

# Democratic Watchman

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## STATE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

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

## DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For Congress—GEO. F. KRIBBS, of Clarion.  
For Senate—P. GRAY MEEK.  
Representatives—J. H. HOLT, JOHN T. MCCORMICK.  
Sheriff—WILLIAM A. ISHLER.  
Treasurer—JAMES J. GRAMLEY.  
Register—JOHN A. RUPP.  
Recorder—W. GAYLOR MORRISON.  
Commissioners—GEO. L. GOODHART, F. FRANK ADAMS.  
Auditors—JOHN B. MITCHELL, E. H. CARR.  
Clerk—DR. H. W. BUCKINGHAM.

## The Democratic Candidate for Congress.

The Democratic nominees for Congress in this District, GEORGE F. KRIBBS, Esq. of Clarion, was in Bellefonte this week and made a very favorable impression upon all with whom he came in contact. He is a substantial man, having the bearing and appearance of one who will make a Representative upon whom a constituency may depend for useful and faithful service, and who will creditably fill the office for which his party has nominated him.

Mr. KRIBBS is a prominent attorney of Clarion, and in addition to the experience which his profession has given him, he has come in contact with the people and been publicly and politically useful as the editor of the Democratic organ of his county. There is no citizen of Clarion who stands better with its people than he does. His excellent personal qualities and good character have won their esteem, and that he has the full confidence of his Democracy is shown by the way they stood up for him as their choice for Congress. He is a gentleman of very fair ability and will make a worthy successor to our present efficient Representative, Mr. KERR.

Whatever may have been their local and individual preference previous to the final action of the congressional conference, we are assured that the Democracy of Centre county will give Mr. KRIBBS their cordial support. They recognize the fairness of his nomination and have confidence in his fidelity to Democratic principles.

## The Result of the Senatorial Conference.

The Senatorial Conference for this district which had been in a dead-lock for the past four weeks, succeeded in making a nomination at Clearfield on Tuesday night last—the conferees of Clearfield voting with those of Centre for the editor of this paper, thus making him the nominee by a vote of six, to three for Mr. HIRSH, of Clinton. During all the sessions of the conference the best of feeling prevailed, and it is hoped that the result will prove satisfactory to the Democracy of the entire district.

It would be out of place and unbecoming in the writer of this brief notice, to say more than to simply return his thanks to the conference and party for the honor they have conferred, and to pledge his best efforts, when elected Senator, to try to so represent the Democracy and every legitimate interest of the district, that those who will place this important trust in his hands will neither have reason to regret their action, nor cause to complain of misplaced confidence.

DELAMATER'S backers have captured a workman whom they represent as declaring that he is going to oppose PATTISON, and they are making the most out of so poor a subject. His name is given as Captain SAM CARNEY, who says PATTISON shall not have his vote because he refused to pardon twenty-four miners that were incarcerated in the Allegheny workhouse. The politicians who are making use of this man know very well that the pardoning power does not belong to a Governor, who can extend clemency only upon the recommendation of a Pardon Board. They know this, but their purpose is suited if they can get the ignorant to believe that Governor PATTISON was responsible for those miners not being pardoned.

If you would have able and efficient officers vote the Democratic ticket from PATTISON to BUCKINGHAM.

## A False Statement about Gaylor Morrison's "Properties."

The claim made by the friends of W. GAYLOR MORRISON that his being a poor man appeals to the sympathy of the voters, is slurred by the *Keystone Gazette* which contemptuously calls it "a poverty racket," following up its unfeeling slur with the false assertion that Mr. MORRISON is a man of means—"the owner of two valuable properties and other effects."

This falsehood has stirred up the anger of Mr. JESSE WOODRING, a Republican himself, who, as a recent assessor of Worth township, knows something about "the two valuable properties" which the ring organ says are owned by Mr. MORRISON. Mr. WOODRING directs us to say, upon his authority, that one of these properties, consisting of a small house and lot was assessed by him at \$200, while the other is a small lot assessed at \$25. These are the humble possessions which the *Gazette* falsely represents as making Mr. MORRISON a man of means. Considering the disadvantages under which he has labored, a cripple struggling from his boyhood to support himself and dependent parents, it is remarkable that he owns even these small possessions, but, small as they are, it is creditable to him that, under the circumstances, he can call them his own.

