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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

FOR DELEGATE TO CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.
ELLIS L. ORVIS.
Subject to action of district conference.

Jury Commissioner.—GEORGE BOWER.

Democratic State Convention.

The Democratic State Convention met on Thursday. Owing to our going to press before the announcement of its proceedings we are unable to give in this issue a detailed account of its work, but judging from the spirit of those who had gathered to represent the Democracy in convention, and all the preliminary indications up till Thursday morning, there was every reason to expect the nomination of candidates in whom the party could have the fullest confidence, and the enunciation of a platform which will clearly set forth, without equivocation or misrepresentation, the issues which will be presented for the action and determination of the voters.

There is no occasion for meddling with any other than State issues. The tariff, the currency, and questions of that kind, have no place in a contest in which it is to be decided whether the dishonest management of our State Treasury, which has so long prevailed, shall continue, or whether the administration of the State finances shall be placed in the hands of men who will break up those methods, expose the speculations and embezzlements that have been practiced, and bring the dishonest functionaries to justice.

The question of the Presidency is not up for consideration this year. It will be time enough to consider it next year. The business on hand is to secure an honest management of state affairs by turning the rascals out, and to make such an exposition of their dishonest practices, by an examination of the books and a recadit of the accounts, that they will not be likely to soon get in again to loot the treasury and victimize the tax-payers.

The issues this year are strictly State issues, and we trust that the Democratic platform will keep them down to that level, notwithstanding that the machine bosses will try to confuse the issue by spreading it over such irrelevant questions as the tariff, silver coinage, reciprocity, Blaineism, the old flag and the late rebellion.

Honest government, with an inviolate treasury, is the text this year, and the Democracy in their platform will show their determination to stick to the text, and compel their opponents to meet the issue which that text presents.

Just as we go to press a telegram is received stating that ROBERT E. WAGNER, of Atlantow, had been nominated for Auditor General and A. S. TILDEN, of Erie, for State Treasurer. Both candidates were nominated on the first ballot.

The Convention also endorsed the holding of a Constitutional Convention.

Lynching is always unjustifiable, but the Kentucky negroes have a right to be particularly indignant at the race discrimination in such matters. If a negro commits a murder he is immediately lynched, while in the case of a white murderer the law is allowed to take its course. A negro murderer is no worse than a white one. In fact, if there is any difference the latter is the more culpable, for a greater degree of humanity can be expected of the whites.

A Golden Discovery.

Since Prohibition has proved to be impracticable, it is encouraging to hear that a sure cure for drunkenness has been discovered. As it seems to be impossible to prevent a man from contracting the drinking habit, with all the opportunities and facilities extended to him, it is something to know that after he has besotted himself he may be made a sober man by the use of chloride of gold. This is the new cure discovered by a western physician who has opened a hospital for inebriates and claims that he cures them by his chloride of gold treatment.

There may be something in this claim, but the most that any treatment can do for such a disease is to stand him on his feet and start him in a new path. It is a great deal to accomplish that much, and the physician who finds the best way of doing it will be a benefactor to humanity. Many drugs have been tried in the treatment of the disease, for it is a disease, but whether the right thing has now been found, or whether it will soon be found, it must always be remembered that nothing but the resolution of the patient will ever really restore him. Men are not to be made strong or virtuous by law or chemistry. Prohibition don't prohibit. Cures for inebriety do not cure. Only the will power can be relied upon, but that has often been strangely re-awakened and established in what appeared to be the most hopeless of human wrecks, and every agency to that end will be eagerly and thankfully welcomed.

At the recent McKinley meeting at Niles, O., a fee of 10 cents was exacted from the sapheads who wanted to and were expected to visit the house in which MCKINLEY was born. This was carrying the tariff idea to a pretty great length on a very slim foundation. Possibly it was one of the ways in which campaign funds were to be raised, but if so it did not pan out encouragingly. The dimes were few and far between. Tariff robbery is not catching on at a very lively rate in Ohio this fall.

Rapidly Filling Up.

