

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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PROTHONOTARY.

We are authorized to announce JOHN R. OSGOOD, of Tionesta, as a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to Republican usages.

We are authorized to announce JOHN H. ROBERTSON, of Jenks township, as a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to Republican usages.

SHERIFF.

We are authorized to announce HARRY MAZE, of Jenks township, as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to Republican usages.

HERE is a clipping from the New York Sun: "Is there really such a man as Hoke Smith, or is he only a fake and a Georgia phantasm? Did anybody ever see the alleged Hoke?"

THE resignation of Chief Justice Paxson from the Supreme bench, making another big State office to be filled this fall, will lead additional interest to the campaign, which might have otherwise been somewhat dull with only a State Treasurer to elect.

FOR the second time within a year Governor Pattison has appointed Justice Heydrick, of Franklin, a place on the Supreme Bench of Pennsylvania. The announcement was given out on Friday last. The vacancy to which Mr. Heydrick succeeds was caused by the resignation of Chief Justice Paxson.

NEXT Saturday Grover Cleveland will be inaugurated President of the United States. The affair will be a big one, and we trust a howling success. After that Democracy will again be in full possession of the Government for the first time since James Buchanan's career.

AND even Gresham is on his high horse. He has been bothered by office-seekers who want his influence to secure fat offices, and so badly has the annoyance become that he is disposed to serve notice on them to this effect: "I want to state right here and now that no one will strengthen his case by bothering me now with applications." Sounds just like Cleveland, doesn't it?

THE Cleveland cabinet is complete now, but the astonishing thing about it is that Mr. Jenks is not in it. That is a great disappointment to his many friends everywhere, and who is responsible for the "turn-down" is what is just now bothering many Democrats. The last to be selected were, Attorney General, Richard Olney, of Massachusetts; Secretary of the Navy, Hilary A. Herbert, of Alabama.

GOVERNOR MCKINLEY, of Ohio, has the sympathy of thousands of admirers in his financial losses through the failure of a friend whose paper he had endorsed for large sums. It is estimated his losses will run up to \$118,000 or more, and sweeps away his own as well as his wife's fortune. Speaking of this the *Blizzard* very truthfully remarks: "Governor McKinley faces the music in the same manly way as the arguments of a political adversary. The Governor has lost his fortune, but the man's a man for a' that."

A BILL has been introduced in the legislature requiring school boards, out of the funds of the board, to buy and furnish free to the pupils all school books. Boards are to furnish at least one-third of the text books required each year, until all needed are provided, and to be distributed under the rules of the directors. One section of the proposed act provides that no board shall be entitled to its share of the State appropriation until the provisions above outlined are complied with. It is dollars to buttons that the bill is the creature of the book publishing concerns, who hope thereby to stop the clamor for free text books furnished by the State. The bill should die a-horning.

OWING to the resignation of Chief Justice Edward M. Paxson, of the Supreme Court, to accept the position of receiver of the Reading Railroad, the chair of the Chief Justice is now occupied by Justice James P. Sterrett, who assumes the position as the senior Associate Justice. The new Chief Justice, James P. Sterrett, was appointed to the bench on February 26, 1877, Vice Justice Williams, deceased. He was elected to the same office on January 16, 1879, for twenty-one years, his term expiring in 1900. Justice Sterrett originally came from Allegheny county. The vacancy caused by the resignation of Ex-Judge Paxson will be filled by an appointment by Governor Pattison, the appointee serving until the election next November.

WHY NOT.

Last week's *Ridgway Advocate* comes out earnestly against the proposition to make a Congressional district of the counties of Elk, Jefferson, Clearfield and Center. It takes the sensible ground that the Republicans of Elk county deserve a better fate than to be forever buried in Democratic districts. They ask, in the words of the *Advocate*, "to be put into at least one Republican district of some kind somewhere in the United States, just to experience how it would feel once to have something to crow over after an election." And why not?

There are no truer or more loyal Republicans in any county in Pennsylvania than those of Elk county. They can uniformly be counted on to get out their full party vote but there is nothing to encourage them to increase that vote. In the formation of Congressional, Senatorial and Judicial districts, they are uniformly grouped with counties giving heavy Democratic majorities although geographically that county should be districted with Republican counties.

All constitutions and laws require that districts of every political nature shall be created of "compact and contiguous territory." Is the territory compact and contiguous which hitches Elk to Clinton and Center with Cameron lying between them? The notion that prevails in the Legislature late years, to group Republican counties in districts by themselves and Democratic counties together without regard to geographical formation or homogeneity of interests, is nonsensical. There can be no good reason given why Elk and Forest counties should not be a part of the 27th Congressional district. The district would then be six or seven thousand short of a ratio. Or a district composed of the counties of Elk, Jefferson, Forest, Warren, McKean and Cameron would be an eminently fair one. Another group to which there could be no objection would be Cameron, Elk, Forest, Warren, McKean and Potter.

