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Hastings says he will take no appointment and means to remain on the track for governor.

Was is letz mit 'em Tariff? The elections recently in Republican strongholds have gone Democratic—both east and west.

Chicago, that always went Republican by 5000 majority, last week went Democratic by 10,000 majority.

Milwaukee, the Republican stronghold of Wisconsin last week elected a Democratic mayor by 5000 majority.

All the western states are bidding fair to go Democratic, judging from their elections within the last two weeks.

At this rate the conspirators in congress won't be able to manufacture bogus states fast enough to save their party from going under.

There was a warm campaign in Union county for the Republican nomination for assembly. At the primary election, held on 29 ult., under the Crawford county system, James Ritter had 978, B. K. Focht 672 and J. T. Brooke 415 votes. Ritter getting the nomination. They also instructed for R. V. B. Lincoln for congress.

Henderson and Decker draw three dollars per day "for doing nothing," as a Republican puts it. And the county is socked \$12,800 on the turpentine case because they did not attend to their business.

\$12,800 for neglect, and besides wasting some \$5000 of the county's surplus, makes it a costly thing to have these chaps sit in the commissioner's office every day.

It was Tom Corwin who said that "the only thing beyond the presence of the Omnipotent is the verdict of an American jury." In a Cleveland murder case, where the defendant knocked his man down and deliberately kicked the life out of him, the jury brought in a verdict of "guilty of assault and battery." This has caused no little indignation in Cleveland, as well it might.

The illness from which Dom Pedro, the deposed Emperor of Brazil, is suffering has assumed a critical phase. He was in a comatose state during the greater part of Friday. His condition was so serious that it was deemed necessary to administer the last sacraments of the Church. His physician, Professor Charcot, of Paris, says, however, that though his weakness is extreme, he is in no immediate danger. The Prince of Wales, who has just arrived at Cannes, has paid a visit to Dom Pedro.

The democratic candidate for governor of Rhode Island led his republican competitor nearly 1,500 votes at the election held on Wednesday, but the barbarous system of electing state officers by which a candidate must have an absolute majority over the vote for all other candidates combined, which prevails in that state, defeats an election by the people and throws the matter into the legislature which at last accounts is in doubt. The democrats have now carried Rhode Island twice in succession by large pluralities, and as pluralities, not majorities, count in the vote for president, the slight little state is apparently secure for the democracy in 1892.

"The new tariff bill," says the republican Philadelphia Telegraph, "is one of the worst and most offensive objects of class legislation ever proposed. It shows a disregard of public interest which is amazing. It imposes enormous indirect taxes upon the country, and lays a weight upon the republican party which may crush it to certain defeat when it again appeals to the country. It is from first to last a partisan measure, with a return interest that in 1888 was compelled to contribute to the campaign committee's fund. If it is hung about the neck of the republican party it may destroy it."

The monthly crop report of the Kansas Agricultural Department says: Reports now in from 106 counties of the State indicate that the agricultural condition throughout this State is, on the whole, satisfactory. The winter was exceedingly mild and but for the cold winter and high winds of March the wheat plant would have passed through to Spring rains and Spring rains unimpaired. From this cause the plant generally throughout the State has suffered more or less and in some South and South-eastern counties the damage has been serious. In many portions of the State the condition is excellent and in a general way the farmers of Kansas have reason to be encouraged.

Something "Eating" the Farmers.

The farmers, judging by their resolves and recommendations, do not know precisely the nature of their own grievances; but they are in a fair way to find out. In Republican Kansas and in Democratic South Carolina they have taken the bit in their teeth and are in open revolt against political conditions as they understand them. They will soon discover that in so far as their difficulties are the result of unwise legislation there is no real remedy except repeal. Restitution is out of the question. The money that has been pocketed by favored interests cannot be reclaimed.

The farmers are themselves largely responsible for keeping in power a party pledged to a policy of discrimination which makes one portion of the population hewers of wood and drawers of water for another portion. The first step toward a better state of affairs would be to turn the Republican party out of power. It seems impossible to effect a reform inside of the Republican lines, because the men who profit by the party policy have obtained control of its organization. All that is necessary to restore prosperity to the farmers is the opportunity to pursue their calling untrammelled by forced contributions to other forms of industry. At present they are obliged to dig not only for themselves but also for all other persons who can persuade the Government to tax the farmer for their benefit.

