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### Democratic State Ticket.

STATE TREASURER,  
DANIEL O. BARR, Allegheny county.

### Democratic County Ticket.

JURY COMMISSIONER,  
JOHN SHANNON, of Potter.  
CORONER,  
Dr. JOSEPH ADAMS, of Millsburg.

### Democratic Mass Meeting.

There will be Mass Meeting of the citizens of Centre county, at the Court House, in Bellefonte, on

**Tuesday Evening, Oct. 14, 1879,** which will be addressed by Hon. WM. A. WALLACE, U. S. Senator, of Clearfield county, Hon. GEO. A. JENKS, of Brookville, and Ex-Gov. ANDREW G. CURTIN, of Bellefonte.

It is hoped that there will be a turnout from all parts of the county. All citizens are invited to come and hear the issues now exciting the public mind discussed by honest, able and faithful public men. By order of the Democratic County Committee.

DAVID F. FORTNEY, Chairman.

NOTWITHSTANDING his formal and peremptory declination, the stalwarts persist in making Jeff. Davis their candidate for the United States Senate from Mississippi.

EX-PRESIDENT and Mrs. Grant landed at San Francisco on last Saturday from their voyage around the world, and their welcome home by the people of that city was a magnificent ovation. They will remain on the Pacific coast for some time, and will visit many places of note, before coming East.

It is said that the deceased Dixon, of Mississippi, over whose sudden death at the hands of Barksdale, the stalwart press of the North have expended so much indignation, publicly boasted in Washington a year ago, that since 1872 he had killed five white men and had kept no account of his "nigger killing." Not a good subject for a martyr.

GEN. BUTLER is now before the people of Massachusetts as a candidate for Governor by the nomination of three conventions—the Greenbackers, the Democrats, and the Independent Republicans. The last named were largely represented in convention last week, and show a formidable defection against the Republican candidate. Ben seems to have the winning card this time.

It is believed now that Sherman will not be required to eat crow in New York in the Cornell campaign—that Ohio will so disorganize his nervous system next month as to render him useless to Conkling. The virtuous hero of Canochet will therefore substitute the fellow who calls himself Vice President Wheeler, who will take to crow diet as naturally as a thief to plunder. To know how natural it is to do this, ask Hayes. He was there.

HORACE HUNT says that the name of the Republican party was first adopted in Detroit where there were many German refugees of 1848, to whom "republican" was all significant, whereas "whig" and "free-soiler" were not especially attractive. Mr. Hunt was secretary of the meeting which formally adopted the name. It was afterwards ratified at Jackson, Mich., and Hartford, Conn.—Exchange.

And now the name of Republican has become about as odious, as applied to that party, as the innumerable other names the opposition to the Democracy have assumed and rendered infamous in the past. Federalist, Whig, the most respectable and creditable perhaps of the series, National Republican, Anti-Masonic, Free-Soilers and Know-Nothings have all in turn been adopted and used by that party to antagonize the great Democratic party, which still survives unchanged and full of life, and sufficiently vigorous to bury the Republican party in the grave of its predecessors.

### General Grant's Greeting.

Seldom in the world's history, has any hero, either civic or military, received a more enthusiastic and heartfelt welcome than that which was accorded ex-President Grant by the people of the far West, at San Francisco, on last Saturday. It is a matter for general congratulation that the scheming placemen; the superserviceable camp followers and the tag-rag and bob-tail of the political slums did not direct or control the almost regal ceremonies which marked the return to his native country of one of our most illustrious citizens. There was not even the semblance of partisanship exhibited by the two hundred thousand people who lined the streets, blackened the housetops and shouted themselves hoarse as Grant drove through the streets of the Metropolis of the Golden State. Flags floated on the breeze, banners innumerable marked the course of the magnificent pageant, and yet there was not an inscription on banners or flags which told of the one-time political prominence of the distinguished guest. Democrats and Republicans, Workingmen and Chinese, all vied with each other in doing homage, not to Grant, the statesman, but to Grant, the soldier.

