

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Republican County Committee met at the office of Sheriff Osgood, last evening, pursuant to call of Chairman Scowden, and fixed the last Saturday in July, being the 25th day of the month, as the time for holding the Republican Primary Elections for Forest County.

STATE CAPITAL GOSSIP.

HARRISBURG, May 15, 1891. This week has been a busy one in the House and a good deal of debate in the Senate. In the line of legislation there has been nothing of special interest to the county of Forest or to the State at large. The Governor vetoed the road bill for reasons satisfactory to himself and Capt. Skinner, the member from Fulton, the latter using all his influence with the Governor for that purpose. This action of Capt. Skinner has roused the ire of his colleague, Shillito, who was one of the Road Commission, and Shillito declares that if Skinner is a candidate for Congress he, Shillito, will see that he don't get the delegates. So the road war is not over yet. A new road bill was introduced Thursday, but it will not likely pass both houses this session, and if it does it does not affect Forest county, or any county under special law.

The Congressional apportionment bill reported has been withdrawn and the old bill with the addition of one new Congressman for Allegheny county, and one for Philadelphia added. This leaves Forest just as at present. The kick comes from various sources from Congressmen now elected for the first time and who want to go back, and from ambitious Senators who want to go some other time. What the final outcome will be is not hard to guess, but it's possible that changes may yet be made. The Representative bill passed the House finally and the Senatorial is on second reading.

The Senate has done nothing this week on either ballot reform or tax bill. On the resolution to adjourn finally on May 28th, however, in the House in the debate on the Republican side, a good deal of criticism was indulged in at the expense of the Senate for not moving along the line faster. There is a move in the Senate to drop the Taggart bill and take what is known as the Boyer revenue bill, but it is contended that as all revenue bills must originate in the House, according to the constitution, the Senate has nothing to do with the Boyer revenue bill, until it is sent over from the House. In the latter the bill is on second reading and postponed for the present. Mr. Taggart says he has votes enough in the Senate to pass his bill (with the concessions in it already made) if it was got out of committee. It is doubted, however, if the votes he counts on will all pan out on final passage. The truth is it is very hard to tell what the Senate will do, the Senators do not seem to know what the next day will bring forth. Monday night they propose to caucus and decide on something, and that's all that can be said now.

President Harrison's special train stopped for a short time on its way east to day, and the Senate and House, with a very large crowd of citizens, went down to the station. The President was introduced by Governor Pattison, and made a nice little speech and shook hands with all he could. He looked well and has a much pleasanter face than his portraits give him credit for. John Wamsmaker and Uncle Jerry Rusk also gave short talks, Mrs. Harrison and the President bowed, the company of troops presented arms, cannon boomed from the battery, and everybody cheered as His Excellency, the President, shook hands with His Excellency, the Governor, and shouted "good bye!"

The Legislature will probably adjourn somewhere from May 28th to June 4th. The granger element were disposed to fight adjournment for the present and the vote stood 84 to 88, but members are getting tired of waiting on the Senate, and as the House has fulfilled all its pledges they can not be held responsible for the Senate. The latter body may yet get down to business on the prominent state bills and everybody be happy yet.

JONES, of New York, objects to paying the freight on Representative Flower's gubernatorial aspirations; and Jones isn't very much to blame either.

WHATEVER some people may think, Mr. Cleveland evidently thinks he is still "in it," and he did not forget to say so in his recent Buffalo speech.

SHOOTING U. S. deputy marshal's from ambush appears to be a favorite pastime in Alabama.

The European powers will undertake a big contract if they adopt Italy's advice and attempt to compel the United States to grant greater protection to foreigners residing among us than is given to our own citizens.

A FEW days ago a man and a boy were arrested and lodged in jail at Bellefonte, near Woodward, Center county. They were detected in the act and will no doubt be punished. At any rate they should be, and there are hundreds of others in the country who should be called to account for such wantonness or carelessness.—Blissard.

The present centre of population of the United States, twenty miles east of Columbus, Indiana, has been marked by the inscription "Centre of Population United States." This is the second monument of the kind ever erected, the first being twenty-three miles west of the city of Washington, D. C., on the spot which was the centre of population in 1890.

The Cobden Club, of England, has decided to dispense with its annual banquet this year and to devote the money it would have cost to the dissemination of free trade ideas in the United States. These gentlemen would better have eaten their dinner; then they would have the satisfaction of knowing that they got something for their money. All the wealth of England, great as it is, could not make free trade popular in this country.

THE House committee at Harrisburg has introduced, as a substitute, an apportionment bill which leaves the State apportioned Congressionally as it now stands, adding one district each to Philadelphia and Allegheny counties. We hope, if this bill should pull through, that Governor Pattison will let the veto ax fall slap onto its neck. The apportionment of '87 was a mighty poorly constructed arrangement in the first place, and to repeat the dose now would be to heap insult upon injury. We hope the bill will get laid out colder than a wedge.

HERE'S a news paragraph that is a foreeful argument for the McKinley tariff act, that Democratic newspapers which value free trade above news did not print at all, and which other Democratic papers printed in the most obscure positions: "Chicago capitalists have closed a contract with an Elwood, Indiana, land syndicate for the erection of a tin-plate factory at that place to employ 500 people. The plant to be in operation January 1, 1892." It will be hard to convince the five hundred people to be employed at this factory that protection is an injury to the toiling masses.

ENGLAND may as well be told first as last that she must keep her meddling fingers out of the political and commercial affairs of this continent. The United States has in the past been indifferent enough to allow Great Britain to obtain a commercial supremacy in the republics of South and Central America, but the lethargy of indifference has now been shaken off, and in its place is a determination to have what belongs to us—political and commercial supremacy on the American continent—peaceably, if we can; forcibly, if we must, and if any European nation attempts to thwart us, so much the worse for that nation.

OUR democratic friends are not so confident of carrying everything before them next year as they were a few months ago. Just now they are doing penance for their sins of the Ananias sort in the last campaign, which time has fully shown up, just as the republican speakers and editors told the people it would. A political victory won under false pretenses is always dearly bought and sure to prove a boomerang. Truth and honesty in politics as in private business, are necessary to permanent success. By the time the Presidential campaign opens the intelligent democrat will blush for shame every time anybody says "McKinley bill," some of them do already.

BLAINE OPHOBIA is a bad thing for a newspaper. In the end, a journal with the disease sees crooked in its news as well as talks crooked on its editorial page. The entire pack has been in full cry on a false scent and yelling that this year the seals were to be given over to destruction on the ridiculous ground that a company, which holds a contract for nine years more of sealing, wanted to ruin the remaining eight years for the sake of one year of unrestricted slaughter. This is rank nonsense. The sensible facts, clear to sensible men, all along have been that the United States will get a close season, will protect the seals in it, and will obtain arbitration. Secretary Blaine will win here as he has elsewhere.—Phila. Press.

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