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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

State Treasurer-J. S. BEACOM, of Westmoreland. Auditor General-LEVI G. M'CAULEY, of Chester Election day, November 8

Resolved, That the platform adopted at the National convention of Democracy in 1896 be endorsed fully and without reserve."-Plank Second in the Platform of the Lackawanna Democracy, adopted Aug. 24, 1897.

That Bear Dance at Reading,

The incidents at Reading yesterday, conservatively described in another place, illustrate the chaotic character of the present Democratic party-a party bound together by no clearly-defined and vital principles, and existing chiefly for the purpose of exhibiting to the country a horrible example of misdirected energy.

Mr. Harrity, the chief victim in the scrimmage, emerges with the bruises of conspicuous martyrdom and therefore with the prospect of not very distant triumph over his present perspiring pummelers. The attack upon him had its origin in jealousy and gathered force from that fanaticism which would sooner wreck a cause than allow for honest differences in opinion. We have no interest in Mr. Harrity, in one way or another, except that curiosity which is ordinarily excited by a forceful personality rising to high position from humble beginnings. From a Republican standpoint it makes little or no difference whether the name of the leader of the Democratic forlorn hope in Pennsylvania be Harrity, Garman or something else. But looking at the Reading convention's work from a humanitarian standpoint it seems cruel, brutal and shameful; and we expect to see the better element in the Democratic party repudiate the agents and instruments of it and move to reconstruct the ruins of their party on a broader and braver basis.

In the meantime it is now evident to all that the extremists are in the Democratic saddle, and those who don't have the inclination to ride to their self-destructive quickstep should be made welcome in the Republican fold. To the Reading platform we shall refer hereafter.

The Rev. Dr. Swallow's opinion of the other state candidates this fall can readily be conjectured; but what the public has yet to learn is the clerical torial nomination in Pennsylvania next gentleman's opinion of himself.

Judge Willard's Resignation.

The announcement that Hon. E. N. Willard will today by resignation retire from the bench of the Superior court, while it is not unexpected, nevertheless supplies a fit occasion for a brief word of comment upon his record as a jurist.

A passerby on the night of May 1, it is also alleged, had heard a muffled Luctgert and his wife had scream. been on had terms and he had, it is sitions when it is more direct, lucid asserted, expressed a wish to get rid and effective than to reclothe the of her.

In the preliminary hearing a chemist testified that the chemicals indicated in the vat consisted of crude caustic soda and caustic potash. In support of

solution, properly heated, would destroy a human body in from two to three hours, a solution was mixed experimentally and the corpse of a pauper thrown in it. In three hours nothing

was left except a few pieces of bone and a thick brown ooze, similar to that found in the sausage vat. The line of defense will be to prove that the chemicals were used for the destruction of certain black sausage and that the missing woman has been seen since May 1, alive and comparatively well. One Bohmrich, a law student, is prepared to testify that on May 5 at Kenosha he had seen in the railway station a woman whose description as to personal appearance and clothing tallies exactly with the appearance of Mrs. Luetgert. The woman had reached Kenosha the night before on a northbound train, had slept all night in the station, refused to give her name, but said she had a sister living in Chicago, named Mueller. Mrs. Luetgert had a sister by that name. This testimony,

it is said, can be corroborated. It is announced that during the present trial the jury will be asked by the defense to witness an experiment in the vat in the basement of the sausage factory. This is to be the result of an experiment conducted by Luetgert's attorneys Saturday. The body of a man about Mrs. Luetgert's age and weight. was taken to the factory and immersed in a solution of caustic potash. The experts relate that after boiling the body in a 15 per cent. solution of the potash for the same length of time, three and one-half hours, and under the same circumstances as the state alleges that Luctgert disintegrated the body of his wife, the complete skeleton of the cadaver remained intact, and that the solution had but little effect on the clothing. As a result of the test, the defense, it is said, will ask Judge Tuthill to remove his court and the jury to the basement of the big sausage factory for a few hours and witness another experiment, which the defense claims will completely disprove the state's theory of disintegration. Comment on such a case cannot well be made until a verdict is reached. But it is evidently going to be a famous

case, both for its horrors and its fine points in criminal law.

Brother Garman's victory is an empty one and moreover it drives into temporary retreat the ablest general of them all.

The Second Gubernatorial Entry.

