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### A TICKET FOR THEM.

Since Blaine, Beaver and Sheridan won't have it, the Reporter can fix a fine ticket for the Republicans, and here it is:  
For President:  
GEN. DAN HASTINGS.  
Of Bellefonte and Harrisburg.  
For Vice President:  
DYNAMITE FORAKER.  
Of Ohio.

The qualities in this ticket would be lungs at the head and dynamite in the tail—and it could make a racket if it can't make the presidency.

The Pennsylvania list of candidates for President is made up of the following:

- Don Cameron.
- Gov. Beaver.
- Dan Hastings.
- Jack Love.
- Galusha Grow.
- Chas Hewes.
- Commissioner Henderson.
- John Decker.
- M. S. Quay.

Centre Hall and Bellefonte boroughs crow over Democratic victories. Let Democrats close up the ranks now for next fall.

Beaver has changed his mind and will be a candidate for President. If he can get a pole long enough, he may knock the persimmons. A President from Centre county would be a big thing.

In 1887 the people of Philadelphia built 7,020 new dwelling houses. Since the last census there has been an addition of 33,680 new dwellings in the city; so that there are over 180,000 homes in Philadelphia at the present time. The increase in eight years has about equaled the entire number of dwelling houses in San Francisco in 1880, and exceeds the census returns of dwellings in either Cincinnati, Cleveland or Washington at the time.

We would prefer that the Republicans nominate John Sherman for President. We are of the opinion that the Democracy of the United States would rather try their hand at whaling the man who was head and front of the great presidential steal, by which Sam'l J. Tilden was robbed of the high office to which he was elected by the people of the United States. Sherman's use of the negro wench, Eliza Pinkston, would make interesting campaign reading.

Rev. W. Spendlove, a missionary, has reached Winnipeg from north of McKenzie river, where he has been for nine years. His journey down took nearly three months. From Peace river he heard of cases where Indians had died of starvation and had been eaten by their comrades. Deer have been very scarce for the past two years. There is much feeling because the government of Ottawa has taken no notice of the destitution of these Indians repeatedly brought to its attention.

The Democracy of old Centre want to come in straight line now and get ready to face the common enemy next fall, instead of defeating its own men. There has been enough of that and nine-tenths of those led into it are sorry for it. This augurs well, for the opposition admit that with a united front we can put them hors du combat.

The hope of the Republicans is to keep us divided, and they try to hire Democrats to keep up division, and use their press for all kinds of false stories to prevent a closing of the Democratic ranks. Democrats, learn wisdom from past experience.

## THE BEE IN BEAVER'S BONNET.

THIS IS THE WAY HE HOPES TO CAPTURE THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.

Pottsville, February 16.—To-night's *Chronicle* publishes a special from Harrisburg declaring that Governor Beaver has the Presidential bee in his bonnet, and since the withdrawal of Blaine became assured, has been laying his plans to turn up at Chicago in the nick of time as a dark horse. The present programme, the *Chronicle* says, is that Judge Kirkpatrick, the Attorney General, is to be selected a delegate from the Northampton district; Pearsons, the Governor's private secretary, is to be a delegate from the Mercer district; Adjutant General Hastings is to report from the Centre district, and Stone, of Warren, promises to take care of that section. Governor Beaver expects to be made one of the delegates-at-large. Through the aid of his friends he also expects to be made chairman of the Pennsylvania delegation. He believes that there will come a crisis in the Chicago Convention when he may be mentioned with a hurrah, as General Garfield was eight years ago.

In the event of his nomination Senator Cooper is to be made chairman of the national committee and to be provided for under the national administration if the ticket should be elected.

## A DEMOCRATIC MECCA.

Washington, for the moment, is enlivened by the hosts of a novel crusade. A Democratic army, without banners, has invaded the Capitol with a mighty mission at heart. Many of the great cities of the country are contending for the glory of the coming Convention, which is to name the President for the next four years after March 4. St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Indianapolis and New York have sent their tale of men to convince the doubting committee. In most of these cities Democratic conventions have met before. St. Louis and Chicago set out with the prestige of former success, for they had the glory of holding the conventions that nominated the only two successful candidates chosen by the Democracy since 1856.

