

THE BEAVER RADICAL.

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The official returns of the vote in Clearfield county on license or no license show a majority of 480 against license. There are thirty-one districts in the county, of which nine gave majorities for license, and twenty-two against. Senator Wallace and ex-Gov. Bigler, distinguished Democrats, reside in Clearfield borough, which, for the borough ticket elected on the same day, gave 129 Democratic majority, but polled under the Local Option law, 113 for license and 161 against.

This is not a party question, and neither the Republican nor Democratic party is committed to either side. It is generally understood throughout the State that politics shall have nothing to do towards deciding the question either way, but the people shall be left entirely free to act and vote in regard to it as their judgments and consciences dictate.

We are in favor of trying the no license law for three years, and so find out by experience whether the measure be good or bad, and if the facts prove it to be beneficial at the expiration of that time, then retain it on the conservative principle of holding fast that which is good; but on the other hand if the contrary experience results therefrom, the people, having the matter in their hands, can easily abolish the prohibition. We trust that the subject will be discussed calmly and seriously, and that all classes will come to the conclusion to give the no license law a trial, which will place all parts of the county on an equality as regards the liquor traffic. Now there is no equality, and the privilege of selling is granted to a few who are fortunately situated, and denied to the rest.

Prohibition without a public sentiment to sustain it will be a dead letter on the Statute books, and therefore it is desirable that a full vote be cast either for or against license, in order to show the exact state of feeling in the county in regard to the matter.

As we announced in our last issue, our columns are open to a full and free discussion of the merits of the question, and we will endeavor to treat friends of either side with equal consideration, our only object being to ascertain the truth, and inform the people fully as to their duties on this subject.

Hear both sides, and then vote according to your best judgment for the good of the county and the welfare of your neighbor, and you certainly will act wisely however you may vote.

We are gratified to know that Senator Cameron has been re-elected to the Senate of the United States, without being charged with the use of improper means to secure such a result. His political enemies heretofore, when defeated, soothed their sorrows by the reflection that it was not popularity, but money that overwhelmed them, but now their grief arises from the fact that Tower was not up to time, and the Republicans went into caucus with only one candidate for the position, thus rendering impossible the use of money in the contest.

True, four members voted for Kelley and two for Wickersham, but these gentlemen were not candidates, and did not know that their names were to be used as such. The Hon. John Allison, who was named for the place, not only absolutely refused to allow the use of his name, but recommended his friends, of whom we consider our Senator one, to vote for Senator Cameron. We may, therefore, truly say that there was no contest; the people had anticipated the caucus and decided the matter in advance; the choice was practically unanimous. The faithful but slandered public servant has justly been rewarded for his eminent services and his character splendidly vindicated by the unanimity of the vote that placed him in nomination, all of which, no doubt, is cold comfort to the benighted and hungry Liberals and Democrats.

A MEMORIAL from the Women's Suffrage Association of Pennsylvania has been presented to the Constitutional Convention, urging that as one-half of the adult citizens of Pennsylvania are now deprived of the ballot, and compelled to obey laws in the framing of which they have had no voice; that, therefore, the Constitution be amended so as to secure perfect equality of citizenship without distinction of sex. There is some probability that the new constitution will embody a clause of this kind, or that the question will be separately referred to the decision of the people.

We think there is no doubt that Woman's enfranchisement is becoming more and more a vital question, which will soon have to be solved at the ballot box; but Pennsylvania is not ready for the change now, for the mass of women in the State do not desire it, and would not accept the duties involved therein. If this change in the organic law ever takes place it will be a matter of necessity similar to the enfranchisement of the negro, in order to secure by the votes of women important reforms, and perhaps the perpetuity of our free institutions. Negro emancipation and enfranchisement were not so much a matter of sentiment as it was the logical result of our education; it couldn't have well happened otherwise, for such vast interests depended on it. So will come woman's enfranchisement in good time; but not now. She has a mission to perform, a great work to do in way of moral reforms that she can accomplish only when clothed with the full power of citizenship. But the time to enter upon that work is not yet.

GEN. W. W. IRWIN, in a letter dated Jan. 11, published in the last *Argus*, states unqualifiedly that our Philadelphia letter, of 7th inst., signed "Trefoil" was prepared in No. 42, Girard House, by J. S. Rutan, D. L. Imbrie and John F. Price. We do not like to make use of hard epithets; but the man who could deliberately write the above, without a particle of information in regard to it, and desire to have what he had written believed by the public as a fact, is unworthy of public confidence, and so depraved that lying is made easy. Neither one of the gentlemen mentioned above ever wrote or dictated, or caused to be written or dictated a word of the letter referred to, nor did either one of them ever see the letter or hear it read, or know of its existence until it was published. The letter was written by our regular correspondent, who resides in Philadelphia, and who alone is responsible for what he writes. It was hardly necessary to make this denial for the purpose of destroying the General's story, but while it does that it may also serve to disclose the true character of the man.

