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STATE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For Governor,
WILLIAM M. SINGERLY,
of Philadelphia.

For Lieutenant Governor,
JOHN S. RILLING,
of Erie.

For Auditor General,
DAVID F. MAGEE,
of Lancaster.

For Secretary of Internal Affairs,
WALTER W. GREENLAND,
of Clarion county.

For Congressman-at-Large,
THOS. COLLINS,
of Centre county.

HENRY MEYER,
of Allegheny county.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For Congress—AARON WILLIAMS,
For State Senator—MATT. SAVAGE.

For President Judge—CALVIN M. BOWER,
For Legislators, (JAMES SCHOFIELD,
ROBERT M. FOSTER.

For Jury Commissioner—JOSEPH J. HOY,
For Associate Judge—THOMAS F. RILEY.

Last Words to Our Voters.

It seems almost a work of super-erogation to tell the Democrats of Centre county their duty, for they have all given such manifest evidence of their knowledge of it so many times in past campaigns, yet we cannot leave this last opportunity, that we will have before the election, slip by without calling your attention to a few matters that are worthy the consideration of every earnest Democrat.

This is not a national campaign, but as the Republican party has seen fit to desert their State platform and make a fight on the tariff, when it has nothing whatever to do with the election next Tuesday, we must meet them on that issue. There is but one way to do it.

You voted for a reform in 1892 and gave CLEVELAND a majority of 925 in the county. Re-affirm your faith in the principles of Democracy and give just as large a majority for the ticket next Tuesday.

Don't trade on any of the candidates. This is a scheme which the Republicans have always tried to work in Centre county with the hope that by splitting up the Democratic vote in a systematic way they might gain one or more offices. The county organization is working strictly for the whole ticket and every Democrat should help by voting for the whole ticket. If Republicans offer to trade a vote for one of their candidates for Legislature, don't trade. They are going to make every effort to elect WOMELDORFF and have left CURTIN drop. They say he is not popular, and will offer to vote for either one of the Democratic nominees if you will vote for WOMELDORFF, but don't do it. There are enough Democrats in Centre county to elect the entire ticket by a handsome majority if you all vote straight, therefore stick to your colors help the good work along. Above all things don't believe any Republican stories that Democrats in other parts of the county are going to out your friend if you have an especial one on the ticket. This is a dodge they have begun working, within the last week, with the hope of creating disaffection in our lines. To be very frank with you a careful canvass of every district in the county leads us to the belief that there will be an unusually large vote polled on Tuesday and this means a brilliant Democratic victory.

Complimentary voting is a thing which Democrats should be very wary of. Its dangers are many, notwithstanding it might seem like a very harmless thing for you to cast just one vote for some other candidate than your own. In the first place nine complimentary in each one of the fifty-two precincts in the county will defeat any candidate on our ticket. Then when you are marking your ballot there is a great danger of doing it wrong, thus losing your whole vote.

Complimentary Voting Is Dangerous. Don't cast any complimentary. Though the Republicans tell you that they don't hope to win, a very few votes will change the result and it will be too late to see the mistake you will have made when the polls are closed. Democrats you have everything to lose and nothing to gain by doing this, so don't do it.

The man has not yet been born whom some one does not dislike. Now if you have a little grudge against one of the Democratic candidates forget all about it. They are all good men, yet like the rest of mortals, have their faults, but it is not the way to correct them, by not voting for them. Every nominee of the Democratic party is a man well fitted for the office to which he aspires, else he would not be in the position to ask your suffrage next week. So forget personal matters and remember that you are Democrats. Remember that it is your party principles that are being attacked. This is the point along which the Republicans have made their special line of campaign. They know the character of the men on our ticket, from top to bottom, is unassailable, so they have talked tariff when it has nothing to do with the question. If you have any personal feeling against any of the candidates remember that the Republicans have opened an excellent way for you to forget it. They are fighting you on the tariff. Fight them back on the same issue by voting the ticket straight. That is the only way to do it.