St. Louis reminds the committee that Tilden was named there in June, 1876, and elected in November; Chicago points to Cleveland in 1884, and promises to eclipse the cordiality she showed in that year if she may have the honor of his second nomination.

San Francisco holds out the most flattering and tempting inducements of all, and will stand second best.

## TARIFF STRAWS.

At a Republican meeting in one of the counties in Illinois, a strong tariff reduction resolution was passed.

The *Minneapolis Evening Journal* publishes statements from thirty-six of the leading republican country editors of the state on the presidential tariff, and other political views in their sections. A recapitulation shows that the republicans of the state are almost unanimously in favor of an intelligent reduction of the tariff on the necessities of life, such as iron, coal, lumber and salt, and a maintenance of a high tariff on luxuries.

That is coming in to the Democratic idea.

## A MODEL LABOR ORDER.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers says the *Philad. Times*, is the model labor organization of the world. It never strikes for the reason that it never hires agitators to disturb its relations with employers. When wages or anything else is unsatisfactory, it goes to its employers in all the dignity of manhood, makes its complaint and always commands justice because dispassionate reason always directs its actions. It never strikes, therefore, because it never asks anything but what is right and never submit to what is wrong. It is master of its profession and never wastes its earnings on walking delegates or agitators who must disturb employers and employed to earn the pay of idleness.

The great strike is ended, and the miner's were ordered to go to work in the Lehigh region, on Monday, at the old rates, with a promise that as soon as all is in running order again, the Reading Coal and Iron company, will agree to consider the matter of an advance in wages with representatives of the miners, and to pay them as much, and no more, as is paid by other operators in the anthracite region.

This amounts to a surrender of the miners, and a loss of six week's time, which is hard for them. But they always come out at the little end and the big corporations have it their own way. We think some of the leaders of the labor organizations are to blame for hasty action through which the poor laborer suffers.

A cyclone struck Mt. Vernon, Ill., on Sunday. The town was virtually destroyed. A number of lives were lost, and many persons injured.

## DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

MT. VERNON, ILL., A SCENE OF RUIN FROM THE CYCLONE.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., Feb. 21.—Morning witnessed a scene of death and ruin. The terrible tornado has left in its path complete wrecks of more than half the houses in the town.

Not a single building is left standing on the east, west and south side of the public square. Over five hundred dwellings are totally destroyed, and all the churches in town, except the Catholic and the Presbyterian.

The loss is placed at present at over a million dollars.

The death list, still incomplete, foots up twenty-seven, and the list of injured will reach over two hundred.

The storm was preceded by hail, but not more than five minutes elapsed until the fearful destroyer had swept over the doomed town. It came from the southwest. Buildings were wrenched and twisted and then dashed to pieces, total wrecks.

The storm came from the northwest, and sweeping around in a half circle raged the town, leveling half of it and setting fire to the remainder.

High above the fierce wind could be heard the cracking of flames and groans of the dying.

The Western Union telegraph office was destroyed, and all the wires broken except the one leading to Evansville, Ind.

Assistance was telegraphed for to Evansville, and special train with five engines and reels, also a number of physicians were immediately sent to the rescue.

For the amount of destruction to property the loss of life is very light, but no idea can be formed of the magnitude of the disaster yet.

The storm came just after the Sunday schools closed, or there is no telling what the loss would have been, as the Methodist and Baptist churches were totally destroyed.

The skating rink is scattered all over the town. The mill of the Mount Vernon Milling Company is badly damaged. The other buildings were not seriously damaged, except G. F. M. Ward's building, on the West side, which is almost totally demolished.

The Court House has not been injured but it stands alone. All around it is ruin and desolation, and is now being used as a hospital for the wounded.

Some of the dead are so badly mutilated that they cannot be recognized.

