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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

- FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
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 from the South Side.
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 of Bloomsburg.
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- FOR COUNTY AUDITORS,
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 of Scott Twp.
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 of Catawissa.

After having been outgeneraled and defeated at every single point by our army, Aguinaldo, the adventurer, dictator, and virulent traitor, has determined to hang on. His knowledge of the country gives him a big advantage in evading and keeping out of the reach of our troops.

The war in the Philippines is still progressing, and the end is as distant to-day as it was a month ago. General Lawton on Tuesday encountered the largest body of men which has met our troops, and the fight is reported to have been a hard one, with heavy casualties. When will there be a cessation of hostilities? That is a question that cannot be answered. But it will not be until Aguinaldo and his army are cornered and compelled to surrender. But that appears to be the difficulty, to corner him.

Filipino Sacrifices and Results

The rainy season has begun in the Philippines and the insurgents have not yet surrendered to the American forces. For the next four months military operations will have to be practically suspended, which means that our troops must be concentrated in Manila and a few other important points within reach of the war ships, as it did not do to let them remain scattered in the interior, at the mercy of the unhealthy climate and the seasoned enemy.

Thousands of the Filipinos have been killed during the past few months and hundreds of our men have perished, while many more have contracted constitution-breaking diseases; and all that we will have to show for the slaughter and sacrifices are stretches of burned and ruined villages. We have not conquered the country, and we never will until we have exterminated the natives or granted them what they are fighting for—the right of self government.

Our generals out there are calling for a much larger army than they possess, and it is becoming quite clear that those who predicted that at least one hundred thousand men would have to be sent over if any impression was to be made on the Filipinos were not far out of the way, if they were at all. About one out of every twenty of the soldiers who have already landed is dead, and nearly one half of those that are left alive either are or have been in the hospitals with diseases, the effect of which will cling to most of them for the rest of their days.

The cost in human lives and in human suffering of the imperial expansion policy of McKinley and Hanna is already enormous, but it is as nothing compared with what is before us if a halt is not called on the brutal work. As for the money that has been, and continues to be, wasted in this effort to subjugate the Filipinos, it would, if expended at home, in ways that it should be, make thousands of homes happy and convince the world that there are better and nobler things for a nation to be engaged in than that of hiring or forcing its young men to swagger around and shoot down those who refuse to accept them as their rulers.—*N. Y. Daily News.*

Democratic State Convention.

The state convention convened in the Harrisburg Opera House on Tuesday at 12 o'clock. The following platform was adopted:

First—The Democracy of Pennsylvania in convention assembled, again renewing our pledges of fidelity and devotion to the sacred rights of the people; true to the faith and principles of our party as declared in the platforms of our several national conventions and proud of our matchless leader, William Jennings Bryan, realize that the issues involved in the coming campaign in Pennsylvania are honest government, clean politics and the redemption of our State from Republican misrule and corruption.

Second—We denounce the wholly unnecessary increase of public officials and petty clerkships in the several departments of the State government, and the unjustified and unwarranted increase of salaries. The payment of political obligations in this manner out of the State Treasury has already created a deficit of over \$3,500,000, crippled the public charities, robbed the public schools and enormously increased the burdens of the individual tax payers.

Third—We believe that the most careful provision should be made for the care of the unfortunate insane of our State, and contend that the cause of the poor and the afflicted is of far greater importance to the welfare of the Commonwealth than is the creation of new offices and the increase of official salaries.

Fourth—We denounce the indecent haste displayed in the disrespect shown the people by the Governor of the State in the appointment to the vacancy in the United States Senate of M. S. Quay, who, to prevent a full investigation before a jury of his country, pleaded the statute of limitations against the most serious charges of crime, in this appointment, in the unwarranted reduction of the appropriation to public schools and his unauthorized veto of the constitutional amendment resolution he has violated the Constitution, usurped authority nowhere granted him, and perpetrated wrongs against the people and the State that demand his condemnation.

