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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,
JOSEPH T. MCCORMICK.
Sheriff—WILLIAM A. ISHLER.
Treasurer—JAMES J. GRAMLEY.
Register—JOHN A. RUPP.
Recorder—W. GAYLOR MORRISON.
Commissioners—GEO. L. GOODHART,
T. FRANK ADAMS.
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Clerk—DR. H. W. BUCKINGHAM.

A Candidate Who Specially Deserves Democratic Support.

W. GALER MORRISON has borne himself nobly in this campaign. The county convention having shown its appreciation of his merit by giving the party a chance to repair the wrong that was done a worthy man and good Democrat three years ago, he entered the contest with a determination to do his full duty and to omit no proper exertion to secure the office for which his party nominated him.

He has worked manfully. Crippled though he be, he has done his full share in securing the success of the ticket and an honorable election for himself. He has not been an idler in the contest, and his opponents must admit that his exertions have been as honorable as they have been untiring.

His situation must excite sympathy as well as admiration. His opponent has superior advantages both physically and in point of means, but there is where his superiority stops. In point of fitness he is scarcely Mr. MORRISON'S equal. He has had the advantage of a profitable term, given him by Democratic votes. It is too much for him to ask Democrats to continue such a favor at the expense of a Democrat who has twice received the nomination of his party, and certainly deserves an election on the second nomination in recognition of his unflinching support of Democratic principles and Democratic candidates ever since he was able, in his crippled condition, to walk to the polls.

W. GALER MORRISON has made a noble contest, and every generous and big-hearted Democrat will say that he deserves success, and will vote in a way that will secure it for him.

FIEDLER tries to make a point against Treasurer candidate GRAMLEY by saying that he is not intelligent enough for the office of Treasurer. There is a joke connected with this charge. The editor of the *Gazette* went to school four years to Mr. GRAMLEY and in saying that the latter is not intelligent FIEDLER slurs his own education. The fact is, that most of what he knows he obtained when a boy going to school to Mr. GRAMLEY, who, however, didn't teach him the slippery tricks for which he has since become noted.

McCormick and the Farmer and Labor Interests.

Farmers, mechanics and laboring men, be careful of your interest when you assist in electing the law making power next Tuesday. You have the full assurance that PATTISON is your friend, for he gave evidence of it in his former administration. You can have confidence in the Democratic candidate for the State Senate, for in former official positions he stood by your interests. J. H. HOLT, who is one of the Democratic nominees for the Legislature, served you faithfully in the last session and you can have confidence that he will do so again. In regard to these three Democratic candidates their acts have proved their fidelity to you.

Is there any reason why your confidence should not be fully given to JOHN T. MCCORMICK, the other Democratic nominee for the Legislature? As a farmer and a man used to hard work all his life, soer, industrious and careful, his feelings, aspirations and interests are in line with yours. To say that he would not be faithful to the interests of the farmers, mechanics and laboring men would be to say that he would not be faithful to himself. He has felt the oppression that has been imposed upon the farmers by unequal taxation. Will he not naturally want to remove that unjust imposition from

which he has himself suffered in common with other farmers? He is himself a laboring man. Will he not naturally favor laws for the protection of labor? He is directly and personally interested in all that the farmer, the mechanic and laboring man are interested in. Therefore they can give him their fullest confidence in a legislative position.

In these respects he contrasts favorably with his Republican opponents. There is nothing in GUYER MATTERN'S past career or business relations that could put him in sympathy with labor, or inspire him to devote himself to its cause. He is rather of a character that would lead him to do the bidding of his party bosses who have always been against the farmer, the mechanic and the laboring man. FRYBERGER'S sympathies are of a like character. His feelings are not with those who make their living on highly-taxed farms, or by their daily labor. The party bosses who favor legislation for the corporations and the money interests could count on him every time.

Make a sure thing of it, farmer and labor voters, by casting your ballots for McCormick and Holt.

No Democrat should be absent from the polls on the day of the election. He should not only bethere early, but he should stay and see that every Democratic vote is polled. He should constitute himself a committee of one to discountenance trading and prevent the polling of illegal votes. It will be a great day for the true Democrat to make himself useful.

Every One of Them Worthy.

There is not a man on the Democratic county ticket that is not worthy of the support of every Democrat in the county. The material of which that ticket is composed is more than usually good, there not being a man on it against whose morality, sobriety, integrity and competency anything can be truthfully charged. Their neighbors know them to be reputable and worthy men, and are ready to testify to their good characters. Their general reputation throughout the county is good. Yet they have been personally assailed by organs which in opposing such men have no other resource than baseless vilification.

