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County Ticket.

- For Representative, WILLIAM B. KENWORTHY, of Milford. For Sheriff, JOSEPH D. BROOKS, of Delaware. For Coroner, ALFRED T. SEELEY, of Milford.

EDITORIAL.

COL. LEWIS RETIRES.

COLONEL A. E. LEWIS who was a candidate for the Democratic Congressional Conference in this County has withdrawn. The condition of his health is such as not to permit him to make the active canvass which he feels would be necessary to win. Perhaps, too, since the situation has been sized up, and the announcement made that Barber is slated for the nomination with a strong probability that he will make it, there is less reason why Pike should enter the contest. Should Barber carry Carbon, as now seems quite likely, and Northampton Conferees enter the Convention uninstructed, it does not require much forecast to determine the next nominee of the district. Pike and Monroe we hope will at least be allowed to sit on the fence and see the Democratic procession pass by in all its festive gayety, with L. H. B. carrying aloft his device inscribed beaten in 1896 by a majority of 329 in a district which gave in 1892 over 6,000 Democratic majority.

Mr. Staples, and we take the liberty now to remind him, should put a string on his finger so that when he makes Barber speeches they should not be like the play with Hamlet left out. He should come some striking phrases, for instance he might paraphrase the address of Spartacus. Ye call me brave, and ye do well to call him brave who, amid the rock ribbed fastness of this devoted District dares proclaim the difficulty with Monroe is healed, and that she is solid for the nominee. Yes, she will give him her votes with some few exceptions without reserve, and here Mr. S. will, unconsciously, but significantly, feel if his collar button is secure, thus indicating about where Mr. B. will get the most of them. We can imagine our Joseph following with the refrain: As the Hart breatheth after the water brooks so parted my soul after this nomination, but I am breatheth out like water, and all my bones are out of joint, my strength is dried up like a potherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws, for dogs have compassed me; the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me. I have hated the congregation of evil doers and will not sit with the wicked, but I will accept no more

boiling nominations, for if with the full endorsement of the District I could win with only 197, at which end of the horn would I be at with the same divided. No, oh, no! Not any for Jo!

A CURIOSITY.

To those who are old residents of this congressional district it will seem somewhat strange to read speeches made by its representatives. We have been so accustomed to a silent member that a voice from the Eighth seems rather startling, and must awaken surprise among the members themselves. But it is a pleasure to know that the opaque silence which has been characteristic of our former representatives no longer prevails and that we have in the National council one who can and does raise his voice on the great questions which come before that body. Hon. W. S. Kirkpatrick delivered June 13 when the House had under consideration the joint resolution to provide for annexing the Hawaiian Islands, forceful and logical speech in its favor. It was the effort of one trained in forensic eloquence, clear, comprehensive and convincing. Such speeches impress, and are creditable alike to the maker and the intelligence of the constituency sending the man as its representative.

HELP THE SUFFERING.

THE associate Red Cross of Pa. appeals for aid in efforts to allay the suffering which exists among the Cubans. We have undertaken a war for humanity's sake, and while our brave soldiers are at the front risking life and limb and undergoing hardships and many of them languishing in sickness, and our sailors are likewise manfully bearing burdens, it is only meet that those who remain at home and enjoy the comforts and luxuries of life should make some sacrifice. This need not be great but every one can spare a little and every little will help. It is a time for the manifestation of whole heartedness and we know the patriotic people of our own state will not be slow to respond in aid of the distress and pressing needs of those men, women and children who are sick, starving, and helpless. He gives twice who gives quickly.

CONGRESSIONAL CONTEST.

UNDER the above caption the Lansford Record says that "The Essex Literary Bureau in its desperation has started a brahmin story to the effect that unless Barber gets the Conference Carbon has no chance to win the nomination," and asks who has authorized Essex to proclaim that he carries the other counties of the District in his vest pocket. It says if Laurer is nominated he will go into the Conference and fight out his claim the same as Barber would do. The Record does not feel that Barber would prove any better vote getter than he did before and thinks he should retire from the race and allow the district to be reclaimed.

