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REPUBLICAN NEWS ITEM, Laporte Pa., Interview of the past week have so crowded upon the heels of each other that one scarce-ip knows which to take up first. Per-haps the most interesting occurrence was the most interesting occurrence which John H. Fow, of Philadelphia, was responsible. Fow is a unique char-acter. His Democracy does not weigh any time. He comes back to the house this year with a nondescript sort of a political standing. He was not only the Democratic candidate for the leg-sitature in his district, but he also had the Republican, the Prohibition and the Homest Government party nominations. There are few more crafty politicians in the state than Fow. Why he called the Democratic members and senators together probably no one but himself will ever be truly certain. That the mote the Wanamaker fusion scheme for the organization of the legislature and the election of a fusion candidate for United States senator we all know. Tata it was a most complete fizzle is and the detection of a fusion scheme for the organization of the legislature and the detection of a fusion scheme for the organization of the legislature and the detection of a fusion scheme for the organization of the legislature and the detection of a fusion scheme for the organization of the legislature and the detection of a fusion scheme for the organization of the legislature and the detection of a fusion candidate to insinuate that Fow knew it was to the fistribution of the patronage on the hill," and who will also make up to instinue before it was called and the committee appointments for the speaker by wild be placed on. Those who did not come are just as unch interested in the same subject. Those who did not come are just as unch interested in the same subject. Those who did not come are just as thereafter the Democratic members. Those who did not come are just as thereafter the Democratic members. Those who did not come are just as thereafter the Democratic members. Those who di

Democratic telegation is chast to set er, and they are all suspicious of each other's every movement. The fact that inone of the older members in the Dem-ocratic delegation believes the anti-Quay Republicans can show anything like the number of votes necessary to make up the fusion majority on the speakership makes them all hesitate about going into a losing deal. Guffey has got the senatorial bee buzzing under his sombrero at a lively rate. He has already spent a fortune in the canvass, and he is giving out some sort of an interview or signed statement every other day in order to sive the Republicans the impression that the Democrats are a unit for fu-sion. He has State Chairman Garman helping him to create sentiment with the same tactics. They are both talk-ing themselves hoarse. But Garman in his latest interview has hurr rather than helped Guffey's cause. He tells the Democrats that in view of the great mational political issues involved in the election of a United States senator they must not think of voting for any Re-publican for Quay's seat. They must draw the line in the fusion negotia-tions when it comes to electing a mem-ber of the United States senate. This interview of Garman's has brought the true significance of the present political situation right home to the Republicans of Pennsylvania. They see the Democratic standing firm-iy and loyally by their free trade, free silver and anti-McKinley policy and proposition from the anti-Quay Repub-licans to be held here on Monday, Jan .2, and it will then become apparent that the Wanamaker scheme cannot



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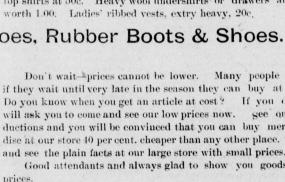
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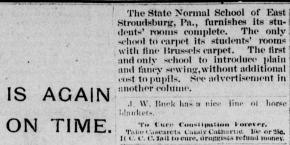
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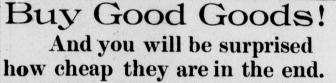
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constituents at home. FARR HAS THE CALL. FARR HAS THE CALL. The contest for the Republican cau-cus nomination for speaker of the house, which will be equivalent to an election, has, in the opinion of many, been practically decided. While Ward R. Bliss, of Delaware: Charles E. Voor-hees, of Philadelphia; Frank McClah, of Alegheny, are still in the race, all indications point to an agreement auong the leaders of different elements upon Representative John R. Farr, of Lackawanna county. Farr, who is widely known as the advocate of com-pulsory education and of the free school book legislation, is a newspaper man by profession. He has had the experience of several terms in the house and would make an acceptable in which he says that if elected he will favor a short session, that all elements in the Republican party shall be treat-eduat it will be his aim to promote har-mony in the party.



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