The list of victims, as reliably reported, so far, is as follows:

S. J. Waters, Mrs. John Waters and child, Mr. Cummings, Miss Martha Westbrook, Mrs. R. Duvey, John Yearwood and wife, Mrs. Holcomb, D. F. Yearwood and wife, Samuel Yearwood and wife, J. C. Murray, George Purcell, Mrs. William Jones and child, John Dodson, Mrs. L. E. Legze, Miss Josie Sutton, John Shrew, Blacksmith, name unknown, two telegraph operators, James Pearson, George Pierce.

Mrs. W. H. Hinman and Mrs. Hambrick cannot live and others on the list will die.

It is growing colder and many helpless people will suffer if the weather becomes severe. Reports are coming in from the country and the storm seems to have swept everything.

A destructive storm is also reported at Nortonville, Ky., but no particulars are known here.

The most horrible scenes were witnessed as the debris broke into flames and the victims screamed in their futile efforts to escape.

Four men in the Evans Bank were imprisoned in the ruins of the burning building and burned to death. Their cries of pain and distress were agonized in the extreme, but nothing could reach them. Their names could not be ascertained.

Through the great heap of ruins men, women and boys were struggling in their efforts to reach those imprisoned beneath timbers and bricks. Cries came from every pile of debris. In some of the streets where the great clouds swept with resistless force the dead lay in the warm rain, which mingled with their blood. Above the scene of desolation the sky was red from the conflagration, and the wind, which was blowing from the south, was laden with blazing brands. Such a picture appalled the stoutest heart.

For hours the survivors thought of nothing but themselves. With flames roaring behind and upon all sides of them, there was no alternative but to flee over the bodies of the dead and the wounded and the mass of ruins which pinned them to the earth. For an hour it looked as though the victims of the blaze would be burned where they lay. As the night wore on the survivors became braver and plunged into the ruins of the great east end, where many helpless creatures lay groaning and praying. Torches, lanterns and lamps flickered over the desolated tract as far as the eye could reach. Men and women who had not yet removed their Sunday raiment

## WORKED NOBLY IN THE FALLING RAIN AND WRECKAGE.

Relief trains were sent from Evansville and St. Louis as soon as possible. The same storm is reported as devastating portions of the State of Kentucky near Nortonville, but no particulars are obtainable.

Mount Vernon is the capital of Jefferson county, Illinois. It had a population of a little over 2,000. It is seventy-seven miles southeast of St. Louis and about twenty miles southeast of Centralia.

It contained a courthouse, two banks, four churches, two newspaper offices, two steam flour mills, a woolen mill, a saw mill and some railroad shops of the St. Louis and Southern Railroad Company.

## PERHAPS A NEW STRIKE.

Pottsville, Feb. 21.—To-morrow will decide whether the Schuylkill miners' strike is to be renewed or not. The outlook to-night is very doubtful, but the action of the company in continuing to refuse men who apply for work makes it very dark. The Reading Company's mines are working to-day with practical six as many men as yesterday. Twenty-six collieries are reported as working to-day as usual. Ten others are idle for various reasons not connected with the strike, such as in the case of Ellangowan, where an extraordinary inflow of water and thaw have increased beyond the capacity of the pumps; or on account of necessary repairs, new timbering or broken machinery. Six collieries, the company's officers acknowledge, are idle for want of men to work them. These men have not obeyed the order of Master Workman Lewis to return to work in accordance with the terms specified in President Corbin's letter.

The Half-Holiday law, in New York, after a brief trial, does not seem to prove popular. The *New York Observer* speaking of it says:  
"There can be no doubt that the Half Holiday Law in this State will have to go. Resolutions demanding its repeal have been passed by nearly all the commercial and trade organizations of this city, and petitions to the same effect signed by thousands of business men, have been sent to Albany. Many of those who favored the passage of the law a year ago are now working for its repeal. It was hoped by the promoters of the measure that it would operate to the benefit of the working classes generally, affording all a half day's rest every week with opportunities for recreation or self-cultivation in libraries or museums, and thus reducing the temptations to the desecration of the Sabbath. In practice the law has completely failed of the ends aimed at. It has not helped those who most need a few additional hours of rest, but has hindered and embarrassed many who have no real interest in the observance. It closes the banks for a half day every week, but the mills, factories, and shops remain open as before all the week around. Business men in general have not yet been brought to the belief that they can afford to pay, as a regular thing, six days' wages for five and a half days' work, and no law can compel them to do it. And most working people are not willing, as a regular thing, to accept five and a half days' wages when they might have six, and the law cannot compel them to do it. Between these two states of feeling the Saturday Half-Holiday must fall to the ground."

