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STATE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For Governor, ROBERT E. PATTON, Of Philadelphia.
For Lieutenant Governor, CHAUNCEY F. BLACK, Of York County.
For Secretary of Internal Affairs, WM. H. BARCLAY, Of Pittsburgh.

FOR CONGRESS, J. L. SPANGLER, Esq. Subject to action of District Conference.
FOR SENATOR, P. GRAY MEEK. Subject to action of District Conference.
Representatives: J. H. HOLT, JOHN T. MCCORMICK.
Sheriff: WILLIAM A. ISHLER.
Treasurer: JAMES J. GRAMLEY.
Recorder: JOHN A. RUPP.
Commissioners: GEO. L. GOODHART, T. FRANK ADAMS.
Auditors: JOHN B. MITCHELL, SAMUEL F. KLINE.

The Winning Ticket.

Whether "everybody and all their friends" are satisfied with the ticket as nominated on Tuesday last, or not, this fact is acknowledged by all, that the men selected are capable, honest, worthy citizens, who will make competent, creditable and acceptable officials. Some of our readers may have had other preferences than the gentlemen named for some of the places on the ticket, but we doubt if a man in the county—be he Democrat or Republican—will raise an objection to a single name upon it, on account of qualifications, integrity, morality or Democracy. If any there be, who will want to find fault with the ticket as a whole, or with any part of it, he or they must find other reasons than want of fitness in any respect.

LEGISLATURE.

For Legislature the convention gave us Hon. J. HARRISON HOLT and JOHN T. MCCORMICK. Mr. HOLT has made a record in the Legislature that is approved by every thinking man in the county, and one of which he has reason to be proud. Careful of the interests of his constituents, attentive to the wants of those he represented, and always at his post, he can well expect the hearty endorsement of his party as well as of the entire people of the county who believe in rewarding those who perform faithfully such public duties as are required of them, and represent honestly and conscientiously the wishes of their constituents.

Mr. MCCORMICK is known as one of the brightest and most progressive young men of the upper end of the county. Two years ago he was defeated for this same position, not through any disaffection nor because of any objection, but in consequence of a few scores of complimentary votes cast for his opponent by Democrats residing in his locality. Mr. MCCORMICK stood his defeat like a man, came to the front immediately and cheerfully as if it had done him no wrong, and if there is a man now upon the ticket deserving of the earnest, united and determined effort of every Democrat in the county, that man is JOHN T. MCCORMICK. There is no better Democrat in the county, and no one doubts his entire ability to honorably and creditably represent every interest of the people of the county at Harrisburg, and it should be the determination of every Democrat to see that no such foolishness as casting complimentary votes for Republican candidates, under any circumstances whatever, be indulged in.

SHERIFF.

Mr. ISHLER, the nominee for Sheriff, is a tenant farmer of Bennertownship. Born within the county and having lived in it during his entire life, excepting the four years he served as a member of the 148th regiment, he is personally known to many of our citizens as a gentleman eminently qualified for the place, honest in all his dealings, correct in all his habits, industrious and deserving. He has, as have his brothers and other relations, time and again, done their full share for the success of the Democratic ticket, and we feel certain that every Democrat in the county will now do his share towards making Mr. ISHLER the next sheriff of Centre county. He has every qualification to make a good, faithful and creditable official, and when elected, will be such an improvement on the one who now disgraces that position that the people of the county need not blush when the name of their sheriff is alluded to.

TREASURER.

The nominee for Treasurer, Mr. JAMES J. GRAMLEY, is now a resident of Miles township. He formerly lived in Walker, and, like Mr. ISHLER, is a farmer by occupation. He is what is known as a "hustler" in anything he undertakes, with as much energy as generally falls to the lot of a dozen men, and is a Democrat from the top of his head to the soles of his feet. He has the ability and the character to make a most efficient and popular official, and when the people of the county get acquainted with his merits, as have those who know him, the question in his case will be not one of election, but how large a majority he will be chosen by.

REGISTER.

