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es, if a shade isn't put over the sun etty soon. -One swallow doesn't make a summer,

nor does one political convention sound the death knell of the issues of a great political party.

-What is to become of NED CHAMBERS and Judge LOVE, now that the Napoleon of their gang has made goo goo eyes at DANIEL?

-The great strike is spreading over Pennsylvania and it will not be surprising to hear the call to arms to bayonet the men who voted for just what they are getting into submission to it.

-It is needless to say that the two old rail-roaders who went to sleep on the main track at Hinton, W. Va., while waiting for an express to pass their train are not about to tell how it happened.

-It has cost us \$200,000,000 already to open the door in the Philippines and the good Lord, above, knows how many more millions we will be willing to put up to have it closed some day.

-What's that, we hear from Boston? sounds very much as if raised on baked beans.

of all bills presented to him by the Legislature and says he is now ready to take a rest, as if such a thing were possible for a man who has played fast and loose with his conscience as he has done.'

-Lock Haven is boasting about a rain of toads last Thursday afternoon, but there was a reign of lobsters when the Republican convention met down there that the Clinton county newsmongers won't have so much to say about.

-The Dutch seem to be in trouble. They have run out of wind to keep their stocks up in the air and the Kaiser's people are very much down cast. What is the Kaiser during all these days of depression brought on by lack of wind.

-As to whether it is to be BRYAN or HILL or some other great man we know not, but we do know that it would be better for the hopefuls, as well as the party, if they could bide a time when presidential possibilities will be more relevant.

called for Saturday, July 29th, and chair-man REEDER states that part of its busi-ness will be to elect two delegates to the state convention. What's the use. This thing of electing HASTINGS delegates for a that when a man stands for what they o' monotonous.



A Doubtful Proposition.

There is grave doubt as to the expediency of nominating a fusion state ticket at deal of ostentation, vetoed a joint resoluthe Democratic convention which meets in Harrisburg August 15th. The names gen-closing period of the session which donated erally suggested to comprise the ticket are to the President pro tempore of the Senate admirable. JUDGE YERKES is all that and the Speaker of the House of Representcould be desired as a candidate for Justice atives, the furniture contained in their of the Supreme court or any other office. Representative COBAY, of Luzerne county, an insurgent Republican who has been a disposition of the property and an act of universally accepted as the candidate for the Assembly is more binding than a joint State Treasurer in the event of fusion is resolution. "Besides," his excellency deone of the fittest men in the State for the clared, in substance, the gentlemen conoffice. During the last two sessions of the Legislature he has been the head and MARSHALL, requested him to take such front of the opposition to the machine, action.

Both these gentleman, it will thus be has been proven, time and again, in the minds of the officials and others who hap-Legislature and out of it. His standard in pen to know about it.

official life is honesty rather than politics. State just as able and quite as honest as question whether the nomination of even for everything that the Democrats professed lot law, just government and equalization five Democratic members of the Legislature voted for MARSHALL who represented

the opposite in everything.

They justified themselves on the ground that as between two Republicans they had to officially declare for a fusion state ticket. western farmer now, when conditions are -The Republican county convention is the same right to make their own choice Their convention, on Monday last, in- so different and their prospects are so uncalled for Saturday, July 29th, and chair- that their colleagues had. They forgot structed their delegates to the state conven- promising. The farmer who gave all the

Right But Inconsistent. Last week the Governor, with a good respective rooms in the capital building, if we may call it that. The law forbids such cerned, WM. P. SNYDEE and WM. T.

