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THE BUSINESS BOOM.

The Democratic State platform of Pennsylvania says: "The Democratic reform administration of President Cleveland has given confidence to the business interests of the country."

Despite the silly Republican partisan attacks, every sign of the times goes to show that this is so.

The New York Times (Rep.) of a very recent date says "If there is any cloud anywhere in the financial sky it manages very thoroughly to hide itself. There has been no hint of it in the past week. Trade is booming; merchants are crowded by custom, and manufacturers are driven to fill orders booked far ahead; every man who wants work can have it, and every dollar not locked up is showing an earning power. The farmers of the South and West have crops that pay for the first time in years; the railroads in all their history have never been called upon to handle such a vast traffic. Illustrations of the increased earnings of the railroads of the country were given last week. The same state of things continues, with but the one difference that the percentage of increase is even now larger than then. The result is unprecedented. The prosperity betoken reaches in every direction."

What will be the greatest legal fight of this generation commenced last week in the United States Circuit Court at Cincinnati before Judges Jackson, Gage and Walker, the first named the recently appointed Circuit Judge. It was the proceedings instituted by the United States to test the validity of the Bell Telephone patent. Judge Thurman and ex-Solicitor General Foote lead the Government counsel, and ex-Senator McDonald and A. F. Perry the telephone counsel, and on both sides there are some of the most noted patent lawyers in the country. The first important question to be determined is as to the Jurisdiction of the court.

We have ciphered out the real cause of the earthquake: the whole continent was shocked on account of the Republican nominations.

A GENERAL REVIVAL OF TRADE.

The trade dispatches to Bradstreet's tell of an increased distribution of merchandise with a distinct and widespread tendency toward higher prices for staple goods. The facts as telegraphed from leading cities are almost uniformly encouraging. From new England the autumn business is reported in excellent shape. Philadelphia reports satisfactory activity in most branches of the distributing trade, with no complaint of collections in any quarter. In the West, business maintains an active firm movement, with the distributive trade especially well employed. Good reports of collections have generally been received.

Miles township is solid for the whole ticket from Black on down to Reifsnyder. A staunch set of Democrats can not be boasted of than those of good old Miles.

The two leading candidates in the present canvass, Hon. Chauncy F. Black and General James A. Beaver, met in Lancaster, on Friday last, by chance. Lieutenant Governor Black arrived from York at 12.55. On the same train with him were Hon. Simon Cameron, Senator Don Cameron and Colonel James Duffy, who came to Lancaster to visit Colonel Fordney. At the station they were joined by Chairman Hensel, who had come up from Philadelphia to meet Mr. Black. While the party were standing in the station the train from Harrisburg rolled in with General Beaver and Chairman Cooper on board. After a cheerful chat the party broke up. Chairman Cooper went through to Philadelphia. Candidates Black and Beaver and Chairman Hensel went across to the Heister house, where they took dinner, and the other gentlemen went to Colonel Fordney's. The meeting was altogether one of chance, and it was enjoyed by quite a crowd of persons who soon gathered around. No black eyes and bloody noses.

That a few men in our party are in league with the Republicans to defeat the Democratic ticket, or a part of it, for simple spite, is known, although working on the sly, is true, but they are known. Still information from every part of the county goes to show that Democrats are not going to be betrayed into the hands of the Republicans by any of these cranks. We hear from all sides that Democratic integrity will be maintained in spite of any plot at betrayal. There never was less cause for dissatisfaction with a ticket than now. We defy any one to show a good reason for being a kicker. Just when the party is on the way to power, no good sensible Democrat will turn traitor.

BEAVER'S STORE ORDERS.

The Harrisburg Patriot says General Beaver has undertaken to defend the store order business in which his Bellefonte firm has been indulging. But his defense is not a satisfactory one. It consists in a denial and evasion, but unfortunately for General Beaver neither the one nor the other will serve his purpose. The coupon "is not a store order, having not a single element of the obnoxious store order system," the General remarks, and then he adds that he is himself opposed to the store order system as any man can be.

