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COUNTY TICKET.

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THE Dauphin Democrats will not nominate a candidate in opposition to John H. Weiss, the Republican nominee for the judicial office.

IN ALL probability it will be some time yet before we hear the last of the Philippine war. The man who fired the first gun on the American side has just landed at San Francisco.

AFTER reading the spiritless platform of the Maryland Democrats the best plan is to look over the resolutions of the Iowa Republicans. It is like a mountain breeze clearing away a malarious fog.

EVERY voter in the United States, regardless of party, is interested in the defeat of Goebel in Kentucky. A politician whose program is to cheat at conventions and at the polls is the enemy of American citizenship.

IT is not improbable that the next Democratic National Convention will declare against the automobile, on the ground that it is hard to operate it on a road that the Democratic party has endeavored with broken promises.

ALASKA'S boundary as defined by the treaty between Russia and England in 1825 was never disputed until Canada saw the need of a new outlet on the Pacific, a few years ago. The world, however, is not regulated by hindsight.

IT is an odd fact that 250 tons of copper coins have been imported from India to be remelted, the rise in the metal having made it more valuable than the face-marks of the money. Old coins are not sacred, even in ancient India.

THE Democratic Boston Globe remarks that "we are making vast strides in home manufacture and gradually taking first place in the world's open market." Nobody talked that way when the Wilson law was in operation.

THE Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment will bring back to Pennsylvania with them four captured Spanish cannon secured in and around Manila, and it is the intention of the officers to present them to various towns in the western part of the State.

THERE are supposed to be 4,000 Republican voters in Centre county, and less than 2,700 visited the polls at their recent primary. Hastings piled up 300 majority, but this is claimed to have cost those goodly gentlemen who hope to purify political conditions $8,000.

JUDGE MESTREZAT, of Fayette county, the Democratic nominee for Justice of the Supreme Court, has sent his resignation to Governor Stone in order that his successor to the Common Pleas Bench can be chosen at the November election. Ex-Judge Ewing is likely to be the Republican candidate to succeed Judge Mestrezat.

NOT much is being said nowadays about "the down-trodden and oppressed tiller of the soil." The average farmer has wheat in the stack, more cattle than he can count, so much old corn on hand that he doesn't know where to put the new crop, and the banker owes him money that he doesn't know what to do with.

IF ANY difference of opinion ever existed among the Republican leaders of the State as to the propriety of nominating Lieutenant-Colonel Barnett for State Treasurer, it has vanished, and unless he should positively decline to allow his name to go before the Convention, the gallant young Lieutenant-Colonel will be nominated by acclamation.

WHENEVER Senator Quay goes to the seashore, says the Harrisburg Telegraph, we hear stories of a conference about to be held by the Republican leaders and a slate to be fixed up. Of course there is not a word of truth in these stories, but the fake correspondents at the seaside must have something to write about. Attorney-General Elkin recently said that when he meets a newspaper correspondent at Atlantic City and says "Good morning" to him, the correspondent forthwith goes off and writes a column interview with him. That is how the news of a political character is made by the sea waves.

IN AN elaborate opinion, in which the law and the merits of the case are fully gone into, Judge Weiss decides that the Governor has the right to take action on resolutions relating to amendments of the Constitution, and that the Secretary of the Commonwealth can not be compelled to order advertising to be done for the payment of which the Legislature has made no appropriation. It now remains to be seen what the Supreme Court will do, for it is understood that the case will be taken to that body, and already the papers for such appeal are being prepared. It will be a good thing to have the question settled for all time in order that there may be no dispute concerning it in the future.

THE sad intelligence of the death of Colonel Hawkins, the brave commander of the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, who died on July 18, en route from Manila to San Francisco with his regiment, has been a shock to all Western Pennsylvania. The Washington Observer, published at his late home, bears this touching tribute to the dead soldier: "Colonel Hawkins as truly died for his country as if his soul had winged its flight from the battlefields surrounding Manila. A brave heart has ceased to beat beneath the folds of the honored flag; a gallant soldier has responded to the last roll-call; a true-hearted, genial gentleman, leaving behind him earthly honors, has passed into the great unknown. The tender sympathy of a great State is the portion of his loved ones; a grateful Nation mingles its tears with theirs."

