

"It won't do to delay any more of these primaries," said Delegate Burke, of Gallitzin. No sir; not at any rate, if there is any danger of the rascals falling out afterward.

It is about time for the Cambria Herald to make public the "personal" reasons why General Hastings did not get the Cambria county delegates. The Herald threatened to do this if the Republican kicking papers did not desist from abusing the local party leaders for stealing the county for Delamater. Come on brother; it's your turn now.

ONE round-trip ticket from this place to Ebensburg costs \$1.75, and forty of them cost \$70. It is said that Delamater and Andrews knew nothing of the round-trip arrangement, and that they paid the full fare for each round trip, or \$2.10. Somebody had a profit of thirty-five cents on each ticket. There are tricks in all trades, but politics furnishes the greatest opportunities for the monumental trickster.

"THE ballot-box is the ark of safety for the Republic," said Senator G. W. Delamater recently. The concluding chapter of his and Chairman Andrews' political methods in Cambria county are given elsewhere. It is to be supposed that the Republican politicians in this county are so "pure" that the swearing of primary election boards, as required by the laws of Pennsylvania, is an entirely unnecessary procedure. But such men, as those whose methods have been laid bare, are fit tools for such a briber of Legislatures and abettor of bribers as Matthew Stanley Quay, who stands for all that is corrupt and vile in politics.

In our local columns will be found the proceedings of the citizens' meeting last evening for the purpose of getting up a demonstration for the day on which the new City Government is to be inaugurated. No more worthy move could be made. It is very proper that some action should be taken to properly observe Johnstown's greatest day. We need some move to make the people feel that there is still some of the former spirit in the place. Especially is it so in view of the fact that we have not had a parade or other public demonstration since the flood of May 31st. An era of general good feeling needs to be inaugurated, and nothing would better serve that purpose than to have all our people turn in and help to make the day a memorable one in the history of Johnstown. Then the incoming officers, who have a stupendous task before them, need the encouragement that a proper observance of the day would give.

THE SALARIES OF THE CITY OFFICERS.

There is now a move on foot among a certain class of spoilsmen—because they are not having a finger in the pie—to arouse dissatisfaction about the salaries of the city officers. They are the fellows who come out in print as "Anxious Inquirer," "Taxpayer," or something else that may mean anybody or most likely nobody. They lack the moral courage to come out over their own signatures and air their opinions.

Take the office of City Engineer, the salary is fixed at \$1,300. It takes years of study and practice, to say nothing of superior mental ability, for anyone to get to be proficient in engineering. And we predict that no engineer will be able to make, during the three years of his term, the real estate registry—which would be a great saving to the city at any price as well as to the property holders by ending all litigation as to lines of streets, alleys, and all properties—and the topographical survey, both of which duties may, at the pleasure of the Council, be imposed upon that officer. Both these surveys should be made, and they should be made now.

We want to start out right. A second class engineer is competent to do the work, and no first-class man will leave better employment to take a poor-paying job from the city. The city must pay salary enough to command the services of competent men.

We might speak of the Mayor's duties. Johnstown, be it said to her credit, has chosen for Mayor a man whom she can safely trust with any duties that may fall upon him to perform, and the city will rest satisfied that such duties have been rightly performed. When an ordinance has been approved by him we can rest assured that it will bear the test of a trial. And few people have any idea of the great amount of labor necessarily expended in drawing up any carefully prepared ordinance.

If those who are disposed to kick will study the law providing for the starting of the government of a city such as ours, and will take the trouble to attend a few Council meetings, where the different ordinances and other measures are fully considered, they will get some idea of the great task before the incoming officers of the new city. Years of training and professional study, as well as practice in legal matters, are only some of the requirements to a successful administration of public affairs, particularly at the outset of a city government, and they cannot be obtained without their being paid for.

"Why don't you run a newspaper like that?" a grocery merchant in a country town said to his editor, throwing out a Chicago daily. "For the reason you don't run a grocery like that," the editor replied, turning to a five column advertisement of a Chicago house, showing a twelve story building. The grocer looked attentively at the advertisement and the picture for a moment and then said: "I never looked at it in that way before.—Exchange.

