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Thursday Morning, October 2, 1879.

Democratic State Ticket.

STATE TREASURER,
DANIEL O. BARR, Allegheny county.

Democratic County Ticket.

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

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.

PAY your taxes! and do not fail to do so on or before Saturday next. That is the last day on which a State or county tax can be paid in order to qualify any one to vote at the next election.

JOHN RUSSELL YOUNG defines Grant's position, and says, "he refuses to accept another term of the Presidency, subject to the decision of the Republican National Convention." Whether John Russell Young is definite authority on the subject is now the important question.

No Democrat should fail to turn out on October 14th to hear Wallace, Jenks and Curtin. Mr. Jenks is personally known to but few of our citizens, but he has a national reputation and is justly esteemed as one of the ablest and purest statesmen in the Democratic party.

THE last hope of the despondent Ohio Republicans is now centered in Secretary Sherman. It is gravely announced that the autocrat of the Treasury is really going home to vote. Such condescension is most remarkable. Now if one of the Shermans was a candidate for something we might account for this extraordinary compliance on the part of resumption John. As it is we think he will have to be closely watched or he will forget who is his candidate for Governor and vote for himself.

THE colored voter, it seems is getting tired of being always compelled to vote for the Republicans, and never being voted for in return. He is now making himself a troublesome element in some places, by demanding his rights and claiming a reciprocity of party services. In St. Louis the colored voters have resolved that they will no longer vote the Republican ticket unless they are given an equal share of the offices in proportion to their voting strength.

MR. HAYES, the proprietor of the Presidential hippodrome now showing to delighted audiences in the West, has evidently been copying the style of the incomprehensible and didactic Everts, as will be seen by an extract from a speech delivered by the *de facto* President at Aurora, Illinois. If it wasn't pretty generally believed that Mr. Hayes is a rigid disciple of John B. Gough the impression might get abroad that he was in his cups to a considerable extent when he perpetrated this monstrous travesty on the Queen's English. If he persists in such things he will undoubtedly be confronted by the ghost of Lindsey Murray, who can stand almost anything but the wholesale murder of his own language.

ON Monday Gov. Hoyt appointed Hon. Henry Green, of Easton, Judge of the Supreme Court in place of Judge Woodward, deceased. Hon. Henry Green was born in Warren county, N. Y., August 29, 1828, and is consequently fifty-one years of age. He graduated from Lafayette College in 1846, studied law with Judge Washington M'Cartney and in September, 1849, was admitted to the bar of Northampton county. In politics he is Republican, but has never been conspicuous for party work. In 1856 he was a member of the Republican National Convention which nominated John C. Fremont for the Presidency.

The only public position he ever held was as a member of the Constitutional Convention. He was not a regularly elected member of that body, but was selected to fill a vacancy. The Harrisburg Patriot, in noticing the appointment of Mr. Green to the Supreme Bench of the State, says that "he bears the reputation of being an able lawyer while he is a man of the highest probity of character. The design of the new Constitution is to maintain as nearly as possible the political equilibrium in the Supreme Court by providing that when two judges are to be elected for the same term of service each voter shall vote for only one, and when three are to be chosen he shall vote for no more than two. Under this provision Judge Woodward was elected at the same time with Judge Paxson. But there is no way of making this provision binding on a Governor when he fills a vacancy caused by death. As Mr. Green is an extremely moderate Republican Gov. Hoyt has adhered to the spirit of the Constitution as much as his party predilections and obligations would permit. In appointing a Republican successor of a Democratic Supreme Judge he has not imitated the example of party conventions by the choice of an extreme partisan. The appointment is one which we have no doubt will prove entirely acceptable to the people of the State."

It is not surprising that the Republicans of New York desire to avoid State issues in the present campaign, by floating the bloody shirt. The magnificent record of Gov. Tilden and Gov. Robinson in smashing rings and reducing the expenses of Government, are not issues that the Republicans delight to contemplate. In this State also they would ignore State issues, but from a different standpoint. Here they seek to hide from public view the enormous expenditures of the public money, the base corruption which marked the proceedings of the last Legislature, and the robberies and general cussedness which have prevailed for more than a decade previous, in which they have had unchallenged control of the finances and legislation of the State.

