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Spawls from the Keystone.

—George Zinn, of Cornwall township, Lebanon county, had five acres of wheat, yielding 225 bushels, an average of forty-five bushels per acre.

—Farmers in many sections of the State suffered much damage by the recent heavy rains. Their hay crop rotted in the fields, and the crop of many wheat and rye fields were partially destroyed by the wet weather.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Snyder, of Bellemans Church, both 70 years of age, cut and bound into sheaves, eight acres of rye. Mr. Snyder cut the rye with the cradle, while Mrs. Snyder raked it together and bound it into sheaves.

—St. Matthews Lutheran congregation, of York, at meeting Sunday refused to accept the resignation of Rev. W. M. Glandings as pastor, and requested that gentleman to remain with them. Rev. Glandings recently received a call to Baltimore.

—Efforts are being made to have Superintendent Roberts withdraw his resignation as a member of the school board at Renovo. Mr. Roberts has been a director since 1890, and he resigned on account of his other duties requiring so much of his time.

—The ill feeling over the postoffice muddle at Jersey Shore has been increased by throwing Grier out and the appointment of Warren B. Masters. Congressmen Decker seems to have the faculty of making trouble for himself in his appointments.

—During a heavy rainstorm last Thursday afternoon at Newport, small minnow fish dropped on the pavement near the square, and was picked up by William Wertz and taken to the Ledger office. Where it came from is a question that is bothering Perry county people.

—Edgar K. Hoyce, of St. Peters, Chester county, has on his Glendale farm cornstalks that measure fourteen feet in length. J. Dierolf, of Topton, has a field of corn where the stalks average twelve feet each in length. The prospects for the corn crop are exceptionally good.

—By sitting on the curbstone in front of her home at Reading all day, Mrs. Sara Rotz who weighs 200 pounds, prevented employes of the Water department from placing a fire plug there. The men finally gave up the attempt, and the plug site was changed to a neighbor's property.

—Dr. C. M. Wallace, postmaster at Dover, York county, captured a horned owl which stands two feet six inches high, and has claws three inches long. It is said that fully 100 chickens have gone to make up that owl's bill of fare since he first appeared, a few weeks ago. He was caught in a steel trap.

—Mr. Bunting, steward of the Berks county Almshouse, and manager of the farm connected with it, sold a steer weighing 1,750 pounds for \$118. On November 1st, 1901, the steer weighed 1,150 pounds, and has gained 600 pounds since then, and when slaughtered the steer weighed sixty-two pounds to the hundred.

—The 5 year old daughter of Frank Miles, of Coddersport, Potter county, Friday, was in a tree trying to cut off a branch, and wanting her father's knife she waited until he drove under the tree with his mowing machine. Then she jumped in front of the knives, and before the horses could be stopped one of her feet was cut off.

—E. B. Harvey, head book-keeper for the Derry Coal and Coke company, is in jail at Greensburg charged with forging a check to the amount of \$1,675. He was arrested on a warrant sworn out by E. F. Saxman, general manager of the company, and taken to Pittsburg, where an effort was made to secure a portion of the money misapplied by the book-keeper.

—Shortly after midnight Saturday, George Neale, aged 33 years, after undressing, took a seat on the window sill of the third story of the Anderson boarding house, Williamsport. He fell asleep and tumbled to the ground thirty-five feet below. In his descent he struck the telephone wires. He was carried upstairs and put to bed. No bones were broken, but he sustained severe injuries to his back and hip.

—Lightning came to the assistance of two Westmoreland county boys who were in pursuit of a groundhog one day recently. The animal took refuge in a hollow tree just as an electric storm came up. The boys sheltered themselves from the rain in a neighboring thicket. Suddenly a bolt of lightning shattered the hollow tree and after the storm had passed the lads picked up the body of the unfortunate groundhog.

—Mrs. Mary A. Delong, of Cammal, has brought suit against Dr. W. E. Delaney, of Slate Run, to recover \$10,000 for the loss of her husband, whose death followed five days after an accident in which his leg was broken, several arteries being severed by bone splinters while DeLong was being brought to Williamsport. Dr. Delaney's defence was that his professional directions were arbitrarily ignored, and that, therefore, he is in no wise to blame.