The Republican candidate seems to depend largely on the credulity of the public. The trade coupon which the firm uses reads on its face "Trade Coupon, Twenty-five cents (or other sum) Good for face value in Trade to Party Holding this Registered Number. Not Transferable." The law which forbids the issue of store orders defines them as any "order or other paper money whatsoever, unless the same purports to be redeemable for its value in lawful money of the United States, bearing interest at legal rates made payable to employer or bearer and redeemable within a period of thirty days by the firm, company, corporation or association giving, making or issuing the same." Will General Beaver assert that his trade coupons are not a direct violation of the law that forbids the issue of orders except such as are thus defined? If he does, he must be afflicted with a mental malady that would disqualify him from holding any office or transacting any business.

General Beaver says that the Trade Coupons were introduced by his firm at the request of the men employed. This is as strong a draft on credulity as the other. What likelihood is there that men who are getting cash payments with the privilege of drawing cash advances at pleasure, would ask for a store order, trade coupon or any other device that might be used as an instrument of oppression? None whatever. It is the natural desire of men to get money in compensation for wages, to the end that they may disburse the proceeds of their labor to the best advantage. When General Beaver indulges in such misrepresentations as this he simply misrepresents the facts, with intent to deceive the public, and adds another offense to the crime against the law and the men that he has committed.

Joe. Furey, for a quarter of a century almost, an editor of the *Watchman*, has become editor of the *Clinton Democrat*. Joe is one of the raciest writers in the State and a poet besides. Sorry he left here, but he is within speaking distance and we will not begrudge the *Democrat* its good luck in securing the service of so able an editor as Mr. Furey.

The Lutheran Synod, at Reading, has pronounced against Sunday newspapers. A few days before it resolved not to assist ministerial students who use tobacco.

THE FARMERS MOVING.

That the farmers of Pennsylvania, says the Patriot, have at last been awakened to the importance of protecting their own interests through the ballot-box is becoming apparent. The encroachments of corporations, the inequalities of the tax system and the discrimination of carrying companies all affect the interests of agriculture more directly and disastrously than any other industry. For years the farmers have been appealing to the Republican party, the dominant power in the State, for relief from the burdens which existing conditions impose, but their petitions have been futile and fruitless.

The nomination of Chauncy F. Black for Governor by the late Democratic State Convention has pointed the way to the farmers to get the justice they have been begging for. He is in accord with them in all the questions that concern their welfare. Without restricting a single legitimate right of the corporations he would hold them rigidly to the requirements of the constitution and the law. His theories of taxation are in the direction of equality, and his election will be the first step toward the relief of the agricultural interests.

Government engineers who made a tour of inspection have reported the loss at Charleston to be six million dollars, from the earthquake.

Within the last six weeks coal has been advanced 35 cents a ton, and the pooling arrangements of the railroads have assured them satisfactory profits, while the wages of men who dig the coal, in danger and amid privations, have not been increased a penny.

If the helpless consumers must pay millions in tribute to the coal kings, is it too much to ask that the miners be given their share of the advanced price? Those who sow the wind need not wonder if they some day reap the whirlwind.

BLACK TO WORKINGMEN.

The York Age says Lieut. Gov. Black's address to the Knights of Labor at their picnic, on Saturday, was a most admirable one. It did not touch upon the political contest, but was an address pertinent to the great occasion for which the assemblage had gathered. Mr. Black, as the friend of labor, is always ready to speak intelligently in their interests. It was not necessary for him to become a candidate for a high office to defend publicly the rights of our struggling workingmen, but he spoke Saturday as he would have done had he not been a candidate, and as he has always done in all his public utterances and articles for the press. There is no demagoguery in his position on the labor question, but he speaks from honest convictions and well-known sympathies frequently expressed in defense of honest labor. The Knights were much pleased, and well they might be, in having so vigorous and talented a champion as the Democratic candidate for Governor.

The Louisiana orange crop is almost an entire failure this year in consequence of the late freeze, and it is estimated that it will be nine years before a full crop can be grown.

