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HARRISBURG.

On Thursday last Gov. Hastings vetoed quite a number of "fake expense accounts."

Excessive charges made by the stenographers of investigating committees and items for "car fare, sleeping berths, telegraph and telephone service," etc., were blotted out wherever they appeared.

In his veto he wades into the personal accounts of the legislators who investigated the destitute condition of the anthracite miners: Chairman W. B. Meredith, of Kittanning, for car fare, telegraph, telephone, berths, expense of preparing report, $542; Senator Haines, of York for the same items, except preparation of report, $217.30; Jacob Roberts, Jr., of Luzerne, $232.32; Representative Dunlap, of Philadelphia, $232.30; Representative J. C. Campbell, of Westmorland, $177.30.

In his veto of the accounts of the oleo investigation committee he says.

As to the two members of the committee who make no reply, I feel justified in inferring, from the similarity of the amounts appropriated to them, and the fact that they failed to make reply to my request, that their items are of the same character, and made up in the same manner. At all events, no evidence is furnished me by which I can find that the appropriations would be proper.

It has been the practice for many years to allow mileage to members of committees of the General Assembly, and in withholding my approval from these items and similar items appearing in other bills I deem it proper to state that no reflection upon the character of the members can be fairly implied because of these appropriations. A careful investigation of the whole subject, however, leads me to the conclusion that not only is there no act of Assembly authorizing such payments, but that it was clearly forbidden by the fundi mental law, article II., section 8, of the Constitution.

The only milege to which a member of the General Assembly appears to be entitled is that provided in the act of Assembly of 20 cents in coming from and going home. He is distinctly forbidden to receive any other compensation whatever whether for services upon committees or otherwise. Should these items receive Executive approval, compensation would be given for service upon committee under the guise of mileage, in addition to the salary and mileage provided by law.

"Two members of the committee rendered bills smaller in amount, shown to me to be actual cash disbursements for necessary expenses in the conduct of the investigating with which they were charged by the General Assembly and I have, therefore, approved them, with other unobjectionable items.

"In the consideration of this bill and others of similar character I have in all cases witheld my approval from all items except such as I had reason to believe represented necessary and actual disbursements for expenses incurred.

In each of the foregoing items disapproved and included in the sum appropriated is the work of "preparing reports." The amounts considered by a member of a committee as a proper charge for preparing reports is not given, but it appears to form a part of each sum appropriated. Under the law, as already shown, a member of the committee is not entitled to any sum whatever for the work of preparing the report of his committee, and to allow compensation therefor would be in plain violation of the provision of the Constitution above quoted."

He also vetoed the bills to create the office of Game and Fish Warden and what is known as the Fish Commission bill, codifying the fish laws and declaring the species of fish which are game and commercially valuable for food. The latter measure was amended to such an extent in the House that the Fish Commission disowned it and asked the Governor to use his scimetar. One objection of the Governor was that the bill failed to prohibit fishing on Sunday. The commission thinks in many cases the size of the fish to be caught is too small. Through the onslaughts of Ben Focht and Peoples, of Lancaster, the measure was radically changed. Focht declared the bill was aimed at the poor man and the barefooted urchin in favor of the "aristocratic sportsman."

Also the bill to provide for the more safe and efficient means of exit from theatres and other places of public amusement. The bill applies to all the towns, and the Governor thinks it would be onerous and oppressive on the smaller places.

In reducing the appropriation for the University of Pennsylvania from $250,000 to $200,000 he says: "The State should be wise and liberal enough to well provide for such institutions as the University of Pennsylvania, the State College and the Western University."

On Friday the Governor vetoed the Mercantile Tax bill and in his veto message says:

"This being an important revenue measure, and coming to me at a time when additional revenues are needed, would receive my approval were it not for the fact that, after the most careful consideration, I have reached the conclusion that the constitutionality of the proposed enactment is more than doubtful; that, if permitted to become a law, it would be unjust and unfair to a large class of our merchants, and that ultimately it would prove detrimental to the best interests of the Commonwealth.

"The Constitution provides, article ix., section 1, that 'all taxes shall be uniform upon the same class or subjects within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax, and shall be levied and collected under general laws.'

