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Democratic State Ticket.

For Auditor General,
ROBERT E. WRIGHT, of Lehigh Co.

For State Treasurer,
A. L. TILDEN, of Erie County.

Delegates to Constitutional Convention,
Chas. R. Bucklow, Chauncy F. Black,
George A. Jents, Geo. M. Dallas,
Samuel O. Thompson, David W. Sellers,
Henry N. Scott, Robert E. Monaghan,
Wm. S. McLean, F. M. Vandling,
John Latta, Roger Sherman,
William Weibe, Thomas Lazare,
Samuel Griffith, Grant Weidman,
George W. Zeigler, R. Morgan Root.

Democratic County Ticket.

For Delegate to Constitutional Convention,
ELLIS L. ORVIS.

Subject to action of district conference.

Jury Commissioner—GEORGE BOWER.

Every honest citizen will support Wright and Tilden, two whose political records are without blemish.

The Berks Republicans have pronounced in favor of Blaine, and instructed the delegates for the man from Maine.

Roswell P. Flower was nominated by the Democrats of New York as candidate for Governor. The convention was held at Saratoga.

The investigation committee have unearthed some ugly letters from Auditor General McCamant, who had received "many favors" from the defaulter Bardesley.

Robert E. Wright and A. L. Tilden, the Democratic nominees for Auditor General and State Treasurer, are a team who are bound to win. They have clean records and no scandal whatever attaches itself to either.

Every honest citizen of Pennsylvania should demand the resignation of Auditor General McCamant, who, with the convict Bardesley, assisted in robbing the state treasury.

Do the honest voters wish an inspection of the state accounts and the looting of the state treasury exposed? Then let them cast their full vote for the Democratic nominees, Wright and Tilden.

Livsey, cashier of the State Treasury, is a runaway, and has resigned from his office, on account of as he terms it "domestic circumstances," which would compel his absence from Harrisburg for an indefinite time. There certainly is something wrong in the Republican family and a few other resignations should be forthcoming.

The popular sentiments in the Millin, Snyder and Union judicial district is for the return of Hon. J. C. Bucher to the bench which he has capably filled for the last twenty years. The withdrawal from certain defeat of Rufus C. Elder, of Millin, from the race, virtually leaves the Republicans without a candidate.

General Lilly, of Mauch Chunk, a bank president, was a witness before the legislative committee investigating the State treasury. He mentioned one man who went into the office with nothing and came out worth half a million. That is \$250,000 a year, and any fair minded man ought to be satisfied with two years and then retire to let in some other worth-nothing man.

The Middleburg Post and Snyder County Tribune, the two leading Republican organs of Snyder county, have come out in support of Judge Bucher, for election to the President Judgeship, of Union, Snyder and Millin district. In an editorial to that effect they say politics should not be taken to the bench and Judge Bucher being a capable man, will support his nomination. The election of Bucher is a foregone conclusion in that Republican district. No more popular man could be placed on the bench.

Wheat speculators are roundly denounced in a manifesto by Ignatius Donnelly and the People's Party Executive Committee as having falsely, cruelly and unjustly, through the Chicago and Minneapolis Boards of Trade cheapened the price of wheat. Isolated wheat fields have by these bodies been quoted as yielding immensely, in order to make it appear that all have done so, and created an enormous over-supply.

Thus, they say, wheat has been forced down to fourteen cents lower than it was a year ago, while it is ten cents higher in Europe, showing that the market is monopolized by speculators.

Turn On the Light.

Up to the time of the hearing before Judges Fell and Gordon on the charges against Auditor General McCamant, the recent exposure of corrupt practice in office related only to officials in Philadelphia. Late Treasurer Bardesley and the Mercantile Appraisers only, were proceeded against criminally. In those exposures the people outside of Philadelphia the afore have not taken the interest that must be excited by the charges now made affecting the office of the Auditor General of the State. At the recent hearing before the two judges it was developed that District Attorney Graham is in possession of most damaging proof of official unfaithfulness. The evidence consists of book entries and checks made by Bardesley, and letters written by Auditor General McCamant and Mr. Livsey to Bardesley. Bardesley in the criminal proceeding refuses to answer any questions relating to these checks and entries; declaring that his "self-respect and regard for his family" forbid his making any further disclosures. Auditor General McCamant the only other witness to the facts can not be called as a witness against himself, and hence, as a legal prosecution, the proceeding falls for the time being. Now however, let the People of Pennsylvania have the facts. Let the suspected State officials be arraigned before the bar of public opinion. What are the entries in Bardesley's hand writing which he refuses even to look at in court? What do the mutilated check stubs show? Let the public see the McCamant and Livsey letters—all of them.

