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EDITORIAL.

A VOTE for Capt. Fryberger means an endorsement of Penrose.

JOHN ROCKEFELLER has taken a trip to Europe. That is an excuse for raising the price of gasoline 25 per cent.

A BILL to appropriate \$25,000 for the President's traveling expenses is right. That will excuse him in the future from accepting favors from railroads.

At last the troubles of little Delaware in choosing a United States Senator are over. Henry DuPont won the prize over Addicks, the bootler, on Monday. Score one for reform.

It should be noted by Democrats that in all the exposure of corrupt practices and dishonest politics, which has so discredited the Republican party and politicians, that the Democratic party comes through with a clean bill of health.

It is in order for the Gazette to announce that the Philadelphia Press and the North American will not support Edwin Stuart for Governor. With great acclaim, after the convention, it boasted that both papers were for Penrose's candidate.

THE enormous Republican majorities in Pennsylvania in the past are not so wonderful since the light has been thrown on the corrupt bargain between the railroads, trusts and combines and the Republican politicians, and similar conditions prevail in New Jersey and other states.—light is breaking on the cesspools of corruption.

Fox telling the truth about embalmed beef led to our soldier boys, Gen. Miles was hounded and reprimanded by a Republican Administration; now we know that the whole country has been supplied by the Beef Trust with similar foul and diseased provisions and the present administration has known it for a long time without publishing the facts.

THOMAS A. EDISON, who has been in western North Carolina prospecting for cobalt, is convinced he has located enough of this mineral to make a startling revolution in electricity. "If cobalt is as thick and as rich in North Carolina as I believe," said Mr. Edison, "I will reduce the weight of storage batteries in automobiles 50 per cent, and the cost of traffic in cities 55 per cent.

THE big fire insurance companies, all of whom have advanced rates from ten to fifty per cent., effective on June 25, will have a hard time making people believe that such a radical advance is necessary. San Francisco losses are the ascribed causes for the "boost" in rates, but the fellow who finds that his increase is fifty per cent., or the chap whose jump is twenty-five per cent., will probably resent the attempt of the companies to get back all their losses in a year.

THE rotten beef packers in Chicago thrived in their business because of the lax laws, and lack of government supervision. The abuse of Gen. Miles during the Cuban war was a certificate of good character awarded by politicians at Washington. At this time the speaker of the House of Representatives, whom the republicans worship and suggest for the next Presidential nomination, is exerting all his power to prevent any form of legislation that will compel the beef barons from imposing on the public. Speaker Cannon has stood for years as the mouthpiece for the trusts and money bags of the country.

PENROSE, the boss of the machine gang of corruptionists, is diligently at work in many counties of the state manipulating the nomination of machine candidates for senators and assemblymen who will vote for the re-election of this Quay gangster to the U. S. Senate. The people of Centre county, democrats and all honest republicans of Centre county, expressed themselves largely opposed to Penrose's machine, at last fall's election, and Charley Freyberger owes it to the citizens of this county to say where he stands, and say so, in language that has no string to it. From all appearances Charley is trying to be non-committal. John Noll represents the true sentiment of the people of Centre county and needs no pledges. Penrose is scheming to set up nominees now, so as to make sure such are elected, to have them safe for a re-nomination and he then have their votes for his re-election. Again, how is Charley Freyberger, Penrose or anti-Penrose? that properly enters into next November's election.

STANDARD OIL METHODS.

There is nothing too small for the cup of Standard iniquity in methods of greed, and grasping even the business of the smaller tradesmen. We cite the case of iniquity against a man of poor health and poor in this world's goods, with a family to maintain. He lived at Coburn in this county, and to earn enough for his daily bread he concluded to retail coal oil among his neighbors in that vicinity. When the greedy Rockefeller-hyena's trust found this out, orders were given to undersell this poor man, in consequence of which he had to meet the cut and have very little left. It was then said that if this great rival of the Standard went below the Standard's price, that the Standard oil should be given to his few customers free of charge. Of course, that put the man, Peter Shires, out of business, and he had to grovel in something else to earn the daily bread for his family. This practice of the Rockefeller oil monopoly has been, and is yet, practiced all over the world.

Here is another piece of recent iniquity by the Standard Oil Co. Co. in a nearby town: "A local wick factory, at Milton, operated by John P. Hackenburg and H. R. Prick, was put out of business early in its history by the Standard Oil company. This latter company controls the wick industry, and when the Milton factory began operations the mighty corporation announced a reduction in wick prices of 30 per cent, and gave out that there would be a further reduction after July 1. The Milton company was obliged to close shop, and is now making arrangements to manufacture tape instead of wicks."

We sympathise with our friend Hackenburg, who is well-known all through the central part of the state.

THE Democratic State Convention will meet at Harrisburg next Tuesday 26th. Much interest is shown in the action of that body. At this time the sentiment of the party is almost unanimous for a fusion ticket by the Democrats, Lincoln party, and Prohibitionists with Lewis Emery to head the ticket—the balance to be formed by taking the best men from the other parties. Col. Guffey, of Pittsburg, is opposed to such a course; while he has been an active party man there is no reason why his opinions should prevail over that of many thousand others. The intimation is that Guffey is opposed to Emery because Emery is an opponent of the Standard Oil. That is enough to insure his nomination and guarantee his election.

This year's assessment rolls in Philadelphia show a loss of 33,784 voters' names as compared with May, 1905. The canvass made by the police last summer by Mayor Weaver's order has had its effect. The first inspection of the voting lists last year revealed 31,749 fraudulent names; a second canvass brought the total up to 60,083. The old gang which has thrived so long by padding and ballot-box stuffing has evidently thought it prudent to make some concessions to decency and proposes to vote fewer dead men and absentees. Its real troubles promise to begin when the Personal Registration law goes into effect.