The Clearfield county convention nominated Wallace for Congress, Flynn for Senator, Kramer for Assembly, Bloom for Prothonotary, Fullerton for Register and Recorder, and Reed for Surveyor. The congressional conferees are Weaver, Lee and Goodlander, and the senatorial conferees are Mahaffey, Kuntz and Shields.

PENNSYLVANIA INDUSTRIES.

The annual report on Pennsylvania industrial statistics has just been issued. The several steam railway companies have reported 79,210 employees. Ninety-eight industries reported 451,987 employees to whom \$182,989,624 were paid in wages. The average number of days employed was 257 and the average weekly wages was \$7. The value of all the industries is placed at \$537,678,672. The value of blast furnaces is \$22,259,902; rolling mills is \$13,881,848; Bessemer steel works, \$20,195,230; crucible steel works, \$7,737,290; foundry and machine works, \$19,420,197; oil refineries, \$15,061,153; flouring mills, \$7,812,113; saw mills, \$11,949,122; morocco establishment, \$5,267,788; boots and shoes, \$5,925,808; tanneries, \$23,098,870; breweries, \$13,134,450.

The total amount of annual wages was paid to a greater number of employes than has been reported. The number of employes in each industry only represented the average number employed during the year, whilst the wages paid per annum in each industry was divided among all persons employed; whether for a long or short period.

If full and accurate allowance could be made for the proportion of wages paid to persons not returned among the average employed, the pro rata share of all would be much less than what is shown in the table.

The Democratic Congressional conferees of this district met at Lock Haven on Tuesday. We do not look for a nomination the first day. There may be a number of meetings before a nomination can be made as each county in the district, six in number, has a candidate. The prevailing belief seems to be that Wallace will be the man.

Just the value of it. One of the staunch old Benner township Democrats laid down a copy of the *Gazette* the other day with the remark: "I wouldn't give a chew of tobacco for all the babble it has about our ticket and about a ring."

Chauncy Black's letter is making votes every day. It is a state letter on state questions, and is the most fitting epistle that has been written in any state campaign. This letter is all the stump speech Black needs.

When a fearless newspaper editor exposes the evil doings of a corrupt trimmer, there is always some henchman to cry, "hush, that's too personal." It was very "personal" in the *Times* to expose the corrupt practices of Mayor Smith, but a mighty good eye opener for the people. No political scamp can be exposed by a newspaper without it being 'personal' to the party accused, and then his henchmen would crush the editor for being personal.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY DEMOCRATS.

The Huntingdon County Democratic Convention met on Tuesday and nominated the following ticket: Assembly, George B. Porter, of Petersburg, and Robert McNeal, of Fall township; Sheriff, John Richardson, of Huntingdon; Associate Judge, Franz Helfright, of Huntingdon; Director of the Poor, David Grove, of Cromwell township; County Surveyor, John L. Henry, of Huntingdon. D. P. Gwyn, B. R. Foust and J. F. Greenland were made Congressional conferees. Alexander Deany was elected Chairman of the County Committee.

POLITICAL FUN IN TENNESSEE.

The Tennessee canvass grows in interest and is without parallel in this or any other country. At a recent ovation "Bob," the Democrat, wore a white rose, and "Alf," the Republican, a red rose. The cue has been caught up from place to place, and now a man's politics can be seen by the color of the rose or rosette which adorns the lapel of his coat. It is a reminder of the contests of the houses of York and Lancaster, only in this case the single house of Taylor is involved. Hitherto the speaking has been in the strong Republican counties of East Tennessee, but the brothers are now in the Democratic strongholds of Middle Tennessee. At McMinnville on Friday there was some disposition to gey the Republican candidate, which the Democratic brother silenced, by rising and saying "The man that insults my brother insults me." Both the brothers are men of intellectual force, and though devoted to their respective parties are affectionately attached to each other. They travel together, eat and sleep together, and each is quick to resent an insult to his brother as equally an insult to himself. Both Bob and Alf are fiddlers—not violinists, but plain, back-country and mountain-side fiddlers. Separately and together, they entertain the crowds with music—no hafutin' operatic airs, but old "Zip Coon," "Arkansas Traveler," "Money Musk" and the classic "Dan Tucker." This is a friendly sketch of the personal appearance of the brothers and their father.