But the Democrats know the character of such political attacks. They have become acquainted with the abusive virulence of Fiedlerism, and know that the good name of no political opponent, however worthy a man he may be, can escape the mud that is habitually and systematically flung from the columns of his paper.

The only effect of such political tactics is to confirm the Democrats of the county in the conviction that the nominees on their ticket are good men and worthy of their support. FIEDLER never slings his mud at bad men. He likes to bespatter something that is clean. Like Death, he prefers "a shining mark." There could be no better evidence that the men on the Democratic county ticket are worthy, and as such should have every Democratic vote.

Governor PATTISON will this week finish one of the most remarkable campaigns that was ever made by any candidate in this or any other State. It was commenced on the 29th of September, and from that time he has been constantly on the road, Sundays excepted, traveling about 4000 miles and making from half a dozen to ten speeches a day. He has visited nearly every county in the State. The Delamater tour has been but a weak imitation of PATTISON'S grand campaign. The Democratic candidate has stood this great strain admirably, coming out of it in fine condition, while his opponents, from the head of the ticket down, broke down and had to be laid up for repairs. This difference is due to Gov. PATTISON'S good habits. His excellent physical and mental powers have not been impaired by liquor or other abuses.

The Williamsport *Gazette* and *Bulletin*, referring to the disclosure of crooked work in the Clinton county commissioners' office in the matter of bridge building, says that "the management of affairs up there seems to be too unhealthy to longer continue in the hands of the Democrats." The unhealthy alluded to includes one Democratic and one Republican commissioner. There is only one Republican in the Board. If there had been two it is likely that both would have been in the bridge swindle. In Centre county there is a suspicious appearance of the Republican Board being involved in similar crookedness.

Major WOLF made a great mistake in turning Sheriff COOKE loose on the county in his behalf.

Had DELAMATER been as prompt as PATTISON in bringing his assailants into court he would stand better in the estimation of the people. His assailants are Republicans whom he is afraid to face in a court of justice. PATTISON isn't afraid, because he knows that truth and law are on his side. Bring out a full vote for the man who doesn't shrink before his assailants.

Ishler's Decent Campaign.

Mr. ISHLER has carried himself in this campaign in a manner that entitles him to the respect of all good citizens and decent voters. He has proved himself to be a respectable man, capable of conducting a clean canvass. There have been no whisky orgies connected with his electioneering, but he has gone on his merits, asking for the support of his fellow citizens on account of his good character and his ability to perform the duties of the office. He has led an orderly, industrious and useful life from the time he served his country as a drummer boy to the present period, he being most of that time employed as a farmer, an honorable calling that usually produces honest and reliable characters.

Upon such a record he can confidently ask the votes of his fellow citizens. He is no boodler. A resort to such means is unnecessary in his case. It is foreign to his nature and his calling. He is a farmer and boodler is not an agricultural production. It is against his principles to resort to the debauchery of liquor to secure his election. He is a sober man himself, and consequently is averse to a whisky campaign. The people have had an example of demoralization in the Sheriff's office. They have had enough of it during the past three years. It is natural that they should now want that office filled by a sober, steady and reputable man—an honest farmer who is fully competent to perform its duties.

Act As If Every Vote Was Needed.

Although the success of the county ticket is not a question of one vote, yet the Democrats of the county should act on the day of the election as if it was necessary that every Democratic ballot should be cast. Overconfidence should not be caused by the prospect of victory. It should be the determination of the Democrats to give all a full vote. All are deserving of an equal support, and to secure such equality make it a duty to cast a full and undivided vote. Act as if every vote was needed.

Watch the County Boodlers.

Keep your eyes on the boodlers. The Republican county committee have plenty of the vicious stuff and are using it freely. As they entertain but little hope of electing DELAMATER this boodle will be utilized in the attempt to elect their county ticket. They regard it of great importance to have the Sheriff, as that office affords revenue to the organs and exerts the largest influence in the interest of the ring managers. Hence the boodlers have concentrated their efforts on their candidate for Sheriff. The amount of liquor that is being used in his behalf could come from no other source. There is too much of it afloat to be paid for out of the private funds of either WOLF or COOKE, although they evidently stand their share of the expense.