Mr. RUPP, the candidate for Register, is the present incumbent of that office. Every one who has had business to transact in the Register's office knows how careful, correct and painstaking he has been. We mean no disparagement to any of his predecessors when we say that that office has never had a more conscientious, obliging and popular official. He is at his post of duty all the time. He is courteous and gentlemanly with all who have business with him. He is careful that everything is correct, and is prompt about attending to every duty pertaining to the place. His democracy is above question and his re-election beyond a doubt.

RECORDER.

For Recorder W. GAYLER MORRISON, one of the deserving candidates who went down in the political wreck of 1887, was nominated, as it was right he should be. Mr. MORRISON's defeat of three years ago was in no way attributable to him, and the Democrats of the county will see to it this time that the great wrong done him then shall be righted at the November election. Like Mr. MCCORMICK, he neither sulks because of the treatment received, nor complains of his party because a few individuals in casting complimentary votes for his opponent, had caused his defeat. He went to work at once for the success of the principles he believed right, and has since that day been as active in his efforts for his party's success as though he held the most lucrative office in his gift. Such consistency and manliness are deserving of recognition. As to qualifications there is no one who knows Mr. MORRISON but is aware of the fact that no individual in the county is better fitted for the position named than he. A good penman, a prompt, careful, industrious gentleman, there can be no mistake about it that when elected, as he undoubtedly will be, the county will have a Recorder of whom there will be no cause for complaint in any way. Many of our readers know Mr. MORRISON personally, and know him to be just what we have stated, and every voter who has a particle of sympathy in his nature or of justice in his make-up, will feel proud that an opportunity is afforded them now to do justice to one to whom they did a great and unexcusable injustice three years ago.

COMMISSIONERS.

For Commissioners the convention selected Mr. GEO. L. GOODHART, an intelligent farmer of Potter township, and Mr. FRANK ADAMS, a successful and popular merchant of Boggs township. The party is lucky in having or its nominees for this important office two such admittedly competent candidates. Both are men of excellent judgment, have a full knowledge of farm and other property values, know the needs of the people, and have the courage to do what is best for the taxpayers, no matter what influence may be brought to bear upon them to the contrary. In their hands the county finances will not be conducted in the careless, profligate manner they now are. The tax-payer's interest will be safe, and we shall have a return to economic and wise management, fair valuation and equal taxation.

AUDITORS.

For Auditors we do not know that two better or more competent gentlemen could have been selected than Mr. JOHN B. MITCHELL, of Ferguson township, and Mr. SAMUEL F. KLINE, of Howard. Mr. MITCHELL is a former County Treasurer, and Mr. KLINE is one of Howard's principal merchants. Both of these gentlemen are experienced in just such duties as belong to the position, both are careful accountants, and conscientious citizens whose only purpose will be to do right and see that the important work of passing upon the accounts of the county officials is done correctly and carefully.

The above is our ticket. It is a good, honest, sober, deserving ticket. Let us see that it be elected, Democrats, by a majority that will astonish the opposition.

—You can't invest your money to better advantage than by attending this auction at Dorworth's grocery.

The County Convention.

The action of the Democratic County Convention last Tuesday, in the nomination of candidates, was a full and fair expression of the choice of the Democrats of the county through their delegated representatives. Every borough, township and voting precinct was represented by its full complement of delegates who stood for constituencies which had invested them with full power to act for the best interests of the party, and their action has been such as every Democrat in the county can fully endorse.

It was an unusually harmonious convention, nothing having occurred in its deliberations or action that was calculated to disturb the harmony and good feeling which happily have been restored to the Democratic ranks in Centre county.

Of course there were personal disappointments, but that is always an avoidable where there are a number of aspirants for the same office; but no candidate who was unsuccessful at that convention can justly attribute his disappointment to undue or unfair means employed to prevent his nomination.

Everything was done in strict compliance with the party rules. There was no act either on the part of the candidates or by any of the delegates that would not stand the test of the legal requirements which have been provided for the purpose of securing fair primaries and honest conventions. In all respects it was an example of that fairness, honest intention and fraternal purpose which should characterize the action of a body of representatives met together to execute the average will of a free and intelligent constituency.