Of all the idiotic stage-struck individuals with which the public is insulted and the theater burdened, the last is the worst. Nina Van Zandt, the proxy wife of the Anarchist Spies, is going to make capital of her connection with the Chicago assassins, and appear in a tragedy. Of course the individual who assumes the role of "manager" in this connection expects to make a great deal of money out of it, and he will, in all probability, not be disappointed. There are plenty of morbidly curious people in the country who would willingly pay to get a sight of the foolish girl, but it is really a pity that the theatrical profession should have to bear this additional incubus, and talented actors and actresses this addition to the already long list of people without the slightest legitimate claim to compete with them.

And now Gen. Sheridan announces he won't have it. This leaves the door a little wider for Beaver or Hastings.

We have received from the Athliphoros Co., 112 Wall St., New York, a copy of their beautiful picture, "Moorish Maid," used in advertising the Athliphoros remedies. The picture is very handsome and worthy of a place in any parlor. Copies may be obtained direct from the Company by sending six cents in stamps to pay the postage. The picture would readily sell in the art stores for fifty cents, and the company are receiving many thousand orders at this merely nominal price.

If I had any blood disease, like tetter, eczema, or any other skin disease, I would use the Athliphoros remedy.

## TASCOOT IS THE MURDERER.

A Confederate Says He Murdered Mr. Smith-Tascott's Record.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Any lingering doubts as to the guilt of young William B. Tascott, who is being sought by the police for the murder of Amos J. Snell, the millionaire, were ended Saturday by the arrest of a man who confessed that he acted as an assistant to Tascott on the night of the murder and patrolled the streets outside the dwelling while the burglar and murderer took place within. Who the arrested man is the police keep secret, the heads of the department have made a statement which would seem to settle the question of Tascott's guilt. After closely questioning the confederate the police induced him to make a sworn confession in which he declared that he became acquainted with Tascott not long ago at a billiard hall in West Madison street. The men became intimate very quickly and for several weeks they were together daily. Very early on the morning of the murder they went to Mr. Snell's house, which had been selected as a promising place for a burglary.

The young man's father, J. B. Tascott, is an old, wealthy, and respected resident of Chicago. The son's opportunities for success in life were excellent, but he seemed to have little liking for every-day honesty. His police record is of considerable length, although he is only 21 years old. As a boy he became known as an expert thief, ransacking stores frequently and disposing of the proceeds of his thefts to keep him in pocket money, as he explained to his friends, his allowance from his father not reaching his ideas of what was needful.

## The Lost Power of a Trades Assembly.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 20.—A special meeting of the Essex Trades Assembly of this city was called at 3 p. m. yesterday to take action against a bill pending in the Legislature amending the law of last winter which makes it unlawful for drivers and conductors on horse cars to work except at consecutive hours. Only eight persons responded and these relegated the matter to the Board of Trustees. Two years ago the assembly contained 100 trade organizations, and now only eighteen are nominally represented. A delegate said at the meeting yesterday looking about him: "Our power is gone."

## Accidents on the Erie Railroad.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Feb. 20.—On the Erie Railway a big coal train ran into the rear end of a way freight train at Washingtonville, twelve miles from here, and caused a bad wreck Saturday afternoon. The engine was smashed, an engine was badly damaged and three or four loaded freight cars were burned. The loss is about \$15,000. Erie passenger train No. 6 struck the team of Owen Doyle at Howell's depot Friday afternoon, killing both horses and fatally injuring Mr. Doyle, who is nearly seventy years old.