Flinn Still a Worker.

From the Greensburg Press.

Senator William Flinn has returned from Ireland and announces that he will continue his fight against Senator Quay and the men who were loyal to the Republican party in the last Legislature. On the question of his proposed alliance with the Democrats to help elect the Democratic ticket, he is silent. Col. J. M. Guffey naturally expects the insurgents to help him in his fight this fall. Flinn and his followers secured the help of the Democracy in their party-wrecking attempts last winter. The Pittsburger should be brave enough to tell what he intends to do. It will make little difference on the Republican majority in the State if he does lead his little band of assistant Democrats into the Guffey camp, but he ought to come out into the open.

All Honor to Barnett.

From the Harrisburg Telegraph.

Lieutenant-Colonel Barnett says that he does not wish to become colonel of the gallant Tenth Pennsylvania, but would prefer that the regiment remain without a colonel until mustered out, and ever be known as Hawkins' regiment. There is the true soldier and gallant gentleman for you. The young Lieutenant-colonel might come back home wearing the colonel's eagles, but he prefers to honor the memory of his old commander, and let the regiment be known always by his name. The Tenth Regiment had known Colonel Hawkins as its commander for twenty years, and he was beloved of the boys. Lieutenant-Colonel Barnett knew of this feeling in the command, and he would be the last man to go counter to their wishes. All honor to Barnett, and honors will come to him fast enough, for Pennsylvania will remember him substantially.

News Items.

Andrew Carnegie has offered to give $50,000 for a public library in San Diego, Cal., if a site be donated and the library maintained as at present.

Cadet Sigmund S. Albert, of Lancaster, who resigned from West Point, had been persecuted at the Military Academy because he is a Hebrew.

Mrs. Mary Pidcock, of Holmesburg, a suburb of Philadelphia, will be 84 years old this month, and is at present busily engaged in cutting her third lot of teeth.

According to members of the committee which has in charge the raising of a fund to purchase a house for Admiral Dewey, he has signified his willingness to accept the gift.

Ex-Secretary R. A. Alger arrived in Detroit Wednesday, and was given a public reception. Addresses were made by Mayor Maybury and Governor Pingree.

The five children of Mrs. Arthur Hill, aged 70, at Poughkeepsie, have brought suit to prevent her from giving $60,000 left her by her former husband to her second husband aged 30.

Sheriff Lauter, of Northampton county, has already received over 500 applications for passes from people who want to see Llewellyn Stout hanged on August 22. The applications have all been refused.

James F. Smith, of Latrobe, started from Pittsburg on a bicycle trip to Honolu, Mexico, Wednesday, a distance of 2,000 miles, which he expects to cover in 30 days, an average of almost 100 miles per day.

The price paid by the Federal Steel Company for its 6000 acres of newly-purchased coking coal lands, in Fayette county, is said to be $2,500,000, and an eleven-mile railroad will connect the plant with the Baltimore & Ohio.

Because of the fact that Sheriff McCormick's brother will be tried for murder at the September term, the Fayette county court has directed that Coroner Taylor shall take the place of the sheriff in drawing the jurors for that term.

Because of the great increase of divorce cases in Allegheny county, Judge White has directed that such cases shall hereafter be heard in open court instead of secretly before a commissioner. He believes such action will have a diminishing effect.

The report of the secret service officers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, show that 679 persons were arrested for making and passing counterfeit money and kindred crimes. Of that number 218 have been convicted and 236 are awaiting trial.

Governor Candler issued an appeal to the people of Georgia to join hands and put an end to mob violence in the State. The Governor believes that the only way to restore a condition of peace is for the people to uphold the courts and aid them in bringing to speedy justice criminals of all kinds.

Forty people were killed Sunday by an accident at Bridgeport, Conn., when a loaded trolley car jumped off a trestle and sank in the pond 40 feet below, overturning completely and spending. When the car struck, the four-ton motor and the heavy trucks crushed into it, instantly killing many of the passengers.

Spectacles for horses have been patented by an inventor, and are being used with considerable success. Their object is not so much to magnify objects as to make the ground in front of the horse appear nearer to his head than it really is. The result is continual high stepping, which after a while becomes natural and gives to the horse a lofty gait, which he will retain for many years.

