The Somerset Herald.

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OHIO Republicans seem to be in good shape for another majority in six figures.

NO party can be found willing to stand up for the trusts Democrats must resume their weary search for a paramount issue.

IF THE Democrats were not in doubt about reaffirming silver they would not be so violent in protesting that they will never omit it under any conceivable circumstances.

NO UNCERTAIN sound comes from the Ohio Republicans on the subject of trusts. Their platform gives Democrats a chance to agree with Republicans on the trust issue

IT WILL be noticed that wheat and other commodities continue to be oblivious of the silver question. The missing link between silver and prices ought to settle the old ratio humbug.

THE signs of the times all indicate that the next Republican National Convention will be the most harmonious ever held, and that McKinley and Hobart will be nominated by acclamation.

NEARLY every Democratic County Judge in the State seems to be in the race for that Supreme Court Judgeship. It isn't often that a Democratic nomination in this State is equivalent to an election.

GENERAL GROSVERNOR, the veteran Ohio Congressman, thinks the narrow thirteen Republican majority in the next Congress will be an advantage rather than a drawback. He says: "A margin of thirteen gives a sufficient working majority, and insures thorough discipline and organization."

THERE will be eleven contests in the next House of Representatives. Two of these are from Virginia, two from North Carolina, two from South Carolina, one from Alabama, one from Mississippi, and three from Kentucky. In all except one of the South Carolina cases the evidence has been taken and filed with the Clerk of the House.

INFORMATION as to the whereabouts of Assemblyman Koontz's boom for State Chairman is being eagerly sought by the friends of that gentleman. When last heard from it had been sidetracked at Altoona, some six weeks since, where, it is said, it was punctured by a diminutive gold brick. It was a matter of considerable surprise to many of his friends when Assemblyman Koontz allowed the designated time to pass by without registering his name with Chairman Berkley after his brilliant spurt in Blair county. Assemblyman Koontz has evidently concluded that discretion is the better part of valor.

THE Cuban insurgents are giving up their guns and accepting their money. There will be no difficulty on this score. A few malignants are in Cuba, and their influence will be used against the Americans. Their influence, however, will not prevail against the spirit of the business element and of the intelligent people in general, who want stable and progressive government. The only way in which such government can be had is in making the American connection permanent. These two ingredients of the Cuban population will be found to have the majority on their side when the voting takes place which is to decide the island's future form of government.

THE HERALD confesses to a feeling of regret, if not disappointment, that the last day for announcing candidates has gone by without Representatives Koontz and Kendall registering as candidates for delegates to the Republican State Convention. It would only have been the proper and manly thing for them to do, and then their Republican constituents would have had an opportunity of approving or condemning their course at Harrisburg during the recent session of the Legislature. True it is, they have each put up a representative. The former is represented by his *fides Achilles*, "Danny" Horner, and the latter by his fellow insurgent, John R. Boose, and the election or defeat of these two gentlemen will be construed into an indorsement or disapproval of the record made by Representatives Koontz and Kendall; but it would have been much more satisfactory to the voters of the county to have had them come boldly out in person, instead of by proxy.

SATURDAY was the last day on which persons desiring to be candidates at the Republican primary election on June 24th could register their names with County Chairman Berkley and be duly announced as candidates. By reference to our announcement columns it will be seen that the names of a number of aspirants have been added since our last issue. The list is now made up, and from it the Republican voters of the county can select the men of their choice, the men whom they think the most deserving, the men best qualified for the various positions, and cast their ballots for them at the primary, regardless of the few self-seeking individuals who, under the guise of a "McKinley League," a "compare notes" meeting, or a gathering to "learn the voters how to vote intelligently," have attempted to select from the list of aspirants a set of candidates for their fellow-Republicans to support. Every candidate on the ticket is entitled to a fair field and to honorable treatment at the hands of his opponent. The remainder of the campaign should be conducted in a spirit of fairness, honesty and good-nature, so that the successful candidates, whoever they may be, will be in a position to demand and receive the cordial support of their opponents as well as of every other Republican voter in the county this fall.