—As the second section of Forough and Sells Bros. show train was leaving Butler Saturday morning the elephant car was derailed. The elephants and eight keepers were in the car, but none were injured. The animals, however, became restless and were taken out and permitted to wade in a stream near by until the car could be replaced. During the confusion the large lion suffocated owing to the neglect of the keeper to ventilate its cage. After three or four hours delay the train was started on its journey to Wheeling, W. Va.

—Dorris G. Welsh was shot in the right leg while walking along the street in his home town, Mount Union, Tuesday evening, about 9:30 by an unknown man. The man passed Welsh turned, and fired a bullet at him from a thirty-two calibre revolver and then fled. The ball passed through the fleshy part of the leg and was extracted from underneath the skin on the other side by physicians McCarthy and Campbell. It is not known whether Welsh was a victim of mistaken identity or some cowardly person's revenge. A reward of \$200 has been offered for the arrest of the assailant. No serious results are likely to occur from the wound.

The Republican County Convention.

Harmony Still Prevails Among the Hastings and Long Factions—L. S.—on the Surface.—Reeder Rules the Roost and None Dares Say Him Nay.—A Well Attended Convention and Free Dinners.

It would be a base misrepresentation of fact if we were to say that there was not a good crowd at the Republican county convention that assembled in the court house here on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Because there was. All but one of the one hundred and twenty delegates in the county were in their seats and the auditorium well filled with spectators, when chairman Reeder let his gavel fall and the convention straightened itself out for business.

You will also agree that it would not be a mis-statement of fact if we were to say that the large attendance of delegates was probably due to the announcement made by Col. Reeder, shortly after the call to order, that free dinners would be served to the delegates at any of the hotels in town.—On the side—This is a certain tip that Dan didn't need all his coin at Carlsbad.

As for the size of the audience we make the assertion without fear of contradiction from any source, that it was due to curiosity. Past Republican conventions in this county have been such howling successes as fun makers that people crowd into them like children scramble to see a Punch and Judy show. They are both on the same principle, you know.

It was just striking 11 when the call to order was made and clerk George Washington Rees got up to read the call. He must have had the thing down "by heart" for he certainly didn't look at it. His one eye was on the deputy revenue collector and the other was on the job of tax collector of Bellefonte while in his mind he seemed to be ruminating to decide whether he wouldn't rather be assistant postmaster again than have either one of those other jobs.

Upon motion of T. M. Gramley the honor of presiding over the body was unanimously tendered to John Gowland, of Philipsburg. When John was called to the chair he advanced with the dignified grace of a fat duck and gave the convention the usual "guff" about "an unexpected honor" when he knew very well it had all been fixed up in Reeder's office the night before. He also alluded to some "differences being eliminated" but the looks that Ned Chambers, Willie Gray and a few others were wearing were enough to cool off all the hot air of that sort he could pump.

D. G. Stewart, of Burnside, made the motion that made Clyde Smith, of Milesburg, and Laird Holmes, of State College, secretaries. Hard P. Harris moved that G. W. Rees be made reading clerk and it was done. Upon motion of John M. Dale a committee of five on resolutions was appointed. It was made up of John M. Dale, Bellefonte; D. B. Stewart, Burnside; W. S. Miller, Miles; H. F. Cheney, Worth, and George Keller, College. Next, Eli Townsend, of Philipsburg, read the order of business and it was adopted. Then the body was ready to get down to the work of nominating a ticket.

THE TICKET NAMED.

J. S. McCargar made a little speech in presenting the name of Henry Lowery, of Bellefonte for Sheriff. It was seconded by J. S. Kuisely and as there were no further nominations John Tate moved to make it by acclamation and it was done.

County Treasurer was next and Laird Holmes, of State College, presented Phil D. Foster, their favorite son. Laird had a recurrence of the oratory that made him famous in debate, years ago at "Pole-cat Misery" and declared that no man equals Phil in "devotion to duty" and that "he looks above the petty jealousies of the party." The Quay people in the county can certainly say Amen! to the first declaration, for they all know that no man in the county has been more devoted to Hastings than this same Mr. Phil D. Foster, nor more zealous in his attempts to keep any party favors about State College from falling into the hands of the Quay people. S. M. Miller, of Philipsburg, seconded the nomination and T. M. Gramley moved to make it by acclamation.