The second formal avowal of a Republican candidacy for the gubernayear has been made. Congressman Charles W. Stone, of Warren, having hurled his gage of friendly battle into the political arena, his namesake, the

gentleman from Allegheny, Hon. William A. Stone, now does likewise and calls upon his friends throughout the commonwealth to rally to his support. Colonel Stone is a man of robust personality, mentally and physically, and

will continue to split his infinitives whenever it suits his purpose, just as he will end his sentences with prepothought in a more conventional dress,

The grammarians make us tired,

Confronted this week with the largest criminal trial list in the history of the chemist's assertion that such a Chester county, Judge Hemphill offered pointed advice to the grand jury. After pointing out to it the fact that the multiplicity of petty cases plainly bespoke the rapacity of committing magistrates for fees, he urged it to ignore every one of these cases and put the costs on the prosecutor. This may sound rough, but it is the one way to get public sentiment on the subject stirred up.

> The suggestion of the French deputy that France and Russia take in the United States in a triple alliance to preserve the peace of Christendom during the Twentleth century is, we fear, more complimentary to this country than practicable. So far, however as the United States is concerned we guess the peace is pretty safe, unless some other power shoves us.

The Washington Star puts columns into a sentence when, with an eye on

the Gotham mayoralty fight, it says: 'Mr. Platt is a great politician, but he has not the genius for reconciliations shown by Mr. Quay." For all around astuteness the latter may have a superior, but if so the public doesn't vet know It.

Captain Mahan, the naval expert professes to see into futurity far enough o distinguish that in the twentieth entury there will come an armed clash between Christianity and Mohammedanism and the stake will be the domination of the world. Some men are always seeing big possibilities afar off.

That was a sensible suggestion of Superintendent Howell to the board of control the other night that salaries of principals be graded according to merit. The same might be suggested as to all teachers' salaries, but the millennium in school management is not yet so near.

The chief duty of the United States government in reference to Cuba seems at present to be to aid Spain in the circumvention of the insurgents. But we venture to predict that this unholy alliance will not last much longer.

The announcement that Tom Watson will "forever retire from politics" is certainly tough on politics.

THE KLONDIKE GOLD BUG.

Editorials and News. The boys who have been prospecting

up Dead Dog Run report poor success. The nuggets found there are not larger than goose-eggs, and the claims are considered worth working at hardly present. It is probable that the entire egion will soon be turned over to Chinanen and Eastern capitalists. The editor wishes to apologize in ad-

vance for any errors that may creep into the columns of the "Bug" today. Henry Eppstein, a clerk at the "Royal London and Paris Clothing house," is learning to play on the cornet. As the "Bug" office is situated in the "Royal London and Paris Clothing house" block, and we

Truth Which Can Discount Fiction GULDSMITTH

The legal point raised in the Luetger murder case, in Chicago, that the corpse has not been seen, either in whole or in part, and that therefore a murder cannot be presumed, suggests to John Northern

Hilliard, a contributor to the Times Herald, the narrative which follows: Be tween 1.55 and 2.05 p. m. on the last day of February, 1894. William Wootton, a wealthy citron-grower of Freeno county. California, disappeared as suddenly and mysteriously from his home as a coin is slipped from the palm of a wizcoin is slipped from the paim of a wiz-ard. To this day not the slightest trace of the man, dead or alive, has been found, though twenty detectives have scoured this country from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Shortly after Wootton's disappearance there were rumors of foul play. He had here have scan in company play. He had been last seen in company with a friend named Sanders, and the

latter was arrested, but because of the absence of the body of the offense, the corpus delicti, he was discharged. He was rearrested immediately on the charge of having forged Wootton's name to a draft for \$1,400, and was convicted. The case was appealed, and it dragged along as such cases will where there is money enough to keep up the interest of the lawyers, and only iast month I saw a dispatch in the Times-herald to the effect that he had been taken at last to reliant essence out the long-delayed sentprison to serve out the long-delayed sent-ence. The hunt for William Wootton has not been abandoned. Some are searching

for his skeleton; others expect that he will return some day and remove the stigma from Sanders' name.