SOME of the Democratic newspapers are in a terrible state of mind because President McKinley has seen fit to release from the operation of the civil service system about four thousand offices that are now held by Democrats. Prominent among the offices so released are the pension examining surgeons, private secretaries, revenue officers, finance clerks, etc., all of which should be filled by the heads of the departments with whom they are in close touch, and to whom, in many cases, they bear confidential relations. It is quite natural that under these conditions the head of a department wants men about him of his own political faith, and he should be empowered to appoint them from his close party friends. As for the position of examining surgeon, it is a notorious fact that in some States these officials have been persistent in making things uncomfortable for Republican soldiers, causing them great inconvenience and in some cases depriving them of their pensions solely because they are Republicans. While it is to be supposed that Republican examining surgeons will do their duty towards every old soldier, yet it is also fair to presume that they will in no way harass the veterans. The President had good reason for taking these offices from the civil service examination. It is only the Democratic and Mugwump newspapers that will howl, and perhaps the civil service advocates may weep a few tears, but nobody minds them.

Smashing the Flinn Insurgents.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The primaries of Saturday were but repetitions of the primaries of the successive Saturdays for some weeks past. It was a pretty general sweeping up and cleaning out of the Flinn Martin insurgents. This sort of thing has got to be an old story. Evidently, the Republicans of Pennsylvania believe in majority rule and have no use for the Flinn party wreckers and the Martin bolters.

The Republican victory in Chester county is particularly significant and important. Chester has been notable for its independent thought. Only in November last the insurgent element joined hands with the Democrats and elected a fusion legislative ticket. But Chester has repented. The antics of the insurgents at Harrisburg may have pleased Democrats, but not Republicans. The campaign of vilification, falsehood and persecution, which was brought up with a round turn by the vindication of Quay by the verdict of the jury, was too much for fair-minded men, and although the bolters fought for their very political existence at the primaries they were beaten and repudiated and were unable to name a single candidate for a single office. Chester county has reversed herself just as did Blair county only a short time ago.

Everywhere the insurgents are being taught that the cost of party treachery is political death. Representative Coray, of Luzerne county, is repudiated by the overwhelming defeat of his friends in the county, while in Franklin county the triumph of Representatives Kreps and Britton, who refused to be lead into the camp of the party wreckers, is complete.

What a lonely time Flinn and Martin will have at the coming State Convention.

All For McKinley.

From the Harrisburg Telegraph.

From all indications the Republican leaders in Pennsylvania and New York are practically unanimous for the renomination of President McKinley. Recently Senator Platt, of New York, in an interview in the Philadelphia Inquirer, announced that he would very cheerfully support President McKinley for renomination and was quite certain that he would be re-elected. Following this came an interview with Senator Quay, of this State, in the "Telegraph," from our Washington correspondent, in which the senior Senator took strong grounds for the renomination and re-election of President McKinley. In quick succession came the open declarations of Senator Penrose and State Chairman Elkin that they, too, favored the renomination of President McKinley, and that the sentiment for him was strong all over the United States. Pennsylvania and New York are admittedly the two foremost States in the Union, and they stand for all that is best in wealth, industry, business, enlightenment and common sense. When the leaders of the dominant party in those two States declare for a man for President so far in advance it stands to reason that that candidate will have very little trouble in securing a renomination and probably less in being re-elected. The nomination and re-election of President McKinley is therefore assured, and if there be any other Republican who cherished hopes that lightning might strike him, he may as well take in his lightning rods at once and join the McKinley procession. Next year is going to be a McKinley year that will far eclipse 1896, and there will be so little opposition to the President that he will be practically elected unanimously. The leaders are for him and the rank and file have always been for him, and what more could he ask of the American people?

Political Notes

Says the Mugwump Philadelphia Ledger. "What's the use of holding state conventions and pretending to nominate and elect men to office, anyway?"

Well, there isn't any use, so far as the Ledger and its insurgent constituency are concerned. They are bolters having no use for party councils unless they can dominate such councils.

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At the Bedford county Republican convention the following ticket was nominated: Prothonotary, James Cleaver; Sheriff, Samuel F. Gates; Register and Recorder, Edgar R. Horne; District Attorney, Alvin L. Little; Treasurer, John W. Imler; Commissioners, Samuel S. Baker, and Daniel W. Hockenberry; Poor Director, Martin L. Sims; Auditors, Albert L. Nycum and John Hoover; Coroner, M. A. Stoner. Dr. J. G. Hanks and T. C. Sanderson were elected delegates to the State convention and not instructed. E. M. Pennell was chosen chairman of the County Committee.

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The People's party held its State convention in Philadelphia last week and nominated the following ticket; Judge of Supreme Court, John H. Stevenson, of Allegheny; Judge Superior Court, N. L. Atwood, Erie county; State Treasurer, Justus Watkins, Tioga county. The following were elected delegates at-large to the next national convention: L. W. Olds, Erie; Dr. C. F. Taylor, Philadelphia; T. P. Ryuder, Erie; W. M. Deisher, Berks; Abraham Mattis, Dauphin; J. P. Correll, Northampton; Justus Watkins, Tioga; J. H. Stevenson, Allegheny. T. P. Ryuder was elected chairman of the State committee. The St. Louis People's party platform was indorsed.

