The Somerset Herald.

EDWARD SCULL, Editor and Proprietor.

WEDNESDAY.....April 18, 1900.

A CARD.

Somerset, Pa., April 17, 1900.

To Republican Voters:—

The charge being circulated that I am a candidate for Congress in the interest of any person other than myself is entirely unwarranted and false. I am a candidate for the sole purpose of securing the Congressional nomination for Somerset County, if it can be procured by honorable means.

To those who know me the above statement is unnecessary.

Very respectfully,

HARVEY M. BERKLEY.

VOTE the Straight Republican ticket from top to bottom.

WHY did not the Democratic county convention nominate candidates for the legislature? Messrs. Koontz and Kendall know.

THE Republicanism of Koontz and Kendall is like the little boy's picture of a horse. Being afraid that it might be mistaken for some other animal he wrote beneath it, "This Is A Picture of A Horse."

TUESDAY of next week has been unanimously agreed upon as the date for taking a final vote on the Quay case in the United States Senate. There is no doubt as to the outcome. Senator Quay will be seated.

WE have no doubt in the world but that if Messrs. Koontz, Kendall and Kooser win at Saturday's primary, the victory will be hailed as "a vindication of the Commissioners' office under the regime of Shober and Kimmel."

IF Koontz and Kendall are Republicans and mean to abide by the result of the Republican primary election next Saturday, how does it come that the Somerset Democrat, the official organ of the Democratic-Bryan party, and the Populistic Berlin Record are advocating their nomination?

Before casting your vote for Kooser for Congress, think for a moment of the consequences that may follow. Kooser is a candidate in the interest of Joseph E. Thropp, the rich ironmaster from Montgomery county, who deducted five cents—cost of postage and postal note—from the wages due a poor day laborer.

THE "fakers" profiting from past experience have failed to get out the usual supply of cards headed "Anti-Scull Ticket," but instead are scattering cards headed "Regular Republican Ticket," followed by the names of the insurgent and party wrecker candidates. Do not be mislead. Vote the "Straight Republican Ticket" from top to bottom.

JOSEPH E. THROPP deducted 5 cents (cost of postage and postal note) from the wages—$1.50—due one of his employes named John Connor, who had removed from Everett before the regular pay-day at Thropp's furnaces. No laboring man can support with his vote such a tyrant as this. A vote for Francis J. Kooser is a vote in the interests of Joseph E. Thropp.

THE idea of Messrs. Koontz, Kendall and Kooser having their names printed under the caption "Regular Republican Ticket," is not in keeping with the political records of any of the gentlemen named. When were they "Regular Republicans?" Certainly not when, as members of the "McKinley League," they drove aspirants for office from the field, or when they were engaged in fighting duly nominated candidates of the Republican party.

IF nominated and elected, Sanner and Rowe will act with a majority of their party on all party measures. They will attend the caucus to nominate a candidate for United States Senator and will loyally support the party nominee. What will Koontz and Kendall do if re-elected? They will consort with Democrats; will refuse to attend the party caucuses, and will vote for Col. Jas. M. Guffey in preference to M. S. Quay for United States Senator.

LET us suppose that W. H. Koontz and S. A. Kendall are identified with a religious denomination and that a majority of the congregation have decided to unite in a call to a minister or to take action on some important matter affecting the interests of the church, would they, because they had a personal dislike for the minister or were opposed to the proposed action, be justified in breaking up the church organization? That is precisely what they are endeavoring to do as members of the Republican party.

ONE of the novel features of the campaign being made by Messrs. Koontz and Kendall is the active support given them by the Somerset Democrat and the Berlin Record, Populist. The Record, which for years has been pretending to exert its feeble influence in behalf of the grangers and defending them from unjust taxation, has turned clean 'round and is now defending Koontz for dodging the vote on the Creasy tax bill. The object of the Democrat in supporting Koontz and Kennall is as plain as the nose on your face. The Democrats have alreadyentered into a bargain to fuse with the insurgents at the November election.

