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THE country is now convinced that the sun of Free Silver has set never to rise again.

With official returns from 44 counties, 23 unofficial, Col. W. A. Stone's plurality is 120,404.

THANKSGIVING DAY ought to be especially fervent in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines.

THE next presidential election will show this country just as firm for Sound Money as did the last.

THE result in Nevada is still in doubt. When Free Silver wabbles in the sage brush the end is not far away.

THE Republican plurality in Ohio is 61,000, against 28,000 last year, and 47,000 in 1896. It is scarcely worth while to talk further about Free Silver in that State.

THE reported pluralities in the recent election foot up 733,000 Republican, 486,000 Democratic, giving the Republicans a lead on the popular vote of 247,000.

YOUNG BAILEY chides the people for their lack of independence in voting. The trouble is, the independent voter of the South is usually so full of buckshot that he can't get to the polls.

In 1892 the Democrats of Connecticut gave Cleveland 82,787 votes. The Democratic vote this year was 64,251. It is a fair specimen of the effects of the Chicago platform.

THE Wanamaker followers are advising their members of the Legislature not to go into the Republican caucus. Of course; but if they had the majority how they would denounce such a suggestion.

THE London papers express the belief that the Spanish commissioners will finally yield to the American demands. This opinion has been held from the start. The point is not so much whether Spanish pride will yield, but how long American patience will hold out. The final result never was in doubt.

THE enemy's country is nearer home to Bryan than it was in 1896. It is north, south, east and west of him. It is in his own State, for the most important office to be filled by the Nebraska election, that for United States Senator, was carried by the Republicans. Except in a few very small spots the entire United States is in 1898 the enemy's country to all repudiators, money sharps and financial bunko men.

SECRETARY of the Navy Long says the general purpose of the McKinley administration is to provide revenue laws, to maintain the national credit, and abundantly supply the national treasury, promote the industrial and commercial welfare of the country, safeguard the soundness of the currency and encourage the unification of all sections of the country. The program has been steadily adhered to and a successful war fought in addition.

JAMES ISRAEL, the well-known political writer for the Pittsburg Dispatch, in a recent forecast of probable Republican nominations to fill prospective vacancies on the Superior Court bench, presents the name of District Attorney Robert S. Murphy, of Cambria county, and adds that the name of Mr. Murphy is being favorably considered by the State Republican leaders. The nomination of Mr. Murphy would be a fitting recognition of a section of the State that has not been honored with a representative on the Superior Court bench, and at the same time would be a merited tribute to the conceded legal ability of one of the most promising young men of the Commonwealth. In addition to his recognized legal attainments Mr. Murphy is a dignified, genial gentleman, one who wins friends wherever he goes.

IT IS ridiculous for the Mugwumps in this State to attempt to control the Legislature, says the Harrisburg Telegraph. The majority of the men elected to the Legislature from Pennsylvania are Republicans who believe in the rule of the majority, and they have been caucus men all their lives. They will go into the caucus for Speaker and United States Senator, and whatever a majority of the caucus decides to do, all will stand by that decision, and the Mugwumps and Democrats combined cannot control matters. Men who have been fighting the regular Republican organization for years are now arrogating to themselves the right to reap the fruits of the great victory in this State. They will wake up before long to find how badly they have fooled themselves. The next Legislature will be organized and controlled by Republicans, and that is all there is about it. Any attempts to bring about anything else will result in failure.

THE anti-Quay leaders believe they will succeed in forming a combination with the Democrats to control the House. They offer to divide the offices and committee honors with them if they will vote for Gen. W. H. Koontz, of Somerset, for Speaker. The Democratic leaders favor the proposition, as they have everything to gain and nothing to lose. The question with them, though, is whether they can induce all their colleagues to make such a bargain.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Items like the above, which appear almost daily in the Democratic and Wanamaker papers of the State, must be extremely distasteful to Assemblyman-elect Koontz, who was elected by Republican votes and was instructed by popular vote as well as by resolution of the Republican County Committee to support M. S. Quay for United States Senator. Writers of these items either do not understand the circumstances surrounding the election of Assemblyman Koontz, or they have formed a mean estimate of his Republicanism when they suggest that he will not carry out the expressed will of his constituents, but that he will forsake the party that elevated him and will join hands with the Democrats in the organization of the House and the election of a United States Senator.