Robert and Alfred Taylor are the two oldest sons of Rev. N. G. Taylor, an old and well known minister of the Northern Methodist church, who has lived the greatest part of his life in the extreme northwestern counties of the State, and been actively engaged in farming and preaching. He is a pronounced Prohibitionist, but only stepped into politics once, when he was elected to Congress from the First district, and succeeded by Roderick Ransom Butler. He has since lived quietly and neighbors tell of him that he does less preaching during an off year than Sily over two hundred pounds. The eyes of both are black, those of Bob full of fire and sympathy, while those of his brother are quiet and less piercing. Their complexions are the same, swarthy, but the character of each face is given it by the eyes.

In disposition they differ greatly. Alf being phlegmatic and thoughtful, while his elder brother is sympathetic, magnetic, fond of telling jokes, and of great coolness, always being able to knock out argument with a funny story. This makes him the more popular of the two, regardless of party affiliations. His influence over the crowd is wonderful, and his election to Congress in a strong Republican district which never before or since sent a Democrat to Congress, is still talked of as the time Bob Taylor added his way into Congress.

When the votes come to be counted it will be found that Alf has played second fiddle and Bob has secured the prize by anywhere from 30,000 to 50,000 majority.

Slight shocks of earthquake are still felt at Charleston and vicinity. We guess no amount of quinine will stop the shocks down there.

The Democratic senatorial conferees met at Tyrone on Tuesday.

The congressional conference met at Lock Haven the same day.

The conferees have not yet made a nomination.

Go to the Grand Democratic Rally in the Court House at Bellefonte, on Wednesday evening, Oct. 6, and hear Black.

THE BOLTING ORGAN DENOUNCED AND WOLFE GIVEN A BOOM.

Wilkesbarre, Sept. 27.—The Prohibitionists of Luzerne county assembled in convention here this afternoon to take action against their organ, the *Watchfire*, in repudiating Mr. Wolfe and removing his name from the head of the ticket last week, and also to oppose the call for a new State convention. The feeling of the convention was strongly in favor of Wolfe and the regular ticket. Resolutions were adopted denouncing the action of the *Watchfire* and announcing the intention of the convention to support the original ticket nominated at Harrisburg last month. The Lancaster county Prohibitionists took similar action.

A GRAND OFFER.

1. The "New York Weekly World" and the *Reporter*, one year for \$2.00 in advance.
2. The "Weekly World" and the *Reporter* one year, and the History of the United States, bound in Leatherette Tree Calf, Gilt, and containing 22 fine Engravings. This dainty book of 320 12mo pages is indispensable to every one as a work of quick and convenient reference. It is printed on good paper, with wide margins, and a prize for a bibliophile, and for \$2.75 in advance. This is the grandest offer you can get for two newspapers.

IT IS "SIGNIFICANT."

THE WASHINGTON SUNDAY GAZETTE ASSERTS AS MUCH.

Governor Hill, of New York, and President Cleveland are Not Rivals for the White House, but are the Best of Friends.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—The Sunday *Gazette* published a half column leading article under the caption of "Significant" in which it asserts that President Cleveland and Governor Hill are in hearty accord, and that the latter is not a presidential candidate. "There has," the *Gazette* says, "been a good deal of talk in certain quarters and not a little parade in certain newspapers over what has been styled a clash of interests between President Cleveland and Governor Hill. It has been asserted that the latter has the 'presidential bee in his bonnet,' and that he is deliberately trying his best to lift himself to the executive chair at the expense of Mr. Cleveland. All this and much more of the same tenor has been said and published, until quite a pretty little hubbub has been raised. The *Gazette* is pleased to announce that it has the best authority for denying in toto the truth of those or of any similar stories, and makes the contradiction in the most full and emphatic terms."

"No man," the *Gazette's* informant says, "protests more than does Governor Hill against the use of his name in connection with the presidency by the small body of disappointed politicians throughout the country."