A GEORGIA paper advises the Democrats in Congress "not to make any more fuss about the election laws. The Republicans seems to have much affection for them, and it would appear to be mere wantonness to repeal the acts. They want troops at the polls, and it might be well to accommodate them under Democratic administration." This is putting the case in a different light, but as the Democracy will not want Republican precedents, nor to follow them if they had them, we are in favor of early action by Congress, to erase the villainous laws from the statute books.

THE Kansas Relief Committee, expecting a large exodus of negroes from the South this fall, are out in a circular declaring their inability to provide for them, and appealing to their friends that some effort be made to turn the tide to some older northern State where there is more money to relieve their wants. Send them to Maine or Massachusetts. They will be warmly received in either of those States, out of pure love and philanthropy.

THE political campaign in Ohio is now at fever heat. Both sides, that is the Democratic and Republican parties, are making earnest and energetic efforts to carry the State. The Greenbackers keep up the pretense of an organization, with a ticket for State officers, but can scarcely be considered a factor in the contest so far as they are to be regarded as a political party. A vast majority of those who have heretofore been classed as Greenbackers will not vote that ticket this fall, and probably three out of every four of them will prefer Gen. Ewing to Foster. The prospects for Gen. Ewing's election are very encouraging. The Democrats are united, active, and determined to win.

A FELLOW named Woodin, who has been re-nominated for the State Senate in New York by the Republicans, shows his fitness for the honor by the following sentiment:

"We have gone too far and too fast in the direction of forgiveness and pardon for treason, and done too little in the way of securing guarantees for the future. The loss of this State this fall will be the first fatal step that leads to rebel supremacy."

This man Woodin was proven to be the constant recipient of Tweed's bribes when a member of the Senate. Tweed was punished and died in prison, while Woodin is still at large, the representative of Republican decency. It is just such thieves as this man, who continue to float the bloody shirt and endeavor to keep up the divisions and animosities of the war.

WE are authorized by the Chairman of the County Committee to say that Senator Wallace and Hon. Geo. A. Jenks will certainly be at the Democratic meeting to be held at the Court House, on Tuesday evening, the 14th instant. Mr. Fortney has heard from these distinguished gentlemen by letter, and both have promised to speak at the meeting. In connection with Ex-Governor Curtin, who will also be present, we will have an array of speaking ability that cannot be excelled. Let us have a packed Court House. Turn out, one and all.

SENATOR BRUCE, investigating the Freedman's Bank fraud, promises startling developments in his report, the nature of which he is not yet at liberty to disclose. The pious scoundrels who managed that swindling concern, and robbed the confiding negroes of their earnings, have cut the criminal proof out of the books in some cases, but have not sufficiently covered their tracks to avoid detection of great villainy. Under the best circumstances, Senator Bruce does not expect the depositors to realize any considerable per cent.

BLAINE makes his appearance in the Ohio canvass ostensibly in the interest of the Republican party, but it is believed by some that the true character of his service will be that of a guerilla. Blaine has no love for John Sherman, and his appearance in Sherman's State may bode no good for John. They are both Presidential aspirants and both demagogues of the highest type.

THE Fraud has been a great attraction at the agricultural fairs of the West and increased the gate money prodigiously. And why should he not be? It is the only President of the kind the country ever saw, or ever will see, and ought to be as drawing as Barnum's woolly horse or any other monstrosity that could be presented to attract the curious and stir up the crowd.

DENNIS KEARNEY called at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, where Gen. Grant and his party are stopping, and sent up his card, but the Gen. declined to receive it. Score one for Grant. The vulgar demagogue needed snubbing, and he got it.

WILLIAM SLIFER, oldest son of the Hon. Eli Slifer, of Union county, was instantly killed in a stone quarry near Lewisburg, last week, by the caving in of earth and rocks upon him. He was 35 years of age.

The Adams Family.