Commissioners were next in order and Edmund Blanchard named A. V. Miller, of Spring; and J. G. Hess, of Ferguson, named J. G. Bailey, of his township. There was a lull then for it was expected that Ed. McKinley, of Milesburg, would go before the body but he didn't and Miller and Hess were named by acclamation.

For Recorder Charles G. Avery, of Philipsburg, named H. H. Hewitt, of that town, and he was chosen by acclamation.

For Register there was a little brush. Our neighbor Tuten wanted the place and entered the lists, but when nominations were declared in order H. C. Woodring, of Worth, and C. B. Hess, of Ferguson, were both named against him. It required but one ballot, however, to decide that they wanted lamb and not old mutton for the slaughter. Tuten had 60, Hess 40 and Woodring 19.

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Hopeful Sign of the Campaign.

The organization of a committee of two hundred prominent gentlemen, to act as an auxiliary to the Democratic organization of Philadelphia, is one of the recent hopeful signs of the state campaign. The election of HENRY BUDD, Esq., as chairman of the auxiliary committee, moreover, is a guarantee not only of great ability in the conduct of its affairs, but of scrupulous fidelity to the interests of the party. Mr. BUDD is a lawyer of splendid ability and high character. He has not, hitherto, participated in active party management, preferring to serve the cause which he loves in a more modest capacity. But he has never failed to respond to a call to duty, and in accepting the chairmanship of the committee in question, he has frankly declared his purpose to give to the labors his best energies and most constant attention.

The business of this auxiliary committee will be varied. The regular organization will attend to the usual work which devolves on such organizations. The new committee will attend to equally important work of collecting the sinews of war and bringing to the polls voters of all parties, in sympathy with the purposes of the Democratic party, who are not within the reach of the usual party organizations. Thus it will be of the highest value to the party and of great help to the regular organization. Besides the members of the new committee, gentlemen conspicuous in their several neighborhoods, will attend the polls on election day and if they are not able to entirely prevent fraudulent voting, will at least be certain to prosecute and punish those who perpetrate frauds.

It is estimated that in the neighborhood of 80,000 fraudulent votes are cast in Philadelphia for the Republican ticket at every important election. That number is nearly twice the majority cast for the Republican candidates for State Treasurer and Justice of the Supreme court last fall. As there is no reason to believe that the ticket of the party is stronger this year than it was last, the exclusion of the fraudulent vote usually cast in Philadelphia will guarantee the election of the Democratic candidates. Because the auxiliary committee with Mr. BUDD at its head is certain to cut down the fraudulent vote from 80,000 to a trifling total, therefore, the appointment and organization of the committee is of the greatest importance to the Democracy of the State. It inspires the hope of victory beyond question.

An Absurd Pretense.

The absurd pretense set up by the managers of the QUAY machine that Governor STONE and Attorney General ELKIN are reconciled to the purchased nomination of Judge PENNYPACKER would be amusing, if it were not tragic in its inference. QUAY's reasons for turning down ELKIN were that his reputation was so bad and his character so vulnerable, that his nomination would invite and provoke defeat, notwithstanding the overwhelming majority of the party in the State. In his explanation of his brutality, moreover, he declared that the administration of Governor STONE was so irretrievably rotten, that the nomination of any man associated with it, for any office, would inevitably result in defeat. Therefore, he was constrained to bring forward his Cousin SAM.

If STONE and ELKIN would now turn in and support PENNYPACKER, the action would imply an admission of the charges of venality against both. We have no very exalted opinion of either of these gentlemen and are inclined to the belief that for a sufficient consideration, in the way of official position, they would thus stultify themselves. But it is known that QUAY has already disposed of all the offices by promise which could possibly have any attraction for either STONE or ELKIN. For example, the Attorney Generalship, the Secretaryship of the Commonwealth and the United States Senatorship are fixed as everybody knows. That leaves nothing for either STONE or ELKIN until QUAY's term expires in the Senate and the term of the incoming Governor is out. Past experience is an admonition to both STONE and ELKIN against accepting such gold bricks.