DISCREET persons will resist the temptation to write the obituary of the Democratic party at this time, but the temptation is certainly great. The Democracy, in its long and crooked career, has often seemed to be at death's door, but it has never been closer to the graveyard than it appears to be at this moment. In 1864 it carried only three out of twenty-five States, but eleven States in the Democratic region were out of the Union at that time, and the Democracy had a reasonable assurance that it would regain most of these when they got back to their old places. Moreover, the Democracy at that time had a few able and courageous leaders, while no men of that quality are in sight at this moment. In the places once adorned by such men as Jackson, Calhoun and Jefferson Davis there are now Bryan, Bailey, Stone and Altgeld. Such a fall as this would seem to portend death, yet the Democracy has broken out of the hands of the gravedigger so often that it may elude that personage now. It is hard to see what particular good the Bryanites can do in the world, but in a republic two parties are necessary, and the Democracy is probably as well qualified to play the role of an obstructionist as any party could be which would be founded on its ruins.

IN THE election of 1898 no State is more conspicuous than Kansas. The heartiest congratulations of the Republican party are due for decisive support at an important crisis. There was nothing half-way about the triumph in Kansas. It was practically a clean sweep. A Republican plurality of 15,739 has taken the place of the Bryan plurality of 12,269. Republican State officers from Governor down will succeed Fusionists. The Legislature is Republican on joint ballot. Beyond all this is a result of the highest national importance. Two years ago the Kansas Republicans elected but two of eight Congressmen. This year they elected seven. The gain of five seats in a House so closely balanced is a matter of the first moment. Full control of all departments of the Government hinged upon congressional gains in the West. Kansas leads all the States in this respect. No other State in the Union gave the Republicans a gain of five members. Those that avoided losses are considered to have done well. Massachusetts lost two Republican members, Pennsylvania lost seven. Though Ohio doubled its plurality, its delegation remains numerically the same. Kansas is at the head of the Republican column in the extremely close but successful fight for the House.

THE efforts of the local Combine organ to drag the HERALD down to its own low level would be amusing were it not so pitiful. While ostensibly supporting the Republican ticket the "fake" organ made itself a sewer through which the Wanamaker managers poured out all their vile filth on the head of the Republican candidate for Governor. Week in and week out it published columns of stuff derogatory to Col. Stone and his friends, and while too cowardly to editorially advise its readers to vote against him it never uttered a word in his favor or support. Throughout the entire campaign it tried to sow discord among the Republicans of the county. Now that the election is over it brazenly and falsely charges others with doing what it did, and impudently accuses the HERALD of not supporting Congressman-elect Thropp. Since the first Republican ticket was nominated down to the present time the HERALD has never failed to give loyal support to every candidate on the ticket, as its readers can testify. But what do the figures show. Two years ago Mr. Thropp and Mr. Hicks were both on the ticket for Congress, neither of them being regularly nominated. At that election the HERALD and its friends supported Mr. Hicks, while the "fakir" and its followers supported Mr. Thropp, and the result was:

Hicks, R.	4499
Thropp, R.	977
McNamara, D.	2246
Hicks over Thropp	3522
Hicks over Thropp and McNamara	1168

This year Mr. Thropp being the regular Republican nominee, received the HERALD'S most cordial support, and the result was:

Thropp, R.	4639
Walters, D.	1813
Thropp's majority	2226

These figures speak more eloquently than words in showing not only whom the HERALD supported but the inability of the "fakirs" to materially aid or harm a Republican candidate. Col. Stone's total vote in the county was 4097, while Mr. Thropp's was 4339. This surely would not indicate that any of Col. Stone's friends had failed to support Mr. Thropp. Mr. Thropp is neither a "fakir" nor a fool and he knows to whom is due the credit for the splendid vote he got in Somerset county, and that "saved his bacon" in the district.

Desperate Convicts.

COLUMBUS, O., November 18.—There was a desperate attempt made by two convicts to escape from the penitentiary at about eight o'clock this morning, as a result of which Guard Charles B. Lauterbugh, of Mount Vernon, was shot and killed, while convicts O'Neil and Atkinson received injuries of a serious nature, and both are now in the prison hospital.