Fifth—We heartily approve of the course pursued by those members of the Democratic party in the House and Senate in the last Legislative session who contended for purity and honesty in the conduct of affairs and against corruption and public jobbery, and commend their devotion to duty and the high standard of reform to which they have committed the Democratic party.

Sixth—As a political organization we are committed to a thorough reform and promise if entrusted by the people with the opportunity and power, to administer the State Treasury after clean and simple business methods; for the advantage of the taxpayers of the State, and prompt payment of school and charitable appropriations, as well as the moneys due the counties, and not to withhold them in the banks for the enrichment of politicians.

Seventh—We are committed to a thorough purging of the list of employees, clerks and officials in the several departments and the elimination of all unnecessary employees, the reduction of salaries and the expenses of the departments which have so enormously increased since the administration of Governor Pattison.

Eighth—We favor a revision of the tax laws of the State in the interests of the people to the end that corporate property may pay its due share, that municipal franchises may be valued and assessed as any other form of property, and that no interest shall be favored, but that all shall stand on an equality.

Ninth—We favor the adoption of such statutes as will prevent the further grant of municipal and other franchises, in perpetuity, and will enable the people of the municipalities to derive a just benefit and income from this form of public property commensurate with the value thereof.

Tenth—We favor a revision of the ballot law, maintaining its secrecy, simplifying the method of voting and protecting the voter against fraud and coercion. We also favor the amendment of the constitution, so as to require a personal registration of the voters in the cities, and we denounce Governor Stone for attempting, by his veto, to interfere without right or justification, with the legislative act passed for that purpose, and thus attempting to prevent the people from passing upon this important matter.

Eleventh—We demand the immediate prosecution of those found guilty of bribery, actual or attempted, in the election of a United States Senator by a committee appointed to investigate the charges made; and if found guilty by a trial, before a jury, we demand their sentence to the full penalty allowed by law.

Twelfth—We are opposed to all combinations of capital calculated to produce monopoly, or restrain trade, as being inconsistent with the spirit of free institutions; and if their establishment cannot be constitutionally prevented, we hold that they should be so regulated and limited by proper legislation, that individual effort and opportunity shall not be impaired.

Thirteenth—The Democratic party pledging itself and its candidates to a faithful obedience to the constitution and the laws, to the support of all measures intended to secure free, fair and honest election, to promote honest, efficient and economical administration in State and municipal affairs, and to prevent the use of public money, legislation or patronage, for private profit, calls upon all good citizens to lay aside all other questions and unite with it in an effort to save the State.

Fourteenth—We hereby express our earnest admiration for and devotion to our present representative on the National Committee, the Honorable James M. Guffey, who has, through his cautious, wise and prudent advice, and preeminent skill, energy and courage, reunited our party; and who, without hope of reward, has spent his time and substance for the welfare of our State, for which our party should hold him in grateful remembrance.

Fifteenth—We glory and rejoice in the patriotic devotion to the cause of our country, in the late war with Spain, of the brave and noble men who periled their lives and shed their blood in order that a conflict waged for humanity's sake might be brought to a speedy and triumphant close.

The following persons were put in nomination for Supreme Judge: Krebs, Kennedy, Ermentrout, Dotz, Allen, Dewitt, Albright, Westrizat, Bechtol, Wolverton, Munson, Yerkes, Dickinson, Smith, W. L. Little, Stewart. Balloting proceeded until midnight, except for adjournment for meals, the last vote standing Kennedy 72; Yerkes 70; Krebs 64; Ermentrout 59; and the others varying from 38 down to 4. The convention then adjourned to 10 o'clock today. It takes 218 votes to nominate.

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It is a Lesson They Should Heed.

If the taxpayers were to consider only the one fact, says the *Democratic Watchman*—that of a shortage of money in the treasury—that Governor Stone uses as his excuse for cutting down the school appropriation they might look upon this wrong in a different light, but unfortunately for Governor Stone, they understand the reason of that shortage, and because he attempts to make them bear the entire burden of replenishing it, is where the shoe pinches.