EXPERIMENTS CONCERNING STOCK FEEDING.

THE Secretary of Agriculture seems to be planning something new in the way of scientific investigation in connection with our Experiment Station at the State College. If they can make a success of the idea we do not see why it will not be a good thing to do. We quote as follows from the columns of the Stockman and Farmer, of Pittsburgh. You will, I am sure, be pleased to learn that the Secretary of Agriculture has decided to enter into cooperation with this Station for the prosecution of scientific investigations into the principles of animal nutrition. It is proposed to construct at the Station a respiration calorimeter adapted to experiments with domestic animals. By means of this instrument exact determinations can be made of the total income and outcome of the animal body both in matter and energy. By thus as it were, keeping an account with the animal, it is possible to learn exactly and in detail what use it makes of its food under varying conditions and thus to build up a foundation of exact knowledge of which the practice of feeding may be based. A single apparatus of this sort for experiments upon man has been constructed at the Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., but no apparatus of this character for experiments upon the domestic animal exists in this country, nor indeed in Europe, although some of the European stations have forms of apparatus which partially accomplish what this is designed to. The Director of Station has been appointed special agent of the Department for this work and will shortly sail for Europe to make a study of the different forms of apparatus there in use. H. P. ARMSBY, Director.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Some time since we saw a remark of 'H', of Layton, regarding the uselessness of giving money for foreign missionary work. To him and also to others of like mind we offer the following extract written by H. K. Carroll LL. D., who says of those who doubt the value of missions.

I fear they are somewhat stubborn, like Thomas, and hard to convince, for Christ is everywhere, and everywhere he is working, changing evil lives, quieting wild passions, transforming wicked hearts, restraining from vice and crime, and blessing society and the state with noble, unselfish, and devoted lives. He cannot be hid. Missions manifest him in dark and desperate places, reforming manhood and womanhood and molding childhood.

Missions went to a race of cannibals in the South Seas and subdued their ferocity, stopped their wars, and taught them the arts, pursuits, and customs of civilization. Is that a service of no value? Missions found a people in Madagascar sunk in barbarism. It elevated them to a place among the humbler Christian nations of the earth, opening a new market for articles of commerce and introducing new products to the markets of the world. Is that an achievement of no moment?

Missions created among the converts from the degraded tribes of Africa a desire for the ways and necessities of civilized life; stirred the Chinese from the intellectual lethargy of centuries and made it possible for modern ideas to begin a slow but mighty revolution; helped in the development of a wonderful nation in Japan, and undermined the old philosophies and cruel caste system of India. Are these contributions to the progress and prosperity of the world without value? That grand old heathen philosopher and statesman, Li Hung Chang, gladly recognizes the beneficent results of Christian missions in China, and says they minister not only to the soul, but also to the body and the mind.

If the spreading of the Gospel makes men purer, stronger, and better; if the education of the race tends to elevate it; if the healing of disease is of service to mankind; if the increase of commerce and the decrease of bloody strife is a good thing; if contributions to our knowledge of geography, of language, customs, and characteristics of people, of climate, resources, and productions of countries are entitled to recognition, then the value of missions is beyond computation.

The Gospel is the greatest of civilizing agencies. What it does abroad it does at home. There is no community that is not quieter, safer, and more prosperous with it than without it. Missions carry this blessed Gospel to destitute and dangerous places. They are more effective than the police in the slums, better than the sheriff in the camps and new settlements of rough men. They have been a mighty influence in the building of many of our States, and if they were blotted out, there would need to be more constables, more courts, more prisons, and more scaffolds. The value of missions to society and the State is too great to be reckoned.—A PENNA. READER.

PRINCE BISMARCK DEAD.

Germany's Great Statesman Passed Away. Was Creator of United Germany and Had a Wonderful Career.

