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DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.
 The Democratic State Convention met in Reading on Tuesday, and nominated Walter E. Ritter of Lycoming for Auditor General, and M. E. Brown of Blair, for Treasurer. Wm. F. Harvity was ousted from the position of member of the National Committee by a vote of 290 to 134, and James M. Guffey was recommended for the place. Congressman Ermentrout was made temporary chairman, and R. W. Irwin, of Washington, permanent chairman. Both made ringing speeches.

Produced by Exceptional Causes.
 The prophet who predicts that the present rise in the price of wheat is going to be a permanent condition shows that he has not learned anything from past experience. Such a situation as that which causes a great demand for our grain, and consequently high prices, comes but periodically. There is no cause that can make such prices permanent and regular. They must necessarily be uncertain, as they depend upon the contingencies of failure of foreign harvests and favorable crops in this country.

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Let everything be done decently and in order. The Democratic party is the party of law and order. It believes in upholding the constitution and the laws, and for nearly a quarter of a century it has denounced the opposition for its failure and refusal to enact laws as commanded by the constitution of 1874. Such being the case we ought to be consistent, and follow the rules as laid down for the government of our party in local affairs to the strictest letter. So soon as we break away from the orderly and regular way of doing things, we establish a precedent that is sure to give trouble in the future.

THE PLATFORM.
 Following is the full text of the platform: We, the Democracy of Pennsylvania, in convention assembled, heartily reaffirm and reiterate the principles of the Democratic party as expressed in the platform adopted by the national convention at Chicago in 1886 and approved by 6,500,000 free and independent voters. We are firmly and unalterably opposed to the single gold standard, which has been the direct cause of the financial distress that has followed upon our people since its adoption, and we are in favor of a complete and immediate return to our original specie basis as it existed prior to the demonetization act of 1873.

The New York Evening Post, in remarking that the exceptional advantages of the present great demand for our wheat cannot be continuous, says: "The high markets of 1879 set all the world to raising wheat and building railroads to carry it to market; in 1882 the world's harvest was 200,000,000 bushels larger than the heaviest crop ever produced before the shortage of 1879. The series of short crops in 1889, in 1890 and in 1891 had exactly similar results, and by 1894 all the markets were discontentedly talking 'overproduction.' There is no reason to suppose that the next three or four years will tell any different story."

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 What is the Attraction?**
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We denounce the Dingley tariff law as a measure designed and passed in answer to the demands of trusts and monopolies, every important feature of which is a refuge for the protection of some trust or combination existing in opposition to the public good and in violation of the common law. The schedule is in brief an assessment upon the individual citizens of the country for the benefit of trusts in return for money advanced to carry the recent election and add enormously to the burdens of labor by increasing the costs of the necessities of life without enhancing in the least respect wages of labor.

We congratulate William J. Bryan, the glorious champion of a righteous cause, for his masterly leadership in support of these principles. We denounce the Dingley tariff law as a measure designed and passed in answer to the demands of trusts and monopolies, every important feature of which is a refuge for the protection of some trust or combination existing in opposition to the public good and in violation of the common law.

An occasional profitable crop of wheat, with conditions that send the price up in the neighborhood of a dollar, does not disprove the fact that the value of agricultural products have steadily fallen since the demonetization of silver. There may be a spurt now and then, produced by some particular cause, as at the present time, but after it is over a falling back to low prices can be surely looked for.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
 By virtue of a writ of F. Fa., issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Pa., and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, Pa., on
MONDAY, SEPT. 27, 1897,
 at 2 o'clock p. m., all the following described lot or piece of ground, situate in the Town of Bloomsburg, County of Columbia, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the west side of Market street, at the corner of lot of Benjamin Kistler, thence along said Market street north twenty-four degrees and fifty-six minutes, west forty-nine feet to an alley; thence along said alley, south forty-seven degrees and thirty minutes, west one hundred and ten feet to the corner of other lot of William Ferguson, thence along said lot, south twenty-five degrees and forty-five minutes, east forty-nine feet to lot of Benjamin Kistler, aforesaid, and thence by the same north forty-seven degrees and fifteen minutes, east one hundred and ten feet and eight inches to Market street, aforesaid, the place of beginning, being the same lot or piece of ground conveyed by George A. McKelvey and Margaret A. Miller, executors of the last will and testament of Oliver A. Jacoby, late of the Town of Bloomsburg, in the County of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, deceased, unto the said Edward B. Tustin, by deed dated the twenty-second day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, and by the said Edward B. Tustin and Ellen E. his wife, by deed dated the twenty-fourth day of October, A. D. 1891, conveyed to William Ferguson, whereon is erected a large two-and-one-half story