At least five men prominent in our politics to-day are direct descendants from the signers of the Declaration of Independence: Governor Wolcott, of Massachusetts, from Oliver Wolcott; Senator Hoar, from Roger Sherman; Robert Treat Paine, from Robert Treat Paine, his namesake; Charles Francis Adams, from John Adams, and T. Jefferson Coolidge from Thomas Jefferson.

Between Nazareth and Newberg, in Lower Nazareth township, Northampton county, there reside seven of the oldest persons in the township, and all within a stone's throw of each other. There are five men and two women, and their ages added together represent 592 years, viz.: Simon Johnson, 88 years; John Riegel, 85; Jacob Ackerman, 84; Isaac Gernet, 84; George Beck, 82; Mrs. Sarah Seber, 81, and Mrs. Susanna Wagner, 86.

A score of persons were killed Sunday by the collapse of a gang plank at Bar Harbor, Me. It is estimated that at least 200 people were leaving an excursion boat and were on the plank at the time it gave way and dropped them into the sea. Many taken from the water were revived with difficulty. The exact number of dead will not be known for some time yet, as many bodies were swept away by the tide.

Everybody, except the confirmed, crotchety bachelor, likes to help at a wedding. But sometimes he regrets the zeal with which he enters into the project. Nelson Simpson, a Wayne county farmer, is now very sorry that he so willingly helped along a wedding ceremony. Recently a well-dressed man of clerical appearance drove to his farm in a buggy at sunset and asked permission to stay all night. He made a favorable impression, and a room was given him. Before the family retired a man and woman stopped, inquiring the way to the nearest minister, as they wished to get married. The clergyman volunteered his services and a marriage certificate was filled out, which Simpson signed as a witness. Last week a promissory note signed by the farmer turned up for payment.

Give the Children a Drink

called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee but is free from all its injurious properties. Grain-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder, and children, as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about ¼ as much as coffee. 15 and 25c.

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A BRAVE OFFICER'S DEATH AT SEA.

The United States transport Senator arrived at San Francisco from Manila last Tuesday night with her flag flying at half-mast because of the death of Colonel Hawkins, of the Tenth Regiment, United States Volunteers.

The Senator sailed from Manila on July 1, with 38 officers and 721 enlisted men. The transport was at Nagasaki on July 13, when Colonel Hawkins was taken seriously ill with cancer of the bowels, from which he had been a sufferer during the greater part of his campaign in the Philippines, and for which he had undergone treatment at the military hospital at Manila. His illness continued during the following day, July 14, when the Senator was at Yokohama, and two days later he passed away at sea. Colonel Hawkins's illness dated from the battle of Malolos, when he exposed himself almost recklessly in the disease-breeding climate. He was respected and loved by every man of his command, and his death is deeply mourned by the troops. His body was placed in a hermetically sealed casket and on Sunday following his death funeral services were conducted by the chaplain of the regiment, all of his men being in attendance. The remains lay in state, attended day and night by a guard of honor, during the remainder of the voyage.

After the death of Colonel Hawkins the command of the regiment devolved upon Lieutenant Colonel Barnett.

The record of Colonel Hawkins as a soldier is one to be proud of. He gave four years of his life to his country during the rebellion, rising from a private in the ranks to a high position, and in the interim between it and the Spanish war he was a member of the National Guard since 1877. He entered the latter as a captain and rose steadily until he was the ranking colonel of the organization.

HIS LAST WISH.

"I would rather be Colonel of the Tenth Pennsylvania and march through the streets of Pittsburg at the head of my regiment than President of the United States," were almost the last words uttered by Col. Alexander H. Hawkins. At the time he was suffering intensely, but Lieut. Col. James E. Barnett says his face lit up with pride as he made the remark, and he looked every inch a soldier, as he was.