Ever since John Adams, second President of the United States, uttered those grand words of patriotic fervor that have come down to us from the convention of 1776 that declared Independence, "SINK OR SWIM, LIVE OR DIE, SURVIVE OR PERISH, I GIVE MY HAND AND MY HEART TO THIS DECLARATION," the Adams family has occupied an honored and distinguished position in the history of our country. Each succeeding generation of the family has produced notable men. Father and son were Presidents, and the present head of the family, Charles Francis Adams, has filled many positions of high distinction. Long life and domestic happiness seem also to have blessed the family in a remarkable degree. John Adams, the first, lived long enough with his excellent and accomplished wife—who in her day wrote such charming letters—to celebrate a golden wedding. Their son, John Quincy, after years of wedded bliss, observed a like event, and now his son, Charles Francis, venerable in years and noble in honors for the works of a long life of usefulness to his country, likewise marks his onward pilgrimage through time with a "golden milestone." An exchange, moralizing over this event, so rare through successive generations, says that a "golden wedding seems to have been a sort of heirloom in the family, like the Presidency of the United States. The parallel runs out in this third generation, to be sure, but no doubt if Mr. Charles Francis Adams knew that he could not have both, he would rather have his second wedding than the political nomination. With its sliding social scale, and its migratory habits of many citizens of this great and glorious Republic, it is a matter of remark when the golden weddings of three successive generations occur in the same house. It is pleasant also to reflect, in the frequent crash of matter and wreck of domestic worlds, on such an uninterrupted reign of happiness and peace and prosperity. If any one, alarmed at the statistics, has said in his haste that all men are unhappily married, and that in the present state of society, the officiating clergyman is only playing into the hands of the divorce lawyers, let him read the family record of the Adamases and recant his rash decision.

Here, for one hundred and fifty years, the course of true wedded love has run smooth. John Adams and his wife—Abigail Smith that was—celebrated their golden wedding when he was seventy-nine years old, and John Quincy Adams was just entering on his eightieth year when he was married over again.

And having refreshed his memory with these chronological facts, the constant reader falls to moralizing on golden weddings in general. There is always something slightly fantastic about one. It is a masquerade, but there is a pathos that cannot be drowned in festivity. There are too many memories, about. Somebody has to endure the awkwardness of introducing to the ancient bridesmaids and antique groomsmen the new minister, who stands in the place of the dead and gone. "Best men" are apt to be missing—men so good that no effort is made to fill their places. Perhaps the first bridesmaid has gone with a handsomer man. And there is no one to take the old-fashioned, short-wristed kid glove from the ancient hand of the bride. Satin will grow yellow in fifty years, and orange-blossoms will fade and be crushed a little with the long hoarding, and their breath of bloom will be mixed with the fragrant fibre of the cedar chest, which is also a member of the family. There is such a crowd of new faces, and so many footsteps on the stairs, and, with the strictest care in the invitations, so many shadowy guests come unbidden to a golden wedding."

It will doubtless greatly disturb the organs to hear that Speaker Randall and Senator Wallace met and cordially exchanged greetings at Pine Grove Park, in Cumberland county, the other day. They both spoke from the same platform to the same large assemblage of Democrats, and there wasn't the slightest sign of either a Wallace party or a Randall party. They were all for Barr.

STATE NEWS.

The Rodman Furnace in Blair county is to be put in blast shortly by the Cambria Iron Company.

John Morgan was killed at No. 2 tunnel colliery, at Nanticoke, Luzerne county, by a fall of top coal.

Robert Champlain, a farmer of Westfield, Tioga county, was shot and killed on Friday while cutting corn.

The shipments of coal over the Philadelphia and Reading railroad and branches last week footed up 193,731 tons.

William Kirk, an ex-Mollie Maguire, has been sent to jail at Wilkesbarre in default of \$3,000 bail, for counterfeiting coin.

The rail mill at the steel works at Scranton, which has been idle for some weeks past, resumed operations last week.

About \$200 worth of counterfeit \$5 bills of the National Bank of Troy, N. Y., were passed in Chester on Saturday. No arrests.

Charles Tipton fell from a tree Friday afternoon at Gettysburg while nutting, and died an hour afterward from injuries received.

The schools of Palo Alto, Schuylkill county, have been temporarily closed on account of the prevalence of diphtheria in that place.

On Wednesday evening of last week, Mrs. Harriet Crans, of Williamsport, as she was entering her house with an armful of wood, fell and broke her neck.

