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Democratic State Ticket.

STATE TREASURER,

DANIEL O. BARR, Allegheny county.

THE third House of Congress, usually termed the Fraud of the White House, has located himself at the Soldiers' Home, a few miles from Washington, to pass the heated term.

THE Democracy of Centre county were represented in the late Democratic State Convention by James A. McClain and George R. Barrett, Representative Delegates; and T. C. Hipple, Esq., of Clinton county, Senatorial.

NAPOLEON BONAPARTE was a great man in his day, and was a terror even to kings, but now we guess he is out of the way. When men once receive a good hanging, according to the American mode, they are not often heard from again. The other day poor Napoleon was hung in Sardis, Miss., and now we hope the world will let him rest. Perhaps it will be well to state that in this instance Napoleon was a negro who was guilty of murdering a fellow by the plebeian name of Tom Butler.

THE Sherman boom is now heard on the Atlantic coast, away North, in the neighborhood of Newport, R. I. Junketing these hot days in a government revenue cutter at the expense of the United States is pleasant work, and entirely consistent with John Sherman's well recognized habits of economy. It also shows that he has a proper regard for the uses to which government property may be put. This is especially commendable in a candidate for the Presidency, and will no doubt have due weight with the intelligent masses when they come to consider the qualifications of aspirants for that high office.

THE Democrats who take the stump in Ohio and elsewhere this fall, will not be disposed to waste all their time to gratify John Sherman in discussing financial issues and counting his tall columns of figures. The people don't care a continental for John's figures now. The living issues sent down by Congress and the Fraudulent President, are those which claim the attention of the hour. The doctrine of centralization avowed by the Republican leaders in Congress, and the attempt of the Executive to seize the Legislative functions and enforce supplies to pay for soldiers and executive police to control the votes of the people are now the attraction, and cannot be obscured under issues of less importance.

THE hope that was felt at the close of last week that the ravages of Yellow fever in Memphis would be confined to a few cases is again dissipated, and the reports which come this week inform us that it is spreading with great rapidity. On Monday there were thought to be at least sixty cases in the city of Memphis. It did not result this year from the accumulation of filth, as Memphis is said by those who have been there this season, to have been in an unusually clean condition; but it was because all traces of the disease had not been exterminated by the destruction of clothing, bed covering and other articles which had come in contact with the disease last year. This seems to be absolutely necessary, as the coldest winter does not seem to be sufficient to absolutely exterminate it. We trust we are wrong in our conjectures, yet it seems almost certain to us that the fever will spread to other places and become perhaps as terrible in its effects as it was last year, unless He who alone can control its course sees fit to interfere and prevent its progress.

Better Times.

It is very gratifying to note the unmistakable signs of a genuine and healthy business revival in almost every branch of trade that come to us from all parts of the country. After the inactivity and depression of years, many of the great manufacturing industries are looking up with prospects that are decidedly hopeful. Large establishments, long dormant, are springing into new life and will go into operation with fair hopes for the future. May success crown their efforts. Furnaces and rolling mills are beginning to work upon full orders for their products at an improvement upon the low prices which have ruled in the markets for a long period past, and in some of them, employing a large number of operatives, it is a pleasure to state, material advances have already been made in the wages of employees. The laborer is always worthy of his hire, and, with increasing prosperity, employers should without delay permit their employees to share in the larger profits that arise from their growing prosperity. To do this will be to follow the dictates of wisdom as well as of self interest. A more kindly feeling will thus be brought about between employer and employee, and much of the unseemly and unnecessary antagonism—leading to riots, strikes, loss of time and consequent suffering to dependent families—that has been aroused and encouraged by what is called the conflict between capital and labor may be allayed. With a fair division of profits each will work in harmony with the other and the bitterness and uncertainty that have marked the operations of our industrial pursuits during the past period of depression will be forgotten in the general jubilee of the good times to which present indications point with almost unerring certainty.

The Riot Damages.

The question having been decided by the Supreme Court adjudging the liability of Allegheny county for damages incurred by the Pittsburgh riots in 1877, a very large number of suits are now being actively entered to be within the two years to which the liability of the county is limited by the act of assembly. These damages will amount to several millions, and will embarrass the people of that county very much. But with their immense resources, unsurpassed manufacturing, and well known enterprise, the embarrassment should be of short duration.