The stream of foreign immigrants into our country is incessant and growing in dimensions. The report for the month of July shows that in that month this influx, to a large extent undesirable, amounted to 46,091. In addition there was considerable immigration by way of Canada, of which there is no record. The largest number came from Russia, 9,570, chiefly Hebrews. Germany contributed 9,011. It is probable that many of the Jews driven from Russia by the hostile measures of the government, helped to swell the immigration classed as from Germany, Austria and Poland, as these all show a marked increase. In the last seven months the total immigration was 371,398: Italians, 52,813; Germans, 74,966; Great Britain and Ireland, 75,142; Austria-Hungary, 46,203; Russia, 36,037; Poland, 19,403; and there were forty-two thousand Danes, Swedes and Norwegians, four thousand Dutchmen, four thousand from little Switzerland, and only thirty-four hundred from France.

Uncle Sam has a wide domain, but it is a pity that it is being so rapidly filled up with a class of people whose presence could be easily dispensed with.

Post-Master General WANAMAKER throws out the suggestion that the post masters at county seats, all over the country, should visit, at their own expense, the other post offices in their respective counties to examine into the way things are being done. We don't believe that this suggestion will meet with general approbation. The other post masters would not likely be pleased with the county seat post masters nosing around and prying into their business. It is said there is politics in the scheme and that the object is to find out how the postal officials felt towards President HARRISON.

This may be a good year for almost every other production, but it is not going to be a good year for tomatoes. The people of this country use in a year about 3,500,000 cases, or 84,000,000 cases of tomatoes, and about 2,500,000 cases of corn. Of this quantity Maryland produces considerably over one-third. The tomato crop has been ruined in that State by continued wet weather, and very limited preparations have been made for packing. The same is true to a less extent in Virginia and Delaware. The crop of corn for packing is also limited in these States. The export trade in canned goods is far from being satisfactory. France packs tomatoes whole, and sells them in London and Liverpool for less money than they can be produced for in Maryland and laid down in Baltimore.

Gregg Would Prevent Investigation.

The election of General GREGG on a platform made to suit the wishes and designs of QUAY and MAGEE would be a deception practiced upon the people of Pennsylvania. Even if the Republican candidate for Auditor General is personally unobjectionable, his election would nevertheless be a detriment to the State. He would go into office obligated to shield his party, and it is the interest of that party to prevent an exposure of the methods that have prevailed in the Auditor General's office for years, and to hide the rottenness which exists both in that department and in the State Treasury. General GREGG's party allegiance, as well as the influence which the party bosses would have over him, would stand in the way of such investigation.

What the people want is a thorough exposition of the corrupt management by which Bardsley embezzlements and the farming out of the State money have been made possible. With GREGG at the head of the auditing department of the State government this matter would continue to remain a sealed book. With a Democrat in the office, who would have no motive for concealment, everything would be shown up.

The Republican fight is not so much to elect GREGG and MORRISON as it is to retain the old system with all its corruption and plunder. This is the issue before the voters of Pennsylvania, and the selection of the distinguished soldier to head the Republican ticket is similar to the game of the "green goods" men when they deceive their victims by putting a good note on the top of a bundle of worthless ones.

Illustrations in newspapers, which but a few years ago were discontinued to a great extent, have become the rule in many journals. Where there is plenty of space for such pictures they may not be objectionable if they are not caricatures on art, but it is questionable whether they compensate for the amount of reading matter they displace. Many of these illustrations, however, are the merest rubbish and offensive as well to the intelligence as to the artistic taste of those into whose hands they come.

Encouraging Progress.

Appearances in regard to the Chicago World's Fair have so far been anything but encouraging, as there have been but few evidences of earnest and effective work in proportion to the amount of blowing that has been done. The country at large wants the fair to be a success, as it is a matter affecting the national pride and reputation. Therefore some encouragement is gathered from the announcement of the Treasurer that payments on the Chicago subscriptions have been made with gratifying promptitude and that over \$600,000 has been subscribed since the books were closed on the original \$5,000,000. Liberal promises for further subscriptions, it is said, have been made. "If we receive the same hearty co-operation of those interested that has been accorded us during the last year," says the treasurer, "we will be able by the close of the present quarter to demand the aid to which the city is bound. We will then have in our hands \$8,600,000, including the \$600,000 raised by recent subscriptions."

A Great Oversight.