A recent decision of the supreme court is of interest to every property holder in a borough or city. Heretofore the town or corporation has been held liable for damages resulting from defective sidewalks. The decision of the supreme court makes the property holders directly responsible. In the case in question a property owner in Brookville, Jefferson county, had been notified in the fall by the borough authorities to repair his sidewalk. He agreed to repair it so that it would be safe during the winter and in the spring to lay a new stone walk. He did make a few repairs, but a hole was left in which a lady caught her foot, sustaining injuries for which she recovered damages from the borough to the extent of \$5,000. In contesting the claim the borough gave notice to the property owner to come into court and join in the defense but he neglected to do so. After judgment had been rendered against the borough, the authorities brought suit against the property owner. In the court of common pleas the borough was beaten, but the supreme court reversed the court below and directed judgment against the property owner for the full amount of the judgment and costs.

After the reading of the journal the House proceeded to the consideration of various private pension bills coming over from last Friday night's session.

In speaking on one of these bills, Mr. Stone, of Missouri, declared that no people had been so despoiled and burdened under the name of patriotism and under the guise of pension laws as had the people of the United States. He denounced the demands of the G. A. R., and asserted that the Presidency was sold to the highest bidder. "Thank God," he said "there was one grand man who had declined to be a party to such a sale. Though he had fallen, bearing the reputation of wise and incorruptible statesmanship, and enjoying the respect of a very honest citizen. (Applause on Democratic side.) Benjamin Harrison had attained his office by cash raised by Wamaker and disbursed by Dudley. He (Mr Stone) believed that the Government had been generous enough to the soldiers.

Speaking for himself (and speaking, he knew, against the judgment of his party associates), he declared that he had gone as far in the direction of pensions as he intended to go, and he represented one of the largest ex-Union soldier districts in the country. He favored a liberal system of pension laws but he entered his earnest protest against indefensible extravagance in public expenditures. He favored the granting of liberal pensions to true and brave soldiers, but he was opposed to granting pensions to undeserving soldiers or bounty jumpers.

A rum-pus—when Fiedler goes to a fire.

Death on the county's old plank—Henderson.

Trying to "rope" fellows in—Decker with bits of the hanging cords. Two chaps who can talk over the past and show up parallels—Cook and Andrews.

Trial List April, 6 court.

- FIRST WEEK.
Robert Mathew and wife vs R C Munson.
J H Asman vs J W Stamm.
E A Ryan vs J B Ayres.
H W Dein vs E P McCormick. Crosby.
Dr. S F Lytle vs L T Munson, administrator.
R R Weaver vs J C Cooper.
Fred Kurtz vs Shires & Kennedy.
S Lagaritz & Co., vs A Loeb.
Watsontown, B & S Co., vs A Loeb.
- SECOND WEEK.
John Mann vs Robert Mann.
Edward Heller vs J H Keifenhyder.
J L Kurtz vs ER Chambers.
E C Humes vs Nittany Valley R R Co.
L G Kessler vs Silas Blowers.
Ceci National Bank vs J M Holt & Co.
John Curry vs Bellefonte School board.
Ellen Levy vs Mary Hall.
Empire Coal Co., vs Chipman & Holt.
D H Meek vs Robert Cook, Jr., Keichline.
J Ketter & Co., vs Joseph D Neff.
Isaac E Levy vs Robt. Cook, Jr.
Kurtz & Co., vs J M Holt & Co.
Same vs same.
Commonwealth Ex. Rel. R P Long vs E S Dorworth.
Frank McCoy et al. vs John Kelly.
James W M Newlin vs Spangler and Fortney.
John Mann vs James Mann, Sr.
John Hipple et al vs D M Stewart.
Millheim Building and Loan Association vs Andrew Imel.
Albert Owen vs of Jno. L Hoy etc.
E C Henderson vs R W Richards.
Mary E Merriman vs Thos Merriman's administrators.
Dr. J W Neff vs Thos Watson.

A few States, Kansas and Massachusetts among the number, have granted women a partial suffrage giving them the privilege of voting for school and municipal officers. In some other states including Pennsylvania, women can hold the office of School Director or superintendent, but must be elected, if at all, by the votes of male citizens.