"The boys are glad to get back to God's country once again," said Lieutenant-Colonel Barnett. "Every man in the regiment is sad and disheartened over the death of Colonel Hawkins. He was a soldier, every inch of him, and beloved by every man in the regiment. When the war began the Colonel was a very sick man, and his doctor advised him to return home at once. He flatly refused. "Where my men go, I go, and I know where I go every boy in the regiment will follow," he said, and the last volley at Malolos found him in the front rank cheering on his men. After Malolos he sank rapidly, and those who knew his true condition had little hope of his recovery. He was the most sanguine of all, and seemed to think he would live to reach San Francisco at least."

WITH HONORS OF WAR.

The gloom that pervades Washington, Pa., by reason of Colonel Hawkins's death reaches all classes, and every citizen feels a personal loss. Colonel Barnett wired M. L. McCracken, Esq., asking him to see Mrs. Hawkins and wire instructions in regard to the body. With Boyd Crumrine he called at the Hawkins residence Wednesday morning, and later, with the approval of Mrs. Hawkins, telegraphed Colonel Barnett that it was the desire of Mrs. Hawkins that the body be laid to rest with all the honors of war, and also that the Tenth Regiment should act as an escort. The message urged Colonel Barnett to use his best efforts with General Shafter and the Department to have these desires carried out.

A NOISY WELCOME.

At nine o'clock last Thursday morning the Pennsylvania troops disembarked from the transport Senator at San Francisco and commenced the march to the Presidio reservation, where the soldiers will go into camp preparatory to being mustered out.

The reception accorded the Keystone State soldiers was similar to that given the Oregon, Nebraska and Utah boys, who had preceded them home. Thousands upon thousands of people lined the streets through which the boys were to pass. The usual medley of steam-whistles, cannon, and fireworks accompanied them all through the business section of the city.

Flags waved constantly, as the soldiers marched between the lines of spectators, and it seemed as if every piece of bunting and every flag in the city had been brought into service. From hotel windows and business houses streamers of bunting were thrown to the breeze, and in some places strings of cowbells had been suspended from windows to add to the din.

Three heavy batteries, one light battery, and the regimental band of the Third Artillery came first in the parade, followed by the Nebraska regiment. Then came the Pennsylvanians, led by Lieutenant Colonel Barnett, whose sword, draped in crape out of respect to the memory of Colonel Hawkins, caused a hush to fall on the multitudes.

The soldiers accepted the attentions showered upon them modestly, pledding along with even step and only occasionally looking to the right or left. The expressions of gratification which their sunburned faces bore, and an occasional cheer were the only signs they permitted themselves to show that they appreciated the demonstrations of a grateful people. The plaudits of an admiring people could not dissipate the discipline of a year's service in Uncle Sam's army, and the loss of their commander hung heavily upon them.

The battle-flag of the Pennsylvanians, torn, shot-riddled, and almost a wreck of its former beauty, excited more admiration than did anything else. As soon as the color-bearer came in sight, carrying the dingy and frayed piece of silk, a cheer mightier, if possible, than any which had been given the boys, rang out and reverberated among the throngs which had gathered to welcome the soldiers.

The parade was reviewed by General Shafter, and in the reviewing stand with him was the committee of Pennsylvanians who had come from the Keystone State to extend a welcome to their returned heroes. As the troops passed the reviewing stand they could not suppress a cheer, and it was returned by those in the stand bowing and waving handkerchiefs and flags.

On arrival at the Presidio the work of going into camp was taken up with a vim, and early in the afternoon the boys were comfortably quartered. Here they will remain for several weeks, until they are mustered out, when they will be taken to their Pennsylvania homes in a body.

"Beautiful beyond expression" is the tribute of all who have witnessed the superb scenic triumph of Solomon and the Queen of Sheba with John Robinson's great shows.

Cuban Census.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—The President has ordered that a census of Cuba be taken Oct 1. He desires the information so as to have it available for his annual message in December and that a complete report of the industrial and agricultural data be in the hands of Congress directly following the holiday recess when it is intended the future of the Island will come up for discussion and legislation. The work will be done by native Cubans under the direction of General Brooke. The count of Porto Rico will be included in the United States census in 1900.

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Every mill, forge, furnace and factory hums with the irresistible persistence of an army of toilers, 100,000 strong, who know no distinction between daylight and darkness. Wages are better and work is more plentiful than the Pittsburg district has ever known.