As CAMERON has contributed largely to the State corruption fund with the object of being re-elected to the U. S. Senate, boodle is being expended to secure the election of the two Republican assembly candidates in this county; but as the farmers and workmen of the county know that FRYBERGER and MATTERN would be merely the tools of CAMERON and the servants of the corporation bosses, the expenditure of boodle in their behalf will be of no avail.

The offices in Centre county are not for sale, but still it is the part of prudence to keep your eyes on the boodlers.

They Will Slaughter Everybody for the Benefit of Wolf.

The Republican ring managers are ready to trade off everything for sheriff. Fully convinced that there is no possibility of electing their State ticket, they offer to sacrifice DELAMATER to secure votes for WOLF. They want to save something from the general wreck, and therefore concentrate their efforts upon their sheriff candidate. The balance of their ticket will be slaughtered in the same interest. They think there is more in the sheriff's office for them than in any other, and hence their determination to slaughter everybody else for the benefit of WOLF. But Democrats can stop this game by refusing anything like a trade.

Examine your tickets! See that the name of each Democratic candidate is on them.

The Button Dodge.

The tariff politicians appear to expect a great deal from pearl buttons. The duty on these articles of general use was amply high to afford legitimate protection to the manufacturers, but the new tariff increased it about two hundred per cent. It is just that much extra margin given for extortion upon consumers. In consequence the monopoly organs have broken out in praise of this measure of protection to an infant industry, and picture in glowing terms the jubilation that has been excited by it among the button makers. The Philadelphia *Press* even resorts to a pictorial representation of a lot of button makers dancing in a ring and kicking up their heels over this government bonus to the button trade. It is said that the proprietors of a button factory in Jersey have raised the wages of their employees 15 per cent because of the increased duty, and it is on this account that the organs are making all this clatter and display of pictures.

But when a fostering government has kindly given the manufacturers an increase of 200 per cent in protection, enabling them to make a proportionate advance in the price of buttons, isn't an advance of but 15 per cent in wages rather a shabby concession to the right which labor should have to a share of this great favor? The price of buttons will be doubled—it has already made an advance—every tailor, seamstress and sewing-woman in the land will be compelled to increase their tribute to the protected button manufacturers, while the employees in one or two factories have been given a small increase of wages with no other object than to enable the organs to make political capital out of it before the election. After this has served its election purpose the wages will be reduced, but the increased cost of buttons, brought about by the exorbitantly increased duty, affecting the many thousands of consumers, will continue, making millionaires of a few protected button monopolists.

There should be no trading of Democratic votes. Such bucksterning of the franchise is resorted to only in a desperate cause. Instead of being desperate the Democratic cause, both in State and county, never was brighter. The enemy will offer to trade. They are willing to trade off most of their ticket to save the balance. Reject every offer of a dicker in a matter of such importance as the ballot.

The Shameless and Ungrateful Charges Against Mr. Adams.

The *Gazette* resorts to shameless perversion of the truth to injure the character of T. Frank Adams, one of the democratic candidates for commissioner.

That paper of Oct. 17th appeared with a communication purporting to have been written by Wm. M. Adams, accusing his brother Frank with dishonesty in settling the estate of Frances M. Atherton, decd., also charging him with cruelty to his parents, and an attempt to set his store on fire. As soon as this letter appeared the other members of the family, with one exception, came forward voluntarily to refute the charges. The father and mother and three of the brothers prepared letters and affidavits denying these charges. The statements of the father and mother, the affidavit of the father and two brothers, and a denial from Frank himself, were taken to the *Gazette* office and handed to Mr. Bailey, with the request to have all three published in the next issue. Mr. Bailey at once said that if he had control of the paper he would do so cheerfully, and that it was right that they should publish these denials; but that he would hand them to Mr. Feidler, the editor, and he would let Mr. Adams or his counsel know that evening, or next morning, what he would do. Next morning Mr. Bailey called and informed Mr. Adams' counsel that they would publish the letters and the affidavits, and that it was all right. Instead of doing what they said they would do, they refused to publish the letters and statements, and published the affidavit only, with an additional affidavit made by Wm. and C. C. Adams which is utterly false and is successfully contradicted by the records of the Orphans Court, to which we will refer at length.