## Wages in Pennsylvania Iron Mills.

SCRANTON, Feb. 18.—Pay days at the mills of the Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company and the Scranton Steel Company in this city come late in each month, and the extent of the reduction made on Jan. 1 in the wages of the men has just been ascertained. In certain grades it falls below a dollar a day, or panic prices, and in the case of the skilled employes, the cut reaches a dollar and upwards. There is much dissatisfaction among the workmen.

## Dangling From an Asylum Grating.

UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Henry Decker, a patient at the State Lunatic Asylum in this city, committed suicide Saturday by hanging himself to a window grating with bed sheet. He had served a twelve years' sentence in Pennsylvania for killing his father-in-law, and a year ago was arrested in Birmingham for arson in the second degree, when his insanity became apparent and he was sent to the asylum.

## Suing Her Husband for \$50,000.

JAMAICA, L. I., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Hannah Bailey of Jamaica, L. I., has brought suit against her husband, William T. Bailey of Far Rockaway, to recover \$50,000 which she advanced to him several years ago to improve a tract of property which he had purchased at this place with the understanding that Mr. Bailey was to pay a just share of the profits. This he failed to do and Mrs. Bailey sued.

## A Verdict Against Patrick Ford.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Feb. 20.—A verdict of \$300 against Patrick Ford, editor and proprietor of the *Trial World*, of New York, was rendered by a jury in the Ulster County Circuit Court here Saturday. The plaintiff is Peter Grimes, a resident of this city, who sued Mr. Ford for libel because of an article which appeared in the *Trial World* in January, 1886. Mr. Ford disclaimed all personal knowledge of the publication.

## Horace Greeley's Birth Place.

NAHUA, N. H., Feb. 17.—The little low studded farmhouse in which Horace Greeley was born Feb. 3, 1811, together with 150 acres of farm land, now belonging to Fred Cotton, will be sold at public auction at Amherst for taxes, amounting to \$90.25. A picture of the house appears in the "History of Amherst," written by D. F. Secomb, New City Librarian of Concord.

## Victory for Standard Oil.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Judge Haight handed down a decision Saturday authorizing the receiver of the Buffalo Lubricating Company to accept \$25,000 cash to have all suits against the Standard Oil Company withdrawn. This is a victory for the Standard, as the amount involved in the original suits is nearly half a million dollars.

## Paralyzed in the Fulpit.

UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Rev. W. Brooks, D. D., lecturer on natural philosophy in Madison University at Hamilton, was stricken with paralysis yesterday and is in a critical condition. He was at the moment conducting services in a chapel which he had built at Randallville, a Hamlet about three miles from Hamilton.

## Pittsburg's Union Painters to Strike.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 18.—The union painters have decided to strike on March 1 and establish co-operative shops. The master painters refused to sign the scale for eight hours work.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Utah made her fifth appeal at Washington Saturday to be admitted into the Union. The matter is still under consideration.

The Austrian Government has decided to take fresh precautionary measures to counterbalance the continued military preparations on the part of Russia.

The total sales of the unclaimed public store goods which were sold Friday and Wednesday at the Barge Office by order of Collector Ferguson, amounted to \$6,421.65.

The packing-box factory of Doernberg & Goodman, 522 to 528 East Twentieth street, New York City, was destroyed by fire Saturday night, involving a loss of \$35,000.

A Roscoe Conkling Club has been formed in Pittsburg, Pa. Their ticket for 1888 is, for President, Roscoe Conkling, of New York, for Vice-President, J. B. Foraker of Ohio.

Henry Hammelsberg, a member of a prominent Cincinnati family, who a few years ago could draw his check for \$100,000, is locked up charged with stealing a \$100 overcoat, which he pawned for \$2.

The reports of sixty-one railroads for January show a gross increase of 2.9 per cent. over the same month in 1877, 24 per cent. over 1886, and 12 per cent. over 1885. The mileage has increased 17.3 per cent. since 1857.

The Chinese steamer arrived in San Francisco with over 300 Chinese, 130 of whom had no return certificates, 502 have been discharged from quarantine and they will attempt to enter the country by writs of habeas corpus.

Austin Corbin is 60 years of age, has a countenance indicative of great resolution and dogged determination. When seated so that his legs are hidden he looks like a small man, but in reality he measures six feet, and weighs 300 pounds.