HOW IT WAS DONE!

The Way Cambria County Was Stolen by the Politicians.

THE TERRIBLE TURPIDITY.

The Outrageous and Disgusting Details of How the Cambria County Republicans Were Betrayed and Defrauded—Another Sickening Chapter of Republican Politics—No Wonder Cambria County is Becoming More Strongly Democratic.

The following is another chapter from the Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph's description of the great political fraud perpetrated in this county in the interests of Delamater. It shows the methods used to defraud the honest people and glorify the tricky politicians. It is a fearful and terrible story, and shows a state of things that is dangerous and demoralizing. The following are the details:

A PECULIAR CASE. Carrolltown borough—This was a peculiar case. Chairman Barker wrote to Peter Campbell, a fair-minded, honest man, and asked him who was to be the delegate from the borough. Campbell, in reply, said he would probably come himself, and declared he was for Hastings. The Barker crowd evidently thought it well to have some Hastings men in the convention; for they did not oppose him. He went up to the convention and was quiet until Davis sprung his resolution. This he said was taking snap judgment, was unfair and did not represent the feelings of the people. When it came to a vote he cast the two votes of the borough against the resolution. He was always a friend of Barker and his gang and they got the Carrolltown postoffice for him, but he declared he could not swallow such a dose as they were giving the convention and he was the only officeholder or candidate who took this manly course. Trained in the Barker school he made out his own credentials.

Clearfield township—Terance Delozier, at the written desire of Chairman Barker, made out his own credentials, without taking a single vote, and cast two ballots for the Andrews-Delamater set-up.

Coopersdale borough—Acting under Chairman Barker's direction, Clerk Loughry voted twice for his borough having made out his own papers, there being no primaries.

Croyle township—No primaries, no votes, nothing but two self-constituted delegates named John Wendroth and Aaron Sherbine.

Dean township—There was nothing which savored of an election here. Henry Marritt made out his certificate and voted twice for Andrews, Delamater & Co. He was a trusted lieutenant, for through the influence of the Barker crowd he was made a paster and folder in the last legislature. He, no doubt, had "met" Andrews and Delamater more than once.

Ebensburg, East ward—Not even in the home of Chairman Barker did Andrews' hired men pretend to give the Republican voters a chance to express their opinions. Primaries? Not much. Election board? Certainly not. What's the use? The statutory oath? Bah! Oaths are all nonsense. When the time came on Monday morning Thomas D. Evans and William A. Jones, two trusty henchmen of Barker, went to Ed. James' drug store and made out their credentials. Not a vote was cast for them, not even the skeleton of an election was held.

Ebensburg, West ward—This is the personal property of "Tom" Davis (Jackson). He does not care for elections unless there are opportunities therein—Congressional election preferred. When the janitor of the building ordinarily used for election offered to start a fire and get the place ready on Saturday afternoon for a dollar, Andrews' worthy representative replied that there was no need of the room as there would be no election. The papers of Thomas Davis and T. M. Richards were also fixed up by themselves in James' drug store, and somebody signed them as judge and inspector. Perhaps Barker was one. Nobody outside the guilty ones know this point, and nobody ever will. Just think of it! In the two wards of Ebensburg, which cast 127 votes for Boyer in November, 1889, and 165 for Myers for Poor House Director, who led the county ticket in that town, not a solitary vote was given at the January primaries under the Andrews-Delamater-Barker-Davis management.

Franklin borough was represented by a single man—John B. Murphy, ex-constable. He wrote himself into two votes for the Andrews-Delamater scheme without primaries or pretense.

This was a beautiful and shining example of the Andrews-Delamater method—one of the finest in the whole county.