But how will they compare with the magnificent \$2500 residence which his opponent, Dr. HARTER, has just completed at Millheim, finished in the handsomest style, with apartments and appliances necessary for the practice of his lucrative profession? It is a palace, indeed, in comparison with the humble dwelling of W. GAYLOR MORRISON upon which the assessor hadn't the heart to put more of an assessment than \$200.

But it is false that the friends and supporters of Mr. MORRISON depend upon the "poverty racket" to elect him. They do not claim that because a man is poor he is entitled to an office, unless he possesses the necessary qualifications. On the point of ability to perform all the official duties there was never a candidate for the Recorder's office that was his superior. To say that Dr. HARTER is his equal in qualification is to pay the Doctor a compliment which perhaps he does not deserve.

Mr. WOODRING, who gave us the facts concerning the value of Mr. MORRISON'S property, was incensed at the *Gazette*'s misrepresentation about it, and he said that he and other Republican neighbors of the Democratic candidate for Recorder are going to vote for him.

The Republican candidate for Governor gives a laughable excuse for not prosecuting EMERY for libel. He says that the "offense" is technically of such a character that he couldn't recover a cent's worth of damages from the defendant. But if he is innocent, couldn't he establish that fact by a suit, which is of more account in the question than the recovery of damages, and the only thing in which the people, whose votes he asks, are interested? The reason he gives for not prosecuting EMERY is a very lame and transparent excuse.

## Kune's Sharpness.

It is alleged against D. B. KUNES, one of the Republican candidates for county commissioner, that when he was assessor of Liberty township he raised the valuation of timberland in the township in almost every instance, putting a tax valuation upon it far beyond its real value. This he is said to have done after he had gotten himself appointed assessor upon his representation that the taxes on such property were too high and that, if the assessing were given to him to do, he would lower the valuation.

His increasing the taxable value of timberland after he got the office of assessor, instead of lowering it as he had promised to do, is said to have been prompted by a selfish motive. His object was to make his ownership so burdensome on account of high taxes that the owners would be willing to sell it at almost any price, and he would be on hand to buy it in at the lowest figures. This was a very sharp game, showing that KUNES has a great head for speculating on the distress of other people which he is not a bit too good to bring about by his own sharp management.

Such a genius as this in the commissioners' office would be likely to make the office pay him a good dividend at other people's expense. He is by far too sharp to manage the county's affairs for the tax payers' benefit. The present Republican commissioners have been detected in raising valuations on lands to make up for tax deficiencies, but with KUNES at the head of a Republican Board who knows but that they would go in for increasing the tax valuation of lands, timberlands particularly, as a means of private speculation.

## Fiedler's Foolishness.

That is a silly charge which the ring organ brings against Mr. ADAMS, one of the Democratic candidates for commissioner, concerning his treatment of a lady customer at his store. The harrowing details, as stated by the *Gazette*, are that a lady customer, who "had been awake all the previous night," sat down on a stool in Mr. ADAMS'S store and fell asleep. While she was in this situation the total depravity of the proprietor led him to wake her up and say to her: "Madame, let me move the stool out on the porch, as I must close up the store and go to dinner."

Now, to FIEDLER'S refined and polite comprehension such conduct on the part of Mr. ADAMS may appear outrageous, but what would he have had the proprietor do under the circumstances? Should he have locked the door and gone away leaving the lady alone inside, sleeping on the stool? Or should he have waited until the lady got her nap out, and lost his dinner? Or would the lady, with the delicacy of feeling belonging to a lady, have been willing to be left alone in the store while the proprietor was away? According to the *Gazette*'s own statement Mr. ADAMS displayed politeness in taking the stool out on the porch for her, where she could continue her rest during his absence, and we suppose the weather was fine, as the date was in August, and therefore it was as comfortable on the porch as in the store. May be, under the circumstances, FIEDLER would have turned her out without furnishing her with a stool to sit on.

