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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

GOVERNOR,
WILLIAM A. STONE.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,
J. P. S. GOBIN.

SECRETARY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS,
JAMES W. LATTA.

JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT,
WILLIAM W. PORTER.
WILLIAM D. PORTER.

CONGRESSMEN-AT-LARGE,
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COUNTY.

CONGRESS,
JOSEPH E. THROPP, of Bedford County.

STATE SENATE,
JOHN S. WELLER, of Bedford County.

ASSEMBLY,
WM. H. KOONTZ, Somerset.
S. A. KENDALL, Meyersdale.

ASSOCIATE JUDGE,
A. F. DICKEY, Somerset Township.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
RUFUS E. MEYERS, Somerset.

POOR DIRECTOR,
ADAM S. MILLER, Somerset Township.

THE figures thus far indicate that the mortality of the war with Spain will be the lowest on record for the American army.

IT IS a safe proposition that the Congress to be elected in November ought to be and will be in harmony with President McKinley.

THE candidate who is said to be "in the hands of his friends," often sincerely wishes before the campaign is over that others had charge of him.

ELECTION day falls on the eighth of November this year, as late in the month as it can come under the law which fixes it to come on the Tuesday after the first Monday.

IN THE siege of Port Hudson during the civil war 4,000 Union soldiers died from disease in a total of 17,000 men. That is double the whole mortality list of the war with Spain.

SENATOR KYLE, of South Dakota, has had enough of free coinage, and is back in the Republican ranks. A Republican majority in the next Senate has become absolutely certain.

AT A meeting of the Democratic Senatorial Conference for this district, held at Bedford on Saturday last, the nomination was loaded on to 'Squire I. M. Hoover, of Hooversville, this county, after it had been tendered to a number of Somerset and Bedford attorneys, all of whom declined with thanks. The majority against the genial 'Squire on November 8th will be so overwhelming that he will wonder what he was running for, and why he ran.

THE Democratic Congressional Conference for this district, which was in session at the Somerset House for several days last week, concluded its labors on Thursday night by the unanimous nomination of James M. Walters, Esq., of Johnstown. Mr. Walters is a genial young gentleman, but he will not be elected to Congress this year—some other year, perhaps.

On the same day the Prohibitionists named as their candidate for Congress Mr. John J. Irwin, of Blair county, thus completing the congressional nominations so far as the Twentieth Pennsylvania district is concerned.

THE Republican ticket, so far as this congressional district is concerned, is now complete, and the work of organization and preparation for an active campaign that will insure the success of the whole ticket can be earnestly begun. The deadlock that existed in the Congressional Conference, in session at Johnstown, which threatened to leave the party without a regularly nominated candidate for Congress, and that delayed the opening of the campaign in this district, was happily broken last Wednesday night by the nomination of Mr. Joseph E. Thropp, of Bedford county, on the 87th ballot. The announcement that a nomination has been made, and that an unseemly wrangle like that of two years ago, when the party was left without a regularly nominated candidate, has been avoided, will be received with pleasure throughout the Twentieth Congressional district. Mr. Thropp's election will follow as a matter of course.

GENERAL WILEY has made to Secretary Alger, who is now examining the camps in the West and South, some grave charges of mismanagement against the men in the medical and other departments in the army. He describes the state of affairs at Chickamauga when the troops were there as very bad. The men were compelled to work hard, he says, and when they fell exhausted by the heat there were no litters to carry them to the hospitals, and no nurses, and they were compelled to suffer for hours without attention. He asked, he says, for boilers, so the water from the shallow wells might be boiled for the men, but the quartermasters said none could be had. Of the medical director at Chickamauga General Wiley said: "That man is a veterinary surgeon, and I doubt if he could doctor anything above a horse. He had no military training whatever. When he was asked for disinfectants for sinks he said disinfectants were not needed." These are serious matters, and if the charges are established they will explain much of the horrible condition of affairs at Chickamauga. If the President's commission can get the testimony of men like General Wiley it can make an interesting report.

