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PENNSYLVANIA TO THE FORE.

We are willing that our opponents should indulge in the delusion that the Democracy of this State do not intend to make an active earnest cause that fall, but we do not wish any of our friends to entertain the same belief. Even if Pennsylvania were a doubtful State, tactics would dictate that she should take a part in the fight along the whole line. We well remember that at the battle of Spotsylvania, after Hancock with the Second Corps had achieved his magnificent victory, the Fifth Corps on his right was ordered to attack the enemy in their front, who were well entrenched, and had repeatedly repulsed us, assault. The Pa Reserves, led by McClellan and Endell led the various attacks, and whilst they encumbered the way, it kept the Confederates at their posts, and prevented them from encroaching their weakened ranks. In this way, they performed as important a service as their comrades who captured Johnson's Division. The moral is, give the Republicans plenty of work in Pennsylvania, even if we do not win.

But why should we despair of Pennsylvania? The State is naturally Democratic. It was so in ante-war times. It was so in 1862. It was so overwhelmingly in 1874, notwithstanding the fearful gerrymandering of a Republican Legislature. Ficker in 1869 and Bucklow in 1872 were elected by the people, but ousted out by the sounders. Under the revised Constitution, and vigilant watchfulness, the frauds of those years cannot be repeated.

In no State is the common distress more severely felt than in Pennsylvania. Her industries are all prostrated, and thousands of laboring men, now on the verge of starvation can trace it directly to the doors of Radical legislation, misrule, and corruption; and in the election of Tilden and Hendricks they see honest government, a reduction of expenses and taxes, and consequently a revival of business.

Our opponents are divided. Blaine was the choice of the Republican masses for President, but the Camerons and office holders gave them a most violent in nominating Hayes. They labored for bread and were given a stone. Our party is united, and not a word of disac-  
tion is heard.

Let us then go to work at once. Organize every precinct and school District. For years the Democratic vote has not been brought out. Effective organization will correct this. In this County last year we had over 2100 majority, and yet hundreds of Democratic voters remained at home. The work of organization depends mainly upon the people, and if they act promptly and efficiently Pennsylvania will be placed in the Tilden and Hendricks column by 20,000 majority.

**THE POTTSVILLE TRIALS.**

A great sensation was created on the 16th inst., in the McHugh-McLaughlin trials by the appearance of Frank McHugh a tool of the Molles conspirators, on the witness stand, to corroborate the evidence of McFarlin's detection.

There was a perceptible shudder among his fellow conspirators when McHugh kissed the book after the Clerk of the Court had repeated to him the solemn injunction that he was to tell "the truth, the whole truth; and nothing but the truth." Women especially, who had hitherto shown more stoicism than the male conspirators, evinced the deepest solicitude. They bent forward their heads upon their hands and for the first time showed tears in their eyes. The gang in the dock trembled and Jack Kehoe turned pale that he ever did. Frank McHugh belongs to Mahanoy City, and was secretary of the division of the Molles at that place. He has always been a wild young fellow, and is the only one of the prisoners at present on trial who has been out on bail. McHugh corroborated the evidence of McFarlin in almost every particular, and is a first-class witness for the State.

**LAW.**

The jury in the case of the Commonwealth versus Jack Kehoe, county delegate of the "Molles" in Schuylkill County and Cambria, county delegate of the order in Northumberland County, and six other prominent members of the organization, found them all guilty of assault and battery with intent to kill. William Thomas, Frank McHugh, who turned State's evidence, was recommended to the mercy of the court. The same men are being tried now for conspiracy to kill William and Jessie Major at Mahanoy City.

**TIDES OF FINANCES.**

Some of our weak minded Republican contemporaries are alarmed about Gov. Tilden's connection with the St. Louis, Alton, and Terre Haute Railroad Company. They say that if he is connected with that company, there is no direction in which any probability of a direct leaning to an inflation of the currency. There is no less danger that either of our political parties will adopt any such programme.

The Republican organs who are abusing the Democratic House without state are exceeding the matter. Even the New York Tribune in its issue of Wednesday has the following notice:

"The Greenback party have had a hard time in finding a candidate for the Vice Presidency. They have at last in General Samuel F. Cary of Ohio, whose letter of acceptance will be published in a few days.

## OUR COUNTY NOMINATIONS.

As usual in Counties having strong party majorities, we had a large number of candidates for the various offices to be filled on the 1st inst. There has not been a great deal accomplished in the way of legislation, but the work done by the House in bringing to light the frauds and corruption of the present administration has been of more service to the nation than any amount of law making could have been. It also saved the people \$500,000 in cutting down appropriations. The Republicans have, however, itself strictly partisan, and refuse to agree to many measures originating in the House which were hardly fair, by the people. Belknap, guilty by his own confession, was acquitted, the repeat of the resounding act allowed to fall without action, and many other acts of omission or commission done, simply because the prospects of the Republican Presidential candidate might be affected by the Senate acting like honest men in union with the House. It looks very much as though they had taken the wrong horn of the dilemma, for many citizens, although republicans are being driven from the ranks of that party, to vote for reform. Whether the Senate has acted wisely, will be shown in the November elections.

E. J. McHenry of Fishing Creek was unanimously renominated for the Legislature. This was a well deserved compliment to a faithful and efficient Representative.

