

The Carbon Advocate

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FOR JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT.

Hon. W. M. RAPSHER.

OF MAJOR CHURCH, CARBON COUNTY, PA.

Subject to rules of Democratic State Convention.

THE majority against Prohibition in Texas is nearly 90,000.

While the Grand Army is at St. Louis in September an excursion will be made to the tomb of Lincoln at Springfield, Ill.

It is stated that over 300 delegates will attend the State Convention of United Labor party of New York to be held at Syracuse, Aug. 17. The delegates will be Knights of Labor, trades-unions, old-time Greenbackers, anti-monopolists, and about thirty Socialists.

The English Government has requested of Mr. Thomson, Minister of Foreign Affairs, that France name a date for the evacuation by France of the New Hebrides, and that M. Florentin reply declined to do so until France shall be informed of the nature of England's policy in regard to Egypt and as to the neutralization of the Suez Canal.

We clip the following from the Wilkes-Barre Evening Leader of the 8th inst.:

"Many of the Democrats of this city, as well as of Wright township, are urging Mr. Daniel Graver, of Fairview, to come out as a candidate for County Commissioner, before the approaching convention."

Mr. Graver has not yet determined upon any action in the matter, it is well enough for the people of Luzerne to understand that he is a life long Democrat, and has always been an earnest worker in the party's interests, and if he concludes to accept a nomination and is elected, he will discharge the duties of the office well and acceptably to his constituency. He is at present postmaster at Mountain Top, by appointment of the Postmaster General, and this fact alone is evidence of his good standing at home and in his party."

We would be pleased to see our friend Daniel placed in this position by the Luzerne Democracy. He would make a faithful officer.

PHILADELPHIA, Times: The Carbon county Democrats are in solid earnest in pressing the nomination of W. M. Rapscher, of the Match Churn bar, for the Supreme Judgeship. Mr. Rapscher is admittedly well equipped for the responsible position named and his nomination is strongly urged by the CARBON ADVOCATE, the Hazleton Sentinel and other journals of the Anthracite region. They claim that every great business interest with the single exception of the Anthracite interest is now fairly represented in the Supreme Court, and that with the popular claim of locality, presents Mr. Rapscher's case on formidable grounds.

PHILADELPHIA, Record: The friends of Judge Rapscher, of Carbon county, put him forward as the Anthracite candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court. There is a basis of reason for the claims of locality in filling the places on the Supreme Bench. The lawyers of the various sections of the State are learned in the litigations peculiar to their range of practice. For this reason the Anthracite claim for recognition should be fairly considered, and Judge Rapscher should get the benefit of such consideration.

To the impartial political observer indications portend a complication of affairs in matters political, that tend to the opinion of Democratic defeat at the coming election of county officers, unless they go into convention and harmoniously nominate a ticket that will have the full support of the whole Democratic party. Democratic leaders will not hesitate to concur with the fact that the majority party is completely disorganized at this time—to remedy this evil it is important that a careful and judicious canvass be made and a due amount of care and policy recognized in the nomination of a ticket, that will have no "upper end," no "lower end," no "Dutch" no "Irish" on it, but rather individuals who represent sterling worth and ability regardless of nativity or location. A party to be successful in the election of its several candidates should invite and encourage harmony and not report it by grasping, unscrupulous for its spoils represented in a few comparatively worthless county offices, so far as pecuniary compensation is concerned, but desirable from the emoluments they impose upon individuals. It is safe to assume that the entire Democratic ticket to be nominated at the coming county convention can be elected with majorities ranging from four to six hundred if proper care is manifested in the nominations. Such men only should be nominated who represent no clique or faction, and who will not permit themselves to be made the tools or tools of the "ring" or "bosses"—there are such men in this county and no legitimate effort should be spared to put them upon the ticket. Conscientious and impartial Democrats will concur with the CARBON ADVOCATE on the facts herein set forth, and undoubtedly follow to the advice, for by so doing, only will the Democratic party of Carbon county be able to elect the candidates to be nominated at the coming county convention.