Besides there is another point for grave consideration with respect to the matter. It will be remembered that after the nomination of PENNYPACKER, ELKIN stated that he had a majority of the delegates until they were purchased away from him by QUAY and his henchmen. If that is true the nomination of PENNYPACKER was a political crime, the condonation of which would be morally equivalent to compounding a felony. Referring to that feature of the affair Major MERRICK, a friend of ELKIN, said that "a majority of the convention had been changed into a minority, over night, by some mysterious force." What he meant by that was that QUAY had bought for PENNYPACKER delegates who had been instructed for ELKIN, and STONE and ELKIN would be potrooms if they would consent to support PENNYPACKER and we shall not believe that they are so constituted.

The Campaign Committee.

At a conference of Democratic leaders held in Philadelphia on Saturday a campaign committee was appointed to conduct the impending canvass. Seven or eight excellent gentlemen were named to constitute the committee, among them being Congressman J. K. P. HALL, HON. ROBERT E. WRIGHT, HON. JAMES KERR, and four or five others. The committee will meet at Harrisburg on Tuesday next for organization and to begin preparations for the work. That will give them just three weeks to secure such a canvass of the State as will reveal the deficiencies in the assessment of voters and remedy them. That is to say under the law all men claiming the right to vote on the fourth of November must have paid a state or county tax thirty days previously, within two years, upon an assessment made sixty days before the election.

To make this canvass considerable money will be necessary, for the expense of it must be paid by the party organization in minority counties at least. No doubt the necessary funds will be promptly and freely contributed. Every voter who is concerned for good government in the State is interested in the result of the election and will give in such proportion as he is able to the fund. Promptness, therefore, is the only thing to be considered. Three weeks is short enough time to accomplish the result with the sinews of war in possession. If they are not accessible no time can be lost in securing them. A finance committee ought to be appointed at once and it should be composed of hustlers who have the confidence of the rank and file of the party. No other sort will be able to achieve the result.

It doesn't matter so much who is chairman of the campaign committee, provided he will be active and give all his time and talents to the duties. Either of the gentlemen named on the committee is capable and would probably meet the best expectation of the party if he would make the labor a matter of business. Neither of them will do unless he does that. Between this time and the meeting for organization, therefore, they should arrange their business so as to be able to give the necessary time to the work. Even those who are not made chairman will have plenty of work to do, and know that the executive committee is legislated out of office the new committee will be obliged to perform its duties, which are numerous and sometimes onerous. We hope the new arrangement will prove entirely satisfactory.

—REEDER is still just a little too foxy for the LOVE people. They tried to tie his hands as chairman on Tuesday, but he talked and talked until the one finally soaked into JOHNNY GOWLAND then that worthy sent BLANCHARD's resolutions to the very committee of which REEDER is chairman. Everyone knows what will happen to them there.

The Next Legislature.

The esteemed Pittsburg Post has little hope of improvement in the morals or methods of the next Legislature. "Considering advantages of the most unfair character the machine Republicans have in the legislative apportionment," says our esteemed contemporary, "the probabilities are very great, amounting almost to a certainty, that they will be absolute in the next Legislature, controlling both branches by strong majorities." For that reason the Post thinks it is the duty of the friends of honest government to make an extra effort to elect PATTISON Governor so that there will be a check on the venality which disgraced the last session.

While we agree that no effort should be spared to elect the Democratic candidate for Governor, and feel that the chances of that result are more than even, we are not in accord with our esteemed contemporary in its opinion with respect to the next Legislature. In fact, to our mind it is practically certain that the anti-QUAY men will have a majority in both branches of the Legislature and we should not be surprised in the least if the Democrats should have a safe majority in the House of Representatives. In Allegheny county, for example, we are certain to gain two Democrats in the House and stand to defeat the QUAY machine candidates in every Representative and Senatorial district in the county.

In Philadelphia the chances are that the Democrats will gain four or five votes, in Bedford the fusionists will get two, one of whom will be a Democrat; in Blair we will gain one, in Bucks one or two, in Cambria two, in Carbon one, Centre two, Chester two Democrats and two fusionists; Dauphin one, Fayette three, Lackawanna three, Luzerne two, Montour one, Northumberland one, Perry one, Schuylkill two, Union one, and Westmoreland one, with chances in favor of several others. That will make in the neighborhood of eighty Democrats with thirty or forty Insurgents which will be ample to prevent a Republican majority on joint ballot. Get all the votes you can for PATTISON, but don't sacrifice the Legislature or neglect it.