THE tobacco ring of New Orleans, with Morris Marks, collector of Internal Revenue, at its head, has been doing a thriving business in robbing the government of the taxes due upon tobacco. The disclosures recently made of the operations of this gang of thieves by Mr. Flores, a prominent tobacco merchant of that city, and also by Gen. Webster, a trustworthy agent of the revenue bureau, who made an investigation of the charges against Collector Marks, are disgraceful in the extreme, and call for the summary punishment of all engaged in the rascally business. But as Marks helped to steal the electoral vote of Louisiana for Mr. Hayes he has thus far been able to hold his own with the government, notwithstanding the exposure of his villainy. He yet retains the position of collector of the revenue, and with the influence of Sherman, Kellogg and the other electoral thieves, is likely to do so for some time to come.

CLERICAL-ERROR STOUTINGTON, the virtuous statesman who distinguished himself in the Presidential fraud, and was rewarded by the Fraud with the mission to Russia, after a brief term of service has returned home on a visit. He now declines to return to his post at St. Petersburg, and the mission is offered to Courtland Parker of New Jersey, another visiting statesman.

THE Bellefonte Republican pitches into the platform adopted by the Democratic State Convention last week in true stalwart style; but for a tissue of deliberate and unblushing misrepresentations its like was never seen. We shall only take time to correct one of them. The rest are unworthy of attention. The first and second resolutions are exceedingly obnoxious to its sensitive patriotism, though we cannot but think it permits its loyal instincts to be unduly excited over them. Hear it:

"The first and second resolutions are drawn expressly to tickle and flatter the peculiar sentiment of their stalwart Democratic brethren of the South. * * * The doctrine that the sovereignty of the State is superior to the sovereignty of the Nation was not more boldly advocated three months prior to the inauguration of the rebellion of 1861 than it is now."

Let us see about this. If these resolutions say anything about State sovereignty being superior to the sovereignty of the Nation we have failed to discover it. They read as follows:

Resolved, First, That we, the Democratic party of Pennsylvania in Convention assembled, renew our vows of fidelity to the fundamental principles proclaimed and practiced by the illustrious men who settled our free institutions and founded the Democratic party to protect and preserve them.

Second, That the just powers of the Federal Union, the rights of the States and the liberties of the people are vital parts of one harmonious system, and to save each part in its whole Constitutional vigor is to save the life of the nation.

We take it that the second resolution means just what it says, and that it is a fair recognition of the division of proper that exists under our form of government between the Federal Union and the States, and that each in their power and legitimate spheres must be preserved intact. If the editor of the Republican can see anything in it that indicates so foolish an idea as he suggests about the sovereignty of the State being superior to the sovereignty of the Nation he must read it with sharper eyes than those given to the average of mankind.

THE Centre county representatives fared very well in the late Democratic State convention at Harrisburg. Geo. R. Barrett, Jr. Esq.,—substituted for Cyrus C. Brumgard—was made a member of the committee on permanent organization, and James A. McClain, Esq., was a member of the committee on credentials. In committee Mr. Barrett nominated the permanent chairman of the convention, Hon. A. H. Coffroth, and supported him in a strong speech. The opposition to Mr. Coffroth came from F. A. Beamish, of Luzerne, but was without avail, the committee selecting the Congressman from Somerset on the first ballot. T. C. Hipple, Esq., of Lock Haven, the Senatorial delegate from this district, was on the committee on resolutions.

SENATOR WALLACE's committee will meet in New York next week to investigate and overhaul the crookedness of John I. Davenport in connection with the elections. We may expect rich developments, as Wallace is the man to sift things to the bottom.

POSTMASTER HARTMAN and Secretary Quay are spoken of as probable candidates for Secretary of War, in the event of the retirement of Secretary McCreary. Mr. Quay having been interviewed on the subject says he knows nothing about it. Of course he don't.

THE Duke of Argyll and the ladies Mary and Elizabeth Campbell sailed for Europe Wednesday on the Scythia. They arrived in New York from Newport Monday evening of last week and spent the following day in visiting places of interest in and about the city. Together with Mr. Cyrus W. Field and General di Censola they viewed the Metropolitan Museum of Natural History. Wednesday morning was spent by the ladies in shopping, while the Duke with his constant attendant, Mr. Field, rode on the elevated line to Harlem and inspected the workings of the railroad. Before lunch the Duke had a long conversation with Secretary Evarts. Among those who went on board to bid the party farewell were Mr. Cyrus W. Field, David Dudley Field, General di Censola, Thurlow Weed and Allen Thorndyke Rice, of the North American Review. In conversation with those around him the Duke expressed much gratification with his visit to New York.

