

MEETING OF DEMOCRATIC COUNTY COMMITTEE.

The members of the Democratic County Committee are requested to meet in Army Hall Building, opposite the Court House at Ebensburg, Pa., on Monday, March 12th 1888, at half past 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing five Delegates to the State Convention, to be held at Harrisburg, Pa., on May 31st 1888, and transacting such other business as may be necessary.

JAMES M. WALKER, Chairman. Johnstown, Pa., Feb. 22, 1888.

The fact that Governor Beaver and his Attorney General, says the Republican Pittsburgh Dispatch do not consider it necessary to make any very strong efforts for forcing railroad and telegraphic corporations to obey the Constitution, is beginning to provoke the inquiry with regard to the governor's motto in his inaugural address, "Yours for service," whose service he referred to.

The outrageous prosecutions and foreordained conviction and imprisonment of the Irish leaders, including many priests, go on with redoubled vigor, with longer sentences and the prison treatment more brutal. How the Irish people with such provocation have been able to restrain their fighting propensities instead of rushing into organized rebellion, is one of the wonders of the age. Surely a brighter and a better day will soon dawn upon her. It is best that her brave and generous sons should patiently bear their present ills than try to others that they know not of.

The account of the havoc wrought by the terrible cyclone that visited Mount Vernon, Ill., on last Sunday afternoon, which is published in another part of our paper, will be read with a feeling of deep and profound sorrow. The town, which is situated about seventy miles east of St. Louis, contained almost in an instant 300 residences and places of business were destroyed, from 2500 to 3500 people rendered homeless, about 30 killed and over 150 wounded. Seldom, if ever, has there been so sudden and swift an exhibition of the irresistible forces of nature against which man is utterly powerless.

The striking miners of the Reading Coal and Iron Company resumed work on Monday last under an agreement made by President Corbin and Master Workman Lewis, the latter representing the strikers. It was feared on Monday evening that the strike would be renewed, owing to a belief among some of the miners that the Company was violating the agreement by refusing to take back at some of the colliers as certain men who had gone on the strike, but all difficulty on that score has since been removed. In pursuance of the agreement a conference between the representatives of the Company and the miners will be held on next Thursday, to settle the question of wages. With that question settled all the trouble will be finally ended.

JOHN MANLEY, Chairman of the Republican Committee in Maine and Blaine's mouthpiece in that State, has no difficulty in interpreting his letter of declination to mean that he (Blaine) is just as much a candidate as he was before it was written. In an interview with a World correspondent after the letter was published, he said: "Mr. Blaine's letter," he said, "with declaration, 'he' is not to be considered final. He does not decline the nomination or say that he will refuse to head the ticket. It means that Mr. Blaine will not have his name presented to the convention as an aspirant for the Presidency, but he will accept of it and demands that he take it or leave it. Mr. Blaine has made himself a public man, and as such owes the public something. He has no right to say that he will not assume a trust that the party desire to place upon him. He is a man who will fight the fight he will have to take it, and he will win."

Chairman "Tom" Cooper, of this State, says little to Manley. When these two political trimmers take the same view of the letter and the bulk of the Republicans regard it in an entirely different light, there seems to be a vast amount of truth in the saying of a celebrated French diplomatist that "language was given to man to enable him to conceal his thoughts."

SINCE the publication last week of Blaine's letter withdrawing from the Presidential contest two other candidates have taken themselves out of the race, and the emphatic way in which they have done so leaves no doubt about their sincerity, which cannot yet be said of Blaine's manifesto. George W. Childs, of the Public Ledger, who had a very decided following among the leading Republicans of Philadelphia, declared in his paper of Friday last that he "would be compelled to decline the office, honorable and exalted as it is, if by any chance in the chapter of unforeseen accidents, he should happen to be elected." General Sheridan, whose Presidential boom was becoming somewhat formidable, declared in Washington a few days ago that he would not under any circumstances accept a nomination for the Presidency, should it be tendered him. "Nothing," he said, "could induce me to leave the profession in which nearly forty years of my life have been spent, to enter upon a civil career." In this connection it may also be stated that Dr. McGlynn, the business member of the late firm of George & McGlynn, engaged in the anti-Poverty business in New York, stated the other day to a reporter of the World that it was the sheerest nonsense to talk about him as the anti-Poverty candidate for President, that he didn't want it and wouldn't touch it with a tea spoon. However, as the McGlynn boom was "such a little one,"

DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

MR. VERNON, Ill., February 19.—This city was visited by a terrible cyclone to-day about 4:35 o'clock. It had been thundering and raining for some time, when suddenly a low rumbling noise was heard, and a black cloud that seemed to touch the earth swept over the city, and it became very dark. As soon as the cloud passed the terrified and people fled in all directions. The shock and loss they had sustained. Hundreds of houses were blown down and many people were crushed in the ruins.

It is impossible to estimate the loss, at this time. At least half of the town is in ruins. The south and east parts of the square were completely destroyed. The large building known as the Crows block, now owned by J. C. Murray, was entirely demolished and caught fire in a few minutes, and is now rapidly burning. The M. E. Church is almost a mass of rock, the roof being entirely gone, while the lower part is badly damaged. The Baptist Church is also a wreck, and beyond all hope of repair.

The east end of the public schoolhouse is a mass of ruins. The once grand building is now razed to the ground, and a heap of bricks and stones are all that remains to tell the story. Hundreds of houses have been blown down, and in the cyclone-stricken district presents a scene of the most horrible devastation and ruin.

East and west is about two miles long, east and west, and the course of the cyclone took in about two thirds of the east end, the western portion of the town escaped. It is impossible to begin to estimate the number of houses destroyed, but the number will run away up into the hundreds. The larger portion of the business part of the town, known as The Square, is totally destroyed. Out of a row of buildings about 100 feet long, there are none that are not more or less injured, while the others are entirely consumed, or will be, for the fire is raging now in that street, unless help soon arrives all will be lost. There are no business houses, and the goods are entirely destroyed.

The east side of the square presents a very ghastly appearance, for nothing is left here. This side is also occupied as business houses, and nothing is saved here, not a single building being left on this row. The brick building is badly damaged, but the wreck here is very light compared to that on the east and south sides. The Old Fellows' building is the only one of this kind on this side, but none of the buildings escaped all being more or less injured. The west escaped more lightly than any, but the buildings here are in a sad state, being considerably shaken up. The damage to the business part of the town is so great that it is completely ruined. The general appearance of the town is horrible, and it looks as if an earthquake had visited it. It is impossible to convey any idea of how it really looks, and people who have not seen it can form no idea of the extent of the damage. The County Court House is one of the most complete wrecks in the city. It is a two-story building and stood in the center of the square, but being directly in the path of the cyclone, is now utterly demolished. It was a very expensive building and was an ornamental feature to the city. It will have to be entirely rebuilt. There is no alarm felt in regard to the records, as they are easily accessible, and unless a fire should sweep up over the records, they are perfectly safe. At this writing the fire is dying out, after a stubborn conflict with men who have risked their lives to extinguish it.

All of the largest and best buildings seem to have suffered the most. The Commercial hotel is almost completely ruined, and some of the other buildings were injured, as far as known. The damage to property is variously estimated from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000. The loss of life is not known, but it is believed that some persons were killed.

Sherman vs. Sherman. The withdrawal of Mr. Blaine no doubt encourages the supporters of Senator Sherman, and it is not very likely that the Republican party will nominate a man with so much of a record, and no doubt Sherman has made during his long public career.

Take the revenue question for example. The sufficient answer to Senator Sherman's arguments against tariff reform, and his roundabout advocacy of a repeal of the internal taxes on whiskey and tobacco, was given by the Kenna from Mr. Sherman's own speeches made less than six years ago.

Of the internal taxes Senator Sherman has said: "These taxes ought to be left as a part of our permanent system of taxation as long as any other taxes, internal or external, are oppressive, remain on the statute books." Of the special tax which the high-tariff party have so long carried on their shoulders Mr. Sherman then said: "This tobacco tax of all others, is the one which has done the most certain and constant injury to our people, dependent upon an appetite that will be indulged, no matter what may be the tax—a tax that has been more stable than any other. No amount of tax likely to be put upon tobacco will induce the consumer to stop smoking and snuffing. In all other countries where taxation prevails this is a favorite subject of taxation. Any one who is throwing up a tax which is the foundation of all nations, is the best source of taxation."