While the law permits the Auditor General to be silent in a legal proceeding the people, whose servant he is, have a right to demand that he shall speak. Did Mr. McCamant receive \$3154.42 from Mr. Bardesley, as shown in his accounts? If so where did the money come from, and what was it paid for? What say you Mr. Auditor General? What were the "favors you received" from Mr. Bardesley for which you thank him in your letters, corresponding in date with the mysterious Bardesley check stubs? Did District Attorney Graham present to Judges Fell and Gordon all of the McCamant letters he had before him.

The people of the state are entitled to know all that can be known on the question of the integrity of the state officials. If it be true that the corruption that has overwhelmed the public service in Philadelphia extends to State officials, the people have a right to know that fact and to know it now. Let there be neither concealment or delay in this matter. Speak out gentlemen.

Should Resign.

The Patriot says the McCamant letters complete the chain of testimony which unites the auditor general of the state with John Bardesley, the convicted felon. The auditor general again and again, letters after letter, admits his guilt by his thanks, his acknowledgments, his request for the purchase of \$10,000 worth of securities of a kind immediately available in case of the necessity of a bolt from the country.

The dealings of this pair were alike criminal and the auditor general only escapes from the confinement of the prison because his guilty "pal" decides to keep his mouth shut.

If McCamant has remaining a single spark of self-respect, even such as Bardesley pretends to have, he will resign his office to-day and leave the state he has robbed and disgraced.

It looks as though the sensible portion of the Republicans of Millin, Snyder and Union know a good judge when they have him and will favor the re-election of Judge Bucher. Democrats in other districts have favored the retention of men upon the bench without regard to politics. This is a sound and correct position upon this high office, and should prevail at all times in the election of judges. Let us have men upon the bench regardless of politics. Judge Bucher's record upon the bench is an excellent one and the Republicans of his district are to be commended for rising above slum politics and favoring his re-election because they found him eminently fitted after a second trial.

The financial papers of New York argue for a grain surplus that will largely exceed 210,000,000 bushels. The Commercial Bulletin says: "If speculators or farmers fancy they can maintain an artificial price in the face of surplus so large, they need a little practical education." The Minnesota Alliance maintains on the other hand that crop reports are exaggerated in the interest of bear movements to keep down prices. Wheat is not bringing so much as a year ago, but the tariff on the farmers' necessities is higher.

—When you want a shoe that will give you satisfaction both in price and quality, go to Mingle's shoe store, Bellefonte. He guarantees all goods sold and you get a genuine article.

A Candidate Against Judge Bucher.

What are commonly known as the "boodlers" of the Twentieth judicial district met in the court house at Middleburg, Snyder county, on Tuesday, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for president judge. Snyder was represented by Chairman Witmer, Secretary Romig, and J. S. Yearick; Millin by Messrs. Bailey, Wilson and McFarland; Union by volunteers App, Sheller and the irrepressible Focht, of the Lewisburg Saturday News, who is putting forth his most strenuous efforts to defeat Judge Bucher.

It was generally understood that they met to benefit themselves, not to help their party. The organization had neither head nor tail and the trunk wriggled about like a wounded crocodile. Active, lifelong Republicans expressed themselves as being disgusted with the work.

Harold M. McClure, of Northumberland county, was induced to accept a nomination against Judge Bucher. As he is a foreign lawyer of second rate abilities it is not hard to predict the result. His nomination is regarded as an insult to the many Republican lawyers of the district who are pre-eminently qualified for the place, but who would not accept a nomination. The self-constituted authority that forced Mr. McClure into the fight only represents a hopeless minority.

William L. Scott.

There are few men in Pennsylvania who would be so widely misused as William L. Scott. He has been one of the leading men of the State for a score of years. He was a born leader of men and of enterprise, and his keen perception, clear judgment and tireless effort made him the sole architect of his immense fortune.

Mr. Scott was a man of broad-gauge views on all questions. Whether in politics or business, he was eminently sagacious and practical, and to these important attributes he had the inspiration of unswerving personal integrity. He was the largest individual coal producer in the country, and he was justly esteemed the most considerably just of employers.

It was in politics that Mr. Scott made himself specially felt in State and nation when he could impress the time necessary to his work. He was the leader of the Tilden forces in 1876 and was the leader in the Cleveland battles of 1884 and '88. His election and re-election to Congress in a district that was 5,000 against him was due quite as much to his personal power because of his ability and integrity, as because of the fortuitous circumstance of a week opponent and, while regard as in advance of his party on tariff reform in 1888, he found the party and the country abreast with him before another Congress had done its work.