GENERAL NEWS.

Judge Sterrett and family are at Bedford Springs.

The Prohibition nominee for Governor of Iowa declines.

Col. Robert G. Ingersoll has sold his \$25,000 residence at Peoria, Ill.

Harry Palmer, of the firm of Jarret & Palmer, died in London on Sunday.

Chastine Cox, the murderer of Mrs. Hull, will be hung on the 29th of August.

Susan B. Anthony says that the nights were made for cats, bats and bad husbands.

Flood, the California millionaire, is to have a stable built at Menlo Park at a cost of \$50,000.

Sir Edward Thornton is to visit Newport next month, as the guest of the French Minister.

The California Democratic State Central Committee have voted to retain Dr. Glenn as nominee for Governor.

A reunion of soldiers of the Northwest will be held at Aurora, Ill., on August 20, 21 and 22.

President McCosh has the most elegant mansion of any college president—the gift of the Philadelphia Stuarts.

A furious storm of wind and rain visited the Eastern portion of Massachusetts last week, doing great damage.

General William F. Barry, Colonel of the Second Maryland artillery, and in command at Fort McHenry, died in Baltimore, Friday.

Of the \$40,000,000 in refunding certificates issued by the United States Treasury \$32,277,000 have been converted into four per cent. bonds.

The Rev. William Cooper Mead, D. D., LL. D., rector of St. Paul's church, Norwalk, Connecticut, died suddenly on Thursday evening.

John Carle, injured on the 11th at Baltimore by a boiler explosion, died on Saturday. Joseph Michael, another victim, will probably die.

Anthony Zabriskie, an eccentric gentleman of Morrisania, New York, worth \$100,000, was run over by the cars and killed one day last week.

Called bonds are coming in so fast that the Treasury is unable to keep work up. There will consequently be much delay on making settlements.

Snyder Brothers' distillery at Milton, Kentucky, opposite Madison, Indiana, was burned on Saturday. Loss, \$50,000; no insurance. The warehouse was saved.

Richard Greyn, an Irish coachman of Philadelphia, arrived at Long Branch on Saturday night and was drowned at noon Sunday while bathing. The body was recovered.

The steamer G. T. Olyphant struck a rock early Sunday morning in Stamford (Conn.) harbor and sank. The boat was advertised to make an excursion to Coney island on that day.

A fire broke out at Seabright, near Long Branch, at 2:15 last Friday morning. It destroyed two blocks of stores and cottages in the business district. None of the hotels or principal cottages were injured. The total loss is about \$30,000, and insurance about \$15,000.

Early Monday morning a fire destroyed Hempy & Co's new planning mill at Cleveland, Ohio. Loss, \$20,000; insured for \$4,000. It is supposed to be the work of an incendiary. Two firemen were injured, and it is feared one fatally, by falling walls.

Mr. James Gordon Bennett was eulogized in Paris on Saturday night last, by M. Louis Simonin, the engineer and traveler, at a meeting of the Societe Geographique. The sailing of the Arctic exploring steamer Jeannette was the immediate occasion which called forth the eulogy.

The steamer State of Virginia, from New York for Glasgow, went ashore at Sable Island, Halifax, at 7:45 p. m. on the 12th instant. Four ladies and five children are reported lost in the surf while landing. The vessel had seventy-four passengers, one hundred and four head of cattle and a general cargo. Sixty head of cattle were saved.

Saturday evening four ice-houses half filled with ice, owned by Scott, Quinn & Morris, situated on Van Rensselaer island, at the upper end of the city of Albany, N. Y., were totally destroyed by an incendiary fire. Each building was thirty feet wide by two hundred in length. The loss is estimated at \$15,000; partially insured.

Governor McClellan has recently made from his home on Orange Mountain a pleasure tour through the northern counties of New Jersey, driving by way of Schooley's Mountain, Hackettstown and Hope to the Delaware Water Gap. The party consisted of the Governor, his wife, his son and his daughter, the former driving a barouche and his children a phaeton.

The late William Allen had an extremely powerful voice—so powerful, indeed, that it gained for him the sobriquet of "Earthquake Allen." When a youth and apprenticed to John Thurman, the saddler, Allen was a tall, erect fellow, and a persistent worker, studying with his book before him on his work-bench.

An incendiary fire at Oneida, N. Y., Monday morning, destroyed nine buildings. The principal losers are the Joseph Roberts knitting mills, \$45,000; insurance, \$27,000. Oneida Gas Light Company, losses \$6,000; insurance, \$4,000. Upon & Holden's carriage shop, \$5,500; insurance, \$2,700. W. C. Lawrence, grain, \$2,550; insurance, \$3,600. I. N. Messenger, \$10,000; no insurance.