SINCE Messrs. Koontz, Kendall and Kooser have a host of men employed riding up and down the county for the purpose of appealing for votes on factional lines, it is proper for the voters to inquire into the disastrous results that have followed the election of their factional friends to office. For nine years the Commissioners' office was controlled absolutely and run in the interests of the insurgents. During that time the valuation of all real estate was increased from 20 to 60 per cent., and when they ceased to control that office on the first of January last the startling discovery was made that the county was involved in debt to an amount approximating $40,000, and that the county tax millage would have to be increased one-third. Bear these undeniable facts in mind, Republican voters, when the agents of the "McKinley League" appeal to you for your vote on factional lines. A couple of dollars from the big curruption fund sent here by the millionaire clique, who are attempting to destroy the Republican party in Pennsylvania, will not go far toward paying the increased burden of taxation placed upon you by insurgent mismanagement.

FOR weeks and months past the insurgent organs of this county have been publishing all sorts of stuff laudatory of Mr. Thropp; never a word for the "great harmonizer," Mr. Kooser. It was the intention that Mr. Thropp should run in this county, but the announcement of Harvey M. Berkley's candidacy convinced the insurgent leaders that Thropp would not be in the running and that it would be necessary to put up a stool-pigeon. Hence, Mr. Kooser's candidacy.

WHAT did they do? When you are asked, Republican voters, to vote to return Koontz and Kendall to the legislature, ask what Koontz and Kendall did for you or anyone else in Somerset county during the last session. What important measure did either advocate or introduce? What position did they procure for any of their constituents? We might as well have had two sacks of buckwheat flour, labeled "Koontz" and "Kendall," placed in the seats of our representatives, for all the good they did.

WHAT distinguished service has Francis J. Kooser ever rendered the Republican party that he should be allowed to pre-empt the two most honorable positions within the gift of the voters of the district? He has frequently and openly announced his intention of being a candidate next year to succeed Judge Longenecker; then why should he ask for the Congressional nomination this year? If nominated and elected to Congress, he would not have entered upon the discharge of his duties as a member of Congress till he would ask that he be elected Judge. We know of no reason why these two honorable positions should be placed at the bestowal of Mr. Kooser. Surely are there other Republicans who are possessed of some ability, who have rendered some party service and whom the Republicans of the county may wish to honor. We do not think that Mr. Kooser has a monopoly of the brains of the county, or that he has rendered the party such marked service, that all places of trust and honor should be reserved for him. He has already been highly honored by the party. He filled the office of District Attorney when quite a young man, and was elected Prothonotary at a time when the office paid almost as much in a single year as it has paid since during an entire term. He was given the county's endorsement for President Judge in 1891, and for Congress in 1896 and in 1898. The annual announcement of Mr. Kooser's candidacy for office is beginning to be looked upon in the county as an inevitable sign of the approach of spring, much as the organ-grinder and his monkey announces to the denizens of the cities by his appearance from his winter quarters that the seasons have once more changed. We do not believe that all the brains of the Republican party of the county are carried under Mr. Kooser's hat, nor do we believe that Republicans who have always been true to their party, who have fought the battles of their party when Mr. Kooser was engaging in guerrilla warfare or was openly opposing the nominees of the party, should be stood aside because, forsooth, Mr. Kooser wishes to be a candidate in behalf of a man who is loathed and abhorred by a large majority of the Republican voters of the county and of the congressional district. Mr. Kooser should not have been a candidate for Congress at this time. He is not acting candidly, fairly or honestly with himself or with the Republican voters of the county in his effort to deliver the conferees from this county to Joseph E. Thropp. Mr. Kooser should be defeated—overwhelmingly defeated. Mr. Kooser *will* be defeated.

F. J. KOOSER, Esq., has sent thousands of circular letters to Republican voters in the county, in which the following occurs:

"The falsehood that I was running in the interests of another was circulated throughout the county each time before that I was a candidate. My subsequent acts gave proof to the contrary. The foolish story now attempted to be floated, that I am in Mr. Thropp's interest, carries its own contradiction to sensible people, who know that Mr. Thropp has not won the election in his own county—Bedford."

