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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 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.

It is said that Grant was not pleased with Pinafore. He regarded *Sir Joseph* as a reflection upon that sturdy old salt, Borie, and understood *Cousin Hebe* to say, "and so do the Caseys, the Corbins and the Dents."

PROF. J. WISE, the famous aeronaut, who made an ascension from St. Louis on Sunday evening, the 28th ult., in company with a Mr. Burr, has not yet been heard from. They have no doubt met the fate of Donaldson and his companion who were lost some time ago. Prof. Wise was an old man, and spent his life in experiments to successfully navigate the air. He resided in Lancaster county, in this State; was well known to our people, and much respected.

SOME reckless Democrat, without fear of the wrath to come, was wicked enough to say the other day, that whenever a colored man at the south gets cowed for being in a white man's chicken-house after dark, he sends word to the New York *Tribune* that he was there as a Republican for political purposes, and another brutal outrage is announced. But nobody hears from the chickens!

THE Republican platforms so far as promulgated this fall, seem to claim that the States have no rights that the Nation is bound to respect, and that state rights is an exploded theory and the reservations of the Constitution in favor of the States mere chimeras of the old fogies who made and adopted it. Well, perhaps the Republicans will come to their senses after the November elections, and see things in a different light.

GEN. SHERMAN, who has been travelling in the Hayes Caravan, recently made a speech urging the people to use their influence with members of Congress to increase the army. It costs now \$50,000,000 annually to keep up the present military establishment of 25,000 men, and Gen. Sherman is not happy. It does not come up to his ideas of grandeur. If Congress would discharge the large surplus of drones under pay, they might add to the rank and file without increasing materially the present enormous expenditure. It need not require six officers to command ten men. After all, our reliance is not dependent upon the army to repel invasion, if any should occur, which is not to be expected. It is to the people themselves, to the citizen soldiery, that we must look for protection. Put Gen. Sherman with his 25,000 men on the borders, where they may be useful, but give us no more soldiers to concentrate at Washington and other places to force the edicts of party to secure the triumph of fraud.

WENDALL Phillips announces that "the old Democratic party is about dead." This announcement has been made at least once a year, and the Republicans have been preparing to bury it ever since that party had an existence, and still the stubborn old thing lives on and retains a wonderful vitality. Notwithstanding its great age, and the extraordinary conflicts it has had to encounter in the last century with the aristocracy, their corruptions and frauds, it is still robust and belligerent, and the Republicans may as well abandon the hope of the funeral so long predicted and so ardently desired. The truth is the old Democratic party can't die as long as Republican Government exists. When that dies, and the stalwart republicans have succeeded in establishing a centralized despotism on its ruins, the grand old party may succumb, but not until then.

A LATE telegram from Indianapolis announces the unwelcome fact that the White House circus has concluded its fall engagements at the Western Agricultural Fairs, and is about ready to return to winter quarters at Washington. At the last appearance of the company, in the city above named, it is said Mr. Hayes made a speech about the return of prosperity and the resources of Indiana, which was favorably received. It is not said, however, that he repeated the lucid sentence uttered by him a few days before, at Aurora, Illinois, "What I wish to say is, let us see to it in all our pleasure, whatever may be remembered and whoever may be forgotten, we should not fail to remember that we shall not forget the laborers of our country." Such a "gem of thought and jewel of expression," does his Fraudulency infinite credit, and should be placed before his admiring audiences every where.

WE feel inclined to say to our gallant and distinguished friend, Gen. Beaver, in view of the speech he made the other day in the Republican county convention, that he might as well stick to his old sentiments of goodwill towards the South, to the end that all sections of our common country may dwell together in peace and harmony. It is entirely too late in the day for him to unfurl the banner of the bloody shirt. No good will come of it, for there is not gore enough on the miserable rag to last until the State campaign of 1882 comes off. The sooner, therefore, our friend appreciates this fact the better it will be for his future as a public man, of which he has a right to entertain "great expectations."

THE *True Democrat* and the *Democratic Sentinel*, the two Democratic newspapers heretofore published at Lewistown, Pa., have been united, and the result of the union reached us last week as the *Democrat and Sentinel*, with H. J. Fosnot as editor and publisher, and H. J. Walters as associate editor. It is an excellent newspaper advocates sound Democratic principles and should receive a liberal support from the Democracy of Mifflin county. Gentlemen, we wish you all success in your new departure.

