

Cambria Freeman

EBENSBURG, CAMBRIA CO., PA.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1891.

Democratic County Ticket.

For President, Judge JOHN P. LINTON, of Johnstown. For Sheriff, JOSEPH A. GRAY, of Carrolltown. For Poor Director, JOHN F. LONG, of Ebensburg. For Jury Commissioner, E. J. BLOUGH, of Johnstown.

The Clarion county Democracy at their convention held on Monday last recommended Governor Robert E. Pattison as the Democratic candidate for President.

On Monday the Governor signed a bill "enabling any township which holds a borough or city to hold its elections within the corporate limits of said borough or city."

Next week Governor Pattison will name the 20 commissioners for the World's Fair. He is giving considerable attention to the subject and means to have the State Board composed of representative people.

Chairman William H. Andrews, of the Republican state committee has issued his call for the Republican state convention, calling that body to meet at Harrisburg, on Wednesday August 13th 1891, at 10 o'clock A. M.

EX-Secretary Whitney is forty-nine years old. His father was Collector at Boston under Buchanan. Although a Democrat, it has his vote in the Massachusetts legislature that first elected Sumner as a United States Senator in 1851.

By a new process which is being experimented with at the Albion rolling mill at Stubsenville, O., it is expected to revolutionize the making of iron pipe. Last week a perfect steel pipe was made from steel bar, without the formality of first rolling and then welding it.

Reports from the American consuls in different parts of the globe indicate that great interest is manifested in the coming World's Fair at Chicago. The South American republics will send large displays, Germany intends to furnish a fine exhibit, as does Turkey also. Portugal will not be officially represented.

Governor Pattison last week signed the constitutional convention and ballot reform bills. The latter however does not go into effect until next year. The people will vote on the question of having a constitutional convention at the election this fall and also vote for delegates to the convention, which will meet at Harrisburg on the first Tuesday of December next, should a majority be cast in favor of holding a constitutional convention.

The New York Tribune casually remarks that the Ballot Reform bill passed by the Pennsylvania legislature "is not one of the best." It might have added for public information that the bill was the best the Republican party managers would allow to pass, notwithstanding the fact that they had pledged themselves to give the matter favorable consideration. Had such a misbegotten piece of legislation proceeded from a Democratic legislative body the Tribune would have been eloquent in denunciation of it.

The bills dividing the state into congressional and legislative districts were vetoed on Tuesday by Governor Pattison. He gives his reasons in an extended form, his main objection to both bills being that they are unfair and contain many irregularities contrary to constitutional requirements. He is willing, he says, to postpone the reapportionment of the state to a legislature which shall be elected by the people thoroughly awakened to a sense of how their Representatives have failed to meet this duty.

The efforts of several combinations to disestablish Mr. Cleveland as the first choice of the Democracy for the presidency, says the Harrisburg Patriot, have not been very successful up to this time. Mr. Cleveland seems to be one of those fortunate men in politics who need only wait for what they want, not work for it. He never plotted, nor bargained nor entered into any combines to get the presidency yet his party has twice made him its candidate and if he is willing between this time and the meeting of the national convention he will be nominated for the third time. And the reason is that Mr. Cleveland has been brave without boasting, honest without presumption, Democratic from principle, unselfish, clean-handed, patriotic.

The news comes from Washington says the New York World that the Treasury is practically bankrupt. It could not pay the money now due on pension accounts without more than exhausting all the cash in the Treasury, including the fractional currency, the money deposited in the National banks, and the small balance on hand of the redemption fund.

The World stated nearly a year ago that the first session of the Fifty-third Congress had provided for expenditures greatly in excess of the public revenues, and that the Treasury would be obliged to meet its obligations with the reserve. That prediction is now verified. The Secretary himself confesses that he cannot safely pay the maturing bonds and that he is obliged to rack together every dollar and cent of his resources to meet his current expenses.

There is no doubt now that before the end of the next fiscal year the Government will again be a borrower. This is the result of two years of absolute control by the Republican party.

This Republican county convention met at the Opera House in this place, on Monday afternoon with the same delegates in attendance that are usually present at gatherings of this kind.

Like all previous Republican conventions everything had been arranged beforehand; all the delegates had to do was to ratify the work laid out for them. Complete working plans were in the hands of the chairman and as he has had several years experience in manipulating Cambria county Republican conventions the work was done without a hitch.

Chairman Barker called the meeting to order which was organized by the election of Alvin Evans, Esq., of Ebensburg, as chairman.

