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## The Democratic State Ticket,

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of Jefferson.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,  
WILLIAM H. SOWDEN,  
of Lehigh.

FOR SECRETARY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS,  
PATRICK DELACEY, of Lackawanna.

FOR SUPERIOR JUDGE,  
CALVIN M. BOWER, of Centre.

FOR CONGRESSMAN-AT-LARGE,  
J. M. WELLS, of Carbon.

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## Spurn the Trade.

Information, which we have every reason to consider of a most reliable character, has reached this office, to the effect that in order to keep Congressman ARNOLD's vote up to the balance of the Republican ticket, a trade in his favor is to be offered Democrats. In Bellefonte, Milesburg, State College, Spring Mills, Howard, Phillipsburg and Snow Shoe, particularly, and at every other point where dissatisfaction exists on account of post office appointments, friends of Mr. ARNOLD will seek personal friends among the Democrats and propose that in return for a vote for Mr. ARNOLD they will vote for some one on the Democratic ticket.

Ten days ago a former resident of Bald Eagle valley, (but now living in Clearfield,) who is under obligations to Congressman ARNOLD, visited a number of points along the northern side of the county instructing the post masters at each place how to get in their work in the way indicated, and looking up Democrats who were willing to join in such a movement. What success he met with, is of course unknown, for work of this kind has to be done very sneakily and quietly for fear of the reaction that is sure to follow an exposure of such acts.

There are always some voters who are specially interested in the success of some one candidate upon the ticket. It is to this class of voters that this treasonable proposition is to be made, and it is to this class of voters that the WATCHMAN appeals at this time.

Mr. ARNOLD is defeated now, and badly defeated if Democrats but do their duty. There is neither reason nor excuse for any trade. Every Democrat on the ticket, either district or county, will be elected if the Democratic vote is cast straight. The candidate, or the friends of any candidate, who will encourage any trading, or who will betray any part of the ticket, for his own individual benefit deserves the defeat and contempt that is seen to follow such an effort.

As Mr. ARNOLD has shown a willingness to sell out the rest of the Republican ticket for his own individual advantage, we leave it to the other men upon that ticket to determine how far that effort shall go, and how much of their sympathy and support he deserves.

We appeal to all Democrats to spurn any proposition to trade. Vote the straight ticket, and there will be one of the grandest Democratic victories to rejoice over that has ever encouraged the hearts of those struggling for good government and deserving nominees.

## Fleeing the Tax-Payers of the County.

We can scarcely understand why it is that as soon as a Republican assumes charge of any public position in which he has the management or control of finances, belonging to the people, he becomes reckless, improvident and careless as to the interests of those he was chosen to serve. We don't know why this should be so, but that it is, is one of the facts that no one can dispute. As individuals they may be entirely honest, and in their own matters be as close as the closest, but just as soon as a little authority is given them, or a little power to handle the taxes paid by other people is conferred upon them, they have no more regard for economy, or for the interests of the people, than if money grew on trees and the tax-payers delighted in being fleeced.

An instance showing the truth of this statement is furnished by the Republican county commissioners in the printing of the election tickets that will be used next Tuesday. For these, Messrs. RIDGLEY and FISHER are paying just seventy-four dollars more, of the tax-payer's money, than was necessary. When this work was to be done the two Republican papers in this town, entered into competition for the work. The *Gazette*, which appears to be the organ of the commissioners, agreed to do the job for \$200; the *Republican*, with equal facilities, and agreeing to furnish a bond that the work would be properly and promptly done, bid \$126.00. In place of accepting the lowest bid and saving to the tax-payers the difference, the commissioners, without excuse or hesitancy, awarded the work to the *Gazette* and will pay it seventy-four dollars MORE for the job than an equally reliable Republican office offered to do it for.

This is but one of many little jobs of the same kind that has helped to run the county expenditure up to the figures they are now at, since the present Republican board took charge of the commissioner's office. If the tax-payers approve this kind of work; if they enjoy being fleeced in this kind of a way, they know how to show their appreciation of it.

## Jim Hall Doesn't Want to Shake It.

In its blundering frenzy to bolster up the lost cause of Congressman ARNOLD the *Ridgley Advocate* acknowledges that its candidate is an office huxterer. It says:

"Jim Hall couldn't 'shake the plum tree' even if he were elected in this district. He is a Democrat and the administration is Republican. Hon. W. C. ARNOLD is the man who can 'shake the plum tree' in this district, and if you did not get your plum, 'whoop'er up' for the party and try again. There are still blossoms and plums on the tree yet. Get into the band wagon."