By some means convicts O'Neil and Atkinson, who are serving fifteen years each for robbery committed in Cleveland, obtained possession of a revolver, and proceeded to carry out a bold plan to escape. One covered his face with a handkerchief and went into the broom shop, where he held up Guard Lime and took his revolver. He then returned to the hoe shop, where the other man joined him, and they opened fire on Guard Lauterbugh, who was in charge of that department. The guard was shot three times and almost instantly killed. The sound of the shooting reached the other officials in the prison, and they came on the run to investigate. Guard Gump was the first on the scene and, taking in the situation at a glance, opened fire on the two prisoners. This was returned, and a regular battle was in progress until the revolvers of all the participants were emptied. In the fray Atkinson was shot down and seriously injured, and as soon as the guns were emptied, Guard Gump rushed in with his cane and almost beat O'Neil to death before the prisoner would surrender. The men were taken to the hospital, where their injuries were attended to. Atkinson was shot in the body. He is not thought to be seriously hurt, but O'Neil was beaten about the head so that his injuries may result fatally.

The other prisoners in the shop where the shooting occurred took no part in the affair, but it is understood that they were ready to follow if the efforts of the two leaders proved successful. Previous to making the outbreak, one of the two prisoners forced a third man to place a ladder against the outside of the penitentiary wall, so that when they had fought their way out of the shops they could shoot down the wall guard and make their escape by that route.

HELP YOUR STOMACH.

What is Required When You Have Dyspepsia or Indigestion.

The pains of indigestion and dyspepsia are caused by weakness of the stomach. Your stomach needs to be strengthened. The greatest and best tonic is Hood's Sarsaparilla. It "goes to the right spot," relieves the pangs of dyspepsia, helps on the digestive process, purifies and enriches the blood and puts the whole system in a state of health. If you have any stomach trouble, do not hesitate a moment. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla at once.

$20,000,000 FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

Uncle Sam's Ultimatum to Spain.

PARIS, November 21.—The Spanish and American peace commissions met in joint session at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The Americans declared the United States must have the entire Philippine archipelago and for a treaty cession of the islands the Americans tendered to Spain $20,000,000.

It is further declared that it is the purpose of the United States to maintain the Philippine Islands as an "open door" to the world's commerce.

On the terms named, the United States proposes a mutual relinquishment of all claims for indemnity, national or personal, subsequent to the outbreak of the last Cuban insurrection.

November 28 is fixed as the date on which the United States commission desires a definite response to to-day's propositions and all other subjects in issue here.

FEMALE HORSE THIEF.

Daring Dora Cox Who Has Often Escaped, Is in Jail Again.

GUTHRIE, Okla., November 20.—Dora Cox, the most daring and wonderful female horse thief in the world, is in jail again. She has had more blood-curdling adventures and has faded away from more jails than any male member of the fraternity in Oklahoma. About a month ago she disappeared from the jail at Kingfisher, and recently was arrested and placed in jail at Tecumseh, where she awaits the action of the grand jury. She was arrested with a male companion, who is supposed to be the noted horse thief "Buckskin" Bill Broadus, who served a term in the Nebraska penitentiary and originally hailed from Chicago.

Dora is not pretty, but she has a captivating manner which softens the hearts, or the heads, of jailers, and makes escape easy. Besides, she has friends on the outside, perhaps her partners in the horse-stealing trade, and tools are smuggled in to her by which she works her way through the prison walls.

Dora has not only a notorious present, but a lively past. Before she came here, down in the San Bernardino Valley, Southern California, she was known as Jennie Worley, alias Jennie Bunch, and is said to be the leader of a small band who "removed" horses from California ranches to Arizona.

She escaped from the San Bernardino jail through the carelessness of a deputy sheriff named Wilsey, who subsequently left the country under a cloud. Dora is about twenty-five years of age, with a rather good figure, dark skin, and deep, black eyes, which she uses with great effect. Her face is rather coarse, but her manners are agreeable and even attractive when she is disposed to make them so. She is a daring rider, always rides a fleet horse, and has distanced some of the most famous riders in the country when running a race for her liberty. She is also an expert in throwing the lariat and an excellent shot, and when not in jail carries two navy revolvers in her belt.