Caterpillars Stop a Train.

MONTREAL, May 31.—Caterpillars have held up a train on the St. Guillaume-Farnham branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway. They crept along the road, and in places presented columns nearly six inches deep on the rails.

The train came along and plunged into the slow-moving mass; caterpillars were killed by the millions, and their bodies got into the wheels, around the driving rods and among all the machinery of the locomotive, completely clogging it and bringing the train to a standstill.

The Wife Was the Boss.

NEW YORK, June 1.—In his defense against his wife's suit for divorce on the ground of cruelty, Edward K. Fryatt, a Brooklyn trolley conductor, claims that for years she was cruel to him, having made him scrub floors, wash dishes, make beds, wash and iron and do other housework. The couple have been married 12 years, and Fryatt says his wife early told him she was the boss. Some time ago he bought a piano and started to take lessons, but she made it so unpleasant for him he had to stop. The husband says he was made to sleep in the kitchen and his wife would not let any of his friends call on him. The wife has applied for alimony and counsel fees pending the suit.

Mothers lose their dread for "that terrible second summer" when they have Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry in the house. Nature's specific for bowel complaints of every sort.

McKinley's Men Win in Ohio.

COLUMBUS O., June 2.—Senator Hanna's forces in the Republican State Convention won to-day in handsome style, and Judge George K. Nash, the candidate of the Hanna faction, was nominated on the second ballot for Governor, whereupon the noisy Foraker ites gracefully accepted the situation, and made it unanimous with a hearty whoop.

The nominee for Lieutenant Governor, ex-Congressman John A. Caldwell, is the favorite of Cincinnati "Boss" George B. Cox, while other five nominations were distributed among those of less distinct party affiliations.

HANNA AND COX IN CONTROL.

What was generally called the Hanna-Cox combination controlled a large majority of the 813 delegates, but it did not exercise its power beyond the nominations of Nash and Caldwell. The conference at which Senator Hanna, Mr. Cox and others reached a satisfactory understanding did not conclude until 9 a. m., an hour before the convention assembled. It was all over then with Mr. Daugherty and other Foraker candidates.

W. D. Guilbert, Auditor of State, and Frank Huffman, member of the Board of Public Works, were nominated for second terms without opposition.

Outside of the unusually animated contests for the nominations, the feature of the convention was its universal indorsement of President McKinley. When the plank in the platform "commending the President for the judicious modifications of the civil service rules recently promulgated, was read, there was a very enthusiastic demonstration."

Allowance For Volunteers.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Secretary Alger has caused the Quartermaster General to make a careful computation of the mileage the Philippine volunteers from each state would be entitled to should they be mustered out at San Francisco, and has also attached to the statement a schedule of the railroad rates that each man would be required to pay out of his own pocket in the event that he elected to take the travel allowance.

Otis, Manila: Volunteers mustered out at San Francisco will receive travel pay approximately as follows: Men of companies—Colorado, $59 to $65; Idaho, $51 to $81; Iowa, $82 to $130; Kansas, $83 to $131; Montana, $52 to $84; Nebraska, $74 to $117; Nevada, $55 to $87; North Dakota, $86 to $123; Oregon, $32 to $51; Pennsylvania, $127 to $201; South Dakota, $82 to $130; Tennessee, $107 to $169; Utah, $36 to $57; Washington, 39 to $62; Wyoming, $55 to $87; Minnesota, $89 to $142.

Of course, the higher sums are graded among non-commissioned officers. Railroad fares are: San Francisco to St. Louis and Fargo, $47; Chicago, $44; Washington and Philadelphia, $39; New York, $60; Salt Lake, $24; Lincoln and Topeka, $37; Des Moines, $40; Sioux Falls, $41; Cheyenne and Denver, $25, not including subsistence. Officers, of course, get larger sums. Submit these facts to each regiment and let them determine by vote whether they will be mustered out at San Francisco and take travel pay, or in their own states, transported by government. Cable vote of each regiment.

BLEW UP A PACIFIC TRAIN.

Four Robbers' Daring Hold-Up of a Western Express.