THE investigation of the stock transactions of the Credit Mobilier has already brought to light some ugly testimony. James Brooks, a distinguished member of Congress from New York City, is badly damaged by the testimony of his son-in-law, which seems to contradict his own, and to excite in the public very grave suspicions in regard to the other so-called innocent stock transfers. Further investigation will proceed with vigor.

The Republican party cannot afford to hush this matter up; it must clear its skirts of the whole transaction. If any guilt attaches to any member let not the Republican party become a participant by aiding in its concealment! Search out the guilty, if any there be, and let justice take its course. That is what the people expect and everywhere demand.

The evidence against Senator Caldwell, of Kansas, of using improper means to secure his election to the United States Senate, is so direct and circumstantial that it is difficult to disbelieve the charges made against him; and on further investigation, if they are proved to be true, he can hardly escape expulsion from the honorable body of which he is a member.

AN article on the "Vice Presidency," by G. L. E., will be found on the sixth page.

SIMILARITY of material interests is the principle, according to the Butler county *Citizen*, which should determine the creation of Congressional districts. Butler county need not turn up her nose at Beaver on that account, for Beaver is an oil producing county, having "similar business relations," and their similar oil interests therefore require that they should be joined, not as the *Citizen* intimates, as a tail to the Beaver kite, but rather as equal partners in a risky business. Perhaps, however, the Legislature will consider the matter of population and the importance of securing as many Republican Congressmen as possible, and will not put so much stress on the principle of "similarity of interests" as the Butler *Citizen* desires. If such unfortunately should be the case, then Butler would be compelled from mere selfishness to aid in sending a man to Congress who could look after more than one interest.

We publish on another page an abstract of the Governor's Message, which is too long to print in full, from which we learn the State is in a healthy financial condition, its credit unimpaired; that although taxation has been lessened, the State debt has been rapidly reduced at the same time. The Governor recommends a donation in aid of the Centennial Exhibition, and closes his message with a brief personal allusion as follows:

In the administration of the Chief Magistrate I have, with only good intentions, and unconscious of intentional error, to the best of my ability endeavored to discharge the various duties that have devolved upon me in such manner as to advance the public welfare, by condemning waste and extravagance, practising economy, reducing taxation, paying the State debt, promoting the public health, advancing the cause of general education, cultivating humanity and charity, tempering justice from the fountain of mercy, maintaining the principles of the constitution, and defending the honor and sovereignty of the State, and the rights and interests of her citizens.

NEW BRIGHTON, in the election last Tuesday, gave 300 majority against License, making a majority in the borough of Beaver Falls and New Brighton of 416, thirty-eight more than the Republican majority in the two places last October. This vote indicates that the county will go heavy against License.

THE Harrisburg *State Journal* endeavors to make a point on Senator Rutan, that because he advocates what it conceives to be an unpopular measure, that therefore he is engaged in a Quixotic scheme. The *Argus* steals it and adopts it as its own, notwithstanding it is directly in antagonism with its cherished independence on the Chinese question. Such logic and such consistency!

THE largest vote ever polled in Beaver Falls at a municipal election was polled on Tuesday last, the full result of which is given elsewhere. The vote on license gives 116 majority for prohibition.

RACY CORRESPONDENCE.

Libelous Matter - Scandalous Insinuations - He Puts up His Money - Begs an Endorsement of His Literary Ability.

We publish the following, written by the author of the celebrated "Stumpy Row" production, *verbatim et literatim et punctuatim*.

BEAVER COUNTY PENNA.  
New Brighton Nov. 6 1872  
Col. A. K. McClure

My Dear Sir  
This will be the fifth letter that I have written you in as many weeks, and why you have not replied is beyond my knowledge except so far as my own conjecture is concerned. I send you this by care & kindness of Mr. Barclay, because the post Master of Your City is a thief and is surrounded by thieves.

I send you here a letter cut from a circular published by J. S. Rutan. I have already put up five hundred dollars, to one hundred that Rutan Quay, for any one of their pimps ever received from your hands, or any one under your control or in your employ or in any way connected with you, such a letter written by me.

You are aware that more than a year since I wrote you that Rutan & Quay got hold of every item of news written by myself to you and you said in reply that they did not get it from you, now where do they get it.

