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Democratic Ticket.

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Commissioners—H. A. MINGLE,

J. N. HALL.

Coroner—DR. JOSEPH ADAMS.

Auditors—JOHN GILLILAND.

A. J. GREIST.

We observe from the movements of the radicals in this country, that they intend to concentrate their forces against our nominees for Treasurer, D. A. Muser, and deficit his if possible, seeing no hope of defeating any of the other gentlemen upon the ticket. Already stories are being circulated against Mr. Muser. Any one knowing that gentleman, knows that his character is without blemish, he hails from one of the oldest and most respected families in our valley, has never been an office seeker, is competent, responsible, and will leave the office of Treasurer, to which he will be elected in spite of the machinations of the enemy, with every cent of the people's money faithfully accounted for. Mr. Muser bears the reputation of a Christian gentleman, and is one of the most useful citizens of Penn township. Democrats owe him every vote, on account of his past fidelity, and every honest republican can vote for him under the full assurance of voting for an honest man.

A statement of the affairs of Duncan, Sherman & Co., has been prepared for the public, from which it appears the liabilities of the firm are \$4,873,123 and the assets \$2,112,740. This statement is not official, and can be taken as representing the approximate amount. It has been prepared to answer many inquiries regarding the probable condition of affairs and with special care to avoid making a better showing than may be justified. All doubtful assets have been reduced or stricken out. The amount of liabilities given on account of travelers, credits and circulars is \$2,372,852.

The greatest sham that ever entered Centre county, is Bill Brown's "Industrial Advocate." It is a grand foreign humbug, got up entirely at Harrisburg, with a few local squalls from our county, sent down by mail, to give it a home appearance. This Advocate has no office, not a single type, nor sheet of blank paper in Centre county. And this is the origin of a set of conspirators to mislead democrats, abuse Judge Orvis without cause, and cast its slur at the Reporter because it is outspoken in its sentiments and does not wink at rings and cliques.

Anti-treating societies are now being formed in some parts of the country. Cincinnati and Pittsburg have organizations of the kind. The following is the pledge:

I pledge myself not to treat any person or persons; nor to accept a treat of any spirituous or Malt Liquors, Wine or Cider, in any public place, where the same is kept for sale and money paid therefor.

A "Democrat of Gregg" asks us the names of the senatorial conferees and also who moved to make Mr. Alexander chairman of the convention. As we omitted these two items in our report of the proceedings we furnish them here in answer to our correspondent, and for the information of the conferees. The conferees are J. P. Gephart, G. W. McGaffey and T. M. Hall. The gentleman who proposed Mr. Alexander for Chairman was T. M. Hall. We desire to say here that communications criticising some of the doings of the convention, can not conduce to the harmony of the party, nor that the new names are made, hence "Haines," "Democrat of Gregg" and "Bellefonte" have been laid aside.

We print in this week's issue the charge of Judge Orvis in the Clearfield riot cases. The document should be read and studied by all, as it presents in a clear and concise manner the law touching upon strike. In one-quarter page Orvis has been censured, by persons unfriendly to him, for doing his duty in the matter. The charge should be studied by all fair minded men who love the peace and good order of society and who desire to be protected in their rights, and will be profitable reading for those who would incline to strike and riot.

After voting more than two hundred and twenty-five millions of the best lands to Ames, Jay Cooke, and others, and allowing a large portion of the grants made to colleges and for improvements to be stolen, the Republicans all of a sudden have raised the cry of stop thief.

Out of 43,000 people, men, women and children, in the towns of Fall River, Massachusetts, 15,000 are idle in consequence of a "strike" ordered by their leaders. The great tool of the operative, who are already beginning to suffer for the pangs of poverty, deny that they are "responsible" for the suspension deprecate its continuance and denounce its instigators, and yet have not the courage to throw off their yoke and return to work. The next step for the working men of this country will be not to organize for protection against their employers, but for defense against their self-assumed leaders.

