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Democratic State and County Ticket.

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OF PHILADELPHIA.

FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL
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OF LAWRENCE COUNTY

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P. GRAY MEEK, OF BELLEFONTE.

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W. W. LOVE, OF POTTER.
HENRY DOPP, OF HOWARD.

FOR TREASURER,
JAMES F. WEAVER, OF MILESBURG

FOR COMMISSIONER,
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FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
JOHN F POTTER, OF BELLEFONTE.

FOR AUDITOR,
ROB'T. F HOLMES, OF MARION.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR
W. P. MITCHELL, OF HOWARD.

Democratic County Committee.

The following named gentlemen compose the standing committee for 1871

Bellefonte Borough, N Ward Paul Z. Kline
" S Ward R H Foster
" W Ward S A McQuistion
Howard borough, John W Gardner,
Milesburg borough John B Thomas
Philipsburg borough Eleazer Hunter,
Unionville borough Charles Smith,
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Boggs township Edward Johnson,
Burnside township William Askey,
Curtin township, Henry Thiel,
Ferguson township, R G Brett,
Gregg township Samuel T Herring,
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Liberty township, Thomas Lingle,
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Patton township George W Rumbarger
Penn township Reif Snyder,
Potter township George Stover
Rush township George McCauley
Snow Shoe township T Harbison Holt,
Spring township C T Alexander
Taylor township William McCoy
Union township George T Peters
Walker township James T Nixon,
Worth township, Philip Williams
DAVID F FORTNEY
Chairman

One Thousand.

With the proper effort and the right kind of management, the Democrats of Centre county can roll up *one thousand* majority for the State ticket this fall. Let us do it It would be a glorious triumph for us and knock Radicalism clear off its pins

In the good old days of yore, Centre county used to give magnificent Democratic majorities We recollect well the pride which the Democrats felt over BIGLER'S *eleven hundred*, and how crest fallen and terrified were our opponents at the big figures! They couldn't get over them for a long time Eleven hundred was a wedge which crushed the life completely out of them, and it was only when Know Nothingism seduced hundreds of Democrats into the opposition ranks for a time that our party again met with any serious opposition

What was done once can be done again, and, Democrats of Centre county, is it not worth while making an effort? We can give Gen. McCANDLESS and Capt COOPER *one thousand* majority in this county this fall, if we will. All that is necessary to accomplish this result is for every Democrat to go to work with a determination to make at least one vote, and to use his whole influence in favor of our candidates. With every man working hard and for the same purpose, the aggregate amount of good accomplished will surprise even ourselves and hardly leave enough of the enemy to form a corporal's guard.

One thousand majority for Old Centre! Let us put this down as our quota of the grand general result, and strive by every honorable means in our power to reach it. This is what our chairman, the gallant WALLACE, wants us to give, and what he is looking for from us Don't let us disappoint him. Let us give the thousand and *one hundred more*, and thus equal the achievements of the Centre county Democracy in their palmiest days!

To work, then, Democrats, and get out the vote. Talk and reason with your radical neighbor and show him the errors of his ways. *One thousand* majority from Old Centre! Put this down as the work that the Democracy are to accomplish this fall.

——If JOHN DEAN, the Radical candidate for Judge in the Blair and Huntingdon district, has any desire to wear the judicial ermine, he had better get something sharper than the Tyrone *Blade* to cut his way to that position with. It is about the dullest tool we have ever seen any sensible man attempt to use.

Why?

An exchange frequently propounds the following questions for our Radical brethern to anwer:

Why did the State Treasurer delay making his information against Special Agent Evans, until that successful embezzler had put himself beyond the reach of a warrant?

Why did the Auditor-General fail to audit the accounts of Special Agent Evans for the last four years?

If Special Agent Evans filed no accounts of his collections and failed to pay over any of the monies received by him for the State, why did not the State Treasurer and Auditor General investigate the matter and compel him to comply with the requirements of the law under which he was appointed?