"By the terms of this bill the merchant whose sales are more than $1,000 and less than $5,000 annually pays $7, and the merchant whose sales amount to anything less than $10,000 pays a tax of $10, while the merchant whose sales amount to $10,000,000 or more pays $12,000 per annum. The want of uniformity is apparent from this statement.

"The thing taxed is the volume of sales. The small merchant who sells $1,000 worth of goods in a year pays $7, or a 7-mill tax, and the merchant who sells $10,000 worth a year pays $10, or a 1-mill tax, while the merchant whose sals amount to $10,000,000 per year, if he were taxed at the same rate as the merchant whose sales amount to $1,000 per year, would be required to pay $70,000, instead of $12,000, as fixed by the bill.

"This inequality is found through the entire classification, and inasmuch as the license tax has for its basis the volume of the sales, and that being the subject of the tax, I believe it to be in violation of the section of the Constitution above quoted. It is certainly not uniform upon 'the same class of subjects.' If it be said that each one of the 37 classes has imposed upon it a uniform tax upon all merchants within its provisions, I think it still open to the objection that it is an arbitrary classification of a class, and that, as the burdens imposed upon the several classes lack uniformity and equality, it is still within the constitutional inhibition.

"But the bill is subject to the further objection that no distinction is made between the wholesale merchant, who may do a large volume of business at a small profit, and the retail dealer who may do the same volume of business at a greater profit, and it includes, too, within its provisions commission merchants, forwarders and others, the volume of whose business, in the nature of things, would be great, but the margin of profit very small. The purchase and sale of grain, flour and provisions, largely for export, by commission merchants, furnish a large part of the commerce at the ports of Philadelphia and Pittsburg, and it is a business that should be fostered and encouraged. The proposed tax is not a tax upon property nor upon profits, but upon sales, which may yield small profits or none at all.

"For several years the business depression has been so great that almost every industry has struggled to exist, and I am unwilling to impose further burdens upon these interests for the reasons that I have stated."

He vetoed the Simon's Electric-Light bill which proposed preventing municipalities from engaging in the business of furnishing light for municipal purposes or to the people in all cases where such municipality has, by ordinance, contract or otherwise, permitted any corporation organized under the act of 1874 to use or occupy its streets, lanes and alleys for the purpose of furnishing light.

It was a very odious measure, and a simular bill was vetoed two years ago. The Public school Bird-day bill was also vetoed.

Then he went over the general appropriation bill and marked out items amounting to $152,000. In the Legislative expense accounts only those salaries authorized by law were allowed; all the extras and excess charges were vetoed.

For the salaries of employes of the Senate $45,526 out of $54,976 was allowed, and $9,450 vetoed. On the House side, $60,870 out of $75,404 was approved and $14,534 negatived. Lucius Rogers, of Kane, was denied $1,000 as the Clerk of the Senate Appropriation Committee.

State Treasurer Haywood announced that Auditor General Mylin and he would not take up the accounts of legislative employes until August 8, and they need not waste carfare and shoe leather in going to Harrisburg.

The Governor signed an appropriation of $100,000 for the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and approved the liquor revenue bill, increasing the retail license fees and imposing a graded tax on brewers, distillers, compounders, etc.

That ended the bills and the Governer started for his home in Bellefonte, shortly after, remarking as he left that by nightfall he would probably be the most unpopular man in the state. He drove up the Juniata valley and across Mifflin and Centre counties to his home.

The Mercantile tax bill was originally an administration measure but after the vigorous protest of the Pittsburg and Philadelphia merchants and the exposition of the Constitution bearing upon the subject by Attorney James A. Stranahan, the Executive recognized it would work a great hardship, and its ability to stand the test of the Supreme Court was doubted, so he vetoed it.

The fact that the Simon bill was held to the last and then vetoed is an indication of the tremendous pressure exerted by the gas and electric light interests of the State. Politics was bound up in every line of this bill, and shrewd observers think the veto of the Simon measure is the best evidence that the Governor has broken loose from all his old moorings and henceforth will go it alone.

The last Legislature sent 484 bills to the Governor, of which he approved 409 and vetoed 74. The total cash vetoed was $636,726 11, as compared to $745,561 vetoed in 1895. Outside of the appropriations to Eastern colleges, the difference in the amount of money vetoed is accounted for by the Governor's warning to the Legislature to hew to the lowest notch, and the advice was followed to a considerable extent.