The tendency that manifests itself sometimes among voters and keeps them away from the polls until near the hour of closing has cost us many votes in this county. Don't put off voting. Go to the polls early and get through with your voting; then you can turn in and help hunt up others who may delay or have no way of getting out. Every Democrat should constitute himself a committee of one to see that the vote gets out. If your neighbor is a Democrat take him to the polls with you and if you know of any who are disinclined to vote go after them, showing them the needfulness of every vote and make the extremity so plain to them that they will accompany you to the election place.

As a last word let us remind you that Centre is a Democratic county, that we have an opportunity of electing a Judge to preside over our courts for the next ten years and that every Democrat is expected to do his duty. Make yourself personally responsible for the vote in your locality and if you will do this much for the party you love we are sure that when the WATCHMAN comes to you next week it will chronicle a victory such as Centre county Democracy has never rejoiced over.

—Don't cast any complimentary votes.

A Matter of Importance to You. The Dauphin county courts decided on Tuesday that MATT SAVAGE has a right to have his name printed on the ballots in this district though it cannot appear in the regular Democratic column. He is the regular Democratic nominee for the State Senate of the majority counties in the district, Centre and Clearfield, and has been cheated out of his regular place by a Republican court that wants to see a QUAY's tool elected to represent this district. It is time for Democrats to rise up against this scheme to send a Republican like McQUOWN to the Senate. It is time to let such fellows as CALDWELL understand that they cannot foist themselves on people who do not want them. It is time to show Republican courts that majorities will rule even if partisan judges have declared that the convention that nominated SAVAGE was illegal, though it was made up of the majority of the counties in the district.

What we want to do is to elect SAVAGE. He is the cat's paw of no ring; he is a man whose friendship for the farmers has been proven by his great work for them as a granger; he is the friend of the poor man because he is a poor man himself, and greatest of them all he has befriended the old soldiers by acting as a pension agent for them for years. He has procured many pensions for deserving veterans and what's best never charged them a cent for his service. Now this is the kind of a man you are to vote for and to do it you will only need to mark two crosses on your ticket. One in the circle at the top of the Democratic column and another in the circle at the top of the column headed "citizens." SAVAGE's name will be the only one in the column and as we have no name for Senator in the regular Democratic column, a cross in the circle at the top of the two columns will vote a straight ticket, SAVAGE included. Remember the heading of his column is "citizens." Don't make a mistake and put your mark in the column headed "Independent Democrat" for then you would be voting for CALDWELL, which no good Democrat will do. We can elect SAVAGE if you only take the trouble to vote for him. If this is not altogether clear to you ask your neighbor to explain it or ask one of the watchers how you are to do when you come to vote.

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Vigorous Action Against Republican Fraud.

One of the most encouraging features of the campaign is the vigor and determination with which the Democratic managers in Philadelphia have taken hold of the registry frauds. They have produced such convincing proof that thousands of false names had been put on the lists for the purpose of swelling the Republican vote, that the astute lawyers employed by the combine to defend the fraud in court broke down in their case, and were powerless to prevent thousands of bogus names from being struck off the lists. In one voting division no less than 500 fraudulent entries were knocked off. It was a case in which the thief was not only arrested, but he was caught in possession of the stolen goods.

The unearthing of these frauds shows that the rascality was particularly rampant in the Third Congress district where the Republican conspirators in the interest of the McKINLEYISM, are particularly determined to defeat the only Democratic congressional candidate that has a chance of being elected in the city. The exhibits of the lists of voters from this district in court presented a mass of fraudulent names. A pretty object lesson was presented in the arrest of colored Assessor JOHN BRISCOE, of this district, who failed to respond to the summons to appear in court and answer for his official misconduct. He resisted arrest with the ferocity of a bull dog, grasping hold of lamp and awning posts as he was dragged along the pavement by the officer who was forced to level his revolver at a crowd of colored Republicans that attempted a rescue. The BRISCOE incident served to illustrate the methods by which "Protection to American Industry" is being maintained by Republican ringsters, and his arrest was a "calamity" over which HASTINGS may have occasion to howl. BRISCOE will serve time in the penitentiary along with other official and unofficial Republicans involved in this rascally registration.