OMAHA, Neb., June 2.—In order to obtain the apparently small amount of valuables in the express safe, train robbers took desperate chances before daylight this morning, held up the first section of Union Pacific express train No. 1, near Wilcox, Wyo.; blew up the car containing the safe, and then the latter, using dynamite in both instances, injured Engineer Jones, who was hit by flying debris, and escaped with their booty.

In the midst of a drenching rain, four robbers boarded the train at Wilcox, at 2:00 a. m. As the train reached the bridge, just west of Wilcox, one of the robbers crawled into the cab, and at the point of a gun ordered Engineer Jones to pull across the bridge and stop.

LOST NO TIME AT THEIR WORK.

Meantime, the others of the gang were at work in the express car. Just as the engine pulled off the bridge there was a tremendous explosion that scattered pieces of the express car for a hundred feet in every direction. The end of the mail car was stove in, and several stringers knocked out of the bridge.

It required only a few minutes for the robbers to rifle the safe, which was blown open by the explosion. They took its contents, signaled their confederate on the engine, and before the passengers and train crew were aware of just what had happened were off for the mountains.

Fighting is Not Yet Finished.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 2.—Brig. Gen. Charles King, who was a passenger on the transport Puebla, which has just arrived, shows plainly the effects of his hard campaigning. "The fighting is not over," said Gen. King, "nor will it be until there has been a complete defeat administered to the Tagolis, who are, in fact, the only ones of the island tribes that are in active rebellion. I believe that if the volunteers now in that country do not re enlist, it will take a very large army of new men to take the field with any hope of success."

Gen. King said that Gen. Otis' estimate that 30,000 men would be needed to defeat the natives was very moderate, adding, "and they will have their hands full."

Government of Puerto Rico.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 1.—The Puerto Rican Commission has reported to the War Department that all classes and conditions of the Puerto Rican population are ready and willing to accept American institutions, and to be content with them; and, in general, they recommend the establishment of such laws, general, district and municipal, as will give to the people of Puerto Rico substantially the protection and the same laws which are now enjoyed by the people of the United States.

The report recommends that the Spanish bank bills be redeemed, and that the bank be no longer permitted to issue currency. It also recommends that as soon as possible the Puerto Rican money which is now in circulation be supplanted by United States currency.

Regarding concessions, the report recommends that they be sold to the highest bidder at public sale, all to be subject to the control of the United States Government.

Is the Steam Locomotive Doomed?

Men who know say that in the next ten years steam locomotives will disappear and electric motors will supplant them. They also say that with the new motive power trains will rush along at a minimum speed of 100 miles an hour. This will prove a blessing to those who wish to go quickly from one point to another, but no more so than Hostetter's Stomach Bitters have proved a blessing to those who wish to go quickly from sickness to health. The Bitters act at once upon stubborn cases of dyspepsia, indigestion, biliousness and liver complaint. They improve the appetite, quiet the nerves, and induce sound, refreshing sleep. The trial of a bottle will afford convincing proof. Sold at all drug stores.

Does Coffee Agree With You?

If not, drink Grain-O—made from pure grains. A lady writes: "The first time I made Grain-O I did not like it but after using it for one week nothing would induce me to go back to coffee." It nourishes and feeds the system. The children can drink it freely with great benefit. It is the strengthening substance of pure grains. Get a package to-day from your grocer, follow the directions in making it and you will have a delicious and healthful table beverage for old and young. 15c. and 25c.

GOOD FRIENDS AGAIN.

Spain and the United States Formally Kiss and Make Up.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 3.—Diplomatic relations with Spain, broken off April 21, 1898, were formally resumed at 11 o'clock to-day when President McKinley greeted Duc d'Arcos, the newly accredited Minister to the United States, in the Blue Parlor of the White House.

It was a notable occasion in the world's history—the resumption of friendly relations between two nations which had been at war and in the brief struggle had changed the map of the world.

The speeches of to-day were especially notable. They were plain-spoken and devoid of the usual hazy diplomatic phraseology.

The ceremony was exceedingly simple. At 11 o'clock the two carriages containing the Duc d'Arcos, Secretary Hay and the secretaries of the new Spanish Minister, Senors Riano and Pastor, reached the White House. The party was immediately ushered into the Blue Parlor. The Duc was attired in his resplendent diplomatic uniform. Across his coat he wore a scarlet sash, and on his breast sparkled the insignia of half a dozen orders, the dazzling cross of the Order of the Catholic being the most conspicuous. He carried his plumed chapeau in his left hand, and the copy of his address in his right. On reaching the Blue Parlor they were presented by Secretary Hay to Colonel Bingham, who remained with them while the Secretary of State retired for a moment. He immediately reappeared with President McKinley, to whom he presented the Duc d'Arcos and Senors Riano and Pastor. The President was cordial, but dignified, in his greeting. Duc d'Arcos then read his address in Spanish. He stood a little in advance of his aides, facing the President, while a little to the rear and right of the President stood Secretary Hay; Colonel Bingham and Assistant Secretary Cortelyou stood upon the left.