In Cincinnati the tax commissioners have had some remarkable experiences with tax-payers. About 100 men of known wealth have failed to make accurate returns of their personal property subject to taxation and have been called to account for their default. One citizen overlooked an item of \$400,000 of Standard Oil stock; another omitted his Adams Express Company shares to the amount of \$700,000, and in another case 500 shares in the Sarch Trust were concealed. The evasion of taxes through the concealment of personal property has been so common in this country that it has almost ceased to be considered as immoral. But if a "few leading citizens" could be punished for the offense it might come to be regarded by people generally in its true character. Some of the Cincinnati cheaters have been great champions of national honesty, have been fussy about the silver dollar, and talked glibly of the dangerous classes, the Alliance, and trades unions.

The London Standard makes the sensible suggestion that the European countries which are short of wheat and rye enough for bread should substitute corn. They can get enough in the United States to more than supply all deficiency in other grains, and under the spur of hunger it is possible poor people might learn how to cook it and eat it. As the Standard says, it is a wholesome and nutritious food. Properly prepared it is as toothsome as it is wholesome.

Colored Discontent.

The colored Republicans of Indiana are dissatisfied. A number of the most prominent ones held a meeting in Indianapolis some days ago to give expression to their dissatisfaction relative to the treatment they have received from the party leaders. In a mood that was far from being amiable they resolved that the colored men of Indiana had not received such recognition from the President as they were entitled to, and that if there should not be an improvement in this respect there would be a decrease in the Republican vote in 1892. A letter from President HARRISON was read in which he assured his colored constituents that they would be properly cared for, but it must occur to them that he is very slow in giving evidences of his care, since more than half of his term has passed without any recognition of his colored friends. Even their kicking fails to elicit from him anything more than promises. It is the fault of the colored Republicans that they are regarded by their white party leaders in no other light than that of hewers of wood and drawers of water. Their votes have put their party in power and they are entitled to their reward. It is their own fault if they do not exact it.

The hard fate of the farmer's wife is discussed by a writer in *The Forum* who says that even Sunday is not a day of rest for the better half of the average American husbandman. "That she should have a spare hour every day to read never enters her head, and the bare suggestion that on every Sunday she should 'dress up' and devote herself, during the rest of the day, to social intercourse, would cause a stare of incredulity. For be it understood that Sunday for the farmer's wife is a sort of clearance day to adjust the odds and ends of the previous week's cares and labors, to be in readiness for the renewed labors of the coming week." We do not know where the writer in *The Forum* drew his picture of the farmer's wife, but its colors certainly do not suit the wives of average Pennsylvania farmers. Our rural households are not such scenes of endless drudgery as he portrays.

In the recent election for members of Parliament, for the borough of Lewisham, Kent, England, JOHN PENN, a descendant of William PENN, the founder of our State, was a candidate on the Conservative ticket and elected.

Unverified Predictions.

The champions of the McKinley tariff predicted last year that the effect of their measure would be to increase the wages of American workers. There have been far more reductions than increases in wages. They predicted that the law would stop the "flooding of the American market with foreign goods." They now boast that it has not interfered with commerce but that importations have increased under it. Mr. McKinley himself predicted that it would lead at once to the establishment of tin mills in this country sufficient to prevent any increase in price. It is a year since the law was passed, and no tin is made in this country for commercial purposes. The price has advanced more than a dollar a box, and the tax will cost the people in this country \$8,000,000 this year. The only prediction verified is the one which promised a reduction in the cost of sugar as the result of removing the duty. The American people will profit by this object-lesson and make other necessities cheaper by abolishing or reducing the tax upon them.

The Horrible Crime of a Negress.

OKLAHOMA, September 1.—Last evening Mrs. Mary Ryan, who is an invalid, and her little 7-year-old daughter were attacked in a most savage and brutal manner by a negress, Mary Howitt, who occupied a tent in Mrs. Ryan's yard. The negress became enraged at the child and commenced to beat her with a broom. The sick mother got out of bed and attempted to protect her child, when the negress seized a hatchet and attacked Mrs. Ryan, breaking both arms in several places and cutting two deep gashes in her back. The child was a mass of bruises. It is probable that both will die. The negress was arrested and, with difficulty, taken to jail. A large mob surrounded the prisoner and were determined to lynch her, but the prompt arrival of the troops prevented this.