This is the town built up by the Hastings Coal Company, which is named after General Hastings and in which he is a large stockholder. The General has devoted much time to this enterprise and the development of the remarkable mineral wealth of the region and is very popular in the borough. Men who have no connection with the coal company and who have met him are honest and hearty for him. To strike Hastings down in this borough was in the opinion of Andrews, Barker et al almost as good as stabbing him in the back in Cambria county itself. Without notice to any of the citizens of Hastings, skulking in the dark, like such men do, two tools of Andrews and Barker arranged to steal the borough. They held no primary election. They had no election board of any sort. They did not allow any outsider to know what was going on and there was scarcely a man in the place who knew that primaries had been called by the Committee. C. Westover, a livery stable keeper and Thomas Beynon, a barber, acting under Barker's orders, sneaked out of Hastings, went to Ebensburg and there had their certificates made out for them by the Barker gang. They entered the convention during roll call and were among the last to vote for the Andrews-Delamater steal. They were not even discreet. They boasted about what they had done and the manner of doing it. They admitted they had sold themselves. The result was that when their action and that of the convention became known in Hastings, the Republicans of the place and of the neighborhood were furious. Letters were promptly sent to Gen. Hastings by the leading Republicans of the place repudiating the action of Westover and Beynon, and both men have been shunned ever since, and their business has fallen off so much that they probably will not continue in the town. This was one of the most stupid pieces of rascality of the Andrews-Barker-Swann-Delamater gang.

Gallitzin borough—This borough was not worked by Barker directly. It was manipulated by his lieutenant, Deputy Revenue Collector Kinkead. A week before the day of the primaries, Kinkead visited Gallitzin to make a sure thing of the delegates. He saw John Myers and told him he and Barker wanted him to go to Ebensburg and to take Frank N. Burke, the committeeman of the district with him. Kinkead then went to the saloon of Daniel Burke, the brother of Frank. The delegate-to-be was not at home and Kinkead left a letter with Daniel Burke to the effect that Frank was to go to Ebensburg without fail. Kinkead also left \$3 to pay Frank's fare each way. Myers and Burke met and consulted and agreed that there was no need of holding any primaries or of letting anybody know what was up. Myers on Monday decided that he could not go, and Burke went alone. Before going he drew up certificates for himself and Myers and signed them as judge of the primary election, certifying to the election of his companion and himself.

Burke himself boasts of his fealty to Barker, although he says he was cheated by Barker's crowd in his fight for the Gallitzin postoffice. He says Barker, Ed James, and Harry Kinkead recommended him for the office after they knew another man had gotten it.

"It won't do to hold any more of them kind of primaries," said Delegate Burke to the writer. "They raised hell here among the people and they haven't got done kicking about it yet. I don't see why Barker wanted to run things that way. He ain't to be trusted anyway. He's only given me \$10 after using me for years. I wrote to him not long ago and told him if he wanted to use me to send a respectable remittance before the work was done. I heard Barker, Tom Davis, Swann, and the rest got a big lot of boodle and kept it."

Gallitzin township—No primaries were held here and all that was done was the making of papers for Thomas Myers who was given two votes. He was notified to attend the convention by Kinkead.

Jackson township—This township is always regarded as the property of Tom Davis (Jackson), who manages the politics to suit himself. His brother, Samuel Davis, does most of the running and actual setting up under the orders of Tom. That distinguished disciple of Andrews and Delamater told John Gittings and John Grey to come to Ebensburg as delegates, and they came. Of course, such a thing as a primary was never even thought of. Tom Davis made out the papers for his henchmen and that was all there was of it. Then they voted for Andrews and Delamater, were fed and sent home.

Lilly township—F. A. Thompson, the Postmaster at Lilly, was instructed by Kinkead to attend the convention, and he did so with Simon Conrad. They had no primaries, and Thompson made out the papers.