It is important that Democrats remember this, for the Republican party is, if anything, better prepared than ever to go into a political contest united and concerted—the characteristics which insure success, and of which the Carbon Democracy should take note and profit by. The Republican party appreciate the fact of present Democratic disorganization, observing in it the election of their party ticket. The Democracy is aware of its duty, what will it do?

IT IS THE OLD ISSUE.

We quote the following interesting article from the N. Y. Evening Sun:

If the Hon. John P. St. John is a prophet the President who is elected in 1892 will be a Prohibitionist, elected by the party of that name, upon a platform that demands a constitutional amendment forbidding the manufacture and sale of intoxicants in the United States. Gov. St. John thus predicts on the law of arithmetical progression as applied to the ballot box. The Prohibition party cast 151,000 votes in 1884, and over 300,000 in 1885, he declares. By application of the rule of progression it should therefore cast 1,000,000 votes in 1889, and a majority of all in 1892. Thus the late Presidential candidates of the Prohibitionists argue. Of course, if in 1892, or at any other time, a majority of the voters of this country favor the total suppression of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquor, and cast their votes for a Prohibitionist for President, they will elect him in the fundamental law. That is a right that the Constitution guarantees them, but when it is accomplished it will be none the less a revolution. It may sup-

press the liquor traffic, but it will also radically change the functions and purposes for which this Government was formed. It will be a very long step in the direction of the complete centralization of all power in the Federal Government, though this is something that Gov. St. John and other Prohibitionists profess not to deplore. In the prophecy of St. John from which we have quoted he says:

"We are fighting the Republican party, and by its death we will find a party of principle upon its ruins."

"This is logical, sound, and good politics. The Prohibitionists cannot expect great reinforcement from the Democracy, for whatever the views of Democrats may be about the total suppression of liquor by law by any State, very few of them would for an instant tolerate the idea of the assumption of such power by the Federal Government. On the other hand, this would not deter thousands of Republicans from joining the Prohibitionists. If, then, Gov. St. John is right in predicting these enormous accessions to the Prohibition vote, it is probable that the contest in 1892 will not hinge upon the mere question of suppression of the liquor traffic, but upon the old, ever present, ever vigilantly defended doctrine of the Democrats, the restriction of Federal power within the limits prescribed by the Constitution. It will be the battle of local self-government against centralization again. But that is the issue to-day, and must always be the issue in such a Government as this, whether it is made over prohibition, Federal education or what-not."

IN THE LABOR WORLD.

Specially Committed for the Toilers by an Address to the Trade and Labor Council of Reading has been appointed to visit the various workshops there with a view to bringing suit against those proprietors having in their employ boys and girls under 12 years of age.

The Lehigh car works at Stenton recently received a contract for 400 large gondola coal cars for the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

Forty miners left Shenandoah Monday for Alberta, British Columbia, where they will be employed in the anthracite coal mines recently opened in that region.

At the convention of Philadelphia and Reading Railroad employees last week it was reported that Mr. Swigart was unwilling to change the method now in use to detect color blindness. It was resolved to exhaust all honorable means to effect a settlement, and a committee was appointed to arrange for a conference with the General Manager of the road.

The sub-division No. 2, of District No. 422, of Knights of Labor, representing the miners in the bituminous coal regions of Clearfield, Broad Top, Gallitzin and George's Creek, Maryland, has issued a circular letter to the operators throughout these districts demanding that the late act of Assembly relating to the semi-monthly payment of wages shall be immediately observed. The operators have heretofore been paying their men at the end of each month, regardless of the new law. Prominent Philadelphia operators have declined to make the concession asked for and through their action several of the leading operators at Huntington and in Clearfield county have likewise refused.

A Newark despatch of the 8th inst., says: The leather-workers' troubles culminated today, when the manufacturers issued orders that on and after Saturday, August 13, none but non-union men would be employed in their shops. This is the commencement of a fight between the Knights of Labor and the manufacturers, as the men in Howell's and Reilly's shops have already been ordered out by the Knights.