The law to which the Governor refers seen, have the JEFFERSONIAN qualifica- provides that all old furniture and other tions for the respective offices to be filled, discarded property be sold at auction after well developed. They are competent, it has been properly advertised in newshonest and faithful. CORAY is not what papers of this and other cities of the Comyou would call a hide-bound Republican. monwealth to the highest bidder. This is "BRYAN favors DAVID B. HILL for the He is not an insurgent of the BILL FLINN really a just law. Every few years there Presidency and under no circumstances will or DAVE MARTIN type, who will fight his is an accumulation of furniture, carpets he be a candidate himself." That story party until it is in danger and then turn in and other rubbish, not fit for use in the and invoke every expedient to carry it to capital, but of considerable value nevervictory. Mr. CORAY is a Republican, but theless. It would be unfair to the taxpay--Governor STONE has cleared his desk as a choice between an honest Democrat ers to allow anybody to lug such stuff and a machine Republican he invariably away and, besides, such action has an prefers the honest Democrat. This fact amazingly demoralizing influence on the

The veto of the joint resolution was both But there are plenty of Democrats in the just and commendable under the circumstances. But it wasn't consistent with Mr. CORAY and there are thousands of practices at the capital, according to re-Democrats who won't vcte for a Republi- ports from there. For example, we are ascan at all. That being the case it is a grave sured that during the past week or ten days workmen have been busy in and so good a Republican as CORAY wouldn't about the Senate chamber packing up the drive more votes away than it would splendid desks and chairs used by the bring to the ticket. In the organization of Senators of two years ago in order that Republican administration, there is every the Legislature GENERAL KOONTZ stood they may be shipped to the residences of the Senators of the recent session. There to believe in. He was for an honest bal- was probably no joint resolution to veto distressed any people. in relation to the matter, but there is of taxation. But he is a Republican and furniture to carry away and it is being carried away for the use of the Senators, notwithstanding the law.

doubt if the Democratic leaders up there

party to pursue. We would have much

more faith in a movement of the kind, did

it come from a locality in which Democratic

earnestness had been sufficient to maintain

An Insult to Democracy.

The Democrats of York county persist

Will Stand Some Explanation. The It is scarcely to be expected hut certain ly would not be out of order for western farmers to demand of the McKINLEY adongers, of Gold Democrats. There are no onger Silver Democrats or Gold Demo-trats. That question has been settled. It ministration that the blistering weather that is blighting vegetation and destroying crats. Inst question has been settled. It is as complete an issue of the past as the institution of African slavery. Why should Democrats care about it, far less why should they quarrel about it? They do not. Most of the old leaders who flourcrops should cease. Four years ago, when their granaries were over-flowing, and their elevators bursting the Republican admin istration, that had just settled down to do not. Most of the old leaders who flour-ished during the money battle are no longer on the scene. Everywhere new men are coming to the front. Those shock-headed youngsters whom the *Courier-Journal* was a while ago invoking are responding in every direction and the young Democracy has neither cockleburs nor cobwebs stick-ing to its clothes. The varmits may not be very pretty to look at, but they can hit with the bat, and they carry no dead weight. business took credit for it all. Wherever a Republican paper was published, or a Republican speaker could find a crowd to talk to, the yawp was set up about how their administration had done it all. Cli-

matic conditions, the labor of him who owed, the fertility of the soil or the mercihit with the bat, and they carry no dead weight. Now, as in days gone by, it is the boys in the trenches upon whom the party and the country must rely. Some of the old boys have passed in their checks and turned their toes to the daisies. God be good to them where they have gone! But the ranks are filling up and the battle will go on, If Mr. Bryan is wise he will fall in with the rest. All that he can do by stay-ing out will be to sow the seeds of the fu-ture trouble, to disorganize and disgrantle, and, in the end, to lose much of the credit he has won. Presently the tramp of the legions will be heard treading down all before it. Presently the gleam of the fixed bayonets of Democracy unterrified and undefiled, will be seen above the hill-tops. The new day has dawned. Death to the fools that get in the way ! ful Providence that furnished rain and sunshine were all counted as nothing, when the prosperity of the farmer was the subject of boastfulness. Tens of thousands of these tillers of the soil were lunk-heads enough to conclude that it was to the ascendancy of the Republican party that they were indebted for the prosperity their goed crops brought them. All over the country they boasted of that prosperity and praised the McKINLEY administration as though its work brought it about, and to it and it alone the credit was due for the good times they were enjoying. There is a different out-look to-day for

the farmer throughout the entire West. In that section vegetation is withering up, and crops stand burned and blighted. Where there was plenty four years ago, dust and dryness reign at present-cribs are empty, and granaries useless-crops that gave promise of great plenty are withered and not worth gathering. All over that great, broad country, that boasted so loudly of what it produced under the sign of the most universal and complete failure of crops that ever discouraged or

And we have the same administration way the national taxes are collected dis-guise the moment and method of payment to-day that we had four years ago.