This vigorous Democratic action in Philadelphia is a great encouragement to the country Democrats. They can be assured that Republican fraud in the city will be reduced to a minimum. They can exert themselves to get out their full vote without the fear that it will be overwhelmed by a fraudulent avalanche in Philadelphia.

Here He Is,

Vote For Him.

The Labor Interest That Is a State Issue.

The strong friendship which the workmen of New York State entertain for Senator HILL is one of the best guarantees of his election as Governor. They entertain this friendship for a very good reason, for during his two gubernatorial terms he signed sixty separate and distinct labor measures intended for the benefit of working people, many of which he suggested and urged in his messages. In this respect he surpassed the record of any other State executive in this country. There is no doubt that Governor PATTERSON, of this State, would have been glad to sign an equal number of bills in the interest of working people, but the Republican Legislatures by which he was hampered were careful not to give him a chance.

The Republican candidate for Governor does not consider the question of labor bills an issue in this campaign. He ignores the necessity of legislation that will shield the employee against the robbery practiced in the "pluck-me" store, and facilitated by wage payment at long intervals. He is silent on the subject, giving the working people no encouragement to hope that he would use his executive influence against such bastard labor bills, passed by Republican Legislatures in regard to "pluck-me" stores and semi-monthly wage payment, which permit extortionate employers to effect such robbery of their employees as easily as if they had never been passed.

Who can have any doubt as to what Governor SINGERLY would have to say, and to the extent of his executive powers on that subject?

Intended Fraud in Philadelphia.

The preparations for fraudulent voting in Philadelphia, through the means of registration padded by Republican Assessors, are discovered to be of the most astounding magnitude. There is always more or less of this done in that city by the dominant party, but this year that form of political rascality has been attempted with such reckless and wholesale intention of fraud as to be almost beyond belief if there was not positive evidence of it.

This intended political crime has been unearthed by those who are managing the Democratic campaign in that city. The registration of voters in a number of the worst wards has been overhauled and at least twenty-five per cent of the names are found to be bogus. The Republican assessors deliberately put them on the lists with the object of their being used by repeaters and false personators on the day of the election. Dives, grog-shops, and negro rookeries are represented in the registration as furnishing as many as from thirty to fifty voters each, although but few of them could accommodate a dozen inmates. One of them, on the corner of a street, appears on the registration as furnishing seventeen votes from each entrance, which, if the law does not interfere, will enable thirty-four repeaters and personators to cast that many fraudulent votes for "protection to American industry."

This falsification of the registry appears to be so extensive that it is estimated that at least 50,000 bogus names have been placed on the registry lists by the Republican assessors. Some idea of the extent of this villainy may be formed by comparing this year's registration of Philadelphia with that of New York. The registration of the latter city is 255,000 to a population of 1,515,301, while that of Philadelphia is 285,000 to a population of 1,046,964; or 20,000 more names on the registry of voters than in a city that has 500,000 more inhabitants. Yet the corrupt and hypocritical rascals who control the politics of Philadelphia complain of the political turpitude of TAMMANY.

But this intended wholesale fraud is not going to be left take its course unchecked. The trail of villainy has been traced through every fraud-tainted registry, and the false names have been exposed to the light of day. If there is any honesty left in Philadelphia Republicanism it has been invoked to take cognizance of this terrible conspiracy against the purity of the ballot. The law and the courts have also been called upon to interfere, and their utmost power will be employed to secure a fair election in Philadelphia.

If this intended crime should be successful, which is scarcely possible, then could it be said that in that city political corruption has become established beyond correction. But Philadelphia will be saved from that dishonor. The determined Democrats, who have this fraud by the throat, will strangle it before it can produce its corrupt fruit at the ballot box in the shape of an overwhelming Republican majority.

Will The Republicans Have a Majority?

Governor PATTERSON, in addressing one of the largest and most enthusiastic political meetings ever held in Johnstown, treated with merited contempt the claim of HASTINGS' supporters that they are going to carry the State by 200,000 majority.

Upon his alluding to this preposterous bluff of the Republican braggers a shout arose from his audience: "They are not going to have any majority."

