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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. Bookalov, Chancy F. Black,  
George A. Jenas, Geo. M. Dallas,  
Samuel G. Thompson, David W. Sellers,  
Henry N. Scott, Robert E. Monaghan,  
Wm. S. McLean, F. M. Vandling,  
John Latta, Roger Sherman,  
William Weihe, Thomas Lazare,  
Samuel Griffith, Grant Weidman,  
George W. Zeigler, R. Morgan Root.

### Democratic County Ticket.

For Delegate to Constitutional Convention,  
ELLIS L. ORVIS.

Jury Commissioner—GEORGE BOWER.

Centre county will give from 800 to 900 Democratic majority in November.

The croaker is one who is jealous of another's good deeds, and is a failure in all he undertakes.

The farmers pay the taxes and the Quay crowd steal them.

James Schofield is making it red hot for some of his assailants in Bellefonte—his is a lash of scorpions upon their backs.

Vote for Wright and Tilden and keep the robbers out of office. No thieving of state funds with these two men in office.

Every vote should be gotten out on election day. Democrats attend to this and Centre county will roll up her usual majority.

A movement is on foot to organize a National Bank at Philipsburg, with a capital of \$500,000, which is nearly all taken in shares of \$100.

It is of great importance that every vote be polled on election day. Democrats do not allow one to remain away, but get out the full vote, and the Democratic party is sure of victory.

Morrison and Gregg will surely be defeated if the entire Democratic vote is polled on election day. The people are disgusted with the looting of the state treasury and a change in its administration is in order.

The farmer justly complains of high taxes. That's not the worst—when he has paid his heavy taxes, then the Bardeleys, Boyers, McCamans, and the rest of 'em, steal the money. Vote for Wright and farmer Tilden and put a stop to the stealing.

The majority of the senate are in a bad fix. They would like to whitewash Boyer and McCaman, but they know that's death to go before the people with. Then they pretend they will investigate the Bardeley robbery to the bottom, and that would put all the bosses to prison. Now what to do is the worry with them.

The supreme court has decided that the directors of a bank are not liable when it is looted and wrecked, but that the president of the bank is the responsible party, directors being mere figure-heads who never do any directing about the management of the bank. The president and other officers are the responsible ones for any crookedness.

The Evangelical Association in session at Indianapolis, is taking every precaution against the inroads of secession, and also to thoroughly weed out the schismatics now claiming to be the church. After having dealt with the bishops without fear or mercy, it has now detached every clergyman in sympathy with the rebellious element, and lastly similar action has been taken with regard to church members, making it the law that all who withdraw have forfeited all their rights in so doing. Hereafter no candidate for the ministry will be admitted if he is addicted to the tobacco habit.

A gigantic irrigation scheme is on foot in Colorado. The Water Storage and Supply company has undertaken the most gigantic irrigation scheme in the history of the west, which means the diversion of the waters of the Grand river to the eastern slope. A tunnel will be bored through the range to tap the stream, and the water conveyed to the plains by small creeks and prehistoric streams to a natural reservoir, which will hold millions of gallons of water. The people of Western Colorado threaten a law suit if the scheme is carried out, as the Grand river is the main source of their water supply.

### The Governor's Message.

The message which Governor Pattison yesterday sent to the State Senate, convened in extraordinary session, is remarkable, most of all, for the grave matters which are the subject of it, remarkable for the circumstances which demanded it, and remarkable for the clearness, directness and forcibleness with which it presents the evidence which has been with such careful, sagacious judgment and judicial skill gathered and compressed into an indictment so notable for its comprehensiveness as for its overwhelming array of incriminating facts, circumstances and documents. It should have been, under our law, impossible for the chief Magistrate of the State to frame such an indictment, the circumstances demanding it should have been similarly impossible of realization, and it should have been impossible for the Governor, or for any one, to arraign with such conciseness and directness any public servants who were elected to high position of trust and responsibility by the deliberately exercised will of the people. But the indictment has been—had to be—framed, as the circumstances fully warranted it, and the arraignment of the Auditor General and State Treasurer had to be made, in view of the mass of testimony produced which rendered the making of it an imperative duty.