Loretto borough—There being but four Republicans in this borough, it is easily handled. The organ of Andrews and Delamater, the Johnstown Tribune, in the list of delegates gave the name of W. W. McAteer and William Fry as representing Loretto. This was no doubt done to swell the list of names. There is no William Fry in Loretto, but there is a Sebastian Fry, who is an undertaker and who was burying somebody while the convention was in session. McAteer was at Ebensburg, however, you may depend on it. Being postmaster he could not neglect his delegate allegiance to the present dispensers of the Federal political pap. When he had fixed up some of the other districts

he made out his own papers without asking either Fry, H. Pruner or Charles Miller to give him any help, they being the four Republicans of the district. There was no voting, and even two of the Republicans wondered where McAteer was on convention day until some member of his family said he "had gone to see a sick relative" at Ebensburg. McAteer, in addition to having direct instructions from Barker, was visited by Sam Davis, the brother of Tom, about ten days before the date of the primaries, and the work was cut out then. McAteer had two votes which went to the Andrews-Delamater delegates. Munster township was manipulated in a peculiarly cool manner. H. T. Eberly went to Ebensburg on convention day to attend to some business connected with his store at Munster. When asked in the morning before the convention whether he was a delegate he replied that he was not and that he never heard of the convention until the night before (Sunday). A short time after this Eberly met the Andrews-Barker people and they insisted on his being a delegate, saying it would be worth his while to represent the district. He agreed and the papers were then made out for him.

NO ELECTION, OF COURSE. A few days ago Eberly was asked about the election. He had evidently been recently warned by the Andrews Barker crowd, for he exclaimed: "Oh, I know what you are after. You want to upset this thing. I've heard about you." His suspicions were soothed and then he said: "Of course there wasn't any election. You know that well enough yourself. I didn't know anything about it until Sunday night. I was a delegate to oblige Barker and those fellows and had my papers made out in Ebensburg. Election! Why, —, it there wasn't an election in the whole northern part of the county. I wasn't any different from the rest of the fellows about not being regularly elected. None of the fellows down to our place knew anything about the primaries or the convention either until it was all over." Portage township—This was one of the Swann-Kinkead districts and John A. Troxel, the postmaster, was one delegate and William Hall another. No primaries were held and the credentials were made out by the delegates.

Tunnelhill borough—Samuel Huey was the delegate from this district. He is a very sincere, straightforward old man, and when told by John Myers, of Gallitzin, which place Tunnelhill overlooks, that he must go to Ebensburg as a delegate he had some doubts about obeying. He did not believe in such an early convention and in the secret methods of the Andrews-Barker ring. Finally, however, he decided to go and made out his own credentials entitling him to two votes. He voted for the Delamater outfit, but regretted it. He was about the only delegate who paid for his own dinner and railroad fare. Harry Kinkead was to have arranged for Huey's expenses, but did not see him. Huey thinks that the Barker ring is getting too bold and too reckless, and says one of these days the people will smash this ring into bits.

Upper Yoder township primaries were held at the usual polling place, at the Whisky Spring Hotel, and about thirty voters were on hand. There were three candidates, Robert Barclay, William Gilbert and David Barnard, the two first being elected. The three names were written on a sheet of paper, and voters made a mark opposite their choice. Barclay and Gilbert were set up by Kinkead. There was no regular election board, the men who made out the papers were not sworn and only such men as were known to be all right and in favor of the ring candidates were told about the primary.

Washington township, upper district—Chairman Barker wrote to John W. Hall at Cresson and told him to come up and bring Philip Pritch. There were no primaries. The papers were made out in Ebensburg after the delegates arrived. Hall has since the Convention received an appointment in the Census Bureau in Washington through the efforts of Andrews and Barker. White township—John C. Gates, who has been a county official and a member of the Assembly, and who is again a candidate for the Lower House, promptly obeyed Barker's summons to attend the Convention. He took with him Giles Stevens and they made out their own papers. There were no primaries. Johnstown and most of the southern districts were manipulated by George Thomas Swann and Harry Kinkead and Henry Wilson Storey. Their methods were the same as those of Barker and Davis in the Northern districts.

Conemaugh borough, First ward—W. W. Cope and A. S. Aaron were asked to be delegates by the Andrews people. There were no primaries. Five men met and settled the matter and made out the credentials without taking votes by a sworn board.

Grubtown—There were eight or nine votes cast in this township, but no election board was organized and no officers sworn. John Sell and L. Miltenberger were the delegates.

Richland township—John H. Vail, who got the Scalp Level Postoffice through the Barker crowd, was delegate with D. D. Stull. Barker told Stull to attend the convention. Vail had the credentials. He made them out. There were no primaries and no attempt at voting.