J. BLAKE WALTERS, Esq., Cashier of the State Treasury, has been appointed Paymaster of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, with the rank of Colonel. The *Patriot* says the gallant Colonel "is ready to march at the tap of the drum," but is happy in the thought that "grim visag'd war hath smoothed his wrinkled front" and that there is no smell of villainous saltpetre in the land.

THE rush and roar of the Grant boom was last heard in Nebraska. In all the speeches made in the Republican Convention of that State the other day, Grant was named as the standard bearer for 1880. Sherman must speedily work up his "solid south" or he is irretrievably lost.

The Congressional Contest.

There seems to be a singular, not to say surprising, unanimity of sentiment in at least two quarters in regard to the contest from this Congressional district now pending in Congress. Notwithstanding the resolution unanimously adopted by our county convention, three weeks ago, expressing a sincere belief in the election of Ex-Governor Curtin by the honest vote of the district, and giving a hearty endorsement to his course in contesting his right to the seat, our neighbor of the *Watchman* condemns the contest, and our Republican friends exactly agree with him. They are in sweet and loving harmony with each other. Indeed, the resolution passed by the Republican county convention, of last Tuesday, condemning the contest and endorsing the right of Mr. Yocum to retain the seat, reads as though it might have been written within the inner precincts of the *Watchman's* cosy sanctum, so beautifully does it harmonize with the views expressed by that journal upon the same subject. But in defiance of all this exhibition of impotent disappointment the contest will still go on. The friends of Ex-Governor Curtin have an abiding confidence in the justice of his cause. They believe that the evidence in the case shows conclusively that he received a handsome majority of the legal votes of the district, and know that a Democratic majority will not be so far derelict in duty to the party as to refuse to award him a seat to which he was fairly and honestly elected. As an offset to the opinions expressed in the two quarters above indicated, we append the following extracts from recent issues of the *Washington Post*, by way of showing what is thought about the propriety and justice of this contest at the Capital:

"When the Republicans controlled the House they were accustomed to turn out almost any Democrat whose seat was claimed by his competitor regardless of the facts in the case. The Democracy have not followed those bad precedents, but have been guided by the principles of law and equity in deciding contested elections. Messrs. Yocum and Orth will, in all probability, be eliminated from the present House for the good and sufficient reason that they occupy seats to which Messrs. Curtin and McCabe were elected."

"One of the first duties that will devolve on the House, when it meets in December, will be to put Andrew G. Curtin of Pennsylvania, and James McCabe of Indiana, into the seats to which they were duly elected last year, and from which they are debarred by the temporary tenure of Yocum and Orth, respectively. The howl which the Radical press is raising, in anticipation of this event, is not calculated to alarm the Democratic majority. Both justice and expediency demand that the Democrats elected to those seats be installed in them. And we have a strong conviction that this will be promptly done."

THE *New York Sun* has the following comments on the speech delivered by Senator Wallace at Pine Grove, which are worthy of the careful study of the producers and workmen of Pennsylvania:

Mr. Wallace reminds his audience that no people in the Union have so important a stake in the restoration of harmony and good government as the people of Pennsylvania. He refers to the uncertainty of foreign markets, not only for the products of our farms but also of our manufactories, and shows very clearly that the south ought to be again as it was once, the most certain as well as the most profitable market for the varied industries of the north. He asks:

"How are we to insure a market for what we produce in the future? Can we do it by causing divisions among our own people, and by arraying one section of the country against another, by flaunting the 'bloody shirt' and crying 'Down with the Confederate Brigadier?' Or shall we recognize the fact that the actual market for our manufactures is in the south, and aid to restore our own market by restoring unity, peace and good government throughout the whole country? The only security for a continuance of the period of prosperity now about breaking upon our Pennsylvania industries is to be found in restoring the whole country to the condition of one prosperous and united people. We of Pennsylvania are more interested in this question than any other section of the republic, for we are the workshop of the republic. The true protection for Pennsylvania's industries is in the restoration of peace and good fellowship to all." It is marvelous beyond comprehension that in the State which furnishes

coal and iron, and all the multitude of manufactures which they unite to produce, a party could be marshaled to keep in uproar and confusion, in slavery and poverty, the population of eight or ten States which are its natural customers. When the society of the south is settled and its agriculture revived, Pennsylvania furnishes it with implements, from a cotton planter and a plough to a steam engine and a press. When her railroads are to be rebuilt Pennsylvania sends her the iron. Her coal boats choke the upper waters of the Ohio before every freshet, and the number of them increases with every day of peace and uninterrupted industrial effort in the southern States.

