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EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

Committee Meeting.

The Republican Standing Committee of Juniata county are requested to meet at Will's Hotel in Mifflintown, on

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 1874,
at 2 o'clock P. M. for the transaction of important business.

JEREMIAH LYONS,
ABRAHAM MOIST,
G. R. HENDERSON,
WM. W. SHARON,
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Committee.

The Political Outlook.

The political outlook at this time is dwelt upon as follows by the Pittsburgh Gazette:

The surmises and planings that are the usual beginnings of a political canvass, are now in full activity, in several States and parts of States. From the indications thus afforded we look for an unusually active canvass this Fall, and the development of new men for prominent positions. Congressional delegations are to be elected, and an unusually large number of old members decline to be candidates for re-election. The Hoar brothers in Massachusetts, Daves, Garfield, of Ohio, and many others of less prominence, will retire to private life. Blaine has been re-nominated, and will undoubtedly be elected. He is too valuable to his constituents as a representative man, to be retired to private life. Just what particular issues the Congressional canvass will turn upon it is yet too early to know, but that it will be an active and well contested canvass is clearly foreshadowed. The Democrats have allowed themselves to be re-inspired with hope. This alone will stimulate them to extraordinary, but fated efforts.

In Massachusetts, Butler is once again the centre of interest. His friends say that his health requires attention, and that he will not be a candidate for the Governorship, but will content himself with baffling the plans of his enemies, and securing his re-election to Congress. It is reported that if Hoar's refusal to be a candidate is positive, Butler may abandon the Essex district, and run from his Lowell home,—for he has residences in both districts. It is possible that the license and prohibition issues, which will involve the Governorship, have their influence in deterring Butler from entering that struggle. During the past winter the Legislature enacted a license law, thus abandoning the prohibition doctrine which has so long prevailed in that State. But the Governor vetoed it, and now the question enters into the Legislative and gubernatorial canvass. It is hard to determine which wing of the party, prohibitory or license, is the stronger, as the cities and many large towns are apt to send delegates in favor of a license law, and the smaller towns those who favor prohibition straight. If the party sees fit to dispose of the matter, it can be easily done, but only in one way. Those who maintain that Mr. Talbot has buried himself so thoroughly seem to think that of course some gentleman who is decidedly in favor of a license law must be nominated. But with such a nomination comes trouble instantly. The Prohibitionists would feel lured and savage, and probably a few of them would hold a third party Convention, and the result would vote, or vote against a license candidate, and thus indirectly help the election of somebody who is not a Republican, but is in favor of free rum or anything else.

The Prohibitionists in New Hampshire show just votes enough to defeat the Republican candidates there last spring, and thus helped elect a Legislature, the members of which they are now beseeching not to pass a license law, but probably in vain. If the Convention wishes to effectually dispose of this great question it should, in the opinion of the more thoughtful men, refer it to the Senatorial and Representative districts, and let the people settle it there; and no man should be nominated for Governor who is not willing to stand on that platform. The Republican party is divided on this issue, and can only keep united by the adoption of some such course. There is no middle ground on which both wings can meet or stand.

In New Jersey the gubernatorial issue comes in, and the Legislative election is of more than ordinary interest, as the election of a United States Senator depends on it. The probable gubernatorial candidates are George A. Halsey, of Newark, on the Republican side, and Judge Bedle, formerly of Monmouth, but now of Hudson county, on the Democratic side. Both are excellent men, and either would make a most excellent Governor. Bedle is strong as an anti-corruptionist, he having presided at the trial of the guilty officials who were sent to the State prison for corrupt practices while in office. Mr. Halsey is an equally pure man, gentlemanly, dignified and high-toned, yet he has the happy act of being popular with the masses. He is much the better politician of the two, and likely to be elected if nominated. The nomination of Halsey will indicate the election of Cattell as United States Senator, if the Legislature is carried by the Republicans. Halsey, Cattell, Göttsch and others have pulled together in politics, and the state seems to be for Cattell to go to the Senate.