Why did Attorney General Brewster remove from office his Deputy Attorney General for exposing the Evans fraud, and refus to proceed against Evans until the scoundrel had made his escape from the clutches of the law?

These are questions which honest men of all shades of political opinion are asking. They demand an answer. They are determined to bring unfaithful men to account This exposure has startled the people of the Commonwealth They could not believe that such a conspiracy would be found by men who had been honored with places of honor and profit, for the purpose of enriching themselves at the expense of the masses

Citizens of Pennsylvania These men are Radical politicians. The Cauldron of Radicalism is seething with corruption. Such an exposure as this is sufficient to damn any party in the eyes of honest men. Rise in your might and drive from power the men who have thus degraded themselves and disgraced you.

——Young men, about to vote for the first time this fall, should consider that this is one of the most important acts of their lives They will help to carry the State either for or against the Democracy, and as this State goes this fall, so, it is presumed, the Union will go in 1872 In view of this, and in view of the monstrous crimes of Radicalism and the present deplorable condition of the country, will not these new beginners cast their votes for the Democratic candidates? We know that a majority of them will, but we would like to have them *all* We want the young men of the country to *begin* right and then we shall be pretty sure that they will always go right and end right. Don't let them say by their votes this fall that they endorse the extravagance, corruption and tyranny of the present national administration, or the thieving, embezzling and plundering propensities of the State government of GEARY, BREWSTER and EVANS Let them cast their votes for gallant McCANDLESS and COOPER and our county ticket, and they will do an act of which they need never be ashamed but may always be proud Come up to the polls, young men vote the Democratic ticket and thus do your duty to your GOD and your country

-- One of the most rampant denouncers of Democrats during the war, was our now genial and pleasant faced friend, DAVID M WAGNER, Radical candidate for Associate Judge. At that time, Mr WAGNER could find no words bitter enough to villify us with, and was decidedly in favor of having all "copperheads" hung Happily, enough Democrats lived through that treacherous Abolition period to pay back old scores, and they propose to begin the work by defeating Mr WAGNER for the honorable position to which he aspires. Of course we are sorry for him, but those old debts must be repaid. We tell him, therefore, to hurry up and get all the Radicals to dub him "Judge" before the election, for after that event there will be no pretext for it. He need not "lay the flattering unction to his soul" that he will ever sit on the Bench beside Judge MAYER. Nor LIGGETT, either. The associate judges' positions are reserved for Messrs. DOPP and LOVE, men whose honest hearts and careful tongues never uttered a harmful word of any man.

So, Wagner you get out,
And Liggett, you go, too!
We'll give those high positions
To better men than you.

——We last week warned the Democracy of the necessity of registering in good season, and we do hope that this all important duty will not be neglected. Go in time and see that your names are placed upon the list, so that when the day of election comes you will have no trouble about voting. Good soldiers are always ready for the fray and never suffer themselves to be surprised. So, Democrats, see that you are all ready when the hour of battle arrives.

Hard to Beat.

The Lancaster *Express* says: We published, in April last, some facts and figures concerning the rapid increase of business on the Philadelphia division, Pennsylvania railroad, stating we think, that on April 322,090 cars were moved over this division of the road. Large as these figures seemed to be, we are reliably informed that they have been eclipsed on a number of occasions since, and that recently 2,385 cars, or 119 freight trains, were moved over this division of the road upon a single day. It is said that during the six months ending August 31, 230,804 cars passed a given point on the division, and, allowing 20 cars to a train, would make 11,990 trains moved in the 158 working days embraced in that period, or 76 freight trains per day. When we add to this number 36 daily passenger trains, we have a total of 112 trains per day, and, allowing 33 feet to the car and 50 feet for each engine and tender, we would have a string of cars that would extend we believe, 1,611 consecutive miles. This estimate does not embrace some eight or ten construction trains in daily use on different parts of the division. During these six months all trains were on time, and it is said without accident.