The charges contained in the first letter are unfounded, and the prompt denial by the family left the *Gazette* people without anything to stand upon. But in order to justify themselves and still keep up a pretence of seriousness, they resort to the meanest and lowest type of falsehood and deceit by garbling and falsifying the records of the court. They quote shreds of testimony which, as they garble it would indicate that Frank Adams had agreed not to charge any commission for his services in settling the estate, and that he had fraudulently procured the discharge of Mr. Brachbill. The evidence as a whole proves exactly the reverse, and shows that Frank never had anything to do with the discharge of Mr. Brachbill; never had the heiress

to sign any release, as is alleged, and of course never agreed to give up his compensation to which he is honestly entitled. There is also an attempt made to show that Frank still has about \$2,500 of the fund of the estate in his hands for which he has failed to account. The figures they present are false and garbled for the occasion. The records do not show anything of the kind; but do show that all the assets of the estate have been accounted for except \$559.56; which amount is retained until a final distribution is made. The following statement taken from the record fully establishes what we allege, and what is the truth:

Amount of assets in the hands of T. Frank Adams, surviving Executor of Frances M. Atherton, decd., as per inventory, filed in the Register's office.....	\$5,463.20
The following amounts should be deducted, because the records show that they have been properly accounted for and proper vouchers filed for each of them, viz:	
Personal property bequeathed to Anna Adams, and others.....	\$777.50
Collateral inheritance tax.....	229.00
Bond against Thomas Taylor uncollectable.....	415.00
W. R. Brachbill, legacy.....	192.41
J. C. Brachbill, legacy.....	192.40
Asst. Atherton, guardian legacy.....	475.00
Sundry small accounts, funeral expenses, and expenses in settling the estate.....	415.37
Executors compensation.....	271.57
Amount paid to residuary legatees on account.....	2,130.40
Balance due legatees.....	\$569.56

This statement was taken from the records by a person who is entirely familiar with the records of the orphans' court and we know it is correct. This disposes of this entire charge, because no prudent man, acting as an executor, would pay out all the moneys of the estate until a final settlement, and particularly in an estate involved in litigation like this one has been and is still. The principal assets, as shown by the inventory, consisted of mortgages against real estate. In nearly every case they had to be collected by legal process, that of Thomas Taylor being still unsettled. This is the cause of the delay and not the Executor's fault at all. He could not help it that these people could not pay at once, nor was it his fault that legal proceedings were necessary and the settlement of the estate thus delayed.

The story that Frank Adams had procured the release of Mr. John Brachbill as one of the Executors by promising to give up his compensation, is all a myth, and is flatly contradicted by the record. Col. Keller, Mr. Brachbill's counsel, presented a petition on behalf of Mr. Brachbill asking for his discharge on the ground of ill health. A citation was awarded by the court, and issued. On this citation we find an acceptance of service endorsed in Col. Keller's handwriting, and signed by all the parties in interest. The acceptance of service was signed to save costs of service, and to favor Mr. Brachbill, who had asked to be discharged, and not for the accommodation of Frank Adams, or at his request. He had nothing whatever to do with the proceedings.

We happen to know that the parties who induced these two young men to make the affidavits that appeared in last week's *Gazette*, knew that what was contained in that affidavit was entirely without foundation in fact, and knowing this, they are guilty of subornation of perjury, and morally more guilty of wrong than the parties who made oath to these falsehoods. In examining the testimony taken in the proceedings to compel Frank Adams to give bail, or be discharged, on the ground that he was wasting the estate, his prosecutors called as witnesses J. C. P. Jones, Jno. M. Wagner and N. Bierly, Esq., three of Mr. Adams' neighbors, and all staunch Republicans. These men all testified that Frank was an honest, careful and prudent man. When this proceeding came before the court it was dismissed, without Frank Adams being called upon to produce any testimony at all.

On the one side we have the *Gazette* gang trying to blacken a man's character by inducing two irresponsible young men to make statements which they know are not true, and by garbling and misrepresenting the records of the court. T. Frank Adams is sustained in his good character by his father, mother and three brothers under oath; by the records of the court, which show that he has acted honestly in the settlement of this estate; by the sworn testimony of J. C. P. Jones, John M. Wagner and N. Bierly, Esq., taken before these charges were made. This shows that he is an honest, careful and prudent man, and a decree of the Orphans' court of Centre county refusing to compel him to give security as executor, shows that he can be safely trusted. After a set of men resort to the devilish means that have been resorted to, to blacken this man's character for the purpose of electing a tool of the "Hastings-Feidler ring," will fair-minded people believe one word these men say, and especially when every allegation has been contradicted by the records of the court and the sworn statements of men of character and reputation?