His refusal to accept the proffered Commissioner'ship of the District of Columbia, which we thought so strangely of at the time, turned on his fear that it would impede his chances of being elected Senator. Judge Bedle's nomination will probably favor the claims of Governor Parker to be elected United States Senator, if the Democrats gain the Legislature. This would throw out Stockton; but in any event the latter will make an earnest struggle for re-election.

In New York the gubernatorial contest looms up, with a sufficient number of complications to make it interesting and agreeable. The outlook favors, very decidedly, the renomination and election of Governor Dix. As in Massachusetts, the temperance question looms up very prominently there. General Dix has identified himself, in general terms with the temperance element, and little doubt of his election seems to be entertained. The Congressional contest in that State promises to be unusually embittered, with but little outgiving, as yet, other as to candidates or particular probabilities. We judge, however, that the election of Governor will generally carry the Republican Congressional ticket.

In the West and Northwest, the financial issue seems likely to form the basis of political action, and candidates will be of less importance than the issues presented. The Railroad and Granger war still continues in several of the States, and altogether there is a clear prospect of a lively, not to say exciting, canvass in all the West and Northwest.

In this State there is a large amount of quiet work in progress, but the surface indications do not amount to very much. It is probable that the Legislature will be the centre of the contest, and this will turn chiefly on the election of United States Senator. The Democracy, thus far, manifest a strange apathy, and we see no indications that they have any particular chance of carrying the State. The Senatorship is further on.

A boy, aged four years, named Ross, was kidnapped from in front of his father's house, in Germantown, on the 1st inst., and has not yet been returned to his parents. The kidnapers demand \$20,000 for his return. However painful to the parents to be deprived of their child, there should be no compromise with the men who stole him. If he is ransomed with money, child-stealing will be made a business. Parents in Germantown should thoroughly organize quietly, and ferret out the child and his kidnapers, and visit the severest punishment on the latter. If there be no law for such a crime let them be a law unto themselves.

HARPER'S WEEKLY this closes an article on the third-term rumors: "We have no fears that General Grant proposes to make himself an emperor or a pope, but it should be well understood before any plans are laid that there would be a general uprising of the people against any serious suggestion of a third term."

On the declination of the Post Master Generalship of the United States by Mr. Hale, the President despatched to Mr. Jewell, Minister to Russia. The proffered place was accepted, and Mr. Jewell is coming home.

INDIAN Territory Indians have commenced to depredate on the border, and an extensive Indian warfare is anticipated. Several thousand warriors are said to have taken the field.

A LARGE barn, belonging to the Kittington Coal Company, Clearfield Co., was destroyed by fire on the night of the 10th inst., together with fourteen mules.

SOME one who professes skill in astronomical calculation says the comet will get to a point 40,000,000 miles distant from the earth, and no nearer.

A LARGE paper could be filled with the accidents by fire-arms and fire-crackers on the 4th of July, that took place in different parts of the country.

REINS of ancient cities, reservoirs, mammoth canals and other ruins have been found in southern Arizona.

THE Beecher scandal is to be investigated. Until then let every scandal-monger hold his peace.

THE crops in Southern Kentucky have failed for several years, and now people there are nearly starving.

MASSACHUSETTS has had another dam disaster. No lives were lost. Loss of property, \$300,000.

ORTWEN, who murdered the Hamont family, near Pittsburg, has been sentenced to be hung.

CERTAIN portions of Lancaster county has suffered greatly by heavy rains.

BEEN has been declared by the Supreme Court of Massachusetts to be an unconstitutional beverage. The decision was made on the appeal of the Boston Beer Company. This company was chartered in 1829, with the right to manufacture and sell malt liquors. Certain of its malt liquors were seized by the constabulary while being transported by the agent. At the trial the court below ruled that the liquors were lawfully seized and liable to forfeiture. Exceptions were taken on the ground that the seizure was a violation of the constitution of the United States as impairing the contract in the company's charter. The exceptions were overruled.—Ex.