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The rule of the Democratic party of this county which was unquestionably in force up to the close of the recent county convention, concerning the election of delegates to the state convention, provides that the delegates shall be elected by the county convention, except when the state convention meets before the county convention, and in the latter case they shall be elected by the standing committee. It was clearly the duty of the late convention to elect delegates to the state convention held on Tuesday last, at Reading. But the county committee at a meeting held last June, selected the delegates, without any authority under the rules. There is no objection to the gentlemen so named, and the same ones would probably have been selected by the convention had it acted in the matter, but this irregular and unauthorized proceeding might have resulted in the throwing out of the representatives from this county if there had been any contest. The way to avoid any possibility of trouble is to follow the regular and orderly manner prescribed by the rules. If this had been done in the convention in the matter of a change of rules, we should not now find ourselves confronted with a serious question as to whether or not the new rules were adopted. It happens not to have made any difference this year that the state delegates were chosen by an unauthorized body, but the same thing might prove a serious mistake at some future time, and therefore we call attention to it, and urge the party for its own preservation, not to depart from its own adopted rules, but to do everything decently and in order.

We ask the honest people of this Commonwealth to examine the legislative and other records of Republican action in Pennsylvania since the assumption of an unlimited power conferred at the last election, the gross extravagance, the flagrant corruption, the total neglect of every public interest, the abject servility to monopolies and every form and species of jobbery, the utter disregard of constitutional mandates, the reckless tampering with finance and taxation, the exhaustion of the treasury by profligate expenditures, the consequent suffering of public schools, charities and other objects of wise public care, together with the scandalous fury of the factions enraged over the spoils of the prostrate Commonwealth and of its several ring-ruled cities.

The Geology of the Klondike.
 Under eternal snow and ice the geological formations of northern and western Alaska lie hidden, and the scientists who have visited that wonderful land have given us little definite information concerning the nature of the strata. It is true that most of the rocks exposed near the gold diggings and in the famous Chilkoot pass are of igneous origin, being composed of impure granite or syenite, and the moraines of living glaciers are made up of the same kind of materials, which might be taken as an indication that the bed rock of Alaska is all granite.

BRICK DWELLING HOUSE.
 Seized, taken in execution, at the suit of Locust Mountain Saving and Loan Association vs. William B. Ferguson, and to be sold as the property of William B. Ferguson.
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We especially call attention to the management of the state treasury department, and demand an investigation of the books and accounts of the state treasurer, a full statement of the receipts and expenditures, a complete explanation of the deposits of the state funds, securities held, bondsmen thereon, as required by statute, and an itemized report of securities held by such favored banks for said funds and the amount of contributions made in consideration of such deposits to the campaign fund of the party in power.

The late shameful exposure of the unlawful practice of the State Treasurer of paying out the funds of the people to state officers and private individuals, without warrant, for the sole purpose of favoring political friends discloses one of the many infamous schemes of the dominant party and has our severest condemnation.

But there are other facts which show that the formations are varied, and that the territory is not devoid of rocks of a more recent geological age. Away up along the western coast great cliffs of carboniferous limestone have been discovered, and at the same place there are fossil glaciers supposed to be the remains of the great glacier of prehistoric time, which came down as far south as Pennsylvania.

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE,
 and other outbuildings, it being the same premises which I. W. McKelvey and J. H. Harman, executors of William McKelvey, deceased, by their indenture, dated the third day of October, A. D. 1882, granted and confirmed unto Hannah E. Smith.
 Seized, taken in execution, at the suit of the Locust Mountain Saving and Loan Association vs. Thomas E. Smith and Hannah E. Smith, his wife, in right of said wife, and to be sold as the property of Thomas E. Smith and Hannah E. Smith, his wife, in right of said wife.
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THE BLOOMSBURG VOTE.

Bloomsburg cast a little over 400 votes at the late delegate election, and was reported in the returns as giving 183 votes for and 83 votes against a preference for nominations by the highest vote in place of nominations by delegates. But to conclude from these figures that the town was in favor of abolishing delegate elections and substituting the Crawford Co., plan of nominations by the plurality vote, would be a great mistake. For not only were most if not all of the 136 voters of the town who did not vote upon the subject of preference, opposed to such a change of system, but delegates were openly and fairly elected as enemies of change in every election district of the town. In the first and second districts a choice of such delegates was without opposition, and in the third and fourth by warm contests. For instance in the third district three delegates were carried by an average majority of about twenty in a total vote of 116 no less than 56 voters not voting at all on the preference ticket. The vote on that ticket in that district stood 48 to 12. In short the issue in Bloomsburg between the old and the new plan of voting was upon the election of delegates, and not upon the preference vote which was haphazard, uncertain and indeterminate. Besides most of those who voted on that ticket in favor of change were fairly beaten on the test issue of choosing delegates. Certainly no one understood the preference ticket to relate to the whole body of new rules, or to be binding upon the delegates chosen, like instructions for candidates under the party rules.

We desire that the taxpayers inquire of themselves whether such a party, self accused, self-convicted, everywhere derelict, false and corrupt, can be safely re-trusted with the power thus abused until it has undergone purgation and reformation from top to bottom, and all its boss rings and machines have been cut out.