Pennypacker and Quay.

Judge PENNYPACKER has reaffirmed, emphasized and amplified his recent extraordinary panegyric of Cousin MATT. Senator QUAY is not only a greater statesman than DANIEL WEBSTER, he says in his supplemental eulogy, but that marvelous idol of the Whig party, HENRY CLAY, is likewise "small potatoes and a few in the hill," compared with Cousin MATT. An Indiana kinsman of the Judge and the Senator got on the pension roll as the result of Senator QUAY's importunities, the Judge alleges, and that is proof positive of the moral and intellectual superiority of QUAY over both his distinguished predecessors in office. Search the records as you may and you will find no evidence that either WEBSTER or CLAY did as much for kinsmen of the Pennsylvania candidate and his sponsor. Besides, when Mr. SWANK wants anything done in relation to the tariff, he doesn't appeal to either WEBSTER or CLAY, and Mr. SWANK is nearly always wanting something done with the tariff. At present, in common with all other tariff mongers, he wants it let alone, and QUAY is doing that with wonderful ability. It is a small wonder that PENNYPACKER is enamored of him.

In the second statement of QUAY's virtues Judge PENNYPACKER says there is nothing to say of the first. In the first it will be remembered that he said that QUAY possessed gifts equal to those of SHAKESPEARE and in the second he asserts that that estimate is simply true and requires no support. The reference to QUAY in the first, he says, was simply incidental. You can't say anything in praise of Pennsylvania, without referring to QUAY, he adds. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN may have reflected some credit on the State, ROBERT MORRIS performed some useful service, ALBERT GALLATIN may have been "no dead-head in the enterprise," JAMES BUCHANAN was certainly no drone and Judges GIBSON, BLACK and SHARSWOOD were at least useful citizens, but Judge PENNYPACKER can't imagine it possible to refer to the achievements of either of them without making at least a passing reference to the superior ability of QUAY. No matter about HANCOCK, REYNOLDS, MEADE, CURTIN or any of the others who may have "done the State some service." His mental vision is focussed on QUAY and the others are pigmies in comparison. There is only one and you can tell him by his squint.

But Judge PENNYPACKER made one grave blunder in his summary of praise. "You must form an estimate of a man," he says, "from what he has done." If that be true by what process of reasoning does Cousin SAM exalt Cousin MATT to such colossal proportions? We know what FRANKLIN did. MORRIS financed the revolutionary war. GALLATIN conducted the infant Republic through the financial straits which followed the victory. JAMES BUCHANAN served the country with great distinction at the Court of St. James, as Secretary of State, as Senator in Congress and finally as President. Judges GIBSON, BLACK and SHARSWOOD shone as jurists of great ability. HANCOCK, MEADE and REYNOLDS were great soldiers and CURTIN was the War Governor who became "LINCOLN's right hand" in the dark days of the rebellion. But what did QUAY do? He took money out of the Treasury, appropriated it to his personal use and subsequently escaped the penalty, a term in the penitentiary, by pleading the statute of limitation. True he got a pension for a relative in Indiana, which proves that he has a pull.

—According to the census of 1890 there were ninety-six DALES in Centre county; nearly all of them being members of the same family. The branches of the DALE genealogical tree covers a relationship amounting to thousands in the county and search where you will you will not find a more honorable, well-to-do, substantial representation of citizens. They have never been anything but stalwart Republicans, embodying the best principles of that party and never in sympathy with the disorganizing ones. Such is the family that was so contemptuously treated by Tuesday's convention and a political carpet-bagger with no other recommendation than sycophancy given precedence over it.

—The senatorial conference of the Thirty-fourth district will meet in this place on Thursday, August 14th, to nominate a candidate for State Senate on the Democratic ticket. It will be merely in the nature of a formality as Senator W. C. HEINLE already has the endorsement of all three counties constituting the district and will have no opposition.

The Executive Committee Named.

County chairman JOHN BOWER has announced his executive committee for 1902 as follows: P. GRAY MEEK, C. M. BOWEN, CYRUS BRUNGART, J. C. MEYER, ELLIS L. ORVIS, J. KENNEDY JOHNSTON and W. HARRISON WALKER.