The lapse of time and his absence from the scene of partisan strife has mellowed the criticism which his civic career justly challenged. It would be a most grievous error to suppose that the terrible blunders—blunders oftentimes bordering closely on crimes—which General Grant committed in the eight years in which he ruled this country with a rod of iron were entirely forgotten or excused. The shameless debauchery which marked his administration, and made the very name of free government a by-word and a reproach, is written in indelible letters upon the tablets of the people's memories. They remember that, in connection with Grant's administration, which for their country's sake they would fain have the impartial historian ignore. But notwithstanding all these things, which like Banquo's ghost will not down, the American people with rare generosity are willing to overlook those blemishes which under the fierce light that beats on public station "blackens every blot." Far be it from us to attempt to detract from the name and fame of this great soldier. We cheerfully accord him the unstinted praises that his military achievements and his remarkable career deserve. But we would be oblivious of our duty and the truth of contemporaneous history if we would endeavor to hide from the scrutiny of the world the unsightly scars which mar the picture of Grant as President. His fame as a soldier, and his place as a bright particular star in the firmament of mighty warriors is well assured. For his sake, then, let us hope that the dark curtain which hides the grinning spectre of his civil administration from the sight of men may never be lifted. It is doubtless the purpose of the old ring, which was omnipotent in directing the affairs of the nation under the Grant regime, to drag their quondam chief to the front as the Republican candidate for the Presidency, in the vain hope of once more snuffing the tempting flesh-pots of power. In the face of the traditions that come down to us, hallowed by the memories of the good and great men whose patriotism, and unselfish devotion to the spirit of our institutions, rounded into symmetrical proportions our governmental structure, these latter-day apostles of centralized power propose to do violence to the teachings of Washington and Jefferson by breaking down the time-honored barriers to any man occupying the Presidential chair for three terms. If Grant is wise he will content himself with reposing upon the green laurels that are already his. If he is ambitious and reaches out to pluck the tempting apple of a third nomination, it will like Dead Sea fruit turn to ashes on his lips.

THE Democratic mass meeting which met at Horticultural Hall, in the city of Philadelphia, on last Saturday evening, to place before the voters of that city "a ticket conspicuous for its personal worth and integrity," proved to be a successful and grand affair. The persons selected for the various city offices to be filled this fall are as follows: For Sheriff, Samuel Hartnaff; for City Treasurer, S. Davis Page; for Register of Wills, Hon. Thomas Greenbank. This ticket most admirably reflects the object which the meeting had in view. It is conceded by every one in Philadelphia that it is made up of gentlemen of ability, undoubted integrity and of the highest type of personal worth. If elected they would not fail to make faithful, honest and efficient officials. It is said the nomination of these gentlemen will be accepted and ratified by the regular conventions of the party without opposition. When that is done, we sincerely hope the war of factions in Philadelphia will cease, and that all good Democrats, looking alone to the future harmony and success of the party, will unite in a vigorous and determined effort to secure the election of men so worthy of support.

FATAL consequences have followed a drunken brawl of a party of four or five Republican politicians in the city of Philadelphia. George Truman, Jr., Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions, is the victim. He was beaten and kicked in a brutal manner by one of his companions of the afternoon's orgies, and died from the effects of the injuries inflicted upon him. Had these parties been Democrats, and the same thing occurred below Mason and Dixon's line, what a splendid chance the unfortunate affair would have afforded the stalwarts of the North to revive their frantic harpings over what they are pleased to call the "barbarous civilization of the South." But then, it all happened in the great city of "Brotherly Love," which has long exulted in self-satisfied pride over the benign and ennobling influences of that virtuous Pilgrim ring which has for so great a period of time run its municipality.

Gov. ROBINSON, of New York, has written a forcible and manly letter accepting the Democratic nomination for re-election to his present position, in which, as an exchange aptly remarks, he "sums up the arguments upon which the Democrats of that State base their claims for a renewed lease of executive power. He shows how splendidly the State finances have been administered since the party came into power, with Gov. Tilden in 1875, up to the present time, and states in a clear, terse way the benefits which have arisen to the people from that Democratic rule. The letter is likely to be the best campaign document the party can construct for use in the canvass."

