

Announcements.

Republican primaries May 15, 1897. DELEGATE TO STATE CONVENTION. We are authorized to announce the name of LEON WATSON of Green Township as a candidate for Delegate to the State Convention, subject to the usages of the Republican party.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 28, 1897. This has been a week of much talk and, as a consequence, little accomplishment. The reason for this is that a game and fish bill have been before the House. They were among the first bills for consideration on Tuesday and the entire day was practically consumed in their consideration. Both passed the House by lots of votes to spare, but neither is what it should be. In the game bill the season for all game opens October 15th, just 15 days later than it should. The woodcock season opens July 1st and closes July 31st, and then opens again with the other game, Oct. 15. The writer tried to have the bill amended so as to let all game in on Oct. 1st, the ideal season for our section, but the all powerful Pennsylvania "game commission" had the matter too well set up, and no amendments were allowed.

The fish bill was "set up" in the same direction. As a whole it is not a bad bill, but there are some features in it which will not suit our people; for instance, the six inch trout. That is a very pretty and romantic size and it would be awfully nice if one never did get anything short of that on his hook; but alas! how many criminals such a provision will make in the course of a three months' season, and those too who are amongst our most devoted gentlemen sportsmen. For the good of his scalp the writer voted against both these bills, and should either become a law in its present shape I feel that my judgment will be sustained by my sporting friends.

The "good roads" bill was up on Thursday and consumed the entire afternoon session in its consideration on second reading which stage it passed after a number of amendments had been adopted. It is practically the "Hamilton bill," but is so changed as to make it less objectionable as a new departure in road-making. As I said in a previous communication, the bill differs very little from the law under which Forest county is now working, and since our county has perhaps the best dirt roads of any in the State, it may be that it will result in the betterment of the roads throughout the commonwealth, though there is not a single provision in the bill prescribing any special method for making roads.

A bill, presumably in the interest of forest preservation, passed the House on Wednesday, but if it should become a law in its present form might work sad havoc with the large lumbering interest, of our section. It creates a number of new offices, without pay "except necessary expenses," of course, and gives to the Forestry Commission the right of " eminent domain." That is, it allows the taking of bodies of land to the extent of 40,000 acres for the purpose of "forest reservation." Now this would be all right and proper if the commission should elect to take such property as has been deprived of its timber growth, but in case it should be deemed expedient to gobble up a lot of land covered with timber, then what? In the opinion of the writer this is what the bill allows, and he very promptly voted "no," when the bill was up for final passage. True, the bill provides that the land so taken shall be paid for as three disinterested viewers shall assess the damage, but is it likely that the owners of timberland would be satisfied with the price which these viewers might place upon their property? We fear not, but they might have no recourse. Unless this bill is effectually amended in the Senate, or killed outright, it may create trouble up our way. Much as I believe in forest preservation, I voted against this bill on general principles and because it looked like a very serious piece of legislation.

Much is said about reform legislation and many grave doubts expressed as to the passage of the bills for that purpose. But there need be no fear on that score, as all that have any merit in them will pass without any serious trouble. As well also the bill providing for interest on State deposits about which one hears so much in the opposition press now-a-days.

The committee on Ways and Means is laboring industriously on bills designed to raise additional revenue for the State's support and is about ready to report a number of bills having that end in view. They will be given a special calendar and put through promptly when the committee has reported.

The writer has introduced a Congressional appropriation bill, which has been referred to a sub-committee of which he is a member. It is very doubtful if any appropriation bill can pass this session, but it is generally conceded on all hands if any of them stands a ghost of a show the Congressional bill is the one. There has been much said about the necessity of appropriation, but there is a supposition that those who have been loudest in their professions are not sincere. Should this bill be able to run the gamut of the committee and get out on the floor of the House it will set the sincerity of many who have done much talking. It is exactly ten years ago this session that the present Congressional appropriation law was passed, and then it was passed by a bare constitutional majority of 101 votes. Why should there not be a new appropriation of the Congressional districts this session?

Here is a squib from the Telegraph of this city which is so apropos of the situation that I give it entire: "Philadelphia and Pittsburgh so engross the attention of our lawmakers with their various schemes of municipal reform that the large territory between these terminal points in the State has very little show in the way of legislation. It would seem to be fair for one session in a great while to be set apart for the consideration of matters of interest to the commonwealth at large. Since the constitutional inhibition against special legisla-

tion the bills introduced for the relief of this and that in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia have been presented as general measures, resulting in all manner of confusion and the imposition upon the interior counties of many things which they do not want and have no need for." A day or two ago the commissioners who will have charge of the building of the new capital, met at the executive department and organized. Those present were Governor Hastings, Auditor-Gen. Mylin, Senator McCarrel, President pro. of the Senate, and Henry K. Boyer, Speaker of the House, State Treas. (Raywood was absent). Secretary of the Commonwealth Reeder administered the oath of office. Governor Hastings was elected president and State Treas. Raywood secretary. John B. Patrick of our neighboring county of Clarion, a clerk in the State Department, was elected clerk of the commission to serve without compensation.

Governor Hastings submitted some correspondence with Prof. Warren Powers Laird, head of the department of architecture in the University of Pennsylvania, who was chosen as the professional adviser of the Commission under the terms of the contract as set forth in the correspondence until the architect is chosen. He will get \$2,000, which fee will relieve the State of all charges for expenses.