ELSEWHERE we publish a very interesting letter written by Mr. Frank Willing Leach to Senator Quay, which we commend to the careful perusal of our readers. Leach was for a number of years Senator Quay's political secretary, but deserted him two years ago to become manager of John Wanamaker's campaign when he was a candidate for United States Senator. He says he leaves the Wanamaker machine because it is allying itself with Democrats to elect a Democratic Legislature. He says, moreover, that Quay, far from being the dictatorial "boss" that he is charged with being, does not do enough bossing, but leaves too much of the political work he should do himself to others much less capable. As to the last Legislature, he says it was worse than its predecessors only in reputation which was obtained through an information bureau of which he was manager, and which sent out letters to over a hundred country papers not usually represented at Harrisburg. One thing more he says: That the two leaders in the matter of honest legislation were not of the "seventy-six," did not vote for Wanamaker, but did vote for Penrose. It is a very interesting letter, coming, as it does, from one who has been in the secrets of both political factions in this State. He leaves the Wanamaker people, he says, because they are trying to elect a Democratic Legislature, which means one more Democrat in the United States Senate.

THE following, from the Lehigh Register, is so nearly our own view of the political situation in this State that we adopt it as our own:

It is not supposable that with momentous territorial and other war problems awaiting solution at the hands of the next Congress any Republican will become indifferent to the necessity of reinforcing the President by a congressional majority in sympathy with his views; yet the light vote cast in the Vermont and Maine elections suggests that Republicans elsewhere should not overlook the national aspects of the approaching November election.

In this State the gubernatorial and legislative battle has become, through no fault of the Republican party, one very largely factional in its character. A noisy element, though professing to be Republican on national issues, is effecting in many legislative districts fusion with the Democrats, Prohibitionists and Independents with the purpose of undermining the Republican party organization. Beaten in open State convention, after a fair canvass, these representatives of a disaffected faction are now seeking revenge at the polls by engineering alliances with the common political enemy. In at least one congressional district they have set up a stump candidate against the regular Republican candidate, and while the latter will probably pull through, saving a vote to the National Administration, no thanks will be due to the factionists now striving to encompass his defeat. Doubtless as the campaign progresses similar tactics will be employed elsewhere, and it therefore becomes essential that Republicans whose party affiliation rests on belief in Republican principles should everywhere solidify with a view to defending their own.

The Democratic party can not make any gains in Pennsylvania this fall unless helped to them by Republican aid. Whatever gains it shall make by such aid will be held by it in future to the detriment of Republican interests. Guerilla warfare where national issues are involved does not promote genuine political reform, but only embarrasses. *Party disturbers can not weaken the party at one point and expect it to remain strong at another.* If they are sincere in their professions of loyalty to the party on national issues they will limit their efforts at State readjustment within party lines, and avoid alliances with the enemy. Their refusal to conserve the national interests of the party should be taken by good Republicans as a signal to withdraw from further identification with them and to align for party defense.

In solving the problems growing out of the war, the Administration needs behind it the support of a united party. Some Democrats are broad enough to avoid partisan obstruction of the President's plans, but the majority of them, if history furnishes any warrant for prophecy, will be, as in the past, "agin the Government." This certainly makes necessary an unbroken Republican front.

It Needs no Bush.