I have inclosed you circulars and written you of the attempted fraud at Beaver Falls but have never received a word in reply, please write me private and send

by mail & enclosed in an extra envelope, and address care of Capt. George C. McClure, Masonic deposit Bank Pittsburgh, with instructions to forward immediately to me. Now I mean for you to enclose the letter addressed to me inside of a letter addressed to Geo. C. McClure for otherwise it will be captured in your city post office, also accompanying the private letter. I want you to send me a letter for publication in the Beaver *Argus*, clearly and emphatically, showing that J. S. Rutan, M. S. Quay, or any one connected with the Cameron Clan of thieves, or any person whatever, has ever read, as before stated, any such letter from you & c. & c. because as I do not believe you ever had or saw such a letter from me.

And if you feel like doing so, I want you to say that you have received many letters from me, and they compare favorably with the letters of other correspondents, at least so far as common sense is concerned, of course you know how it should be written better than I can tell you.

Wien Forney, has told me more than once, that my letters were more proper for publication than any he had ever seen of old Camerons well you know I do not profess anything, I am just obliged to write that is all.

I hope Col. You Will write me a letter & let it be addressed to the Editor of the Beaver *Argus*, for publication, that you have seen a copy of the letter published by J. S. Rutan, and that there certainly can be no such genuine letter in existence, because you never received or saw such a letter, but if you are in the position as the pimps of the Cameron treasury ring said yesterday and argued at the polls that you were, then I will not expect the afore named & requested letter.

Well the position they hold is as follows. McClure, is the Bosom friend of Quay, and gave him Irwins letter to publish, and when I put the 500th in the Banking house of R. E. & F. Hoopes, a Messenger was at once sent to Beaver to Quay & his orders was to take the bet, well the Money is there, to be decided, when you make known, that You did, or did not, place in the hands of J. S. Rutan, M. S. Quay, or any of their pimps, such a letter, by your own or the hands of any one else connected with you in any Way Whatever.

Now you have the whole subject in your hands and do please let me have your answer at once on receipt of this, and oblige  
Yours truly  
W. W. IRWIN.

FROM HARRISBURG.

The Senatorial Caucus - Committee Chairmanships - McClure's Reform Bill - The Next Speaker of the Senate - Constitutional Convention, &c., &c.  
Correspondence of the Radical.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 13, 1873.

Both Houses of the Legislature organized on Tuesday, and the same day the Republicans met in joint caucus to nominate a candidate for United States Senator.

As the election does not take place until the 21st inst. the caucus was held rather early; but as it was understood Senator Cameron had no opposition, there was a general desire among the members to have it over. General White was elected chairman of the caucus, on motion of Senator Rutan, and Mr. McCormick, of Allegheny, secretary. Senator Graham nominated General Cameron, and a motion was made to nominate him by acclamation, when Senator Davis, of Philadelphia, nominated Hon. W. D. Kelley. A ballot was then taken, which resulted in General Cameron receiving 65, Kelly 4 and Wickersham 2. Davis had declared himself for Cameron, and many were surprised at his nominating Kelley, as it was known Mr. Kelly was not a candidate, and had no thought of being placed in nomination. Senator Davis lives in his district, which may account for his action, but we venture the opinion that Judge Kelley will not thank him for placing him in such an unenviable position.

There were more than six persons in the caucus who preferred some one else to Cameron for Senator, and had Allison, Ketcham, Armstrong or some man of like character desired the nomination, or permitted the use of their name, the vote would have shown this fact. As General Cameron's nomination was conceded after the October election, there were no other candidates in the field, hence the overwhelming vote for the General.

Hon. John Allison was the favorite among the western members, and had he not written to Senator Rutan and Representative Allison of your district, and other friends in the Legislature, positively refusing to be a candidate, his name would have been presented and would have received a good vote. He requested his friends to vote for Cameron, if a candidate, as he was entitled to the nomination, and the people expected it. The nomination, so nearly unanimous, was certainly very complimentary to the old chief, but not more so than the endorsement he received at the polls in October.

This is the first Senatorial election in the Commonwealth, within the recollection of the oldest inhabitant, about which there were no charges of bribery and corruption. It is creditable to our Legislature and State that this is true, now that it is not only charged but generally believed that seats in the Senate of the United States are as a rule purchased, and that wealth, not brains, is the only requisite in a candidate.  
The Legislature adjourned on Wednesday

FROM PHILADELPHIA.

Col. Quay and the Secretaryship - Gen. Collis - Mr. Tower's Representative Comes to Grief - Robert Morris, the Witty Liberal Secretary - A Constitutional Delegate has a High Old Time.  
Correspondence of the Radical.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 14, 1873.