The above, carefully worded and cautious statement that it is, bears the imprint of deceit and lack of candor on its face. But, in view of the letters from Mr. Thropp, published elsewhere in these columns, the absolute falseness of the statement made by Mr. Kooser cannot but be apparent to the most obtuse mind. Mr. Kooser *is* a candidate in Mr. Thropp's interest. He lacks the manhood to affirm it or the courage to deny it. And what were the "subsequent acts" of which Mr. Kooser speaks? In 1896, when Mr. Thropp had but 1½ votes in the conference, Kooser's conferrees voted for him. When the conference adjourned without making a nomination and Hicks and Thropp were both announced as candidates, Kooser and his friends, although every child in the district knew that Hicks could win and the district be saved, advocated voting for Thropp and had thousands of the following circular sent throughout the county on the eve of the election:

Thropp
is the
strongest man!

Advices from twenty-five points in the three other counties in the Twentieth Congressional District late last evening indicate that MR. THROPP is the candidate who can save the Republicans of the district from being represented by a Democrat. Vote for

Thropp,
Protection,
And Sound Money.

Tuesday, November 3, 1896.

This was one of Mr. Kooser's "subsequent acts." In 1898 Mr. Kooser was again endorsed for Congress by the Republicans of Somerset County. He went into the district conference and his three conferrees—two of them being J. A. Berkey and J. G. Ogle—voted for and nominated Mr. Thropp, and put the affront and disgrace upon the 20th Pennsylvania district of being represented for two years by Joseph E. Thropp.

This is another of Mr. Kooser's "subsequent acts," and by these we must judge him. His effort to deceive the people who have heretofore trusted and honored him is pitiful in the extreme. It cannot succeed. The Republican voters of Somerset county are unalterably opposed to the return of Joseph E. Thropp to Congress, and they will reckon with Mr. Kooser in the future for his attempt to deceive and mislead them by his ostensible candidacy, his absolute lack of candor. Every Republican voter in this county should bear this well in mind when he goes to cast his vote: A vote for Francis J Kooser is a vote to return Joseph E Thropp, the insufferable, the unbearable, who has been humiliated, defeated and repudiated by the voters of his own county, to Congress.

KOOSER
A CANDIDATE IN THE INTEREST OF THROPP.

Proof Positive of the Herald's Assertion.

Disowned, Repudiated, Humiliated by the Republicans of His Own County, Thropp, the Unspeakable, Seeks to Capture the Conferees from Somerset County by Setting Up a Proxy Candidate.

"Kooser Running in My Interest," Says Thropp.

We have before us a letter addressed by Joseph E. Thropp to a prominent citizen of Cambria county, under date of Washington, April 11th, from which we quote the following paragraph:

"I understand that some of your interests extend into Somerset county and am sure that you have many friends that you are constantly meeting from that county. May I ask that you exert all your influence at once among such friends in favor of F. J. KOOSER, ESQ., who is the candidate for Congress in that county in my interest."

(Signed.) JOSEPH E. THROPP.

House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.
April 10th, 1900.

Mr. John H. Coleman,
Coleman, Somerset Co., Pa.

My Dear Sir:—

I have just returned from Bedford county and it has given me pleasure to-day to request the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General to have you appointed Postmaster at Coleman, Pa. I hope you will show your appreciation at this appointment by doing all you can to second the efforts of your County Chairman, J. A. Berkey, Esq., who has proven a good friend of yours and whom you know is interested in the success of Messrs. Kooser, Koontz and Kendall, I should be glad to hear from you and to know what the prospects are for your doing successful work in behalf of the above candidates in your vicinity.

In the meantime, I am, with best wishes, Very truly yours,

JOSEPH E. THROPP.

Mr. Coleman sent his application for appointment as postmaster at Coleman to Congressman Thropp on February 14th or 15th. The postmaster, Charles Ringler, moved away February 23d, since when Mr. Coleman has been acting as postmaster. Ringler's resignation was sent to Mr. Thropp with Mr. Coleman's application. Mr. Thropp paid no attention whatever to the matter until seven days ago, when he wrote the above letter in the interest of his proxy candidate, Mr. Kooser.

House of Representatives,
Washington.
April 14, 1900.

Mr. Charles P. DeCorse,
Confluence, Somerset Co., Pa.

My Dear Sir:—

Your letter of April 12th, is just before me and I have written to the Department at once to ask for a report on your case and will advise you of the result.