The funeral of the late Judge Warren J. Woodward took place at Wilkesbarre on Saturday. A meeting of the Association of Wilkesbarre and eulogies passed upon the occasion.

An unknown man was killed on the track of the Lehigh Valley near Penn Haven, last Thursday. Papers found on his person were supposed to be Edwards or Edwards. He was about 65 years of age.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Deadwood, D. T., had a \$2,000,000 fire last Friday.

During the month of August, 2,957 fires occurred in Russia.

Last week 3,726 emigrants arrived at Castle Garden, New York.

Two inches of snow fell at Mount Louis, Quebec, Friday morning.

Lincoln county, Georgia, has seven gold mines in steady operation.

On Friday last, Marsh's harvester works at Plano, Chicago, were destroyed by fire.

Prof. Peters, of Smithsonian Institute, announces the discovery by himself of a planet of the eleventh magnitude.

Rev. Robert Collyer began his New York pastorate at the Church of the Messiah last Sunday before a very large congregation.

A dead Baltimore tramp proves to have been the son of the late John Stewart Frazer, a wealthy citizen of Glasgow, Scotland.

The financial outlook in England grows worse and worse. The latest accounts tell of further reductions in wages and threatened strikes.

The Supreme Court of Rhode Island, in session at Providence, on Saturday appointed Robert Thompson trustee of the property of Mrs. William Sprague.

While Mr. Henry Freed, of Souder-ton, was out driving a few days since, he was thrown from his wagon, and breaking his neck, was instantly killed.

Colonel Frederick D. Grant arrived at Council Bluffs on Saturday from San Francisco. He says his father will come East about the last of October or first of November.

The munificence of the Duke of Norfolk as a Catholic is wonderful. It is estimated that within the past two years he has applied over \$1,000,000 to his religion.

Joseph A. Low, a farmer of Cumberland, Me., has been killed. It is thought by tramps that he was kept at a dance, and probably the cause of the death.

Natural Memorial Day was celebrated at the State Fair on Saturday.

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Ho! for Leadville. A woman who began life there as a washerwoman now has an assured income of \$1,000 a month. It is also stated that in spite of 422 offers of marriage she is still in "maiden meditation fancy free."

General Grant is not the first American hero to whom the San Francisco people have given a rousing reception. When General Winfield Scott stopped there on his way to San Juan Island, he was received with the utmost enthusiasm of parade and other pomp.

In New York, on Thursday last, a poor woman named Bertha Wathan, was unjustly accused and arrested on a charge of passing counterfeit coin on an Italian peanut vender. She was discharged, and her excitement brought on an attack of sickness which resulted fatally.

Two robberies at Long Branch have created great excitement. R. D. Brice, a contractor, was knocked down and robbed of \$85, and Daniel Lawler, who runs a hotel, was attacked in his barroom. He got the better of the robbers, who escaped with the contents of the till, however.

Frederick Harvey, living near Muddy Creek, Greenbrier county, Va., went to hear a funeral sermon preached a few mornings ago, and returning home, after conversing with his stepdaughter, seized her by the hair and attempted to cut her throat. She was horribly mutilated and after a desperate struggle escaped. He then went into the yard and cut his own throat from ear to ear. The man is believed to have been laboring under a fit of religious frenzy.

One-half of the money to be paid out for pension arrearages will go to veterans in five States. New York will have \$3,150,000; Pennsylvania, \$3,050,000; Ohio, \$2,000,000; Illinois, \$2,150,000; Indiana, \$1,750,000. Twelve Northern States, exclusive of those named, will receive together \$1,400,000; and Maryland, District of Columbia, New Jersey and Delaware will receive \$1,800,000. The current payments in pensions will involve an additional outlay this year of \$30,000,000.

Mr. Isaac H. McCauley, an old and respected member of the Chambersburg bar, died suddenly, of heart disease, at the residence of his brother, Rev. Thomas McCauley, at Chester, Pa., on Saturday morning last, aged 61 years. Mr. McCauley served several years as one of the Clerks of the Senate in old Whig times, was also Clerk under Governor Pollock, and served one term as Prothonotary of Franklin county. He prepared and published a history of Franklin county a few years ago, that is a valuable and unusually accurate compilation. He leaves one son, now a minister in Washington.