The many friends of Ex-Senator William C. Heinle regret that he will not seek the Senatorial nomination from this district. It has been agreed upon that George M. Dimling of Clearfield shall be the Democratic nominee from this district. Mr. Dimling is a warm friend and an old student of State College.—From State College Times.

It is sad to see the Times shedding crocodile tears thus, when Mr. Heinle is not at all out of the race, but a full fledged candidate who means to get the nomination and election as well. The above is only a small political play—to be taken as a joke instead of a serious statement.

Poor Russia has her troubles, and at present the dark clouds of discontent and an uprising is attracting the attention of the civilized world. The imminence of an armed uprising is the one subject of conversation in the hotels, cafes and public gardens. In spite of their prohibition by the police, meetings made up of from 8,000 to 10,000 persons are held daily in the suburbs. At all the revolution is glorified. The Prefect recently ordered the boulevards to be occupied by troops in order to prevent revolutionary processions.

THE republicans of Clinton and Elk counties will support Capt. Kress, of Lock Haven, for Judge, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Mayer. The republicans of Cameron county will favor Judge Green, who was appointed by Gov. Pennypacker to sit until a Judge is elected in November. This looks like the nomination of Capt. Kress. The democrats are likely to nominate J. Alvan Hall, of Ridgeway. A wrangle is on among the republicans.

THE Philadelphia Press in an editorial on Monday denies the report that it has pledged its support for the election of Stuart, as the machine candidate for Governor. The North American has announced that it prefers Emery. This indicates that another political storm is brewing.

THE senate is likely to have another bloated millionaire, Charles M. Schwab will become a candidate for United States senator to succeed Francis G. Newlands, of Nevada, in 1909. At present Mr. Schwab is a resident of New York.

ADJOINING COUNTIES.

Dr. John S. Barrett, at Milesburg, who has been on the sick list, is slowly improving. Dr. Barrett on February 22 last, celebrated his 100th birthday anniversary, and at that time was enjoying good health.

Schuylkill county appears to have a bad lot of barristers as disbarment proceedings against a dozen lawyers from different parts of the county will begin next week. Some startling revelations are expected.

The reunion of the Mattern family, celebrating the one hundred and eightieth anniversary of the family in America, will be held in Funk's grove, Warriorsmark, Thursday and Friday of this week, June 21 and 22.

William Snyder, a prominent farmer near East Lewisburg, fell dead from heart disease on Thursday. A neighbor, John K. Fetzer, an elderly man, on being told the news, was so startled that he fell to the floor, and expired in a few minutes.

Zaccheus Lower, one of the oldest, best known and widely esteemed residents of Warriorsmark, died at his home in that place, at 7 o'clock last Saturday evening. He had been in failing health since the past year. The deceased was aged 72 years and 9 months.

The dedication of the state capitol is to take place October 31st. President Roosevelt is to be present, and an invitation will be sent every governor in the United States, and many of them are expected to be on hand. The National Guard and possibly the State College cadets will be in line, in the parade.

Charles Schmitt, an Altoona butcher, found a half-dollar imbedded in an egg. The coin was imbedded in the centre of the egg, the yolk and white forming around it. The egg was purchased from a Bedford county huckster, and the remarkable freak, which almost surpasses belief, was shown to many people.

Death was very busy in Westmoreland county during the month of May. The coroner was called upon to investigate into sixty cases and in eight of these inquests were held. There were nineteen deaths on the railroad, fourteen in the mines, one suicide and one street railway victim. Of the dead fifty-one were male and nine females.

Kentuckians last week celebrated "Home Week." It may not be generally known the birthplace of one of Kentucky's greatest historical characters, Daniel Boone, is in Pennsylvania. The house in which Boone was born in 1733, still stands in Berks county, twelve miles from Reading. It is a substantial old stone house.

At Orbisoma last Sunday hail stones as large as walnuts fell. About 2000 panes of glass were broken in public and private dwellings. The hail fell in a steady downpour for about forty-five minutes, and many of them were as large as hulled walnuts. The loss to crops and residences is estimated at \$25,000.

Four steers belonging to Jasper Augustine wandered into an old cellar on the Augustine farm near Addison, Somerset county, and remained there ten days without food or water before they were found. They were reduced from an average weight of 1,100 to less than 300 pounds. When taken out they could scarcely walk. They were carefully cared for and will live.

The 22nd annual reunion of the Debarment of Central Pennsylvania will be held at Lakemont park, near Altoona, on July 26, when it is expected that thousands of people will be at the beautiful resort. Prominent speakers, many from a distance, will have a place on the program. These annual reunions are regarded as the most important of the events that occur annually at Lakemont park, last year attracting one of the greatest crowds that were there during the season.

At the annual meeting of the board of trustees of the Ohio Northern University, held at Ada, Ohio, Prof. Thomas J. Smull, was unanimously re-elected dean of the College of Engineering for a period of three years. Mr. Smull, is of Mackeyville, and is a young man who is making rapid strides in his chosen profession. He is a product of the Central State Normal school, Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa.; Ohio Northern University, Ada, O.; Lafayette college, Easton, Pa.

UNDER the new law, all candidates for nomination for Governor are required to file a statement of amount expended, under the corrupt practices act. Edwin Stuart is the only republican who did not spend a penny, for the reason that the Penrose Machine did the job for him. Other unsuccessful men spent considerable.

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The great trouble with many preachers is that they know more about the next world than they do about this.

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