Anxious to Avoid An Extra Session.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Not enough of the prominent Republican leaders have visited the capital since the election properly to guage sentiment regarding an extra session of congress in March. Close friends of the president, however, intimate that the administration is anxious to avoid an extra session. But all will depend upon the manner in which business is expedited during the winter months. Those known as "dead ducks" in the senate—the unfortunates who retire to private life at the close of the present congress—include some of the most talkative men who ever sat in a legislative body. The wide latitude for debate under senate rules will give them a glorious opportunity, and it is feared by Republican managers that many obstacles will be placed in the path of urgent measures, such as appropriation bills. Should a game of obstruction be played by the anti-administration senators an extra session seems very probable. Then again, it cannot be denied that the prominent influences in favor of a reform of the currency looking to the absolute gold standard are industriously at work, and have been ever since it was an assured fact that the Republicans would have a clear majority in the next senate. They do not seem to be disposed to wait until the beginning of the regular session, the first Monday in December of next year, but are reported to be bringing the utmost pressure to bear upon the president to have the lawmakers get down to business early in the spring.

Sleet and Snow Cover the West.

KANSAS CITY, MO., November 21.—Sleet and snow have done more or less damage to telephone and telegraph wires in Kansas City and surrounding towns within the past twelve hours, rendering communication uncertain. Street railway traffic is hampered to a considerable degree. Trains are late in some instances. The storm seems to be general over Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska.

At Beatrice, Neb., the snow is blinding. The thermometer is 8 above zero, a fall of 60 degrees in the past twenty four hours. At Abilene, Kan., three inches of snow has fallen and the thermometer has fallen 50 degrees; at Lincoln Centre, Kan., it is bitterly cold and five inches of snow has fallen and is drifting badly.

At Leavenworth, Kan., the electric cars are tied up because of the danger from stray live wires.

Thirteen Men Killed.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—While 20 track hands were at work upon the Pennsylvania railway line over the Hackensack, near Jersey City, to day they were run down by a local passenger train. Eleven of the workmen were killed outright and six were seriously injured. Only three escaped unhurt. When the engine which struck the laborers reached the depot in Jersey City the cowcatcher was red with blood from the men killed. A boy, after the engine had stopped, picked up a hand from the cowcatcher. It had been severed from one of the victims, and had been carried from the meadows to the depot on the cowcatcher.

First New Pensioner.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Commissioner Evans, of the pension office, notified Secretary Alger to-day that Jesse T. Gates, of the 2d United States artillery, who lost part of his upper lip in the West Indian campaign, has been awarded the first pension on account of the Spanish war.

The president and secretary of war each took an interest in this case. Gates called on them in person soon after the close of the campaign and convinced them of the merits of his case.

Inventor Keeley Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 18.—John W. Keeley, the inventor of the Keeley motor, died to-day at his home in this city of pneumonia. He was taken ill on Saturday last and continued to grow worse until his death. Mr. Keeley was sixty one years of age and leaves a widow.

Big Fees For Lawyers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 17.—Ex-President Benjamin Harrison has been retained by Venezuela to represent that Government before the Arbitration Commission that sits in Paris within a short time to settle the dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela over boundary lines. General Harrison is said to have received a retaining fee of $100,000.

Ex-Secretary Tracy is said to be an associate with General Harrison, and his retainer is reported to be $50,000.

SPAIN TALKS OF AN AGREEMENT.

Probably Preparing to Yield to the Inevitable.

MADRID, November 20.—In political circles it is asserted that an agreement has been reached between the peace commissioners in Paris. The government, it is semi-officially announced, intends to notify the Cuban bondholders that Spain will not pay the Cuban debt, which will not be mentioned in the peace treaty.

The government considers itself completely freed from these engagements, which fall upon the nation exercising sovereignty and collecting taxes in Cuba.

PARIS, November 20.—The Spanish peace commissioners have been notified that the United States commissioner will be ready to treat with them in joint session to-morrow afternoon. Unless the Spaniards have an adequate reason for further delay, the two commissions will join in the most important meeting thus far held.

The American commissioners, in a written communication, will declare that the third article of the protocol, regarding the Philippines, is capable of only one fair construction, that no arbitration is needed to elucidate its terms, and the United States cannot admit any other power to figure here purely as a lexicologist. They will maintain that the two commissions are charged to determine whether Spain or the United States shall in future own the Philippines.

This will be accompanied by a clear declaration that the United States will possess the Philippines.

Following this declaration the American commissioners will lay before the Spaniards two alternatives.

First, to accept a sum of money from the United States and to cede and evacuate the Philippines.