Mr. Scott will also be largely missed and sincerely lamented by the children of sorrow. He was a man of enlarged philanthropy and ever scrupulously careful to conceal his charities from the world. Take him all in all, Pennsylvania has lost one of her most forceful and noblest citizens by the death of William L. Scott.—Philadelphia Times.

The question of the anthracite coal supply in Pennsylvania, says the Scranton Republican, and the consequent period of duration before that supply will be exhausted is one which interests every reader in the anthracite coal belt of Pennsylvania. The appended table, which gives a close approximation of the amount owned by the leading coal mining corporations and yet unmined, based on the generally accepted knowledge of coal formation in the region, will throw some light on the subject. Accepting these figures as true, and they are nearly so, at the present rate of mining the entire coal of Pennsylvania will be exhausted in about 150 years. The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company and the Philadelphia Coal and Iron Company own almost 48 per cent of the total acreage and about 52 per cent of the coal tonnage of the State. It has \$70,000,000 invested in coal lands alone, which is more than the entire valuation of the Lehigh Valley Company and more than the combined values of the coal properties of the D. L. and W., and D. and H. Companies. The table spoken of above gives the Delaware and Hudson acreage as 21,000 and the number of tons of coal 200,000,000. The Erie Company (Hillside Coal and Iron Company), 19,000 acres and 180,000,000 tons. The ignorance of the coal operators who a half century ago predicted the exhaustion in a short time of our mineral wealth now seems ludicrous and the foolishness of those who laid out this town as a temporary home is more apparent.

—Lewins, at the Philad. Branch Bellefonte, is dispensing of stock very cheaply to make room for fall goods. A bargain is offered among his large stock

OCTOBER WEATHER.

Rev. Irt. E. Hicks' Meteorological Forecast for the coming Month.

October will open with high temperatures in all parts, except perhaps, northwestern regions or sections already passed by storm developments which will be in progress at the beginning of the month. It will be safe to anticipate in all prudent ways violent activity of the elements within thirty-six hours, before and after of 6 p. m. on the 2nd. By that time polar currents will have broken in behind progressive storms, and we will have the not uncommon order of things—storms and warm to the eastward with a cold wave following from the northwest. The fall of temperature will be sudden and extreme. The equinox of Venus is central on the 7th in connection with reactionary disturbances beginning on the 6th. Another wave of warm equatorial air, resulting in sharp electrical storms, will express itself on these dates and be followed promptly by another cold wave. Watch for them!

From about the 10th to 13th, inclusive the outlook for Autumnal storms calls for watchfulness. Managers having in charge maritime interests and navigators of our lakes should have an eye for emergencies during this period. A polar blast attended by some snow to the north, and followed by frost and freezing may be expected. About the 17th and 18th will bring the regular rise in temperature, the temperature and the storms being excited toward extremes by the prevailing Venus disturbance. Sudden transitions from warm to cold will be the order.

All that we have said concerning the above period will apply forcibly to the period running from 22d to 26th. The equinox of Mercury is central on the 22nd, and a regular storm period is central on the 23d, with Venus not entirely away from her disturbing influence, and full moon on the 24th. Let us count say, the 23rd, 24th and 25th central danger days, and see how far we miss it. Rainstorms will turn to sleet and snow in northern extremes of sea and land. There will be violent Autumnal gales, and a sweeping cold wave will wind up the whole, and bring in polar, frosty weather until the reactionary movements about the 30th and 30th.

We repeat our oft-expressed belief that the approaching Winter will be one of increased severity. Look to your food and shelter for self and stock.

Another Swindle.

A swindle which has been carried on successfully of late in some sections is thus explained: "Persons visit the town and call from house to house asking to see the sewing machines, and if the machine is a certain kind they take out the shuttle and put it in their pocket, refusing to give it up unless the owner pays them for an alleged infringement on their patent."

Married.

On Sunday, 20th inst., at Centre Hall, Rev. W. E. Fischer was called upon to officiate at the marriage of Mr. Hannibal Schreckengast, of near Centre Hall, and Miss Mattie M. Weaver, of near Farmers Mills.

The Game Laws.

Squirrels may be lawfully shot between September 1st and January 1st; ducks between September 1st and December 1st. The season for quail, grouse and deer opens October 1st and for hares and rabbits on November 1st.

Murder in Clearfield.

Coalport, Clearfield county, had a tragedy on Saturday in which Solomon Ginter was shot and killed by Joseph Rhody, proprietor of the Mansard House Rhody is under arrest.