Indeed it begins to look as if this is going to be the case. The way the campaign is tending no one need be surprised if it shall terminate as predicted by the enthusiastic Democrats of the town which HASTINGS is most indifferently alleged to be the hero of.

It is now for the Democrats themselves to determine whether HASTINGS shall have a majority or not. The whole thing depends upon their bringing out their full force. The lie that the Democratic tariff destroyed business has been disproved by the visibly beneficial effects of that tariff. The return of business prosperity has nailed that falsehood. Those who were fooled by it a year ago will now naturally be inclined to go the other way. Thousands of them will go the other way, and if to this reflux is superadded a full and solid Democratic vote, what should prevent the Republican majority from being not merely reduced, but entirely obliterated?

Democrats with such a spirit of determination actuating the party that every one of you who is not actually on a bed of sickness will be at the polls, the declaration of the Johnstown Democrats that HASTINGS will not have a majority will be verified.

Semi-Monthly Wage Payment.

The law that requires the semi-monthly payment of wages by mining and manufacturing corporations is virtually a dead letter, as it is not observed in one case out of ten. The object of the law is to insure money payments to the wage-earners, at short intervals, and thus protect them from the necessity of resorting to the company stores for goods on credit. But the semi-monthly payments are not made, the company stores continue their extortionate business, and the employees must submit to being plucked.

Why is not the law enforced? It is a plain mandatory enactment and there should be no difficulty in putting it into effect. Is it allowed to be inoperative because the employees are ignorant of its provisions? This is hardly possible, but it is more likely that they are deterred by the fear of being discharged if they should assert their rights.

The company store system is nothing but a plan to swindle the working men out of a certain percentage of their dues, and as they are afraid or unable to make a stand against it, the Philadelphia Record suggests that it would be a judicious amendment of the law intended to secure the semi-monthly payment of wages and the abolition of the "pluck-me stores," if it should be made the duty of the Factory Inspector and his assistants to see that its provisions are enforced. Surely it is high time that the evils involved in the system of store credit and payment of wages should be corrected, and that an example should be made of some of the companies and individual employers who practice this extortion upon workmen in defiance of the law.

In this connection it is proper to say that WILLIAM M. SINGERLY's paper, the Philadelphia Record, which makes the above suggestion, has repeatedly urged the enforcement of the law requiring the semi-monthly payment of wages, and it has done this long before its distinguished editor was nominated for a State office. His advocacy of so just a measure has emanated from that sense of fairness which has always characterized his attitude toward the working people, and which will make him the staunch friend of the workingman if he should be elected Governor.

To vote the Democratic Ticket straight and also to vote for Savage, our nominee for State Senator, put a cross mark in the circles at the top of the 2nd and 8th columns as they will appear on the Centre county ballot.

Hastings and Religious Intolerance.

What is to be inferred from HASTINGS shirking the question whether he is or is not in favor of religious persecution? What interpretation is to be put upon his silence when asked the question whether he is for or against the introduction of sectarianism into politics?

WILLIAM M. SINGERLY did not hesitate a minute in giving his answer to the interrogatories of the bigoted and intolerant A. P. A. There was no uncertainty of terms in his expression of opposition to making religion a political test, or the intrusion of sectarianism into public affairs.

HASTINGS maintains absolute silence on the issues raised by the A. P. A. He dodges them, as he also dodges the vital issues of State administration. It is not unreasonable to infer that he has an understanding with the dark lantern organization. They understand his reticence, and appreciate the political necessity that requires his not offending a large religious denomination by openly avowing his attachment to the new form of Know Nothingism.

Compare the conduct of the two candidates in this matter—the open frankness of the one, and the cowardly silence of the other—and then judge to which of them the people of a great State can most safely trust their confidence.

Trying to Buy Democrats to Stay-at-Home.

No Democrat who does not want to be charged with being bought can afford to stay away from the election on Tuesday next. The Republicans are boasting that they intend to buy enough of Democrats to stay-at-home to give them the county. They have tried this out in Benner township already, but so far have met with poor success. They have their agents in every township in the county, and the man who stays at home, whether paid to do so or not, will be suspected of taking Republican money to allow his party to be defeated. No Democrat can afford this. Every Democrat should show his contempt for such practices by going to the polls early.