Italian Itch.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Aug. 29.—For a week or more past several of the physicians have had among their patients a number whose chief occupation was scratching. Something resembling army itch seemed to be prevalent, but since it has assumed the form of an epidemic in some quarters it has been styled Italian itch. The disease is said to have been brought here by Italians and along the line of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's Trenton branch it attacked more persons than in any other locality. Money, a frequent medium for the transmitting of disease, is blamed for a great deal of the present condition of affairs; but whether it is entirely responsible or not for all the scratching now indulged in is a mooted question.

Fine job work of ever description at the WATCHMAN Office.

Switzerland owes a great deal to the tourists who visit that land. Last year the Swiss hotels and boarding houses disposed of 62,500 beds that were used by 5,724,000 tourists, who paid over \$71,000,000 for their accommodations.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Thursday, Sept. 17th, will be the day of the grand firemen's parade at Lock Haven and the next day, Friday will be tournament day. Two hundred and seventy-five dollars in prizes have been subscribed for the different events.

Mr. J. H. Fulton, conductor on the Bell's Gap railroad, spent Monday last with friends at Milesburg and Bellefonte. Mr. F. evidently knows a good thing when he sees it, and ordered and paid for the WATCHMAN for a year in advance.

The Beech Creek railroad extension is to be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. Three hundred Italians were unloaded at Murray last week and were put to work on the grading immediately. The work will be completed to Mahaffey this fall.

A new species of insect has made its appearance on the shade trees in this place and neighborhood and is seriously damaging the foliage. It is attracting considerable attention, but it is altogether probable that its visit will not be prolonged beyond the present season.

The first Pennsylvania Cavalry will hold their annual reunion at Emporium, Cameron county, on September 9th and 10th, and great preparations are being made to receive them. Among the distinguished people expected to be present on this occasion are ex-Governors Curtin and Beaver, General Hastings, ex-Lieutenant Governor Stone, and others.

While crossing the railroad bridge over the Juniata river at Tyrone, Friday afternoon, Charles Bryan, aged 16 years, was caught by an out-going coal train and so badly injured that death came almost instantly. He was an industrious young man, and the main support of one who gave him a good home. He was originally from Sandy Ridge, this county.

The Cherry Run saw mill has suspended operation for the present, the timber on McCormick's tract of land having all been cut and manufactured into lumber, and the twenty-five workmen who found employment in the woods and on the mill are idle in consequence. The amount of lumber sawed by this mill during the past two years is four million feet.

Jacob Gray, the Hughesville farmer who was visited by robbers several weeks ago, who took \$465, received that amount from an unexpected source one day last week, and is consequently happy. He at once deposited it in the Hughesville bank, not caring to trust his bank under the carpet any longer. It is not definitely known who the guilty party was, but very strong suspicion is cast upon a nearby neighbor.

James Bigler has been arrested in Altoona on the charge of being the person who has been setting fire to the buildings recently burned in that city. He was caught in the act of setting fire to a stable in the rear of the residence of Mrs. Margaret Cox. It is said that at least three of the recent incendiary fires which have occurred in the past two months were caused by the man under arrest. The officers had been shadowing Bigler for some time.

GREGG POST, No. 95.—Would be glad to have a full attendance of Comrades at regular meeting of Gregg Post on next Monday evening, September 7th, when arrangements will be made for their attendance at Centre Hall. The Patrons of Husbandry have kindly yielded the audience room to the veterans for the day. Good speakers will be on hand. After our meeting on Monday evening, Quartermaster Jones will display his usual hospitality. By order of W. H. TAYLOR, Commander.

JAS. H. RANKIN, Adjutant.

GRAND OPENING AT GRANGE PARK.

On Saturday afternoon and evening, Sept. 12th the ladies of Progress Grange will give a chicken and waffle fete with ice cream, cake and other refreshments. Every person is cordially invited to attend and help swell the proceeds which will be given to the Progress Grange Hall fund.

DR. H. K. HOY AND HIS BRIDE.—A simple though pretty wedding service was solemnized in St. John's Episcopal church, this place, yesterday, Thursday, morning, at 9.30. It was the nuptials that united Dr. Harry K. Hoy and Miss Grace Wobbe.

