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THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1901.

The Republican State Convention at Harrisburg yesterday nominated William P. Potter for Justice of the Supreme Court, and Frank G. Harris for State Treasurer. This is the slate arranged by the machine, and no one dared to kick.

### THE CONVENTION.

The Democratic State Convention which was held at Harrisburg last week brought together the party leaders from all over the state. They had come not only to lend their aid in the selection of a State ticket but also to bring about harmony in the discordant elements of the party in Philadelphia. Chief among the harmony seekers were National Committeeman Guffey, Congressman Hall, Polk and others. All efforts in this direction proved fruitless however, as Judge Gordon, who led the fight against the Ryan-Donnelly faction in Philadelphia declared that they would only be satisfied with elimination of the latter from the party councils.

While the convention was assembling the leaders of the rival faction held another conference at state headquarters, at which it was decided to settle the difference between the Philadelphia factions by having State Chairman Creasy appoint an advisory committee of five to re-organize the Democracy of the Quaker City. The committee will begin work January 1 next. The Gordon people suggested September 1, and after a long discussion the former date was selected. This was satisfactory to both sides, and disposes of the contest of the two factions for recognition.

The harmony resolution, which was offered by Ex-State Chairman Rilling, was as follows:

Whereas, The conditions now existing in the organized Democracy of Philadelphia is a cause of great dissatisfaction to the Democracy of the State of Pennsylvania; and  
Whereas, Progress in the direction of harmony has been made in the selection of Hon. R. E. Pattison, as chairman of the city committee; and  
Whereas, With a view of strengthening and assisting him in the work of organization, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Captain William Hasson, W. D. Bigler, J. K. P. Hall, Col. W. Hayes Grier, John B. Head, Hon. W. C. Heiple, are hereby appointed a committee with full power and authority to hear and determine all differences; adopt rules for the government of the party, a provide method of holding primary elections, to be held the second Monday of January next, for the formation of a new organization.

The conclusions of said committee to be binding and final, and the organization thus made shall be the true and regular organization of the party in said city, hereafter, and the said committee, hereby appointed, is further authorized, and empowered to sit with the Hon. R. E. Pattison and forthwith hear and determine all disputes and objections to the composition of the present organization in the said city, and in this regard to remove any present representatives or officials in said organization and to substitute others in their place when said committee shall find said representatives to have been faithless to the party, and further, to take such steps as in their judgment shall seem best to perfect, purify and render the said organization effective and responsive to the will of the Democratic voters in said city.

The convention was called to order by State Chairman W. T. Crosey, and Charles J. Reilly, of Williamsport, introduced as temporary chairman, he having been selected at a meeting of the executive committee held on the previous evening. T. Z. Menchart, of Chambersburg, was secretary and J. Wood Clark, of Indiana, reading clerk.

On taking the chair, Mr.

Reilly, made a few remarks. He said the commonwealth must be recovered from the hands of those who are misusing the powers vested in them.

Robert E. Wright, of Allentown, was chosen chairman of the resolutions committee; William J. Brennan, of Pittsburg, chairman of the credentials committee, and Timothy O'Leary, of Pittsburg, chairman of the committee on permanent organization.

Mr. Sowden offered a resolution condemning the members of the last legislature, who voted with the Republican majority for certain political legislation. The resolution was referred to the committee without debate. The convention then took a recess until 3 o'clock to allow the committee to meet.

When the convention reassembled Mr. O'Leary reported from the committee on permanent organization that John B. Keenan, of Greensburg, had been selected for permanent chairman. The recommendation of the committee was adopted, and Temporary Chairman Reilly retired in favor of Mr. Keenan. The chairman made a short speech in accepting the honor.

The convention then proceeded to nominate a ticket.

For supreme court judge—Harman Yerkes, of Doylestown.  
State treasurer—Andrew J. Palm, of Meadville.

The resolutions offered by ex-State Chairman John S. Rilling, proposing that a committee endeavor to reorganize the Democracy of Philadelphia, caused harmony.

Following this, speeches were delivered by Ex Judge J. G. Gordon and Ex-Governor Pattison.