Mr. T. Frank Adams is a sober, industrious and respected citizen, and his neighbors say when called as witnesses in a proceeding against him, that he is an honest, careful and prudent man.

From Top to Bottom.

The character of the candidates on the county ticket is such that the Democratic voters of this county can cheerfully and conscientiously vote for every one of them from top to bottom. None of them can be cut without doing injustice to good men. They are all worthy all through. Get out the full party vote for them and make the majorities as even as possible. It will make it look better after the election and be more satisfactory all around.

On Tuesday evening the Democratic conference of the Twentieth district nominated THOMAS H. GREY, Esq., of Altoona, for Congress. The district is composed of the counties of Bedford, Somerset, Cambria and Blair. It is strongly Republican.

In voting for J. T. McCormick and J. H. Holt you vote to add two members to a Legislature that will aid Governor PATTISON in enforcing the constitution, restraining corporations, protecting labor in the payment of its wages, equalizing taxes, suppressing the Pinkerton gang, and establishing the Australian ballot system. For such great objects poll every Democratic vote for the Democratic assemblymen.

Testimonies in Favor of James J. Gramley.

EDITOR OF THE WATCHMAN: We will correct the false statement about Mr. Gramley's being dishonest, which we saw in the *Gazette* last week. He is as honest as any man in Centre county. We know what we say, for he was a neighbor before he moved to Rebersburg, and a better neighbor we would not want. He helped the poor, and if any one was sick he went for the Doctor, and we have seen him let his work lay in the midst of harvest and hitch up his spring wagon and take poor people to a funeral when they could get no one else to do it, not only once but dozens of times. He even went so far as to make a snow plow, and opened the roads for the children to go to school, and if any of the poor people had anything to take to mill he would take it for them. Now, if this does not indicate an honest as well as a kind hearted man we would like to know what does? We can get lots of proof that he never charged a cent for his trouble. Go to Walker township and you can find out that what we say is true. Although stiff Republicans we can't go back on Gramley. He is too good and honest a man to go back on. J. N. HOFFMAN, Rep. W. J. STOVER.

To the Democrats of Centre County.

Whereas Mr. James J. Gramley for fifteen years a resident of this, Walker Township, is a candidate for the office of county Treasurer and the report has been circulated throughout the county that he would not receive the support of this township, the undersigned, Democrats of said Township, would hereby brand said report as a malicious falsehood, and assure the Democrats of the county that he will receive our hearty support for said office and the support of the other Democrats of the township. Mr. Gramley has filled various offices in this township with honor to himself, and we can cheerfully endorse him as being honest, prudent and capable, and his nomination will add strength to the ticket. The party should and must recognize its workers, and cannot afford to pass by the men who have fought its battles and borne the burn of the fight, to give the office to its drones. Mr. Gramley has never hesitated to give both time and money to the support of the ticket, and now when he comes before you as a candidate, we ask you to recognize his claim, feeling assured that the party will never regret its action. B. F. Shaffer, T. E. Nearhood, W. E. Shaffer, U. B. Winkleman, R. F. Emerick, J. B. Crawford, W. H. Beck, George W. Gates, P. A. Emerick, John Privil, S. A. Martin, Wm. Neibart, C. S. Beck, A. A. Fletcher, J. J. Martin, Henry Brown, Michael Corman, David Dunkle, P. S. Fisher, J. H. McCaully, Daniel Leish, J. H. Beck, Adam Venada, John Miller, Jacob Dunkle.

MILESBURG, Oct. 25, 1890.

As the election is drawing nigh, and as James J. Gramley of Miles township formerly of Walker township, with whom we are well acquainted and highly esteem, is a candidate for County Treasurer, we want to express ourselves in his favor. We have known him and have had personal dealings with him for years. We know him to be perfectly honest in his business dealings, and a good neighbor. He is kind to the poor, and if he can do a man a favor, day or night, he will do it himself to do it, especially if it is for the poor or for his neighbors. SOLOMON CONFER, Rep. JOHN A. CONFER, Rep. LEVI WHIPPO, Rep.

No worthier vote can be cast than a vote for W. GALER MORRISON. Every generous sentiment appeals to Democrats to give him their full support.

A vote for PATTISON is a vote for clean politics and better government. Bring out every vote for so good a cause.

The President is said to be growing less inclined to an extra session, and more inclined to a session among the ducks.

Mr. General Grant's sight is very poor, and her maid is writing her book of reminiscences from dictation.

The era of lower prices must have swallowed its tag.—Record.