Last year Pennsylvania produced seventy-three million tons of coal, of which thirty-seven millions were anthracite, the total value being ninety-three millions of dollars. It was worth more than all the gold and silver produced in the United States. About two thirds of all the coal mined in this country is produced in Pennsylvania. Illinois and Ohio are the next most important coal producing States.

New Jersey Knights are making great preparations to celebrate Labor Day on Sept. 5.

The Brotherhood of American Carpenters was organized in 1881 with twelve local unions, and now has about 300 unions with 41,000 members.

Nearly all foundries and machine shops in Newark, N. J., now close at 12 o'clock on Saturdays.

The German Painters' Union, according to last quarter's report, has \$11,162 in the bank and a membership roll of 638.

The two hundred employees at Oliver & Roberts' wire mill, who struck six weeks ago for pay for leisure week instead of by the day, resumed work Tuesday at the company's terms. The firm had decided to import men from New York, but the action of the strikers renders this unnecessary.

At the recent meeting of the Miscellaneous Section of the Central Labor Union the plumbers and painters' delegates asked that the entire section offer thanks to Mr. O'Neill, the dry goods merchant, for discharging some non-union workmen who were engaged in reconstructing his building and ordering the bosses to take on none but Union men.

Typographical Union No. 6 of New York, at their meeting yesterday resolved to turn out in a body in the Central Labor Union parade on Labor Day, Sept. 5. A motion to reduce the monthly dues from 50 cents to 40 cents was referred to the chapel for action.

Broadbriem's New York Letter.

Special to the CARBON ADVOCATE.

Some years ago it was discovered by the Government that the immigrants landing on our shores were robbed and murdered by gangs of murderous thugs who lay in wait for every passenger vessel, and as soon as the quarantine officers had performed his duty they surrounded the ship like a flock of vultures, and in spite of the protests of the captain, proceeded to carry off the passengers and crew. A more infamous band of pirates never existed on the face of the earth. At this time we had no river police. There was no one to whom the captain could apply for relief except by the slow process of a warrant for the offenders, and as these men were a political power in the wards along the river, and the magistrates and court officers were all their friends, the chances were that he never got any satisfaction, or was put off till his vessel was ready for sea. Immigrants were robbed and dragged and murdered, and the bodies that floated up from the muddy river were the only witnesses of the crime. At last a shrewd association of robbers formed the necessity of action, and an Emigration Commission was formed which was to have entire control of all the immigrants landing on our shores, and Castle Garden at the Battery was placed at their disposal.

The idea in its inception was full of benevolence and philanthropy, but it was not

long till it fell under the control of a set of knaves who worked it for their own individual profit. You can well understand that when four or five thousand people are landed at Castle Garden in a day, there are various sources of profit. The people were not allowed to go outside the Garden to get anything to eat. A loaf of bread that cost five cents outside, and was then sold at a profit, cost ten or fifteen inside; apples were five and six cents each; the poorest sandwiches ten or fifteen cents; a sheet of paper and envelope ten cents; and hundreds of petty extortions, among which were the profits of the individual who had the changing of the money, for all of the immigrants brought their native currency with them. The money changer had a bonanza worth twenty or thirty thousand a year. But this was not the main source of revenue. They received large subsidies from the railroad companies, and it was generally understood that to be appointed a Commissioner was equal to being presented with a fortune.

The Emigration Commissioners have done many really fine things, which have brought on them the indignation and contempt of the entire community, but their action in the last week, in the case of a young Norwegian woman, stands almost without a parallel in the annals of the Board. She was engaged to be married to a young man in her own country, and under promise of marriage fell from grace. The young man was willing to release his pledge and marry her, but his parents refused assent, so he could not be married in Norway. He came to this country in company with the girl's brother-in-law, and upon his arrival he got the money he had for his intended wife, and the brother-in-law went for his wife, so that the two sisters started to America together, each happy in the thought that the misfortune and disgrace which the younger had suffered was now to be honorably atoned for.