The story, as told by the evidence in this case. is extraordinary, and, as Judge Henshaw asserted in his charge, in some respects it is without parallel. The de fendant, Sanders, is a man 60 years old, who has resided in California for more than half of his lifetime. He was promnent in educational circles, and for many years he had been a teacher in the schools of the state. He was well educated and possessed more than a local reputation as an agriculturist and horticulturist, and as a business man his word was considered as good as any form of security. He was married, and the father of children, who were growing up about him in his home in Fresno coun-ty, where he had lived for many years,

SEE and where he seems to have enjoyed, up to the time of Wootton's disappearance the regard and respect of his neighbors Wootton was unmarried, and lived upor

his land with only his hired man, Sand-ers and Wootton were friends. Some time prior to Wootton's disappearance Sanders purported to act as an agent for a certain John Knausch of San Francisco who was contemplating the purchase of the Wootton land. Acting, as he rep-resented, for Knausch, Sanders made an examination of the land, platted it, show-ing its sources of water supply, fences and other improvements, describing the

nature of the soil; in short, collating such information as a purchaser unfamiliar with the property would care to possess. This information he sent by let-ter to Knausch. Wootton was reluctant to sell, and Sanders, by letter, sug-gested to Knausch that when he should come to bargain in person with Woot-

ton for the property it would be well for him to bring \$20,000 in gold coin, the sight of which would tend to excite Wootton's avaricious nature and stimu-late him to sell at a barrain Wannach

late him to sell at a bargain. Knausch be-ing unfamiliar with the Wootton land,

ing unfamiliar with the Wootton land, Sanders also suggested to him, that when he came, he should not drive directly to the Wootton house, but should proceed up a valley in the southern slope of the farm, leave the buggy there and cross the high hill that interposed between the valley and Wootton's house. By this mode of approach he would be enabled to take a comprehensive view of the to take a comprehensive view of the property, and thus save much time which would be spent otherwise in travel and nspection

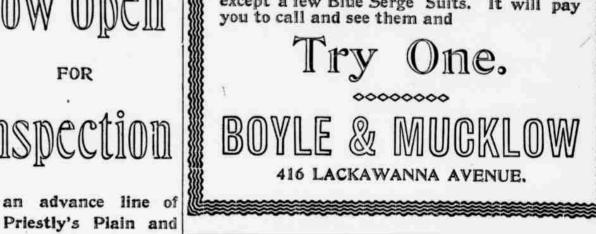
On Feb. 1, 1894, Sanders was at Woot-ton's house and waited the coming of Knausch, as he claimed in the evidence. At noon Rohloff, the farm hand, came in from the field. The dinner was eat-en, and Rohloff went back to his work. sanders agreeing that when he should of seed grain to him upon his buck-board. After Rohloff had gone John Knausch appeared, accompanied by a man named Graves, the two having he would take some sack

crossed the hill. The subject of the sale



We have made another purchase of a manufacturer's entire stock of about 400 Ladies' Dress Skirts, consisting of Heavy. Crask, Duck and Pique, which we will put on sale this morning, August 28th, at

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Called to the bench by appointment has behind him an extended record of two years ago, from a career of active conspicuous and useful public service and successful practice at the bar, it at the national capital. His identifiis simply volcing what will be gladly cation with the cause of immigration attested by colleagues and practitioners alike to say that Judge Willard ex- may be said to be an expert, has been hibited from the first judicial qualities not merely confirming the wisdom of traversed the state and given him his selection but even exceeding the sanguine expectation of his friends, Astute and accurate in his interpretations of the law, he had moreover that practical grasp on the essence of justice which is of paramount value on and his experience in public affairs are any bench. To the adjudication of issues arising from the peculiar con- factional reasons do not finally operate ditions of the anthracite industry he naturally brought special knowledge, undoubtedly make a first-rate goverand much of his time was devoted to nor. cases of this character; but in the general business of the court his clear judgment end sane view of the underlying equities were soon recognized and appreciated, and in his retirement the to be occupied by representative men court will experience a loss of not easily from every section of the commonmeasurable dimensions.

That loss, however, will be Scranton's gain; for it will restore to the bar of sition to make one. The field is open, Lackawanna county easily its foremost the way is clear and it will no doubt representative; and to the community be the public's purpose to continue a citizen whose public spirit constitutes these favorable conditions until it can a resource of inestimable value.

Chicago's Latest Murder Case.

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A trial destined to become famous is now in progress in Chicago. Assuming that not all our readers are familiar with the principal facts in the case a few words in review seem admissible. The defendant, Adolph L. Luetgert, a manufacturer of sausage, is under indictment for the alleged murder of his wife, who was last seen alive in the evening of May 1, when she bade her ers and the free silver issue buried untwelve-year-old sen good night. The prosecution charges that Luctgert is this element which is now in the killed her and destroyed her body in a party saddle in many localities and in vat containing chemicals in his sausage factory. The defense challenges Democrats in those localities will have the prosecution to prove that Mrs. Luctgert is dead.

