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MR. HAYES has issued a proclamation appointing November 27 as a day of thanksgiving and prayer? All right. It is to be hoped he will observe the day in fervent prayer to be forgiven for one great crime, at least.

OF the seven candidates voted for on the State ticket by the Ohio Republicans Hickenlooper, for Lieutenant-Governor, received the smallest vote. He happened to be a Union soldier. Of the seven candidates voted for on the State ticket by the Ohio Democrats Ewing and Rice received the largest vote. They happened to be Union soldiers. Somehow or other, says the New York World, these two facts don't seem to bear out the theories of our esteemed Republican contemporaries concerning the overpowering love of the Republicans for the Union soldier and the unquenchable animosity of the Democrats towards him.

THE Radical party, encouraged by the patience with which the people submitted to the great crime committed in the counting out of the legally elected President of the United States in 1876, now fancy that they will submit to have their States blotted out, and their Constitutional rights transferred to a centralized despotism at Washington. But that party had better not count too strongly upon public patience. It is "the last straw that breaks the camel's back," and the stalwarts will do well to heed the signs, before pressing too far their efforts to abrogate State lines and place the reserved rights of the States and of the people in the keeping and at the mercy of a centralized power, whether that power be the result of fraud, or the creature of circumstances. The American people, when brought to realize the fact that a great party in this country, encouraged by the immunity given to fraud in one instance, has the audacity to proclaim its determination to ignore the Constitution and its reservations in favor of the States and the people, will not be in temper to view such wrong with complacency. Patience will give way to overwhelming wrath that will grind the usurping party to powder. The Constitution fixes certain lines of demarcation for the General and State Governments, beyond which neither can pass without crime, and the Republicans may not hope to pass these lines with impunity. That we do not misinterpret the motives of the Republican leaders, it is only necessary to read the platforms they have given to the public, the speeches of their statesmen and politicians, and the articles of the press when occasion calls for remark on the subject of state rights. They can have but one tendency—centralization of power in a strong overshadowing Government at Washington, antagonizing local self governments. This is so apparent that it cannot escape public attention, for their arguments are not delivered in mild or concealed terms, but are openly and boldly avowed, with a view to divide the country by geographical political lines to weaken the force of opposition. We have abiding faith that there yet remains enough patriotism in the country to save our institutions from the danger which menaces them, that popular indignation will yet assert itself in sufficient time and with sufficient energy to arrest the bold work of destroying the form of Government, as our fathers gave it to us. But these destructive tendencies of the Radicals must be met and rebuked in the same spirit which inspired Jefferson to combat the same idea of strong government presented and urged by the Federalists of old.

No Time for Sectionalism.

Evidence accumulates day by day that it is the deliberate and determined purpose of the stalwart leaders of the Republican party to force the political issues of 1880 into the old and disgusting rut of sectionalism and hatred of the South. They painfully realize that it is only by fanning into a fresh flame the dying embers of the fires of passion and prejudice that burned so fiercely during a calamitous and unhappy period of civil war that they have the slightest hope of extending their present lease of ill-gotten power. To these fomentors of hate and disunion, the majority of whom did so little when a real exigency of danger menaced the government, the patriotic and sublime spectacle of the Union restored, the States again in harmony with each other, and the people of all sections of the country once more dwelling together in peace and fraternity, has but few attractions. They well know that their future success as political leaders and teachers depends upon an entirely different condition of affairs, and they will not falter for a single moment in their efforts to bring it about. For this, there must be a solid North to offset a South made solid only in a desire for home rule and freedom from Federal interference in home concerns. For this, the senseless cries of a new rebellion and the domination of the Confederate brigadiers are dinned into Northern ears with continuous iteration and reiteration in every variety of change that can be rung from them. For this, the stalwart press daily groans with base and malicious libels upon the people of the South. For this, Blaine, Brewster, Conkling, Sherman and a hundred other stalwarts of like courage and mendacity send forth their brutal anathemas of hate, their malignant sophistries, and their shameless perversions of every day facts and occurrences that pertain to one section of the country—all tending to one end: The success of the Republican party in 1880.

Will the end desired by these marplots and demagogues who control the Republican organization be reached by an issue of sectionalism such as we have pointed out? We think not. Surely, if ever there was a time for such an issue it is not now, nor will it be next year. That Union, Harmony and Fraternity are at all times better for the happiness and prosperity of the people no intelligent and unbiased person will deny.

