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Democratic Nominations.

STATE TICKET.

Supreme Judge—John Trunker Venango.
Auditor General—William B. Scholl, Bedford.
State Treasurer—Amos S. Noyes, Clinton.

COUNTY.

District Attorney—E. R. Siewers, M'h Chunk.

Republican Nominations.

STATE TICKET.

Supreme Judge—Jas. H. Stierrett, Allegheny.
Auditor General—J. A. M. Passmore, Schuylkill
State Treasurer—Wm. H. Hart, Montgomery.

COUNTY.

District Attorney—Jos. M. Kalbfus, M. Chunk

—The cost of carrying the inland mails for the next fiscal year is estimated at $20,889,270 73, an increase on the estimates for the current year of $2,030,297.

—Mr. Henry S. Taintor, the expert employed to ascertain the amount stolen from the City of New York by the Tweed Ring, reported Wednesday that the total was $25,000,000.

—The total funded debts of the three leading cities at the periods of the last official statements made were as follows: New York, $121,319,183 80; Boston, $43,590,497 30; Philadelphia, $55,569,871 70. These are the debts in each case exclusive of sinking funds.

—One of those terrible explosions which have been so frequent in the collieries of Great Britain occurred in a colliery in High Blantyre, near Glasgow, on Monday morning. Of 233 men who descended into the mines in the morning, only one had escaped alive up to Tuesday morning. There was a possibility, though little hope, that others would be rescued.

—A dispatch to the Chicago Times, dated Fort Walsh, British Territory, the 17th inst., says the Commissioners sent by our Government to treat with Sitting Bull have met him and utterly failed to obtain any terms of settlement. He continually fears treachery on the part of the Americans and places no trust whatever in their professions. Their offer of peace on the condition of his surrender being rejected, the Commissioners have begun their journey homeward.

—Referring to the Grand Army of the Republic anniversary on Thursday the Philadelphia Ledger says: "The demonstration of the day was made by the soldiers in their greeting of Gen. M'Clellan. This was a grand and touching scene, the participants being soldiers of every variety and shade of politics—an outburst of soldierly affection from officers and men to their 'old commander.' He was 'carried away bodily by the surging mass of those trying to get near enough to speak to him and get a grasp of his hand."

Carbon Greenbackers in Council.

A meeting of independent voters and friends of the Greenback-Labor movement was held in the Broadway House, at Mauch Chunk, on Saturday last, and was convened upon the call of Hugh McGarvey, Chairman of the County Standing Committee of the Anti-Monopoly and Labor Reform party. Hon. J. C. Fincher was made Chairman, and John Devlin, Secretary. The following districts were represented: Audenried, Beaver Meadow, E. Mauch Chunk, Franklin, Lehigh, Lehighton, Lausford, Mauch Chunk, First Ward, Mauch Chunk, Second Ward, Nesquehoning, Packerton, Summit Hill, Weatherly and Weissport. The following were elected the County Standing Committe of Carbon county for the ensuing year:

Banks—Patrick Sharp, Edward Kindelan, Hugh McGarvey, William M. Davis, Michael Keiser; East Mauch Chunk—Michael Oates, Edward Harkins, George Messinger; Lehigh—Charles Carroll, Jacob Eberts, James Reilly, William Burke; Lehighton—W. A. Graver, Owen Sheridan, A. Stiler, Edward Raworth; Lausford—E. T. Mclonough, Mauch Chunk, First Ward—John Doolan, Abe Stroh, Michael Gillespie, Second Ward—James Brennan, Henry Whitmeyer, Edward Conroy, Lafayette Wildoner; Nesquehoning—Thos. Mellonald, John Donohue, Jr., John O'Donnell; Packerton—A. Vanhorn, Luke Boylan, W. I. Peters, John Welsh; Franklin—Isaac Bagenstose, Alexander Graver; Penn Forest—Bernard Lynch, Patrick Tracy; Weatherly—J. W. Ryon, Thomas Wilkdell, John Milburn; Summit Hill—Robert Dorby, T. P. Fisher, Isaac Davis, John Delaney.

It was ordered upon motion, that the Chairman of the Executive Committe fill the vacancies in the districts not represented, and it was requested that the friends of the cause send in the names of those who are willing to aid in distributing tickets upon election day.