Any one of the groups named would constitute a district of compact and contiguous territory, with excellent railroad conveniences for reaching any portion of the district, and embracing a population whose business interests are almost entirely identical. It is an outrage to force Elk county into districts extending half way across the State.—*McKean Miner*.

The *Miner*, always an advocate of fair play, is thoroughly right in this instance. Why the Republicans of Elk and Forest counties should be forever buried Congressionally and Senatorially is one of the things which puzzles any fairminded person. The injustice should be righted, and any bill which does not right this wrong deserves to be effectually slaughtered.

That "Business Man's" Cabinet.

Soon after it became known that Mr. Cleveland was elected President the oracular announcement was made that his Cabinet would be a business man's Cabinet. As all the members of this body have been chosen and have consented to serve, it is possible to determine whether the promise has been fulfilled. The members of the prospective Cabinet and their occupation are as follows: W. Q. Gresham, State Dept. lawyer; J. G. Carlisle, Treasury Dept. lawyer; W. S. Bissell, Post Office Dept. lawyer; Hoke Smith, Interior Dept. lawyer; R. Sterling Morton, Agr. Dept. lawyer; J. Olney, Attorney General lawyer; B. A. Herbert, Navy Dept. lawyer; D. S. Lamont, War Dept. business man.

At first sight this reads more like the membership of a bar association than like a "business man's" Cabinet, but probably Mr. Cleveland expects that Mr. Lamont's well known energy and persistence will overshadow his seven associates, and make the Cabinet what it was promised it should be. We congratulate Mr. Lamont.

LAST year 236 homicides were committed by mobs. Of course the greater number of the victims were negroes. Of course, too, Louisiana and Texas were responsible for the greater number, although Georgia and other States were also disgraced by such occurrences. The Southern press is awakening to the fact that every outbreak of mob rule hurts the State and acts as a deteriorating influence on all adjacent districts. A prominent Southern journal calls attention to the fact that in Louisiana and Texas hundreds of acres of fertile land are running to waste. Why is this? It is simply because no intelligent man will take property, however desirable and however cheap, in a region that persists in being a law unto itself and refuses to let justice pursue the even tenor of her way. It is a hopeful sign at last that the press of the South is waking to the enormity of the crimes perpetrated by Southern mobs.

EVERY newspaper, and every person in the State, who has the welfare of the public school system at heart, will commend the Harrisburg *Telegraph* for demanding that the Legislature give the public schools an annual appropriation of \$10,000,000. Every newspaper in the State will get around to this way of thinking by and by. We are not alone in this, says the *Telegraph*. The subject has been discussed by prominent legislators, who agree that the welfare of the schools should be the first thought uppermost in the minds of all good statesmen. Money given to the schools does not go amiss. It is put to the best kind of use, and future generations will prove this. Besides this, an increased appropriation means a relief to local taxation. Take that into consideration.

THAT Cabinet as announced by Mr. Cleveland is certainly a patchwork affair. Gresham, Secretary of State, is a soreheaded Mugwump; Carlisle, Secretary of the Treasury, and Dan Lamont, Secretary of War (a newspaper Colonel), are men of brains. Herbert, Secretary of the Navy, and Hoke Smith, Secretary of the Interior, are two of the most loid patches of the crazy quilt. J. Sterling Morton, Secretary of Agriculture; Bissell, the Postmaster General, and Olney, the Attorney General, are nonentities with no experience in public life, and evil only taken on trial. However, it is a Democratic Cabinet, and Republicans can afford to smile. It is the Democrats who will rant and rave and kick over the traces. They are hunting the offices and they will have to do and deal with these department heads.

THE Ohio Legislature is debating a proposition to amend the Constitution of the State so as to give the Governor the power to veto an objectionable bill. No Governor has exercised this power since Ohio has been a State and in this respect he has been unique among Executives. It has reduced him to a mere figurehead, leaving him little more to do except to pardon criminals out of the penitentiary, appoint notaries public and write a message containing recommendations which are always disregarded. The tendency in recent years has been to increase the power of Governors, giving them not only the privilege of vetoing an entire bill but also of dissenting from particular items in it. Ohio has, however, resisted this tendency until now. But it is giving signs of a desire to get into the current and to make its Governor feel like a real, live Executive when he has taken the oath of office. The Legislature ought to place the veto clause in the Constitution.

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