In the meantime, I hope you are doing all you can for Mr. Kooser, whom I am led to believe feels kindly towards me. . . . Hoping you will use your active influence for Mr. Kooser, I am

Very truly your friend,

JOSEPH E. THROPP.

The above letter mailed under a government frank, did not contain the postage, 2 cents, required by law on private communications of members of Congress.

House of Representatives,
Washington.
April 13, 1900.

Mr. Christian Paul,
Deal, Pa.

Dear Sir:—

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th ult. which has awaited my return from Bedford county. I shall immediately make inquiry in reference to your pension case and advise you of the result. Very truly yours,

JOSEPH E. THROPP.

P. S. Please vote for and get all your friends to vote for F. J. Kooser and be assured I shall appreciate it as a favor to myself.

PLOT TO COMMIT WHOLESALE FRAUD UNEARTHED.

Effort to Bribe and Steal Republican County Committee Being Made.

BOLD ATTEMPT TO PRACTICE FRAUD AT SATURDAY'S PRIMARY EXPOSED.

Within the past few days the HERALD has obtained information of a daring attempt that is being made to corrupt members of the Republican County Committee, and that Chairman J. A. Berkey has carefully laid his plans to remove a number of duly elected Committeemen in order, among other things, to secure his re-election as Chairman or the election of his brother-in-law, Mr. Henry F. Barron.

We have before us the affidavit of one Committeeman setting forth that he was paid a certain amount of money to resign.

We have information of the most reliable character that a well-known citizen of Somerset, who has been largely interested in buying up coal lands, has also been trying his hand at buying up Republican Committeemen, offering a price for a Committeeman equal to what he is willing to pay for the coal under an average sized farm.

At the primary election of 1899, John Schlag, a Stalwart Republican, was duly elected Committeeman of Jefferson township. Without rhyme or reason, other than to accomplish his ulterior aims, J. A. Berkey has attempted to deprive the loyal Republicans of Jefferson township of their right to name their own Committeeman, and has notified Mr. Noah Bruner that he has removed Schlag and has appointed Bruner in his stead. Chairman Berkey is as powerless to remove Schlag, or any other Committeeman, as he is to turn day into night. Schlag will hold the primary in Jefferson township, despite Mr. Berkey's efforts, in strict accordance with the party rules and the votes cast will be honestly counted.

J. F. Smith was duly elected Committeeman by the Republican voters of Larimer township at the primary of 1899. He is a Stalwart Republican, will conduct an honest and fair election in strict conformity with the party rules and will not vote for J. A. Berkey, or brother-in-law Barron for Chairman of the County Committee. This does not suit Mr. Berkey and his fellow conspirators and he has undertaken, in violation of all law and all sense of honesty and decency, to remove Mr. Smith and appoint Washington Tressler. The Stalwart Republicans of Larimer township have determined that they will stand no such interference with their legal rights and Mr. Smith will hold their primary election, hold it honestly and fairly, and the vote cast at that poll will be counted in spite of the every effort of the conspirators against the rights of the people.

These are but a few of the instances of corruption and wholesale attempt at fraud that have come to our knowledge.

The opponents of Republicanism, of majority rule, the caucus bolters and party wreckers, who for years past have been masquerading under the guise of reform have had the mask taken from them and their hideous hypocrisy exposed in all its nakedness.

They know that their candidates—Kooser, Koontz and Kendall—are hopelessly defeated, unless by corrupting a sufficient number of Committeemen, who will perpetrate sufficient fraud to secure their election.

READ Thropp's letters and then decide in whose interest Kooser is a candidate.

KOOSER in the role of a harmonizer is great. Give him all the important offices and you can then have harmony, perfect harmony, so far as Kooser is concerned.

SPURNED, humiliated, disgraced, repudiated by the honest Republicans of Bedford county, Joseph E. Thropp undertakes to dictate to the Republican voters of Somerset county for whom they shall vote.

CHAIRMAN BERKEY should go slow in his attempt to remove members of the County Committee. There are penal statutes for violations of the law. No Committeeman can be removed without cause shown. No vacancy can be filled by the Chairman, except "with the approval of the Executive Committee." Do you catch on, Chairman Berkey?