The only shortage is in the supply of labor of the right sort, and in the inadequacy of facilities for filling orders that pour in, a dazzling torrent, upon the manufacturers of iron, steel, coal, coke, tin, glass and their products. Every manufacturer complains of his inability to secure adequate and competent help.

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Every mill, forge, furnace and factory hums with the irresistible persistence of an army of toilers, 100,000 strong, who know no distinction between daylight and darkness. Wages are better and work is more plentiful than the Pittsburg district has ever known.

The only shortage is in the supply of labor of the right sort, and in the inadequacy of facilities for filling orders that pour in, a dazzling torrent, upon the manufacturers of iron, steel, coal, coke, tin, glass and their products. Every manufacturer complains of his inability to secure adequate and competent help.

Champions in their lines, are the artists of the arena with John Robinson's ten big shows.

ARMY RECORDS AN OPEN BOOK.

"Let them be Rigidly Examined," Say Mr. Alger.

HE PRESENTS A STATEMENT THAT YOU SHOULD READ.

"I am led to make the following statement," says ex-Secretary of War Alger, "on account of the many criticisms which have been made by the public press, and especially on account of a recent article which appeared in the London Times containing assertions which have no foundation in truth." The Secretary issued the statement here alluded to on the day before he severed his connection with the War Department.

He first calls attention to the fact that at the commencement of the war with Spain and for several years prior to that time, the regular army consisted of only 25,000 men, with the minimum number of officers prescribed by law, and that within sixty days from the declaration of war the strength of the army was increased to 275,000 men, while everything for the equipment of this great force had to be manufactured, transported and distributed for use. He refers particularly to the widespread and oft repeated charges that the President and himself had demoralized the army by numerous appointments to important positions of men from civil life, men unqualified to act properly. "The President had no voice or control," says Mr. Alger, in the matter of appointing the vast majority of those, for with few exceptions the Governors of the states appointed the regimental officers. The volunteer officers appointed by the President numbered all told 1052. Of this number 441 were taken from the regular army, and 101 from civil life. The scarcity of regimental officers in the regular service, owing to appointments in the volunteers, special recruiting and mustering details, had so reduced that number that to have taken a larger number for service with the volunteers would have seriously impaired the efficiency of the regular regiments.

"For a little over a thousand appointments made by the President," says Mr. Alger, "the number of applications was over 25,000, and each application was accompanied by a certificate of his ability, in most instances in the military service, either in the regular army or a state organization, and not infrequently in both. These certificates showed that each one was as well qualified for the position he sought and to which he was appointed as could be possible for men in civil life in this country. Of the number appointed there were for instance, 26 major-generals, of whom 19 were taken from the regular army and seven from civil life. Of these seven all but one were graduates of West Point Military Academy and all had distinguished themselves in command during the Civil War. Of brigadier generals there were 102 appointed, 66 from the regular army and 36 from civil life. Those from civil life had all seen service during the Civil War, or on our Western frontier and all had proven themselves competent to command.

"It has been stated, and repeated many times, that the Secretary of War made these appointments, when the truth is that very few were made upon his recommendation, although he caused the entire list with the recommendations to be compiled and placed before the President for his selection. I would be only too glad to have had the honor to have made these appointments. No better, no more loyal or more patriotic set of men, as a whole, ever served their country, and their appointments were a credit not only to the appointing power, but to the country they served. There were exceptions, but that could not have been foreseen. In every walk of life men are found who cannot carry out successfully the work they have undertaken. There were three regiments of cavalry, the officers of which were appointed by the Secretary of War. Colonel Leonard Wood, now a brigadier general and commanding the departments of Santiago and Puerto Principe, was one of these. Colonel Grigsby and Colonel Torrey, both good officers, were the other two. There were three regiments of engineers, the colonels of which were all graduates of the Military Academy, and not only the officers, but the enlisted men, were selected with a view to their special fitness, and in most instances upon the recommendations of the colonels themselves, and all proved themselves most efficient.

"There were also ten regiments of immune infantry, of whose colonels eight were graduates of the Military Academy, who were selected for special fitness to command, and in the short time these regiments were in service developed remarkable proficiency.