### THE PLATFORM

Venality of the Legislature and the Benedict Arnold of the Democracy Subjects Vigorously Treated.

The Democracy of Pennsylvania, in convention assembled, makes this declaration of its convictions and purposes in the coming election:

Waiving all questions and propositions upon which the people of the nation divide into political parties we call upon all honest citizens to unite with us for the redemption of our commonwealth from the political freebooters who now control it.

We invite all political parties, all organizations of men heedful of the public welfare and all Pennsylvanians to join us in a crusade for the purification of the polluted channels of public authority.

We deplore, with all good men, the need of making the question of common honesty and decent administration an issue to divide the people of a great state, but to this deplorable necessity we have been brought by the outrages of Republican machine government.

With incredulous amazement the people of our sister states turn their eyes upon the spectacle presented by our commonwealth. Every department of our state government is honeycombed with profligacy, dishonesty and a reckless disregard of constitutional or moral obligations.

The powers of government are prostituted to the purposes of public thieves.

Constitutional restraints and commands, the sanctity of law, the obligations of official oaths and the demands of common honesty are thrust aside by the substitution of a higher law—the demands of an insatiable greed of public plunderers for money, money, more money.

Shamelessly and openly the votes of Legislatures are bought and so persistently and constantly that market values for Legislatures have been established by settled custom.

The apparent indifference of our people to these outrages emboldened the corruptionists to such an extent, that the last session of our Legislature out-Heroded Herod in its infamy.

LEGISLATORS BRIBED.  
All men pronounce it the most

corrupt legislative body that ever convened in any state of the Union. Its very organization was founded on the purchase of venal legislators with money and place, and it closed its session with the crowning infamy of that most stupendous franchise steal, shocking the moral sense of the entire country. The selection of a United States senator was accomplished in a carnival of corruption and bribery. In the reckless determination to punish enemies and reward subservient tools, established municipal governments were ruthlessly overturned and the chosen servants of the people expelled from their offices to make place for the creatures of a corrupt machine.

The faith of the people in the sanctity of the judiciary was broken by its halting efforts to find plausible excuse for the crime. Foiled in its efforts to rob the state of millions of dollars of valuable coal deposits, the Legislature proceeded to that other and greater robbery of the railway franchise of the state, worth millions to the plunderers and stripping every city, town and township in the commonwealth of the proper control of the streets for trolley improvements.

Even the public charities of the state—its hospitals and asylums and the comfort of their unfortunate inmates—were made the sport of political greed, and their appropriations measured and determined by their use and services to the machine.

No possible field of corruption was left uncultivated by the crew of public plunderers who have seized upon your state. Plunderers, who, in the name of a great political party, have prostituted all the purposes and powers of government to their own enrichment. For these crimes we indict the Republican organization of Pennsylvania as it is now controlled.

DEMOCRATIC TRAITORS.  
Of the participation and assistance of unworthy Democratic legislators in these wrongs this convention declares its strongest condemnation. They have betrayed their constituents, inflicted lasting, irreparable injury on their party, and proven themselves unworthy of public confidence. We leave to their immediate constituents the infliction of political punishment.

We cannot refrain at this time from commending and thanking those Democratic members of the Legislature who stood manfully and faithfully by their party against the perpetration of these wrongs.

In our efforts to save our state from further dishonor, we ask all friends of good government to join us. We make this fight, not as a political organization seeking a partisan advantage, but in the interest of all Pennsylvania, and will welcome a closer union with all political organizations honestly pledged to the same purpose.

### Democratic State Organization.

The State organization of the Democratic party at the present time deserves the full confidence of the people of the State. Chairman Creasy was without previous experience in managing conventions but he is just, honest and intelligent and by the exercise of those qualities he was able to conduct his part of the work as if he had been a veteran. As Henry Watterson once said of Lincoln, he proceeded with the work as if he had never done anything else in his life.