GOV. HASTINGS sat down pretty hard on the Harrisburg loafers, and for this he will be commended. His action will tend to curb the growing lack of conscience and decency there.

His veto of the new Mercantile tax bill was unexpected and his approval of the immense grants to the Eastern colleges, while vetoing the paltry sum for our hospital don't look consistent—but that perhaps was due to spite-work objections. Hastings has done well but a better man would have done better. The people of this state will probably be given an opportunity to vote for a first-class business man for Governor next year.

"Edna, the Tigress."

(Pittsburg News.)

Mrs. Edna South Hitchens, is a fugitive from justice, jealousy having made her a murderess. She is wanted at Parkersburg, W. Va., to answer for the recent slaying of William Beatty, by drenching him, as he lay in bed, with a quart of vitriol. The woman was his mistress and the crime was prompted by her belief that he had been false to her.

Beatty was a member of Beatty & Co. well-known oil producers of Warren Pa. and had a most estimable wife and family. Beatty originally came from Morgantown, and it was there that he became acquanted with Edna Hitchens, styled by the authorities of Parkersburg as, "Edna, the beautiful tigress."

Mrs. Hitchens' wicked way drove her husband, William Hitchens, to commit suicide at Cincinnati, by jumping from the suspension bridge into the Ohio River about seven weeks ago. She broke up the happy home of the Beattys, brought shame and disgrace on her well respected parents in their old age, and is credited with causing the downfall of her younger sister Florence, who is now living in a disreputable house in Allegheny.

Her assault on Beatty occurred on the evening of July 3, at Parkersburg. Mrs. Hitchens had for some time been living there with Beatty. For several days previous she and Beatty had been quarreling. In a fit of jealous rage she procused a quart of vitriol and while Beatty slept threw the contents of the bottle over him. He was frightfully burned. From his neck down across his chest and sides, and his legs to his ankles, the flesh peeled off in strips. After committing the crime the woman rushed out and summoned Dr. Stout, who relieved the man as much as possible. On account of the prominence of Beatty the matter was kept from the authorities almost 24 hours, and by that time the Hitchens woman had escaped. She has since been at large. Beatty was removed to a hospital, where he died a few days ago. Only a few days before she threw the vitriol, it is said the Hitchens woman laid in wait for Beatty with a revolver, intending to shoot him, but he accidentily escaped her vengance.

It is believed the woman went to Cincinnati from Parkersburg, with money furnished her by Beatty, as she was seen in a parlor car of a train bound for Cincinnati shortly after her attack on Beatty. She fell asleep in the drawingroom of the car, and when the conductor attempted to arouse her in order to assign her a berth, she attacked him savagely with a liquor bottle, cutting him on the head, face and arm. A Morgantown man, who knows the woman well, and who was in Pittsburg on Thursday, July the 15, declares he then saw Mrs. Hitchens on Fifth avenue. He claimed to have had a conversation with her, in which she said she regretted that she had not blown Beatty's brains out with a revolver.

On Saturday evening, July 3, after having thrown the vitrol, it is said that she went to a hotel in Parkersburg, and remained the greater part of the night in hiding. Two intimate friends whom she permitted to see her, she boasted of what she had done, and expressed a hope that it would finish him.

She said she had been faithful to Beatty for years, and on returning to Parkersburg, after a month's absence had discovered evidence of infidelity on his part and she had then sought revenge.

William Beatty was well known throughout the oil regions, and especially in Morgantown, W. Va., Uniontown and Mt. Morris, Green county, Pa., where he lived for several years, and where he cast off his wife and little ones for Mrs. Hitchens. Beatty's parents live in Glen Morris, Pa., and are highly respectable. William Hitchens, the woman's late husband, was the son of a prominent Methodist divine and merchant of Morgantown. The father died recently, but his mother is still living at Moundsville, W. Va., Mrs. Hitchens is about 27 years old and is related to many prominent persons of Mt. Morris, her birthplace, and surrounding tews. She was beautiful in face and form, with a certain bewitching style that to some men is irresistible. To these charms Beatty fell a victim. Her natural beauty was always heightened by handsome dressing. In late years, however, it is said, she has indulged heavily in drink, which has robbed her of much of her beauty.