No, JIM HALL can't 'shake the plum tree,' nor would he do it if he could. He is not the kind of a man who asks people to vote for him because he is a party to such criminal outrages as 'shaking the plum tree.' ARNOLD may buy votes on the strength of his ability to shake the tree, but if he can shake it so well why doesn't he settle the Bellefonte post office fight. His men delivered the goods here. Why don't he do his share?

## Chances for a Big Victory.

In thirty-five years the Republicans of this county have not been so badly broken up, divided and discouraged as they are at this time. The bitter factional fights raging in their state politics, the disappointments that the distribution of patronage created, the dictatorial manner in which the party management has been conducted by its new bosses, and the refusal of its legislative nominees to pledge themselves either for or against the re-election of Senator QUAY, has brought political chaos to the party and threatens it with almost complete annihilation in the county, if Democracy only has the spirit and determination to take advantage of the situation.

In addition to the scores and scores of honest and disgusted Republicans who intend voting for the Democratic state and congressional candidates, there is, in every district in the county, prominent Republican workers actively interested in the success of one or more of the Democratic county nominees. In fact there is not an election precinct within the county that is not more or less affected by the general demoralization that exists among the Republicans, and all that is needed is active and well directed work on the part of the Democrats to insure the most glorious victory that has crowned their efforts for years.

A victory cannot be won, however, without work, but then when victory is so certain, when those in opposition are so hopelessly divided and discouraged and when our own people are so united, we ought to do all the work that is necessary to win overwhelmingly.

Democrats, just think of what the situation would be if conditions were reversed. If we were broken, divided and wrangling as the Republicans are, every mother's son of them would be up and at work. The doubtful voters would be seen; those slow about coming out would be arranged with to be at the polls early or be brought out before noon; every voter away from home would be communicated with and induced to be here on election day. In fact, not a stone would be left unturned, by them, to give us such a political wallowing as we have not had for years.

Let us do just as they would if conditions were different. Every opportunity is offered us to put the county back where it properly belongs in the Democratic column by hundreds of a majority. Every indication places it in our own hands to have just such a result as we deserve.

Shall we take advantage of the situation? It is for you, Democrats, to say.

## Get out the vote and you'll be surprised at the majority, Democrats.

Another Illustration of Republican Prosperity—Miners Wages to be Reduced.

It is approaching winter and the expense of coal and clothes will be added to the necessities that the laboring man is compelled to purchase out of his scant wages. But whether winter or summer the kind of prosperity that Republican rule is giving us goes marching on, and will not stop, even though it be but a few days until the election.

Only last Saturday Scotia ore mines in the upper end of this county closed down, throwing out of employment over eighty workmen.

On Monday the operators of the Baltic mines at Osceola notified their men that they would be compelled to reduce the rates for mining five cents a ton. This, Friday morning, as the WATCHMAN goes out to its readers, a meeting of the miners of that section is being held at the Beech Creek Y, to determine if this reduction shall be accepted or if they will resist the effort and resort to a strike. A reduction means fewer clothes, less to eat and greater misery among the thousands of men now employed in mining, throughout the Clearfield region, for if the rates go down to one mine they will go down at all. God knows there is enough of want and distress and misery among these workmen now, without adding to it, by reducing the pitance now paid for their labor.

To resist reduction means a strike and the suffering and want and destitution that follows. And yet these are the outlooks for the near future of which so much was promised prior to the last election, if these workmen would vote the Republican ticket.

They accepted Republican promises. They voted the Republican tickets. They are tasting now of the bitterness of the deception that was practiced upon them and experiencing the hollowness of the hopes that were held out to them.

Will they still be deceived or will present conditions open their eyes to the fact that Republican prosperity means prosperity only for the MARK HANNAS, the great corporations and Republican jobbers of the country, while to the working man it brings nothing but less labor, lower wages and the misery and distress that comes with unavoidable and overwhelming poverty.

Under any and all circumstances see that every Democratic vote is polled.

What Democrat is there in the county who cannot insure the polling of one doubtful or Republican vote for the Democratic ticket? Think of what the result would be if each Democratic voter would undertake to accomplish this. Imagine what a majority old Centre would roll up for honest government and state reform. It won't cost anything to try it Democrats, and it is worth the effort just for the sake of knowing what you can do.

Pick your man and land his vote straight.

## Arnold Resorting to False Affidavits.

Read the Facts and Learn How Unprincipled a Candidate Must be who will Induce Men to Swear to a Lie to Aid Him.