The two had quarreled. Luctgert had left the home which sheltered his wife and children, and taken up his residence in the sausage factory. The factory had been idle for some weeks prior to May 1, but on that night Luetgert had fires made, and twice during the night sent the night watchman away on errands. Luetgert spent most of the night in the front part of the basement. where the vats are located, and he himself turned on the steam. Several weeks before a laborer named Frank Oberowsky had, under orders from Luetgert, broken up the contents of a barrel of stuff delivered at the factory, different from anything Oberowsky had ever seen used in the manufacture of sausage. This stuff had burned his hands, leaving scars. Later a slimy substance was found in one of the vats. and some of this corrosive chemical. Such are the facts admitted by both sides. The prosecution presents cer- cerning the split infinitive, as used in tain other alleged facts which the defense strenuously disputes. It claims, | tand;" "to fully comprehend." They for example, that in the vat which the police searched were found bits of bone, an artificial tooth and two gold rings. which were afterward identified as theless, the writer who writes chiefly

behind two months on our rent, and Henry is a nephew of the proprietor, he reader can easily see why we hesiate at taking radical measures and placng the compress upon the young musiian's misguided ambition, which is restriction, a subject upon which he iriving us to paresis. Ephriam Pratt, a young upstart from one of the means by which his fame has

Seattle, who is a regular subscriber to Ayer's Almanac and the "Kiondonian," has recently been taking on the airs of strongth politically in quarters where the literati, and has gone so far as to personally he is little known. But his the editor of the "Bug" of plag-We are not at all worried over equipment for the executive office is rism. the prattle of this tenderfoot insect. not limited to a special line of legis-We are willing to wager our weekly pan of nuggets that he does not know the lative work; his mental development eaning of the word "plagarism." Eph's should look after him at once. lends well rounded; and if geographical and He has a bad case of fatty degeneration of the head. to render his candidacy futile, he will

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER.

1-Ye oyster allows his name to appear It has been said of Colonel Stone that he is the "slated" candidate, but this n the R-joke column. 2-Uncle Joe Scranton begins to trade t Mayor Bailey's grocery. assertion is rendered ridiculous by the

obvious fact that in a field likely soon 3-The bugs on the Nay Aug Park oliage become mugwumpish. 4-Colonel Fitzsimmons writes the 5th chapter on the "Life and Times of wealth no slate could at this early time Dick Little. 5-Chief Robling commits the blue laws be made, even if there were a dispo-

o memory. 6-Wyoming county money makers dede to go out of business, as silver is oo cheap to be counterfeited with prof-7-Recorder Candidate Mike Griffin cuts select the candidate most satisfactory

the string on his resignation recently to it and proceed to place him in nomintendered the Democratic party. S-Mr. Garman and Mr. Harrity decide that it will be less expensive to write

There are men in the Democratic on postal cards. 9-Charles Schadt secures the services party of whom it can be said, as it was an expert at opening campaigns. said of the Bourbons of France, that 10-Mr. Vetter's Klondike hase bear-skin overcoats, Vetter's Klondike cadets pur-This class voted for Andrew Jackson until 11-Candidate Horn buys a barrel of ampaign buttons. 12-The good government society re-Blilly Bryan arose, and it will no doubt shout for Bryan and 16 to 1 long after

urns from its summer vacation. 13-Manager Long cuts the councilmen Bryan himself is gathered to his fathdown to one theater pass a week. 14-Editor Boland enters his name as rivate student in the "Times" school of derneath half a century of oblivion. It alamity-howling. 15-City Solicitor McGinley sees the Von Storch joke with sufficient distinctness sheer self respect the sound money

o hazard a smile. 16-Attorney Vidaver re-establishes cor-ital relations and telephone privileges elther to co-operate with the Republicans until the zealots in their own with Manager Silliman of the Traction party run their course and disappear,

17-The fall poet begins to open the or withdraw from political activity alhestnut burr. 18-From various school rooms arise oud reports as the young idea is taught