That is by high authority said of good wine. It is quite as applicable to men, parties and all the things that go to make life pleasant and agreeable. Though we have not seen the honesty of Candidate Swallow questioned, that gentleman seems to think it necessary to inform the people wherever he goes that he represents political honesty. Mr. Jenks has taken up the same role. But as he represents a certain well-known political party whose record is full of dishonest practices and conduct, for which its leaders have asked oblivion for the last thirty years, we recognize the necessity for the bush over the threshold of its abiding place. Mr. Swallow's party has never administered publicly, and therefore can not be arraigned for dishonesty. His party has no history, and need not be impeached of plundering schemes. But honesty is of various kinds. A man might scorn to rob a till, pick a pocket or loot a bank or a treasury, yet be all the same a stranger to moral honesty. If Mr. Swallow would be as careless in administering State affairs as he has been in the matter of the reputations of others, the honest men in this State do not want him for Governor. If he thinks money is more sacred and valuable than reputation, his party, if honest, should repudiate his leadership. He is very free to charge business dishonesty upon other people, but we have not seen in any of his utterances anything more than loose general charges. He admits that he does not mean that the State has lost money by stealing. He says that this is not the charge. If there has been no loss by stealing, we can not understand how the State has suffered any money loss from anybody.

It is apparent that if deliberate deception of the public, or the attempt to deceive, is dishonest, then the continual protest against dishonesty urged by Mr. Jenks and Dr. Swallow has some reason at the bottom. They are both depending upon a false impression to be created and directed against the Republican party. Yet the party that is held up as a model by Mr. Jenks had pretty much its own way for upwards of thirty years in Pennsylvania. In that time it should have made some reputation for honest and economical management. Did it make such a reputation? The records show whether it did or not, and the records show that after thirty years it left the State with a funded debt of forty millions, and all it had to show was a few dry ditches and perhaps a few big fortunes accumulated by its leaders. The Republican party came into power in 1861, and set about paying off that burdensome debt. It found the lands of the farmers burdened with stated taxes and put the burden upon corporations. It has not only paid the debt rolled up by the party of Mr. Jenks, but a big war debt, due to the dishonesty of the same party.—North American.

A Great Zoological Garden.

The Zoological Society of New York propose to construct what will probably be the finest zoological garden in the world in Bronx Park, New York, and under the direction of the executive committee the plans are being fully elaborated. The society expects to open the garden to the public in a satisfactory way on May 1, 1899. While the work is progressing with all due rapidity and zeal, the old and well approved plan of relieving biliousness and constipation through the beneficent agency of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters finds general recognition. This excellent family medicine is a safeguard against malaria and rheumatism, and removes indigestion and nervousness. It invigorates the system through the medium of improved digestion and appetite, fortifies it against disease, and counteracts the effects of overwork, mental or physical. A wineglassful before retiring engenders health-yielding and strength-giving sleep. Let it have the persistent and systematic trial that it deserves.

THROPP THE WINNER.

Joseph E.'s Pale Knocks the Persimmon.

Joseph E. Thropp, of Everett, Bedford county, was nominated as the Republican candidate for Congress in the Twentieth district of Pennsylvania on the 87th ballot at Johnstown, Wednesday night.

The nomination was made on the first ballot taken Wednesday night. The Cambria county conferrees voted for their candidate, Mr. Evans. The Somerset conferrees cast their ballots for Thropp, and the Blair county men voted next and for Thropp. Mr. Thropp's conferrees, of course, voted for him and his nomination was secured. A motion to make the nomination unanimous prevailed.

As soon as Mr. Thropp had been notified of the nomination he went into the conference room and made a speech of acceptance, followed by the other three candidates, each of whom pledged their support of the ticket and promised to work for its success.

G. A. R. Comrades Picnic.

The Grand Army picnic, arranged for by comrades Dr. McKinley and Harrison Berkey, who are Aids on the staff of the department of Pennsylvania, was held in Hay's grove, Rockwood, Pa., on Friday, September 23d, according to previous announcement. There were present Grand Army men and their wives, old soldiers, members of Company I, Fifth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, and citizens in general. While the gathering was not as large in consequence of the rain as it would have been on a fair day, there were people enough together to thoroughly enjoy the occasion. How old soldiers do greet one another anyhow! And how much good it seems to do them to get together! Nor does it appear to make much difference whether they have met before or not. The Grand Army badge or button represents a bond that exists independently of personal acquaintance. The relation of these men is simply a perpetual comradeship.