Then A. V. Barker was nominated for Judge by acclamation.

For Sheriff, James M. Shoemaker of Johnstown and D. W. Conler of Franklin were nominated. Deputy Sheriff S. W. Davis, of Ebensburg, had been a candidate up until the morning of the convention, but was withdrawn in the interests of Judge Barker, on the assurance that the first plan that turned up would be engineered into his pudding.

Mr. Shoemaker was nominated on the first ballot, the vote standing 54 to 43.

Peter Melhorn of Allegheny township was nominated for Poor Director and J. J. Kidd, of 1st ward, Johnstown was given Jury Commissioner.

D. G. Myers, of Ashville, and O. E. Fisher, of 1st ward, Johnstown, were elected delegates to the state convention.

Geo. M. Reade, Esq., who accepted the nomination and made a hopeless fight for President Judge in 1888, and who in all fairness should have received the appointment of Judge at the hands of the party on the death of Judge Johnston, but was turned down when a certainty was in sight at the instance of the party managers who so successfully worked the Republican county convention last year in the interest of Delamater, was given the endorsement of the Republicans of this county for member of the constitutional convention.

Mr. Reade was brought into the convention and made a speech, in which he carefully omitted any reference to the claims of Judge Barker but at highly eulogized William McKinley, who, at present, is running for Governor of Ohio.

Sheriff J. C. Stinson was elected chairman of the county committee where the convention adjourned.

Politics make strange bed fellows in an axiom, and the circumstance says the Philadelphia Herald that every enemy of the present constitution has recently become its euologist is proof of the fact. Those who have striven by every device to evade the provision of the organic law now pronounce it the acme of wisdom and the perfection of political judgment. The seventeen years during which it has been held in contempt by corporations and their satellites are now recalled to prove that prosperity and contentment have been its handmaidens and public morality its legitimate progeny.

The purpose of this new-born affection for the constitution of 1873 is to convince the public that there is no occasion for a convention to revise it. The thing would be fraught with danger, it is said, because some of the admirable features of the present instrument might be attacked by a reckless convention, and probably modified in considerable measure. In this they are borrowing trouble and racking their brains and digestion unnecessarily. The people are capable of taking care of themselves.

But the fact that this course has been adopted by the enemies of the Constitution should admonish its friends to be vigilant. We all agree that there are features in the present constitution which should be cherished and preserved, but there are faults which cry for correction as well, and the people can be trusted to take care of the public interests. The coming convention will be necessarily partisan, because the law providing for it was drawn by an enemy, but even the evil which that fact represents may be avoided, and will be if the people are just to themselves.

Meantime it is amusing to read in the organs of railroads and trust companies the eulogies on the constitution of 1873.

When Postmaster General Wanamaker, was called as a witness in the investigation of the Keystone Bank affair he let himself down easily, by claiming to be merely a customer of the defunct bank. The Scranton Truth thus touched upon recently before the bank examining committee, Wanamaker declared that he had little more to do with the wrecked Keystone bank than with any other client of the establishment. Yet the Government official, Lacey, now issues a statement showing that the Postmaster General interfered to stave off the action in regard to the bank, after it was known that the institution was worse than insolvent. What Wanamaker confessed was, in itself, an irreparable blow at his honor—even honesty—and his fellow-office holder now reveals facts which prove that the Postmaster General's statement was evasive—in fact, false in essential particulars. And yet, in the face of this conduct, there is not a journal in Philadelphia that ventures to hold this unfaithful official to the strict terms of his trust, to the intelligible letter of the law. So far as outsiders can comprehend the odious scandal, damaging the unwelcome details in Philadelphia, Wanamaker is, in fact, the chief culprit, plainly one of the active agents in the Keystone crash. He used, through personal influence of a sort not pleasant to contemplate, money of the bank in sums forbidden by the law, and under conditions that leave no escape from the conviction that he knew the bank was not a safe place for public money. Bad as the known facts are, it is now plain that the worst has not yet come to light.

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A Band of Desperados. PITTSBURGH, June 23.—The notorious Frank Cooley and his gang are renewing their depredations in Georges township at the foot of the mountains in Fayette county. Cooley escaped from the Fayette county jail some time ago, where he was held pending his transfer to the penitentiary for burning and torturing a maiden lady named Miss Rose. He escaped and ever since has been terrorizing Hydentown and vicinity, levying tribute on farmers and holding up strangers. His last crime was to rob a church. Several warrants are out for his arrest, but the Uniontown officers frankly say they will not risk their lives for the petty reward offered. The Cooley gang number ten and they have powerful friends who are the cause of their coming when they hide in the mountains, where a regiment could not find them.

