

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

The Democratic State Convention will meet at Harrisburg, on Wednesday, the 13th of July, 1879, at noon, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for State Treasurer, and transacting such other business as the interests of the party require.

By order of the State Committee. H. L. DEFFENBACH, Chairman. H. J. PIETRO, Secretary. P. C. TAYLOR, Secretaries.

In his opposition to the soldiers of the Mexican war, as shown by his objection to Gen. Croft's bill offered in Congress two weeks ago, Harry White deserves at least the credit of consistency. A little more than a year ago, when the Democrats in the House proposed to appoint the late gallant and lamented General Shields a Brigadier General on the retired list, with pay from the passage of the bill, the years were 228 and the days 6, one of the few who refused to do an act of sheer justice in his declining days to the bullet-riddled hero of Cerro Gordo, being the same Harry White.

Previous to its final adjournment, the House adopted a resolution appointing a committee of eleven of its members, with instructions to commence criminal proceedings in the Court of Quarter Sessions of Dauphin county against Kemble, Salter, Crawford, Leis, curing and Long, the head and tail of the lobby mentioned in the report of the bribery committee as having been guilty of extort solicitation of members on the riot bill. Mr. Wolfe is a member of the committee, which is a guarantee that that there will be no backing down, whatever may be the result before a court and jury.

The vote in the House last week on the resolutions to expel Petroff, Smith and Rumberger for corrupt solicitation of members on the Pittsburgh riot bill was as follows: For the expulsion of Petroff, 68; against it, 88. For the expulsion of Smith, 88; against it, 79. For the expulsion of Rumberger, 104; against it, 69. It will be seen that a majority voted for expulsion in each case, but the constitution requiring two-thirds, or 134, the trio can become candidates for re-election in 1880. Rumberger, who seems to be a compound of knave and fool in about equal parts, will most likely be left out in the cold, but Petroff and Smith are creditable representatives of Philadelphia, and will doubtless be given another chance.

A JOINT resolution for the adjournment of Congress on the 15th (next Tuesday) passed the House on Tuesday last, and will probably be concurred in by the Senate. The Legislative appropriation bill passed the House on Monday without any "frickers" upon it, and the army bill was expected to pass today (Wednesday). In view of the 9th section of the two former army bills which were vetoed, the new bill declares that no money appropriated shall be paid for the subsistence or transportation of any portion of the army to keep peace at the polls. No appropriation whatever is made in the legislative bill for the pay of supervisors and deputy marshals. The repeal of the jurors' test oath in the Federal Courts is made the subject of a separate bill, and has already passed the Senate.

In the House at Harrisburg, on Wednesday of last week, Geo. E. Sherwood, a Democratic member from York county, whisked P. S. Bowman, another Democratic member from the same county, over the head with a heavy cane, for having sworn before the bribery investigating committee that Sherwood had made corrupt offers to him (Bowman) for his vote in favor of the riot bill. We do not know whether Sherwood is a corrupt man or not, or whether he has a talent for corrupting others, but our faith in his loyalty grew small by degrees and he finally less after he offered, against the middle of the session, a joint resolution, which passed, for publishing 6,000 extra copies of Small's Hand Book, thereby swindling the State treasury of several thousand dollars for the exclusive benefit of the members of the two Houses.

A PHILADELPHIA doyen of the first feather, Elissa W. Davis, called "Lish" for short, in his speech in the House in defence of Rumberger, said that he rose to defend "a dear old friend" - that he had gone through many of life's battles with him, and he did not believe that "a fairer, simpler, or more honest man than Mr. Rumberger answered to roll call in this House." In saying this we have no doubt that Davis spoke his true sentiments, when the crowd in which he tramped considered, and we have just as little doubt that if the position of the two men had been reversed, Rumberger would have pronounced the senator's encomium on his "dear old friend," and we wonder is that Davis, in his intense zeal to save Rumberger from disgrace, did not offer a resolution to expel Wolfe, who originated the investigation and successfully carried it through, in the face of the mass determined opposition.

WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG, of Lycoming county, a leading Republican member of the convention that framed the new constitution, appeared before the House at Harrisburg last week as counsel for Rumberger, for whose expulsion a resolution was then pending, and in his defence of that victim of 107 telegraphic dispatches, referred to Wm. H. Kenble, from whom Rumberger told Silverthorn, of Erie, he was to get \$1,000 for his vote in favor of the riot bill, at the same time offering to give Silverthorn one-half the money if he would vote the same way, as follows: "Kenble sends an offer of \$1000 for my vote - I refused it for my conscience and truth is unapproachable." In giving utterance to these remarkable words Mr. Armstrong displayed quite as much cheek as he did a few years ago in his carefully prepared indictment against the Democratic party and its purposes, when he took his seat as President of the Republican State Convention at Lancaster.