Besides the social features, the Rockwood Cornet Band entertained the assembly with a superior order of music, which was greatly enjoyed. A company of Colored Glee Singers were also present and added much to the musical entertainment by their pretty rendering of "America" and one of their glees.

The commissary department of the picnic was, however, the center of interest at noon, and it was certainly managed to better satisfaction than that of the late Spanish-American war is said to have been. Comrade Zach. Snyder, of the Rockwood Post, was the commissary, in fact Comrade Snyder was the commissary department himself. He was a sight worth seeing as he beamed on the hungry comrades from behind two great kettles of pork and beans, ladleing their savory contents into tin cups for them; and then such coffee as decocted in a third kettle! It verily discounted the fabled nectar of the Olympian gods themselves, and was drink fit for a king. Certainly the old soldiers standing, sitting and strolling about with tin cups of beans, coffee and hunks of fat pork reminded one more forcibly of thirty-five years ago than did any other thing during the day.

The army fare, thus so kindly provided by the good people of Rockwood, could be supplemented by those who had not cared to bring baskets from a nearby stand, whose sandwiches, pies and other picnic fare was to be had to suit one's fancy.

At 2 o'clock p. m., the bugle sounded the "assembly" and a meeting was organized, with Dr. McKinley as chairman and Rev. King as secretary, to consider any measure that might be taken to increase interest in the Grand Army. Remarks were made by comrades Marshall, King, Lavan, Casebeer, Mostoller, Mountain, Hoffman and Farquhar. The sentiment appearing to be in favor of an organization, it was resolved to form an association to be known as the Grand Army Association of Somerset County. Dr. McKinley was elected president of the Association, and Mr. Jacob Zorn, secretary.

To carry into effect the purpose of the organization, each G. A. R. Post in the county was requested to designate one comrade to serve on an Executive Committee, who, together with the officers of the association, shall arrange for an annual picnic. The president is ex officio chairman of the committee.

Death of Dr. Apple.

Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D. D., Ph. D., LL. D., died Saturday morning 17th inst., at 3:45 o'clock at his home on the College campus at Lancaster, Pa., at the age of 68 years. Many readers of the HERALD will learn with regret of the death of this noted theologian, philosopher preacher and educator. After Dr. Nevin, Dr Rauch and Dr. Schaff, Dr. Apple was one of the most efficient and prominent expounders of the Christological system of philosophy and theology and wrought effectually to establish the Reformed Church in the United States on this solid basis.

Dr. Apple was graduated from Mercersburg College in 1850; he taught in Easton Academy; he labored in the ministry at Greensburg, Mechanicsburg and Greencastle, Pa.; he was President of Mercersburg College from 1858 to 1871; he was called to the chair of Church History and New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; he succeeded Dr. Nevin in the Presidency of Franklin and Marshall College in 1877 and served till 1886. While President of Franklin and Marshall College Dr. Apple continued to teach in the theological seminary as before and in addition taught ethics, æsthetics and moral philosophy in the College.

Dr. Apple became widely known as a writer and preacher. His writings and sermons were always able productions, and clear and logical in style. As a preacher he was calm and collected. He was not a sensational speaker, but he was lucid, vigorous and earnest, and his discourses never failed to interest his congregations. No one who honestly gave him his attention could fail to be edified.

After the death of Dr. Harbaugh, in 1867, Dr. Apple became editor of the Mercersburg Review, now the Reformed Quarterly Review, to which able theological periodical he was for many years a prominent contributor. He held this position until a few years ago.

Dr. Apple was also one of the more conspicuous figures in the important proceedings of General Synod some years ago when the policy of the Church as to doctrine and worship was to some extent settled. He was sent to represent the Church at the Reformed Alliance in Philadelphia in 1880, and the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance in Belfast in 1884.

Tortured Farmer's Vendetta.