A stupid old fossil who decries the Emigration Board was afraid that she was an improper person, and resolved to send her back. Bonds of the very best class were offered that the woman and her child should not become a public charge, but with a pig-headed obstinacy that defied all reason of right, they determined to send her back to Norway, though the woman had money in her pocket, and tickets for her new home in Minnesota. Thinking that she was friendless one of the employees attempted to outrage her, and it is thought to shield their heinous crime they determined to get rid of her. These same Commissioners pass thousands of ignorant Moroccans to Salt Lake. Lazarus and brigands from Italy, disreputable and disgustingly dirty, are passed by thousands; Poles and Hungarians; Anarchists ripe for the gallows are brought here by the ship-load without question. Thieves and gamblers pass without inspection, and an English criminal sentenced to imprisonment for life, has just been pardoned by the Queen, and is now on his way over to this country, and no objection will be made to his landing. The treatment of this unfortunate Norwegian woman is little less than a crime, and if such stupid rascals are to run the Board, better far, better, abolish the Commission.

The pastor of the Fort Greene Presbyterian church, Benjamin Stanton, who was driven out of Brooklyn with the sentence of condemnation upon him by the Brooklyn Presbytery, has just turned up in Wyoming as the pastor of a country church. The revelations on Mr. Stanton's trial were a shock to the entire community, and when he left Brooklyn it was hoped that he would seek some other profession, and never disgrace the pulpit any more. These hopes have not been realized, and aided by some letters procured from parties in Brooklyn, he has succeeded in getting another call. If he manages his affairs in Wyoming as he did in Brooklyn and other places, the Congregational church of Douglas will yet have to repent of their choice of a spiritual shepherd.

There has been a very general opinion as to why Bourke Cockran was expelled from this late State to argue for a new trial in the Sharp case. I don't profess to see deeper into a million than any other wizard who can't see any deeper than I can; but a man with half an eye, and a glass eye at that, might be able to see that much. The object is, of course, to save Jake Sharp from going to Sing Sing. If the new trial is refused there is only one man can save him, and that is Governor Hill. Bourke Cockran is an out and out Hill man, and he looks especial pains to let the President know it. Governor Hill has an eye on Washington and he is casting right and left anchors to windward and anchors to leeward, so that if things turn out right he can wrap right into the White House. Bourke Cockran is his friend and Bourke Cockran is a power in the New York Democracy, and it is hoped in case the courts refuse him a new trial that our new Congressman can represent Sharp's case so eloquently to the Executive that the old boss for may be spared the infamy of States prison. One would have thought that with six of the ablest lawyers in the country, whose aggregate fees are over a hundred and fifty thousand dollars, they might possibly have given the judge all the law that was necessary, but the whole of them put together when it comes to the Executive would not weigh a feather in the scale alongside Bourke Cockran. With the thermometer at 95 it is not good weather for prophesying, but keep your weather eye open and don't forget that Bourke Cockran is in the Sharp case. "To be considered in our next."

The heat has been simply frightful, so much so that we had with thankfulness a thunder storm even if it knocked the chimney of the house. Speaking of knocking off chimneys, our Brooklyn neighbors are joining in a very handsome building for the Young Men's Christian Association. It has only been finished a little over a year and in that time it has been struck three times by lightning, while a profane wisp-ty shop adjoining it, on the corner was escaped without a scratch. On Thursday night the lightning struck the flagstaff on the dome and shivered it from top to bottom, severely shocking nearly fifty people who were in the building; some were knocked flat, others were almost paralyzed, but when the policeman went into the whirly shop expecting to find everybody dead, the bookkeeper asked him who was the matter? he said he heard a little noise and did not know what to make of it, and asked the policeman to take a drink. It had been the whirly shop that had been knocked into shivers we would have been surprised, but to think of the Young Men's Christian Association, and all other buildings necessary. A stream of water runs through the farm and it contains a never failing spring. Also an orchard of all kinds of fruit. We will offer a reasonable price to the buyer. Apply to EDWARD FREYMAN, East Penn. Pa. Or to his son, LAFAYETTE FREYMAN, Weatherly, Pa.