On the day before the final adjournment of the Legislature, the Governor, as was anticipated, sent to the Senate his veto of the Mexican veteran pension bill. We do not see well how he could have done otherwise, as the bill differed so essentially from previous bills of the same kind, and bore so slight a resemblance to what a true pension bill ought to be. It proposed not only to pay the sum of \$75 annually to each surviving soldier of the Mexican war who served in a Pennsylvania organization, who really discriminating between those who really stood in need of a pension and those who did not, but it even provided for the payment of the same amount to men who served in that war from other States, but who had resided in this State for more than twenty years. It is true, no doubt, that the number of this class of veterans would be small, but such a feature has no proper place in a Pennsylvania pension law. Under the bill a soldier who served in the Mexican war and who is now wealthy, and we know several such in the eastern part of the State, would be paid the same pension as their fellow soldier who is poor and in straitened circumstances. This would surely not be right, and especially so in the present depleted condition of the State treasury. The Legislature in dealing with this question must be just without becoming generous. Our own view has always been that instead of a yearly pension, the right thing for the Legislature to do would be to pass an act granting a bounty, reasonable in amount, to each veteran, or his widow, whose clear yearly income does not exceed one thousand dollars. This would only exclude those who most probably would refuse to avail themselves of the benefit of any bill that might be passed on the subject.

The Democratic State Convention of Ohio, which met at Columbus last week, nominated Gen. Thomas Ewing for Governor and Gen. A. V. Rice for Lieutenant Governor, both of whom are now serving in Congress. It is conceded on all hands that these nominations are exceptionally strong and eminently fit to have been made. It is always hazardous to make predictions about the result of an election in a close State like Ohio, but if the Democrats can succeed at all they ought to be able to do so under the banner of Ewing and Rice. They are both men of ability, Ewing being one of the best stump speakers in the country, and both won honor and distinction in the late war, Rice losing a leg on a Southern battle-field. Their nomination will at least prevent the bloody strife business from entering into the campaign, even if Blaine himself should go to Ohio and attempt to play that role as offensively as he constantly does in the Senate. The contest in Ohio will perhaps be the most exciting one that has ever occurred in that State, and in view of its influence on the Presidential election next year the result will be looked for with intense interest.

The Ohio Greenback State convention met at Columbus on the same day, and nominated Gen. A. S. Platt for Governor. A large number of the delegates, however, headed by Samuel F. Cary, have repudiated the action of the convention, and have called another to meet at Toledo on the 23rd inst., "to take such action as the emergencies of the case may require." The belief is that it will endorse the nominations of Ewing and Rice, and if it does the chances of Foster, the Republican candidate for Governor, will cease to be worth talking about.

ON Friday last a monument to the memory of the confederate dead was unveiled at Winchester, Va., in presence of an immense crowd of people, and radical editors are not only in a peck but a full bushel of trouble about it. Several incidents of the day have conspired to excite their loyal wrath and indignation beyond measure. First, the event itself, as if it was a crime in the Southern people to honor their soldiers who fell in what they at least believed to be a just cause; second, because Gen. Joe Johnson was chief marshal and made a speech; next, because Jeff Davis was invited to deliver an address, but didn't come; then, because U. S. Senator Morgan of Alabama, was the orator of the day; and last, because the land played "Dixie" and "Maryland, my Maryland." All this is dreadful, and foreshadows a new rebellion, more battles and an ocean of blood. The sufferings of the Republicans are grievous and intolerable. They can't get the people of the South to elect ignorant negroes or white thieves to Congress, nor will the confederate brigadiers accommodate them by trying to pass bills through Congress to pension rebel soldiers, or to pay untold millions of rebel war claims. But something must be done to fire the Northern heart, and the cry must be kept up of "a soil South" (which the Republican leaders themselves made inevitable), "treason," "conspiracy," "the supremacy of state rights," and a great many other things of the same horrible type - all of which are imaginary and concocted for the purpose of keeping the party alive until its final disappearance in the great national contest of next year.

"In no event can I consent to aid in displacing the army or in impairing its efficiency, nor shall I assent to close the courts of justice or embarras the necessary and orderly life of the government. The constitution has provided a means by which an appeal to the people can be determined, and it is for the people to decide whether the Presidential veto has been wisely used." This was said in the Senate at Washington last week by Wade Hampton, one of the "confederate brigadiers" whose presence in that body is so hateful to loyal members like Chandler and Blaine. It is clearly "revolutionary," and is a specimen of the "treason" imputed to the Southern members of Congress by Gen. Schuyler Hamilton, an orator of the Grand Army of the Republic, from whose speech in New York on Decoration day we published an extract last week.