This silly kind of slush against Democratic candidates is hardly worth noticing, but we refer to this particular case as a sample of the campaign foolishness indulged in by the ring organ.

## Used for Sample Purposes.

"What offices are ROBERT COOKE and JOHN HENDERSON running for?" asks the *Republican*, intending to slur the frequent allusions by the Democratic papers to those officials. They are not running for any offices this year, and it is well for them that they aren't. Yet in this contest their names serve "to point a moral," even if they can't be made "to adorn a tale."

Three years ago COOKE was presented to the voters as a "reform candidate." And what beautiful "reformation" he brought about in everything pertaining to his official conduct. Officially, politically, morally—what a nice reformer he has been. He being a good deal of a sporting man, his name can be made useful in this campaign in warning the people against filling the Sheriff's office with incumbents of that disposition. Steady, intelligent farmers are more reliable.

And there's HENDERSON; he too was a "reform" candidate three years ago. His management of the county affairs, and an empty county treasury, tell what kind of reform he helped to bring about.

COOKE and HENDERSON are not now candidates, but when the ring managers are asking the people to elect their men to office this year, it isn't out of place to give COOKE and HENDERSON as samples of the kind of officers those managers furnished three years ago.

## The Welcome given to Governor

PATTISON at Williamsport last Friday evening was one of the most cordial and enthusiastic greetings ever extended to a public man in that city, and was clearly an indication that Lycoming county will do her full duty in November. A significant feature of the meeting was the fact that among those who met Governor PATTISON at the railroad station and escorted him to the hotel and court house were many of the most prominent Wallace Democrats of the city. At least 3000 listened to the speakers, many of whom were Republicans who sympathize in the movement for the overthrow of boss rule and the restoration of purer politics and honest State government in Pennsylvania.

The silk weavers of Paterson, N. J., are not showing REED and MCKINLEY proper respect as champions of labor, in beginning to talk about striking so soon after the passage of their tariff bill.

## Fiercer Than a Tiger.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—The steamship *Managua*, which is lying at Pier 6 in the North River, brought with her from Greytown, Nicaragua, in addition to coconuts and bananas, a tiger cat, one of the worst tempered passengers ever carried on shipboard. He is about three feet long and two feet high, and is not full grown. He has brilliant black and yellow markings, just like a tiger. The pattern of his coat is a mixture of stripes and spots. The tiger cat is more untamable than the tiger. A little one may be kept tame for three or four months, but as soon as it tastes raw flesh it will become irreclaimably savage.

## Delamater Sacrificed a Crippled Veteran to Secure Bank Deposits.

MEADVILLE, Pa., Oct. 23.—Captain John Morris is a crippled Union soldier. Ever since the war he has been compelled to walk with a crutch and a cane. Six years ago Captain Morris was nominated by the Republicans of Crawford county for county Treasurer. The county then had 1500 Republican majority. Captain Morris fell just after his nomination and was confined to his bed for three months. During his confinement Senator George Wallace Delamater, now the Republican nominee for Governor, called upon Morris and asked whether, if elected, he would deposit the county money in the Delamater bank. "I cannot lay all the eggs in one nest," was Captain Morris' reply. "Very well, Captain Morris, I cannot support you, then," was Mr. Delamater's response.

DELAMATER'S DISGRACEFUL DEAL.  
He then left Captain Morris. The same day he called upon Daniel Nash, the Democratic candidate for county Treasurer, and got from him the promise, and put enough money in the count to defeat Morris and elect Nash. The county money was during Nash's term deposited in Delamater's bank. Captain Morris went South after his defeat. However he recently returned to Meadville, when the story of his defeat by Delamater was started after his arrival here, and the Delamater people have offered every possible inducement to Captain Morris to deny the story. A committee of Delamater's friends, headed by James E. McFarland, called on Captain Morris last week. They told him that all but 10 of the 400 soldiers in the Soldiers' Home at Erie were opposing Delamater on account of Morris' defeat, and they there and then offered him money to go to Erie and fix the old soldier. Other friends of Delamater proposed to send him on a tour of the State on a salary \$500 a week to deny the statement that Delamater had libeled him. Captain Morris indignantly spurned these overtures, and has prepared the following statement of the case:

## CAPTAIN MORRIS' AFFIDAVIT.

MEADVILLE, Pa., Oct. 11th, 1890.  
To My Fellow-Soldiers of Pennsylvania: My attention has been called to a statement made by Senator Emery in a public speech delivered at Bradford, Pa., on the 29th of September, in which he stated that Senator G. W. Delamater, now the Republican candidate for Governor of this State, had been guilty of gross treachery to me as a candidate for County Treasurer of Crawford county in the year 1884. In answer to this, and in reply to many communications I have received from comrades throughout the State, I desire to make this public statement: I went into the army as Captain of Company B, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, commanded by Colonel John W. McLean, of Erie, Pa., on August 23, 1861. On the 27th day of June, 1862, at the battle of Gettysburg, Pa., I was severely wounded and taken prisoner, incarcerated in Libby Prison. After my exchange I was brought home, and from that time until the present I have been and am now a hopeless invalid and cripple solely from the result of those wounds. I now walk with a crutch and a cane, and am a continual sufferer from the result of those wounds, and I have been and am incapacitated from any labor to gain a living for myself and family.

## DELAMATER SEEKS A BARGAIN.

In 1884 I was a candidate for County Treasurer of Crawford on the Republican ticket, of which party I always was and am now a member. Some weeks before the time of the nominating convention Senator G. W. Delamater, now the Republican candidate for Governor, who was at that time and now is a banker in this city, came to my house and demanded as the price of his support that I should agree to deposit all county and State funds coming into my hands as County Treasurer in his bank. I objected to this, as it would involve my committing perjury in case I had taken the oath of office. I told him, however, that in case of his active support I would treat him fairly in the distribution of the deposits. In accordance with the above understanding he agreed to and did procure the withdrawal of one of the prominent candidates for a consideration, as he subsequently informed me. I was subsequently nominated as the Republican candidate for County Treasurer of Crawford county, and Mr. Delamater promised me his active, personal and pecuniary support.

At this time I was confined to my house by reason of an accident resulting from my crippled condition. I had reason to believe and did believe that Mr. Delamater would give me his active, personal and financial assistance in my campaign as his party candidate. I soon, however, discovered that Mr. Delamater was interested in my Democratic opponent, and was playing me false. He refused my request for pecuniary assistance while I was unable to make any active canvass owing to my inability to leave my house. I was the only candidate defeated on the Republican ticket, and my defeat was caused solely by the treachery and bad faith of G. W. Delamater to me, an old soldier, who had reason to believe by his repeated promises and pledges that he was a friend. Mr. G. W. Delamater and his father became the bondsmen of my Democratic opponent, which is of itself evidence that Mr. Delamater supported him. By reason of my defeat, brought about by the treachery and bad faith of Mr. G. W. Delamater, I became so pecuniarily involved that my property was sold by the Sheriff, and myself and family now left destitute, and I have nothing left for their support but the pension I receive from the Government.

## ATTEMPTING TO PATCH UP A PEACE.

I have been repeatedly importuned by a near relative of Mr. Delamater and others of his friends to sign a statement prepared by them denying the statements of Senator Emery, which I refused to do; but I had no intention of making a public statement of my wrongs until I learned from some member of my old company that Mr. Delamater had advised me to do so. I refused to do so, and I have nothing left for their support but the pension I receive from the Government.

man, but was confined to my house by reason of the breaking out of my wounds, and never left it only a part of two days between my nomination and my defeat for County Treasurer. I have made this statement in justice to myself and my family, as well as to my old comrades, and in answer to many communications I have received from old soldiers from all parts of the State, and I leave it to their judgment as to whether Mr. Delamater is worthy of the support of an old soldier.