SATURDAY, the 4th day of October, is the last day on which taxes can be paid in order to qualify voters for the election in November. We therefore earnestly call upon every Democratic voter in Centre county to see to it that his taxes are paid on or before that day. Let not a single Democratic vote be lost through failure to comply with the law. Every one who has not paid a State or county tax within two years should do so at once.

AN exchange remarks that General Woodford, who went to Mississippi with Mrs. Chisholm, is incensed because he was treated like a gentleman. He wanted to be outraged and is mad because he wasn't. He therefore returned to New York an unpunctured wind-bag—full of sound and fury, signifying nothing.

THE Hayes circus is traveling West. At the latest accounts it had reached Chicago, and while passing through Ohio it did its best to help along the Foster boom.

FOR the first time a man claiming to be the President of the United States violates the dignity of the position by playing the part of a political campaign speaker. His Fraudulency was on the stump last week in Ohio, and delivered a partisan speech at Youngstown. It is true the speech was weak and harmless in its way, but it was nevertheless an exception to the rule of propriety that governed the conduct of all previous occupants of the White House. Hayes, however, against the will of a large majority of the people expressed in a lawful manner at the ballot-box, occupies the White House through the exceptional means of conspiracy, fraud and forgery, and of course he is at liberty to conduct himself in an exceptional manner. With him precedents of decency go for nothing.

THE Agricultural Department at Washington is engaged in some interesting experiments in making sugar from corn and sorgham, which thus far indicate very satisfactory results. It is believed from these experiments, that this may be made a very profitable interest, besides securing a superior quality of sugar.

AFTER all, Dennis Kearney did not in any way obstruct the landing of Grant at San Francisco on Saturday last. Dennis is not probably half so dangerous as he would have people believe he is.

### Death of Justice Woodward.

HE DIES AT HIS COUNTRY SEAT AT HAMDEN, NEW YORK.  
READING, Pa., September 23.—Hon. Warren J. Woodward, justice of the supreme court of Pennsylvania, expired at his country seat at Hamden, N. Y., at five o'clock this evening.

[Warren J. Woodward was a native of Wayne county, this state. He was at one time one of the editors of the *Pennsylvania* published in Philadelphia. Afterward he studied law in the office of his uncle, the late George W. Woodward, at Wilkesbarre, where he practiced for fifteen years and came to be regarded as the leading lawyer at the old Luzerne bar. In 1856 he was appointed president judge of the Columbia and Montour district, by Governor Pollock. Ten years afterward he was elected president judge of the Berks district and has since then resided in Reading. In 1874 he was elected judge of the supreme court on the Democratic ticket. Judge Woodward was an able jurist and a scholarly man and his loss to the highest judicial tribunal of the state will be severely felt. He was about fifty-five years of age.]—*Harrisburg Patriot*.

### Death From A Brutal Assault.

PHILADELPHIA, September 23.—About one o'clock yesterday morning Professor S. D. Gross and Doctors R. J. Lewis and T. H. Andrews held a consultation at the residence of George Truman, Jr., clerk of the court of quarter sessions, Philadelphia, who has been suffering from the effects of a fracture of his right ankle and other injuries, received on Tuesday afternoon of last week, and decided that Mr. Truman was dying and could hardly survive twenty-four hours. When the injury was received it was represented that Mr. Truman had fallen on the footway at Eighth and Arch streets, while on his way home, and received his wounds. Yesterday it transpired that they were really the result of an affray with A. A. Shisler, a clerk in the naval office, a native of Sunbury and an intimate friend of Mr. Truman's. He had been incensed at certain accusations made by Mr. Truman of cheating in a game of poker and on their way home from their spree, on Eighth street near Arch, Truman charges that Shisler struck him from behind without warning, while Shisler claims that Truman bit him first and he returned the blow. Mr. Truman was very badly used up and his injuries show very rough handling. Shisler, who was formerly a clerk in one of the departments at Washington, and president of the Pennsylvania Republican Association, a political organization composed of Pennsylvania office-holders at Washington, was arrested and taken before Magistrate Pole, who committed him to prison. After the hearing Magistrate Pole went to Truman's house and found him unconscious. Truman said that Col. Shisler had struck him with a black-jack at Eighth and Arch streets four days before. He then relapsed into an unconscious condition in which he remained until half-past four o'clock this morning when he expired without a struggle.