We wait patiently to hear what the powers and the party that took credit for all the people enjoyed when they had full -Blair county Democrats are the first crops have to do with the prosperity of the Spawls from the Keystone

-A local company will build a \$70,000 opera house at Altoon

-Frank McCroy, of Halstead, claims that he has rediscovered the lost art of tempering copper.

-Robert Bloom, a well known timber job ber of Curwensville, died in the Warren hospital Tuesday, aged 43 years.

-While adjusting a window shade Mr s. Wm. A. Isenberg fell from a chai at Port Royal and was seriously injured.

-The State Sunday School Association will hold its annual convention in Cester, beginning Oct. 8th.

-Thieves have taken 3,000 reet of copper wire from the Philadelphia and Delaware county trolley line, near Secane, within two days.

-Brice B. Gutshall, a well known school teacher of Springfield township, Huntingdon county, committed suicide on Friday by shooting himself.

-A fight is being made by the American railway Co., of Philadelphia, which owns the Altoona trolley lines, against the passage of an ordinance by councils conferring franchises on the new local belt line company.

-The excursion steamer Montour, at Sun bury, was wrecked Saturday morning by the explosion of her boiler. The engineer, a man named Frymire was killed. A boy named Fetzer was killed and two others, Keller and Pullen by name, badly hurt.

-In tearing down an old building at Sharon, out in Mercer county, an account book was uncarthed covering the years 1831. 32. Whiskey sold for 37 cents a gallon and calico and muslin at 38 cents a yard. These were good old times.

-'Squire Samuel Staily, a venerable resident of Ray's Hill, Bedford county, went to the fields recently and cut and bound a few sheaves of wheat. This is the seventyeventh harvest that Mr. Staily has participated in. He is in his 89th year.

-The heavy rains in Lancaster county the last few days have caused heavy losses to the farmers. About half the wheat crop has been put in shock. The frequent rains have prevented putting it into the barns, and much of it is moulding and sprouting.

-Joseph Shinler, of north Barnesboro, cut his foot with a corn hoe and was seized with lockjaw. No solid food has passed his lips in ten days. Recently his spine began to curve and Wednesday he was bent backward into a complete circle his head touching his knees. Physicians say the case is unprecedented.

"The people of Washington with a taste for statistics say we have spent in the Philippines already something in the neighborhood of \$300,000,000. They fur-ther inform us that the appropriations of the last Congress for supenditures growing -The body of a man was found hanging to tree in the woods near White Haven on Sunday. The suicide had removed all his the last Congress for expenditures growing out of war exceeded \$481,000,000. These clothing except his stockings, in one of which was found a letter and a cashier's check for are big figures; hard for the average man to comprehend, though he pays his share of them none the less. It is true that the \$40 on the White Haven bank, drawn in favor of Frank Lorenz.

-Of the six members that composed the family of Morris W. Allen, of Centre valley. all but two died in the past year. Mrs. Allen and her son died the same day. They were followed by another child, and Wednesday the father died. He was baggage master on the Philadelphia & Reading railway.

ily will have to pay \$40 for his part in the national glory. But it is rather in con-sideration of the things we might have had -Miss Cora Selfert, of Fern Glen, Luzerne county, is said to be dying from continued attacks of sneezing. She was first affected last Wednesday and sneezed for eight hours. the physicians being unable to relieve her. We might even attain those socialistic Since then she has had attacks each day and

-JOHN W. GATES, the steel wire magnate, is said to be one of the best amateur billiard players in the country, but the steel workers who went out on a strike this week have invited him into a balk-line game that he won't play off as handily as he does the ordinary fourteen inch one.