In the U. S. Senate, on Tuesday last, a motion to take up the Warner Silver Bill was defeated by a vote of 21 yeas to 22 nays, thus postponing it until next December.

Giving Liberty a Boost.

THE MASTERY PLEA OF SMITH, OF PIKE, IN FAVOR OF HIS VETOED PENALTY BILL.

One of the most amusing incidents of the last night of the recent session of the Legislature was the speech of Mr. Smith, Representative from Pike county, in favor of his skunk and ice-cream bill, which was enthusiastically cheered by a gubernatorial veto after Smith had worked day and night all winter to get on the statute books. At one time he looked on Friday the Pike county statesman cleared his voice and said:

Mr. Speaker, I have a few words to say on the subject of my bill, and in the course of my remarks I feel that I should like to express my feelings in regard to the bill which I have introduced. It is a bill for the relief of the people of Pike county, and I feel that it is one of the most important bills of the session. It is a bill for the relief of the people of Pike county, and I feel that it is one of the most important bills of the session. It is a bill for the relief of the people of Pike county, and I feel that it is one of the most important bills of the session.

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NEWS AND OTHER NOTINGS.

Friday afternoon Herman Schliden, a well-known German citizen of Pittsburgh, committed suicide by blowing out his brains.

Two unknown men were drowned by the upsetting of a boat during a squall, off Guernsey Head, Mass., Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Smith and Cave Bennett, convicted for stealing police Officer Smith, in Jersey City, have been sentenced to be hanged July 20th.

The Christian Union commends the Catholic work of bearing one another's burdens, as illustrated in the case of Archbishop Purcell.

Smith Barron, of Clayton, Pa., owns a six-legged cow, healthy and well developed, and as good a milker as if she was not such a curiosity.

An East Saginaw grocer has secured a monopoly of the business in his neighborhood by purchasing all the houses on his store by telephone.

Hartford has just had a grand jury whose average height was 6 feet 11 inches, and average weight 175 pounds. The tallest was 9 feet 2 inches.

The West Chester Jeffersonian thus early in the season acknowledges the receipt of a number of rye stalks that measure 5 feet in length.

Peter Peters, a man of fifty-six years of age, shot his wife fatally in the lead on Friday, at Rochester, N. Y., and then blew his own brains out with a rifle near by.

Samuel E. Shepard, a young man, injured in the Kohninor coal mines, Schuylkill county, has been rendered insane from pain and poor treatment.

A female servant at Philadelphia is missing, with her little daughter and \$147 that belonged to her husband. Mr. Shevlin thinks his wife has eloped.

The Rev. Mr. Tucker, of Colquitt county, Ga., is, if the Macon Messenger can be relied on, the father of thirty-two children, of which he has six now living. He ought to have a pension.

Mr. John D. Clarke, a resident of Clarke county, Ohio, has a mare that gave birth one day last week to twin colts, a horse and a pig in a single litter. This is something unheard of.

Of the late Cardinals recently created by Pope Leo XIII, the Cardinal Zigliara, is the youngest, and is only 34 years old.

The mystery surrounding the name of Samuel Howe, the old farmer, who was killed in the war, has been solved.

The Tampa (Fla.) Tribune says that Mr. Barry, of this city, had a half-brother who was a rattlesnake, and a half twin long last week. The horse was cured with snake-wort.

Nimrod Spattenhower, who was killed in the war, has been revived by the Governor for thirty days, to allow of the consideration of his case by the Pardons Board.

Mr. Harrison Dowd, of Chickens, who has in his possession five chickens, which are the possessors of five toes on each foot. Each toe is perfectly formed, and the little chicks are quite a curiosity.

The Frankfort (Mich.) Express says: "Peter's" mother-in-law has been cleaned out, so as to permit the free passage of legs, without explaining that Betsey is the name of a lake in that neighborhood.

The Pennsylvania Press says that Samuel B. Reese, of Penn township, Lancaster county, possesses a grade Alderney and Durham cow, which produced at a recent fair, 31 pounds of butter from seven milkings.

A Springfield, Ill., woman who was recently made a widow, told her husband in his last moments that she would never marry again.

Walter Beckwith, a prominent farmer near Stamford, Connecticut, was gored by a bull at an early hour Thursday morning. He lived only two hours after. He was about sixty years of age.

A white rat, named GRACIA, of a long-standing breed, was shown at a recent fair in Chicago. Lawrence White was shot dead by a revolver in the hands of Dr. Conners, and Conners was wounded by a bullet from a revolver from some unknown hand.

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