In the Butler jail on Thursday night nine persons who had been sentenced to the penitentiary and were awaiting transportation revolted. They refused to enter their cells when commanded by the deputy sheriff. He drew his revolver, ordered the turnkey to do the same, and gave them just one minute to obey his orders. It took them about half of that time to obey.

### ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

THE M. E. CHURCH, OF SNOW SHOE, GIVES A FESTIVAL.—The M. E. church, of Snow Shoe, has lately been much impeded in its usefulness by that great bugbear—a church debt. But by a festival, in which all the good people of Snow Shoe participated, given on the 12th and 13th of September, the congregation was relieved of a large part of this burden. The pastor and the people feel deeply grateful to the many kind friends who aided them so materially. The kind heart of Mrs. James Sommerville, of Lucas Hill, led her to bake and present to the congregation a wonderful fourteen-pound fruit cake, which netted the festival the handsome sum of thirty-seven dollars. A seven-pound cake contributed by Mr. J. G. Uzzle brought six dollars and seventy cents. Sixty fine cakes and other good things in proportion were on hand for the occasion. The festival was held in the beautiful hall occupied by the American Mechanics, which was tendered to the congregation free of charge. The results were so unexpectedly good that the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we with gratitude render thanks to those who contributed cakes and other provisions for the festival.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the trustees of the Mechanics Hall for the use of their hall.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be given to the various committees for the efficient service rendered.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be rendered to the people for their liberality and generosity.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be rendered to Mr. John G. Uzzle for the use of his organ.

H. S. LUNDY, Pastor.  
GEO. WEAVER,  
JOS. THOMPSON,  
S. Y. LUCAS,  
JACOB HARNISH,  
Trustees.

—On Saturday last, Miss Snowden, the accomplished musical instructor, returned to take charge of her numerous pupils in this place. Since her departure she has been in Michigan, at Hartford and at several other points, and has enjoyed herself immensely. Her friends here—and they are legion—are rejoiced to see her.

—New books have been added to the already valuable library of the Episcopal Sunday-school. As it is necessary to recatalogue the books, persons having in their possession any volumes belonging to the school are requested to return them immediately. Several valuable volumes are missing.

—The delicious September haze which pervades the atmosphere is partly occasioned by the smoke from the cigars sold by Harry Green.

—The largest and best assortment of dress goods, haws, notions, millinery goods, and domestic dry goods, at Loeb's.

—Call and examine the beautiful cook stove—the New Regulator, with revolving top—sold only by Wilson McFarlane & Co.

—For large floors are crowded with goods at Loeb's, which have just been received from the eastern cities.

—Just received 484 ladies coats, at Loeb's. Call and see them before purchasing elsewhere.

### A New Flag.

From the Philadelphia Times.  
Mr. Robert Valentine, the veteran Quaker iron manufacturer of Centre county and an earnest Republican, gave expression to the wishes of an overwhelming majority of the people of all parties and sections when he said to the Charcoal Iron Men, at their recent meeting in this city: "It is time to tear down the nasty bloody shirt and hoist the flag of American industry in its place." And the fact that it called out an emphatic response from such men as Colonel Lapsley and ex-Senator Warner, of Alabama, representing opposite political parties in the South, shows that the business interests of the country would speedily inaugurate peace and prosperity if the political demagogues and revolutionists could be suppressed. The time is near at hand, with reviving productive industry displayed on every side, when the business men of the whole nation will demand peace with such unity and emphasis that all parties will be compelled to obey. When that day comes, we will again enjoy the tranquility that can come only from the fraternal support of the common interests of a common country.

Philip Robinson, a wealthy and well known brewer of Scranton, died Sunday morning at 2 o'clock of inflammation of the brain. He was the owner of an extensive brewery in Scranton and had his life insured for \$20,000. He was the candidate for county treasurer of the Democratic fusion ticket. Already there are several aspirants asking for the nomination made vacant by Mr. Robinson's death, but it is thought his nephew, Leopold Schimpff, will be asked to accept it.

J. P. Hetrich, who was born in 1806, and long known as a prominent politician, died in Easton on Sunday. He was at one time editor of the *Northampton County Whig*, but lately adhered to the Democracy.