Edna Hitchens was the daughter of Jacob and Margaret South, pious, Godfearing Methodists, who trained her and their four other children in pious ways. As a child she was beautiful and as a maiden was the conceded belle of Mt. Morris. When 16 years old, in 1886, she married William Hitchens, their wedding being a notable society event. Hitchens was then in business in Morgantown, with good prospects in life. His married joy, however, was brief. He soon took to drink and lost all his former ambition. In time this change in the man was explained by the relations that developed between his wife and his once fast friend, William Beatty. The breaking up of the two families followed, and Beatty and Mrs. Hitchens went to Wood Co., W. Va. Here she gradually fell into dissipated ways. As her pink cheeks faded and her trim figure began to lose its lines of beauty, through a tendency to embonpoint, she felt that her hold on Beatty's affections was weakening. Whether this was true or not, jealonsy seized on her and between this soul-consuming malady and strong drink she finally killed him and is now trying to escape the penalty of her crime.

William Beatty was born in Venango county, November the 13, 1859. In his early manhood he moved to Meadville, where he engaged in the oil business. Later he went to Morgantown, thence to Mt. Morris, and from there to Parkersburg, where he met his tragic end.

THE President and Mrs. McKinley are taking an outing at Lake Champlain, N. Y. The Twentyfirst U. S. infantry and a troop of Cavalry pass in daily review before the President.

Prospect and Proximity.

It may be news to hear that:

Charlie Albert and Sam Bellis of Grange Hall were in town, one day last week. Sam said they had mean hay weather out his way.

Mrs. Frank Stanlake, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Waddell, has returned to her home at Hillman, Mich.

Clyde Shanor has returned from a visit to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Edmundson of McKeesport.

Rev. Hines preached for the Presbyterians, Sunday, and while here was the guest of Miss Eva Roth and mother.

Thomas Gallagher has been sick for several weeks and may be some better at present.

Howard Kelly was in Butler recently and among the other good things he did was his renewal of the CITIZEN for another year.

Miss Bertha Heyl is naturally left-handed, and has concluded to break herself of some of her left-handed ways, but Bertha says, "it is an awful job." Strive.

Miss Edna Fisher of Butler is spending her vacation with her sister, Mrs. Jeff Critchlow.

Girls, next time you are out driving watch yourselves closer, as you nearly run into that mule team. Ghee is to the right

Rev. Eakin and Miss Eva Barr have returned from their outing at Chautauqua, feeling refreshed in mind and body.

Joe Ewing, our new barber, is "all right," as he can wield the razor and shears in good shape. Give him a call.

Miss Gertie Reed of Pittsburg is still the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shaffer.

Willie Langherst has three pine squirrels in one box, and amuses himself very much by watching their antics.

Supt. Roth of the Lutheran S. S. had a righteous provocation last Sunday, when, out of six or eight organists, not one was present, so the S. S. was dry, musically.

Miss Hattie Boehm has returned from her interesting visit to friends in Warren, O. and thinks of giving up her Conneaut trip now.

Hon. P. A. Shanor, wife and daughter, of Sistersville, W. Va., recently spent a few days with Mr. Shanor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abs. Shanor.

Miss Lida Albert of near the Island, was the guest of the Misses Langherst, not may days ago.

The girls concluded not to go to Conneaut for fear that the train might not stop at Butler on the homeward trip.

Mrs. G. P. Weigle and daughter, Kathleen, and Mrs. L. K. Lepley and daughters, Lois and Benjie, were the guests of Mrs. J. Park Hays and family of the Mile Run district, not long since.

Mrs. Polly Stickle and Mrs. Phebe Weigle spent a day, last week, visiting friends in Harmony.

The new band have purchased brand new suits, and we must say the boys look handsome, don't we Jim? They were well pleased with their trip to Conneaut Lake, Thursday, July 29.

Josiah Albert of Hickory Corner was in town, Saturday, and reports good crops in his vicinity. He says Abe Weigle got 110 bushel wheat from 140 dozen. Don't go west.

C. P. Johnston has received his fall samples, and is in good shape to make suits for all comers. Give Charlie a job, and you will never regret it.

Frank Savier, wife and son of New Brighton were the guests of their relatives, J. L. Henshaw and wife and H. A. Kelly and wife, not so long ago.

