

A constitutional convention will cost the tax-payers of the state nearly if not quite a half million dollars. Such portions of the present constitution as need to be changed, can be so altered by amendments that will not cost one-tenth of that amount.

Ballot reform is demanded by the people. The marked ballot ought to go. But it is not necessary to hold a constitutional convention at an expense of \$500,000, to get rid of it. The constitution can be amended at comparatively small expense.

The Republican State Convention last week did not endorse the constitutional convention proposition, though it was a measure of their own creation. They simply pat themselves on the back for having submitted so meritorious a proposal to the people. Will the Democratic State Convention endorse a republican measure which the Republicans themselves are afraid to endorse?

The *Sentinel* and *Republican* are criticizing Judge Ikeler for doing certain alleged things during the recent campaign. They make no charges, but by general indefinite insinuations they endeavor to convict the Judge of improper conduct. The motive of the *Sentinel* is well understood to be prompted by the fact that Judge Ikeler would not vote as the editor of that paper told him to vote; and the *Republican* is ever ready to help widen the breach when there is a quarrel in the Democratic ranks. In our judgment it is a tempest in a teapot, and Judge Ikeler is acting wisely in not noticing it.

The Democratic Convention of this county made a mistake in recommending the holding of a constitutional convention. The subject has not been much discussed yet, and is not fully understood by the public at large. When it becomes known that the proposition to hold this convention is a republican scheme, passed by a republican legislature, and intended only to hoodwink the people because of the failure of that party to carry out the pledges made in its platform, Democrats will not be so anxious to endorse it. During the progress of the campaign it is desirable that a thorough discussion of the necessities for such a convention should be carried on. THE COLUMBIAN will be glad to print any article of reasonable length on the subject to which the writers are willing to sign their names.

**WASHINGTON LETTER.**

From our Regular Correspondent, :  
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 24, 1891.  
 Mr. Harrison is certainly unfortunate in one thing. Only those republicans who already hold Federal offices, or those who are reaching out after one, speak publicly in favor of his renomination. Robert Small, the negro ex-Congressman of South Carolina who is drawing a federal salary in that State, dropped into Washington last week, and, having succeeded by some hook or crook in getting himself interviewed by a reporter of a respectable paper, proceeded to eulogize Harrison and to say if the Southern republicans could dictate the nomination it would certainly go to him; he cast a Blaine anchor to windward by saying that the opposition which once existed among Southern republicans to Mr. Blaine was now entirely gone and that they would gladly support him if he was nominated. The next Harrison man to turn up in Washington was ex-Representative McComas, of Maryland, who by reason of his supporting the Force Bill was defeated for re-election in a district which is strongly republican. Mr. McComas is hankering after a seat on the Federal bench; therefore it is not strange that he should say that during a tour of the northwestern States he found the people all believing that Blaine was too loyal to Mr. Harrison to become a candidate and that Mr. Harrison deserved a re-nomination and would get it. No such reports have been brought in by disinterested observers.  
 If Secretary Noble has not got tired of saying that he has not resigned and does not intend to resign, the people are tired of hearing it. Just to show how public opinion regards the matter it may be mentioned that a sporting man stood in the lobby of a hotel, which was crowded with people, and offered to wager any amount from \$50 to \$1000 that Noble was out of the Cabinet before the first of January and that there were no takers.

Senator Carlisle is here looking splendidly after his long rest. He says that all the newspaper interviews with him concerning democratic candidates next year which have from time to time appeared this Summer have been entirely false, as he has expressed no opinions on the subject.

Senator Chandler, chairman of the Senate committee on immigration, has fired the first gun in what may be a very serious fight in Congress by writing a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury setting forth his views as to the legality of that official's action in accepting bonds, insuring that they should not become a public charge, and permitting the landing of any prohibited class (the Russian Jews recently permitted to land, upon the Jews in this country giving a bond to the Treasury department that they should not become a charge upon the public, are the targets aimed at.)