Prince Otto Edward Leopold Bismarck-Schönhausen died at Varsin, his country home, Saturday, July 30, at 11 p. m. He was born April 1, 1815, near Stendal, in Prussian Saxony, and educated at Göttingen. His public career began in 1847, when he was elected to the Prussian House of Burgesses. In 1851 he was appointed Prussian member of the German Diet, and began his diplomatic career. In '59 he was sent as minister to St. Petersburg, and in '62 as Ambassador to Paris, but was recalled to become Minister to Foreign Affairs for the Home Government. He was a power in shaping German affairs and was largely instrumental in building his country up into a powerful empire. When William II became ruler, in 1890, Bismarck was retired and has since been living a quiet life on his large estate.

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THE PART OF THE SOLDIER.

How the Republican Organization Has Stood by the Boys in Blue From the Beginning.

INTERESTING TALK WITH COLONEL A. K. MCCLURE.

The Sage of Political Journalism Tells How the Act Was Passed Giving the Soldier in the Field the Right to Vote, and Tells How One of President Lincoln's Paroles Was Stretched From Twenty-four Hours to Twenty Years.

(Special Correspondence.) Philadelphia, Aug. 2. "That resolution adopted so enthusiastically by the Republican state editors, and which has made the early sixties a memorable epoch in the history of our country, though the years since then had been weeks."

It was in the course of a chat with Colonel A. K. McClure, most brilliant of free lance editors, that he said these words, and we happened to be discussing the resolution by which the Republican party, now, as in the sixties, and in all the intervening years, has been distinguished by the support of the soldier, whether in full right of the franchise or in standing guard over the legislation out of which have come pensions, soldiers' homes and soldiers' orphan schools.

That resolution reaffirming as sound Republican doctrine the declaration that "the right of suffrage keeps step with the American soldier wherever he goes," "affirms a fact in law, so far as Pennsylvania is concerned, and one which the Republican party, after a determined struggle, put into the very constitution of the commonwealth. The sub-committee to be appointed by State Chairman Edlin to take such steps as may be necessary to see that this right is insured to every soldier and sailor is now in Pennsylvania, wherever he may be, without regard to sons or hemphers," will have no heavier duties than merely to remind the governor, if any reminder has been necessary, as I don't suppose it was in the present case, of his prerogatives under the act of 1864, passed in pursuance of the amendment to the constitution adopted in the same year. That is all the fact of the soldier's franchise I do not fancy that the result of the election in Pennsylvania this fall will be so close that we will have to wait in uncertainty until the final returns from the army and navy precincts are received and counted; there is no question in my mind as to the right of the Pennsylvania soldiers to vote, whether they are in the Philippines, in Cuba or in Porto Rico. For this purpose the American flag makes everything in sight of it an American territory on election day.

"What a rousing majority there is likely to be in Cavite township for Aleck Hawkins for state senator from the Washington-Deaver district, by the way, for he is the Republican candidate, and has his Tenth regiment there with him. And there is Willie Hollings, who is somewhere in Porto Rico with the Sixth, and may be Heaven knows where on election day. If they don't make peace too fast at Washington the returns from Barcelona or Cadix, or even the returns from the Sixth, and may be Heaven knows where on election day. If they don't make peace too fast at Washington the returns from Barcelona or Cadix, or even the returns from the Sixth, and may be Heaven knows where on election day. If they don't make peace too fast at Washington the returns from Barcelona or Cadix, or even the returns from the Sixth, and may be Heaven knows where on election day.

"The question of the right of the soldier in the field to vote was raised in both the Curtin administrations," continued Colonel McClure, "in a case where some soldier votes were the balance of power in one of the Philadelphia districts. On a contest the state, and the soldier votes were thrown out in pursuance of an opinion written by Woodward. The Republican party immediately accepted the issue. The necessary constitutional amendment to a vote of the people was pressed through two successive legislatures, as required; it went to a vote of the people in the early summer of 1865, and the legislature convened in special session to pass the act required to carry it into effect.