A VALUABLE PUBLICATION.

The Pennsylvania Railroad 1899 Summer Excursion Route Book.

On June 1 the Passenger Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will publish the 1899 edition of its Summer Excursion Route Book. This work is designed to provide the public with short descriptive notes of the principal Summer resorts of Eastern America, with the routes for reaching them, and the rates of fare. It contains all the principal seashore and mountain resorts of the east, and over fifteen hundred different routes or combinations of routes for reaching them. The book has been compiled with the utmost care, and altogether is the most complete and comprehensive handbook of Summer travel ever offered to the public.

It is bound in a handsome and striking cover, in colors, and contains several maps, presenting the exact routes over which the tickets are sold. It is also profusely illustrated with fine half-tone cuts of scenery at the various resorts and along the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

On and after June 1 it may be procured at any Pennsylvania Railroad ticket office at the nominal price of ten cents, or, upon application to the general office, Broad Street Station, by mail for twenty cents.

Gone to Bring Dreyfus.

FORT DE FRANCE, Martinique, June 5.—The French cruiser Sfax left for Devils island at 10 o'clock last night to take Dreyfus to France. The authorities of Cayenne foresaw four days ago that the Sfax would leave Fort de France on this mission, and at 2 o'clock this afternoon the dispatch boat Goeland, stationed in the waters of French Guiana, left Cayenne, the capital, for Devils island, having on board the superintendent of the penitentiary and the commander of the marine artillery. These officials are delegated by the French government to officially notify Dreyfus of the revision of his trial.

Dreyfus received on Saturday from his wife, a cable message announcing the decision of the court of cassation.

Somerset Buggy Company for bargains in Buggies, Harness and Wagons. Will save you a ten dollar bill on a good job. Try and be convinced.

A. C. DAVIS.

A Cuban Threat Of War.

SANTIAGO de CUBA, June 4.—Several anonymous letters have been received by United States military officers threatening an uprising unless certain concessions, essentially preposterous, are granted. One of these communications names June 20 as the date for an outbreak.

In view of the continued publication of inflammatory editorials in the local press, Governor General Brooke has issued an order directing the appointment of a press censor for Santiago. The seditious articles have not been in any sense an expression of the general opinion.

WANTED — Salesmen, inexperienced preferred. Position permanent. Salary paid every Saturday. Nelson Bogue, Batavia Nurseries, Batavia, N. Y.

Byrne Threatens Sensation.

GREENSBURG, Pa., June 4.—Representative William D. Wilson, of this county, who prefferred attempted bribery charges against ex-Representative John R. Byrne, of Everson, said to-day that he would not go to Harrisburg for the hearing on Tuesday "unless taken there." He claims that he has already told his story, and that his affidavit can be found on file at Harrisburg. He considers that sufficient. However, if he is subpoenaed, Mr. Wilson says he will go promptly, adding that he "has a few additional cards up his sleeve." Mr. Byrne, who has returned home, threatens a sensation after the case is heard before the alderman, intimating that a counter suit is to follow.

CONVENTION NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Reduced Rates via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the National Education Association Convention, to be held at Los Angeles, Cal., July 11 to 14, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets via direct routes from points on its line, to Los Angeles, Cal., and return, at rate of single fare for the round trip, plus $2.00 membership fee. These tickets will be sold, good going, June 24 to July 7, and, when stamped by Joint Agent at Los Angeles, good to return, arriving at final destination, until September 5.

For further information apply to Ticket Agents.

She Crucified Herself.

BURLINGTON, Vt., June 3.—Possessed with the idea that she must crucify herself, Della Duindly, 42 years old, a domestic in the family of C. A. Barber, drove in succession a spike through both hands and both feet yesterday and lay down to die. She was taken to a hospital and will probably recover.

The deed was planned with great care and executed with entire disregard to pain.

But one spike was used, and it was, therefore necessary to pull it from the flesh for each new driving.

Musical College.