There is a good field for the geologist in Alaska at present, and he is needed there to point out the trend of the strata, tell the world the nature of the formations and explain whether the placer gold of the Yukon originated from the grinding up of the indigenous rocks, or was scooped up out of the Arctic ocean by the great glaciers of some prehistoric age.

ALSO,
 All that certain lot or parcel of land, situate in the Town of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Situated on First street, in said town, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a corner of lot of Amelia A. Butler, on First street; thence along said street fifty-one feet to a corner of lot of Leonard R. Bom. boy; thence northwardly along said lot two hundred and four feet and four inches to a private alley, recently conveyed to Amelia A. Butler, by the executors of William McKelvey, deceased; thence westwardly along said alley fifty-one feet to the lot of Amelia A. Butler; thence southwardly along said lot two hundred and four feet and four inches to a corner on First street, the place of beginning, whereon is erected a two-story

WIDOWS' APPRAISEMENTS
 The following Widows' Appraisements will be presented to the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, on the fourth Monday of September, A. D. 1897, and confirmed nisi, and unless exceptions are filed within four days thereafter, will be confirmed finally.
 Estate of Daniel T. Lutes, late of Benton Twp., deceased. Personalty, \$300.00.
 Estate of Jacob P. Bell, late of Benton Twp., deceased. Personalty, \$178.88. Realty, \$15.00.
 Estate of Isaac Klingeman, late of Beaver Twp., deceased. Personalty, \$19.95.
 Estate of Charles R. McHenry, late of Benton Boro., deceased. Personalty, \$3.00.
 Estate of Philip H. Oberdorf, late of Briar-creek township, deceased. Personalty, \$123.70. Realty, \$176.91.
 Estate of Benjamin M. Golder, late of Fishing-creek Twp., deceased. Personalty, \$240.09. Realty, \$29.91.
 Estate of Wm. M. Achenbach, late of Orange Twp., deceased. Personalty, \$300.00.
 Estate of Jacob Uff, late of Greenwood Twp., deceased. Personalty, \$356.00.
 Estate of Edward A. Rawlings, late of the town of Bloomsburg, deceased. Personalty, \$300.35.
 Estate of Miles A. Williams, late of Orange Twp., deceased. Personalty, \$300.00.
 Estate of Charles H. Spurr, late of Centralia borough, deceased. Personalty, \$350.53.
 Estate of Dr. John C. Fruit, late of Henlock Twp., deceased. Personalty, \$300.00.
 Estate of Lloyd Ketchner, late of Montour Twp., deceased. Personalty, \$98.70.
 Estate of Henry Hoffman, late of Roaring-creek Twp., deceased. Personalty, \$250.53.
 Estate of Harman J. Hess, late of Fishing-creek Twp., deceased. Personalty, \$300.00.
 Estate of Ezra Vandine, late of Millville borough, deceased. Personalty, \$12.65. Realty, \$257.35.
 W. H. HENRIE, CLERK O. C.
 R. HUBB ZARR, DEP. CLERK'S OFFICE, BLOOMSBURG, PA., AUG. 31, 1897.

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We hereby ratify the selection by the Democratic state central committee of James M. Guffey, of Pittsburg, who so loyally supported Hon. William J. Bryan for the presidency, to fill the position of national committeeman from Pennsylvania on the National Democratic Committee. We desire here to record our appreciation of the efficient performance of his duties by our state chairman, John M. Garman. His fidelity to his party and its principles, his frequent, forceful and fearless expression on the platform of his political views have infused the party with new vigor and warmed it to higher resolves.

An exchange says better times are surely coming, "as drunks are becoming more plentiful," which is good evidence of the fact.

ALSO,
 All that certain lot, or parcel of land, situate in the Township of Fishing-creek and Orange, in the County of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stone, on line of land of Ellisha Evans; thence by land of said Evans north forty degrees east one hundred and thirty-two and seven-tenths perches to a stone; thence by land of Jacob Shoemaker and Daniel Albertson south sixty-six and one-half degrees, east one hundred and forty-nine and four-tenths perches to a post; thence by land of said Albertson and William Long south thirteen and one-fourth degrees, west one hundred and twenty-seven and two-tenths perches to a stone; thence by land of Ellen Kluge north seventy-seven and three-fourths degrees, west forty-six and eight-tenths perches to a stone; thence by same south eighty-eight and one-half degrees west twenty-one and four-tenths perches to a stone; thence by same and land of said Abner Welsh north eighty-one and three-fourths degrees, west forty-three and four-tenths perches to a stone; thence by lands of Abner Welsh south sixteen and one-fourth degrees west sixty-two perches to a pine; thence by same south sixty-three and one-fourth degrees, west thirty-five and two-tenths perches to a stone (formerly pitch pine); thence by land of Matthew Patterson north two and three-fourths degrees, west one hundred and forty-two and two-tenths perches to the beginning, containing
 176 ACRES
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