Ink Sling.

—JOHNNY GOWLAND made a very smooth chairman, but his work was like a porcupine in comparison with that of JOHN C. MILLER's two years ago.

—If cousin SAMUEL really thinks "Pennsylvania has no ills to speak of" his political perspicacity must be too dull to see that awful stone-bruise at Harrisburg.

—It must be becoming painfully apparent to Mr. ROOSEVELT that his brand of anti-trust bait is not exactly the kind that will make his vote trap a howling success.

—Aunt CLEMINTINA had better let her whiskers grow long again and take a stall among the curios at the great Centre county fair. There would be more in it for her than there is in politics.

—If the good Lord only spares JAMES B. STROHM long enough the Republican party in Centre county will never be without a candidate. He is ready to play "JOHNNY on the spot" every time there is a hole that needs a peg.

—How thankful we working men ought to be that we are not poor Mr. SCHWAR. When sickness causes us to lose a day's salary it is only \$1.25 out of our yearly income; when he is docked a day's wages it means \$2,739.72 from his.

—If the story be true that WANAMAKER intends forming a combination with STONE and ELKIN for the defeat of PENROSE for the Senate the latter may well be scared. But what is to become of "holy John" after such an alliance? Perhaps he is immune from contamination.

—When old Mr. CONFUCIUS discovered that "to see what is right and not to do it is want of courage or of principle," he must have been making the acquaintance of that class of Pennsylvania voters who can't get done denouncing QUAYISM and haven't the courage or principle to vote against it.

—Last fall, when EDWARD MCKINLEY, of Milesburg, wanted to be prothonotary of the county the Republicans made a great ado about his family of ten children and their need of the office. They seemed to forget all about it, on Tuesday, when there was a chance to give him the office he is qualified for.

—The great trouble that faces Judge Jackson now grows out of the fact that he failed to see that the jails of West Virginia were sufficiently enlarged before he began imprisoning people for having a contempt for his court. With present facilities it is only the few of this class of criminals that he can find place for.

—An amateur minstrel show was tried on King EDWARD a few days ago, and inasmuch as he survived it is announced that he can undertake the ordeal of the coronation to-morrow with safety. The show must have been better than the average or the King is better than the public is aware of.

—It is a pity that the better element of the strikers in the anthracite regions must suffer for the lawlessness of their ignorant foreign fellows. But they are only a part of a class that loses public sympathy the moment it disrespects the right that is guaranteed to all men in the peaceful pursuit of life and happiness.

—From the rate at which cousin SAMUEL has been talking since he got off his seat on the bench to enter the race for Governor of Pennsylvania one is almost forced to the conclusion that he had been sitting on his talking apparatus and now that it is released it is grinding out all sorts of foolish utterances.

—It was just about this time last year that HARD HARRIS was pulling his arms off in the effort to hoist an Insurgent Republican flag in Bellefonte. On Tuesday he was bossing the faithful old Stalwarts around as if they were mere lick-spittals and oiling the machine that made a ticket for them to hoorah for this fall.

—Won't somebody please examine the field-glass through which the Philadelphia Times man takes his view of the political horoscope. Judging from the frequency with which he feels called upon to "shoo Mr. BRYAN off the presidential track" we fear some one has pasted a picture of that gentleman on its magnifying end.

—MAY YOHE, the actress who is now chasing over land and sea to recover the husband and sundry thousands of dollars worth of diamonds that escaped from her in New York a few weeks ago, fell out of a carriage in London and strained her knee. The injury was severe enough to stop her walking, but the world would have been thankful had she strained her larynx and stopped her talking about her liaison with the foolish young American.

—The King of Italy, the Emperor of Germany and the Czar of Russia will meet this week to talk over the proposal to disband some of their immense armies and devote the money thus saved to fighting the encroachments of American competition. Notwithstanding such an open avowal of the superiority of American genius and manufacturing skill the tariff mongers will still fight for subsidies for the very lines of industry that are now forcing the disbandment of the greatest European armies. The tariff is, emphatically, a campaign issue in every congressional district in the United States, for no intelligent voter should support a candidate who favors such a schedule, as makes the home consumer pay nearly double the price paid by foreigners.