THE primary election to be held Saturday will be one of the most important ever fought in Somerset county. The predominating issue is whether the two men selected to represent this county in the legislature shall act in harmony with the Republican majority, or whether they shall be assistants to the Democrats. The personality of the four candidates sinks into insignificance when considered with the great principle at stake. Two years ago the Republicans of the county nominated and elected W. H. Koontz and S. A. Kendall as Assemblymen. At the primary or nominating election a large majority of the voters expressed by their ballots their choice for United States Senator, which, according to party custom in every State in the Union, is regarded as binding instructions. Koontz and Kendall refused to attend the Senatorial caucus, preferring to follow the leadership of the bold millionaire city contractors and "bosses," "Bill" Flinn and "Dave" Martin, who, governed by personal malice and spite, joined hands with the Democratic minority and succeeded in defeating the expressed will of the majority. We do not believe that the Republican voters of the county approve of such conduct, but prefer to think that they are true to the principles and traditions of the Republican party, the very foundation of which is the right of the majority to rule.

A LASTING EFFECT.

This Evidence Should Prove Every Claim.

Relief from the pains and aches of a bad back is always welcome to every backache sufferer, but to cure a lame, weak or aching back is what's wanted. Cure it so it will stay cured. It can be done. Here's the strongest evidence to prove it.

Mr. James McElhany, contractor, of 75 Hillside avenue, Franklin, Pa., says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills in the summer of 1896, was interviewed by a representative and allowed my opinion to be expressed in the Franklin newspapers. At the time they relieved me of backache and lameness and corrected the kidney secretions. In March, 1897, I sprained my back badly, and a lameness just in one spot was painfully evident. I procured Doan's Kidney Pills a second time, and from my experience and the results obtained, I can conscientiously recommend them to the people of Franklin or anywhere else, as a preparation up to their representations."

Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers; price 50 cents a box. Mailed on receipt of price by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name, Doan's, and take no substitute.

A TRAITOR TO HIS PARTY.

IS COUNTY CHAIRMAN J. A. BERKEY.

Koontz, Kendall and Kooser Can Not Find Time to Attend Republican Meetings During the Fall Campaign.

A SORRY LOT OF REPUBLICANS.

If an opinion were to be based on the silly vaporings of the Chairman of the County Committee, the most charitable construction would be that the wheels in his head are revolving so fast that he has lost what little reasoning power he may have originally possessed, if he ever had any. Mr. Berkey's latest emanation appeared in three or four obscure local newspapers last week and is addressed "To the Republican Voters of Somerset County," and signed "J. A. Berkey, Chairman of the Rep. Co. Com." Mr. Berkey's card is a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end, and will only serve to make him ridiculous in the eyes of the public. Last fall Chairman Berkey issued a call for a number of mass meetings, in which an indecent and unwarranted attack was made on the party candidates, none of whom were willing to trust the management of their campaign or their cash in his hands. This attack on the party's nominees was refused admission to the columns of this paper.

Mr. Berkey now asserts that he furnished the HERALD with "a copy of all the announcements of candidates at the Republican Primary Election to be held April 21st." This statement is entirely untruthful. Last Tuesday the HERALD received an anonymous type-written communication, giving what purported to be a list of the announcements in the hands of the County Chairman. This communication was consigned to the waste-paper basket, the same as all other unsigned letters. If the anonymous communication was a trick on the part of the County Chairman to secure the benefit of the HERALD's wide circulation among the Republican voters of the county it failed signally. The price for publishing political announcements authorized by the County Chairman is $5 each, as Mr. Berkey well knows.

Mr Berkey concludes: "The HERALD has refused to print the announcements of the candidates over the signature of the Chairman, but has published a list of candidates who are slated with 'the unholy alliance of bolters' against the Republican Committee."

As President of the "McKinley League" Mr. Berkey called a series of meetings last spring for the "purpose of learning the voters how to vote intelligently," and is now abetting the campaign of certain gentlemen who are at present holding alleged Republican meetings throughout the county.