"I had some influence in Republican councils at the time," he added, "most of it as chairman of the Republican state committee in 1860, had a latchkey to the White House so long as President Lincoln occupied it, and was the power behind the throne in both the Curtin administrations." "I did the best I could, and so did Governor Curtin, to make the bill fair and just. It was war times then, as now. The Republicans, of course, had the people ever with them in Pennsylvania, and while they had not the relative numerical strength they have now, the war swept all other questions out of the public mind. It is as Shakespeare put it in what might be the saying of a shrewd and observing politician of today—"uncommon things make common things forgotten." The Republicans could have passed any sort of an election law they pleased, if they had seen fit to take unfair advantage of their strength.

"After the law was passed I suggested to Curtin that he appoint some representative Democrats among the election commissioners provided for, and among others he appointed Jerry McKibben, of this city. McKibben hesitated about accepting, and said to me: 'If Stanton catches me in Washington he'll put me into the capital prison, sure,' but on my assurance that he would be properly supported and protected, he went. There was an old feud between the secretary of war and the McKibbens, and Stanton was not only a zealous official, but one of the best hater of a time when animosities were especially hot. Well, I got a telegram a few days later, saying: 'I am in capital prison. Come and get me out'—and signed McKibben. 'I telegraphed the president, saying I must see him that night, and went over to the White House, and in setting up the blank tally sheets furnished to the commissioners, had inadvertently dropped off the name of one of the Republican candidates for elector. McKibben knew nothing of it, and it could have had no effect on the result, but Stanton, with his microscopic eye of his, detected it, and had promptly stuck Jerry in jail on the charge of putting forth fraudulent election papers. All that President Lincoln could do that night was to order his release temporarily on parole. I was to see Stanton next morning and get a full discharge. I saw him, but after considering the matter three days

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secretary wrote me saying he had concluded that in the public interest he ought not to do so. "And," concluded the sage of political journalism, with one of those rich but quiet laughs of his which seem to come from the heart, "by George, he never did do it, and Jerry McKibben died 29 years ago after, still at liberty under Lincoln's temporary parole, which was intended to last only over night." GEORGE H. WELSHONS.

MORE JOBBERY IN STATE PRINTING. Magnificent Volume Published When Only a Pamphlet Was Ordered.

Judge McPherson of Harrisburg, has granted a writ of alternative mandamus on Superintendent of Public Printing Thomas M. Jones, to compel him to audit, certify and approve the bill of Clarence M. Busch, late State Printer, for printing 15,000 copies of the "Enemies and Diseases of Poultry," ordered to be printed by joint resolution of the Legislature. The writ has been made returnable September 1.

The pamphlet, "Enemies and Diseases of Poultry," was originally prepared by Dr. B. H. Warren, late State economic zoologist and author of the famous birdbook, the reprinting of which was turned down by Governor Hastings, and Dr. Leonard Pearson, State veterinary surgeon. It was an innocent looking pamphlet of a hundred pages or more, and it was very popular among the farmers, there being a great demand for it. During the closing hours of the last Legislature a resolution was adopted calling for the printing of 15,000 extra copies of the pamphlet, with all of the original matter and such other matter as the authors thought would throw more light on the subject. This was approved and the work placed in Mr. Busch's hands.

Last Spring, during Governor Hastings' absence on the Pacific slope, Private Secretary Beiler became aware that instead of reprinting the original pamphlet there was in course of publication a splendid volume, magnificently illustrated with colored plates and photogravures, embracing the pictures of Warren's bird book, and many views of scenery along the different streams of the Commonwealth, the whole designed to cost the State a good deal of money. He consulted Superintendent of Public Printing Robinson, who has since resigned, and found that the story was true. Mr. Beiler at once placed the matter in the hands of the Attorney General, who ordered the Superintendent of Public Printing not to audit or approve the bill, which orders the latter carried out.

Mr. Busch has rendered a bill of \$57,662.85 for the work, and avers in his affidavit that Superintendent Jones has refused to audit, certify and approve it, and he therefore asks the court to compel him to take action. The case is one that has attracted wide attention from the prominence of the parties concerned. Dr. Warren resigned when the matter was made public and Superintendent Robinson directly afterward.—EASTON FREE PRESS.

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