In the Republican papers of the district this week will be found an affidavit by a fellow named TURNER, charging J. K. P. HALL, the Democratic candidate for Congress, with the arrest and imprisonment of his miners during the strike of 1894. That there was a strike is correct; that a lot of miners were arrested and imprisoned is also correct, but the impression, that is attempted to be made, that these men were employees of J. K. P. HALL or of HALL & KAUL and that TURNER who makes the affidavit was one of them is as false as false can be.

TURNER never worked a day for either HALL or any firm with which he is connected, nor was one of the employees of HALL, or of HALL & KAUL, arrested or imprisoned or discharged during the strike of 1894.

They quit work during that strike, not in consequence of any grievance they had to complain of, but at the solicitation of the miners from adjoining counties who had cause to complain. On the part of the employees of HALL and HALL & KAUL, it was purely a sympathy strike and no trouble whatever occurred between them and their employers.

The facts are as follows: "On April 20th, 1894, at the time of the general strike throughout the soft coal region, their men without giving any notice, or making any demands whatever, stopped work, and did not return until the early part of July.

During these three months they never made a demand, but said, when pressed for a reason, that they had no grievances, but went out because the other miners had."

On June 1st, following the time the miners quit work, the firm had about two miles from one of their openings, a large pile of slack which had lain there for about twenty years. As this would have been valueless at any other time than when there was a great scarcity of coal they concluded to load it up, and to do this they started a crew of men, who were working at grading their railroad, to load it on June 3rd. As soon as it became known that the slack was being loaded a number of deputies from the county (Jefferson) marched in a body to the place where this work was being done and by threats and intimidations drove the men from their work. Immediately thereafter the proper authorities were applied to to protect the outsiders, and the sheriff of the county with a number of deputies went to the place on June 3rd. On June 4th, upon receiving the loading of the slack, fully one thousand men marched from Jefferson county, being the same persons who had been there previously, and were told by the sheriff that they could not interfere with the men working, and when they continued to do so, a number of them were arrested, but were afterwards released without any penalty, at the instance of J. K. P. HALL and HALL & KAUL; not one of whom, however, were employed by them, but were all from another county and employed by other companies. Their men were not allowed to return to work until about a month later than this, notwithstanding the company agreed to give them an advance, and they expressed themselves as being satisfied to return to work had they been allowed to do so.

Since then there have been two strikes among the miners in that region, and their men have continued to work, knowing that the company had and would treat them with the utmost consideration and pay them as high wages as the price of coal would admit of; and they have never put any more men in the mines than they had employment for, which is proven by the fact that the average number of days worked by all of the men in 1896, was two hundred and seventy-nine, and in 1897, two hundred and eighty-one days. In addition, they have advanced the wages twice in the last four years without solicitation upon the part of the miners. This, too, when the tendency has been to decrease wages among their competitors.

As to the statement in regard to the men being sent to the penitentiary:— There were seven men employed by another company, who, in June, set fire to and destroyed a tippie at one of the mines of HALL and KAUL; they bored holes in chunks of wood and filled them with powder; took car wheels and filled them with powder and put them under the miners' houses and set them off, doing much damage. Upon being arrested some five months later, they PLEADED GUILTY to the charges brought against them and were sentenced by the court to different terms of imprisonment, the same as any other malefactor would have received."

These are the facts and from them the unbiased reader will thoroughly understand all the basis there is for the lying affidavit that is being circulated, and for the signing and swearing to of which, TURNER is to be taken care of by ARNOLD.

## Won't Say What They Will Do.

This is the last week before the election and up to this time no voter has been assured, by either JOHN A. DALEY or ELI TOWNSEND as to whom he shall vote for for United States Senate, if elected, or how he will cast his ballot on the hundreds of steals that the boss henchmen will introduce. Both Messrs. FOSTER and WETZEL have publicly pledged themselves on these questions. They have declared that under no circumstances will they vote to return QUAY to the United States Senate, and they have just as publicly and as positively pledged their votes against every thieving measure that may be presented.

The voters of the county know exactly where the Democratic candidates stand on every important question that will be before the Legislature. They do not know where DALEY or TOWNSEND will be on anything.

Which of these candidates then deserve the support of the honest people of the county? It should not be hard to decide.

Democrats, don't vote for SWALLOW. Thousands of honest, hopeful Republicans are going to help elect Mr. JENKS, but their co-operation will be fruitless if you throw your votes away on a nominee who has no chance of election.