SHARON, Pa., Sept 21.—Michael Slater, a farmer, and his wife, living near here, were tortured and robbed a year ago by five masked men, who stole several hundred dollars and watches. Slater was six weeks in bed. He swore that he would hunt the thieves down if it took him the rest of his life. He recently dreamed where some of the plunder was hidden, and two of the stolen watches were found. James Ross, John Shannon and David Swagger were then arrested at Meadville.

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WANAMAKER EVADES A JOINT DEBATE.

He Declines to Meet Chairman Elkin on the Platform.

COL. STONE ANSWERS SWALLOW.

(Special Correspondence.)

Philadelphia, Sept. 26.—The two significant events of the week, politically, aside from the satisfactory consummation of the Republican harmony program in Philadelphia upon the lines predicted some weeks ago in this correspondence, were John Wanamaker's avoidance of a joint debate with State Chairman Elkin in Media on Saturday and Colonel Stone's crushing rejoinder to Swallow.

The crank candidate for governor issued a public challenge to the Republican candidate to hold several debates with him on a carefully prepared list of charges. In the main they are the same old charges which he published in his newspaper last winter, for which publication he was convicted of criminal libel and is now awaiting sentence.

He was then unable to produce any evidence in support of them, even enough to acquit him of malicious intent in publishing them, and Colonel Stone promptly turned his letter over to the district attorney of Dauphin county, properly holding that if the charges were true the only effect of a public debate, with an exhibition of the testimony, would be to give warning to the defendants in advance of arrest and enable them to escape justice. Following is Colonel Stone's letter:

Philadelphia, Sept. 23, 1898.

Rev. S. C. Swallow:

My Dear Sir: My attention has been called to a published letter dated Sept. 21 and addressed to me in which you challenge joint discussion upon what you claim to be the issues in this campaign. I am not surprised that you have omitted prohibition as an issue, but I am surprised that the Prohibition party which nominated you upon that issue should so soon forget the purposes and objects of their organization and follow you in a crusade which entirely ignores prohibition. You challenge me to discuss 12 declarations, or charges upon the stump. All of your 12 declarations charge crimes and misdemeanors which may be severely punished under the laws of the state.

You do not name the offenders nor the time when these crimes and misdemeanors were committed, but claim to have evidence to substantiate them. I have no such knowledge, except your unsupported statements which you have heretofore made, but have been unable to sustain in the courts. If you have such knowledge of crimes committed, and have such evidence, it is your duty, not only as a good citizen, but as a Christian minister, to lay the evidence before the grand jury of your county. The witnesses which you propose to call in joint debate will be sufficient to obtain an indictment if they are sufficient to convince an intelligent audience of the truth of your charges.

That is the proper tribunal to hear and determine the truth of these charges, and that is the proper course for you to pursue, instead of undertaking on the stump to prejudice the people against candidates whom you do not charge with committing the crimes or with knowledge of them. I have, therefore, taken the liberty to refer your letter to the district attorney of Dauphin county, where you reside, for such action as he may take in the matter, assuring you that if I am elected governor of Pennsylvania I will heartily co-operate in all cases to bring guilty parties to justice and punish all crimes against the state.

Truly yours,
WILLIAM A. STONE.

The care with which Mr. Wanamaker avoids public cross examination upon the reckless assertions he has been making since he missed the United States senatorship and the gubernatorial nomination is succinctly set forth in the following report of the committee which sought to arrange a joint debate on Saturday:

William L. Mathues, Esq., Chairman Republican Executive Committee of Delaware County, Media, Pa.

Dear Sir: At a meeting of your executive committee, held in the court house, Media, on the evening of the 21st inst., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of this committee that an independent meeting has been advertised to take place at the courthouse, Media, Pa., on Saturday evening, Sept. 24, at which the Hon. John Wanamaker has been invited to speak and discuss the issues of the campaign; and

"Whereas, There are questions at issue in this campaign in which all are interested; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the chairman appoint a committee of three (3) to confer with the committee in charge of said meeting, and also with the Hon. John Wanamaker and the Hon. John P. Elkin, chairman of the Republican state committee, and arrange, if possible, to have both gentlemen appear at said meeting and discuss the issues of the campaign in a joint debate, in order that the people may have an opportunity of hearing both sides."