"Criticisms as to the amounts and methods of expenditure which could imply the wrong or careless use of money were also made by the London Times. This charge is false. So far as the conduct of the service was concerned no person with any knowledge of the facts can ever charge truthfully, and no one can ever show that a dollar was misappropriated, stolen or embezzled out of the hundreds of millions of dollars that were expended. The records are an open book, and I will be glad to have them rigidly examined, and ask my successor to open those accounts to the country whenever properly called for, in order that the entire truth may be known."

Since the days of Noah a more complete menagerie has never been seen than the one with John Robinson's ten big shows combined.

A Spanish Admiral

In his paper on "The Coming of the Armada," in the August number of Harper's Round Table, Reginald Gourlay brings to light again an interesting anecdote of Admiral Oquendo, whose name has been made familiar to us by having been borne by one of Cervera's ironclads sunk in Santiago harbor. One Diego Florez had advised the Spanish commander to surrender to Drake, and a boat had actually been lowered to go to the English ship and make terms, when Oquendo, hearing of the matter, swore that if a boat left the ship on such an errand he himself would pitch Florez into the sea. Such was his rage that the boat was recalled and Drake's proposition rejected.

[LETTER TO MRS. PINKHAM NO. 46,970]

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Mrs. Edna Jackson,
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BARNETT TO HEAD THE STATE TICKET.

(Special Correspondence.)

Philadelphia, Aug. 8.—The Republican state convention, which meets at Harrisburg on the 24th inst., will honor the surviving superior officer of the "Fighting Tenth" Pennsylvania volunteers, Lieutenant Colonel James Elder Barnett, of Washington county, by nominating him for state treasurer, unless he absolutely declines to run. There is no doubt that were he alive Colonel Alexander L. Hawkins, who commanded the regiment, and whose death occurred on the transport returning from the Philippines, would receive this nomination. The party leaders, from Colonel Quay down, were prepared to support him for this position. Since the death of Colonel Hawkins, which is generally deplored, a movement has been started to urge Lieutenant Colonel Barnett to allow the use of his name for this office. Everybody who is interested at all in Pennsylvania politics is commenting upon the manly way in which Colonel Barnett has acted under existing circumstances. His prompt and emphatic refusal to allow his name to be considered in connection with the colonelcy of the "Fighting Tenth" as successor to the late Colonel Hawkins, preferring, as he says, that the command shall be mustered out as "Hawkins' regiment," and his unstinted praise of the services of his late commander and his devotion to his memory have been the subject of general comment. The political leaders have no information as to whether Barnett will consent to allow the use of his name in connection with the state treasurership. His brief public statement on this subject, in response to a newspaper query, was that while appreciating the compliment intended in the mention of his name, it is a matter which he could not pass upon without due consideration. Barnett is known to be as level headed as he is brave. His brilliant work on the firing line in the Philippines with Filipino bullets whizzing all round him while he gallantly lead his battalion into the thick of the fight is but part of the glorious history of the "Fighting Tenth." That bullet shattered testament which in the breast pocket of the brave Barnett halted an insurgent shot and saved his life is one of the interesting relics brought home from Manila by the boys from the Keystone state.

BARNETT BY ACCLAMATION.

Unless an unqualified declination shall be received from Colonel Barnett his name will be presented to the state convention, and his nomination by acclamation will certainly follow.

With Barnett at the head of the Republican state ticket the coming campaign will be an exceedingly interesting one. He is well known in the National Guard, with which he has been connected for 16 years, having served successively in the various grades from private to his present rank. He is a member of the bar and a stalwart Republican. He was deputy secretary of the commonwealth under General Reeder, and has a host of friends among the active Republicans throughout the state.

Another nomination that will be made by the coming state convention has also been virtually settled. Josiah R. Adams, of this city, will be named for the superior court. There is an undoubted sentiment in favor of allowing the choice of the Philadelphia delegation to be named for this honor. It is intimated that former Governor Hastings would, if he thought he had a chance to win out, lead a movement for Justice Beeber's renomination. The fact that he has invited his former secretary of the commonwealth, David Martin, to be his guest at Bellefonte may have occasioned the circulation of a report that Hastings seeks to enlist Martin's influence in behalf of Beeber. Friends of Counsellor Adams say