The achievement of such wonderful railroading is but another evidence of the ability and management of Mr Lockard, Superintendent of the Philadelphia division We warn him, however, that by and by, as the numerous branches of this road get in first rate working order that it will be necessary to compute his freight by the mile, rather than by the train and schedule The extent and magnitude of the business done upon this road bids fair soon to give us a realization of Paschall's definition of space—its circumference will be nowhere *Patriot*.

——A girl in the interior of Nebraska has a prairie rose bush trailed over the sides of her room, and last week it had one thousand roses upon it. A bower of roses truly.

——Every heart has its secret sorrow, which the world knows not, and oftimes we call a man cold when he is only sad

A promise should be given with caution and kept with care It should be made with the heart and remembered by the head

The sugar crop of Louisiana for the year just ended was 144,881 hogsheads, against 87,090 in 1869 70

—A 'leader'—A blind mans dog

——Why are types like criminals? Because it is not proper to lock them up without proof.

The yield of honey in Minnesota is said to be larger this season than has been known for many years

—"Through tickets to go around the world," are for sale in London at $1,350.

GO AND REGISTER!

Chairman Fortney Excoriates "William" Brown.

The following letter from Chairman FORTNEY in reply to the charges made against him by the so called "Doctor" of the *Republican*, in this week's issue of that highly veracious and darkey-perfumed sheet, is full and conclusive, and a complete vindication of our gallant and able young chairman. Between Treasurer WOLF and FORTNEY, BROWN is about used up, and had better keep his mouth shut Chairman FORTNEY, thus replies

EDITORS WATCHMAN—In the last issue of the Bellefonte *Republican* an article was dedicated to myself charging first, that I asserted a falsehood in accusing the Republican party with complicity in the Evans defalcation

I did make that charge, and it was not refuted in the above paper. In explanation I would say: Evans was appointed by Governor Geary, a special agent to settle the State war claims. The Attorney General, whose duty it was, did not institute suit against him, and to this day has not The Auditor General has not directed suit to be brought against him, and the State treasurer did not swear out a warrant for his arrest until over four weeks after the embezzlement of $365,000 was made known thereby giving Evans ample opportunity to escape. Taking advantage of this, Evans has placed himself beyond the reach of the laws of our commonwealth. Governor Geary, the Auditor General, Attorney General and the State Treasurer were continually associated with Evans. And after they were compelled to give his embezzlement publicity, gave him ample time to make good his escape

Is the Republican or Democratic party responsible for this defalcation?

In reference to the honesty of the Republican party out side of Pennsylvania, I quote as follows:

Extract from report of Secretary Boutwell: "In the Internal Revenue department there are 340 defaulters to the amount of $20,700.683,33. From the P. M. General, $19,000,000 about, has been lost through inefficiency of the affairs of the postal department."

In the pension department $60,000,00 has been stolen. Money that rightfully belonged to the widows and orphans of soldiers who gave their lives for the Republican party.

The Republican majority in Congress voted away of the public lands over 200,000,000 of acres, valued at $1,25 per acre, making 250,000 of dollars to *individual corporations*, besides $15,000,000 squandered in trying to buy Santa Domingo and its negroes.

2d. I will leave to the readers of my statement last week that "the Democratic party if restored to power would put an end to this wholesale plunder" to judge for themselves. The history of both parties is before you.

3d. That I "a student at law from Ferguson township, was appointed by the Commissioners, collector of State and county taxes for the borough of Bellefonte, that I failed to account for $2,353,04 of the amount on the duplicate." I do hail from Ferguson township; but was admitted to the bar at the April term before I was appointed Collector. I never asked for the collectorship; and never asked for bail, but would state plainly, for public information, that I have two bondsmen who are abundantly able to make up Mr. Brown's supposed deficit, part of which would be Mr. Brown's own taxes which he, although asked for at three distinct times never paid. On my duplicate are $2,353,04 of *outstanding* taxes. Every cent collected by me was paid over to Treasurer Wolf and an examination of the books will show this.