Mrs. P. H. Sechler gave a supper to the old band, on a recent evening, and the boys say, "O my, what a good supper."

Jesse Bowers, wife and son Paul of Pittsburg are visiting their relatives hereabouts.

D. L. Kirkpatrick and wife of Renfrew were callers on John Weigle and wife, a short time ago.

Who said that ganger Waddell was going to Alaska to measure the lake of oil recently discovered there?

If you wish any more news wait till the next time.

JOE COSITY.

Centre Township.

The whistle of the steam threshers may now be heard.

The circus, which was given in Unionville, one evening last week, was quite a success.

The funeral of Mr. Allie Pollock occured on Tuesday. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the community.

Mrs. T. R. Hoon visited her sister, Mrs. Broman, a few days this week.

Miss Carrie Irwin, of West Sunbury, is visiting friends in the vicinity.

Messrs. Coulter and Wiley, of McKeesport, called on friends in Unionville on Sabbath.

Misses Minnie McCandless, Sarah and Henrietta Moore returned home, on Monday from Grove City, where they have been attending Bible School.

Miss Fannie Eiszler, of Etna, is visiting her sister Mrs. J. D. Smith.

Mr. Andrew Rieger can boast of the handsomest boy in the vicinity.

Miss Estella McCullough has returned home after a pleasant visit in Allegheny.

Mr. Charley Cranmer and Miss Madge Coulter made a flying trip to Mars one day last week.

Miss Nettie Smith visited in Butler a few days last week.

OPPOSED TO BEACOM.

A Growing Feeling That a Stronger Man Should Be Nominated.

HISTORY OF THE TREASURERS.

Republican Leaders Giving the Subject Careful Attention—Dr. Swallow and the Democrats to Attack the State Treasury—The Need of a Prominent Republican to Fill the Place.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Harrisburg, Aug. 3.—The possible outcome of the Republican state convention, which meets on Aug. 26, is giving Republican leaders of every shade of opinion considerable food for thought. Despite the unfortunate episodes of the past six months, there is no honest Republican who wants to see the party candidates defeated this fall. However much of difference may exist among the factions of the party, it is as a whole, when a party issue is involved, a compact and thoroughly united body.

It is the unanimous opinion of the leaders, without regard to faction, that this year's candidates for state treasurer and auditor general would have a very hard and bitter fight on hand were the Democrats in the state as harmonious and aggressive in organization. But they are not. They are disunited, torn by factional differences, and as widely separated now as ever on the gold and silver issue. The mass of the party is under the leadership of John M. Garman, a political soldier of fortune, who has no scruple whatever on the score of trading its influence and bartering its power for any temporary advantage that can be obtained. It is this latter fact that has been giving Republican leaders of all factions considerable thought, for it is the only issue fraught with danger that now menaces the complete success of the party ticket this fall.

GOLD DEMOCRATS INDIFFERENT.

This condition is not approved by the attitude of the Gold Democrats of the state. To all appearances they are wholly indifferent to the outcome of the state contest this fall. There is no great national issue to claim their support. There is no question of silver fallacy or gold fealty to attract their attention or demand their votes. They are in a state of indifference, and it is more than probable that in a purely state contest a majority of them at least would throw their influence and their votes against the Republican candidates.

Whatever may be said to the contrary, therefore, the incontrovertible fact remains that at least nine-tenths of the Democratic party will vote this year as it has always voted, against Republican candidates. The remaining one-tenth will either stay away from the polls or else content itself with voting for the Republican candidate for auditor general along. This is the situation as it is viewed today by leading men in the Republican party.

THE PROHIBITION PARTY.

But there is another element in Pennsylvania politics this year which must be considered in connection with the fall campaign. It is the Prohibition party. Despite the fact that for years it has been the refuge of disgruntled politicians from both of the older parties, that it has been dragged hither and thither by all the "ites" and "isms" of every theorist and party wrecker, it is in a position this fall to do considerable damage simply through the persistency of one man. This man is Rev. Dr. Silas C. Swallow, of Harrisburg, editor of the Pennsylvania Methodist, who has appealed a sentence of $500 fine for criminal libel upon state officials.