Second, to lose the Philippines to the United States by conquest, with the possibility of other territorial losses to indemnify the United States for the added expense of conquest.

This communication may not formally be designated as an ultimatum, but it will lack naught of the conclusiveness implied by that word. This will be so plain that the Spanish commissioners will scarcely haggle for more money on the first alternative nor cherish any doubt of American action under the second, should the first be declined.

No one here, except the American commissioners, knows how much will be tendered Spain as the cheapest and most humane way of settling the difficulty. She is exceedingly anxious to escape the Philippine debt, and possibly the sum to be offered may be determined by an analysis of that debt, which consists of $40,000,000 in bonds, on which she realized $35,000,000. Of the latter amount she is believed to have expended some $10,000,000 or $11,000,000 in fighting the United States, and a part in attempting to quell the Philippine insurrection.

A reasonable guess at the sum for tender would be $20,000,000, though it may fall below that.

The Cuban question may come up again to-morrow. The American commissioners had thought the decision on that point finished, but the Spanish commissioners are reported to have declared that the mortgages imposed by Spain on the Cuban, as well as on the Philippine revenues, must not be impaired or questioned. This would compel the American commissioners soon—and probably to-morrow—to demand whether Spain means to repudiate the plain compact of the protocol to relinquish sovereignty over and title to Cuba. Three weeks ago the Spanish commissioners accepted the Cuban article in the protocol without conditions, save that its embodiment in the treaty should depend only upon an agreement here on all the articles in the protocol.

Recently, however, Spain's representatives have said that the Cuban matter had been only temporarily passed, and was still in abeyance.

Political Notes.

The Altoona Times is convinced that the "Independent Republicans" who were elected by the aid of Democratic votes should support George A. Jenks for United States Senator. It is a matter of no importance what they do, since they will cut no figure during the session.—Altoona Tribune.

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The peculiarity of the returns which the anti-Quay newspapers print is that they are not returns of the men who were elected to the Legislature, but of those who were not. When the time comes these original computors will find that they have slipped a cog and that the result will be quite contrary to their hopes. We cannot say expectations, as we do not believe they have any expectation of preventing the re-election of Senator Quay.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

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Following Senator Quay's offer of $10,000 for the conviction of bribers in the pending senatorial contests, John Wanamaker has deposited $20,000 in a Philadelphia bank for the same purpose.

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The free silver candidate for governor of Nevada has a plurality of 10 votes, with the vote of a company of soldiers on the Pacific, bound for Manila which is expected to overcome it, still to be heard from.

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The Hon. Jere Rex, of Huntingdon, announces his candidacy for chief clerk of the house of representatives at Harrisburg. He is capable and deserving.

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Dr. Swallow says he is done running for office. He thinks Wanamaker is the man to run against Quay. No doubt Quay hopes so, too.

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Jerry Simpson, defeated Kansas populist congressman, says, "I have not quit politics by any means; I am still alive."

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Roosevelt will take the oath of office as governor of New York on Sunday, January 1. Col. Stone must wait until the third Tuesday in January.

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That assistant Democratic paper—the Philadelphia Press—wants a reform state treasurer elected next year to succeed Beacom. It asks who shall it be? The answer is easy—Dr. Swallow.

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A Connellsville correspondent in the Pittsburg Sunday Post says:

The Democrat who is put up for speaker will undoubtedly cut a large figure in the next session, because it now looks as though the independent republicans will go into caucus with them. If this is done the Republican rule will be dangerously embarrassed.

Judge Koontz, of Somerset, goes to the House this session as an independent Republican, and he strongly favors a joint caucus. He is bitterly opposed to Quayism, and will be the biggest obstacle in its way in the session of '99.

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If the enemies of Senator Quay will hire Wrecker Wanamaker and the Philadelphia Press to espouse the re election of the Senator, they may have some chance to defeat him. Whatever cause Wanamaker and the Press support in Pennsylvania seems pretty sure to lose.

Goes to Law for a Husband.

READING, Pa., Nov. 17.—Pretty Florence Reinhart, the belle of Albany township, daughter of William Reinhart, has employed counsel to present a petition to Court asking for the appointment of a guardian who will consent to her obtaining a marriage license. It appears that a young man of the township won the affections of Florence and she told her mother of the engagement, and obtained her consent. She then told her father about it, but he became obstinate and refused to listen to the proposal.