Mr. Chandler says that Congress never intended when the prohibitory laws were enacted to authorize any such system, and it is fair to assume that he proposes that the matter shall be brought to the attention of Congress. Treasury officials say that written opinions have been furnished that department by Attorney-General Garfield and under the Cleveland administration and by Attorney-General Miller under the present administration to the effect that such bonds may be taken in the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The cattle on the Cherokee strip may be the cause of quite an administration row when Mr. Harrison comes back. It is said that the proposed scheme to have them remain there by transferring temporarily the titles to them to individual Indians was first suggested to the cattle barons by a prominent official of the Interior department and now Assistant Secretary Chandler, of the same department, says that the ruse is entirely too thin, and that it will not be allowed. Well, we shall see who will win. It may be a slander, but has been said over and over again, that these cattle men would not be put off the strip, because they had a good friend who was very near, in more than one respect to Mr. Harrison, who would put them "onto" some way to stay.

When the Weather Bureau passes under the control of the Agricultural department the statement was made that Francis E. Nipher, of St. Louis, would have been placed in charge of it had he not declined to state his politics. This was vehemently denied at the time by Secretary Rusk, but it was nevertheless true. Professor Nipher, who is now here in attendance upon the meetings of the American Association for the advancement of Science says that after six months persuasion he had agreed to accept the position, but when he received a telegram from a member of the cabinet signed officially, and reading: "What are your politics? Answer by telegraph," he concluded that he did not care for the position and wired as follows: "Replying your telegram as requested, I respectfully state that I am not a politician and do not intend to engage in politics."

**Overhaul the Books.**

The issue before the people of Pennsylvania this year will not be so much whether Democrats or Republicans shall fill the offices of the State Treasurer and Auditor General as is the question whether the books shall be overhauled and a statement presented to the people.

There has been numerous reports of wrongdoing in the management of both offices. It is the evident desire of the Republican leaders to block any attempt at investigation. Their dread of having the accounts of those two offices overhauled naturally lead to the suspicion that their reluctance to have the truth go out to the people is dictated by party exigencies. And right here is where the people object. The public demands an honest administration of State Offices, and are unflinching in their determination to secure it. If the two offices to be filled this fall have not been properly conducted they demand to know it. Nothing must be concealed; the entire truth must come out. This is the issue in Pennsylvania this fall. With the Republican leaders fighting against investigation and the Democrats anxious for it, it is very plain where the interests of the masses lie.—*Phila. Herald.*

General Butler's forthcoming book will be one of the largest historical autobiographies ever published. It will be published in English, German, and French. The best artists are now employed on the work. The Dickinson Type Foundry is casting type especially for it. The typography and press-work will be by The Barta Press of Boston, the first edition to be not less than one hundred thousand, probably double that number. The publishers are A. M. Thayer & Co., of Boston. The general and exclusive agents for Pennsylvania and Delaware are J. W. Keeler & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

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 Jno. L. MOYER.  
 8-27-41.

**THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.**

The following is the platform adopted by the Republican State Convention at Harrisburg last week:  
 The Republican party of Pennsylvania in convention assembled, reaffirm the cardinal principles of the party enunciated by the national convention of 1888, and approving the course of the Republicans of the fifty-first congress, in incorporating them into the law of the land, make the following declarations:

1. We heartily endorse the broad and statesmanlike administration of President Harrison, which has exhibited an intelligent and inflexible purpose to execute the federal laws, maintain the dignity of American institutions, and insure the continuance and growth of prosperity and peace in the nation.
  2. We view with peculiar satisfaction the direction of the affairs of the post-office department by one of our own citizens, the Honorable John W. Wainmaker, whose clean, business-like comprehensive administration of the affairs has advanced the postal operations of the nation to a plane never previously attained.
- TO START A BLAINE BOON.**
3. It has been with especial gratification that the Republicans of this Commonwealth have observed the brilliant administration of the state department by one of Pennsylvania's native sons, whose superb diplomacy has electrified the hearts of all Americans, exacted from foreign peoples a degree of respect and admiration for the United States flag hitherto unequalled, and opened wide to us in other lands commercial gates hitherto barred. These magnificent achievements justify the confidence and furnish new occasion for us now to reaffirm the loyalty and devotion of the Republicans of Pennsylvania to her most distinguished son—the Honorable James G. Blaine.
  4. We cordially endorse the action of the Republican congress in passing the McKinley bill, in conformity with the national pledge to protect the material interests of American labor. This beneficent measure has, in spite of malignant democratic abuse and misrepresentation, already brought about, and will in the future continue to bring about, a broader and more settled prosperity to all classes, particularly to the operative, the mechanic, the miner, the farmer.
  5. We favor bi-metalism and endorse the action of the fifty-first congress in providing for the purchase and coinage of all the gold and silver produced from American mines, and we recommend such tariff duties as will protect our country and its currency from the debasement which will surely follow if this nation is made the dumping-ground for the silver of the world.
  6. We re-affirm our devotion to the welfare of those who sacrificed property, home, health and life for the nation's honor during the late war, and we cordially approve the action of successive republican congresses, and particularly the fifty-first, in spite of malicious and unrelenting democratic opposition, in providing proper and adequate financial aid to all deserving veterans still surviving, and to the widows and orphans of those who have entered the bivouac of the dead.

**REPUBLICANISM AND REFORM.**  
 The Republican party of Pennsylvania has never hesitated to pledge itself to reforms demanded by public sentiment, and has never faltered in carrying out the promises so made. In accordance with pledges given we have recently placed upon our statute books numerous laws having for their object the amelioration and advancement of labor in this state, thereby winning the unqualified and public approval of the wage earners of the Commonwealth.

8. In accordance with the promise contained in our platform of last year, and mainly in compliance with the expressed wishes of various labor organizations, we have made provision for the submission to the people in November next, of the question of holding a constitutional convention, with a view to such changes in the organic law of the Commonwealth as may be deemed expedient.

9. Also, in conformity with the promise made a year ago, we have enacted a law having in view an absolutely pure and unrestricted ballot. We pledge the party to such changes and improvements, if any, which a practical application of this law may prove essential to a fuller accomplishment of its purposes, and, in the event of negative action in November next upon the question of holding a constitutional convention, we promise, with a view to eliminating the provisions in our present constitution compelling the numbering of ballots, to enact the necessary legislation for submitting a special constitutional amendment upon this particular subject, to the people of the state at the earliest day possible.

10. Furthermore, in compliance with pledges made to the people, the Republican party having in view the equalization of taxation, has enacted measures whereby, mainly through an increase in taxation on corporations, the state appropriation to public schools has been in-



*Every one suffers from Catarrh in the Head. Those who don't have it suffer from those who do. It's a disease you can't keep to yourself.*  
 Here are some of the symptoms: Headache, obstruction of nose, discharges falling into throat, sometimes profuse, watery, and acrid, at others, thick, tenacious, mucous, purulent, bloody, putrid, and offensive; eyes weak, ringing in ears, deafness; offensive breath; smell and taste impaired, and general debility. But only a few of these likely to be present at once.  
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**Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.**

creased from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 annually, and the personal property tax returned to the counties increased from \$500,000 to \$1,500,000 annually. It has further provided for the annual of all the retail liquor licenses, aggregating \$2,000,000, to the respective counties, cities, boroughs and townships.

**FONDNESS FOR THE FARMER.**  
 We pledge ourselves to renewed efforts in the same direction to the end that our revenue laws may be revised so as to treat with equality all the various industries of the Commonwealth, thus relieving the land of the farmers from the unfair discrimination to which it has heretofore been subjected.

12. We denounce the unscrupulous partisanship of Governor Pattison in vetoing all the apportionment bills passed, in compliance with constitutional direction, by the late Republican Legislature, and in negating other legislation, particularly the compulsory education bill, having in view the material and moral interests of the people of Pennsylvania.