There is little in the matter of Governor Pattison's message which is absolutely new; it is the masterful, honest, fearless manner of the reformulation, the grouping, the placing in natural sequence, the binding together as a whole of old matters, unfortunately familiar enough to the public through the published proceedings of investigating bodies, which makes it of such great and common interest, and which gives it character, dignity and impressiveness. Through every paragraph of it there shines clearly as truth itself the light of a high official duty done, of public spirited purpose fulfilled.

If this message served no other purpose than that, which it so admirably serves, of carrying conviction to every intelligent, unprejudiced reader of it of the unquestionable propriety, of the imperative obligation which Governor Pattison owed to himself, his fellow citizens and the law to call the Senate to meet in extraordinary session to inquire into the "grave charges" so commonly made against the Auditor General and the State Treasurer, to the end that their innocence or guilt might be established, its author would still be more than justified in formulating and presenting it to the public through the Senate.

Whether or not it is conclusive of the guilt incompetency errors of any one is for the Senate alone, to which body it is addressed to declare, but that it gives "reasonable cause" for and exhaustive inquiry of the subject-matters of it may be authoritatively declared by any one who has eyes to read and mind to form a just opinion. The message cuts the last bit of stable ground from under the feet of those who stated or insinuated that Governor Pattison had been actuated by the basest partisan motive in calling the Senate to meet in extraordinary session; it not only does that, but it covers with shame those who so impugned his purposes. Governor Pattison needs no testimonials to sustain his character for invincible personal or official integrity, for purity of motive in his public or private acts, for high courage and fidelity to duty. If he did need them, they would be found in his call to the Senate and in the message which he yesterday sent to it. It is a message which concerns the whole body of the people of this Commonwealth and city not less than the Senate that is to pass upon it.

The Pittsburg Presbytery of the Ref. Presbyterian church has passed the following resolution: "Your committee recommends that the presbytery record its condemnation of all secret societies, whether among farmers, mechanics, or any other class, and declare against the propriety of any of our members being identified with such secret organizations, though known as working leagues, or workmen's associations. Inasmuch as the synod has instructed its standing committee to investigate the standing of such leagues and organizations, and report upon them next year, we would recommend that in any undetermined case, sessions await the action of the next synod." The report was unanimously adopted, after which the presbytery adjourned.

Blaine will be a candidate. A gentleman who recently had a talk with Mr. Manly at Augusta Me., quotes that gentleman as saying that the Maine delegation would not present the name of Mr. Blaine as a candidate before the Republican national convention, Mr. Blaine having expressed a desire that the Maine delegation should not make him a candidate and that if, however, his name was presented by some other delegation and he was nominated he would not decline.

### An Alleged Republican Deal.

Republican politicians in Washington are boasting that they have arranged a deal with two professional farmers to throw the vote of the Farmers' Alliance organization in Pennsylvania this year to D. Mc'M. Gregg, Quay's candidate for auditor general. The names of these two men are Colonel H. C. Demming, of Harrisburg, and R. H. Thomas, of Mechanicsburg.

Demming has lately taken an active interest in the Farmers' Alliance organization, and it is said has attained considerable influence. He is a professional agitator and manipulator and has in his time played the part of labor reformer, Greenbacker, Republican, Democrat and Farmers' Alliance man. R. H. Thomas is a gentleman who has been handling the grangers and farmers' organization of the state, whether for disinterested or personal motives is a question perhaps open for dispute. Incidentally, he runs a circus at Williams' Grove, out of which he manages to make on farmers, at ten cents a head, about \$6,000 a year.

If the boast of these Republican politicians is true that these two men have sold out to Senator Quay they may find difficulty, now that the deal is made public, in carrying out the terms of the contract. It is sometimes easier to buy alleged political leaders than it is to deliver the votes.

### A Hint to Cigar Dealers.

An attaché of the Internal Revenue Department drops this warning hint: "The enactments of the sale of cigars appear to be very imperfectly understood by tobaccoists and others engaged in their sale, and those who are interested in the matter ought to closely study some new features of the law on this subject. For example, a dealer who takes out a handful of cigars and lays them before a customer to choose from, or a saloon-keeper who brings a cigar on a plate or a tumbler, as most of them do, makes himself liable to a fine of \$100 and other disagreeable consequences besides. The government law says 'Cigars must be sold to the customer direct from the properly stamped box.'"