The mother has since died and the father still remains firm, and may now have to answer Florence in a hearing before Judge Bland.

STILL DICKERING WITH DEMOCRATS

The Van Valkenberg-Blankenburg Combine at Their Old Game.

BUT THEY WILL FAIL AGAIN.

An Attempt to Throw the Speakership of the House to the Democracy in a Last Desperate Effort to Capture the United States Senatorship—The Party Wreckers Responsible For the Defeat of Republican Congressmen and Candidates For the Legislature.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Nov. 22.—Plans are already under way for the inauguration of Colonel William A. Stone as governor of Pennsylvania, and for the organization of the legislature, which will in January next undoubtedly re-elect Colonel Matthew Stanley Quay to the United States senate. Colonel Stone, who since the election has been taking a well earned rest, is expected here shortly, when the local Republicans hope to have an opportunity to confer with him regarding the proposed plans for his inauguration. So great was the interest aroused among Republicans of Pennsylvania in the late gubernatorial election, which was largely due to the fear of the election of the Democratic candidate, Mr. Jenks, that it is expected that the installation of Colonel Stone in the governor's chair will be the occasion of the gathering of one of the largest crowds that has ever been assembled here to witness an event of this character. The feeling of resentment at the guerrilla campaign waged by John Wanamaker and his associates against Colonel Stone was fittingly expressed by the Republicans of the Keystone state in the magnificent plurality, over 120,000, given their candidate at the polls. This feeling will be accentuated at the inauguration of Colonel Stone by a popular demonstration which will put the seal of condemnation on the whole Wanamaker-Blenkenburg-Van Valkenberg outfit.

From the outset the Wanamaker game has been a game of bluff, pure and simple, and in every case it has resulted in complete failure. But with a supply of nerve apparently as unlimited and inexhaustible as their money barrels, these political adventurers continue their tactics of disorganization and now announce their intention to prevent, if possible, the holding of the time honored Republican caucus, both for the selection of a Republican speaker of the house of representatives and the naming of a Republican candidate for the United States senate. They are putting out the most absurd and ridiculous claims in the hope of debarring Republicans from entering their party's caucus.

THE SAME OLD DEMOCRATS.

Commenting on the latest move of these selfish manipulators a member of congress, who has just been re-elected, while stopping off here on his way to Washington, had this to say:

"In its latest pronunciamento, explaining 'how it was done,' the Blankenburg-Van Valkenberg Business League had a good deal to say about the large number of anti-Quay men it had elected to the legislature. For instance, in the proclamation referred to it was stated that 'in 12 out of 15 counties visited by John Wanamaker and other speakers under the auspices of this league during the last three weeks of the campaign all elected anti-Quay members of the legislature.'

"Upon the same principle that a spade should be called a spade, a Democrat should be called a Democrat wherever he is found. The truth is, in the 12 counties referred to Democrats were elected—out-and-out, died-in-the-wool, yard-wide Democrats, disciples of William J. Bryan and advocates of free silver. That is the kind of 'anti-Quay' members elected to the legislature through the aid of John Wanamaker and the Blankenburg-Van Valkenberg Business League. And that was precisely what this coterie of ambitious statesmen planned and strove hard to accomplish for six months prior to Nov. 8, to wit, the election of Democrats to the legislature.

"What are the facts? Last spring the Blankenburg-Van Valkenberg Business League made a fight at the Republican primaries in a score or more of counties in behalf of certain candidates for the legislature, but were overwhelmingly defeated. In only one county of the state, where there was a contest, were the friends of Senator Quay unsuccessful, and the result there was due solely to a fight for the congressional nomination. When, therefore, the primaries were over and all the nominations had been made the Blankenburg-Van Valkenberg Business League discovered that of the 229 Republican nominees for the senate and house not more than ten of them were under their control or in sympathy with their reactionary program.