Too much snow has ruined the potato crop in Persia this year.

THE two negroes, Lemis Rosastine and John Moody, who were arrested, tried and convicted for the murder of old man Behm, in Loudoudery township, Dauphin county, were hung in the jail yard at Harrisburg, on the 9th instant. Each of them delivered a speech from the fatal gallows. The following is what Rosastine said: "Gentlemen: I am brought to this scaffold to-day for justice; and I thank the living God Almighty that His will can be done on earth as in Heaven. I murdered Abraham Behm. That man had a right to live as I had; and for his death God forgive me, for his sake; for his dear loving Son's sake. He has pardoned me of my sin, and I have repented of it. "I beg the pardon of all mankind. The act is done; it cannot be helped now, and I ask every man to forgive me. Will every man here who forgives me raise his hat, if he pleases? [Simultaneously hats were raised in every direction.] "My friends, I hope to meet you all again; I hope to meet all in Heaven, around our Father's throne, where there is no parting. "To all the dear friends who have prayed for me I give thanks. I have heard their prayers in these dark prison walls. I bless them for their kindness this day. I hope God will be with them all, and that they will meet in another world where there are no scenes like these. "Dear friends, I hope to meet you all there. We are all born to die, and why should I not die now? I know I have done wrong; I thank God I can die, and that I have repented of all I have done. I want to be shared in Heaven. O, dear friends, I hope to meet you all there. I have done wrong, and I am sorry. "Brother Baker, you have attended me faithfully, and so have you, Mr. Stelling. I hope to meet your souls in Heaven. You have done your duty, and I feel it in my soul to-day. "O, Lord, I have no more to say to the friends I love; my friendship extends to everybody. I have nothing more to say to any person, for I have got my Jesus. Amen."

Moody said: "Gentlemen: You are all my fellow friends. I have but a few words to say to you all; but I am glad that I am to be hung for this crime. I am sorry for my soul and heart, but I hope that the Lord above may have mercy upon me and keep my soul safe in the Kingdom above, where I know my dear mother is. She left me behind, and I will try to meet her in that Kingdom. "My dear old friends, I hope you will have mercy upon me, and look to me as one poor soul upon the scaffold; and all those who have known me for years and years that I have been in the city of Harrisburg, and during 1874, that my life is to be taken from me upon the scaffold. And O, my fellow friends, may you have mercy upon me. May you seek for your three soul in salvation, that I may meet you all in the Kingdom above with me and my dear mother and my loving Saviour, who loves all this world. "There are a great many friends here to-day who laugh, and who desire to see a man's life taken from him and who praise (glory) in it; and there are a great many who would not laugh to see a man's life taken upon the gallows, or in no other way, shape or form. "But it is the Lord's will to go in this way for the crime we have done. May the Lord have mercy upon us, and send salvation and grant crowns for you all. Your souls may be safe a few more months, or a few more days, and then you will come to die, as we here upon the scaffold. "I hope and pray to the Almighty Lord that none of you may come to the scaffold as I and my friend who are to go together and meet my Jesus.—May he have mercy upon me, and may He look with forgiveness upon me for the crime I have done, for I am about to serve duty by being hung; and although I must leave this world with my dear father behind, and brothers, and a dear wife, for friends, I love her. I pray that He may take good care of them, and that they may meet me in Paradise. "Here is Mr. Stelling and Baker, who have been like a father to me; and pray to Jesus for me, the hope of salvation in this world, and with him I hope to live in the eternal world. "Great and merciful father, may He look upon me and hear my prayer. Saviour, look upon me, and redeem me through Jesus, Thy Son, our Redeemer. Amen. "I have no more to say. I will thank those who forgive me to balance their hats, and may it be the Lord's will." [Hats were again raised on all sides.]