The undersigned were appointed in pursuance of the above resolution as a committee to wait upon Mr. Wanamaker and Mr. Elkin and arrange for the joint discussion at the time stated. On Thursday morning, the 22d inst., your committee went to the city of Philadelphia and called at the office of Mr. Wanamaker. He was absent and it was reported that we could not see him until Friday morning. On Friday morning, at 10 o'clock, we again called on Mr. Wanamaker at his office. We found him in and made known to him the wishes of the Republicans of Delaware county in the matter of having a joint discussion. He then asked if the state chairman was willing. We informed him we would see. We immediately went over to the Republican headquarters and found the chairman at his desk. We made known to him our desire that he would meet Mr. Wanamaker in joint discussion at the courthouse in Media, as per the resolution. He promptly accepted the invitation and addressed the following letter to your committee:

Gentlemen: I am in receipt of your invitation to meet the Hon. John Wanamaker in joint discussion of the political issues of the present campaign at the courthouse in Media on Saturday evening, the 24th of September. I hereby accept the invitation. It would afford me much pleasure to meet Mr. Wanamaker at that time or any other time during the present campaign to refute the charges that he has been making against the Republican party of this state. Very respectfully yours,

JOHN P. ELKIN, Chairman.

Your committee then reported the acceptance of Chairman Elkin to Mr. Wanamaker at the office of the latter. Mr. Wanamaker replied that he would not enter into a discussion of this kind unless the committee of his friends having in charge the mass meeting at Media so directed. We then called up by 'phone Captain Albert Magnin, of Darby, who was the committee appointed to make arrangements for the Wanamaker meeting. When told that Chairman Elkin had accepted the invitation to enter into the joint discussion with Mr. Wanamaker and that Mr. Wanamaker referred the matter to him, Captain Magnin refused to make arrangements for the joint discussion on the grounds that he had no authority to do so.

We have labored faithfully to carry out the instructions of your committee and arrange for a joint discussion of the issues involved between the parties above mentioned. It is due to State Chairman Elkin to say that from the first he expressed a hearty willingness to meet Mr. Wanamaker and discuss the Wanamaker meeting at Media, as well as Mr. Wanamaker himself, showed a disposition to evade the responsibility of a joint discussion at that time.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee—John L. Hawthorne, chairman; Edward S. Hickman, Charles M. Wagner.

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Political Notes.

The Johnstown Tribune says: 'Mr. Joseph E. Thropp, the Republican candidate for Congress in this District, has nothing to fear from his pronounced enemies—the Democratic politicians—but well may he pray "Defend me from my friends" when the Philadelphia Press takes him in its keeping. There is no probability of Mr. Thropp's defeat, in spite of the "support" of the Press, and even with that we don't think his plurality can be less than ten thousand, but it should be fifteen thousand."

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At the Prohibition and anti Quay convention held in Huntingdon county on Saturday Robert S. Leeds, one of the nominees for Assembly on the Democratic ticket, withdrew, and Rev. L. M. Smith, a Prohibitionist and Wanamaker Republican, was named, and the candidacy of Alexander Denny, the other Democratic nominee for the same office, was indorsed.

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Doesn't it seem strange to have a real, live, regular candidate for Congress?

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Bro. Hicks is nothing if not graceful. The spectacle of his extending the glad hand to Bro. Thropp was worth living many years to see. As a Congressman he has had more than his share of shortcomings, but, now that he is out, we have no hesitancy in attesting to the fact that he has proved a mighty hard man to whip, and that he accepts defeat with the proper spirit of a good fighter.—Altoona Gazette.

News Items.

The Emperor of China has resigned his power to the Dowager Empress, who has ordered the ministers to deliver to her in future their official reports.