Governor Hill's ambition, according to the *Gazette's* authority, is to keep the state of New York, with all the discordant elements, incident to the politics of large communities, in the Democratic line, and to run again for governor in 1888. He is not and will not be a candidate for president in 1888. He is yet a young man, and he knows it. No one, too, knows better than he that if public sentiment does not force the renomination of Mr. Cleveland the next Democratic candidate for the presidency will not be a New York man. The article concludes as follows: "Notwithstanding the attempt to prove to the contrary, we are in position to state unqualifiedly that Cleveland and Hill are working in perfect harmony, and in no manner can any contests involving either one be brought about by the newspapers. We repeat again and upon unquestioned authority that the relations between President Cleveland and Governor Hill are of the most friendly character, and will continue to be so. There is no conflict of interests, no want of harmony in the Democratic party in New York except such as are unavoidably incident to purely local affairs, which will not interfere with any national questions or movements. Any calculations based upon a different state of affairs will surely come to grief."

SUNDAY AT CHARLESTON.

Worshippers Under Dropped Up Walls Waiting For Wiggins.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 27.—The fourth Sunday since Charleston's awful visitation passed without any startling incident. The city was crowded with visitors, and the streets presented a lively appearance. The Catholic Cathedral was badly shattered by the earthquake, since which several regular masses of the church have been celebrated in the open air in a chapel temporarily erected in the lot adjoining. Bishop Northrop gave notice that hereafter the services would be held in the church building, the four walls, of which had been propped up. The first impulse of a stranger entering the church and seeing its shattered condition would be to get on the outside as speedily as possible. Notwithstanding this, thousands of persons attended the services and sat unmoved to the end, many participating in the communion. The bishop himself conducted the services at 11 a. m. Religious services in all the other churches were largely attended.

The signal office here applied to the weather bureau at Washington for indications covering the period of Wiggins' predicted earthquake. The following dispatch was received from Gen. Hazen:

There are at present no indications of any severe atmospheric disturbance between now and the 30th. Timely notice will be given you should any change appear.

The Galathea Observed the Sabbath. MARBLEHEAD, Mass., Sept. 27.—Sunday would have been a fine day for the race, and the thousands of people who visited the harbor to see the yachts doubtless regretted that the terms of the agreement did not expressly permit a contest on Sunday. The breeze was twenty-eight miles an hour. Such yachts as took a spin outside carried only lower sails. The Mayflower went out about noon with jib and forestay sail. She stood out for Nahant. Two hours later, coming back, she had added the mainsail. The Galathea remained at anchor and observed the Sabbath strictly.

Says He Is "One of Them."

HULL, England, Sept. 27.—The Eastern Morning News, of this place, has received a letter postmarked London, and signed "One of Them," announcing that the Fenians intend to burn Hull by setting fire to the town in twenty different places simultaneously. The writer describes himself as one disgusted with his brother Fenians, and enjoins the News to keep secret the information he imparts, lest he be murdered by members of the organization.

Heard Cries of Distress.

PROVIDENCE, Sept. 27.—Jerry Lowney, an oysterman, reports that when off Bristol Ferry Saturday evening, returning to this city from the natural oyster bed recently discovered in Mount Hope bay, in the sloop Mary Lewis, he heard cries of distress and saw an overturned boat, having a small boat on board, he was unable to render any assistance to the shipwrecked party.

Tragic Death of Two Compositors.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 25.—The dead bodies of two men, terribly mangled, were found on the Louisville and Memphis track at the entrance of Wolf river bridge yesterday. From papers found on the person of one the men are believed to have been R. Frank Owens and J. W. O'Leary, two New Orleans compositors. It is supposed that they were seated on a car of the early train and were knocked off by the bridge.

A SPORTSMAN'S MANUAL.

