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THE REPUBLICAN TICKET. State. State Treasurer—J. S. BEACOM, of Westmoreland. Auditor General—LEVI G. McCULLY, of Chester.

County. Sheriff—CLARENCE E. PRYOR, of Scranton. District Attorney—JOHN B. JONES, of Blakely.

Principle at Stake. Even if the representation were true that this is "merely a local fight with no bearing on national issues," why should any Republican prefer Schadt to Pryor, Horn to Jones, Norton to Copeland, Kelly to Langstaff, or other nominees on the Bryanite ticket to their equally worthy and deserving Republican competitors?

Pneumatic Mail Carrying. That was certainly an interesting occasion in New York the other day when, in the presence of representatives of the United States government and prominent New York business and professional men gathered in one of the main rooms of the general postoffice building, the first public exhibition was given of the new pneumatic system of forwarding mail from the central office to the postal sub-stations in the territory soon to be known as greater New York.

The first article transmitted by this system was a Bible wrapped in an American flag. It made the journey in the round, air-tight tubes from the general postoffice building to the sub-station in the Produce Exchange, distant more than a mile, in a minute and a quarter. Other objects thus transported during the exhibition test were a live cat, a box of peaches for Chauncey Depew, a miniature elephant for Senator Platt, a Tammany tiger for Judge Van Wyck, a suit of clothes for Mayor Strong, a gold brick from Klondike for W. J. Arkell and a variety of other things selected with a view to lending humor to the occasion.

The credit for first suggesting in this country the pneumatic transmission of mail for short distances belongs, we believe, to Hon. James N. Tynner, who served as postmaster general in the cabinet of President Grant. The credit for working this suggestion out to a successful practical conclusion belongs to a company of enterprising men of whom John E. Millholland, of the New York Tribune, has been most active and influential.

The State Campaign. The claims of the Republican nominees for state office this fall, Mr. Beacom and Major McCauley, upon the full support of their party should not be ignored.

by McKinley they will indicate a reversal of sentiment away from McKinley to Bryan. This is Garman's hope. It is also what Dr. Swallow and Mr. Thompson, the Pittsburg Independent, are working to accomplish, although they do not announce it as their purpose.

We have had in the past year or two a good deal of factional mud-slinging at the conduct by the Republican party of the state treasury. Old slanders have been revived and new ones coined, yet it is a fact that since 1890, although there has passed through the hands of the treasury department at Harrisburg over \$400,000,000 of state funds the total loss sustained by the commonwealth in that whole period of 77 years has been less than \$10,000—\$9,421.61 to be exact—a loss occasioned by the failure of a bank made a special depository under act of assembly.

Accepted as Issues. Messrs. Bailey and Boland are not such terrible men after all. Their only offense is that, with the help of a good many Democrats and Republicans they gave the Republican machine, not the Republican party, a sound thrashing which it well deserved in January of last year.

On the Run. Challenged to substantiate its reckless and defamatory assertions touching Republican campaign methods, the local organ of Bryanism seeks evasion in far-off generalities and in pitiable attempts to be funny.

Not a word dare it utter concerning the notorious processes in progress at the Schadt headquarters and in Schadt's interest throughout the county. Not a syllable dare it venture in denial of the gross treachery of which its chief candidate and ally has repeatedly been guilty toward Irish-American candidates in the past.

The belief that party loyalty is unnecessary save in presidential years is absurd when you reflect that presidential victories are won in consequence of the organization of party forces achieved and perfected between times. Ought a soldier to desert to the enemy or go home as soon as his side wins a big battle?

"Destination, Court House." It is a fact worthy of especial note that the Republican candidates for prothonotary, Mr. Copeland, is the only active railroad nominator for a county office by either party in years.

"John Copeland is probably one of the best known railroad men in this section of the state. He is a resident of Carbondale, where he has lived all his life and holds the good will of all to whom he is known. Mr. Copeland, or 'Jack,' as he is universally known, and seems to prefer being called, began his railroad career as tool boy in a section gang on the Delaware and Hudson gravity road at Carbondale, when he was 12 years of age.

We always suspected that the daily Bryan organ was a terror in argument; a regular wild man of Borneo in debate; but now that it has risen to the intellectual height of advising an opponent to seek his head we stand in new awe of it. On this lofty plane of discussion what else is there to say?

We find it difficult to please our good neighbor, the editor of the Times. One day he gleefully accepts Bailey, Boland and the city hall gang as an issue in the present campaign; as, indeed, they are, since it is Bailey's police force, Boland's brains and Robinson's money, along with Schadt's, that is making the fight—and then, a day or two after,

does not exist, and in the twenty or more years that he has served the Delaware and Hudson company as yard master not a single unmanly action on his part can be faulted against him.

A POLITICAL POINTER. If you endorse the free trade and free-silver Chicago platform as the Lackawanna Democracy does, "fully and without reserve," then work and vote for Schadt, Horn, et al. If you believe in McKinley, protection and prosperity, turn those agents of Bryan

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and behold! he tears his hair and begs off, alleging that "Bailey, Boland, et al. are not in this campaign as candidates and cannot be said to be among the issues."

That was a very pertinent question which General Garman raised in New York, day before yesterday, when in an authorized interview strongly endorsing the majority candidacy of General Tracy he asked: "What has the Republican party done since to forfeit the confidence of those who voted its ticket in 1896?"

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