And this calls to mind at least one potent reason why the sober, second thought, when it comes, will not give success to any political party that hopes to grasp it through the divisions, dissensions and hatreds that come of sectional agitations. The material interests of the country will not permit it. After a long and dreary period of gloom, depression and embarrassment in all our business and industrial pursuits, we are beginning to rejoice in the blessed fact of a dawning prosperity, and with it a bright and hopeful outlook for the future. In the great centres of trade and commerce we have beheld a striking transformation from inertness to activity. Business seems to be thriving everywhere. Great manufacturing and producing industries, for years either dormant or dragging along a sickly existence in the general stagnation of the times, are again stirring with new life and energy. Labor is in active demand and commands higher wages. Employers and employees are on better terms with each other, hoping to reap a mutual benefit in their improved prospects. These manifestations of a better condition of business are to be felt and seen at every hand. Are they the mere fits and starts of transitory and illusive causes that will pass away in an unexpected moment, or are they the real and tangible signs of a permanent and strong business revival? Which will tend most toward permanency and strength—peace

and reconciliation, with business, political and social intercourse free, friendly and unrestrained throughout all sections of the country, or a new crusade of sectionalism with its accompanying evils of discord and discontent? Which will give greater security and confidence? But one sensible answer can be given to these questions. The time therefore for sectionalism has past away; and under these circumstances and surroundings will not the inquiring, conservative and patriotic good sense of the people demand that such an issue be no longer a factor in a great Presidential election? And will not the political party which insists otherwise receive a signal and lasting rebuke?

Official Vote of Centre County.

STATE TICKET.		STATE TREASURER.	
DISTRICTS.		Butler, Rep.	Richardson, P.
Bellefonte, N. W.	71	144	11
Do. S. W.	107	69	14
Do. W. W.	35	48	8
Howard	35	38	1
Milesburg	32	32	5
Millheim	104	22	
Phillipsburg	111	150	3
Unionville	25	29	16
Banner	106	28	6
Boggs	127	76	26
Burnside	16	33	
Curtin			
College	59	102	38
Ferguson, Old	142	49	
Ferguson, New	34	67	
Gregg	151	32	
Haines	153	70	4
Half Moo	31	55	12
Harris	103	60	
Howard	51	52	4
Huston	33	48	32
Liberty	72	29	19
Marion	78	28	1
Miles	184	28	1
Patton	29	59	2
Penn	89	6	1
Potter, North	132	50	
Potter, South	111	53	
Rush	54	18	7
Snow Shoe	67	24	8
Spring	128	116	16
Taylor	23	27	4
Union	44	47	20
Walker	146	39	7
Worth	49	35	15
Total	2690	1765	297

COUNTY TICKET.		JURY COMMISSIONER.		OVERSEER.	
DISTRICTS.		Shannon, D.	Kilke, Rep.	Thompson, B.	Johnson, G.
Bellefonte, N. W.	63	148	29	66	149
Do. S. W.	102	68	14	102	69
Do. W. W.	36	48	8	35	48
Howard	35	38	1	35	38
Milesburg	32	32	5	32	32
Millheim	102	22	3	102	22
Phillipsburg	109	130	5	110	130
Unionville	21	46	5	21	46
Banner	26	19	16	26	19
Boggs	115	64	4	120	63
Burnside	14	34	13	13	26
Curtin	60	80	6	60	80
College	52	99	45	57	104
Ferguson, Old	142	50	1	140	53
Ferguson, New	32	62	5	32	62
Gregg	148	32	1	148	32
Haines	153	70	3	154	70
Half Moo	30	45	24	32	53
Harris	97	60	8	98	64
Howard	50	52	4	49	52
Huston	18	75	21	28	61
Liberty	72	29	3	74	28
Marion	78	27	3	78	27
Miles	184	26	12	184	26
Patton	27	56	1	29	56
Penn	89	6	1	89	6
Potter, North	153	29	1	132	47
Potter, South	113	52	1	112	63
Rush	50	19	10	52	17
Snow Shoe	67	25	7	67	25
Spring	127	115	17	127	116
Taylor	22	28	4	23	27
Union	45	49	20	45	47
Walker	145	40	7	146	40
Worth	49	35	17	51	35
Total	2618	1808	356	2654	1807

The above are the official returns of Centre county lacking Curtin township, which will probably increase the Democratic majority from ten to fifteen.