### Reaper Death.

On last Thursday, Oct. 8th, Mrs. Sarah E., wife of John Siegel, died at her residence at Penn Hall, aged 27 years, 8 months and 25 days. The interment took place on last Sunday at Madisonburg, the services being conducted by Rev. Addams, of the Reformed church. Mrs. Siegel lingered about two years with consumption and took her bed four days before her death. She was a faithful and loving wife and her husband has the sympathy of all his acquaintances in his bereavement.—*Milheim Journal.*

### Presented to the Church.

Mrs. Mollie A. Ross presented the Presbyterian congregation with a fine Communion service. It is of silver and six pieces constitute the set, two plates, two goblets, baptismal bowl, and pitcher. The set is of heavy silver and is gold lined. Mrs. Ross was one of the most earnest workers in the erection of the church and contributed largely towards it.

### Farmers are Awake.

A. L. Tilden, the Democratic candidate for State Treasurer, is very sanguine of Democratic success, and predicts that a larger percentage of farmers will oppose the Republican ticket this year than during the Delamater campaign. He and Robert E. Wright have been through a part of the coal regions and in Bradford county, and the condition of affairs is of the most encouraging kind.

### The Pious Worker!

A western church has originated the idea of engaging a brass band for its Sunday services hoping thereby to bring in sinners—not in the band, but those who would rather hear a band than a sermon. The first Sunday the preacher was crowded out of his pulpit and was compelled to preach from the top of a chair. The next Sunday he came ten minutes late and was unable to gain admission to his own church.

Bardeley is to be brought before the senate to testify. If he tells all he knows, goodness what will become of the Republican leaders—"honest John" would get lots of company in prison.

Democrats, get out the vote. There is only a little over a week intervening until the election and not a moment should be lost in working for the ticket. Get out the full vote and the victory is ours.

Judge Orvis is one of McCamant's counsel in the investigation now going on before the state senate.

The two honest men who will not betray their trust and oath if elected to office are Wright and Tilden. No robbery of state funds then.

### WHO STOLE THIS MONEY.

How a Million Dollar Claim Was Compromised by a Railroad Company.

The Patriot Monday morning printed the following: To-night the investigation of the methods and conduct of the departments of the Auditor general and the state treasurer formally began. It is likely to be pushed to a speedy conclusion if only the evidence submitted to the joint legislative committee and the Philadelphia council committee be presented. But the Patriot is of the opinion that other evidence as to the loose methods and "customs" of these departments should be offered.

Let us give an example. On May 1, 1888, Thomas McCamant for the then auditor general made what is known as a tax settlement with the Philadelphia and Erie railroad for tax on capital stock interest and penalties amounting to about \$1,000,000, due the commonwealth for a period of some nine years. In January following the state treasurer approved this settlement. The amount of this claim was based upon the appraised value of common stock and special stock at three and six mills, as per different acts, penalty for not reporting (10 per cent.) and interest at 12 per cent. An appeal was filed by the railroad company a few days after the state treasurer approved the settlement. The usual delays of litigation followed.

SETTLED FOR ONE DOLLAR IN TWELVE. In November of that year it was formally argued between the attorney general and counsel for defendant that the case should be tried without a jury and the records show nothing further until the entry of settlement is made in March of the present year.

Settled for what amount? A claim certified by the auditor general and state treasurer as just and proper, and for which suit was instituted by the attorney general for \$816,922.91, which with interest reached about \$1,000,000 settled for less than one-twelfth of this sum, or as the Dauphin county court records show, \$75,000, and the commissions of the attorney general \$3,750, and cost of suit, \$5.90!

This was a suit, it will be remembered, against the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad company, whose road is leased, operated, controlled and virtually owned by one of the greatest and

MOST POWERFUL CORPORATIONS in the United States, the Pennsylvania railroad company. The amount had been definitely fixed upon, in accordance with the laws, by the proper officers. The effect of such settlement by these officers is to make a complete prima facie case for the commonwealth, so that in a suit brought to recover the amount thus adjudicated the commonwealth need only show the record and await whatever answer or proof the defendant may have to offer. The record discloses no reason why this enormous sum found to be due by these officers should have dwindled down to the paltry amount which went into the state treasury.