Says Governor Pingree: "If some shoot 19-The respective candidates for counthing in the nature of the responsibilty office begin to learn new facts in their ity imposed by the national banking wn blographies. 20-The Scranton Times considers the law upon banks could be applied to all advisability of resurrecting Sam Hud-son's campaign cartoonist and the "dolcorporations I believe that much of the

odium which now attaches to corporar a day" fake. ations in general would be removed." 21-Arthur Frothingham's cycle path-way to Hawley confounds the prophets, If Governor Pingree were a corporation doing business in Pennsylvania who scouted its construction. 22-Dr. Swallow teaches the old fash-

he would not have occasion to lament oned calamity howlers a few up-to-date the laxity of legal oversight and interoints 23-The woodchuck and the Scranton ase ball rooter go into winter quarters.

one week from date.

24-Carbondale curfew will not ring to-Will the friends of Harrity in Lackawanna sit quiet while he is being per-25-City Engineer Phillips finds another secuted for having had the courage of shoe-button in the Columbia asphalt and stops the paving on Mulberry street for his convictions?

they neither learn nor forget.

25-Another physician is graduated from the Lackawanna hospital. 27-The board of control votes to raise We notice that a number of grammarlans have flats in each other's hair cona roof garden on the high school and lower the salaries of Grammar A teachsuch phrases as: "To properly under-28-The park commissioners plant a will quarrel, of course, because quar-

patch to summer squashes, winter boom-lets and spring delegates. 29-Janitor Herman Notz washes the reling is part of a grammarian's business; but notwithstanding and neverwindows at No. 10 school. rings which the missing woman wore, for the purpose of conveying thought the fodder, it is shocked

of Wootton's ranch was speedily broached. There was some haggling ov-er the price, when Knausch opened his valise and poured the gold upon the tavalue and poured the gold upon the ta-ble. Wootton became greatly excited and agreed to trade. The papers were pre-pared on the spot. Wootton took the \$20,000 in gold and a check for \$25,000. He was to accompany Sanders and Knausch to Fresno, where it could be cashed. Knausch and Graves left the Knausch and Graves left the ashed. house, walking back over the hill to the valley, where they had left their vchicle. Sanders harnessed his mules to venicie. Sanders namessed his mules to his buckboard, loaded the seed grain for Rohloff, and drove down the road, accompanied by Wootton. The money was in the valise at Wootton's feet, Rohloff had used up his seed grain and Ronioff had used up his seed grain and he noticed Sanders driving hurriedly down the road. When he reached the spot where the grain was to be un-loaded Sanders climbed over the seat of the buckboard, holding the reins in his hand, and without dismounting from the webicle kicked and thrust the sucks to vehicle kicked and thrust the sacks to the ground, some of them striking the barbed-wire fence. The buckboard was then driven hurriedly by Sanders to a gate, which was closed. Here Sanders, dismounted, opened the gate, through, closed the gate, and drove and the climbed into the buckboard and drove off; not once during these operations re-leasing his hold on the reins, Rohloff noticed that Wootton, whose habit it was never to leave the ranch without informing the hired man of the date of his return, sat stiffly in the scat, starng straight ahead. When Sanders drove away from the



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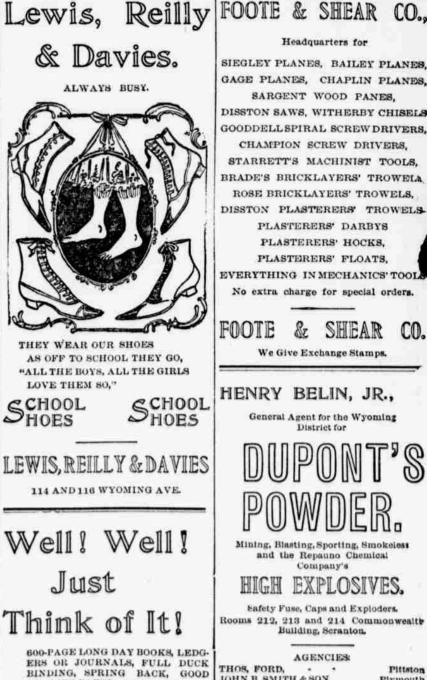
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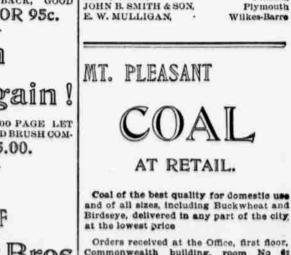
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