## JOHN F. MORRIS.

State of Pennsylvania, County of Crawford. Personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the Third ward of the city of Meadville, county and State aforesaid, John F. Morris, who, after being duly sworn, says that the above statement is true. Witness my hand and seal, this 13th day of October, 1890.  
[Seal] W. A. DOUGHAN, J. P.  
Captain Morris has always been held in high esteem in Crawford county. He is especially popular with the old soldiers. They know that he is telling the truth in his statement, and he has now in his possession a hundred letters from old soldiers throughout the State pledging their support to avenge the outrage. Captain Morris is terribly wounded. He spends, on account of his crippled condition, more than half of his time in bed.

## Charley Wolfe Talks for Pattison.

Last Friday Governor Pattison spoke to thousands of farmers and others who had assembled at the Union County fair at Lewisburg. He said the value of all the farms in Pennsylvania, as shown in the census of 1880, was \$925,000,000. This great interest, he declared, was taxed beyond its fair proportion. The remedy laid with the farmers, as they had an opportunity to correct the evil. Not once did he touch upon politics, and it was apparent that he had made a deep impression. After the other candidates had spoken there, loud cries for Charles S. Wolfe, one of the first men in Pennsylvania to raise the standard of revolt in the Republican party. Surrounded as he was by his friends and neighbors, Mr. Wolfe could not help responding and his speech was characterized by the man's independent spirit. He said: "I congratulate the Democratic party on having secured as its candidate for governor one who was made such in response to the great, honest, popular heart of the Republican party to the extent that the Republican party to the extent that there are those within its ranks who yet appreciate the value of popular government to such an extent that, if they cannot secure a candidate of their own, they will vote for one offered to them by the opposite party, who is worthy of their suffrage."

## PATTISON'S RECORD REVIEWED.

"The man who spoke to you this afternoon," Mr. Wolfe continued, "so contentedly on agricultural matters, and who modestly abstained from any reference to politics, has been faithful to every trust that has been placed in his hands." A hearty shout was evoked by this declaration, and Mr. Wolfe continued: "As controller of the city of Philadelphia he cleaned out the nest of scoundrels who had been fattening upon the substance of the taxpayers of that city. The people of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania then said, 'Well done, good and faithful servant, come up higher.' Because of his fidelity and respect for the popular will, and his moral courage that defied the array of corrupt politics, he has again been honored by being made a standard-bearer of his party. Eight years ago some of you entertained hard feelings against me for the part you conceived I had taken in bringing about the election of Mr. Pattison at that time. Much as I regret not to have your approval, I have not the slightest regret now as to my course at that time. It has been clearly justified by the result." Raising his voice to its highest pitch and giving emphasis to his remarks by striking gesticulations, the speaker went on:

## MR. WOLFE'S FERVENT WISH.

"Would to God—and I say it reverently—I had it in my sole power to say whether Mr. Pattison or Mr. Delamater should be governor of this State. My choice would be emphatically and unreservedly Robert E. Pattison, the honest, faithful official and courageous champion of the people."

A shout of applause followed when Mr. Wolfe had concluded, and then, after a few remarks by Thomas Baker, an eminent member of the Union county bar, the candidates took their departure from Meadville. Mr. Wolfe accompanied them. At the latter place the meeting was held in front of the Hagg Hotel and lasted from 4 until 5 o'clock. There were about 1,000 people present, many of the workshops in the place being practically deserted during its progress. After the candidates had spoken Mr. Wolfe was again besieged to talk. He set out with a bitter strike from the shoulder, and in bitter terms exposed Quay's pardon board record, and said the Republican party of Pennsylvania had lowered itself when it made him State treasurer and subsequently United States senator. If this were not enough, they had in their platform defiantly endorsed Quay and all his methods, and "now," he continued, in tones that rang out clear and loud, "they ask you to vindicate that public plunderer and corruptor."

## THEY WANTED MORE YET.

Mr. Wolfe was applauded and cheered in turn and when he finished the people pleaded with him to continue, but as it was time for the travelers to be moving the meeting was abruptly adjourned with the raising of cheers for the ticket. The candidates were driven to the station and were followed by two-thirds of the people present at the meeting. The governor was kept busy shaking hands until the train moved off and then there rang out a volley of cheers that seemed to confirm the statements made to the governor that Northumberland county would return to its old love this year and be found in the Democratic column.