The summer term of the Musical College, at Freeburg, Snyder county, Pa., will begin on Monday, July 17, a term of six weeks for $32, including board and tuition. As all schools have vacation at this time, it will give a good opportunity for public school teachers and school children to attend this term. Parents desiring a progressive and home like school for their sons and daughters should investigate the merits of the College. For catalogue address Henry B. Moyer.

SENSATIONAL MURDER AT UNIONTOWN

Blind Man's Jealousy Leads to Awful Crime.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., June 3.—This place was the scene this morning of one of the most horrible murders in its history. Mrs. Minerva Monaghan was instantly killed by William C. McCormick, ex-base ball manager, politician, contractor, Town Councilman, and leading business man, who was jealous of the victim's daughter, Mrs. Gertrude McGogan.

McCormick has been totally blind for four years, and has been paying attention to Mrs. McGogan. The cause of McCormick's jealousy is said to have been Richard Diffenderffer, a tailor's apprentice.

At the inquest to day Mrs. McGogan testified reluctantly. She said that McCormick came to see her early last evening, returning at 10 o'clock and wanting to know if any one else was in the house. She told him no, and when he left locked the doors.

About 12:30 this morning she was talking to young Diffenderffer, she said, when the locked door was burst open and McCormick sprang into the room. He grasped a pitcher from a stand and broke it over her head, shouting that he would kill her. With the broken piece he continued to beat her as they struggled into the hall.

Hearing the noise Mrs. Monaghan came from her room in her night dress and tried to quiet McCormick. She grasped his arm, which was over Mrs. McGogan's head, ready to strike, and the blow intended for the daughter was diverted and struck the mother in her neck, tearing out the arteries. Blood spurted over McCormick and Mrs. McGogan as the stricken woman faintly said, "He has killed me; he has cut my throat; I am dying,' and then staggering toward the bathroom she fell.

While McCormick dashed water over his victim in an attempt to revive her, Mrs. McGogan escaped and alarmed the neighborhood. McCormick, covered with blood, groped his way out of the house. As Diffenderfer had burst past McCormick he received a bad cut in the back from the infuriated man.

McCormick was arrested and placed in charge of his brother, George A. McCormick, Sheriff. Diffenderffer and Mrs. McGogan were held in $1000 bail as witnesses.

The Coroner's verdict, rendered late tonight, was that Mrs. Monaghan's death was due to a cut inflicted by McCormick.

FRANK THOMSON DIES SUDDENLY.

President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is no More.

PHILADELPHIA, June 5.—Frank Thomson, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, died at 7:50 o'clock this evening at his home at Merion, a few miles out of the city. Mr. Thomson had been ill about two week. He returned to his home on May 20 from a tour of inspection, which he, with other officials of the company, had made over the main and leased lines of the Pennsylvania railroad system. The trip occupied about a week. Upon his return home he was suffering from acute indigestion, and at once took to his bed and placed himself in the hands of his physician. Mr. Thomson had enjoyed extraordinary good health, and his relatives and friends believed he would soon rally and recover from his indisposition. His death to-night was rather sudden, and was wholly unexpected. Mr. Thomson was 58 years of age, and since he was a boy had been in the service of the great railroad company of which he had been the head during the last two years, he having succeeded to the presidency in 1897 upon the death of George B. Roberts.

Built A Coffin For His Wife.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., May 31.—John Dann, a carpenter of this place, on Monday last made a coffin in a lumber yard here, evading a direct answer to all inquiries as to whom it was for.

This morning, however, about 4 o'clock, he went to the home of his wife, Elizabeth, from whom he had been living apart, and sawed a hole through the door. He then crept to a room where the woman was sleeping, carrying with him an ax, which he raised over her head and brought down with great force. His aim was uncertain, however, and the blow glanced, inflicting a severe wound back of the victim's ear. Mrs. Dann screamed and her husband fled.

Shortly afterward Dann gave himself up to the police. Mrs. Dann has few chances for recovery.

Cupid Astray in a Wreck.

WATERLOO, Iowa, May 31.—Two women are claiming the body of Edwin J. Barker, who was killed in the wreck on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad on Sunday morning, when nine persons were killed. One of the claimants is Mrs. E. J. Barker, the widow of the dead man, and she is now on her way from Hot Springs, Ark., to take charge of the remains.

The other claimant is Miss Ida Shadville, of Felhart, Mont., who arrived in Waterloo last night. She declares that Barker was to have met her in Minneapolis on Sunday, and they were to have been married yesterday. She identified the remains as those of her prospective bridegroom.

Said He'd Arrest Grover.