In the city of Brooklyn lived a gentleman by the name of Clifford, who six years ago was in the enjoyment of an ample fortune and a pretty wife. They had lived together for thirty years and had not a cloud had crossed the matrimonial horizon. But as Mr. Clifford increased in wealth Mrs. Clifford suggested a carriage, and keeping a carriage involved a coachman and this was the rock on which Mr. Clifford split. The coachman was a smooth tongued rascal and he paid a great deal more attention to Mrs. Clifford than he did to his stable or to his horses. At last Mrs. Clifford showed by her manner that there was a matrimonial crack loose somewhere, for instead of saying my love and my dear as she used to do before they got the coach, she said yes sir, and Mr. Clifford, in due course of time Mr. Clifford began to smell a large sized rat, so to satisfy his doubts he bored a gopher hole in his chamber door, and hiding himself in the cellar awaited developments. He had not long to wait, for the coachman, thinking that he had gone away, proceeded to make himself perfectly at home. Mr. Clifford stole up stairs, and peering his head over to the gopher hole, he had a club and he proceeded to make short work of the coachman, but Mrs. Clifford came to the rescue, and the result was that Mr. Clifford was knocked out in the second round, and next day all the parties were pulled up before the courts.

Mr. Clifford discharged the coachman and Mrs. Clifford hired him as an advance of wages. Then Rogers, the coachman, ran away with Clifford's horse, and Clifford had him arrested for horse stealing, but Mrs. Clifford swore that she ordered him to take the horse and he was discharged. Every time the men came together they fought like tigers, but Mrs. Clifford always helped the coachman. The case became the talk of the town, and the question with Clifford was how to get rid of Rogers. The coachman solved the problem last week by swallowing the contents of a bottle of carbolic acid, and so relieved Clifford of his rival.

But poor Clifford is ruined, his fortune, his health, his home and his wife are gone. Verily, this is an awful wicked world and the fewer we praise in it the better.

BROADBRIEM.

Washington News and Gossip.

From our Special Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 6, '87.

Me. EDITOR: Sedan indeed has the Nation of Capital presented an interesting spectacle as at the present time. The country which weather which has prevailed of late has had the effect of driving away every one who has not been determined either by the recent drought of business, or by the fact that the city early in the week, and will probably spend several weeks visiting friends in Massachusetts. The President spends most of the time at country residences, only returning to the White House when his presence has been necessary in attending to urgent business which could not be transacted through his absence.

The recent visit to the casual visitor to the National Museum, is in striking contrast to the inactive silence displayed. When the enormous Museum building was erected a few years since, it was a new people who gave it as their opinion that Congress had done a foolish thing in providing for the construction of so extensive a building the space within which could be so miserably filled with exhibits during the present generation at least. South of the present building however, Prof. Baird and his corps of assistants, have continued their patient efforts to make each department of the museum complete. Exhibits have continued to arrive from all quarters of the world until the present capacity of the Museum building has been passed, and Congress has been called upon to provide additional accommodations.

The various exploring parties that have been sent out by Prof. Baird in search of attractions for the Museum have been far more successful than had been anticipated, and their researches have in many instances resulted in discoveries which have added materially to the knowledge of the geologist, the naturalist, the ethnologist, the botanist and the zoologist. The exhibits which have been secured are of a most valuable character, and will be of great service to the Nation.

An interesting feature of the week has been the visit of the steamer "Albatross" to the coast of Greenland, which recently inhabited the extreme northern latitudes. The ship is fitted for a long voyage in the Arctic region, and is expected to be in the harbor of Washington in a few days.

It is interesting to note that the steamer "Albatross" is the first of the new class of steamers which have been ordered by the Government, and it is expected that they will be of great service to the Nation.

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