The gentlemen who have been placed upon the ticket are of a character that presents no objection to their official preferment. They are all men of probity and sobriety, and as to their fitness there is not one against whom the charge of incompetency can be brought.

It was a good convention; it furnished the party with a good ticket, which will be supported by every good Democrat in the county.

—Senator CAMERON failed to make a strong point in favor of protection when in his argument in behalf of the tariff on Bessemer ore he attempted to fortify it by the assertion that the Lehigh miners were getting but 80 cents a day for their labor. Is this the extent of the advantage they have derived from the heavy tariff duties imposed for the protection of Pennsylvania's iron production, raw as well as manufactured? With all their voting for the maintenance of this system have they nothing better to show as their part of the benefit than the miserable compensation of 80 cents a day?

Cameron Against the Force Bill.

It would be too much to expect DON CAMERON to improve his views on the tariff, for the protection of special interests is something that is not only ingrained in him politically, but is also inherited from his father who managed to maintain his hold on Pennsylvania politics by his close association with a policy in which the manufacturers of the State were always interested. The tariff has for years been the principal political stock in trade of the Camerons.

Dox will go wrong on the economic question as a matter of family habit as well as of political interest, but there is in him a natural sense of what is fair and honest that turns him instinctively against such a destructive and iniquitous scheme as the Force Bill. It isn't the kind of politics that suits him, and he was quite open in saying so when he made the following declaration to a newspaper reporter in Washington last Saturday:

I shall vote against the Federal election bill, whatever form it may assume. I am opposed to it in principle and in its details. The South is now resuming a quiet condition. Northern capital has been flowing into the South in great quantities, manufacturing establishments have been created and are now in full operation, and a community of commercial interests is fast obliterating sectional lines and will result, in the not far distant future, in forming one homogeneous mass of people, whether living in the North, South, East or West. The election law would disturb this desirable condition and produce ill feeling between the North and South. I am, therefore, opposed to the passage of this bill, and shall assert my independence as a Senator to vote against the measure.

This is just the course that we expected Senator CAMERON would take on this question. He is too independent to be driven by the party lash into a measure that is as obviously wrong as this Force Bill is in the opinion of every sensible and patriotic citizen.

—There will be no Sheriff COOKES in office after the men nominated on Tuesday last take the official oath on the first Monday of next January. This will be a reason for rejoicing among decent people.

A Lie Promptly Nailed.

Hon. CHAUNCEY F. BLACK promptly corrects the misrepresentation of the Press that he was going to withdraw from the Democratic State ticket for the alleged reason that the Democratic platform did not present the issue of Ballot Reform in strong enough terms. The statement of the Press, bearing upon its face every appearance of falsehood, scarcely needed refutation, but to remove any reason for any one being deceived by this weak invention of the enemy, Mr. BLACK positively denies that he entertained an intention of withdrawing from the ticket, and asserts his confidence that the cause of ballot reform would be safe in the election of Mr. PATTON and the triumph of the Democrats in the coming campaign.

The question of a reformed ballot is a popular one in Pennsylvania, and it has been made so chiefly through the efforts and representations of Democratic leaders and journals. It is impudently for Republican politicians to endeavor to take advantage of this popularity by pretending to be favorable to ballot reform when their policy, as shown by the action of their legislature at the last session, is to maintain the system which has enabled them to control so large a number of votes by the intimidation which the employing class is able to exercise over their employes.

—The Philadelphia Times makes a good suggestion in the advice it gives the Democrats of Bucks and Montgomery counties to nominate WILLIAM M. SINGERLY, editor of the Philadelphia Record, as their candidate for congress. He may not want the office, but they want just the kind of representative that he would make. The man who has made his paper the exponent of the best Democratic sentiment, a pioneer in every movement for political reform, and the most forcible opponent of a tariff system that has impaired our industries and crippled our commerce, we should think possesses the qualities which an intelligent constituency would look for in a representative and would be entirely satisfied with when found.

The Democratic County Convention.