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A Band of Desperados. PITTSBURGH, June 23.—The notorious Frank Cooley and his gang are renewing their depredations in Georges township at the foot of the mountains in Fayette county. Cooley escaped from the Fayette county jail some time ago, where he was held pending his transfer to the penitentiary for burning and torturing a maiden lady named Miss Rose. He escaped and ever since has been terrorizing Hydentown and vicinity, levying tribute on farmers and holding up strangers. His last crime was to rob a church. Several warrants are out for his arrest, but the Uniontown officers frankly say they will not risk their lives for the petty reward offered. The Cooley gang number ten and they have powerful friends who are the cause of their coming when they hide in the mountains, where a regiment could not find them.

ST. PAUL, June 24.—The crop reports to the Great Northern Railway from all points along its line state that the outlook is better than ever known. Grain is safe and thriving under the best conditions. The increase in movement on one railroad will be 9,000,000 bushels.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

THE weather crop bulletin issued by the Pennsylvania state weather service contains the following relative to the weather and prospects of the crops for the week ending July 19.

The very warm weather and generous rains of the past week gave additional vigor and rapid growth to vegetation, and the crop prospects have a very encouraging look. Bountiful harvests are anticipated throughout the Cumberland, Schuylkill and Lebanon valleys. Wheat is coloring rapidly and will be ready to harvest by the 1st of July. Many respondents state that it never looked better. The recent favorable weather conditions have improved oats, and the crop will be a better one than was thought for early in the season. Owing to the cold and drought corn germinated badly and was slow getting started. In several sections the ground was too hard packed to plow in time for planting. The growing grass, but the growth was so retarded under previous conditions that the yield will be below that of previous seasons. The haying season has been very dry, and the weather has been favorable for curing. The fruit crop will be large. A very large acreage of potatoes have been planted, and unusually large number of tobacco plants have been set out which are now growing rapidly.

A Fight in the Air. Frederick Whyler went to the "stone yard" at Napoleon, Ohio, for sixty days. The reason was that he was fighting for the aggressor in a most sensational encounter Friday afternoon. He and John Young were at work on the roof of the tower of the new court house, one hundred and twenty feet above the ground, when a quarrel broke out over the possession of a hammer. In a moment the men were locked in each other's embrace, and a fierce struggle began. First one and then the other was forced to the edge of the narrow roof, but neither could command sufficient strength to thrust the other over.

Hundreds of people had congregated below and the excitement was intense. It seemed impossible that both men could escape falling over to instant death. After rolling about for what appeared an age, Whyler's head reached a standing position. As Young rose to his feet Whyler knocked him flat, but before he could follow up his blow Young was up and again closing with Whyler fought him to the edge of the roof, when he was choked into insensibility. The effort exhausted Young's strength, and when the other workmen reached the roof both men were in a semi-conscious state. They were sent down with ropes and Whyler was arrested and convicted.

He Had Read Novels. OTTAWA, June 22.—Clara Wortman, for whom \$300 had been searched the woods, instead of being lost for twelve days, was comfortably situated most of the time at the farm of Mr. Byron McLeod, near Sussex. She did not like going to school, and was in several ways dissatisfied with her school life. When she left home last, she had all the necessary clothes for changing her garb to that of a man. She went into the woods, changed her attire and, with a pair of scissors and a piece of mirror cropped off her long hair.

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NEWS AND OTHER NOTICES.

—There were 12,300,000 bushels of last year, imported by the United States last year, an increase of 2,000,000.

—The wheat harvest in Oklahoma is reported almost complete, and will yield not less than twenty-five bushels an acre.

—A balloon, while being inflated near St. Petersburg, escaped with four workmen. The balloon burst and the men were killed. —Lightning followed a line of gulf down the wall paper in a Methodist church at Belpre, Pa., and burned off only the flashy figures.

—A lightning bolt struck the stable of Joe Moore near Buck Hill, Bucks county, and besides demolishing the building killed two horses.

—Two young girls of Exeter township, Beaver county, were hunting sweet root on Tuesday. In a mistake they got out and heled their root. They were found nearly dead in the woods.

—There is a three-armed deaf and dumb freak in a Wisconsin dime museum who can talk so fast on her fingers that there isn