Disastrous storms have been sweeping over Germany and Switzerland as well as elsewhere in Europe. The Cologne Zeitung reports that the vineyards in numerous places have been irretrievably ruined by the deluge of the latter part of May, which not only destroyed all hope of this year's harvest, but washed away the soil, leaving nothing but bare rock or a substratum of clay. On the 9th of July the town of Melungen was inundated by a violent rain-storm, which also flooded the adjoining town of Genungen, destroying houses and bridges and heaping their debris upon the rail-way track. Shortly afterwards Haven was visited by a hail storm, accompanied with terrific thunder and lightning, the hailstones measuring five or six inches in circumference and breaking thousands of window-panes. On the same date, July 9, an unprecedent hail storm laid waste the entire harvest for several miles around Geneva. Kitchen gardens were devastated; trees a century old were snapped like reeds; in the city chimneys were demolished and several houses unroofed, whilst shattered windows were counted by hundreds of thousands. All the street-lamps were extinguished by a single gust. Hundreds of birds were killed by the hailstones, many of which were as large as hen's eggs, and three human lives were lost.

Radicals are encouraging democrats to run independent, telling them it is no longer a sin to bolt and run against the ticket, that they can be rewarded with a nomination as assembly, senator or to a chairmanship, and have other front rank positions in the party, in less than twelve months. This bolting business being sanctioned may work badly. We are opposed to it, and opposed to encouraging bolters. Things may be played thus far a spell but "vengeance is mine saith the Lord," and bolters may remember that the people can and will have vengeance at the ballot box. Let's go for the ticket, and give bolters and bolting a wide berth. This encouragement to bolters will send the party to where ice is unknown if it is made respectable by the sanction of the party.

SPOILATION OF PUBLIC LANDS.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 7.—Under the statutes of the state of Pennsylvania, the State Treasurer, or any other State official, shall either directly or indirectly make and receive any profits out of the public domain to railroad corporations and in other ways. Of the vast empire which was regarded as one of the great sources of national wealth, and as a permanent attraction for immigration, there remains but a comparatively small part for settlers.

By a system of corrupt legislation without parallel, these rich lands were distributed among speculators and monopolists, who by means of the Credit Mobilier and other fraudulent combinations, shared the spoils with Senators and Representatives that served as their agents and instruments in the plunder.

Mr. Orvis is the Department of the Interior, under Delane, has augmented the wealth of these corporations to the extent of millions of acres by venal decisions against all precedent, which not only reward embezzlers and spurious claims, but have deprived thousands of poor settlers from the homesteads acquired by law and labor, for the benefit of infamous Ring.

The popular belief that the supply of public land is unlimited, is a fallacy which cannot be too soon dispelled. Of late years the official reports have been manipulated in the interest of the railroads that enjoy immense grants, in order to produce an impression that they did not materially affect the large territory open for settlement.

But even superficial examination proves these statements to be interesting, and, by their suppression of important data, to be worthless as a basis for estimating the quantity of good land available for sale and settlement. A few ugly facts will arrest attention on this important subject, and cause Congress to half before granting another acre without a public reason to tell the truth about dishonest officials in a public journal.

Mackay is a large stockholder and an officer of the Allegheny National Bank. The Central Bank is run by Tommy Steel, City Treasurer C. L. Magee, and the Ring, and Mackay also holds stock in the Central Bank. Nearly, or quite half a million of dollars of the State funds have been used for years to run these banks, and Mr. Mackay has regularly pocketed his share of the profits and is said to be removed from office and prosecuted under this act for receiving directly and indirectly profits from the State funds. He was recently forced into giving a list of the banks to which he has loaned the revenues. Among them is the Allegheny National Bank of this city, which has \$588,000 of the sinking fund, and \$8,000 of the general revenue fund; also the Central Bank of Pittsburgh, which has some \$50,000 of the sinking fund. These, and perhaps larger deposits, have been kept in these banks during Mackay's administration.

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