Death of Mrs. Royer.

Mrs. Amelia Royer, died near Centre Hill, on Thursday of last week. She was the widow of the late Jacob Royer, who died several years ago. She was aged 49 years, 1 month and 12 days.

Was Amended.

An act of Assembly requiring veterinary surgeons to register six months after the passage of said act was amended by the last Legislature so that the veterinarians can now register as late as December 31st, 1891.

A Unique Check.

A Williamsport bank paid a check the other day which said "in full for all demands from the birth of Adam to the death of the Devil."

\$200,000 for Bridges.

The grand jury of Lycoming county last week recommended the expenditure of \$200,000 in the building and repairing of bridges in the county.

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Ministerial and Sabbath school Convention

The Ministerial and Sabbath school Convention of Centre District, Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Association, was held in the church in Millheim, Pa., Sept. 8th to 10, 1891. Rev. J. Hartzler, P. E., presided. Rev. S. E. Davis was elected vice president, H. B. Berninger secretary, and Rev. C. W. Finkbinder treasurer.

Tuesday evening and Wednesday was the time occupied by the Ministerial convention and Thursday by the S. S. convention. While both conventions were on the whole interesting and instructive, they might have been more so if there had been a better attendance by ministers and delegates. The fact that so many of the ministers who were on the programme were absent, was detrimental to the success of the convention.

The following were present: Rev. J. Hartzler, P. E.; S. E. Davis; C. W. Finkbinder; S. A. Aurd; C. V. B. Aurd; J. D. Stover; P. C. Weidmeyer; W. P. Thomas; E. L. Kessler and H. B. Berninger.

The topics discussed were as follows:

MINISTERIAL.
Address of welcome, Rev. C. E. Finkbinder, Response, Rev. J. Hartzler, Woman's Missionary Societies—How can they be made a success in our churches? Rev. S. E. Davis. The best method of reading the Bible, Rev. E. L. Kessler. The qualities of a good sermon, Rev. S. A. Aurd. Schisms in the Church of Christ; their causes and effects. Paper by Rev. S. Smith, read by P. O. Weidmeyer. Cooperation of the laity in aggressive church work. Rev. S. Davis, Finkbinder, J. Hartzler and others.

SABBATH SCHOOL.
Missionary work in the S. S.—Rev. W. P. Thomas. The Home and the S. S.—How either can help the other. H. B. Berninger. Temperance—How can it be most effectively taught in the S. S.—Rev. J. Hartzler. The Teacher's reward.—Rev. J. D. Stover.

The various subjects were thoroughly discussed and some valuable suggestions thrown out. On Wednesday evening Rev. A. E. Gobble, A. M., the efficient president of Central Pa. College, preached a powerful and searching sermon, on Practical Christianity, based on John 21: 15, 17.

On Thursday afternoon a Children's Mass meeting was held, conducted by D. L. Zerby. Instructive addresses were made by Mrs. J. Hartzler and Bro. Davis, C. V. B. Aurd and J. Hartzler.

Resolutions of the Ministerial Convention.
Whereas, It was unanimously resolved at the District meeting, held immediately at the close of the last session of our Annual Conference, to hold this year, and

Resolved, That we are sorry that the brethren who were unable to attend the same, and

Resolved, That we are convinced of the usefulness of Ministerial conventions, inasmuch as they foster mutual inspiration and general edification; and

Resolved, That all the ministers present are to be commended for their efforts put forth to make this convention a success.

Resolved, That we are sorry that the brethren S. Smith and J. G. M. Swengel could not be with us on account of a funeral and the latter on account of affliction. We are glad however, that Bro. Smith sent us a well prepared essay on the subject assigned to him, and thank him for his words of encouragement and assurance that though absent in person, he is present in spirit.

Resolved, That we strongly disapprove of the course pursued by those brethren who absented themselves from the convention without furnishing any excuse.

Resolved, That we believe in Woman's Missionary Societies and will do our utmost to improve their interest and make them a success in our congregations.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that the Bible should be read regularly, prayerfully, and systematically, having special reference to its historical, biographical and doctrinal import.

Resolved, That the ideal sermon is well prepared, plain, practical, pointed, systematic, spiritual and timely.

Resolved, That we deplore the schisms in the church of the past and present and pray God that the schisms may speedily be removed and that peace and prosperity be restored, so that we may all be made one, even as the Father and Son are one.

Resolved, That there should be mutual cooperation by our ministry and laity in all aggressive church work, and further

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that the laity should have a voice in the legislative bodies of our church.