The groom is one of Bellefonte's most promising young physicians, and his bride is a charming young lady, from New York, who for some time has made her home with Mr. Geo. Brandon and family at the Brockerhoff House. The happy couple are taking a tour through the eastern cities and will return by October 1st. May good fortune and happiness be theirs through life.

A TURNPIKE CONDEMNED.—The committee appointed by the Court to examine the condition of that portion of the Boalsburg and Bellefonte turnpike between Boalsburg and Lemont, and report whether it should be continued as a turnpike, made the following report:

"That in our judgment it is for the best interests of the county of Centre, that about three miles of said turnpike road in Harris and College townships, from Boalsburg to Lemont, be made free of tolls and toll gates, and that therefore we condemn the same for public use, and we further find and report that no damages are due to the said Boalsburg and Bellefonte Turnpike Company."

The road overseers of College township, appealed to court, asking that the report of the committee be quashed. This was refused by the court and in the future this portion of road will be free from tolls and toll gates.

C. T. Rumberger, of Chester Hill, says the Phillipsburg Journal, has struck "oil." For some time past the family were unable to use the water from their well, which is near the house, on account of its disagreeable or nauseating taste. On examination he was surprised to discover the surface of the water covered to the depth of half an inch with a thick black oil resembling crude coal oil. It isn't a hundred barrel well yet, but may possibly turn out to be a "gusher."

SUMMER ABOUT OVER.—Tuesday we entered upon the first day of Autumn. True, we may have—generally do have—a good many days with summer temperature before September closes, but for all that, according to the accepted division of the year into four seasons, they will be autumn days. The summer of 1891 has come and gone to return no more forever, and now we may reasonably anticipate cooler nights, frosty mornings and other autumn incidents.

Time rolls on and carries us with it whether we will or no. What autumn will bring us, who can tell? Let us hope it will not be war, pestilence or famine, but peace, health and prosperity. In order to secure the latter, business men will do well to remember that advertising, next to capital, is the foundation of success, and that one of the best mediums of correspondence between themselves and the public is the WATCHMAN, whose columns are always open for the reception of their advertising favors.

THE GRANGERS' PICNIC EXHIBITION.—To be held in Grange Park, Centre Hall, beginning with Monday, Sept. 14th, and continuing until Saturday, Sept. 19th, is bound to exceed all former efforts. Over 200 tents have so far been engaged for family use, and at least a hundred per cent. more for exhibitor's use than ever known before.

HALF FARE RAILROAD RATES. The Pennsylvania Railroad Co. has been very liberal in its rates, and has consented to sell excursion ticket, to Centre Hall, Sept. 16th, 16th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, valid for return until Sept. 22d, at a single fare for the round trip, and it will run special trains on Sept. 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th, between the picnic grounds and Bellefonte as well as between the picnic grounds and Sunbury. Special trains will be run every few hours so that the immense throng of people can be transported with comfort and satisfaction to all concerned.

VERY BEST OF SPEAKERS. The very best and most intelligent speakers with a national reputation have been engaged for the occasion, and each day matters of importance to farmers and every body else will be ably discussed. These treats alone will be worth a week's sojourn on the place.

GOODS RETURNED FREE. The railroad company will return all goods placed on exhibition during the week free of charge, which is a concession worthy of appreciation.

TWENTY THOUSAND A DAY. From indication at this time the attendance during the week will average at least twenty thousand people a day from all parts of Pennsylvania as well as a liberal representation from adjoining States.

If you have not already engaged your tent either for family or exhibition, don't delay another day.

VETERAN'S DAY. The veterans will camp with us this year and have a special Veterans' Day on Friday, with their own speakers, parade and camp fire in the evening.

THE AUDITORIUM. A large canvas tent will be erected for an auditorium, where public meetings will be held. Daily addresses by eminent speakers. The evening meetings will be given to literary, musical and social entertainments.

GOING INTO CAMP. Many expect to go into camp on Saturday, the 12th of September, when all tents will be in readiness.

For information in reference to tents write to Capt. Geo. M. Boal, Centre Hall, Supt. of Camp. For other information to LEONARD RHONE, General Manager, Centre Hall, Pa.