13. We commend the Republican mayor, city solicitor, county controller and district attorney of Philadelphia for their discovery and prompt prosecution of those guilty of official malfeasance. Dishonesty is non-partisan. Tweeds and Bardseys arise in all parties. The Republican party has always shown itself ready to punish official dishonesty wherever found, and we urge the before mentioned officers to prosecute to conviction any and every guilty official without regard to his politics.

14. We are in favor of the prompt repeal by the legislature of all the mercantile taxes levied by the state, and of such amendments to the revenue and other laws as will effectually promote the orderly receipt, the lawful and safe custody, and the prompt and proper disbursement, not only of the moneys of the Commonwealth, but of all its cities, boroughs and townships; and the law should be so improved as to absolutely prevent the use of public funds, small or great, for the personal benefit of public officials.

15. That we reaffirm the unwavering devotion of Pennsylvania Republicans to the supreme and sovereign right of every lawful citizen, rich or poor, native or foreign born, black or white, to cast one free ballot in public elections and to have that ballot counted as cast, and we demand effective legislation within constitutional limits to secure the integrity and purity of federal elections throughout the territory.

**Consumption Cured!**  
 An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who desire, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper. W. A. NOYES, 820 Power's Block, Rochester, N. Y. mar-6-1y

- DEMOCRATIC TICKET.**
- ASSOCIATE JUDGE, C. G. MURPHY.
  - SHERIFF, JOHN MOUREY.
  - DELEGATE TO CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, ANDREW L. FRITZ.
  - Subject to decision of District Conference.
  - JURY COMMISSIONER, M. B. MCHENRY.
  - CORONER, DR. F. W. REDEKER.

**Be Sure**  
 If you have made up your mind to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to take any other. Hood's Sarsaparilla is a peculiar medicine, possessing, by virtue of its peculiar combination, proportion, and preparation, curative power superior to any other article. A Boston lady who knew what she wanted, and whose example is worthy imitation, tells her experience below:  
**To Get**  
 "In one store where I went to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla the clerk tried to induce me buy their own instead of Hood's; he told me their was'nt any trial; that I might take it on ten days' trial; that if I did not like it I need not pay anything, etc. But he could not prevail on me to change. I told him I knew what Hood's Sarsaparilla was. I had taken it, was satisfied with it, and did not want any other."

**Hood's**  
 When I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla I was feeling real miserable, suffering a great deal with dyspepsia, and so weak that at times I could hardly stand. I looked, and had for some time, like a person in consumption. Hood's Sarsaparilla did me so much good that I wonder at myself sometimes, and my friends frequently speak of it." Mrs. ELLA A. GOFF, 61 Terrace Street, Boston.

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**PUBLIC SALE**  
 —OF VALUABLE—  
**REAL ESTATE.**

Pursuant to an order of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, the undersigned assignee of the estate of Andrew J. Bardo, of Pine township, Col. Co., Pa. will expose to public sale upon the premises in Pine township, Col. Co., Pa., upon  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 1891,**  
 at 10 o'clock p. m., of said day the following described real estate, to-wit: TRACT No. 1, Beginning at a post on line of lands of Isaac P. Lyon, thence by the same south 2 degrees west 15 and 9-10 perches to a post, thence by land of R. P. White, north 88 degrees east 57 and 6-10 perches to a post, thence by lands of Jos. Hurst north 1 and 1/2 degrees east 88 and 4-10 perches to a post, thence by land of Jos. Barry north 88 degrees west 4 perches to a stone, thence by the same north 2 degrees east 47 and 2-10 perches to a dogwood, thence north 88 degrees west 32 and 7-10 perches to the place of beginning, containing  
**50 Acres,**  
 and 96 perches of land,  
 Upon which are erected a New  
**Frame Dwelling House,**

Bank Barn and Outbuildings. The land is in a good state of cultivation, level, good orchard. Located at the forks of public road near Pine Summit and at the Whitnare school house.  
 ALSO: Upon the same day at THREE O'CLOCK, p. m., upon the premises near the place aforesaid in Pine township, Col. Co., Pa. TRACT of land No. 2, Bounded upon the north by land of Phineas Whitnare, west by land of W. H. Bardo, south by land of Elias Watts and east by land of John Benfield, known as the Watts farm, containing