Hugh McGarvey, A. Vanhorn, and John Devlin, as the Committee on Resolutions, reported the following, which were adopted:

Whereas, Through class legislation and the ruinous financial policy of the two old parties in the past, the business man, the mechanic, and the laborer are reduced to poverty, and the workingmen to the degredation of an army of tramps; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the representatives of the independent voters of Carbon county, do heartily indorse the nomination of Bentley, Emerson and Wright and the Greenback-Labor platform, and pledge our earnest support to secure the election of the ticket.

Resolved That owing to the hard times and the short interval existing between now and the election we decline to nominate a candidate for District Attorney, and friends are at liberty to vote for whomsoever they please, as it is detrimental to the interests of our party to ratify at this any part in the election of professional politicians of ring candidates, we would suggest to them to vote for candidates who are most in sympathy with our platform

Resolved, That we request the independent voters and friends of the Greenback-Labor movement in each district in the county to organize Greenback Clubs to be continued as permanent until such time as you rout the enemy in township, State and National elections.

The following gentlemen were trained to attend to the organization of clubs: E. T. McDonough and Hon. J. C. Fincher. The following were named as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year: Robert Derby, Summit Hill, Chairman; W. A. Graver, Lehighton, Secretary Hugh McGarvey, Edward Graver, E. T. McDonough. Upon motion and adoption the following were elected: A. Vanhorn and Patrick Sharp, State delegates for 1878; J. C. Fincher, J. Doolan, Abe Stroh, Congressional conferees for 1878; W. A. Graver, Henry Whitmeyer, Senatorial delegates for 1878. On motion the meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 22, 1877.

The first work of Congress, whilst not characterized by legislation, has nevertheless demonstrated some things which foreshadow the future political attitude of the two great parties in the deliberations of the legislative branch, and in the prospective relations between the Executive and the party which placed him in power. It was apparent by the studious manner in which the gathering Republican representatives of the people avoided the Executive mansion, or by the formality with which they performed the ordinary civilities of the occasion, that the feeling or disapprobation of the course of the Executive must have been marked in their constituencies. The Democrats, on the other hand, with their usual tact and diplomacy, have been most assiduous in their attentions, and one would have presumed that there was a Democratic *regime* in the Executive mansion, instead of a Republican President selected by a Republican convention, chosen by Republican voters, elected by Republican electors, supplemented by the judicial deliberations and scrutiny of a joint commission of the two Houses of Congress. The Republicans have been silent and irritable, whilst the Democrats have been all suavity and smiles. With the dissatisfaction in the Republican ranks, and such men as Conkling and Blaine supposed to be in a sufficiently combustible condition to feed a political revolt, the Democrats, under the leadership of Thurman, Bayard and Wallace, visualized that they had an essential part to play. The President's course justified a support of his political measures, and in return for what he had done in their interests, after much caucussing, they were firmly bent upon treating him with conspicuous civility. In the flush of this era of good feeling between the Democratic leaders and the Republican President, Thurman took it for a fine chance for a move, and with true Democratic tact set in for the capture of the senatorial seats of Louisiana. The senator from Ohio has never been celebrated for the brilliancy of his political strategy. This sudden and open move at once discovered the purposes of the Democrats, and the Republicans, wavering between Executive patronage and loyalty to their party, were at once brought to their senses. In a caucus held on the subject, every Republican present or admitted the necessity of unity amongst themselves on all questions, without reference to the exceptional condition of things about the Executive. Even Stanley Matthews, the President's constant friend urged unity on all occasions. On a test vote on the reference of the credentials of Spofford to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, the Republicans rolled up a vote of 36 for reference, against 32 Democrats against it, or in favor of the immediate admission of the Democratic Senator, a Republican majority of 4 votes. This indicated a full attendance of eight, three of which were vacancies in which there are contests, as in South Carolina and Louisiana. Not satisfied with this result, Thurman traced the same tactics in favor of Kellogg, the other Democratic contestant from Louisiana, but discovering the same united front on the part of the Republicans, withdrew from his position by withdrawing the motion in that case. In the first contest the unity of the Republicans was satisfactorily shown.

The ponderous Senator from Illinois, David Davis, distributed his favors, in one instance he voted with the Republicans and in the other with the Democrats. As he is classified as an Independent, it is to be presumed that the Ex Associate Justice of the Supreme Court has taken this way of exhibiting his character as a political hybrid.

This course of the Republicans in the Senate, and the expressed determination of the Republicans of the House to co-operate with them, has sensibly stiffened Republican sentiment in Congress; and while it is no part of their plans to antagonize the President, they declare their purpose to act as they deem will best meet the approbation of their constituency. By consistently maintaining this position the leaders think that they will best serve the interests of the party, and at the same time will be in a position to resist any immediate Democratic advances whilst the President is trying his policy of pacification, some say consolidating the Democratic party and the South.