Dr. Swallow is a candidate for state treasurer. He practically nominated himself, but his campaign is to be run in what he promises to be a vigorous and unsparing way. He has published all sorts of vague and unfounded stories concerning the administration of affairs by the state's fiscal officers, and it does not matter to him that he has been convicted of libel in his newspaper, he still persists in attacking state officials, and criticising even the court itself before which he was tried and found guilty. This line of action, however indefensible it may be, has attracted attention over the state, and the Swallow boom has attained a prominence that it otherwise could not have had were it not for the mischievous and persistent line of attack pursued by Dr. Swallow, in his paper, the Pennsylvania Methodist.

It is worthy of note that all the artillery of Dr. Swallow and his followers is directed against the state treasury and its methods, and the fight this year of the allied opponents of the Republican party is going to be waged against this office and its candidate. The office of auditor general is one of the clerical class, its incumbent being practically the bookkeeper of the state. He does not handle funds, arrange for the distribution of the state's cash, or have anything to do with the handling of the state's money.

M'CAULEY'S SPLENDID RECORD.

The Republican candidate for auditor general this year, Major Levi G. McCauley, of West Chester, will have no opposition from this source. To begin with, he is a strong man in the state—a man with a record. Major McCauley's career in politics and in private life, as county official and business man, is absolutely without stain. But far and away beyond his record as a Republican stands his career as a soldier and a patriot. His empty sleeve, his record as a private soldier and commanding officer, through five years of the war, part of which was spent in rebel prisons, makes him a candidate of whom any party would be proud.

The opposition to the Republican ticket this fall will leave Major McCauley severely alone. His invulnerability to attack is already recognized by Democrats of all grades, by Prohibitionists, and even by the irrepressible Dr. Swallow himself.

But it is different with the candidate for state treasurer, Mr. James S. Beacom, of Westmoreland county. He is already the center of attack, and it is this fact that is giving the Republicans without regard to faction no end of thought. Mr. Beacom is recognized as the weak spot in the campaign for the coming fall, and the advisability of substituting a stronger man, one with a record, is seriously agitating the leaders on both sides of the mountains.

BEACOM'S WEAKNESS.

Within the past month this feeling has taken a definite shape and opposition to Beacom's candidacy is springing up in spots, all over the state. The entire Allegheny delegation, with the exception, perhaps, of half a dozen men, will not only oppose Beacom, but will lead the way in placing another candidate before the state convention. The Philadelphia delegation is divided on the question, while Lycoming county will oppose his candidacy on similar grounds. As the days of the state convention approach this feeling appears to grow in intensity, and it is this fact that has already led a number of the state leaders, including friends of Senator Quay, as well as those who are opposed to him, to discuss the advisability of another candidate with whom the party will have no difficulty in winning this fall.

The opposition to Mr. Beacom is based on the general principal of inherent weakness. He has never done anything, it is charged, either for the country, state or his county that would justify him in claiming so distinguished an office as that of state treasurer. In his professional capacity it is said he is not known outside the Westmoreland bar, and in it does not figure as its leader. Without wishing to say anything unkind or ungenerous concerning Mr. Beacom it must nevertheless be confessed that the concensus of opinion appears to be, among Republicans, generally, that the office of state treasurer demands a candidate of greater prominence, of tried executive ability and experience, whose name is synonymous with sterling Republicanism, than Mr. Beacom possesses.

STATE TREASURY HISTORY.

The history of the office is in line with this feeling among state politicians. The present incumbent, Hon. B. J. Haywood, was a conspicuous Republican leader for years in western Pennsylvania, and subsequently cashier of the state treasury before he was elevated to that responsible office. His predecessor, Colonel Jackson, in turn had served the state and the nation with distinction and gallantry in the war long before he was chosen to fill the office of state treasurer. And so it goes all along the line of men who have handled the state's financial affairs. They have been men bearing a distinction which it would be unjust to attribute to Mr. Beacom.

The bitterness with which Dr. Swallow, as a candidate for state treasurer, will wage his campaign, the support which the Democracy will undoubtedly give him, and the unfortunate unrest of the people as a result of recent legislative action, are potent factors in urging the selection of some candidate other than Beacom. It is already conceded that if he is nominated he will not be able to poll the full party strength, as will be the case with Major McCauley, the candidate for auditor general, who will undoubtedly lead his ticket by a large majority.