Perhaps it is a kindness to a man condemned to be hanged by the neck to death, to allow him to express himself at the last moment on the gallows. The remarks usually delivered by such men under such circumstances are singularly alike. They, with rare exceptions, express a confidence in a blessed immortality, just as if they had lived the purest of lives all their days.—Speeches like the above can do no good, but a great deal of harm, on earth. The gallows is robbed of its terrors when men are taught that after they have deliberately committed murder they can be prayed into eternal glory. If we keep on at this rate of teaching such doctrines, how long will it be before men will kill people just for the purpose of being prayed, specified and hanged into heaven!

The Jews.

"According to the Earl of Shaftesbury, Bismarck is of Jewish extraction."

We had not heard this before. Bismarck has heretofore, so far as we know, escaped the accusation of being a Jew. There is no doubt that Disraeli, the present Premier of England, is a Jew. Gambetta, the ex-dictator of France, is declared by several Hebrew organs to be of Jewish origin, and the cast of his countenance makes this easy belief. Aster, the ex-President of the Spanish Republic, is charged with being of Jewish descent. Belmont, the ex-Chairman of the National Democratic Committee of this country, is a man of Jewish blood. The Pope complains that the editors of nearly all the leading papers in Rome are Jews: Dull Run Russell has told how the Jews have got hold of the Vienna papers; and the London Telegraph, the most widely circulated of the British daily papers, is the property of a Jew; and we know that large numbers of Jews are engaged on the press of Paris, Berlin and New York; and the long-headed Reuter, who controls the telegraphic news of the greater part of the world, is a Jew. The Jews used to be famous chiefly for their wealth; and Rothschild, the richest compound man in the world, was looked up to as the greatest of all modern Jews. But in later times the Jews seem to be desirous of undertaking the management of governments, and getting their full share of the power of the press. We must say, however, that we have not yet seen evidence sufficient to convince us that Otto Von Bismarck is a Jew.—Cincinnati Commercial.

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A prisoner in the Maryland Penitentiary, named Frank Beatty, who had been blind for ten years, had both eyes removed a few days ago, on account of their becoming still further diseased.

In North Alabama the newly hatched crop has turned out well. The oats crop will not be as good as was expected, but the yield will nevertheless be fine. The corn crop throughout the State is in a good condition.

Seven boys, while crossing a fence immediately under a telegraph line at Indianapolis on the 10th inst., were struck by lightning and one was killed. The others were all severely injured, but still recover.

The 5th grand national exhibition of dogs has recently been held at the Crystal Palace, London. There were 1187 entries. The dogs were not muzzled, and the visitors, numbering about 120,000, who went to see them did not die of hydrophobia.

J. Weidner, a New Orleans broker, drew checks on the Alabama National Bank, for a check for \$75 raised to \$2,800, a check for \$11.50 raised to \$4,150, and a check for \$70 raised to \$2,190. It is reported that Weidner purchased bonds with the raised checks and fled.

A polecat having three full-sized legs and heads, but with only eight bodies, was killed last week near Franklin, Wis. The cats were connected by a fleshy diaphragm, about four inches long, three inches wide and two inches thick. The middle cat had no legs at all and was entirely supported by the outside cats. The entire cat was male and the outside cats females.

In this season of the year when ice cannot be obtained, it may be a good thing to know that several thicknesses of wet clothes wrapped about a pitcher will, by evaporation, keep the water tolerably cool. A common flower-pot inverted over a plate of butter and kept covered in the same way with wet cloths, will keep butter in a state of solidity.

Hon. A. G. Riddle, of Philadelphia, formerly accepted the appointment of Assistant Attorney General to prosecute the fee-bagging cases growing out of the blowing up of the safe in the District Attorney's office, in the District of Columbia, during the recent Congressional investigation. Mr. Riddle took the oath of office and will commence work immediately.

May Shaw, wife of Joseph Shaw, of Manayunk, a member of an excursion party that arrived at Cape May on the 6th inst., bathed contrary to the advice of her physician, and died shortly after going into the water from internal hemorrhage. She was much debilitated by sickness. She was fifty-three years of age, and leaves eight children. When she was taken out of the water unavailing efforts were made to save her.

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