-The Berk's county farmer who got drunk and went forth into his fields with a lightning rod on his head to defy the lightning came out of the encounter a little more than disfigured and clear out of the ring. A bolt struck a tree near by him and just tickled his rod enough to bring him to his senses, the first of which was to scoot for cover. This thing of playing Ajax isn't a job that anyone is cut out to perform, much less a drunkard.

-The SAMPSON-SCHLEY controversy having about petered out some papers are doing their best to start a discussion as to whether SHAFTER has "magazined his operations" about Santiago. No matter what the conclusion the fact remains that the Century magazine ran a story of the Santiago campaign over SHAFTER'S signature, but perhaps the fat general wrote the story with some other writer's pen, after the fashion of fighting the Santiago fights with other officers' swords.

-With Lock Haven bidding for notoriety through a reign of frogs ; Tyrone all ajog over a mysterious wildcat that we have a suspicion might have escaped from the famous old "white horse" rookery, and Philipsburg swelling up like a poisoned pup over the prospects of a street railway Bellefonte has no sensation to match her sisters with. Unless the recent political feat of JACK DALE, in making two revolutions in the political arena and landing in bed with HASTINGS, might be called one.

-If the drouth keeps up the grass hoppers will be jumping over the earless and leafless Kansas cornstalks and the noise of the hopping will completely drown the silly prattle of partisan papers about Mc-KINLEY'S having "blessed the Sunflower State with plenitful harvests, paid off the mortgages on her farms and made work for twenty thousand more in the fields than can be found." Circumstances always did can be found." Circumstances always did alter cases and here is an unfortunate one that the Republicans evidently didn't make the appropriations exceed the revecount on. If McKINLEY was responsible for the big crop of last year he is certainly responsible for the great failure now staring the Kansas farmer in the face, but the horns of the enemy will be kept silent until there is another big crop.

formerly was. But as a matter of fact movement, but judging by the condition year of his administration. they represented strong Democratic con- of the Blair county Democracy, and the stituents and those from York and Clarion figures to which they have allowed, if not have been endorsed by their constituents assisted, the Republican majority in that in convention and if a Republican county to grow, there is room for serious were nominated by the state convention there is no assurance that thousands know just what is the best policy for the wouldn't do as the York recreants did in the Legislature.

The Test of Fitness.

perfect Democratic organization, and was The Governor is still cutting away at at least able to hold its own, if unable to the appropriation bills according to the make inroads upon the enemy. information from Harrisburg. They are a matter of two millions of dollars in excess of the resources of the State and there is nothing to do but cut them down. Machine in the statement that they will present a politicians are making pilgrimages to the candidate for State Treasurer to the next seat of government constantly, we are as-Democratic state convention and ask the sured on the same authority, but the Govparty to nominate him. Among those who ernor keeps silent as to where the paring is will be on the floor of the convention, askbeing done. All that he will say is that ing that such an honor be conferred on he is cutting and he works assiduously if the county as nominating one of its citinot intelligently at his task. When it is zens for so important an office, will be completed there will be a weeping and SENATOR HAINES who was one of the wailing and gnashing of teeth, to be sure. principal boodlers during the past session of But that isn't his look out. It is his busithe Legislature. The same convention ness to see that the appropriations do not that formally presented his name endorsed exceed the revenues and to that end his the action of SHUTT, KANE and FAKE in energies are bent.

voting for MARSHALL for Speaker. In ac-This all comes from the machine methods cepting a favor from that convention he in politics and legislation. If the Supreme probably endorsed that action. court had not by an unjust decision asserted the absurd doctrine that the Governor has a right to cut any appropriation though the constitution specifically declares that he can only veto separate items, the appropriations would have been held within the revenues. But the contrary having been promulgated the Legislature felt at liberty to appropriate any amount and accordingly permitted all sorts of bargains to be made in the interests of machine Legislators because they sold the bogus gold bricks and it was the Governor's duty to distribute them. Now, however, that the time has come to make the dis-

tribution each boss insists that the other's bargain be repudiated.