Pennsylvania, the great central commonwealth, "the workshop of the Union," as Senator Wallace calls it, has a larger interest in sectional tranquility than any other community of equal numbers in the country. Its people will do well to study the logic of Senator Wallace's wise and pithy speech.

They Will Fail.

From the *Washington Post*. Many years ago, when it was the custom of the English press to ridicule or revile everything American, Washington Irving wrote: "The mere contests of the sword are temporary; their wounds are but in the flesh, and it is the pride of the generous to forgive and forget them; but the slanders of the pen pierce to the heart; they rankle longest in the noblest spirits; they dwell ever present in the mind, and render it morbidly sensitive to the most trifling collision." If Mr. Irving were living to-day he might apply the same words to the chronic habit of the Republican press to vilify and slander the Southern people, and the rebuke would be just and timely. The wounds of the sword would have been mutually forgiven and forgotten long ago, and the people of the North and South would now be on the kindest terms, had not the unscrupulous men who control the Republican organization decided to re-open those wounds, in the hope of making political capital thereby. For this reason, and no other, the Republican press, with few exceptions has kept up an incessant and increasing torrent of abuse and calumny. The sad results of this policy are apparent in an increasing bitterness of feeling. Cooper tells us that "mountains interposed, making enemies of nations that had else, like kindred drops, been mingled into one." The Republican managers have erected mountains of lies to separate the North and South, and excite mutual hostility. It is the most impolitic and wicked thing that any man or set of men could do. It regards the progress of the Nation in all its greatest interests, and it sows broadcast the seeds of strife, that are likely to bear bitter fruit for years to come. But the men who coolly decided that there was "blood enough in the old shirt for another campaign" care nothing for the great and permanent injury they inflict on the business, the social and moral interests of all our people, if they can but solidify the North against the South—the South already solidified by cruel oppression and unrelenting malice. Yet these men will fail, miserably fail, in their infernal purpose. The great commercial and industrial interests of all sections must, in the very nature of things, be arrayed against the policy of propagating hate and nurturing malice. And on these great conservators of fraternal relations we may safely depend for the final overthrow of the party whose only hope of continued existence is sectional animosity.

An Underground River of Petroleum.

There is said to be a river of petroleum flowing through the subterranean cavities of Texas. It takes its rise in the carboniferous strata north of the great bend of the Colorado above Lampasas, thence it flows in a southeast direction. The first indication known of this stream is in Burnett county at "tar springs," where petroleum covers the surface of the water. Again it appears in the southeast in Williamson county and at several points in the same direction in the unfrequented forests and thickets penetrated by the Great Northern Railway. Further southeast it appears again nine miles northwest of Sour Lake; it appears again on most of the wells, and has covered the surface for a considerable space with hard asphaltum. Again, some thirty miles southeast, it appears at Beaumont. Some fifteen miles from that point an arm of it comes near the surface at what is known as Oil Bay, on the Gulf, where the water is so covered with oil that the waves have no effect. Even when the Gulf is on its heaviest "benders" the waters of this bay are said to be perfectly quiet and peaceable and it is therefore a favorite place of refuge for trading vessels when a storm is threatened. Perhaps this river of petroleum passes through the subterranean cavities under the Gulf, and is the same that at last boils up in Trinidad, making the great asphaltum lake. Along the shores near Sabine Bay it is also common for chunks of asphaltum to be thrown up by the sea. The river, if it be a river, has never yet been tapped by the hands of man, and its great supplies of oil are doing no good except in Trinidad, if it be the same that rises on the island. But it must be recollected that Texas is yet, from some stand-points, an almost totally unexplored region.

STATE NEWS.

Butler county ships wheat to Cincinnati.

It is rumored that the Cambria iron company of Johnstown will increase the wages of its employes in November.

