

REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING.

The members of the Republican County Committee of Forest County, are requested to meet at the Sheriff's office, in Tionesta, on Tuesday evening, May 19, 1891, (court week) at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of setting a time for holding the Primaries, and to transact such other business as may come before them. It is hoped there will be a good attendance.

J. C. SCOWDEN, Chairman.

STATE CAPITAL GOSSIP.

HARRISBURG, May 1, 1891.

This week the time of the House has been taken up with the Pittsburg street bills, appropriation bills and a few general calendar bills. The only bills specially interesting to Forest county are the road bill and compulsory education bill. The former is very little different from the bills recently sent by your member to every Township in the County, and now goes for concurrence (in the amendments to the Senate) if a motion to reconsider is not carried. The present outlook is that such an attempt will be made. Of the bill itself there is this much to be said, that it does not suit the people who are anxious for immediate improvement of the public highways. The first bill presented to the House embodied their ideas. State and County Superintendents they demanded. This the more rural counties would not have, and the bill is largely a compromise. The best that can be said of it is that it is a step in the right direction. Lawyers in the House are divided in opinion as to its applying to counties like Forest, which have a special act. However, the law, if passed, will change Forest county's road law much less than it does the general law.

The compulsory education law has gone to the Senate. It is a very mild law, and will work no hardship; that is, if passed as it left the House. The principle underlying the act is that there is no other way than by a compulsory law to educate to any extent the growing foreign population. The end the Hun, the Italian and the Assian Jew, won't educate their children of their own free will; they prefer to set them at work at as early age as possible and let them grow up in ignorance and dirt. The safety of the State and Nation demands intelligent citizens, and if the parents of these children will not educate them the State, in self defense, must compel them. This question naturally brings up the resolution regarding parochial schools introduced by our Senator, Harry Hall. That resolution will simply stir up a little breeze and then die. If there is one thing more certainly fixed than any other in both the minds of the legislators and the people of the State, it is this: "No monkeying with the common schools!" Beyond that it is not worth discussing at this time.

The ballot reform bill and the revenue tax (Granger) bill are still hanging fire in the Senate committee, each of each bill having hearings. The grave and reverend Senators seem to be on the fence, and not anxious to get down on either side. The chances are, however, that the ballot reform bill will pass. If the Granger bill passes it may be in such shape that the House will not concur in the amendments. Up to date the Granger element have consented to many concessions to manufacturers, but won't yield to the corporations. At present it is hard to even guess at the outcome, the chances being about even. If, however, the Senate does not pass the Taggart or Granger bill, the rural members of the House will insist on nearly doubling the present millage on corporations and very largely increasing the appropriations to common schools, and they will win, too, or stay all summer. If the road bill is concurred in by the Senate the House will insist on a million or more for roads from the State to the Counties.

EX-REPRESENTATIVE MOREY, of Ohio, dropped into Washington on private business last week. Being questioned as to the political outlook he said: "Well, in Ohio, we have decided to elect McKinley Governor and re-elect Senator Sherman, this year, and all of our folks think that we will next year re-elect Benjamin Harrison President."

THE unusually large Democratic majority in the next Congress is sufficiently guaranteed that the usually large Democratic mouth will be unusually open, and the usually large Democratic foot will be put unusually often into that same Democratic mouth ere many moons come and go. See newspapers, later on, for particulars.

Secretary Foster Talks.

Secretary Foster does not believe in mystifying the people as to the financial condition of the Government, which is more than could have been truthfully said of some of his predecessors. He does not entirely agree with the recent statement made by Director of the Mint Leech showing that the Government has now on hand in available cash, that is cash that can be used to make any necessary payments, \$258,000,000. He says on this very interesting subject: "I guess he (Mr. Leech) is about right in the main, although I think it is a matter that may well be discussed. I should have stated it differently if I had been writing it. I should have said that some of the \$258,000,000 of available cash might be regarded as trust funds—might be, I say. It would be correct to say that about seventy millions is unquestionably available cash—that is, about \$28,000,000 in the banks, \$21,000,000 of subsidiary coin, \$4,000,000 in trade dollar bullion, \$12,000,000 of current cash and \$5,000,000 in silver against which no certificates have been issued.

"As to the \$100,000,000 of gold reserve: It is held against the \$350,000,000 greenbacks to make the credit of the Government impregnable, for no one would be able to get together enough greenbacks to take all the gold out of the treasury, and therefore they do not take any. But these notes are legal tender and the Government can and would use this gold reserve if it were needed. It should, therefore, appear in the debt statement as available cash. Now as to the redemption of the 4 1/2 per cent. bonds. I am thinking of trying to substitute 2 per cent. for them, as Mr. Windom proposed. If it can be done there will be two advantages in it over the redemption. To be able to float 2 per cent. bonds will demonstrate the extraordinary soundness of the government credit, and the money that would be required to redeem the 4 1/2 may be used for the purchase of 4s at a saving of 2 per cent.

"I talk about these matters freely because I believe it to be a good thing to have them discussed well, and well understood before they are tried. I am getting a good many letters from bankers and others; some of them are silly, but many contain valuable opinions. Some newspapers criticize everything in a partisan spirit, but that makes no difference. I believe it is wise to talk these things over with the public and get the benefit of the discussion.

THE aspirations of the free trader, Roger Quacking Mills, to be a Senator from Texas, are not being nurtured much by the Farmers' Alliance fellows, or by anybody else beyond the circle of his immediate followers. The Lone Star Alliancers have been holding their annual conference or convention and have squatted on the free trade faction quite heavily. Here is one shot they resolved for Roger: "That there have been no cheers in this body in connection with the mention of the name of R. Q. Mills, as has been reported by the press of the State." And here is another resolution which goes with the first: "That we view with unreserved contempt the mesgeriness of both the cause and effect of the seeming attempt on the part of the press and the reporters to create a political boost up the ladder of political fortune on the credit of this conference for that gentleman."—Blizard.

It need not surprise anybody for Mr. Blaine to make public at any time a statement over his signature positively forbidding the use of his name as a candidate for the Presidency and announcing himself as in favor of the renomination of the President. Only two things have prevented his doing so before this. President Harrison has not decided whether he wishes to again become the candidate of the party and Mr. Blaine has not considered himself as in any sense or under any circumstances a candidate, in fact it is well known to his friends that he does not wish to be President. Mr. Clarkson, the newly elected President of the national Republican League, was in Washington last week, and he expressed himself as believing that everything was tending towards the renomination of President Harrison by acclamation, unless he should decline to allow his name to be presented to the convention.

NOTICE.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS of Forest County, Pa. John C. Horton } Sur Divorce, vs. Ada M. Horton } No. 19, December Term, 1890. To Ada M. Horton, Respondent. TAKE NOTICE—That the testimony of witnesses in the above entitled case, on the part of the libellant, John C. Horton, will be taken before me at Warren, Pa., at the office of Jno. W. Dunkle, on Monday, May 11th, 1891, at 7 o'clock P. M., of said day, when and where you can attend if you see fit. C. M. SHAWKEY, Examiner. April 28, 1891.

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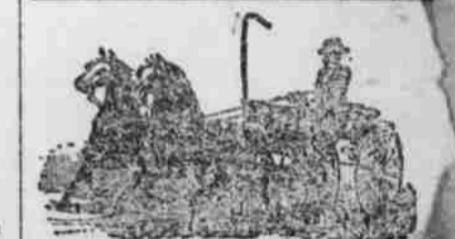
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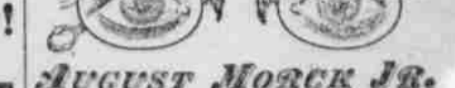
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