## The Bard of the Conogoguinet Takes Up His Pen for Jenks.

The Spanish will not settle up  
With our Commissioner Day;  
The Colonel says they never will  
If the people down boss Quay.

They think they own our army  
The red, the white, the blue;  
And dear old Bill McKinley  
And Santiago too.

Stone talks of Grant and Lincoln  
Good men we all will say;  
But they would be no company  
For Penrose, Stone and Quay.

They would get too infernal lonesome  
With men that's fair and true;  
That traveling combination  
Would not know what to do.

You had better stop your hollow talk  
About the administration;  
The people's verdict you will hear  
Both in the State and Nation.

Old boss your time has come to go  
Your end we plainly see;  
Your speculation here must stop  
For we'll own the old plum tree.

Election Jenks is at his post  
And John Wanamaker too;  
Turn on more light their patrons cry  
For all you say is true.

Dear parson, let them kick and squirm  
Your dose they're ready to swallow;  
Colonel, don't you hear the preacher sing?  
And yet there are more to follow.

So, by Jenks, we'll save the State  
Thousands for public schools;  
And equalize the taxes  
For Jenks is no man's tool.

Get Out the Vote.

If the Democratic vote of the county is polled next Tuesday the majority for the state and county ticket will be much larger than is generally supposed. As Democrats we never had a better opportunity of winning a most signal and glorious victory.

Hundreds of honest Republicans stand ready to help us. They want us to be in earnest ourselves and see that every Democratic vote is polled in order that they can make their protest against bossism and machine politics more effective. It is to you, Democrats of the county, that the party must look to have this work done. You are not asked for any money to help bear the expense of the campaign. That is contributed by the candidates and by men who have the good of the country at heart. You are equally interested, however, with them in the result. You want honest representation, fit officials and good government. Can't you give one day in the year to accomplish this? That is all that is asked of you, and if Democratic success is worth anything it ought to be worth that much of your time.

Many of you have teams. Get them out on election day and haul your neighbors, who have none, to the polls. It costs you nothing in money and it is worth much in votes. It shows that you are in earnest. It proves that you have faith in the cause. It is the sure and only way to win. Get out every Democratic vote.

Get out the vote and every man on your ticket will be elected, Democrats.

Congressman ARNOLD found he was still in the political frost belt when he struck a Bellefonte audience last night.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

It required two extra telegraph operators in the Bellefonte office Saturday night, owing to the great quantity of special telegrams that had to be sent to different newspapers of the State on the Jenks meeting.

MORE RAIL-ROAD SPECULATION.—The latest agitation rumor that has been sprung in railroad circles was published by the *Lock Haven Democrat* on Wednesday. It reads as follows:

"The corps of nineteen engineers have reached Westport, and, instead of going up Kettle creek, have followed the river. One gang is now at Westport and the other is at a point opposite North Bend on the south side of the river. This course indicates that the line which they are running from Clearfield will not be a connection for the Goodyear road at Cross Forks, but is destined for another road. It is now rumored that the survey is being made for the Lehigh Valley railroad, and that possibly it might be intended for the road that is to run through Sugar valley from Washington Gap or at some point near Mill Hill. The engineers are dumb as oysters when questions are put to them as to their ultimate destination."

Now don't get to thinking that this means the end of the Bellefonte and Clearfield line.

DIED FROM HIS INJURIES.—Wesley Henney, superintendent of the water works in course of construction at Centre Hall, fell into the reservoir on last Thursday and sustained injuries from which he died on Saturday.

Deceased was a highly respected citizen and is survived by a widow and one son. He was 45 years old. Funeral services were held on Wednesday.

STATE VS BUCKNELL.—On Saturday next the State College and Bucknell football teams will meet at Athletic Park, Williamsport, Pa., for their annual contest and a close, fierce game is looked for by the players and their friends. The State team and its enthusiastic followers will go to Williamsport, Saturday morning, leaving Bellefonte at 8:45 by special train via the Central R. R. of Pa. Returning, a special train will leave Williamsport at 10:45 p. m., thus giving those who desire to attend the theatre an opportunity to do so.

The exceptional low rate of \$1.00 for the round trip from all points on the Central R. R. of Pa., has been issued, good only on the special train.

—Helen, one of the twin babies of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Resser, of Snow Shoe, died on Monday of cholera infantum. The body was brought to this place on Wednesday and taken up to the Meyer's cemetery near Fillmore, for burial. The twins, a boy and girl, were the only children Mr. and Mrs. Resser had.