The Pittsburg division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad has drawn upon the main line for about a dozen of extra locomotives, so great has become the traffic of the road.

Huntingdon is putting up a handsome new public building at a cost of \$20,000. A three-story brick building has also been erected on the site of the Henry & Co. flour mill, burned some time ago.

The work at the new penitentiary at Huntingdon progresses slowly, but a small portion of the outer wall having reached the surface of the ground. The reservoir, however, is almost completed.

The inspection of the bridges, iron work, etc., of the Pennsylvania railroad and branches has commenced. The general and local engineers of the scientific department comprise the inspection party.

A little girl named Haney, of Cambria county, who had been detected in unauthorized purchase of articles at a grocer's was so humiliated that she undertook to commit suicide. She was only twelve years old.

A party of boys were gathering chestnuts, Sunday, in the woods near Sport Hill, at Scranton, found a human skeleton with two holes in the skull. It is supposed to be that of John Lorson, who is said to have been murdered.

The publishers of the *Wilkesbarre Union-Leader* are now issuing a neat and sprightly little daily. There was a field for an afternoon paper in Wilkesbarre, and the *Union-Leader* has the ability to succeed. It starts with the news, both local and general, and that is what makes a paper in these times.

It is understood that a Philadelphia gentleman named Whitehead has made all the preliminary arrangements toward securing the control of Elizabeth furnace, about three miles east of Altoona, for the purpose of putting it in blast. When this occurs many men will be thus given employment.

The Lehigh iron company's mine near East Texas is called the "murder hole" because of the many lives lost there. The workmen do not like the place and the machinery destroyed by the last explosion will not be replaced, arrangements having been made to wash the ore on a property near by.

The firm at Williamsport which entered into a contract with a New York house last summer to manufacture 50,000 toy pianos is progressing finely with the work. These pianos are 19 by 9 inches, neatly made and varnished. From 500 to 600 are turned out daily. The contract must be finished by the first of December. One hundred and ten girls and women and twenty-five men are employed in putting them together. The firm expects to make a large ~~Europe~~ contract this fall.

A fire at Scranton, Clearfield county, last Thursday, destroyed Jesse R. Akers' cigar manufactory, the bank block and *Graff & Son's* dwelling, restaurant and billiard room, besides damaging other buildings. The *Curwensville Bank* occupied part of the bank building but all their safes, valuable papers and books were saved, and there will be no interruption to the bank's business. On the third story was the Curwensville Library Association's reading room and Odd Fellows' Hall, the loss on which is complete, with no insurance. The aggregate loss by the fire is about \$30,000 and the insurance \$17,000.

Two years ago these was a railroad disaster on the Pickering Valley road, near Kimberton, a few miles from Phoenixville. A crowded excursion train, returning from the Pennsylvania family reunion at Schwenksville, ran into a chasm caused by a heavy rain washing out an embankment. Seven people were killed and about forty wounded. Some forty suits have been brought against the Reading Railroad for damages. That of Harmon Anderson was terminated on Saturday night at Lancaster, and the verdict was in favor of Anderson. He was awarded \$3,500. The case will now go to Supreme Court.

The report of oil operations for September shows a falling off in the aggregate production, although there has been a slight increase in the lower region. In the Bradford region the wells completed last month numbered 160, increasing the production 4,639 barrels, or an average of about 29 barrels to the well. The increase during September was not so great as the previous month, when 5,939 barrels were added to the daily production by the completion of 506 wells. As compared with August, September's figures show that forty-six fewer wells were completed, and the increase in production fell short of August's increase by 1,300 barrels. As compared with July the number of completed wells is 109 less and the production 2,652 barrels less than July's increase. The wells drilling and rigs up number 448, an increase of eight over August's figures. The rigs up are fewer in number than those of August, while the wells drilling are increased by thirty-one. This indicates that the drill will be pushed during October to a greater extent than it was in September. The late rise in oil has caused a great increase in rigs and also started the drill at rigs which have been standing for many months.

GENERAL NEWS.

Secretaries Schurz and Key have returned to their desks. Secretary Thompson will return from Indiana in a day or two.

Investigation shows that Anna Mulligan, an aged New York beggar, has more than \$5,000 to her credit in the savings banks of that city.