Last fall, when Chairman Berkey was furnishing lists of names of insurgents to the Chairman of the Democratic County Committee, who in turn was sending them in to the Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, in order that he might send them anti-Republican literature, and was doing other treasonable acts to his party, he was at the same time making a pretense at holding Republican meetings, at none of which could he get an audience. Seeing that their party was being betrayed by the men who were in charge of the county organization and that their efforts were being devoted to decrease instead of increase the majority for the Republican State ticket, the Lincoln Club of Somerset, the oldest political organization in Somerset county—one of its cardinal doctrines being to take no part as an organization at primary elections—in order to instill some enthusiasm into the campaign, arranged for and held one of the most successful political mass meetings ever held in the county. They expended several hundred dollars in furnishing fireworks, music, etc., and the meeting was addressed by three of the most eloquent, able and prominent speakers and politicians in the State of Pennsylvania. The enthusiasm and interest created by this meeting spread all over the county, with the result that the effort of the traitors at the head of the party organization to reduce the Republican majority in the county was foiled. And for this, Chairman Berkey and his friends delight in denouncing the gentlemen who arranged for this meeting and the immense throng of Republicans who attended it as "*bolters from the county organization.*" It was noticed at the time, that none of the gentlemen who are now "holding the county organization" by holding meetings in behalf of their own candidacy—Koontz, Kendall and Kooser—were present at the meeting held in behalf of the regularly nominated Republican ticket and addressed by United States Senator Penrose, Attorney General Elkin and Senator McCarrell. These gentlemen are not in the habit of attending Republican meetings.

It will be recalled that about the same time the county was being flooded with anti-Republican literature, mailed by the Democratic State Committee to insurgent Republicans, whose names and post-office addresses were furnished by J. A. Berkey, Chairman of the Republican County Committee, the following cowardly circular was being circulated by the same people:

SOMERSET, Pa., Nov. 3, 1899.

DEAR SIR:—

It is now apparent that the Quay-Scull ring in this county is acting in open antagonism to our County Chairman and organization. This county is anti-Quay, as on a fair fight we elected two anti-Quay members of the State Legislature.

Now that we have the organization, State Chairman Reeder refuses to recognize our Chairman and the Scull candidates refuse to pay to Chairman Berkey their campaign assessments.

In order, therefore, to prevent Quay again owning a State Treasurer, and keeping the Sculls out of the county offices for three years, thus depriving them of the county printing, and defeating men who will not, upon nomination, pay their election expenses, we have decided to ask our friends to take the following action:

Do not vote in the circle above the Republican column, but place an X behind the names of Mitchell, Brown, Dornblaht, Moser, Schrock and Livengood. And as we are entitled to vote for two commissioners, in order to defeat Scull's man Koontz put an X behind Groff's name on the Prohibition ticket.

By so doing you will show yourself to be a patriot instead of a partisan.

It will be impossible for us to reach all our friends in your district. Will you acquaint them of our action.

Very truly yours,

INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE.

These are but a few of the acts of the individual who is at present Chairman of the Republican County Committee of Somerset county, and who is bending every effort—every corrupt and abominable means known being used—to retain his hold on the position he has so unworthily filled, by his own election or that of his brother in-law, Henry F. Barron. Republicans of Somerset County, have you not had enough of the Berkey-Barron-Shober-Kimmel brand of politics?

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals for the erection of the Municipal Building will be received by the Secretary of the Town Council, and opened on April 26, 1900. All builders and contractors are invited to call at the office of the Secretary, where the plans and specifications can be seen, and other information furnished.

R. E. MEYERS, Secretary.

Somerset, Pa., April 4, 1900.

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.

Kooser as a "Harmonizer."

Having worn threadbare all the various disguises of the political chameleon, F. J. Kooser now appears under the gauzy cover of a "party harmonizer," as is shown by the circular letters he has caused to be scattered broadcast over the county. In the circular referred to Mr. Kooser begins: "After the endorsement I have previously had, I hoped to be conceded the privilege of the selection of the candidates (Congressional) this year without opposition, but a contest has been FORCED upon me." Could a more presumptuous statement than the above emanate from any other source than from a candidate who has three times failed to receive the Congressional nomination and who is responsible for having this great district represented at Washington by a "carpet-bagger" from the eastern section of the State?