## DIED IN PUNXSUTAWNEY.—B. B.

Kremer, an old Centre county hotel man, died in Punxsutawney on Sunday, after several months suffering with cancer of the throat. At the time of the Democratic state convention in Altoona he started for Philadelphia, not knowing the nature of his trouble, but a specialist there told him how serious it was and his death proves the diagnosis.

Mr. Kremer was at one time proprietor of the hotel at Lemont, thence he moved to Phillipsburg and from there he went to Punxsutawney, where he was getting along nicely as proprietor of the Waverly house. He was 55 years old.

## HENRY T. RYMAN DEAD.—One of

Milesburg's oldest residents died late Monday night, when the venerable Henry T. Ryman passed away after being confined to the house for three years, the last of which he was bed-fast.

He was born in this place April 28th, 1814, in a house that stood near where the army now stands. From boyhood he had followed the milling trade and worked at it up to his 71st year. July 25th, 1839, he married Sarah Jane Parkhurst to which union three children were born. The two surviving are James, of Missoula, Montana; and Josie C., at home.

Deceased had been connected with the Methodist church since 1848 and had passed his golden anniversary as an Old Fellow. The order will have charge of the funeral this afternoon at 2:30. Revs. King and Wright will officiate and interment will be made in Milesburg.

## CENTRE COUNTY'S OLDEST RESIDENT

IS DEAD.—At half-past one o'clock Tuesday morning Centre county's oldest resident, Mrs. Nancy Barger, died at her home at Curtin's Works. Nine weeks ago, on Monday, she fell and dislocated her hip while walking about in her garden and ever since had been falling rapidly. Her extreme old age made the injury far more serious than it would have been under other circumstances, but everything possible was done to save the life that had been preserved for more than 107 years.

Burial was made in the Eagle cemetery yesterday morning. Services were held at the house at 10 o'clock and a great concourse of people followed the remains to the grave.

The history of this remarkable old woman is fraught with many interesting incidents, since most of her life has been spent in a community in which many of the State's most prominent men find ancestral distinction.

Next week we will publish an extended sketch of this remarkable old lady.

## AN OLD CENTRE COUNTYMAN DIED IN

KANSAS.—Andrew Shaver Davidson, who was born near this place Nov. 6th, 1828, died at his home in Abilene, Kansas, on Saturday night, Oct. 22nd. He had been ill a long time and yielded to disease in the autumn of a useful life.

He was descended from the Scotch Irish Covenanters who came to America from the north of Ireland after the Revolutionary war, settling in Centre county, Pa. July 4th, 1861, he was commissioned first Lieut. of 49th Regiment Pennsylvania volunteers Co. A, by Pennsylvania's war Governor, Andrew G. Curtin; promoted to captain of the company May 12th, 1862, in which capacity he served with distinction until compelled to resign on account of failing health. Later, he joined the navy and served therein until the close of the war. He went to Kansas in October, 1866, settled on a homestead 1 1/2 miles southeast of Enterprise, and remained there 5 years, moving to Abilene at the expiration of that time.

Gov. Crawford commissioned him a Justice of the Peace while yet on the farm; took census of Dickinson county in 1870, served as deputy sheriff under C. L. Murphy, was elected clerk of the district court in 1872, taking the office January, 1873, and serving 14 years; was elected mayor of Abilene in 1881, besides holding other minor offices of trust. Was a charter member of Abilene post, G. A. R. No. 63 and is the second charter member to die—was a member of Damon lodge, No. 6, K. of P.

He is survived by his aged mother, Mrs. Mary Davidson, of Chicago, formerly of this place, two sisters, his wife and a son and a daughter.

## Pine Grove Mention.

Get out the vote and vote straight.

The hallow-eeners got in their usual amount of work.

Milt Walker is suffering from a number of Job's comforts.

John and Michael Bressler have gone to Barnesboro, in Cambria county, to mine coal.

Mrs. D. S. Erb has moved into H. C. Campbell's new house at State College while J. D. Hubler has moved into her old home.

Ed Myers and his chum Michael Spiker came over from Alexandria Saturday to help swell the crowd and get a glimpse of our next Democratic Governor.

Farmer Wm. H. Goss, who fell down his barn steps last week and broke several of his ribs, beside sustaining other serious injuries, is improving as well as could be expected.

D. A. Crotzer, one of Butler's solid business men and battle-scarred veteran; a member of the 148th P. V., is spending a week with Hon. J. T. McCormick and looking after some business that annually needs his attention.