One of the most numerous attended Democratic Conventions that ever got together in Centre county assembled last Tuesday afternoon in the Court House in this place. During the morning parties interested in the proceedings, including candidates, delegates and others, thronged into town from all parts of the county and displayed their interest by their animated movements. Some of the offices had been contested for with much zeal and spirit, and this contributed to the liveliness of the gathering. Notwithstanding the rivalry, good humor generally prevailed, and there was no bad feeling beyond what usually attends personal disappointment which can not be avoided when there are a number of candidates.

At 2 p. m. the doors of the court room were opened and the apartment was soon filled by a large and good-natured crowd, eager to witness the proceedings. The convention was called to order by county chairman Heinle. Mr. Harry Fenlon, of the South Ward of Bellefonte, moved that the permanent officers be as follows: L. T. Munson, of Bellefonte, President; John Noll, of Bellefonte, reading clerk; and Messrs. Richard McClintock, of Phillipsburg, and D. L. Zerby, of Millheim, Secretaries, and they were unanimously elected.

The credentials of the delegates were then handed in, and after necessary corrections were made, they were as follows:

Bellefonte, N. W.—L. T. Munson, John Noll.
Bellefonte, S. W.—Jos. Fox, Wm. Ludwig, Wm. Jamison.
Bellefonte, W. W.—H. E. Fenlon.
Centre Hall bor.—Henry Wooser.
Howard bor.—Baiser Wooser.
Millsburg bor.—E. N. Carr.
Millheim bor.—D. L. Zerby, Dr. G. S. Frank.
Unionville bor.—E. M. Griest.
Phillipsburg, 1st W.—William Hess.
Phillipsburg, 2nd W.—James Munson, F. K. White, George W. McGaffey.
Phillipsburg, 3rd W.—Richard McClintock, Benner. John Reed, Jerry Roan, (Ad Wagner, John Meekley, tie).
Boggs, N. P.—Phillip Confer, Boggs, W. P.—Joseph Thomas, Chas. Lucas, Boggs, E. P.—W. Barnhart.
Burnside—Eugene Meeker.
College, E. P.—Jacob Bortoff, Wesley Tressler.
College, W. P.—Frank Kennedy.
Curtin—Thomas Delong.
Ferguson, E. P.—Samuel Dunlap, D. G. Meek, Joseph Gates.
Ferguson, W. P.—Frank Bowersox.
Gregg, S. P.—Wm. Pealer, J. B. Fisher, Wm. Neese, Jerry Heckman, Jno. F. Breon.
Gregg, N. P.—J. W. Roush, J. B. Ream.
Haines, W. P.—J. G. Meyer, P. G. Meyer, Henry Zerby.
Haines, E. P.—J. J. Orndorf, Geo. B. Stover.
Halfmoon.—David Gates.
Harris.—J. W. Keller, Phil. Meyer, Thomas Reiley.
Huston.—John Q. Miles.
Howard.—Sam. B. Leathers, N. M. Confer.
Liberty.—J. I. DeLong.
Marion.—Isaac Frain, James Henderson.
Miles.—Jerry Brumgard, C. C. Love, A. J. Dutweiler, J. K. Moyer, J. B. Hazel.
Patton.—Ed. Marshall, Samuel Basor.
Penn.—W. A. Stover, J. C. Stover, A. P. Zerby, J. F. Garthoff.

Potter, N. P.—Peter Breon, Sam'l Bruns.
Potter, S. P.—W. W. Spangler, W. W. Royer, Jacob Smith, W. G. Hankle.
Rush, S. P.—Wm. Hutton, John Mallon, Rush, N. P.—John Long, James Dumbleton, Scott Fravel.
Snow Shoe, E. P.—O. M. Sheets, John Johnson, Edw. Whiteman.
Snow Shoe, W. P.—Frank Turbry.
Spring, N. P.—C. M. Heisler.
Spring, S. P.—Mich. Carstetter, Jerry Donovan, Perry Genzel.
Spring, W. P.—Dominick Judge, John Whiteman.
Taylor.—John I. Merryman.
Union.—John Stover.
Walker.—J. H. McCauley, Mich. Cornan, B. S. Winkelman, Peter Heckman.
Worth.—G. I. Woodring.