A STRICTLY PARTY QUESTION.

The question of a suitable candidate must be left to the choice of the convention. He should be, however, a Republican of unwavering fidelity, a man with a record, both public and private, that is above reproach, and, if possible, one possessed of sufficient oratorical ability to go before the people of the state and proclaim the principles of Republicanism against all comers. Against such a man as this the shafts of the enemy would fall powerless and broken. With all his power of invective, and with the leverage possessed by him in the columns of his religious newspaper, Dr. Swallow, even with the assistance of the Democratic party, would be unable to make any headway.

Whatever is done, however, in any direction will, the leaders say, be done for the best interest of the party. This is a Republican family affair, and must be settled within the lines of the party. Whoever is chosen as a candidate for the high and important office of state treasurer will receive the undivided support of the entire party. Whatever errors and shortcomings individual members of the party have been guilty of must not be credited to the party. Members of the legislature who were guilty of negligence should suffer, but the party must not be held responsible for their evil doings. For this reason the Republican party this fall must stand as an harmonious and aggressive body in the interests of the ticket nominated.

The C. E. Convention.

The Christian Endeavor Union of Butler met in Fairview on Thursday, July 29th, in the Presbyterian church at that place. There was a large number of delegates from the many C. E. societies of the county, and the weather and roads being exceptionably favorable, the attendance was very good. The Pres. and U. P. churches in which the sessions were held were very tastefully and profusely decorated with potted plants, blended colors of the union, vines, and flags. Dr. Clark's likeness was a part of the decoration in each church.

The delegates were met at Petrolia with vehicles and were driven to the church where a committee of entertainment waited to escort each one to his stopping place. The Union convened at 2 P. M. Thursday and after the delegates prayer meeting, were very cordially welcomed by Rev. Sherrard, of Fairview in behalf of the churches, and by Edward Byer in behalf of the societies. J. M. Galbreath Esq., of Butler, responded in a very graceful speech. After the organization the union listened to the President's address and to brief reports from the societies.

This was followed by a very interesting open parliament conducted by Rev. Eli Miller, of Butler, on "The Binding Force of the Pledge."

The feature of the evening session was an able address on "The Power of Prayer" by Rev. W. G. Reagle, of Braddock.

6:30 on Friday morning found a goodly number in attendance at the sunrise prayer meeting conducted by Miss L. E. Young, of Butler, who took for a subject "The Indwelling of the Spirit."

The union convened at 9 a. m., opened with prayer and praise service conducted by Rev. H. H. Ryland of Falls Creek. Part of the forenoon was occupied by reports. An interesting lecture on "Man's Duty to Man" was delivered by Rev. J. J. Ralston, of Portersville. A discussion on title giving was a very interesting feature of the morning session. The convention sermon was preached by Rev. W. I. McNees, of Glade Mills, on "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God." A very able and helpful discourse.

At the opening of the afternoon session Rev. Ryland again led a prayer and praise service after which the reports of the committees were heard. The nominating committee reported officers for the ensuing year as follows: Pres., Prof. H. I. Painter, Chicora; Rec. Sec., Mrs. English, Petrolia; Cor. Sec., Miss Vina McCullough, Butler; Treas., Rev. P. J. Slonaker, Zelienople; Supt. Good Citizenship, John C. Dight; Supt. Missionary Extension, Miss L. E. Young, Butler; Supt. Junior Work, Mrs. Bumpus, Chicora; Supt. Evangelistic Work, Rev. W. H. Collins, Butler.

Rev. Shonaker gave a very fine address on the "Beauty of the Bible," and Miss Lillian Dodds talked forcibly and to the point on "Is there a place in the Church for the Juniors?"

The services on Friday evening began with a Bible reading conducted by Miss L. E. Young on "The Qualifications of Christian Workers." W. H. Benham, Esq. of Pittsburg delivered a very earnest address on "World Wide Endeavor." The consecration service which was very earnest and touching, was conducted by Rev. Ryland.

All the sessions were helped and brightened by the excellent music which was interspersed continually. The united choirs gave some fine anthems and Miss Nellie Winters of Zelienople gave several well rendered solos.

The convention was disappointed that Mrs. C. N. Boyd of Butler was unable to sing as expected, she being able to be there but once.