The chief interest in this limited exercise of the suffrage on the part of women centres around their willingness or unwillingness to avail themselves of it. That the women are so likely to vote right on most questions as men need not be disputed. But do they vote at all? So far there does not seem to have been anything like a unanimous assertion of the limited right granted by the few States in which the experiment has been tried. Municipal elections were held in sixty Kansas cities on Tuesday, at all of which the women were entitled to vote, but except in one or two instances only a fraction of the women were registered at all, and of these not more than half appeared at the polls.

In the same line has been the experience of Massachusetts and other States where the women may vote for school officials if they wish. The injection of a religious issue into the election of the school boards of Boston recently brought a large number of women to the polls, but when no such question has arisen only a small percentage of the Massachusetts women have availed themselves of the right to vote.

In a paper describing a perilous ascent of Pike's Peak Lieutenant John P. Finley, United State Signal Service, says that the ascent was made in April when the snow was the deepest of all months of the year, and the lieutenant was accompanied by the sergeant of the station.

The ascent was accomplished on mule-back until a zone of deep snow was reached, and then the animals were taken back to the half-way house below. Into this snow they sometimes sunk up to their armpits, and saved themselves from plunging deeper by spreading out their arms. At one time they crossed a frozen crust in shape of a turtle's back, where foot-holds had to be cut at every step, and where a mis-step would have sent them thousands of feet down the mountain.

Electric storms sometimes were witnessed there when each snowflake charged with electricity discharged a spark as it touched a mule's back in its fall. Electric sparks streamed from the finger tips of upraised hands. In their ascent they encountered a storm of sleet that cut their faces so as to draw blood. The last five miles was a fight for life against wind, sleet, cold and rarified air.

Texas is entitled to be divided into six states, by virtue of the articles of annexation to the union: If cut up into six commonwealths, as she can demand at any time, each one would be double as populous as any of the pocket states lately forged by the Republican congress in order to manufacture congressmen, senators and presidential electors for that party.

Opposition to Delamater.

Senator Quay has returned from Florida to find the grand old party in Pennsylvania very much disorganised, and in the seclusion of his Beaver home, whither he has gone, it is not at all probable he will give the matter his serious consideration. He doubtless knows by this time that the opposition to Delamater is too strong in its character for him to ignore, and it will be surprising, indeed, if he, in the face of this opposition, forces the senator from Crawford on the gubernatorial ticket. The Philadelphia correspondent of the Chronicle Telegraph is authority for the statement that Quay is not at all pleased at the manner in which Chairman Andrews, of the state committee, has managed affairs. He says: "Quay denounced the Cambria steal as stupid and unnecessary, and declared that the elections by county committee in Elk and Fulton counties was about as bad. Instead of encouraging Andrews and Delamater, Quay intimated very strongly that he was about ready to leave them and go over to somebody else. This talk was based on first impressions only. After being in Philadelphia a day or two Quay became more savage. From all sides came bad news as to the outlook in the state." If this be true Delamater's gubernatorial bark will never reach the haven to which it is being steered. There are breakers ahead, and no mistake.

The farmers of Berks county have recently been investigating the large increase in the number of failures among agriculturists, and at Reading a largely attended Farmers' Institute was held. Luther I. Kaufman, of Lancaster, delivered the principal address on "The Interest Burden." He spoke of the depreciation in farm values and said that in Berks county farms were mortgaged for \$9,000,000 and in Lancaster for \$25,000,000.

He also spoke of the increase of crime and the low price of farm products, and attributed all to a false system of political economy, which allows the introduction of the lowest grades of foreign to adulterate the existence of trusts and combinations and the many millions spent for liquor. At the close of his address those present signed a petition to Congress asking for the establishment of a system of free money by establishment of a bureau of convertible national currency for the purpose of furnishing a full legal tender currency to all citizens who can give proper security at a charge not exceeding one per cent annum.

Sir George Bowen tells a weird story which he heard when he was Governor of New Zealand. Among the royal Maori chiefs invited to meet the Duke of Edinburgh was one of the original signers of the treaty of Waitangi, in 1840, and who had ever since been a firm friend of the English. One of the Anglican Bishops afterward said to the Governor: "Do you know, sir, the antecedent of the old heathen?" "No my dear Bishop," was the reply, "but I do know that he brought 500 of his clansmen into the field to fight for the Queen, so I invited him to meet the Queen's son."