WINSTED, Conn., June 2.—"Here you!" exclaimed Farmer Frank Johnson to ex-President Grover Cleveland, who had just landed a large and gamey speckled trout from a brook running across the Johnson farm near here, "get out of this quick, or I'll have you arrested!"

Johnson has had fishermen arrested for whipping his brook, and he meant what he said. He also said bad words.

Mr. Cleveland said nothing at all. He shouldered his rod, hung his basket over his shoulder and started away with as much haste as he could exert. There was a fence in his path. He had to climb it. Mr. Cleveland was doing nobly when the fence, not built to withstand 300 pounds, collapsed into kindling wood.

When Johnson was told of the fisherman's identity he was surprised, but not chagrined.

"You don't say so?" he remarked. "Well, I was after the village postoffice when he was President the last time and I didn't get it. I reckon we are about even now."

What a Little Faith Did FOR MRS. ROCKWELL.

[LETTER TO MRS. PINKHAM NO. 69,884]

"I was a great sufferer from female weakness and had no strength. It was impossible for me to attend to my household duties. I had tried everything and many doctors, but found no relief.

"My sister advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which I did; before using all of one bottle I felt better. I kept on with it and to my great surprise I am cured. All who suffer from female complaints should give it a trial."—MRS. ROCKWELL, 1209 S. DIVISION ST., GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

From a Grateful Newark Woman.

"When I wrote to you I was very sick, had not been well for two years. The doctors did not seem to help me, and one said I could not live three months. I had womb trouble, falling, ulcers, kidney and bladder trouble. There seemed to be such a drawing and burning pain in my bowels that I could not rest anywhere. After using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Sanative Wash and following your advice, I feel well again and stronger than ever. My bowels feel as if they had been made over new. With many thanks for your help, I remain, L. G., 74 ANN ST., NEWARK, N. J."

STALWARTS WIN GREAT VICTORIES

A Perfect Landslide at the Republican Primary Elections.

BOLTERS BOWLED OUT EVERYWHERE.

The Returns From Chester, Luzerne, Westmoreland, Franklin, Greene and Other Counties Show That Insurgents Were Completely Routed.

(Special Correspondence.)

Philadelphia, June 6.—There was a veritable landslide at the Republican primary elections held throughout the state on Saturday last, and under it the insurgents were completely buried out of sight. In this big series of counties that gave their verdict as to the sentiment in favor of party regularity and fealty to regularly chosen candidates some of the most conspicuous of the caucus bolters in the legislature at Harrisburg were directly repudiated by their own constituencies. Another batch of stalwart Republicans were added to the list of delegates to the coming state convention and they will help to emphasize the feeling in the party organization against the insurgents.

CHESTER'S GREAT RECORD.

The most striking returns from these counties came probably from Chester. Here the insurgents, by a fusion with Democrats and Prohibitionists, defeated the Republican candidates for the legislature and sent two Democrats and two insurgents, Randall and Jefferis, to the house. The two last named, who claimed to be Republicans, joined in the insurgents' attacks on the Republican state administration and fought the Republican caucus candidate for the United States senate and then had the temerity to return home and organize a movement to elect delegates to the Republican state convention. They were backed by all the insurgent newspapers and there was an abundance of campaign funds at their disposal. But the people took them in hand. In this fight the insurgents could not have the support of the Democrats, as they had at the general election, but had to face the stalwart Republicans on an equal footing. They were defeated by an overwhelming vote and the regular Republicans elected as delegates to the state convention Paul S. Reeves, of Phoenixville; I. Robert Comfort, of West Chester; Samuel Iveson, of Oxford, and J. Hunter Wills, of Downingtown. They are all friends of Senator Quay. The regulars also elected the full county ticket.

LUZERNE SPEAKS OUT.

The Republicans of Luzerne county held their primaries on the same day and the Quay forces made a clean sweep. They elected their delegates in the whole six districts. In some of the voting precincts the vote was quite heavy, as in some places the best citizens in the district turned out to vote for the Quay delegates. This was done to show their good will for the ex-senator more than anything else.

A notable example of this was given in Wilkesbarre, where Frank W. Wheaton, Esq., a leading member of the bar, was the Quay candidate for state delegate. Mr. Wheaton had no opposition, but this did not keep the voters at home. Some of the old Republicans of "war times," who are not in the habit of attending primary elections, came out and voted for Mr. Wheaton.

A BOLTER SUPPRESSED.