This seems bad enough, indeed, but worse followed. The railroad company paid nearly \$100,000 in settlement of the case and the difference between this amount and the amount that appears as paid on the court records lodged some where! Into whose pockets did it go? To whose fingers did it stick? Is this another of the innocent "customs" that prevail in the management of the finances of the State?

### To Business Men.

What would a town be without a newspaper? We have often wondered. The newspaper pushes every enterprise, helps every business and stays with every business man. And yet there are lots of men who have achieved success by the help of newspaper's gratis work and have not carried an ad or taken a single subscription. Stay with your home paper and keep it up to the standard of the best papers by giving it your hearty support.

### Fine Apples.

Miss Ella Hosterman has presented the Reporter with a basket of six fine apples as one can lay his eyes on. They are from the orchard of her father, Alfred Hosterman, west of Centre Hill. Miss Ella will accept our thanks for the apples.

### What an Orange Will Do.

A physician makes the statement that if a person addicted to the use of intoxicants will eat an orange a half hour before breakfast every morning for three weeks, he will lose all taste for liquor and gain in health and strength.

### Likely Lose it All.

The school children of Philipsburg had \$2,300 in the Philipsburg bank when it closed its doors last week, the entire proceeds of the school savings bank, introduced in the schools of that place last year. One boy is said to have had three hundred dollars of the fund alone.

### Society's Curse.

Bad women, as well as bad men, are doing an endless amount of mischief at present in wrecking what might otherwise be happy homes, ruining fair prospects and putting stains on the names of children who feel the blistering effects as they go through the world. One bad woman in the neighborhood, be she married or single, is capable of a pollution in society that can only be equaled in enormity by one bad man, both in the demoralization of the same character, and the trouble is that such wretches cannot be properly dealt with until they have wrought wrecks all around them, and even then there is difficulty in bringing them to the punishment they deserve.

These pests of society lay in wait for their prey in all the paths of life, like reptiles crawling among flowers, or beasts ready to leap from unsuspected places of danger. There never was a time when society suffered more than it does now from this source of demoralization, and the trouble is that protection against it seems to be almost impossible.—*Daily Gazette.* The Gazette administers a hard slap in the face to some of its most intimate friends.

### The Biggest Rattlesnake

Norris Harvey, a resident of Cascade township, Lycoming county, while traveling along what is known as the Sugar Camp road, killed an immense rattlesnake, which measured four feet and five inches in length and wearing ten large rattles on his tail, showing that the creature had reached the age of twelve years. Rattlesnakes, it is said, seldom reach a greater length than three feet and the skin of this one has been placed in the hands of a taxidermist who will mount it for the future inspection and wonder of the public.

### Look Out for Them.

There are two scamps who are reported to be making a living by watching the papers for estray notices; then go separately to the person who has taken up the animal, identifying it and selling it to him. When a stranger calls regarding an animal you have taken up make him describe the animal before showing it to him and prove himself a responsible person before letting him have it or buying it from him.

### A Snake Antidote.

James Keith, of Penn township Huntingdon county, says the best cure he has found for snake poison is lard. Several horses he has had that were bitten by snakes were cured by applying plenty of lard to the wound. He never tried it on a person who had been bitten, but has no doubt it would effect a cure.

### No Services.

No services in the Reformed church next Sunday evening, Rev. Eisenberg will be absent attending the meeting of the Eastern synod, which convenes at Harrisburg on Wednesday evening of this week. The West Susquehanna Classis, comprising in its district Centre, Union and Snyder counties, sends three ministers and three elders as delegates.

### Caters to Their Wants.

People who grumble at a sermon forty minutes long will stand for two hours patiently listening to a political address and yell themselves hoarse beside. The reason is that the preacher is apt to tramp on their corns while the political orator flatters their prejudices.

### Poor Enough Now.

Banker Dill lived like a prince and spent \$50,000 a year. Now he is penniless and his wife and daughters say that they will do anything honorable even to taking in washing, to help the husband and father out of debt.

### Rain.

Monday morning started in with rain, which is needed to help along the late sowing, and to start the water supply for the approaching winter. There has been no scarcity of water as yet. The rain continued all day Tuesday.

