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BLOOMSBURG, PA. Friday, August 29, 1879.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

FOR STATE TREASURER, DANIEL O. BARR, OF PITTSBURGH.

COUNTY TICKET.

FOR SHERIFF, A. K. SMITH, FOR CORONER, I. K. DILDINE, FOR JURY COMMISSIONER, ELI ROBBINS.

Democratic Standing Committee.

Bloomers—David Loveland, Chairman. W. A. Clark, Secretary. Deans—John F. Fox, Secretary.

Vigilance Committees.

BLOOM EAST. Paul E. Wolf, J. B. Casey, Andrew Noble, James Lennon, John York, Peter Solinger, Charles Haasert.

BLOOM WEST. H. R. Little, Elias Purman, William Barrett, G. W. Stearns.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The members of the Standing Committee elected by the people in their respective districts have important duties to perform.

D. LOWENBERG, Chairman.

HON. WARREN J. WOODWARD DYING.

A dispatch to the Philadelphia Times from Reading, dated August 24th states that a telegram received from a daughter of Judge Woodward, who is with her father at his country place, Hampden, Delaware county, N. Y., hastily summoned Warren Woodward, a son, to his father's bedside, as little hope was entertained for his life.

The South African War.

PLANNING THE CAPTURE OF THE ZULU KING—A SUCCESSFUL ZULU RAID.

A Petty Antecar and Villain Combined.

The De Young who shot Mr. Kallach could backguard himself; but could not stand being backguarded in return.

This demand of De Young was impudent and preposterous.

Water is Free.

Ask the Wild Wands.

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THE CALIFORNIA STYLE.

On Saturday last Charles De Young, one of the editors of the Chronicle, deliberately shot Rev. Isaac S. Kallach, the Workingmen's candidate for Mayor of San Francisco.

The cause which led to the affair are these: After Kallach's nomination for Mayor by the Working Men, the Chronicle, which is the organ of the 'Honorable Bliks' party, attacked him without measure, and republished, among other things, the story of his 'unhappy' record in Boston, many years ago.

Not content with this the Chronicle attacked the reputation of his dead father, who was also a minister. Kallach returned on the De Youngs, in a speech at a public meeting of Working Men, on Friday night, by assailing the reputation of their aged mother, and promising to republish in the Open Letter an infamous article against her and them from a disreputable paper, which had a brief existence in San Francisco five years ago.

On Saturday morning Charles De Young drove in a coupe to the Metropolitan Church, sent a message to the minister that a gentleman wished to see him, and when Kallach reached the door of the vehicle, flung at him a bullet which penetrated Kallach's lung, and other struck him in the thigh, inflicting serious, if not fatal, wounds.

The carriage containing De Young was about to drive away when a crowd gathered and overturned the vehicle. They assaulted De Young and a policeman, and attempted to lynch the former, but two other policemen coming up, rescued him from the mob and he was placed in the police station at the City Hall.

The news of the shooting caused intense excitement among the Working Men throughout the city, and for several hours a serious riot was threatened, but the militia were got ready for the emergency, and this fact with the moderate conduct of some of the leaders of the Working Men, expressed at a San Lot meeting, prevented a riot.

A demonstration, however, was made upon the Chronicle office, and H. De Young, brother of Charles, was locked up, at his own request, in the station house with his brother.

In reply to a telegram from General McComb, commanding the State troops in San Francisco, Secretary McCarty telegraphed to Colonel McAllister, commanding the Benicia Arsenal, authorizing him to issue 50,000 cartridges to the State of California.

Dennis Kearney, who was in Vallejo, was telegraphed to and arrived in San Francisco on Sunday evening.

That book agent's give away books for votes is one of their open secrets; that some of them do not attempt to urge their books on merit is known to some of our school officials. It entails a burdensome expense; it interrupts the grading of our schools; it renders the teaching for the next term less effective, and is beneficial only to book makers and book-agents.

STAND UP MR. WICKERSHAM AND ANSWER!

Is it any wonder that tax-payers complain of the heavy burdens of taxation imposed upon them? Is it any wonder that they are not only obliged to themselves, but to enrich a few public leeches as witness the following taken from an exchange:

'During the last fiscal year, ending with December, 1878, Hon. James Pyle Wickersham, LL. D., drew out of the State Treasury \$28,295; for salary, clerk hire, contingent expenses, &c., for the School and Soldiers' Orphan Department, of which he is Superintendent. This is \$3,263 more than he states in his official report. Have not the tax-payers of Pennsylvania a right to ask what became of these \$3,263? He draws \$2,500 for contingent expenses, which are included in express charges, &c. Why is it that others in addition also draw hundreds of dollars for delivering School Reports? The tax-payers have a right to know this.'

The Act of May 8, 1855, requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to publish in the School Journal, free of charge, his current decisions, together with all official circulars, &c. Now, why is it that the Superintendent of Public Instruction draws from the State Treasury, every year, \$2,500 for publishing and circulating the official decisions and instructions of the department?

The tax-payers have an unquestioned right to know who pockets these \$2,500, drawn contrary to law. Twenty-eight thousand nine hundred and twenty-five dollars! Giving each of his ten clerks, assistants, &c., twelve hundred dollars which in this time is a big salary for a clerk, leaves a net balance in favor of the chief of sixteen thousand dollars for his salary, incidentals, publishing of decisions, &c. In addition the income from the School Journal with its lucrative advertising and subscription department, netting four or five thousand dollars more, makes a grand total of twenty thousand dollars. Deducting from this the incidental expenses which are not paid twice, and the next little sum of twelve to fourteen thousand remains. Colorado and California are, forthwith, not the only localities where Bonanzas are made. They are even held out of the veins of the tax-payers of Pennsylvania.'