"Their next step lay in the direction of attempted combinations with the Democrats, with a view to putting coalition legislative tickets in the field. Owing, however, to the disposition upon the part of the Democrats to have all or nothing the Wanamaker coterie succeeded in effecting combinations in only four counties of the state—Chester, Blair, Huntingdon and Delaware—and in these only five former Republicans were named, the remaining nominees in the four counties mentioned being Democrats. The Blankenburg-Van Valkenberg Business League supported, therefore, in the entire state only the original ten Republicans nominated by them at the primaries, together with the five so-called Republicans who were running independently and in the Democratic column. The ten regular nominees were elected, being supported by the friends of Mr. Quay, though known to be opposed to him, and in addition three of the five former Republicans—two in Chester and one in Blair—were elected. This was the absolute limit of the influence of Mr. Wanamaker and the Blankenburg-Van Valkenberg Business League, so far as the election of Republican legislators was concerned. But their efforts did not cease here.

Animated by the determination to disrupt the Republican party, should such a course be necessary in order to defeat Senator Quay, they devoted their energies in one-half of the counties of the state, where only Republican and Democratic candidates were in the field, to secure the election of the latter, and with some success. In Schuylkill, Cambria, Crawford, Venango, Fayette, Union, Mifflin, Carbon, Wyoming, Cameron and eight or ten other Republican counties, desperate and successful efforts were made to defeat the regular Republican nominees, though in almost every instance they were new men, and in no way responsible for the work of the last legislature. Into these counties the Blankenburg-Van Valkenberg Business League not only poured tons of literature, full of misrepresentations and lies, and held meetings by the dozens, but what was more effective contributed thousands of dollars to the local organizations, all in the name of 'reform.' It is not to be wondered at that they succeeded in electing Democrats to the legislature, and they are entitled to all the credit and glory accompanying such a procedure. The only wonder is that their success was not greater, for they adopted the same tactics in at least a score of counties besides those named—among others Armstrong, Beaver, Dauphin, Erie, Franklin, Lebanon, Lawrence, McKean, Warren, Perry, Potter, Snyder, Susquehanna, Washington and Westmoreland, but, thanks to the intelligence and incorruptibility of the voters of these counties, the plans of the conspirators came to naught, and the Republican nominees in these and other counties assailed were elected. Had the plans of the Wanamaker cabal succeeded fully Pennsylvania would have been represented in the United States senate by a free silver Democrat.

"One cannot help admiring the sublime assurance of the Blankenburg-Van Valkenberg Business League in claiming the election of 'anti-Quay members of the legislature' in the persons of 39 or 40 straightout Democrats. Though, when one recalls Colonel Quay's services in 1882 in defeating Cleveland by the election of General Harrison, it is not difficult to imagine these Democratic legislators as 'anti-Quay.'"

NO DANGER OF A BOLT.

There is not the slightest danger of a bolt from the Republican caucus on the organization of the house of representatives. The Wanamaker outfit will be unable to unite the Democratic vote and their small contingent of Republicans on any candidate for speaker for many reasons. In the first place the Democrats will have a candidate of their own for the speakership. They have already several aspirants for the honor of the nomination of the Democratic caucus for speaker, and none of these men will retire in favor of a Republican who is unable to command the support of his colleagues of his own party faith.

"You do not suppose that the Democratic members are fools enough to turn in for a Wanamaker Republican for speaker, do you?" remarked one of the Democratic members-elect.

"After pulling the Wanamaker chestnuts out of the fire," he continued, "and electing his man speaker we would find John's speaker using the power of his committee appointments among the Republicans in order to elect Wanamaker United States senator, and thus we Democrats would be out in the cold. No, we have the big end of the proposition, and we are not going to play second fiddle to the little band of disappointed Republicans who have clustered around the Wanamaker barrel. They are entitled to another guess."

While the Democrats will turn down this latest Wanamaker proposition good and hard the Republicans who have respect for themselves and for the opinion of their Republican neighbors will be slow to jeopardize their party standing and to have questions raised as to underlying influences that made them desert their party and enter into a deal for the advancement of Democracy and the selfish ends of certain individuals. Wanamaker and his entire combination cannot possibly get a dozen Republicans, whatever their affiliations may be, who would have the hardihood to vote for a Democratic candidate for speaker of the house in Republican Pennsylvania. The temper of the public mind, forcibly expressed at the late election, is such as would be promptly made manifest at an exhibition of party treachery of this character. The last campaign in this state was fought out fairly and squarely on national issues. The result of the election was a signal victory for Republicanism and for the administration of President McKinley. With the presidential campaign of 1900 about to open, anything that would advance the interests of the Democracy, such as the election of a Democrat to preside over the house in Pennsylvania, would be indignantly resented by the Republicans of the entire country.