Governor Hastings and the members of the Commission met with Prof. Laird, the architectural adviser of the Commission, at the Executive Mansion and went over the preliminaries of the building operations. It is the desire of the Commissioners in securing plans for the new Capitol to insure the best possible results in order that the building to be erected may meet the need of the State in every way and be architecturally a credit to the Commonwealth. To attain this end it is proposed to establish an open competition under the terms of the program, which will be announced this week. The program is being prepared with a view to safe-guarding the rights of competitors at every point, and it is believed that the competition will prove an attractive one to the best architects. It is the desire of the Commissioners to present to the architectural profession conditions which shall be such as to bring into competition architects of the highest standing, believing that the best interests of the State will be served in this way.

JUDGE HOLMAN was a great objector, but he was a man of strict integrity, the honesty of whose motives was never questioned. He has passed to his reward.

A NEW JERSEY minister is said to pronounce the benediction by phonograph. It's right perhaps to call this invention a novelty, but it should hardly be confounded with a blessing.

AN Oklahoma legislator has introduced a bill to suppress the loud plaid necktie. This shows the progress of civilization in Oklahoma. A few years ago the loud necktie would have been suppressed by forbidding the wearer.

THIS administration is rubbing salt into the wounds of the late candidate for Vice President, Mr. Sewall. It has appointed his son, Harold Sewall, Minister to Hawaii. The son was pretty much of a Republican at the last Presidential election, and helped materially to defeat his father and the crank who headed the ticket. He deserves all of his reward.

In speaking of the woman movement in Germany, one of the Berlin newspapers says that it is due to the "verdammt Americanischen frauen." This is libelous as was "Oom" Paul's characterization of Queen Victoria, and the "new woman" in America may be depended upon not to rest until she has gotten a German-English dictionary and found out what it means.

SENATOR ALLEN thinks that "the time has come when all the resources of the United States should be used to protect the Christians of Greece and the people of Cuba." Truly, the taxpayers who supply the resources in question have almost as much to fear from the statesmanship which protects the rest of mankind as from that which is finding out how hard it is to protect "American industry!"

SENATOR MORGAN's railing attack on Speaker Reed is neither truthful nor in good taste. Speaker Reed is acting precisely in accordance with the will of the majority of the House, of whom he is the official organ. If the house wish it, the House can prevent these adjournments for three days, and can secure an organization of all the committees. The House, then, and not the Speaker, is the proper object of criticism.

GOVERNOR HASTINGS has signed the bill making constables ex-officio fire wardens for the extinguishment of forest fires and now it is a law. Under its provisions it is made the duty of constables to summon help to extinguish any fire in the woods or forest promptly, and it is made the duty of all citizens to respond to the call of the constables in this work. Compensation of \$1 per day is allowed. It is hoped by this method to very greatly lessen the forest fires in all sections, for by promptly heading off an incipient fire much damage may frequently be averted.

THERE is intense interest in the outcome of the struggle between Turkey and Greece and the people of the United States are hoping almost against hope that the Sultan will be taught a lesson which he will not soon forget. There should be general rejoicing in this country should the Greeks defeat the Turks.

Give the Republicans a Chance.

The Atlanta Constitution has been sounding Southern Democratic opinion upon the attitude that the Democrats in Congress should take toward the Republican party. Senator Jones of Arkansas, who led the fight for Bryan, says that the people accepted the Republican plan and that the Democrats do not propose to throw any unnecessary obstacle in the way of permitting them to put their plans into execution. Senator Morgan of Alabama says that the Republicans will be given every chance to enact the policy of their administration into law. He adds:

"Of course we surrender none of our convictions, but there is something more than mere party fealty expected of the democrats, and that is, as a duty to the people and to the business interests of the country, that they throw no capitious opposition in the way of the Republican administration enacting such measures as they promise will bring about prosperity."

Senator Bacon of Georgia says that the entire responsibility will be thrown upon the Republicans. Senator Bailey of Texas likewise declares that no unnecessary obstacles will be placed in the Republican path. He says that if the McKinley administration brings about genuine prosperity the Democrats may just as well make no nomination. If there is failure then the Republicans might as well go out of business. There are other interviews from Tennessee, Virginia and other Southern States of similar import.

It is apparent from these that the Democrats as a party in Congress, while they will make their speeches and cast their votes against the tariff bill, will not filibuster in order to delay its enactment. This is both wise and patriotic. The people have voted in behalf of the tariff bill and they are entitled to have that bill at the earliest possible moment. The Republican claim is that increased duties will secure prosperity. The Democrats dispute this. The way to test it is to put the bill into practice. All that the Republicans ask is that they shall be given the opportunity. It would be possible, if the silver men of the Senate should combine with the Democrats and Populists, to defeat the measure, but as several of the silver Senators are Republicans it would be unjust to presume that they would vote against protection when nothing could be gained for silver by so doing. If there should be no capitious opposition the extra session ought to do its work in ample time for the country to go upon the new tariff basis by the first of July.—Philadelphia Inquirer

The 17-Year Locusts Bug.

The cry now is that the 17 year locust is due in this part of the world this year. By June and July you will doubtless hear his rasping screech throughout the land. An exchange says: "His last engagement with this section was in 1880, when myriads of these troublesome insects did considerable damage to vegetation." It is a mistake to suppose that the 17-year locust is a serious scourge. They subsist on roots and fibres when in the earth, in the grub state, but eat but little, if anything, when above ground. The chief damage they inflict is by the scoring or ringing of twigs on the trees, making grooves in which to deposit their eggs. They cut a wide swath in this line for about six weeks; then they perish, and their larvae, falling from the trees, enters the ground as a grub, which is transformed from one stage to another until a cycle of 17 years rolls around, when he again makes his debut as a screeching locust.—Franklin News.

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