

WESTER DAVIS, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, has resigned, and will go on the lecture platform in the interest of the Boer.

The British forces suffered a reverse Saturday near Bloemfontein, where General Roberts has his headquarters. By a shrewd bit of generalship the British forces were driven from a position they occupied and into another trap, where they lost 350 men. The water supply of Bloemfontein was also cut off.

Messrs. Fred Rowe and W. H. Sanner, candidates for the Republican nomination for Assemblymen, paid their announcement fees to Chairman Berkeley over a week ago, and as yet that worthy has not announced their names as required by the party rules, and the day of election is only a little over two weeks off. This is a fair sample of the "reform" in our primaries that the "McKinley League" propose to give us.

NEVER in the history of the party has a candidate for National Delegate been announced at the primary. The unbroken custom has been for the Delegates to the State Convention to act as conferees to select National Delegates. Chairman Berkeley, being much wiser than all those who have gone before him, has dictatorially changed this ancient and respected party custom and forced candidates for this position to announce and make a canvass of the county. Mr. Ephraim D. Miller, of Rockwood, is a candidate for National Delegate.

We desire to have it understood that the call for the Republican primary election is not published in the HERALD at the request of Mr. J. A. Berkeley, Chairman of the Republican County Committee, but decidedly contrary to his wishes. It was Mr. Berkeley's evident desire to keep the knowledge of the date of the primary from as many Republicans as possible, and only convey the information to his insurgent friends, that impelled him to delay calling the primary to the last possible moment, and then to make the announcement in obscure papers, none of which supported the Republican ticket at the last general election, or of general circulation.

THE Republicans of Somerset county are unalterably opposed to the return of Joseph E. Thorpe to Congress. Two years ago, when his own county humiliated him by giving a large majority against him, and Blair and Cambria both repudiated him, Somerset county, by her large loyal Republican majority, saved his election, dragging him from beneath the hostile vote of the other counties in the district such as one would pull a drowning puppy from a mill-pool. His gratitude has been shown by according his Somerset county constituents treatment on a par with that which the average Boer is alleged to mete out to the Uitlander, only in this case it is Mr. Thorpe who is the Boer. Whether Mr. Thorpe runs in this county in person or by proxy, it is one and the same. The Republicans of this county will have none of him.

THE date of the famous Boer General Piet Joubert removes from life's action one of the sturdiest of all those who are now engaged in the fight for independence, a rugged, honest man, a lover of liberty, a hater of oppression, and a combatant in a good cause who was at all times to be feared when the struggle was on. His loss to the South African Republic is irreparable. There is none to take his place. The Boer forces are well drilled, and the men who plan the battles and carry them to a successful termination are few, and Joubert will be very sadly missed. What effect, if any, his death will have on the Boer cause remains to be seen, but it is certainly discouraging, for Joubert was the mainstay, and the man upon whom was placed the greatest reliance by Kruger and the others who conducted the destinies of the Boer Republic.

JOSEPH E. THORPE told a citizen of Somerset county Saturday afternoon that he had announced and was a candidate for Congress in this county at the approaching primary. He did not state whether he would run in person or by proxy, and as the HERALD is not in the confidence of Chairman Berkeley, it is not one of the "official organs" of the McKinley League, and is not likely to give the official announcements, it and its readers will have to wait till the fact percolates through the obscure papers that our Chairman has selected to convey to the voters of the county intelligence of the approaching primary, before we know whether our Congressman proposes to give us an opportunity to go up against the real thing or whether it is a Joseph in disguise that we will have to go after. In whatever shape it appears, the Republicans of the county are laying for it.

THE one vital question to be settled at the primary on April 24th is the Shall majority rule be upheld, or shall a minority dominate the Republican party? Pennsylvania is the only State in the Union where this great constitutional privilege is denied. Everywhere else the principle is accepted as a matter of fact. No party can survive unless the minority submits to the majority. But in Pennsylvania we have a few political bosses of the Dave Martin and Bill Flynn stripe who have grown enormously rich through the manipulation of the city politics of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, who are striving to smash the party in the State if they can only smother out of the runs. The Republicans party is not to be frightened by such men and such methods, and in making nominations for the Legislature no candidate should be supported unless he pledges himself to stand by his party and to be governed in all political questions by the majority. The rule of the majority, then, is the main issue at the primaries, and if the Republican voters are wise they will elect party-wreckers and "insurgents" W. H. Sanner and Fred Rowe pledge themselves to abide by the verdict of the majority on all party questions.