Upon motion of Baiser Weber, Esq., the President appointed the following committee on resolutions: Baiser Weber, of Howard; Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills; Harry Fenlon, Bellefonte; Isaac Frain, Marion; and George W. McGaffey, of Phillipsburg.

CONGRESS.

D. L. Zerby nominated Col. J. L. Spangler, and L. T. Munson nominated Aaron Williams for Congress. The name of Mr. Williams having been withdrawn, Col. Spangler was nominated unanimously. On motion he was empowered to name his conferees, and the following gentlemen were chosen by him to act for him in the conference: Wm. Wolf, of Centre Hall; Thomas Clark, of Phillipsburg, and John A. Woodward, of Howard.

STATE SENATE.

P. Gray Meek was unanimously nominated for the State Senate and he chose the following conferees: A. J. Graham, of Phillipsburg; Thomas Collins, of Bellefonte, and William A. Tobias, of Millheim.

LEGISLATURE.

John H. Holt, of Snow Shoe, and John T. McCormick, of College township, were nominated for the Assembly by acclamation.

SHERIFF.

The most interesting contest came off for the nomination for Sheriff, for which there were a number of candidates. The following gentlemen were named for nomination: Messrs. William A. Ishler, of Benner township; Geo. E. Parker, of Phillipsburg; Thomas J. Dunkle, of Bellefonte; A. M. Butler, of Milesburg, and William Tanyer, of Ferguson. The following were the balloting results:

No. of Ballots—1st	2nd	3d	4th	5th	
William A. Ishler	32	34	33	43	56
Geo. E. Parker	23	24	25	29	39
Thos. J. Dunkle	21	22	23	24	25
A. M. Butler	14	15	15	17	18
William Tanyer	4	4	4	4	4

TREASURER.

The following were the balloting results for Treasurer:

No. of ballots—1st	2nd	3d	4th	
James J. Gramley	41	44	45	48
James Kimpert	27	28	29	30
Samuel J. Herring	13	15	14	17
Jacob Eisenhuth	11	12	11	11

REGISTER.

John A. Rupp, the present incumbent was unanimously renominated for the office of Register.

RECORDER.

The delegates were so numerously instructed for W. Gayler Morrison for Recorder that a ballot was hardly necessary; but one was taken with the following result:

W. Gayler Morrison <th>74</th>	74
C. O. Malloy <th>21</th>	21
F. A. Foreman (withdrawn) <th>21</th>	21

COMMISSIONERS.

The only ballot for County Commissioners resulted as follows:

Goodheart <th>79</th>	79
Adams <th>82</th>	82
Heckman <th>31</th>	31
Yearick <th>17</th>	17

AUDITORS.

There was but one ballot for County Auditor, as follows:

J. B. Mitchell <th>45</th>	45
Samuel Kline <th>28</th>	28
J. B. Brumgard <th>20</th>	20
J. J. Arney <th>7</th>	7

Messrs. Mitchell and Kline were declared the nominees.

Messrs. Geo. E. Parker, of Phillipsburg; J. P. Gephart, of Bellefonte; D. Meek, of Ferguson, and Harry Fenlon, of Bellefonte, were chosen delegates to the next State convention, and L. A. Schaeffer, of Bellefonte, was elected chairman of the county committee, to assume his duties from the 1st of next January.

A resolution to change the time of the meetings of county conventions from 2 p. m. to 11 a. m., in order to make it more convenient for delegates living at a distance to reach their homes, was offered and adopted, to be perfected, however, by further action under the rules.

RESOLUTIONS.

The Democracy of Centre county in Convention assembled, adopted as their platform of principles the following:

- 1st. That we are earnestly in favor of Tariff Reform in the interest of the masses as against the classes.
- 2nd. That Ballot Reform is necessary and to

this end we recommend the adoption of such a system as the Australian Ballot Law.

3rd. That State and Local Reform is necessary in order that the taxation for county municipal and township purposes may be equally adjusted, and the unjust discrimination against land be remedied.

4th. We are in favor of such legislation, both State and National, as will effectually prevent the creation of trusts and monopolies.

5th. We earnestly endorse the nomination of Robert E. Patton and his associates on the State ticket and invite all good people to assist in their election, as a rebuke to the corrupt bossism of the Republican party.