Referring to the necessity of tax reduction, which was less imperative in 1882 than it now is, Senator Sherman declared: "We demand the revision of the present intricate and complicated tariff system, which is a burden to the people, and which is a hindrance to the progress of the country. We demand that Congress lay upon its duty thus far in not repealing taxes that are obviously unjust, and that it should strike the public use; and if we should still neglect that duty we should be properly held responsible by our own constituents. Now, sir, for one, I am determined that this bill shall not lay at my door." Anticipating the raising of the "Free Trade" cry, in which he now joins, the Ohio Senator truly said: "It is, therefore, simply an absurdity to talk about a protective tariff as unnecessary, because a protective tariff is unnecessary, because a tariff that may, could not possibly be raised to a point which would produce 100 to 1000 gold without unduly protecting our domestic industry." The present tariff produced last year \$217,000,000 in gold—\$77,000,000 more than Senator Sherman said six years ago was ample for protection, and an amount more than the Government now needs as revenue.

The appeal from Sherman belittled by the buzzing of the "Free Trade" cry to Sherman the clear-headed legislator leaves no other reply necessary to his present catch-vote utterances.—N. Y. World.

The Strike Investigation.

As a rule, Congressional investigations do not bring in such a profitable return of information as to encourage the public interest. The report of the committee of the Reading corporation is much more a State than a Federal affair. For years the authorities of the Reading corporation and its laws have been systematically defied. The injury inflicted upon the consumers of coal by the late unnecessary strike is a subject which the public interest should have been confined to the disturbance of interstate traffic. The Federal law prohibits unreasonable charges. The Federal law prohibits discriminations for like service and discrimination in favor of a particular trade. The Reading Corporation discriminates between its Philadelphia and its coastwise trade for a like service and between New Jersey and New York. The Congressional committee investigating the strikes would have done well to have kept these particular offenses in view, because Congress is armed with power to correct them.

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Blacker, better known as Captain Dick, the desperado and leader of the notorious Texas train robbers, was shot and killed on Friday last, near the town of Sheriff Allen, of Tarrant county, Texas. This band of robbers has stolen about sixty-five thousand dollars cash from trains, and the gang are being hunted out by the officers and no doubt all will be secured or killed.

A correspondent from Omaha wants to know how it is that the great flocks of crows which are seen every day in that city, and there are some upon a frozen black bluff in the white snow, in the track of the blizzard, like a mourning badge, but countless flocks of crows still come with regularity to the city, and sweep away at night in black columns of thousands, with no terrors for them. The question is, how do these birds manage to keep alive?

Joel Wilcox, an eccentric pioneer resident of Milwaukee, who died recently, was very fond of animals, and was especially attached to his horses. At the approach of the winter he said to a nephew, who owns a farm near Milwaukee: "Jim, take my horses out to your place and take good care of them over winter. If I die, shoot them when spring comes, and give them decent burials. I don't want to have them abused." He died before spring, and in accordance with his wish, his pet steeds were shot and buried.

Deaf Bull, a sub chief among the Crow Indians, who was captured with seven other warriors, and carried away by the soldiers of the United States army, was shot and killed by a soldier of the United States army, who was shot and killed by a soldier of the United States army.

Mr. W. H. Morgan, merchant, Lake City, Pa., writes with a severe cold, attended with a distressing cough, and running into Consumption in its first stages. He tried many so-called popular cough remedies and steadily grew worse. Was reduced in weight, had difficulty in breathing and was unable to sleep. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and found immediate relief, and after using about a half dozen bottles found himself well and has had no return of the disease. No other remedy has done so much for him. He writes: "I have used your New Discovery for Consumption, and found immediate relief, and after using about a half dozen bottles found myself well and has had no return of the disease. No other remedy has done so much for him. He writes: 'I have used your New Discovery for Consumption, and found immediate relief, and after using about a half dozen bottles found myself well and has had no return of the disease. No other remedy has done so much for him.'

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