His colleague, David S. Brown of Main Township is a man of excellent reputation, steady good sense, and will conscientiously discharge the duties of his office.

F. L. Shuman was chosen as Associate Judge from the South side of the river. He is well known to the people, bears an unblameable character, and will perform his judicial duties with uprightness and fidelity.

The other Associate named was L. K. Krehbiel, Esq., of Benton for many years a Justice of the Peace. He has long been noted for integrity, and conscientiousness, and will prove a fit successor to Hon. Isaac D. Flick.

John W. Hoffman, after a severe contest, was nominated for Sheriff. Mr. Hoffman, from the date of his election, and presented his credentials to the Board of Supervisors, and was adopted.

The resolution was declared unanimously adopted by the speaker *pro temp.*, Mr. Sawyer.

A copy of the resolution was ordered telegraphed to Mr. Kerr.

At seven o'clock a message was received from the Senate announcing that the Senate had passed a joint resolution for the final adjournment of Congress at 7:30 p.m., and was adopted.

The committee of three appointed to wait on the President and announce that both houses were ready to adjourn, reported that the President had further communication to make.

The speaker *pro temp.*, then announced that the joint resolution for the final adjournment of Congress at 7:30 p.m. was adopted.

Without a formal application the council of the parties have agreed by writing here, with filed to submit the case upon the bill and answer, with a request that it be specifically determined whether the proposed application of building tax to desks and seats attached to school houses, is lawful, and also what outlays upon school buildings during the year a tax may lawfully be collected for.

By the 2d section of the Act of May, 1851, school directors are authorized once in each year to levy a special tax not exceeding the amount of the regular annual tax for such year to be applied solely to the purpose of purchasing or paying for the ground and the building or erection of school buildings thereon."

Payling for lands purchased--for the necessary hardware used in erecting a school house and for paying the buildings erected out of the special building tax are matters so closely interwoven that the law that there is no room for doubt or cavil upon the subject--but it is earnestly contended by the council of the parties that the fitting of the school houses erected by directors with seats and desks is to be paid out of the general school fund, and not by a building tax. This view of the law limits the application of the building tax to the mere walls and roof of the building, and stops short of making it a school building. It might as well be said that a store is a complete store without the counter and shelves, as that a school house is a complete building without seats and desks. Counter, tables, drawers and shelves with a store as reality--1 Washburns Proprietary Proprietary, 17 Teller vs. Robinson 36 Barb. N. Y. Rep. 485.

So few in a church parake of the nature of reality although owned by an individual, the general property belonging to the corporation that erected the church--1 Wash. 2d.

The old test of physical annexation was exploded by Gibson, C. J., in *Voorhis vs. Fecman*, 2 W. & S. 119 Hill vs. Newar 1 P. S. Smith 274--*sugor* vs. Peit 1 Weekly Notes, 223.

In Melig's appeal 1 P. S. Smith 33, Judge Agnew says: "The old notion of physical annexation has long since been exploded in this State. On the contrary the question of fixture or not, depends on the nature and character of the act by which the structure is put in place, the policy of the law connected with its purpose and the intentions of those concerned in the act."

This was the promise, what was the fulfillment? Belknap, Secretary of State, the whiskey ring lead by Babbcock, McDonald, Hayes, Avery and McRae, persons friends of the President, and entrenched behind the influence of the White House, Belknap was bribed in the War Department, Robeson rabbled the Navy, Williams postured as Attorney General, Delano sold contracts in the Interior Department. Lesser rogues like Shoup, Clapp, and others followed in the wake of their superiors, and the whole administration became corrupt from top to bottom, and Grant still not only attempted to shield his partners in crime, but drove from position such genuine reformers as Belknap and Hayes.

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A word, however, as to Howard. A recent number of the *Gazette & Bulletin* has the following:

Evenly General O. H. Howard shares the views recently expressed in an editorial in this paper concerning the necessity of the movement for the late nomination of Tilden and Hendricks to the triumph of the Democracy.

In a paper of his published in the Atlantic Monthly he says: "Just now it seems almost a shame to have lived to witness these times. Those who sought the nation's welfare and happiness, and our Union heroes have a true satisfaction in knowing that they were the direct means of killing secession, state supremacy, and slavery in America, and that it is only the enlarged generosity of the victors that has lifted up the vanquished into the higher plane of power."

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Hayes, in his letter of acceptance, specially promises civil service reform. How he can accomplish it, under the head of Chamber, the chairman of the national Committee, the Camerons, Logans, Pattersons, et al, will be seen. The men who control Grant would dictate him.

But to show the fallacy of the unmeaning promises, we have only to quote from Grant's second annual message dated December 6th 1870. Grant says:

"Always favoring practical reform, I especially call your attention to one name of long standing, which I would like to be reminded by this congress. It is a reform in the civil-service of the country. I would have it go beyond the nominating of the members of the civil service, and extend to the entire class of officers and agents, who require the services and consent of the Senate to make their appointments complete. I would have it govern all the tenure, the manner of making all appointments. There is no entity which is much more important than the civil service of the country. As far as appointments, nor is there any such arduous and thankless labor imposed upon our Senators and Representatives as that of finding places for constituents. The present system does not seem to be best suited, and often even not, in making appointments. I would have it govern all the tenure, the manner of making all appointments. 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