—President WILLIAMS, of the Union ex-prisoners, complains of Speaker REED for not giving more attention to the Union prisoner pension bill, saying that he seems to have "bigger fish to fry." WILLIAMS is unjust in his complaint. If REED should not push his tariff bill through that will increase the cost of every necessary of life, where would the boodle come from to meet all the demands of the pension claimants?

Kemmler Executed by Electricity.

AUBURN, N. Y., Aug. 6.—Murderer Kemmler was executed by electricity at 6.40 this morning, and the result, as will be seen was not entirely satisfactory. The first shock was a failure, and did not do the work. Though not regaining consciousness, there were frequent respirations. In order to make sure of it, the second current was kept on four minutes and a half, which ended the man's existence in this world. Expert Dr. Spitzka declares the experiment a failure, and says that this was the first and will be the last electrocution. The sight and odor in the execution room was sickening and made all the spectators feel faint. Kemmler displayed great nerve and fortitude and helped to adjust the fastenings that bound him to the chair. Notwithstanding the unsatisfactory results the doctor claims that death was painless.

It was the extreme penalty in a double sense, because the poor wretch was literally tortured to his end and his agony must have been of no less intensity than that of the offenders against the laws of ancient days when the stake and racking machine were among the chief means of inflicting death.

Hon. Chauncey F. Black Nails a Campaign Lie.

YORK, Pa., August 7.—A representative of the Gazette called upon Lieutenant Governor Black at his home today, and showed him the news article in the Philadelphia Press giving a rumor that he had written a letter to Chairman Kerr declaring that he was about to withdraw from the ticket unless the issue of ballot reform—as he framed it for the Scranton platform—is presented in some form to the Democrats of Pennsylvania in the pending convention. When asked if there was any truth in it, he answered: "No, not a word. The article as stated by itself in the first paragraph, is purely sensational. To those who have taken the trouble to inform themselves about the practical situation in the State it is hardly necessary to remark that it is also purely false. I have written no such letter to Mr. Kerr. I am not only not going to retire from the ticket, but I am going to remain on it and be elected along with the man who was elected Governor in 1882 and gave the State an administration so unimpeachable as to compel the respect and confidence of the people."

THERE ARE NO DIFFERENCES.

Governor Black continued: "There are no differences whatever among the Democratic candidates or the Democratic managers of the campaign relative to ballot reform or the imperative necessity of a Constitutional Convention to get it. Upon it Governor Patton and I are in complete accord, as we have ever been, so far as I know, since the topic came under discussion. To my certain personal knowledge Chairman Kerr, Mr. Harry and Mr. Scott are of the same mind. The whole story is a weak invention of the enemy made out of the whole cloth. They are alarmed by the decided indications of Governor Patton's approaching re-election to the chair which he filled with so much honor to himself and with such general satisfaction to the people during his previous term; and they are especially alarmed by the evident strength of the issue in behalf of a Constitutional Convention for ballot reform. They do not want ballot reform at all, and especially immediate ballot reform, which would at once release the State from the domination of the rings and bosses and make every citizen the owner of his own vote. They would like to postpone it, at least, until after another State election for Governor and Legislature and another national election for President and Congress. To this end they would like, of course, to make it appear, even for the moment, that there are differences among the Democratic candidates or the Democratic leaders. But there are none, and they know it. They will learn in due time that there exists pretty nearly the same unanimity for ballot reform (and for a Constitutional Convention as a straight road to it) among the workingmen, the farmers and independent voters generally.

Will Hardly Know His Offspring.

Philadelphia Record.
Speaker Reed will hardly know the Force bill when it gets back to him from the Senate, if that body shall pass it. The Senate committee has shown it of the bayonet clause; of the house-to-house registration canvassing of the provision for drawing juries; and has cut down the fees, reduced its penal offenses from felonies to misdemeanors, and modified it in many other respects. So much has been done in answer to popular outcry from all parts of the country. But the bill still authorizes the Federal management of State elections. Its aim is wrong, its revolution, and subversive of good government. To sugar-coat the pill does not make it less dangerous.