**54 Acres**  
 of land, whereon is erected a frame  
**Dwelling House,**  
 bank barn and outbuildings. The land is in a good state of cultivation, fine fruit, water.  
**TERMS OF SALE.**—Ten per cent. of the purchase money to be paid at the striking down of the property, the 1/4 less the 10 per cent. at confirmation of sale (Oct. 1, 1891) and the remaining 1/4 one year thereafter with interest from said date, confirmation.  
 There will also be sold upon the premises of Tract No. 1 at 10 o'clock, a. m., personal property, consisting of household goods, top buggy, harness, plows, bay horse, 2 mares, and sleigh, harrow, hayrake, hay fork, carts, 2 two-horse wagons, rye, oats, corn, hay, two sheeps.  
**TERMS.**—3 months credit.  
 EDWARD P. BARDO,  
 Assignee of estate Andrew J. Bardo.  
 Wm. CHRISTMAN, Attorney. 8-7-91.

**ORPHANS' COURT SALE**  
 —OF VALUABLE—  
**REAL ESTATE.**  
 The undersigned administratrix of the estate of Susan A. Walter, late of Bloomsburg, Pa., deceased, will expose to public sale on the premises, on  
**WEDNESDAY SEPT. 16, 1891,**  
 at 10 o'clock a. m., all that certain lot or piece of ground situate in the town of Bloomsburg, Columbia County and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Being a lot of ground with the buildings and appurtenances situated on Main street of said town, and bounded on the north by Main or Second street, on the east by Barton's Alley, on the south by Pine Alley, and on the west by a lot formerly owned by Reuben Kremer, containing in front on Main street 31 feet and 9 inches, running thence back to Pine Alley 274 feet and 6 inches, on which are erected a two story  
**FRAME DWELLING HOUSE,**  
 and out-buildings.  
**TERMS OF SALE.**—Ten per cent. of one-fourth of the purchase money to be paid at the striking down of the property; the one-fourth less the ten per cent. at the confirmation of sale, and the remaining three-fourths in one year thereafter, with interest from confirmation nisi.  
 SARAH E. VOUGHT,  
 Administratrix, Jamison City.  
 Aug. 27, 18.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**  
 Estate of Geo. Moore, of Sugarloaf township.  
 Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Geo. Moore, late of Sugarloaf Twp., Col. Co., Pa., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to  
 A. L. FRITZ, Administrator.  
 A. K. PENNINGTON, Fairmount Springs.  
 7-17-91.

**AUDITOR'S NOTICE.**  
 Estate of John Sauter.  
 The undersigned having been appointed an auditor to distribute the funds in the hands of the administrator of John Sauter deceased, will meet the parties interested therein at his office in Bloomsburg on the 14th day of September A. D. 1891 at 9 o'clock a. m. when and where all persons having claims against said estate will appear and present the same or be forever debarred from coming in for a share of said fund.  
 ROBERT BUCKINGHAM, Auditor.

**NOTICE.**  
 TO THE HOLDERS OF THE BONDS OF THE BLOOMSBURG STATE NORMAL SCHOOL, SECURED BY FIRST MORTGAGE, DATED SEPT. 1, 1888.  
 Notice is hereby given that the interest on all of said bonds outstanding up to Sept. 1, 1891, will be paid on presentation of the same to the treasurer, at his office in Bloomsburg at any time before October 1, 1891. If bonds are not presented by October 1, 1891, the interest will be defaulted and applied to other purposes.  
 Aug. 14-91. H. J. CLARK, Treas.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**  
 Estate of Michael Confer, late of Madison twp.  
 Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Michael Confer, late of Madison Twp., Col. Co., Pa., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to  
 WILSON CONFER, Administrator.  
 GRANT HERRING, Attorney. Jerseytown, Pa.

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