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WASHINGTON, August 15, 1879.—My Dear Secretary: The \$500 you sent me I have sent to Badger. I still hold the \$1,000 sent me by the President. He reports collusion and fraud. What shall I do?

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This wonderful natural development has attracted there immense capital, the necessary and legitimate result of which has been the growth of the country, of physical and intellectual energy, have been drawn to this centre. To foster and encourage this fruit of proper and protective legislation, that the people may reap the benefits of their labor and capital, should be the first care of the commonwealth, and yet, we are assured by the appeals coming from the State, that the people are being oppressed by corporations in their discrimination against the producer and transporter have so paralyzed the enterprise of individuals as to make it impossible for the hewers of wood and the drawers of water.

For these wrongs they must hold responsible the republican party, which has been the author of corrupt influences upon members of the legislature, a new constitution was demanded. The ring influence of the republican party arrayed itself in opposition to the proposed reform, but the people, aroused to a sense of its importance, carried the proposition by an overwhelming majority. The new constitution was adopted, and it was the intention of the framers to incorporate in it to curb the encroachment of unwarranted corporate power, and seemingly impossible barriers raised to prevent the free competition of the individual and his representatives of the people. The people felt safe in its apparent protection, but how vain and futile were their hopes. Chartered monopolies, and the poisonous influence of the lobby again found its way into the halls of legislation. To the ring combinations in the state the constitution was but a rope of sand.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

For some time past and at present our county has been and is flooded with book agents. They are paid for their work and expect to earn their wages. Their calling is to honor as any other, but the temptation for illegitimate practices is unusually strong, and the profits of the business must be inordinate to pay for current expenses. In the first place two directors could transact the business of a district as well as six. Their duties are not as arduous as those of Supervisors, or directors of the poor.

In a second place there is no more necessary for a County Superintendent of the schools, than there is for one for Road or Poor purposes.

The wisdom of the average school director has become proverbial. His eye recognizes by a mysterious instinct a good book when he sees it afar; and his judgment, reason and taste are all of a piece with his eye. He regards this as an intensely progressive age, in fact an age of book-ology, and proceeds to introduce to his weak, ignorant, and less gifted constituents the new books that his sagacity discovers in places where common people would not look for them; usually, under the arms of the most genteel book agents that ever (did) grace our mundane sphere.

In fact this director purchases all the new books these benevolent agents bring out, in order to verify his first impressions. Our reason for thinking so is the fact that this director is in possession of the books; they constitute in many instances the most valuable part of his library. An investigation puts him in shape to master the strong points.

He sees in the new speller vast improvements on the old one; in the new history (which is published so long ago, as 1813) a (goodish) details more pathetic, and facts more interesting than grace the pages of the one in use. He commits to memory a few lines of this to which to illustrate these views.

'Pochabontas, &c.' now scarcely twelve years of age rushed forward with a shriek and threw herself between the unhappy stranger and the executioner. Her hair was loose and her eyes were wild and straggling with tears, &c.—Goodrich, page 41.

The above remarks the reader will observe treat the subject in the abstract, and are not supposed to have any reference to allusions in the present, because even editors in this county have become paid agents.

Legislative Bribery.

Judge Pearson talked pointedly and pertinently to the Dauphin county grand jury on Monday in regard to the law on legislative bribery of which the famous Kemble et al. cases will be laid before this grand inquest. If the members of it heed the instructions of this wise and honest court the public will not realize the misapprehension of a miscarriage of justice in those cases that had been feared from the presence on the grand jury of the Cameron beefman Sam Barr. Judge Pearson properly called their attention to this sort of bribery as 'a crime which strikes almost at the foundations of society because, instead of having fair honest, proper legislation according to the best discretion and judgment of the legislators, we are to have them bought out to vote for measures or vote against measures which the public require or which are injurious to the public, either the one or the other.'

Then, after quoting the constitution and the statute on the subject, as they have been furnished in the Intelligencer, he instructed them that to justify a return of any accused of this offense 'all that is necessary to be proved is the simple fact that they solicited a member of the Legislature to vote in a particular way under a promise of procuring money for them or offering to give them money, telling them where they could get money or they could have money, by doing so and they could receive such and such articles.' And he further told them that if this was developed in their inquiries concerning others than those formally indicted they should present all implicated. If the evidence before the grand and petit juries in this court should be like that given before the legislative committee we can not see how Kemble and his associate rosters and the tainted legislators can save their feathers from the consuming fire of Judge Pearson's judgment. At the same time he admonished the jurors not to be influenced by newspaper discussion nor misled by political feeling nor reports of previous examinations, but to walk in a straight line, swimming neither to the right nor left.—Lancaster Intelligencer.

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DEMOCRATIC DOCTRINE.

Chairman Miller Pa's Republicans on the Defensive.

STATE ISSUES PROMINENTLY PRESENTED AND THE ATTEMPT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY TO REVIVE FEDERALISM EXPUNDED—VICTORY FORESHADOWED.

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Of this the proof is before the people in the recent attempt of the master spirits of the ring, those who are recognized leaders in the republican party, and who control its conventions and nominate its ticket, to elect a man to the highest office in the State in the attempt to pass the \$4,000,000 riot bill, to bring evidence before the people, and to convince every one not blinded by party prejudice, of the gross wrong, and the utter exclusion of this influence, and those whom they may dictate as candidates for official position, will save the fair fame of the Commonwealth and place the revenues of the people beyond the reach of organized political corruption.

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