4th. I did not purchase Wharton's criminal law-books. I dress as I please, go when and where I please, and invest as much money as I please in whatever I please. My wardrobe, which suits *me*, is paid for. I do not owe a certain tailor in Bellefonte a sum of two or three hundred dollars for clothes long since worn out, as this Doctor Brown does. I did not beg a suit of clothes from the above victimized tailor, when arrested as Centre County's defaulting Treasurer, to go to Harrisburg in to see Gov. Curtin, as did this Doctor Brown. I was never silenced in a political convention for insisting on making a speech in a state of intoxication as was this Doctor Brown. I can go to any respectable mercantile establishment in town *when the proprietor is in* and get credit for twenty five cents, which this Doctor of Laws can not.

I am sorry that I am compelled to state these facts in order to ventilate and offset the false statements of Col Brown, but when the Republicans of Centre county put such men at the head of their party with no other political arguments than personal abuse, I am almost ashamed to notice it.

It is true I am a member of the Y M. C A and am identified with its interests If this be a disgrace I acknowledge it, but when Doctor Brown makes me the medium through which to show his contempt for religion and morality I feel like saying to him, "join the M. E. church again and don't get drunk the next day after you make a loud profession and a long prayer as you did about one year ago."

D F. FORTNEY.

——How is it that the owners and superintendents of all the Mines and Iron works throughout the State are advocates of high protective tariffs, while there employees, who are not unfrequently better informed than the employers, entertain opinions diametrically opposite?

The answer that suggests itself to our minds is that they have given the matter profound thought and are convinced, beyond a doubt, that it is for their best interests; and we feel assured that notwithstanding the threats of discharge and influenced against the procuring of other situations, generally resorted to prior to elections, the honest men engaged in these pursuits will arise in their might end hurl the the advocates of this outrage from power, and put in their stead men who will have some thought for the welfare of the hardy sons of toil.

Democrats do you intend to stand by the men who stood by your party during the war? If so, vote for every man on the Democratic ticket, from McCANDLESS to HOLMES. If not, vote for the men now on the Radical ticket, who denounced you as 'traitors and rebels'

The Maine Election.

The annual election in the State of Maine took place on Monday last, and resulted as everybody expected, in the election of the Radical candidates, but by a much smaller majority than the most sanguine Democrat had reason to hope for

The *Pittsburg Post* thus sums up the result.

Our Radical cotemporaries are rejoicing over the fact that the State of Maine did not go for the Democracy on Monday last. So elated are they over this fact that they herald it as a great victory for the administration.

When we take into consideration the fact that not a single Democrat in the country had the remotest idea of carrying the State of Maine, this outburst of happiness on the part of our Radical friends is just the least bit ludicrous.

But have they any cause for rejoicing? Had they not better sorrow over the meagerness of the Radical majority in the reliable stronghold of Radicalism that has been voting steadily against the Democratic party for half a century? It will only take about three more such Radical victories as the one of Monday last to give the State to the Democracy by a handsome majority.

The returns from the elections, which are very full, and approximate within two thousand, at least, of the real result, give perham, Radical candidate for Governor, 6,427 majority, although the claim is set up that it will probably reach 11,000. The fair estimate between these figures would be about 8,090 majority for Perham. Now let us compare this with the Radical majorities since 1866 and see how much room for rejoicing there is in this great Radical victory. The following is the table of Radical majorities:

1866	27,690
1867	11,818
1868	26,986
1869	12,478
1870	9,506
1871	8,000
Loss since 1866	19,690
Loss since 1868	18,989
Average majority, 5 years	17,606
Average loss 6 years	3,281

At this rate of loss, which has been going on steadily for the past six years, the State will be lost to the Radical party three years hence. There is another fact to be taken in connection with this election, viz, that the total vote polled is unusually large, the Radical leaders making every possible effort to increase the majority for the purpose of getting up the impression that the people of Maine endorsed the administration of President Grant. Yet the majority of Monday is 19,000 less than Grant's majority three years ago.