IT is fitting to justify the outrageous effort being made by County Chairman J. A. Berkeley to violate and annul the rules of the Republican party in the county in order to re-elect himself Chairman of the County Committee, the "fake" journal, it being the personal organ of Assemblyman Kootz, willy nilly and dictatorially, about every person, living and dead, who has held the position of County Chairman

INSIDE HISTORY. Secrets of the Malodorous "McKinley League" Fully Exposed.

BOLTERS KOOTZ AND KENDALL IN THEIR TRUE LIGHT.

Attempt of Reformers to Dictate a County Ticket, the Backers of "Boss" Ever Witnessed.

The political silence preserved by the select coterie of scheming politicians, who met in secret in this town on the night of May 2, 1899, for the purpose of "comparing notes on the political situation," must impress every upright and thoughtful citizen with the fact that a preconcerted and dastardly attempt was made to take from the people the control of the elective offices of Somerset county, in whose hands they are placed by the Constitution and laws of the State, and turn them over to certain ambitious gentlemen, who have worn throned all the various political positions, and purges without attaining their objects, undertook by cunning to place their tools in places of political power.

The dastardly consummation of that steady and unvarying effort to displace the straight and who should not be candidates for office is a matter of very recent history, but life lesson taught seems to have made no impression on the gentlemen who planned the audacious scheme, because an effort is now being made with the same stealth and disregard of the rights of the people to secure and retain control of the County Committee, and to secure the election of two members of the Legislature.

The mission of the "McKinley League," has been a fruitless subject for discussion not only in the columns of this paper, but among people who believe in the right of every citizen to submit his name as a candidate for election to office, and especially among the political and personal friends of those whose political aspirations and right to exercise the liberty of citizenship were trampled at the "comparing notes meeting."

The so-called Independent Republican voters—and there are many such in this county—who have followed the leadership of William H. Kootz and Francis J. Kosser, believing that they were fighting for a well and clearly defined set of independent political principles, by the adoption of which great political good would result and many alleged abuses would be corrected, can not view with any degree of complacency the exposition made elsewhere in these columns of the methods resorted to by them last spring through the instrumentality of the McKinley League to dictate a ticket, which was repudiated by the voters at the primary election. One of the stock plies of the gentlemen named has been "that the people were not permitted to exercise a choice in the selection of their candidates, that power being reserved for the arch-traitors of the party, the bosses." They talked "bossism" until their dreams were disturbed at night, and at last when they believed themselves to be strongly fortified in their good graces of the people they treated the Republican voters to such an exhibition of audacious and intolerable "bossism" as Dick Croker, Dave Martin, or Bill Flynn never dared attempt in the boss-ridden cities of New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

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A MOTHER'S STORY.

Tells About Her Daughter's Illness and How She Was Relieved—Two Letters to Mrs. Pinkham.

"Mrs. PINKHAM—I write to tell you about my daughter. She is nineteen years old and is doing all the time, and has been so for about a year. The doctor does her but very little good. If I say, 'I thought I would write you about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, but I want your advice before beginning its use.' It affords me great pleasure to tell you of the benefit Mrs. MATTIDA A. MILL, Manchester, N. H., writes me, dated May 21, 1899.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—It affords me great pleasure to tell you of the benefit Mrs. MATTIDA A. MILL, Manchester, N. H., writes me, dated May 21, 1899. My daughter has recovered from the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. After beginning the use of your medicine she began to mend rapidly and is now all the time. Her menses are regular and almost painless. I feel very thankful to you and expect to always keep your 'Vegetable Compound' in my house. It is the best medicine I ever knew. You have my permission to publish this letter if you wish, it may be the means of doing others good.—Mrs. MATTIDA A. MILL, Manchester, N. H., dated May 21, 1899.

REGULARS IN GOOD SPIRITS. Acheson's Record as a Bolter is Attracting Attention to the Washington County Fight.

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FAYETTE SOLD AS A ROCK. The primary election held in Fayette county last Saturday resulted in a clean sweep for the friends of Colonel Quay, who nominated the three members of the legislature through the vote of the regular caucus. They discovered that the Republicans of Fayette were in favor of majority rule and would repudiate any candidates set up as representatives of the insurgent caucus holding election.

AN ORDINANCE.

Granting the Johnstown Telephone Company the right to erect poles.

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