If, in the effort to meet the extravagances of the Republican management of state affairs, they increased taxation there could be no cause for complaint, other than that of these extravagances. But when these are continued, and even increased, without either excuse or reason, it is not to be wondered at that the individual taxpayers are rising up in revolt against the effort to take from them, alone, the amount necessary to meet these profligate expenditures.

The cold facts in this case are that to meet the increased expenses of the state government the total amount is to be saddled upon the shoulders of the farmers and workmen of the Commonwealth. Millions of dollars that have heretofore gone to aid them in maintaining the public schools are to be devoted to other purposes, and they are compelled to make it good, by taxing themselves so much more to make it up.

But this is the way of the Republican party. It adds to the expenses of the government by creating useless offices, multiplying official positions, increasing salaries and extravagant expenditures for the benefit of favorite contractors, and then in place of frankly levying a tax upon those who are already over-burdened with local taxation robs them of a million dollars and forces them to tax themselves, additional, to this extent, thinking it is hiding its work and fooling the masses.

He must be a woefully blind or bigoted taxpayer who cannot see and understand this.

Had Governor Stone and his Republican backers desired to do that which is right, they would have attempted to reduce all unnecessary expenditures first. If this would not have made the revenues meet the expenditures they would have then tried to have raised the additional amounts needed from sources not now paying an equitable amount of state taxes.

But no effort was made in either of these directions.

In place of decreasing the ordinary expenses of the State they were increased by additions to the official salary list of high salaried clerks who have neither work nor desks; of messengers without messages to carry; of janitors with nothing but themselves to keep clean; of fireman with no place to keep warm, and with other useless officials without either office or duties to perform. And when it was attempted to meet this increase of expenses, and provide for the deficit or seven millions now existing by making the brewers, who sell their beer within the State, and foreign corporations, that are growing fat off our people, pay a small share of the necessary taxation, Governor Stone opposed it, and every mother's son of a Senator and member who wore the collar of boss Quay voted against the proposition.

It was the very gang who are now attempting to place the responsibility of their work on the condition of the treasury who made that condition possible—by refusing to allow the beer brewers and corporations to be taxed. It was this refusal that made it necessary to rob the school fund and, indirectly, the local tax-payers of the State as has been done.

Is there any hope that those upon whose shoulders this additional burden of taxation has been placed



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will profit by the lesson that this result should teach them?

We now have a new champion pugilist. James J. Jeffries, the California giant won the title in the arena of the Coney Island Athletic Club, last Friday night after eleven rounds of the most scientific fighting ever witnessed in this country. The result of the encounter was an awful surprise to the athletic world, in general, and to two or three of our local sporting inclined fellows in particular who backed the Cornishman at odds of two to one. Indeed the people who had picked Jeffries as a winner were few. Fitz had been trained to the very letter, and his condition when he entered the ring, is conceded by all who saw him to have been better than ever before. But it is the old story, "the unexpected happened," and after eleven rounds of fast fighting, in which Jeffries had decidedly the better of it, "Fitz" was knocked down by a terrific swing on the jaw followed by a stiff punch on the neck. The crowd was the largest that ever attended a similar event in this country. The vanquished champion sized his defeat up about proper, when after the fight he said: "The best man won. The result is proof positive that youth and weight will tell in a prize fight. I make no excuses."

State Teacher's Association.

The Pennsylvania State Teacher's Association will meet this year at Gettysburg from July 4th to 7th inclusive. The address of welcome will be delivered by Dr. H. W. McKnight, of Pennsylvania College and State Superintendent Schaffer will respond. Superintendent E. Mackery, of Reading, President of the Association, will deliver his inaugural address in the evening of the 4th. Gettysburg, with its famous battlefield, is worth a visit at any time; the Executive Committee with the assistance of the Association and State Superintendent Schaffer, has prepared a program of interest to all teachers and friends of education; the time is ripe for a great meeting; and it is confidently expected that in size and enthusiasm this meeting of the Association will surpass all previous ones. The last period of each morning session will be occupied with the general business of the Association.

Dewey is scheduled to arrive at New York some time in the early part of next month. When he does Father Knickerbocker will cut loose.

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