### Still None From Centre Hall.

In the list of jurors drawn for the next special and regular term of court, no juror will be summoned from Centre Hall. This same state of affairs occurred in the list for last term. Is it that there are no available men in our limits, or only a slip of the wheel?

### A Short Will.

The shortest will on record is in the register's office in Luzerne county. It was written by a blind girl, was probated after her death without question and disposed of a large estate. It read as follows: "Emily R. Miner is my heir."

### 25 Cents Per Day.

The County Commissioners propose to reduce the price paid the jail warden from 30 to 25 cents per head for boarding prisoners. The new rule takes effect January 1st 1892.

### Remedy for Diphtheria.

The Scientific American suggests for diphtheria that raw onions be placed in a bandage and beaten into a pulp, the cloths containing onions, juice and all, should then be bound about the throat and well up over the ears. Renewals may be made as often as the mass becomes dry. In most cases noticed the result was almost magical, deadly pain yielding in a short time to sleepy comfort. The editor adds a wish that this remedy might have a wide enough trial to fully test its usefulness.

### Skull Fractured.

Charles Winters, a puddler at the Bellefonte nail works had his skull fractured on Tuesday evening, and will die from the injuries received. Winters was in the act of running an ingot of red hot metal from his furnace to the rolls. The man whose duty it is to turn the switch failed to do so in time and the heavy iron carrier fell on Mr. Winters' head knocking him senseless. He was taken to Garman's hotel where he now lies still unconscious. It is a question if he will recover.

### Marriage Licenses.

Following is the list of marriage licenses issued during the past week from the register's office Bellefonte: William D. Bartles, of Millheim, and Mary E. Elgin, of Logan Mills. A. G. Gardner and Emma E. Bush, of Union township. C. D. Lorraine and Katie L. Childs both of Philipsburg. William Gieswhite and Cordia Williams, both of Philipsburg.

### Guaranteed Cure for La Grippe.

We authorize our advertised druggist to sell you Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, Colds, upon this condition. If you are afflicted with La Grippe and will use this remedy according to directions, giving it a fair trial, and experience no benefit, you may return the bottle and have your money refunded. We make this offer, because of the wonderful success of Dr. King's New Discovery during last season's epidemic. Have heard of no case in which it failed. Try it. Trial bottle free at J. D. Murray's Drug Store. Large size 50c. and \$1.00.

### Five Tickets to be Voted.

The election takes place two weeks from Tuesday. Five tickets are to be voted as follows: State, Delegates at Large, For or against the Convention, District Delegates and County. Under the head of the first, the elector will vote for candidates for Auditor General and State Treasurer, under the second, the delegates at large to the Constitutional Convention, third, for or against the Constitutional Convention, fourth, for the district delegates to the Convention, fifth, Jury Commissioner.

### Approved the Hospital Site.

Gov. Pattison Monday approved the report of the committee on the chronic insane, in which it selected as the site for the proposed state hospital a tract of 845 acres, eight miles from Reading on the Lebanon Valley, known as the "South Mountain site." The price is \$77,000.

### How to Keep Apples.

A Chester county farmer of long experience says that the best way to keep apples is to allow them to remain in the orchard as long as possible. Then put shelves in a dry cellar and spread the apples upon them. He avers that he never had apples spoil on his hands when managed in this way.

### Fine Display.

The largest and best line of trimmings and untrimmed hats ever opened in this county is on display at Snyder Street, at Bellefonte. All are invited to all and examine goods, style, work and prices and compare with others.

### Read This.

When suffering from Malaria or Bilious Fever, don't wreck your general health with quinine or other nauseous drugs HUMPHEYS' SPECIFICS NOS. TEN and SIXTEEN effect a speedy and permanent cure.

### Married.

Mr. William Brown and Miss Mary E. Lee, both of Philipsburg, this county, were united in marriage by "Squire J. A. Houseman, of Tusseyville.

### To Start a New Bank.

A movement is on foot at Philipsburg to establish a National Bank there. One-fourth of the required capital stock has been subscribed.

### Water Notice.

In order to make repairs on the water mains, the water will be turned off tomorrow afternoon, Friday 23rd, from all south of the Lutheran church.

—Mr. Will Romick, one of Centre Hall's promising young men, is canvassing for a valuable new book; he is reliable and worthy of patronage.