the integrity of the true. There was a time that the chairman of a committee on appropriations who would leaders took the traitors to their bosoms allow his committee to report or permit and pronounced their perfidious work the the House to pass bills making appropriaperfection of political integrity and statestions in excess of the revenues even to the manship. That taints them all with the amount of half a million dollars would be crime committed by their representatives set down as an incompetent. But it is not and makes them fit political associates for each other. But it bars them from bringing one of their number forward as a nues by two or three millions is regarded candidate for favor at the hands of a Demas a practical politician entitled to the most distinguished consideration. He may not be a statesman and he is certainly lacking in integrity, but he has achieved wonders for the machine and that is the test of fitthe Democracy of the State. ness for favor.

ty, an anti-QUAY Republican for State could give them go QUAY convention to unseat is getting kind profess it makes no difference what he Treasurer. Probably this would be a wise should not be able to do the same each

> -Our Republican friends down in Clinton county showed no hesitancy, on Tuesday last, in indorsing all that the state ring has done and all that it stands for. The QUAY wing of the party seemed to have everything its own way, and went ahead just as if no devilment had ever been accomplished or there is no hereafter for those who betray the people's interests. Just how much this ring victory cost we do not know, but as factional successes down there have heretofore depended upon the amount of boodle that was dissomebody must have "bled" pretty freely in this instance.

Crooks at Harrisburg.

The Democratic crooks in the last Legislature are having an interesting time at Harrisburg these days, according to common rumor. That is to say the excuse given by each of them for their treachery during the session was that liberal appropriations would be given to local charities in which their constituents were concerned. But the aggregate of the appropriations exceeded the revenues of the State by a couple of millions or so and now the Governor threatens to cut the appropria-

Years ago, when a citizen of York countions which were made for such recreants. ty betrayed his party by voting for SI-Of course this will be disastrous to them. MON CAMERON for Senator in Congress There is something the matter with a comagainst the regular nominee, he was con. munity which will elect a crook to repredemned in the most emphatic terms. At sent it in the Legislature. It is an honorthat time SIMON CAMERON professed to be able post in the political structure of the a Democrat and as a matter of fact had State and only communities of doubtful never supported any other than Democratmorality elect crooks to such places. Thereic candidates. But voting for him was a fore when the crooks assured their concrime against party integrity and the peostituents that they were getting something ple of the county would have nothing to in the way of appropriations for their recdo with the traitor. That proved that reancy it was over-looked. The report, therefore, that the Governor intends to cut they were not of his kind. That showed clearly that the leaders, as well as the rank the appropriations, cuts the ground out from under their feet and they are left in a and file of the party, were honest. The conduct of the traitor cast no reflection on state of constern tion.

For the past week or two the Governor has been leading these crooks a merry chase. After the adjournment he gave Atlantic City. After that he spent a few days in his office but dodged the crooks who were laying for him, so to speak, at every street corner. Then it got too hot for him and he went away again and for the last couple of days of last week and the first two or three days of this they were in ocratic state convention. It removes them from fellowship with decent and honest Harrisburg in such numbers as to create Democrats and makes the tender of the the impression that there was a crook conname to a convention a mortal insult to vention in session at the state capitol.

deals, an endowed theatre and an endowed newspaper with a trivial part of it. If enjoyment is needed for our sons, that sum capitalized and invested in productive enterprise would furnish jobs for all the unemployed, and they would be taught useful callings, instead of how to deliver a murderous thrust, or the killing range of a rifle bullet. As for glory, why should the general who lays waste a province enjoy a greater share of human regard that the farmer on a great scale who can make

Could Have Been Better Invested.

so that one scarcely knows that he has paid at all. But be sure that if \$485,000,-

000 are needed for military expenses, and the number of families in the United States is 15,000,000 the head of each fam-

From the Pilgrim.

e Louisville Courier-Journal.

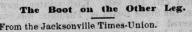
We hear talk, chiefly in the Republican

a desert blossom and feed a nation.'

The Reputation Republicanism is Making Us.