Millville, First ward—There were no primaries in this ward. No votes were cast. No board was sworn. W. P. Reese, who is Deputy Revenue Collector, had charge of the ward and had the papers made out for himself and S. S. Reed. The latter absolutely refused to talk about the election.

East Tabor township—D. B. Wilson, postmaster at a town in this township, was told to be a delegate by Barker. He had the credentials made out for himself and Jos. Reighard.

Prospect—There were no primaries here. No board was organized or sworn. E. J. Myers and Wm. Gibson were the delegates.

South Fork—There were no primaries here. Postmaster Luke was the only delegate, going as the result of a letter from Barker.

Woodvale held no primaries. The credentials were made out for C. B. Davis and John Gruber. No board was sworn and no votes were cast.

In Summerhill, Susquehanna, Lower Washington, West Taylor, Wilmore, Reade and Lower Yoder there were no primaries. No boards were sworn and the papers of delegates were, according to the information received, made out illegally.

There were no delegates in the convention from Cambria borough, Second ward of Conemaugh, Chest township and Elder township.

Johnstown at present has sixteen wards, but before the consolidation with the townships and boroughs it had but seven, it being in that form when the delegates were elected. At the time of the election the people were still too stricken with sorrow and too busy with reorganizing business and repairing homes to think of politics. Only a small number of those who usually take part in politics knew of the primaries and nobody outside of the conspirators had a suspicion that there was to be any Delamater set-up. In spite of all that the Cambria manipulators may say, a union of the Hastings and Mo tooth men in Johnstown proper would have elected every delegate. This was well known to the schemers and they kept their secret well.

Barker, Kinkead and Storey were very active during the time of the primaries. They did not take chances, neither did they see that the law was obeyed. The methods in Johnstown were quite as illegal and almost as loose as in the country districts.

In the first ward there was the nearest semblance to a legal election in the county. There was a "Chairman" chosen by the voters, and a Secretary. They were Robert R. Thomas and W. B. Keller; twenty-two votes were polled. There were several candidates for delegates, but E. O. Fisher and A. H. Walters were elected. No board was sworn and the papers were made out by the "Chairman" and "Secretary." Fisher was a Monmouth man and Walters was for Hastings. Fisher says he thought there was no use in sticking to Montooth and stampeded to Delamater. Walters was one of the independent five who did not yield to the conspirators and who loudly protested against the Delamater set-up.

The Second ward election was a farce. Isaac Chandler was Judge, Fred Cox and Eben A. James Inspectors, and a Mr. Statler was Clerk. No votes were cast and no officers were sworn. Fred Cox and John D. Jones, a policeman, were made delegates, and Chandler and James signed the papers.

The Third ward sent Scott Dibert and J. M. Fockler as delegates. There was no formal election. No board was sworn.

In the Fourth ward there was no board sworn. There were seven men at the primaries, including the men in charge of the set-up. They all voted and papers were made out for H. W. Slick and J. L. Caldwell.

The Fifth ward delegates were Alderman Irvin Rutledge and R. E. Smith. There were five votes cast, it is said. No board was sworn.

In the Sixth ward there were fourteen votes cast. No board was sworn. F. M. Stearn, a policeman, and Conrad Bader were the delegates.

In the Seventh ward there were two votes cast by L. Messrige and Theodore Judy, the first of whom acted as Secretary, and the second as Judge. They were not sworn. They made out the papers for W. R. Barrick and J. M. Wertz. This shows that less than fifty votes were cast in the wards which gave Carswell, Republican candidate for Controller, 1,196 votes at the election in February less than a month after the so-called primaries.

"Only a little. The fare of some of the delegates was paid." "Who paid it?" "We did." "Who are we?" "Well, some of the Republicans. I do not think it was good policy to have all but ten of the delegates for Delamater. I would liked to have seen about twenty for Hastings, and then it would not have caused so much suspicion."