As the autumn gunning season draws nigh, a demand arises for information concerning the best ranges of game, and the water-ways most prolific of fowl. For the purpose of supplying such a demand the Passenger Department of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company has published a work entitled "A Paradise for Gunners and Anglers." The little volume is an exhaustive treatise on the game birds, water fowl, and fishes of the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Peninsulas, their habits, habits, and characteristics. An excellent map of the territory, showing the location of streams and the means of access, and handsome illustrations of the rarer specimens of birds and fish serve both to embellish and contribute to the interest of the book. Information as to the game laws, the time when certain game most abound, the procurement of guides, boats, etc., and in fact everything which would make the way of the sportsman clear, is furnished in ample detail. The book is distributed gratuitously and may be procured by addressing James R. Wood, General Passenger Agent, Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad, Philadelphia, Pa.

Subscribe for the *Centre Reporter* for the campaign. It has ever been true to Democracy: always the advocate of honesty and honest men; always bold to warn against bad men in its own party as well as in the ranks of the enemy. Its record for fidelity is true and unspotted. Subscribe for the *Reporter*, it is the advocate of the people's interests.

For colds, croup, asthma, bronchitis and sore throat, use Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, and get the genuine.

TERRIBLE FALL OF TWO PAINTERS.

Lewistown, Sept. 26.—While James Bank and James Barr, two painters, were engaged in painting the cornice of the Presbyterian church yesterday the scaffolding on which they were standing gave way, and they were precipitated to the ground below, a distance of 50 feet. Banks was instantly killed, his head striking on a large stone crashing in the whole top portion of the skull. Barr's back was hurt and his injuries are pronounced fatal. Banks was 35 years old and leaves a wife and three children.

NOTICE.

The collector for Potter township can be met at the following places, between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock, p. m.: Pottery Mills Hotel, Sept. 23 and 30; Tusseyville P. O. Sept. 24 and Oct. 1; Centre Hall, Board office, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2; Centre Hill, P. O. Oct. 4 and 5.

E. B. HOSTETMAN, Collector.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.

When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became a Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN YEARS OLD.

Mr. Thomas Garret, of Baldwin county, Ala., who recently registered in order to vote for Gov. Nease, will be 119 years old at his next birthday. He cast his first vote for John Adams in the fall of 1796. He was born in Maryland on August 15, 1767, and lived in that state until he was eight years old. Since then he has lived in North Carolina seven years, Georgia two years, Florida thirty years, and Alabama sixty years. He has lived in Baldwin county for the last nine years. He is the father of twenty-one children.

TWO CHILDREN KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 27.—At Bear Creek last Saturday lightning struck the house of William J. Room, and killed a boy and girl, aged respectively 12 and 16 years.

BOYCOTT ON ILLINOIS.

Milwaukee, Sept. 27.—Governor Rank to-day issued a proclamation forbidding the importation of cattle from Illinois, except when accompanied by a certificate of health from the State veterinarian of that State or an inspector of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry.

MORE REPORTS OF HOGS AND CATTLE DYING.

Elkhart, Ind., Sept. 27.—Hog cholera, which is seldom seen in this locality, has made its appearance in several parts of the country, with disastrous effects. The symptoms have assumed an aggravated form, and the usual remedies have but little effect.

WORTH REMEMBERING.

Hereafter subscribers to the *Reporter*, who will remit one year's subscription in advance can retain 25 Cents as a premium for advance pay. Any of our subscribers sending us the names of two new subscribers with the cash one year in advance, will get one year's credit free on *REPORTER*.

THE NEW JERSEY DEMOCRATS.

Trenton, Sept. 28.—The Democrats in State Convention to-day nominated Robert S. Green for Governor on the first ballot.

Duired with Her Bridal Robes.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 27.—The remains of Mrs. Jennie Randolph, the bride of six weeks, who committed suicide on Friday last, were buried yesterday in the Baltimore cemetery. The funeral was attended by a large concourse of people. The body lay in the state parlour in which she was married on the 16th of last month. It was clad in the white satin robe which she wore on her wedding day, and the young gentlemen who acted as ushers upon that happy occasion were the pall bearers. Rev. H. Schieb, the minister who pronounced the words that made her a wife, officiated at her funeral rites.