The tactics of the Wanamakerites are on a par with those resorted to in the attempt to defeat National Chairman Mark Hanna for the United States senate. A similar combination was proposed when the Bushrollites joined with the Democrats, but they failed, although one Republican state senator joined with the Democrats, but they failed, organization of the state senate, with the result that he is today the most despised and most ostracized man in politics in the state of Ohio.

But there is little danger of Republicans in Pennsylvania following his example.

GUFFEY IN THE GAME.

The election of a Democrat to the speakership would, of course, materially aid Millionaire James M. Guffey, the member of the Democratic national committee from Pennsylvania, who is a full fledged candidate for United States senator.

But the Guffey-Wanamaker combine is bound to meet with disaster once more. The Republican party wreckers have exhausted themselves. The force of vilifications and libelous misstatements, the sensational arrests for political effect, the spending of immense sums of money to accomplish the defeat of Republican candidates for the legislature, the iniquitous deals with Democrats and other peculiar methods of an unprecedented campaign, have all gone for naught.

There will be a Republican elected speaker of the house of representatives, Colonel Stone will be inaugurated governor and Colonel Quay will be triumphantly elected to succeed himself in the United States senate.

Wanamaker in Pennsylvania politics will then be a thing of the past—and gone for ever.

Dewey to Raise Three Ships.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 18.—Admiral Dewey has informed the Navy Department that he has contracted with a Hongkong firm of wreckers to raise three of the Spanish war vessels sunk in the battle of Manilla last May day. The cost of raising the ships and putting them in thorough repair will be $500,000.

The vessels to be raised are gunboats of large type, and in the opinion of Chief Constructor Hichborn, they will be the very best kind of craft for the protection of United States interests among the Phillippines and along the Asiatic coast. They are the sister ships Isla de Cuba and Isla de Luzon, and the Don Juan de Austria.

Mouth Filling Up With Bone.

CHAMBERSBURG, PA., Nov. 17.—Miss Alice Hager, residing near here, had a tooth drawn last August, at which time her jaw bone was injured. A growth came up on the bone, and has so enlarged that her mouth is gradually closing up. She had been in Baltimore, where an operation was performed, but no relief was afforded. To-day she went to New York where she will undergo another operation.

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Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the requirements of its Charter and By-Laws, the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Pittsburgh & Connellsville R. R. Co. will be held at its general office, corner Smithfield and Water streets, in the city of Pittsburgh, Pa., on Monday, December 5, 1898, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the election of a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

J. B. WASHINGTON, Secretary.

Farm for Sale.

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ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE.

Estate of John W. Bowers, late of Hooversville borough, Somerset county, Pa., dec'd

Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and those having claims or demands against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement on Thursday, December 22, 1898, at the late residence of decedent in Hooversville borough, Somerset county, Pa.

SADIE B. BOWERS, Administratrix of John W. Bowers, dec'd.

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.

In the estate of Henry Long, late of Somerset township, Somerset county, Pa., dec'd.

Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement, on Friday, Dec. 2, A. D., 1898, at the late residence of said deceased.

G. F. LONG, Administrator.

Fred. W. Biesecker, Attorney.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The Hon. JACOB H. LONGENECKER, President Judge of the several Courts of Common Pleas of the several counties composing the 15th Judicial District, and Justice of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, for the trial of all capital and other offenders in the said District, and D. J. HORNER and GEORGE I. BLACK, Esq's., Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas and Justices of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery for the trial of all capital and other offenders in the County of Somerset, have issued their precepts, and to me directed, for holding a Court of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and General Jail Delivery, and Courts of Oyer and Terminer at Somerset, on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1898,

NOTICE is hereby given to all the Justices of the Peace, the Coroner and Constables within the said county of Somerset, that they be then and there in their proper persons with their rolls, records, inquisitions, examinations and other remembrances, to do those things which to their office and in that behalf appertain to be done, and also they who will prosecute against the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of Somerset County, to be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.

M. H. HARTZELL, Sheriff.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership between Jacob B. Winters and William H. Kantner, in the carrying on and management of the Hotel Vanmear, at Somerset, Somerset county, Pa., was dissolved on the 1st day of August A. D. 1898.

All debts to the said partnership are to be paid, and those due from the same discharged at said Hotel Vanmear, where the business will be continued by the said Jacob B. Winters

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