Miss Lillie George, of Cincinnati, aged eighteen, attempted suicide on Sunday because of the death of Fred M. Perriman, her betrothed.

Hon. B. B. Lewis, member of Congress from the Tuscaloosa district, has been unanimously elected president of the University of Alabama, and has accepted.

Grant didn't like "Pinafore" when he saw it or heard it, for the first time, in San Francisco the other evening. He thought *Cousin Hebe* said: "So do the Caseys, the Corbins and the Dents."

It is stated that Judge Drummond will retire from the United States Circuit judgeship in Chicago, Ill., January 1. He has reached a ripe old age, and has been a United States Judge for twenty-nine years.

A San Francisco dispatch tells of an accident at the Tioga Mine. Nine men were being lowered down a shaft, 500 feet in depth, when the engineer lost control and the men all fell to the bottom and were fatally injured.

The Post Office Department has decided that letters addressed to lottery companies or to individuals, when addressed to them as agents for such companies, are unmailable per se, and that Postmasters should refuse to register letters when so addressed.

The Pennsylvania railroad is turning out some beautiful passenger coaches, upholstered in the Eastlake style. The seats are low and covered with blue plush, the windows broad and furnished with double blinds, and the chandeliers very handsome.

Mrs. Dickerman and Mrs. Baldwin, sisters, at New Haven, Conn., have both died from poison administered by the latter first to her sister and afterward to herself. The coroner's jury on Sunday found in accordance with the above facts and returned a verdict that Mrs. Baldwin was temporarily deranged.

Secretary Sherman sent William H. Vanderbilt a check for \$50,000 on Wednesday and one of about the same value to Colonel J. C. Flood. Both these modest fellows own \$5,000,000 worth of four per cent. bonds, and the checks served as reminders that the quarterly interest was due.

If General Fremont doesn't earn his salary as Governor of Arizona his wife does for him. Mrs. Fremont has organized several classes in history among the grown sons and daughters of poor settlers, and is fast winning the semi-civilized over from the ways of barbarism into which they otherwise might drift.

Gov. Blackburn, of Kentucky, has pardoned a fourteen-year-old boy, sentenced to the Penitentiary for house-breaking, upon the ground that he has determined not to allow any child to go inside the State prison to be further contaminated if there is reasonable ground upon which it can be prevented. He favors a resort to reformatory institutions for erring youth.

Congressman Wellborn and General W. H. Hamman, ex-Greenback candidate for Governor of Texas, met at Dallas on Tuesday, to discuss jointly in public the political questions of the day. From hard words they fell to hard blows. They clinched and rolled along the ground, suggesting to the hilarious crowd a self-propelling street sweeper. The strange thing about the affair is that being in Texas the honorable gentlemen should have substituted the artificial fist for that natural weapon, the pistol.

Under the provisions of the circular of the Secretary of the Treasury of September 19 last, in regard to the shipment of gold coin to parties desiring it, there has been sent out from the Mint gold to the amount of \$171,050. In addition to this the Sub-Treasurers are all supplied with gold, and are paying it out freely on current obligations, and the Treasurer's checks for called bonds redeemed are being paid by the Assistant Treasurer in New York in gold through the clearing house.

At the McHenry House, Meadville, Pa., there is a parrot which is a source of great annoyance to train men. When it sees a freight train coming it will yell at the top of its voice, "Switch off! switch off!" The enunciation is so distinct that it not unfrequently happens that the train will be switched to avoid a supposed danger. The same bird, when it sees a passenger train, will yell, "All aboard!" and thereby cause a scamper among the passengers, who, after sitting in the cars for ten or fifteen minutes, will discover they have been sold.

Four young ladies were sitting on the porch of William H. Speaksman's residence, in Wallace township, Chester county, the other afternoon, when they assailed their ears a deafening explosion, as of a heavily-charged gun. Then, instantaneously a small ball of fire passed through one of the panes of glass in a window, making a round, well-shaped hole. Through an opposite open door it took its way into an adjoining room, and there, apparently, in the shape of a large, fiery ball, stood still for several seconds at a distance of about two feet from the floor and then disappeared. What became of it, all the ladies were too much frightened to see, and one of their number was badly stunned by the strange visitor.