It is universally conceded by the prominent actors in the field of politics in this city, that Col. M. S. Quay, of Beaver, will, as Secretary of the Commonwealth, be made the chief of Governor Hartranft's cabinet. The mere announcement of this proposed appointment meets with a hearty response from the politicians, great and small, of this city, as well as from the business community generally. The acquaintances of the active partisans of Philadelphia with Col. Quay has been so intimate, their relations with him of such an agreeable character, and their knowledge of his eminent qualifications for this important office so general, they have created a degree of satisfaction seldom experienced in regard to gubernatorial appointments. Republicans and Democrats unite in the belief that no better choice could be made; and the admission is general, that with so competent, careful, reliable and affable a Secretary of State, to guard the interests of the Governor, the administration of General Hartranft will be remarkably successful.

There are not a few among us whose friendship for Col. Quay is so warm that in the fertility of their imagination, they see in this probable selection of their friend, the first step taken, the second of which leads to the chair of the Executive of the Commonwealth.

Andrew G. Curtin retired from the office of Secretary of State, under Governor Pollock in 1858, to assume gubernatorial duties in 1861. Doubtless it was the experience gained by Secretary Curtin, that gave his administration, as Governor, such historic prestige; and if civil service reform is to be extended to State politics, Col. Quay being in direct line of promotion, it is eminently proper for our prospective Secretary to become the successor of General Hartranft.

Gen. Charles H. T. Collis, our able and learned City Solicitor, having fore-sworn local politics, since becoming a statesman, is not unwilling to serve the State and himself by accepting the office of Attorney General under Governor Hartranft. The bravery acquired by General Collis, while fighting the battalions of General Lee, has become so deeply rooted that once in a while it breaks out as it did a few days ago, when he informed your correspondent that, although by a majority of ten thousand his fellow citizens made him the Solicitor of Philadelphia, yet his modesty would prevent his soliciting from General Hartranft the appointment of Attorney General; yet if it was tendered him, he would accept it, and as bravely march to duty in the role of Attorney General as he marched to battle to conquer Lee, in the role of a soldier. General Collis being one of our safest lawyers, a worse selection might easily be made.

Shall I tell the readers of THE RADICAL how a recent candidate for Senatorial honors came to grief. I take it for granted that the people of Beaver have a faint recollection that a gentleman from Schuylkill recently had a hankering for the Senatorial seat occupied by General Cameron. To get possession of it, this same gentleman who is a great soldier and acquired fame as such in the late war, knew that if he could capture the Legislative delegation from this city, he would have little difficulty in storming the citadel and putting Cameron to the rout. The campaign was well planned, but failed in the execution, for the reason that the Lieutenant detailed to make the capture fell into the hands of bushwhackers and guerrillas; and it came about in this way: A certain lawyer from Schuylkill county was given \$1,800 in cash and ordered to repair to Philadelphia for the purpose of sounding the "delegation" aforesaid as to how they felt in regard to the Senatorship, provided a man was put up in opposition to Cameron whose very name was a Tower of strength, and whose pocket book was almost as plenteous as Uncle Sam's. This lawyer was directed to dress gorgeously while in Philadelphia, and live astoundingly, as the representative of a millionaire Senatorial candidate should do. Well, the lawyer began to live a gorgeous life, and the day following his arrival several of the "delegation" were invited to his rooms; champagne was ordered and it flowed freely; from wine to set-back eucher, "McCullough" and a few other "heathen Chinese" took a hand, and before many of the small hours of morning were ushered in, the young man from Schuylkill lost his pile; his astoundingly sumptuous style of living terminated rather unceremoniously, and with the loss of the \$1,800, in the little game the lawyer did not understand, and in which "Tit" took a hand, the bottom fell out of the Tower, and "Tit" thus having saved his friend Cameron from the raid of Tower's man, ought to be made Collector of the Port, *viz* S. I. Comly.

ROBERT MORRIS, ESQ., Secretary of the Liberal Republican State Committee. Your correspondent frequently met him during the campaign, and as often endeavored to persuade him to return from whence he had strayed. I am happy to say Robert has returned, and is now one of us, having been restored to full fellowship in the ranks of Hartranft republicans. Mr. Morris is one of our wittiest of gentlemen. He was asked a few

THE Masonic authorities of Nebraska have issued a card to the public, cautioning them against patronizing a proposed gift concert, to be given at Omaha, with a view to aiding in the erection of a Masonic temple in that place. The mere fact that lotteries and gift enterprises are contrary to the principles of Masonry would satisfy every reflecting person that the proposed gift concert is a fraud.