There were taken from Erie to New York, on Saturday over the Lake Shore and Michigan railroad, 22,000 pounds of butter.

There is so much danger of a water famine in Pittsburgh that the police have been ordered to report all persons found wasting it.

The Deputy Mayor of Pittsburgh, who holds forth at Lawrenceville, a suburb of the first named place, when dissuading wives and husbands are brought before him locks them up in a room, and generally finds that when they are released a reconciliation has been effected.

The First National Bank of Butler has been compelled by the United States Bank Examiner to go into liquidation. The Erie Herald says it is understood that Ex-Chief Justice Charles McCandless will lose \$60,000 by it. It has almost caused a panic among the farming people of Butler county.

The New Hampshire House of Representatives has passed a bill regulating railway passenger and freight tariffs. It gives to the Railway Commissioners the right to regulate the tariff of any road in the State, and prohibits any Railway Commissioner from holding office in any railway corporation or from owning the stock or bonds of any railroad.

Ex-Governor Thomas Swann, of Maryland, gave a grand dinner on Saturday night at his Newport cottage in honor of his guest, Ex-Secretary Hamilton Fish. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Webster, Mr. and Mrs. John Whipple, General and Mrs. George W. Cullum, of New York; Ex-Governor Lawrence and Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Wheeler, of Newport; and Mrs. Dr. S. Weir Mitchell and Miss Cadwallader, of Philadelphia.

For three weeks past the Cumberland and Pennsylvania railroad has kept an engine standing at a point where the Pennsylvania railroad in Maryland desired crossing their track on the outskirts of Cumberland. At 4 p. m. Friday the engine left temporarily to allow a coal train to pass. As soon as the coal train had passed workmen of the Pennsylvania railroad in Maryland tore up a rail of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania track, preventing the return of the engine, and effected the crossing. Five hundred people were present. The excitement was immense, but no disturbance occurred.

The Nominee.

From the Altoona Sun.

Mr. Daniel O. Barr, the Democratic nominee for State Treasurer, is a native of Blairsville, Indiana county, and is thirty-nine years of age. He was engaged for some years when a youth, as a telegraph operator on the Western Division of the Pennsylvania railroad. On the 16th of July, 1858, he accepted a position in the old Pittsburgh Trust Company—now the First National Bank of Pittsburgh—and has since that date been connected with that institution, which is one of the largest banks in the city. It is perhaps an augury of success that his nomination by acclamation as a candidate for State Treasurer should have occurred on the twenty-first anniversary of his connection with the bank, in whose service he has spent his active business life. Mr. Barr has always taken an active part in State and National politics. In 1869 and again in 1870 he was the Democratic Legislative nominee for State Treasurer—that officer being then elected by the Legislature—but the Democrats being in a minority the honor was an empty one. This nomination means an election, as Mr. Barr is deservedly popular; while his well-known ability, integrity and business training admirably qualify him for the duties of the position.

Mr. Barr is in all respects a most creditable candidate for State Treasurer. A trained banker, thoroughly familiar with our financial system, active, intelligent and faithful in his business relations and personally blameless alike in public and private life, his fitness for the responsible trust will not be questioned by friend or foe.—Philadelphia Times.

Mr. Barr's character is spotlessly pure, and his long connection, in a most responsible position with one of the leading banks of the city, is the best evidence that could be offered of his full qualification for the office for which he has been nominated.—Pittsburgh Leader.

Large Deliveries of Wheat and Decline of Prices.

CHICAGO, July 19.—There has been considerable excitement the past week in consequence of a rapid and unchecked decline in grain and provisions on Change. The favorable crop reports rumored that the combination which has held wheat up for a few months past were selling out and the expectation of an outbreak of yellow fever in Southern cities have combined to depress prices. The cash decline on wheat has amounted to about 14 cents during the week, when on call wheat sold for July option at 86½ cents. There were rumors of failures, but so far as is known they were only temporary embarrassments, and all of the firms interested are expected to continue business on Monday. The clearings to day were larger by 1,500,000 bushels than usual on account of heavy deliveries of wheat by the combination. The total deliveries made by them were 1,700,000 bushels here and 800,000 bushels in Milwaukee. It is understood that they are rapidly getting out of the deal, and the culmination of the break will come Monday, if it has not already been reached.