Admiral Cervera arrived at Madrid on Thursday. In an interview he said he had a clear conscience regarding Santiago. Nations, he said, grow great by their victories and not by their defeats, however glorious they might be. Spain had lived in a dream, and she now had to face a reality. The admiral added that his warships were not destroyed in battle, but by fire.

Two men were instantly killed at the Pittsburg Exposition Thursday night while giving an exhibition of a sham naval battle.

President McKinley has notified the Spanish that they must begin the evacuation of Cuba and Porto Rico not later than October 15th, and must have withdrawn all of their military forces before December 31st.

Col. Willis J. Hulings, of the Sixteenth Pennsylvania, has been promoted to be a Brigadier-General of Volunteers. Col. Hulings was at the front of the fighting in Porto Rico.

In the October Ladies' Home Journal Edward Bok devotes much of his editorial page to showing country girls and women the way to make their lives mean more—how they can partake more fully of the true enjoyments of life. He has prescribed a method of country living which can readily and profitably be pursued, and which will go far toward the emancipation of the country woman from much of the drudgery, and lighten the isolation of farm life.

The commission appointed to investigate the administration of the war department is announced as follows: Maj.-Gen. Greenville M. Dodge, Maj. Gen. A. McD. McCook, Brig. Gen. John M. Wilson, Maj Stephen C. Mills, Charles Denby, Gen. James A. Beaver, Capt E. P. Howell and Col. James A. Sexton. The commission has already organized and will enter upon its duties immediately. The President feels that the verdict of the commission will be accepted by all fair minded persons.

Not for fifty years has cotton been so low in price as it is to-day, 5 7 16 cents.

Eight men were killed and nineteen remain unaccounted for as the result of an explosion of gas in a coal mine near Brownsville, Pa., on Friday.

The government has awarded contracts for 9 torpedo boats and 16 destroyers.

General Garcia, the insurgent leader, who, with his troops, withdrew from Santiago in bad temper on July 17th, returned Friday morning, when he was received by General Lawton. His return excited great enthusiasm among the Cubans.

The American Peace Commission arrived in London Saturday and will proceed to Paris immediately.

The Spanish cruiser Infanta Maria Teresa was floated Sunday morning and Lieutenant Hobson has made good his pledge to save her, despite the reiterated statements from officers higher than himself that it was impossible. She is now in Guantanamo bay, where she is being prepared to sail north under her own steam.

It has been hinted by some that the soldiers who are home on a furlough wear their uniforms more for show while at home than anything else. So long as a soldier is on the rolls in service he is compelled to wear his uniform, and the minute he takes it off he is liable to be arrested by a Constable or provost officer and returned to his camp. A reward of $10 is always paid for such arrests.

If a newspaper makes a mistake the average reader looks upon it as an extraordinary and uncalled for error. A newspaper advertises its own mistakes. If an invidual makes a mistake no one but himself, and possibly one or two others, know it. How mad would these people get if a newspaper published some of their mistakes in with their other doings? A certain lawyer in town would have got very mad if a newspaper had published the following portion of his speech before a jury and had given him credit: "He wears the same clothes then as he wore now." But everybody is susceptible of these blunders.—Ex.

Potatoes should be dug when the stem begins to turn yellow rather than wait until the top dies down, as they will be more liable to rot if left in the soil. Put the tubers in the shade to dry and store them in a cool place and in a manner to prevent them from heating.

BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD.

Knights Templar Triennial Conclave.

Pittsburg, Pa., October 10 14, 1898.

For the Knights Templar Triennial Conclave, to be held at Pittsburg, Pa., from October 10th to 14th, 1898, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad will sell tickets from all points east of the Ohio River at One Lowest First Class Fare for the Round Trip, good going on October 8th to 13th, inclusive, and good returning leaving Pittsburg to and including October 17th, 1898, except by depositing ticket with Joint Agent at Pittsburg not earlier than October 13th nor later than October 17th, and on payment of fifty (50) cents, return limit of ticket may be extended to leave Pittsburg to and including October 31st, 1898.

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