Are We to Have a Democratic Judge?

It has been well and truthfully said that the "judiciary should be beyond reproach" and to this end we invite the attention of the voters of the 49th Judicial district to a comparison of the two men who represent the leading factions in the contest that is to have its consummation in the election on next Tuesday. Politics should not enter into a judicial campaign, nor should people let party ties bind them to the support of any man who is not in every way qualified to fill the exalted office of President Judge. The man who is to pass on our lives and our liberty should be thoroughly studied before we vote for him. The position he aspires to fill is too grave an one to give before his merits, his character and his temperament have been carefully studied.

To the Democrats this question is already answered. C. M. BOWER has their endorsement because he has every requirement desired, while to the Republicans the situation is indeed a serious one. The man who through intriguing henchmen succeeded in having his name placed on their ticket and who gained the endorsement of Centre county only after a fight the fifth of which alone should bury him under an overwhelming defeat is not the proper person to be elected to the high office of Judge. His backers have resorted to every disreputable means known to political tricksters to pull him along this far in the contest, and we sincerely hope that the better judgment of the voters of the district will be recorded against him on Tuesday.

Do we want a Judge who has dragged the church, under whose garb he hides, into the campaign? Do we want a Judge who allowed whiskey and money to be used to procure the endorsement of this county? Do we want a Judge who is so vindictive and so partisan minded that if elected will possibly carry his malice with him to meet out vengeance instead of justice on the bench? We leave these questions for each of you to answer for yourself and turn to Mr. BOWER.

He is a man against whose qualifications not a single charge can be brought. He has kept aloof always from anything that might compromise the good name he cherishes, and his record for fairness in all matters stands the best recommendation we can give him for the office of President Judge of the 49th district.

WHO OUR CANDIDATE IS.

Calvin M. Bower was born in Haines township, Centre county, April 20, 1849. His father Jacob Bower, was a prosperous and well-to-do farmer, living near the village of Woodward. He spent the early years of his life as a farmer's boy, working on the farm during the summer and attending the public schools during the winter months. In the fall of 1866 he entered the Aaronburg academy to prepare for college, and for several years following pursued a course of study there, in the winter months, being employed on the farm during the summer. In August, 1870, he entered Central Pennsylvania College at New Berlin. He remained at college until October, 1871, when he came to Bellefonte to begin the study of the law. He entered the law office of Orvis & Alexander, then one of the foremost law firms in Central Pennsylvania. Here he pursued his studies with the same earnestness that characterized his school work, and on December 3, 1873, he was admitted to the bar of Centre county.

Immediately upon his admission to the bar he was offered, and accepted, an interest in the law firm with whom he had been reading, and on January 1, 1874, he became a member of the firm Orvis, Alexander & Bower. When Judge Orvis, the senior member of the firm, was appointed to the bench, the remaining members of the firm continued the practice under the firm name of Alexander & Bower. This partnership continued for a period of 11 years, during which time they engaged in most of the important cases tried in this county. Mr. Bower was recognized as a careful and conscientious lawyer, and soon attained an influential position at the bar. He early acquired a large practice in the orphans' court and was looked upon as especially strong in this class of cases. The firm having a large general practice, he also took an active part in the trial of cases and soon became one of the leading lawyers in the county. One of the strongest evidences of Mr. Bower's ability as a lawyer is the fact that when Judge Orvis retired from the bench he chose him as his law partner. The firm of Orvis, Bower & Orvis, consisting of Judge Orvis, Mr. Bower and Judge Orvis' son, Ellis L. Orvis, was organized January 1, 1885. This firm at once came into prominence, and was soon recognized as one of the leading law firms of Pennsylvania. Mr. Bower took an active and prominent part in their practice, and his success has placed him prominently among the leading attorneys of the State. During the last 10 or 12 years he was concerned in the trial of many of the important ejection cases tried in Centre county and he is recognized as a well equipped lawyer in this important branch of the law. The supreme court reports for years attest his prominence at the bar and show that he frequently appeared before that tribunal in the leading cases from the courts to which his practice extended.

Mr. Bower is an active and promi-