### The Next Session.

From the Washington Post.  
The next session of Congress being what is called the long session, ample time will be had for the doing of all needful work with sufficient care. There will be no Republican Senate to contend for extravagant appropriations. The Democracy will be held responsible for the amounts appropriated, although Republican officials collect and disburse the revenues. There is undoubtedly room for a good deal of saving without impairing the efficiency of any branch of the service. While the heads of departments are preparing their estimates it will be well for them to bear in mind that they will be subjected to the most rigid scrutiny, and that, when cut down by the House they will not be built up again in the Senate. In most of the departments there are numerous sinecures that ought to be abolished. In all the departments are abuses that demand reform. As we have heretofore stated, one of the most prolific sources of corruption and public robbery is the custom of buying goods from professional contractors instead of dealing with manufacturers, importers and regular dealers.

It is not a difficult thing for a ring of department officials to so thoroughly disgust reputable manufacturers and jobbers that they will be glad to keep aloof. When a legitimate dealer has his wares, although furnished according to contract, thrown back on his hands on frivolous pretexts, he becomes discouraged. When this has been done two or three times he retires from the field disgusted. His next step is to sell an inferior article, for the same price, to a contractor, who resells to the government, dividing a margin between the official ring and himself. This is the old, old story of robbery that is being repeated every month. This is why so many men grow rich on salaries barely sufficient to support themselves and families. We confidently assert that this system—for it has been reduced to a regular system—is made to cost the government millions every year, and that this money goes into the pockets of rings that flourish in this city and elsewhere. It is time for a thorough overhauling.

### GENERAL NEWS.

Mrs. Kate Sprague is said to be at her home in Edgewood, three miles from Washington, where she will hereafter remain.

The letter carriers of New York city have presented Congressman S. S. Cox with a fine gold watch and massive chain as a mark of their appreciation of his successful efforts to have their pay increased.

As an indication of improving times it is announced that a New York iron-working firm has advanced the wages of its employees from twenty-five cents up to their day's pay.

It is announced that the Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, has been purchased by a company of Eastern capitalists for \$200,000. It is to be illuminated with electric lights and supplied with telegraph wires.

Near the northern line of Berks, Jacob Frey, with a number of woodmen, were hunting raccoons. A limb which had been cut from a lofty tree fell and struck Frey on the head, killing him almost instantly.

Major General James Fleming, of Crawford county, has reached his 84th year. He entered the regular service in the war of 1812 as a corporal, and before the war ended had been promoted to the position of Major General.

The American Wood Paper Company at Sinking Springs, has paid the funeral expenses of a man recently killed in its employ, guaranteed the widow \$20 a month during her life and given her son constant employment.

Mr. John M. Berry, of Clokeyville, Washington county, a few days ago, left one Frank Wheeler, an employe, in charge of the farm while he went to town. Wheeler improved his opportunity by carrying off 500 pounds of wool since which time he has been missing.

Senator McPherson, of New Jersey, is said to be an earnest advocate of Senator Bayard's nomination for the presidency by the Democrats. In his opinion the strong point about Mr. Bayard is that he could carry two or three New England States.

Hon. James Jenkins, of Milwaukee, was on Friday nominated by the Wisconsin Democratic State Central Committee for Governor in place of Alex. Mitchell, who has declined the nomination. Mr. Jenkins, who is a prominent lawyer and politician, has accepted the nomination.

Reliable reports from different sections of Virginia represent the corn and cotton crops as average ones. The tobacco crop will only yield two-thirds of the usual quantity. The peanut crop is said to be the best ever raised in the State. All minor crops are in a promising condition.

Judges Hegenman and Sassaman, J. G. Hawley, Senator Ermentrout, George F. Baer, Richmond L. Jones, S. L. Young, A. G. Green, Harrison Maltzberger, William H. Livingood, Judge Henry Van Reed and J. George Seltzer were among the members of the Berks county bar who were present at the dinner given in honor of Judge Ross, at the Mineral Springs, near Reading. Nearly the entire bar was present. Judge Ross took occasion to express his sincere thanks for the many evidences of personal regard paid to him by the lawyers of Reading during his brief sojourn among them.