnaces closing down for the lack of orders and low price for their product. In the coal market the same paralysis in business prevails.

What is the cause for all this we can not say. One thing is sure, no one can blame Grover Cleveland, W. J. Bryan or the Wilson Tariff for the slump, that is causing all the distress.

ADJOINING COUNTIES.

Mary E. Kline, wife of E. N. Kline, died at her home at Flemington, Sunday, of consumption, after a lingering illness. Deceased was aged 30 years, 8 months and 10 days. Surviving her are the husband, and a one-year-old son.

Mrs. Tillie J. Fisher, wife of Samuel D. Fisher, died at her home near Warriorsmark, on May 28, and at the time of her death was aged 46 years, 8 months and 1 day. The deceased had been suffering from muscular rheumatism for the last fifteen years.

Capt. Robert J. McNitt, one of the prominent farmer citizens of Mifflin county, died at his home adjoining Millroy at noon on June 1. Capt. McNitt had been in failing health for some time and rarely went any distance from home. His death at the time was sudden and unexpected and was a shock to the family and friends. Capt. McNitt was born April 13, 1833.

George Weymouth, a prominent citizen and well known lumberman, died last Saturday afternoon at 4:40 o'clock at his late residence, in Lock Haven. Death was due to Bright's disease. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Grace M., at home, and two sons, Thomas K., an engineer with the National Transit company at Oil City, and Clarence A., who is a master in St. Paul's school at Garden City, Long Island.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

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were repeated calls for Mr. Orvis for a speech, but he was not in evidence at the convention. Col. John A. Woodward, of Howard, and Chairman Spangler made some effective remarks, after which the session was declared adjourned.

LIST OF DELEGATES:

- Bellefonte, North Ward—J. L. Spangler, J. O. Meyer, Hammond Seehler.
South Ward—P. H. Gherty, J. M. Keichline, W. T. Kelley, Paul Fortney.
Centre Hall Boro—D. J. Meyer, W. F. Bradford.
Howard Boro—A. Weber.
Millsburg Boro—George Stroop.
Millheim Boro—J. C. Hosterman, F. O. Hosterman, J. W. Reifsnnyder.
Phillipsburg Boro, 1st Ward—F. K. White.
2nd Ward—Ira Howe, John Homer, Solomon Schmidt.
3rd Ward—Wm. Hess, H. D. Rumberger.
S. Phillipsburg Boro—Charles Wilcox.
State College Boro—J. C. Sowers, D. T. Pierce.
Unionville Boro—Geo. W. Rumberger.
Benner Twp., N. P.—John F. Groves.
" " S. P.—H. K. Hoy.
Boggs Twp., N. P.—Ira P. Confer.
" " E. P.—Henry Shultz.
" " W. P.—John F. Potter.
Burnside Twp.—James Sankey.
College Twp.—George W. Williams, Oren L. Groves.
Ferguson Twp., E. P.—W. H. Fry, Wm. Collins, A. G. Arthey.
Ferguson Twp., W. P.—J. H. Miller.
Gregg Twp., N. P.—C. A. Weaver, J. C. Rossman.
Gregg Twp., E. P.—J. C. Cando, John McCool.
" " W. P.—H. S. Braucht, Bruce W. Ripka, J. A. Grenoble.
Haines Twp., W. P.—R. E. Stover, F. W. Keister.
Harris Twp.—W. A. Murray, James Swabb.
Howard Twp.—John Glenn.
Houston Twp.—D. J. Gingery.
Liberty Twp.—C. W. Cook.
Marion Twp.—J. W. Orr.
Miles Twp., E. P.—H. F. McManaway.
" " M. P.—L. B. Frank, William W. Hackman, J. E. Kreamer.
Miles Twp., W. P.—Andrew Ocker.
Patton Twp.—T. M. Huey.
Penn Twp.—W. F. Smith, A. B. Meyer, J. F. Rishel, Adam Bartges.
Potter Twp., N. P.—George H. Emrick, N. B. Shaffer.
Potter Twp., S. P.—George L. Goodhart, F. A. Carson.
Potter Twp., W. P.—Adam Krumrine, Wm. H. Lee.
Rush Twp., N. P.—Sim Batchelor, J. B. Long.
" " E. P.—G. W. Davis.
" " S. P.—James Lorigan.
Snow Shoe Twp., E. P.—M. D. Kelley, H. E. Leathers.
Snow Shoe Twp., W. P.—Wm. Kerin, James Culver, (each half vote).
Spring Twp., N. P.—A. C. Grove, D. W. McCloskey.
Spring Twp., S. P.—W. W. Kerstetter, Charles Cruse.
Spring Twp., W. P.—Amos Garbrick.
Taylor Twp.—J. T. Merriman.
Union Twp.—J. O. Peters.
Walker Twp., E. P.—Joseph A. Emerick.
Walker Twp., W. P.—J. D. Miller, Jacob F. Weaver.
Walker Twp., W. P.—B. A. Noll, J. A. Hoy.
North Twp.—A. W. Reese.

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of the second, John Holt of the third, and Thomas Harbridge of the fourth. Rules: No fire-arms allowed, no spirituous liquors, no boys under sixteen years of age, no dogs, and every hunter to be armed with a good club. The object was to rid the country of the wolves and foxes which abounded in the valley. The circular hunt, however, proved a dead failure. By some oversight or mismanagement one of the lines was not closed, and when the other three converged to the ground agreed upon closing for they found it full of emptiness. A great number of deer and other game were seen by the hunters in their way, and had the lines been properly closed there would have been rare sport.

Thomas Steeres was the projector of this hunt. He was born in Centre county in 1818; afterwards lived in Lancaster, where Thaddeus Stevens and he were friends. Mr. Steeres died in November, 1881, in Colorado, at Dean's Station, where he was engaged in the work of forwarding an extension of the Denver and Rio Grande Railway.

—Blit-well shoes for boys. Yeager & Davis.

LATEST WAR NEWS.

During the past few days dispatches from the seat of war indicate that numerous small engagements occurred in the vicinity of Port Arthur, but no important battles were fought. The Japs are moving up close towards Port Arthur, where their fleet is guarding the entrance so that none of the Russian vessels will escape. All sorts of rumors have been sent out of vessels being lost but they are not confirmed.

A fine 3 year old colt owned by Chas. Keller, of Castanea, Clinton county, which was bitten in the nostril by a mad dog last December, died of hydrophobia Tuesday night of last week.

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Civil Service Examination. The United States civil service commission has eight points in our state where local boards of examiners are prepared to receive applications and hold examinations. There are a great many opportunities offered for securing desirable positions in various departments of the government service in this manner. One of the examining boards is located in Bellefonte, and further information can be obtained by applying to the post-office, where Mr. Garman, mail-clerk, will supply instructions. June 27th, an examination is announced for two vacancies for "Medical Interns" in the Government Hospital for Insane, Washington, D. C., at \$600 per annum. —Saturday afternoon the Bellefonte Academy baseball team played with the Bellewood team this place. The visitors won by a score of 4 to 2.

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