The Executive committee is exceptionally strong, moreover, in ability and character. Ex-Governor Pattison, the latest acquisition, is a host in himself, and T. Z. Minehart, of Franklin county, R. E. Cresswell, of Cambria county, J. G. Weiser, of Snyder county, William Hasson, of Venango county, John B. Keenan, of Westmoreland county, Randolph Shirk, of Erie county, Hon. Rufus K. Polk, of Montour county, Barnett Mansfield, of Monroe county, and D. J. Driscoll, of Elk county. These are among the foremost men of the State. Yesterday we took occasion to refer to Mr. Driscoll, of Elk county, as one of the young men in whom the hopes of the Democratic party centres. Now we desire to pay our tribute of admiration to Mr. Cresswell, of Johnstown. He, too, is a lawyer of excellent ability and high character and his membership in the Executive committee guarantees wisdom in the deliberations of the body.

Chairman Creasy is fortunate in being thus supported in his work for the conduct of the campaign. His predecessor had not this advantage in this respect and the change is an advance in the direction of a better political morality. The result of their labors will prove the wisdom of putting such men in control. The vote this year will be double that of any recent poll and confidence in the integrity and ability of the State organization will cause the improvement.—Harrisburg Star Independent.

## Eczema

How it reddens the skin, itches, oozes, dries and scales! Some people call it tetter, milk crust or salt rheum. The suffering from it is sometimes intense; local applications are resorted to—they mitigate, but cannot cure.

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### CENTURY EDITOR'S LINES.

Finely Worded Sentiments That Adorn Panels at the Pan-American Exposition.

When the people of the two Americas visit the exposition city just erected "by the great waters of the north," many will recognize the style of Richard Watson Gilder in the classic and poetic inscriptions which adorn the propylaea, stadium, bridges, palaces and temples. Below are given the inscriptions for the great pylones of the bridge. On the pylones are statues of Courage, Liberty, Tolerance, Truth, Benevolence, Patriotism, Hospitality and Justice.

Panel I.—"The Spirit of Adventure Is the Maker of Commonwealths."

Panel II.—"Freedom Is But the First Lesson in Self-Government."

Panel III.—"Religious Tolerance a Safeguard of Civil Liberty."

Panel IV.—"A Free State Exists Only in the Virtue of the Citizen."

Panel V.—"Who Gives Wisely Builds Manhood and the State—Who Gives Himself Gives Best."

Panel VI.—"To Love One's Country Above All Others Is Not to Despise All Others."

Panel VII.—"The Brotherhood of Man—the Federation of Nations—the Peace of the World."

Panel VIII.—"Between Nation and Nation, as Between Man and Man, Lives the One Law of Right."

### An Elevator in the Monument.

Not all of us have viewed the national capital from the top of Washington monument, but it will hereafter be easy to do so if on the spot. The shaft has been equipped with an elevator, and the new "lift," which rises 555 feet to the top, is provided with electrical cut-offs and mechanical grips of every kind so as to insure the safety of the public. In the opinion of the government engineering officers, it would be impossible for the car to fall any distance, no matter what might happen to the machinery. The new car will not be put into service for the public for about a week. In the meantime the machinery will be run daily and the attendants and engineers practiced in its operation. In favorable weather the view from the top of the monument is a magnificent one, comprehending the city and much historic country.

### A Bad Mussel.

One Yarmouth mussel of deteriorated character contained no fewer than 3,000,000 of harmful bacteria, while the water in the shell was certified to contain 803,200 bacteria of the colon bacilli type, the forerunner of typhoid.

### The Fatal Thirteen.

A Barnstormer—Are you superstitious? Manager Footlights—No, but I know it's bad luck when there are but 13 persons in the theater.—N. Y. Times.

### LATE STATE NEWS.

—A sharper opened an office at Easton for the treatment of eyes. He has disappeared, and so has \$500 of Mrs. Susanna Dech's money which he wheedled out of her. She is 72 years old.

—Because the School Directors, of Jackson township, Luzerne county, have been negligent in not providing proper school facilities, the citizens have petitioned the court for their removal.

—Former Councilman L. E. Francois, of Scranton, awoke one morning to find that he had been sleeping with a corpse. His wife had died suddenly of heart failure during the night.

—Governor Stone has confirmed the appointment of Richard H. Holgate, of Waverly, as a member of the Soldiers' Orphans' School Commission, to succeed the late Judge Alfred G. Darte, of Wilkes-Barre.