This is a fair test of esteem in which Grant's administration is held in one of the most reliable Radical States in the Union. The endorsement of the administration was the main issue of the canvass. Consequantly, if Grant loses 19,000 on the indirect question of his reelection, is it not barely possible that when the issue is made direct that the State of Maine will vote against him? The Radical leaders are welcome to all such victories as the one achieved in Maine, but for the life of us we fail to observe what cause they have for rejoicing The democrats are anything but displeased with the result.

The South and the Democratic National Convention.—A Southern Papers Opinion.

The following article from the *Southern Home*, published at Charlotte, North Carolina, takes the ground that the Southern States ought not to send delegates to the Democratic National Convention. The reasons it gives are good ones, viewed from its standpoint; but there are other reasons just as strong, why they *should* send delegates there. However, we do not intend to discuss this question now. We proceed to give the *Southern Home's* opinion:

We have been accustomed to regard Mr. Calhoun as the great American statesman, in pure intellectual greatness without a rival and without a peer. One of his noted sayings, "masterly inactivity," deserves our serious consideration at this time. Mr Calhoun borrowed the idea from the prophet Isaiah: "Your strength is to sit still."

At no period of Southern history, has there been so much to gain and so little to lose by "masterly inactivity." Never before, has it been so plainly a duty to add to our strength by sitting still. If the Southern Democracy will have the prudence, forbearance, good sense and good taste to keep out of the National Convention, they will be masters of the situation and no longer be twitted with "accepting the situation" Every motive of sound policy and delicacy demand of us to stay at home and let the Northern Democracy solve the problem themselves.

If we send to the Convention, our really great men, the first class thinkers of the South, they have a Confederate *record* which will make them odious to the loyal North, will revive the old hate and beget as much enthusiasm among the Radical hordes as the discovery of some new plan of stealing.

If we send as delegates our small fry, our moderate brained, little souled fellows, who were unknown during the Confederate struggle for freedom, then we will have men who do not truly represent the South and who are unworthy to be entrusted with her interests. We cannot send Confederates and we ought not to send the nobodies That is the whole truth in a nut shell, and constitutes, to our mind, an unanswerable argument for staying at home.

But there is another reason for this course. It is not at all probable that the Democratic platform can be so liberal as to be just to the South The time has not come for justice, let alone kindness. If we have delegates in the convention, they will either have to disturb the harmony of that body by indignant protests or they will have to endorse the wrongs perpetrated upon the South. Either position will be not to [illegible] We cannot preserve our manhood [illegible] our self respect and at the same [illegible] approve of the wicked, malicious Reconstruction measures "conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity." Let us then neither approve or disapprove, but stand aloof, prepared to act with the Democracy, [illegible] as anything like a decent platform and a decent candidate. We ought not to be very choice; anything is better than Radicalism That infernal party will be content with nothing less than the destruction of the Southern country, and the extirpation of the Southern people. It is then a matter of life or death with us to defeat that infamous organization *That must be done*, else the fairest portion of God's heritage on earth will become a desolation. Let us then not be guilty of the supreme folly of playing into the Radical hands by sending delegates, who must either be marplots or cyphers. "Our strength is to sit still.

——Four hundred calves were recently shot out of one herd during the drive from Texas to Kansas. This wanton destruction of beef timber was caused by a custom of shooting the calf as soon as born in order to allow the cows to be driven on. The society for the prevention of cruelty to animals should have accompanied the herd.

——What sort of a person is the 'swell of the ocean' we have heard so much of.

Radical Robberies.