Resolved, That the principal elements of Practical Christianity are love to God and love to our fellowmen, which will be evidenced in a holy life.

Resolutions of the S. S. Convention.
Whereas, The Sunday School is one of the most important branches of christian work, therefore,

Resolved, That we consider it not only a duty but a blessed privilege of all, old and young, to study and labor in the Sunday school.

Resolved, That the missionary work in the S. S. should be conducted along the line of system and liberality, and that this noble work should in theory and practice be advocated by all, pastor, laity and scholar.

Resolved, That for moral instruction, the Home and the S. S. depend on each other, and that each can be helpful to the other by mutual cooperation, in harmony with the teachings of the Great Teacher, Christ.

Valuable Property at Private Sale.

That desirable property, situate in the village of Potters Mills, Potter township, Centre county, Pa., and for many years occupied as the residence of the late Dr. Wm. J. Wilson, dec'd., is offered at private sale. Said lot contains five acres and 117 perches neat measure, and has thereon erected a large two story rough cast house, a two story office, a large stable and other outbuildings. This is a desirable home, and will be sold at a bargain.

Terms.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid April 1st, 1892; when possession and deed will be given. The balance in two equal payments, to be secured by bond and mortgage on the property, with interest from April 1st, 1892.

For further particulars, apply to the owner, Dr. Thos. C. Van Tries, Bellefonte, Pa., or to Jas. C. Boal, Esq., Centre Hall, Pa.

Marriage Licenses.

Following is the list of marriage licenses issued during the past week from the register's office Bellefonte:

Charles M. Gardner and Lucy T. Martin, both of Howard.

Elmer Limbert, of Aaronsburg, and Kate Roehy, of Filmore.

W. K. Cunningham, of Ohio, and Lotie R. Lonerberger, of Pleasant Gap. H. E. Shreckengast, of Potter township and Mattie M. Weaver, of Gregg.

John Madigan, of Philipsburg, and Sallie A. Hart, of Clearfield Co.

Harry Austin and Mollie Smith, both of Milesburg.

Alfred G. Hagyard and Annie G. Wright both of Philipsburg.

Harry E. Jenkins and Jennie S. Lutenbach, both of Bellefonte.

Carried 21,000 Passengers.

The railroad carried 21,000 passengers to and from the picnic—this is 10,500 passengers brought, which is official from the railroad office.

—John D. Rishell, of Philadelphia, took in the picnic for a day or two. John is engaged in the drug business in Philadelphia and the store of Rishell & Co., is located on corner of 13th and Market streets.

—If in need of Fall and Winter underwear, don't forget the fact that the Philad. Branch has received a full and elegant line. Call and examine quality and price and you will be convinced that better cannot be done elsewhere.

—The commission to locate the new insane asylum have finished their tour of inspection in the middle and western part of the State, and will now visit a number of places in the eastern counties after which they will make a final decision.

—The cold weather season will soon begin and heavier clothing will be needed for bodily comfort. Lewins, Bellefonte, can supply your every want and to your own satisfaction both in price and quality of goods. Satisfaction always guaranteed purchaser.

—The editor having received an invitation to camp with several families on an island of the Susquehanna, below Sunbury, could not refuse the temptation, and leaves the REPORTER in the hands of the "boys" while he is busy pulling out bass, salmon and such from the river.

—The Presbyterian church is about completed and ready for dedication. It is one of the finest and most cozy little church edifices in the central part of the state. Centre Hall is becoming noted for the handsome churches and its grand system of water works. These improvements, and others, go on in spite of the opposition of croakers.

—The editor acknowledges, in behalf of Mrs. Kurtz, the receipt of a large and handsome bouquet from Harry Chaapel, of Williamsport, who had a fine display of rare flowers and plants, at the picnic. Mr. Chaapel keeps a first-class establishment for flowers, plants and seeds, and we can recommend him to our lady readers as perfectly reliable.

—H. A. Taylor, of Millifinburg, had a display of carriages, buggies, &c., at the grangers' exhibition, which attracted a great deal of attention on account of the workmanship. He turns out first-class work of any thing on wheels and keeps up with the times in prices. H. Booser, of this place, is authorized to take orders.

—The work of dismantling the picnic grounds began Saturday morning and was several days before it was gotten through with. It required a great amount of labor to remove the tents and the cars, etc., but it was all accomplished notwithstanding. Many families preferred remaining upon the grounds over Sunday and still further enjoy the outing, but nearly all had removed their effects by Saturday evening and gone to their homes. The weather was almost perfect during the week and a delightful outing was had by those who tented on the grounds.