Vice-President Wheeler, in conversation does not seem to be exercised at what some Republicans consider a very dark prospect. He says the Republicans can afford to do a little drilling, and think too will come up to the front 1880 in unity and strength. There is one thing to be said of the Ohio election: it was the most forcible example of the independence with which the Republican voters exercise their elective franchise. The Democrats in this have the advantage—they are independent enough always to vote with their party.

Several nominations from authority have been put out by your correspondent in the telegraphic despatches, of a disposition to give official interpretation to the President's overt respecting Federal officers participating in the manipulations incident to the sort of political organizing necessary to the nomination of certain individuals representing certain personal interests. Within the past few days a few Republican representatives have ventured to the President a few feeble remarks and interrogatories on the subject of his order. The President was quite candid in remarking that the order had never been fairly interpreted, but that influential members of the party and leading Republican journals had persistently misrepresented it, and had put a construction upon it which was never designed. The object of the order, as stated to these representatives, was to break up that aristocracy and despotic sway of individuals, through a class of disreputable characters who ignored every principle of justice and right, and put men committed to subserve their purposes into places, contrary to the interests or wishes of the people. He said he had no distinctions to make as to individuals, only so that the parties who secured the offices were the choice of the people. He stated that now that the nominations were made, there could be no objection to federal officers exercising the same rights of active participation in this campaign as any other citizen; but that it must be in their capacity as citizens and not as officials, that the offices of the Government must not be employed for political purposes.

The probable length of the session has been a subject of much speculation. It is not complimentary to the sense of the people to observe the desire manifested throughout the country to have about as little of their legislation as possible. To be too much governed, under these circumstances, seems worse than to have too little of that commodity. The President is anxious to have the subjects transmitted in this message—the Army appropriations, the deficiencies, the Paris exposition, and a representation at the International Prison Congress—attended to as speedily as possible, and then an adjournment. There was considerable sentiment in favor of this plan, though it is hardly likely that it will be carried out, on account of the necessary delay in the organization of the House Committees.

Speaker Randall says that he can have all the Committees ready, if the House should so desire, within two weeks. Gen. Banks thinks if they are ready in three weeks, it will be accomplishing quite a feat. The difficulty of so adjusting personal, political, national and local interests, so that there will be as little cussing as possible, is such that the organization of 40 or 50 committees must of necessity be a work of great care, and will consume time. The speaker has stated that the Committees on Appropriations, Elections and Accounts will be announced to-day, though it is suggested by influential members that the Committee on Appropriations and Accounts should alone be named, leaving the contested cases to be determined at the regular session; and that the House proceed directly to the consideration of the Menace Appropriations, the Deficiencies and the representation at the Paris Exposition. These could all be completed within a week, so far as the House is concerned.

In regard to the Senate, the discussion already inaugurated upon the reference of the credentials of Spofford, of La., to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, augured discussions of taking a wide range. These discussions, however, up to this date, may receive some explanation in the fact that there is no business connected with the object of the special session yet before the Senate, so that their combativity can find extended and harmless scope.

Several subjects which will consolidate matters in a measure will be the desire of a large number of members to get to their constituents in time to participate in the elections in November, and also the matter of mileage, which is construed they will lose if they do not adjourn. Unless more progress be made in the next two weeks than was made in the past one, the prospect of an adjournment in time for the elections is extremely dubious. The letter-carriers of the different cities, entitled to the free delivery, are now engaged in an effort to secure an advance of compensation for their services. In connection with this a movement, and as a matter of fact to sustain snowing the enormous amount of matter received and distributed by these indefatigable servants of the Government, the following statistical information, prepared by the information of the Postmaster General, and which will be incorporated in his report to be transmitted to Congress for the past year, will be interesting:

Number of Carriers	2,265
Cities having five delivery system	67
Mail letters delivered per year	197,275,847
Postal cards deliv'red	39,800,43
Local letters delivered	57,057,,54
Local postal cards delivered	23,854,7.8
Registered letters delivered	1,140,,62
Newspapers delivered	87,948 5.7
Matter collected for year:	
Letters	194,508,433
Postal cards	4,227,,697
Newspapers	87,748,256
Total pieces handled	666,884,479

The number of pieces handled per carrier in the larger cities, and the total handled, is as follows:

Philadelphia—Total No. of pieces	39,,,,028
" Total per Carrier	417,,,,,3
New York—Total No. of pieces	83,,,,,