Turn which way we will evidence of thefts perpetrated by Republican officials stare us in the face. The South has been plundered in every conceivable shape by a set of greedy wretches whose only aim has been to make money out of official position. The record presented is a fearful one. But, says the Harrisburg *Patriot*, the robberies perpetrated under the auspices of the Republican party are not confined to the South. If we turn to New York, where nine-tenths of the import duties of the country are collected, we find that the merchants are black mailed to such an extent by the Custom House officers that the Chicago merchants find it cheaper to import their goods directly through the Canadian port, Montreal, than to purchase in New York! If we cast our eye in the direction of the Internal Revenue service, we find that its collectors are defaulters to the amount of upwards of Two Millions! If we direct our attention to the Post Office Department, we discover that the expenditures of that department are *ten times as great* as they were ten years ago! If we look upon Congress, we see an indiscriminate pillage of millions upon millions of acres of the peoples lands, divided between corrupt railroad corporations and the members themselves. In short in what ever direction we may turn our gaze we detect the hand of some office-holder in somebody's pocket! Everybody knows this; everybody sees this, here, there and everywhere. Everybody sees increasing, unlimited taxation staring him in the face Crime — hideous crime — increasing with fearful rapidity—demoralization paralyzing the efforts of patriotism

In this fearful crisis, in the moral and political existence of a nation, where is the Republican press? Where are the courts and their grand juries? And where is that high and noble American spirit, which in the days of the heroic Jackson, sternly kept at bay the insidious advances of dishonor and corruption.

THE AFRICAN DIAMOND FIELDS.

We are permitted to make the following extract from a letter received by Mr. John C. Burns, of this city, from his brother, William P. Burns, who some months ago left Buffalo for the diamond fields of South Africa

PNIEL, South Africa, June 1, 1871

Well, here I am in the diamond diggings of South Africa. I have worked just one month here, and have struck nothing yet, but there are others making fortunes all around me It only requires a little capital, and with any luck at all, a man can become rich in a short time. I tell you it is the "biggest thing out." Diamonds are being found every day; some from twenty to eighty carats A man two claims above mine, found a stone which he was offered $60,000 for, which he refused. He is going to England with it. Such finds are quite frequent too. Stones varying in value from $50 to $1,000 are found every day. In fact a large fortune awaits several thousands, and I am determined to be one of the number Providence permitting It is a rough life to lead, but a healthy one. The weather is very warm, but the country is [illegible] and quite healthy, if a person takes care of himself and avoids the vile liquors which always abound in a mining camp It costs very little to live—only about thirteen dollars a month, if you board yourself—and Kaffirs can be hired for one shilling a day, in silver, and board themselves, to do all the diggings and washings White men do the sorting of the precious gems. A man with a small capital—say $500 in gold—and who will stick to the diggings for nine months, is almost certain to meet with success. A man came here with his little son a few days ago, having about $60 in gold He bought a claim for $15 and tent and mining implments at auction for $15 more, which only left him $30. The third day after he took out an eighty-three carat gem I suppose the stone is worth $100,000 How is that for high?—*Buffalo Courier*

The Escape of Evans.

We are now informed that Governor Geary's 'satisfactory agent' cannot be found. After weeks of delay a warrant was issued, and a requisition made by the Governor of this State upon the Governor of New York, where the embezzler was reputed to be concealed The officer who bore the requisition has returned with report that Evans cannot be found, and it is stated that further efforts to discover him are considered useless. This lame and impotent conclusion only serves to confirm the suspicion, that prominent Republican State officials are closely connected with the thefts of Evans. The delays which were made after the exposure of the robbery, showed that those whose duty it was to protect the tax payers of the State, feared the exposures which would be made if Evans should be arrested on a criminal charge and brought to trial. He was given plenty of time to make his escape to Europe. There is no reason to believe that further attempts will be made to bring Evans to justice, but the people have a remedy. Let them elect General McCandless to the office of Auditor General, and this and other frauds of the past will be exposed, while a stop will be put to such things at once. The election of Dr. Stanton, who is a mere creature of the corrupt State Treasury Ring, would give those who are connected with Evans secrets for the past and security for the future.—*Lancaster Intelligencer.*

——It is stated that 500 emigrants from Portugal will shortly arrive in Charles City county, Virginia, to occupy a tract of 10,000 acres of land, about 25 miles below Richmond.

——A touching appeal—A sheriff's officer's tap.