"Well," continued the Bishop, "when I first arrived in New Zealand, that chief came to me, and said that he wished to be baptized. I knew that he had two wives, so I told him that he must first persuade one of them to return to her family. He said he feared that would be difficult, but that he would see what could be done, and come back to me in two months. When he returned he exclaimed: "Now missionary, you may baptize me, for I have only one wife." "I asked, 'What have you done with our dear sister, your first wife?'" "He replied smacking his lips, 'I have eaten her!'"

Representative McMillin, one of the Democratic members of the ways and means committee, is quoted as saying that he does not believe that there will be any tariff legislation during the present session of congress. He bases this opinion on the fact that the two parties are so widely divided on the subject and that there are two or more factions in the Republican party on several important schedules. It may be possible, he says, for the Republicans to force the McKinley bill through the house, but it will probably be so late in the present session that the senate will not have sufficient time to fully consider the subject.

A New Lease of Life.

The aged and weak have declared after using Speer's Port Wine that they felt as though they had a new lease of life by having their systems renovated by this strengthening wine made by Alfred Speer, of Passaic, N. J. The iron in the soil in which the vine grows gives the blood making qualities to the wine. For sale by druggists.

Sheriff Sales.

The following properties are advertised at Sheriff's sale.

- Tract of land, Geo. W. Stover, in Haines tp.
- Real estate of Thomas Tibbens, Col lege tp.
- Property of Cath. Buingardner, Harris tp.
- Property of Ellen Williams, Spring tp.
- Property of E. M. Blanchard, Bellefonte.
- Property of Amos Koch, Spring Mills.
- Property of B. P. Swartz, Liberty tp.
- Property of Wm. Mann, Curtin tp.
- Property of David Krape and Dan'l Bartges, Spring Mills.
- Property of David Krape, Haines tp.
- Property of C. L. Ward, Bellefonte.
- Property of P. D. Phillips, Spring Mills.
- Property of D. Krape in Potter tp.
- Property of Sarah C. Lenees Spring Mills.
- Piece of ground of W. H. Poorman, Central City.
- Real estate of G. W. Ayres, Union tp.
- Real estate of Chr. Holter, Liberty tp.

The "White House," to most people means a flat, two-story, unpicturesque white house, as the view generally given of it shows the severely plain north front; but there are many other views of the home of our Presidents, and we are indebted to Demorest's Family Magazine for laying them before us. The May number of this popular Magazine literally takes you to Washington and shows you the "White House" from every point of view, as well as its charming surroundings. The seventeen beautiful illustrations will give you a better idea of the nation's Executive Mansion than you could possibly gain by a personal visit; and never before has it been so fully and beautifully illustrated. This feature alone will make the May number of Demorest's Family Magazine have a phenomenal sale; and those who are so fortunate as to possess it, will find in it a fund of information and amusement, containing, as it does, nearly two hundred illustrations, embellishing such articles as "A May Festival in Florence," "Transformations of a Butterfly," "The Stellar Universe," "The Fairies of the Plains," "Modeling in Glass," "Kindergarten, Work and Play for the Home," etc.

Besides, in this number Ella Wheeler Wilcox commences an intensely interesting story; and two oil pictures, "I Won't," and "I will," make it doubly attractive. Published by W. Jenings Demorest, 15 East 14th St., New York.

H. A. Mingle, of Aaronburg, is seriously ill.

An infant of Dr. Jacobs was very ill the past two weeks.

Jacob Wagner, one of Potter's staunch Democrats, was in town Tuesday.

Arb Katherman was one of the twelve jurors chosen by Sheriff Cook, at the Andrews execution.

Subscribers who have changed address, in notifying us, will please give last address as well as present.

Emory Gettig left on Tuesday morning for Seattle, Washington, where he expects to permanently locate.

Squire Houseman, of Tusseyville, gave our sanctum a call. He reports everything about as usual in his section.

Tuesday night there was a heavy thunder gust, and heavy rain on Wednesday. The rain seems to keep up much as ever. All right.

Monday, in true regulation order, came in with rain, following a bright and lovely Easter. Perhaps Monday didn't get any easter eggs and got pouty.

If you desire a good weekly paper pay one year on Ararotax in advance with a new name, and you both get the Pittsburg Weekly Chronicle Telegraph one year in addition.

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