In the Second district Sanford Steele, a friend of Senator Quay and one of the best known citizens in the county, was elected. The Second district is represented in the legislature by E. A. Coray, who bolted the Republican caucus. After the legislature adjourned it was given out that the insurgents would get together and elect the delegate to the state convention. But the regular party men notified them that if they did they would be beaten out of their boots. This got the insurgents' leaders to thinking, and after a consultation they resolved not to make a fight.

Samuel Salsburg, a popular young stalwart Republican of Plymouth, was returned from the Third district. His opponent was George S. Boyle, manager of a Republican weekly that opposed Mr. Quay's re-election to the senate. Mr. Salsburg polled a big vote. William Davis was elected in the Fourth district, Thomas Ayres in the Fifth and William Riddle in the Sixth, all Quay men.

QUAY'S FRIENDS JUBILANT.

The followers of Senator Quay are naturally jubilant over their great victory. They say it is a triumph for party fealty and discipline. Ex-Attorney General Palmer says it is a triumph of party over faction. Acting Postmaster Fell says Republicans are ever true to the principles of the Republican party, they do not believe in factionalism and will not support those who seek to disrupt and wreck the party. Delegate Frank Wheaton, of the First district, said: "This victory is notice to the insurgents that they must fight their battles with the Republican party."

FRANKLIN IN LINE.

During the session of the legislature the insurgents made great boasts about what they were going to do to Representatives Kreps and Britton, of Franklin county, who were voting for Colonel Quay's re-election. They proclaimed that these men should bolt their caucus obligations and vote for Judge Stewart, of their home county, who was given a complimentary vote for United States senator in the hope that Kreps and Britton might be thus drawn away from the regulars and afterwards gotten to vote for the real choice of many of the insurgents and the financial man of their outfit, John Wanamaker.

Kreps and Britton were not to be caught by such a game and stood manfully to the end by the Republican candidate for United States senator. All this while they were abused and misrepresented by the insurgent newspaper organs. Their Republican constituents were not misled, however, as shown by the result of the Republican primaries of Saturday last, when a vote of confidence was given these members of the legislature in the election of a solid delegation of stalwarts to the Republican state convention.

In every instance throughout the county where prominent opponents of Senator Quay ran as delegates they were defeated by large majorities. This was especially true in Chambersburg. In the Third ward Deputy Treasurer A. S. Stover, who has always been an ardent anti-Quay man and has never been defeated as a candidate for delegate, was unmercifully slaughtered.

So it is in every district where a contest was made. The delegates to the state convention are Dr. R. W. Ramsey, of Chambersburg; J. P. Rauhuser, of Green Castle, and Burgess J. C. Crisswell, of Waynesboro. All are strong friends of Senator Quay and will heartily indorse anything the present administration may request. The county convention will adopt resolutions strongly indorsing President McKinley and the Republican county committee will be absolutely in control of the regulars.

HUFF IS SURPRISED.

Out in Westmoreland county, the home of ex-Congressman Huff, who was voted for by the insurgents for United States senator, the insurgents expected to win everything easily. To their great surprise the friends of Senator Quay captured three and possibly four of the five delegates to the convention. The Quay men, under the leadership of Senator Brown and State Treasurer Beacom, nominated John B. Steele, a life long Quay man, for judge and practically named the entire county ticket. This was a crushing blow to the supporters of Huff, who is very wealthy and ambitious to control the party organization of his county. The delegates to the state convention from Potter and Greene counties are also friends of the regular party organization.

INSURGENTS' SMALL SHOWING.

The insurgents find their only source of comfort in the returns of Saturday last from Allegheny county, where the friends of Colonel Quay concluded to make no fight against the Flinn-Magee machine of Pittsburg. As the result, the seventeen delegates to the state convention from the districts which their organization usually controls were selected by Flinn and Magee. The five other delegates from Allegheny are supporters of Colonel Quay.

The insurgents were successful in naming the two delegates from Bedford county earlier in the week. A harmony plan had been agreed upon by which the regulars and insurgents were each to name one of the delegates. Two of the insurgents broke faith in the convention and delivered the vote for the choice of the stalwarts, so that two friends of the bolters were elected to the state convention.

These delegates, with the one vote in Wayne, make up the entire showing of the insurgents.

The regulars will certainly have three-fourths of the delegates to the state convention.

Willed Wife to Brother.

NEW YORK, June 1.—The will of the late Sam T. Jack, theatrical manager, which was filed for probate to-day in the Surrogate's office, contains this clause: "It is my wish, first and foremost, that my brother James, and my wife, Emma, become husband and wife."

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