The convention all through was full of interest and will doubtless help the work throughout the county materially.

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Since the Dingley tariff went into effect the customs receipts have been nearly a million a day; which was better than was expected owing to the rush made to evade it.

A. C. Wally has been appointed P. M. at Bruin, vice J. H. Orr, resigned.

J. W. Gibson, of Elora, has been granted a pension.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

The grape crop along the lake shore, which has been ruined two or three times this season, will be an immense one.

A Warren woman fell from her wheel the other day and bit off an inch of her tongue. The local papers report that the accident caused some of the meanest men in that town to buy wheels for their wives.

Speaking of the finely attuned digestive works of the New York girl, a society reporter there tells of seeing a fairy-like creature take a luncheon of lobster cutlets, cucumbers and ice cream, washed down with a bottle of beer. She still lives and lunches.

The peach crop of Juniata county, this State, is estimated for this year at 600,000 crates. However, in Butler the fruit will doubtless be "the same old price."

Charles Barth, an employe at the tin plate mill at New Castle was the victim of a horrible accident last Saturday.

He was standing near a caldron of molten tin when another workman droped an iron bar into it. The boiling metal splashed out like water and deluged Barth. He threw back his head as it struck him, and the metal entered his nostrils, entirely plugging them up, and then ran down into his throat, where it cooled and hardened. A physician was summoned immediately, who tore the metal from its human mold with pinchers. Bath was also horribly burned about the face and breast. He is unable to swallow food and the physicians entertain little hope for his recovery.

West Sunbury.

Would it be news to know that Sunbury is going to have a new college. Work has been commenced on the foundation.

Campbell & Shorts completed a good well on the Shorts. Timblin & Irwin are drilling on the Pryor. A well is also being drilled on the Steam.

J. H. Johnston is running the Sunbury meat market.

The Council have men at work on the streets putting in new crossings.

The new hardware company is doing a flourishing business.

Miss Hockenberry it visiting friends in W. Va.

Breaden & Conway are going to build a new barn.

H. C. Pryor has purchased the spotted team from Sam McKinney. When you want a good rig call on Howard.

Dr. Brewster's office is in the Timblin building now.

Edward Campbell is home with a sore hand which he got on a well in W. Va.

Jerry McKinney is on the sick list.

J. A. Dufford is home from Mt. Union College.

Wm. Thompson is on the sick list.

Lecture in Academy Hall on Friday evening.

Fairview Items.

Mrs Newton Wilson is at present under the doctor's care. Her complaint is dyspepsia.

A basement is being added to the German Reformed church, and new seats and a heater have been ordered.

Note—Our correspondent sends a very complete account of the C. E. Convention held in Fairview, but another account of the same was in type before his was received.

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DEATHS.

RANDALL—At his home in Farmington, July 24, 1897, Matthias Randall, aged about 60 years.

POLLOCK—At his home in Allegheny, August 1, 1897, Allen, son of Alexander Pollock, in his 20th year.
He was buried in Butler, Tuesday.

SNOW—At her home on Lookout Ave., Butler, July 30, 1897, Mary E., daughter of George Snow.

McGINLEY—At her home in Concord twp., July 30, 1897, Mrs. Ellen, wife of Michael McGinley, Esq.

HANLAN—At her home near St. Joe, July 28, 1897, Mrs. Elizabeth Hanlan, aged 73 years.

WICK—At his home in Butler Aug. 4 '97, J. Madison Wick, aged about 60 years.

ANGERT—At his home in Butler, Aug. 4, 1897, Nicholas Angert, aged about 50 years.

EPPINGER—At his home in Lancaster twp., July 30, 1897, Jacob Frederick Eppinger, aged 68 years.
He had been in feeble health for several years. His disease was obscure but was finally diagnosed as cancer of the stomach.

OBITUARY NOTES

Mrs. Minnie Johnston, nee Rusch, died at her home in Pittsburg last Thursday, and was buried Sunday afternoon from the residence of her uncle, Christ Harley, in Butler.

G. W. Aggas, formerly of this county, died at Inka, Ill., on the 18th ult.

Mr. Rudy, a Pittsburg Insurance Agent died suddenly at the Stokey House in Zelienople last Wednesday night.

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