On the run to Williamsport a five-minute stop was at Montgomery, Lycoming county, where only the governor spoke. The meeting was composed of the rolling mills in that vicinity, and was arranged especially for their benefit.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—Life Scholarship in business or shorthand at the Williamsport Com'l. College & School of Shorthand, \$25.00.

—On Monday night, Oct. 20th, Mr. Z. Z. Suttle's great "World" will be here. The scenic effects of this company are said to surpass those of any company traveling.

—The Pennsylvania State College football team played at the University of Penna., at Phila. on Saturday, the 11th, and was defeated by the score of 20 to 0. On Monday it played at Franklin and Marshall college, at Lancaster, and again went under to 10 to 0. Both games, however, are highly spoken of by the papers of those two cities, and by the boys from P. S. C. are given the name of not only good players but also of being thorough gentlemen in every respect. We congratulate them on their fine showing.

—We would call the attention of our readers to a very interesting and timely letter, on the Canada Thistle question, which you will find in another part of the paper. The letter is from Prof. Wm. A. Buckhout, Botanist of the Penna. State Agr. Exp. Station, at State College, and is the sound discussion of a subject which should interest all, by one highly educated in botanical matters. The Canada Thistle has come to be a very serious pest, and nothing but an organized effort can break the foothold it has gained in our community.

—At a meeting of the Huntingdon Presbytery last week a call from the Phillipsburg church for the pastoral services of Rev. Edgar F. Johnson was read, placed in his hands and by him accepted. The committee appointed to install Rev. Johnston at Phillipsburg, Oct. 28, are as follows: Rev. A. H. Jolly to preside and propose the constitutional questions; Rev. R. A. McKinley, Ph. D., to charge pastor; Rev. Chas. Herron to charge people; Rev. J. T. Gibson, of Allegheny Presbytery, will be invited to preach the sermon.

—Manager Garman is certainly to be congratulated on the class of entertainments he has been securing for his "new opera house." The Marie Greenwood Comico Opera Company which sang Boccaccio here on Wednesday night last, was, without doubt, the finest operatic organization that has ever sung in our town. The chorus was strong and well balanced, the comedians were excellent, and the two leading ladies, Miss Marie Greenwood and Miss Mammie Taylor, took the audience by storm. Everyone of their solos and duets were encored, Miss Greenwood being re-called four times on one rendition. So good an impression did the company make that if they return the house will not begin to hold the people, who will go to hear them.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Thursday morning we learned that Mr. David Behers, an old resident and farmer of Patton township, died suddenly on Wednesday afternoon. From what we can learn of the circumstances, he was engaged in husking corn and was overtaken in the field by what was probably an apoplectic attack. Upon being carried to his residence he died before medical assistance could be obtained. His age was about 65 years.

DEATH OF EX-JUDGE LINN.—Hon. Samuel Linn, formerly President of this judicial district, and a native of Bellefonte, died at his residence in Williamsport last Tuesday morning, at the age of 70 years. The disease which caused his death was diabetes, from which he suffered for years, but for the past year, although confined to his house, he was comparatively free from pain.

The deceased jurist was the fourth son of Rev. James Linn, D. D., who for more than half a century was pastor of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church. He was born in this place on the 20th of February, 1820. In his youth he turned his attention to civil engineering, finding employment in that profession in the construction of Pennsylvania and Ohio canals, but when twenty years old he commenced reading law with Bond Valentine, esq., of Bellefonte, finishing his course of reading with Judge Hale and at the law school of Judge Reed at Carlisle. Upon his admission to the bar of Centre county in 1843, he opened an office in this place, going into partnership with James T. Hale and afterwards with W. P. Wilson, esqs. In 1859 he was elected to the judgeship of the district composed of the counties of Centre, Clearfield and Clinton. In 1868 he resigned his judicial office and went into partnership with the present Judge Purst which was continued until his removal to Williamsport in 1869 where he continued to practice with great success and distinction until failing health compelled a cessation of his legal labors.

He was a man of peculiarly pure character and sterling integrity, and his ability placed him among the ablest lawyers of the State.

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