A contest has been FORCED upon Mr. Kooser, forsooth. Are the Republican voters of the county willing to submit to the humiliation of having any one man preempt the county's claim to representation in Congress until he has been elevated to the judgeship?

Is it possible that the people of Somerset county have delivered one of their birthrights, the privilege of selecting persons whom they desire to represent them at Washington, into the hands of a single individual until his ambition is satisfied?

After assuring the persons addressed that he is not a candidate in the interests of Thropp, and smoothing over the charges preferred by his political associates and allies to the effect that he could have secured the Congressional nomination four years ago, had he made the necessary effort, the circular continues: "Assuring you that my best efforts shall be given in the work for party harmony, party strength and party success, etc., etc.—F. J. Kooser."

Now, we submit in the light of his political conduct during the past twenty years, that few of Mr. Kooser's friends will recognize him in the togs of a "party harmonizer." It is true that Messrs. N. E. Berkey, Bent. K. Pullin, E. J. Dickey and others, who were last spring driven from the field of candidates for Prothonotary with a "McKinley League" club in the hands of Mr. Kooser, Geo. F. Kimmell and Ed Leonard, in order that J. G. Emert might have a clear track, may entertain different views of Mr. Kooser's harmonizing schemes, but they will admit, if honest with themselves, that Mr. Kooser FORCED them to surrender any claims or aspirations they had to appear before the voters of the county in the capacity of candidates.

When this same Mr. Kooser abetted and assisted a committee, appointed at the notorious "compare notes" meeting, to FORCE Joseph Horner, Peter Bowman, James Baush, and other avowed candidates for Commissioner, to relinquish whatever rights and claims they possessed or believed themselves to be possessed of to announce their names as candidates, he was spreading "party harmony" with a tedder.

And again, when in the capacity of "Acting Secretary of the McKinley League" he allowed the use of his name to an open attack on the Republican candidate for State Treasurer—Colonel James E. Barnett—declaring that he favored the candidacy of "A State Treasurer, Who Owns Himself," he was singing "party harmony" in basso profundo.

And now, to go back a few years, when this same Mr. Kooser stumped the county in the interests of an independent Republican candidate for Governor and against the regular Republican nominee, declaring "that if they could not elect Stewart, they at least could elect Pattison," Mr. Kooser was guilty of preaching "party harmony" of a secession brand.

Mr. Kooser should be true to Kooser. He should acquaint the voters with the fact that he is an avowed candidate for President Judge next spring; that he did not consent to be a candidate this spring until after Harvey M. Berkley had announced his candidacy for that position, and until after Assemblyman S. A. Kendall had flatly refused to stand as a candidate for re-election "unless Kooser will be a candidate for Congress."

In order that Kooser may prove true to Kooser, he should discourage the intercourse between the Chairman of the County Committee and Joseph E. Thropp, who boldly asserts that "Kooser is a candidate in Somerset County in my behalf."

Woman's Refuge

when sick is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

No other medicine in the world has done so much good.

No confidence has ever been violated.

No woman's testimonial was ever published by Mrs. Pinkham without special permission.

No woman ever wrote to Mrs. Pinkham for advice without getting help. No man sees these letters. Her advice is free, and her address is Lynn, Mass. She is a woman, you can tell her the truth. No living person is so competent to advise women. None has had such experience.

She has restored a million sufferers to health. You can trust her. Others have.

Lydia E. Pinkham Med. Co., Lynn, Mass.

Horne-Stewart Co.
DRY GOODS

Just Like Silk

The most popular cotton material of the season in the East is the new Mercerized Peau de Soie. Mills can't turn it out fast enough to supply the demand in New York. And there's little wonder. It has a silk finish that is really marvelous. It wears better than any silk you ever saw, and is really the smartest, dressiest cotton fabric that was ever produced.

Comes in black, navy, royal blue, garnet, heliotrope and [illegible] polka dots, bow-knots and figures in white—35c and 50c a yard.

We have been fortunate in securing several thousand yards, and we want you to see and appreciate it while it is new and fresh.

233 Fifth Ave.—Pittsburg.

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