The American Lottery Company was raided by the police Friday in San Francisco. The company is run by Chinamen and is estimated to be worth from \$100,000 to \$500,000. The entire operating force of company was secured.

Shue Fong and Fong Long Disk, Chinese who were sentenced to 100 days in Portland, Oregon, Friday, were granted a stay of ten days by the Judge of the Circuit Court. They were convicted for the murder of another Chinaman.

The New York State Assembly passed Assemblyman McKenna's bill increasing from \$5,000 to \$10,000 the amount of the damages to be paid by a railroad company if a passenger is killed by a railroad accident. The bill went through by a vote of 70 to 5.

Assemblyman Smith introduced a bill in the New York State Assembly exempting from taxation the practice of the ministry or priest who is permanently disabled by impaired health from performing the active duties of the ministry, and who has attained the age of seventy-five years.

The House has passed a bill providing that non-resident aliens holding real estate in Iowa shall dispose of it within ten years, but may hold \$500 acres of city property to the amount of \$10,000, provided such is placed in actual possession of relatives or occupant to become a naturalized citizen within ten years.

An error has been discovered in New Jersey's State Constitution, whereby the prison doors throughout the State will be opened and all the prisoners committed since 1875 liberated. The bar and the bench are agitated over the matter as the error shows that ever since 1876 there have been no Courts of Common Pleas in the State of New Jersey.

A rumor has been about that Gen. Phil Sheridan was born in Ireland, but the General has put a stop to it with the following announcement: "I was born in Albany, N. Y., March 8, 1814. My parents landed from Ireland about six months previous to my birth. About a year and half after my birth my parents moved to Somerset, Ohio."

Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, has sent Professor James Kitchin, of the University of N. J., on a long hunt for a species of vegetable growth which will enable him to make great improvements in electrical appliances. Mr. Edison is sure that the vegetable has an existence, because he has it in his possession; but as to where it grows and how to secure it in quantity is the problem which Professor Kitchin will try to solve in a two years' tour of the globe. He will go to India first.

## A MANIAC AT THE THROTTLE.

An Insane Engineer Runs His Engine for Three Hours.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Saturday night at 6 o'clock Charles Currier, engineer on yard engine No. 27, plying between this city and Windsor Beach, became suddenly crazy while on his engine. His fireman noticing his strange actions, tried to run the engine to the roadhouse, but he was set upon by the madman and knocked senseless with a big hammer. Coming to him self, he managed to crawl to the edge of the cab and jump on a snowbank, receiving little injury.

The mad engineer ran the engine past the Windsor station, and east on the main line.

The alarm was given by the fireman, and officials at Webster, eighteen miles east of Windsor Beach, stopped all trains and turned the switch so as to ditch the madman's engine should he try to pass the station.

For three hours he ran the engine backward and forward on the stretch of track until his coal gave out, when he was captured.

## Output of Coal in the Lehigh Region.

WILKESBARRE, Feb. 20.—The report of Mine Inspector Williams of the third anthracite district for 1887 to be published to-day shows the amount of coal mined in the district as follows: By the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company, 2,178,150 tons; Delaware and Hudson Coal Company, 1,100,148 tons; Susquehanna Coal Company, 1,501,530 tons; Kingston Coal Company, 809,938; individual companies, 1,825,820 tons; total, 7,540,733 tons. The excess over last year's production is 605,433 tons. The number of mine employes fatally injured during the year was 65, or one to every 116,011 tons of coal mined. The number of persons seriously injured was 296, or one to each 25,361 tons of coal mined. The number of widows resulting was 33, and orphans 130. The number of fatalities exceeds that of 1886 by seven.

## Fort Richmond's Post Office Robbed.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.—At 3 o'clock yesterday morning a safe in the post-office at Fort Richmond was blown up and the contents stolen, including \$125 in cash and a large quantity of postage stamps and a number of box keys. The noise of the explosion aroused two citizens who blocks away. Three burglars were seen, but they managed to get away, dropping in their flight \$200 at the box keys. The police think the thieves are remnants of the neighborhood.