WHAT STOREY SAYS. The following interview was held with Henry W. Storey, applicant for the Johnstown postoffice: "Do you consider that the primary election held in Cambria county on January 23, 1890, to elect delegates to the County Convention which elected Messrs. Swann and Barker as State delegates, and which instructed for Mr. Delamater, was a legal election conducted in an ordinary manner?" "Yes, I do. Emphatically so. If that was not a fair election there never was one held in the State of Pennsylvania."

[This answer was given after Mr. Storey has refreshed his memory as to the terms of the primary election act of 1881.] "Did you ever meet Delamater or Andrews in Blairsville or elsewhere and arrange with them in regard to electing delegates for Delamater from Cambria county, and did they or either of them give, or offer to give, a consideration for such work on your part?" "I refuse to answer that question, but I will say that there was no illegitimate use of money or anything else at the primaries." "Why was it that the Cambria County Primaries were held so much earlier than usual?" Mr. Storey declined to answer this question without consulting with his associates in the matter. P. L. W.

PREPARING FOR INAUGURATION DAY.

A Public Meeting Last Evening in the Council Chamber.

Pursuant to the call printed in the newspapers for a meeting of citizens to consider a programme for the proper observance of the day upon which the Mayor and other city officials will take their oaths of office, a number of gentlemen met last evening in the Johnstown Council Chamber. Dr. Geo. W. Wagoner was elected Chairman of the meeting and Mr. Geo. A. Hager, Secretary. The Chairman made known to the gentlemen the object of the gathering, after which a general talk and interchange of ideas concerning what was the best mode of observing the day was had. The sense of the meeting soon found expression in a motion by Jas. M. Walters, Esq., to the effect that the Chairman of this meeting appoint a committee of two persons from each ward to formulate a programme for the proper observance of inauguration day and to take such preliminary steps for the success of the demonstration as they may deem necessary, the Chairman of this meeting to be Chairman of the Committee. This motion was carried unanimously, and the following Committee was appointed:

- First ward, B. F. Speedy, George A. Hager; Second, Capt. Jas. H. Gageby, Ed. F. Creed; Third, Jas. J. Milligan, Abram Cohen; Fourth, Jas. M. Walters, John M. Rose; Fifth, Dr. A. N. Wakefield, Irvin Rutledge; Sixth, Alex. Kennedy, David Marsh; Seventh, William Dodson, Geo. J. Akers; Eighth, S. A. Weimer, Emil Boetcher; Ninth, John J. Devlin, Emery West; Tenth, Thos. Matthews, Wm. Cutbert; Eleventh, Chas. B. Davis, Adam Roidel; Twelfth, David Barry, Wm. Gibson; Thirteenth, Thos. P. Keedy, Ralph Herrington; Fourteenth, Jas. P. Burns, Frank Stutzman; Fifteenth, Robt. H. Bridges, George Loidtch; Sixteenth, John Burkhardt, Patrick Keating.

This committee will meet on Saturday evening, March 29th, at 7:30 in the Johnstown Council Chamber. On motion of Mr. Akers, it was unanimously agreed to instruct the Secretary to inform Judge Johnston that, as they have learned with pleasure that he is to be present at the inauguration of the City Government, the meeting respectfully request that, if it be his pleasure, he deliver an address on the occasion.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

THE "MAIL AND EXPRESS" FUND.

How the Work of Arranging for Distribution is Progressing.

The work of arranging for the distribution of Colonel Shepard's Mail and Express fund is progressing rapidly, although the Committee on Distribution can devote but about four hours each day on the work, their other duties in connection with their churches' occupying the remainder of their time. A representative of the DEMOCRAT called on the Committee last night. They were not disposed to talk very much, but it was learned that a number of persons who were worth from \$10,000 to \$100,000 had made application in a pitiable manner.

The committee had divided the applicants into three classes. The rate for the different classes will be decided as soon as the number in each class is known. They mean to give the same amount to every one under a particular class. The committee decided before the work was begun that every cent of the money would be paid out in solid cash. There will be no ten per cent. business about it, or any large amount held back to print a report of the distribution. The committee is now working very hard and as soon as the checks are ready, which will be in about twenty days, the committee will notify the people through the press of this city.