—Farmer Wheeler, of Colesville, followed the advice of an agricultural paper and smeared the perches in his henry with kerosene oil and lighted it to destroy vermin. The henry and a large barn, were destroyed, with the contents.

—Thomas J. Matthews, former Jury Commissioner of Lackawanna county and last year's Republican candidate for Recorder of Deeds, killed himself at Olyphant, Pa., Monday, where he was visiting his sister, by slashing his throat with a razor.

—The dead body of an unknown man was found floating in Lake Makomo, near Laporte, Tuesday morning, and the condition of the corpse leads to the suspicion of foul play. There were several deep cuts on the man's head and one side of the face was all black and badly bruised.

—The Coroner's inquest into the

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We will not weary you with a long introductory as to the importance of this sale, but simply say to you, now and here, that the sole object of this bi-summer selling is to dispose of all surplus reasonable merchandise, and to that end we have carefully gone through each section and so reduced prices that there can be no mistake about the bargain nature of the occasion. Of course, a week of such selling, at such prices, means a present money loss, but what matters that when we gain a two-fold object: We clear our shelves for the autumn stocks, and at the same time give our public a buying benefit that they will appreciate. Just a short time this sale lasts, and it will make a record for itself if money-saving plays a part in your buying economy.

- Muslin:
  - 10 yards of Unbleached Muslin, the kind we have sold at 7c a yard, at 49c.
  - 10 Yds. of Bleached Muslin, not the kind that is full of lime, at 52c.
  - 10 Yds. of Bleached Muslin, same quality as Hill's, at 69c.
- Shirt Waists.
  - All our this season colored Shirt Waists, that sold from \$1.00 to \$1.75, reduced to 75c.
  - A lot of \$1.00 and \$1.25 Shirt Waists reduced to 39c.
- Ladies' Muslin Underwear.
  - Odd lots of soiled or mussed Underwear, one-fourth to one-third off.
  - 10 per cent. discount off of all the other Ladies' Muslin Underwear.
- Ladies' and Misses' Shoes.
  - A lot of Ladies' and Misses' Shoes, not all sizes, most of them 2 1/2 and 3 size, but good goods at 49c a pair.
  - A lot of Oxford Ties, most of them 2 1/2 and 3 sizes, reduced to 49c.
  - 10 per cent. discount on all our regular shoe stock.
- Most Pronounced Reduction In Stocking Prices.
  - 12c Misses' Hose reduced to 9c a pair.
- Lawns and Dimities.
  - All our Lawns and Dimities at 10c per yard. A great many we sold at 20, 22 and 25c. We don't want to carry any over.
- Parasols.
  - Our whole stock of Parasols reduced at least one-fourth in price.
- A Lot of Dress Goods At Half Price.
  - 15 pieces of Dress Goods worth 50 to 56c. per yard, reduced to 25c. White Pique Silks at half price.
- Light Silks.
  - A lot of Silks most of them sold at 50 and 60c. per yard, but we want to close them out so we cut the price to 25c. per yard.
  - A Lot of Summer Corsets at 23c.
- Remnants.
  - Our stock has been gone through and the remnants have all been taken out and marked at a price to sell and we have not considered cost.

## F. P. PURSEL.

recent death of Robert Packer Shortz, the novelist, author of "The Gift of Bonaparte," "The Girle of the Gods," and other successful books, who was found dead Tuesday last at Wilkes Barre, returned a verdict that death was due to the accidental inhaling of illuminating gas.

—Mrs. John Trucken left her husband's home at Shamokin Tuesday morning and, it is reported, has eloped with a man whose identity is not known. The Truckens had decided to return to Europe.

Yesterday Trucken drew his savings, amounting to \$1100, from bank, preparatory to departure. This money is now missing.

—John Mras, proprietor of the Shawnee Hotel, Plymouth, committed suicide Monday night. His wife and one of the servants followed him. At the river Mras procured a boat, but they reached him in time to accompany him. When in the middle of the river he dropped the oars, and saying, "Good-bye, God bless you all," plunged into the river.