From the Boston Herald.

Pennsylvania now supplies the Nation with the worst example of political vice. It has achieved unenviable notoriety in tributed, we have a lurking suspicion that this line. The corruption of the reconstruction era in the South is surpassed by brazen jobbery which flourishes almost unrebuked in the Keystone State thirty years afterward. No other State exhibits an equal debasement of conscience and honor on the part of men entrusted with public responsibilities. If the criminals in all the jails were turned loose they would not be so daugerous in their influence to degrade the standards of public life as are the men whom the people of that Commonwealth have elevated to places of honor. They are undermining the morality of the coming generation.



The South has been lectured a great deal-not so much recently as years ago. Our people have been accused of being too violent-of having too little respect for law. The lectures continued until the im-itation began. Of recent years the lecturers have had too much to do at home to give proper attention to the way others acted. But in return for past favors we of North with our advice. They have done so much to improve our morals that we would be ingrates if we did not help them about theirs. They need help, for they are becoming demoralized. They are too quick to resort to violence. They are too careless of the sanctity of law.

The Foot Path to Peace. From a Sermon by Rev. Henry VanDyke.

To be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars; to be satisfied with your possessions, but not contented with yourself, until you have made the best of them; to despise nothing in the Pike county for a week, and then went to governed by your admirations rather than by your disgusts; to covet nothing that is your neighbors' except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manner, to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ; and to spend as much time as you can, with body and with spirit, in God's out-of-doors. These are little guide posts on the foot path of peace.

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is now very weak.

-Leo Bodish, of Williamsport, was found dead Monday in a field near Rockville bridge, one mile north of Marysville. His throat was cut in four places and by his side lay a bloody razor. The authorities are not positive whether Bodish committed suicide or was murdered. He was 24 years old and was a wood worker.

-Jacob Hartman, aged 62 years, Sunday celebrated the thirty-first anniversary of his service as mail carrier for the Reading company between the railway station and the post office at Tamaqua. During his service he has been off duty but eleven days, four days of the time lost being due to sickness. Mr. Hartman makes seventeen trips daily, and in thirty-one years has traveled 46,000 miles in the discharge of his duty.

-It is asserted that the wife of Jules Kupstor, a Belgian miner at Sandy Run, Bedford county, gave birth recently to her twentysixth child-nineteen boys and seven girls. The oldest is twenty-seven years of age. Of the total number eighteen died in infancy and eight are yet living. These births consisted of triplets once, twins three times and seventeen single. The mother is 45 years of age and was married when 17 years old. The father is 58 years old. Both are in good health.

-General Superintendent, Wallis, Friday announced that the wages of engineers on the large engines on the Pittsburg division had been increased, in compliance with a request of the men. The raise took effect at once and advanced the wages for a low rate day from \$3.40 to \$3.70 and for a high rate day from \$4.10 to \$4.35. The high rate day is counted on a run from Pitcairn to Altoona. A low rate day applies to any partial trip less than that distance. The time is to be countthe South ought to assist the people of the ed, under the new arrangement, from the time the engineers report for duty until they are relieved.

-While the young wife of Solomon Haas was bending over a wash tub in her home at Wilburton, a mining hamlet near Shamokin, last Friday morning, her husband, insane from jealousy and drink, crept up behind her and without saying a word jammed a revolver against her back and fired. The bullet crashed through her spinal column and lodged in her stomach, causing a fatal wound from which she died on Saturday. She screamed for help and he immediately shot himself near the heart, dying soon after.

-On Saturday evening, Wilfred Lanbag, aged 45 years, a mill hand at Duncansville, his wife, Sadie Lanbag, aged 41 years, and their horse, were struck by a fast excursion train, hauling the employes of the Pennsylvania railroad at Altoona from a picnic and instantly killed. The Lanbags were returning home from a drive to Hollidaysburg and reached the crossing when the train came speeding along. They were cut to pieces, their heads being found lying apart from the bodies along the tracks. They had a family of eight children, the eldest being 16 years of

But this year it is different. The party