MR. HAYES wants Gen. Grant to become his guest, on his arrival at Washington, and has sent a formal invitation to that effect. Will Grant accept? A visit to the White House will no doubt suggest to him some pleasant memories. It has been the residence of the best and greatest of American statesmen, all placed there by the American people, but—well, the invitation was signed by the wrong fellow.

THE official returns of the Ohio election show a majority of 17,129 for Foster over Ewing, and a majority for Foster over all of 3,855. The Greenback candidate received 9,129 votes and the Prohibitionist 4,145. The majority for Gen. Hickenlooper (Rep.) over Gen. Rice (Dem.) is 15,678. The total vote for Governor was 668,667.

The Elections.

In Pennsylvania the Republicans have elected Samuel Butler, Republican, State Treasurer over Daniel O. Barr, the Democratic candidate, by a large majority—not less than 35,000, and it may reach 40,000. This large majority is not due to any increase in the Republican vote. It may be attributed almost entirely to the apathy and indifference of Democrats who could not be induced to go to the polls on last Tuesday. In this county, the Democratic plurality over Butler is over 900. Had the Democrats polled the vote they gave Mr. Dill, which was under the full Democratic vote, Mr. Barr would have two thousand over Butler in the county. In the county about a two-thirds vote was polled.

In New York, the Kelly bolt has resulted in the election of Cornell, Republican, over Lucius Robinson, the present Governor of the State and the Democratic candidate for re-election. Cornell's plurality is variously estimated at from 20,000 to 30,000. There is no doubt that Hon. Clarkson Potter the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor and the balance of the Democratic State ticket have been handsomely elected. There was no division in the Democratic party except upon Governor, and the result shows that New York is still really Democratic and may be counted upon as certain to vote for the Democratic candidate for President next year.

Maryland stands in the Democratic column with old time firmness. For Governor, Wm. T. Hamilton, Democrat, was elected by the usual Democratic majority and with him the entire State ticket.

In Massachusetts, Gen. Benj. F. Butler is again defeated for Governor by John D. Long, the Republican nominee by a plurality estimated at 15,000.

Wisconsin elects a Republican Governor, as does Minnesota, and Nebraska a Republican Judge of the Supreme Court. New Jersey and Connecticut elected State Legislatures and the results in both are favorable to the Republicans.

From the Southern States that voted on Tuesday the returns are very meagre. In Virginia the election turned upon the question of the State debt and it is supposed that the party favorable to what is known as the McCullough compromise have triumphed over the other party called the readjusters, or rather the repudiators. From Mississippi we have but slight returns. It is supposed the State has gone Democratic. The election was exceedingly quiet and orderly.

FOURTEEN HUNDRED Democratic voters of Centre county at home on election day. Fellow Democrats! what think you of such indifference?

The Chief of the Bureau of Statistics at Washington reports that the value of the exports from the United States of live animals of all kinds increased from \$5,844,683 during the year ended June 30, 1878, to \$11,487,754 during the year ended June 30, 1879. Of the total exports of live animals during the last fiscal year 71 per cent. were sent to Great Britain.

During a mass meeting of the Greenback-Labor party at Scranton, Saturday night, a runaway horse, which had been detached from a street car, dashed into the crowd, when a miner named Brian Judge was knocked down and killed. The crowd became very much excited over the event, and were so threatening toward the driver of the car that he was locked up in the station house for protection.

Another of those remarkable stories comes from Pike county. This time a Miss Clara Hendershot, who lives near Shohola, is the heroine. While rowing in her boat she met a deer, a big fellow, swimming leisurely along, so that she might overtake him. She fired and wounded him slightly. The animal made for the boat, and the girl lunged a big knife in his throat and came off victorious.

An old gray-headed woman was arrested in Philadelphia last week for stealing \$375. She put the money in her mouth and for several hours resisted the efforts of the policemen to get it out. As she was so old they didn't want to hurt her and she went to jail with the money still there. Poverty was the cause of the crime.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

BANQUET OF THE HOUTZ HEIRS.—The remarkable suit which brought to our courts the most distinguished and able lawyers in the State; that involved more fine points in the intricate law which governs the tenure and title to the lands of the Commonwealth; and which resulted in a verdict for the defendants—the heirs of the Houtz estate—found a fit culmination in the elegant banquet given at Houtzdale by the defendants in this memorable case. They considered the victory of so much importance, and felt so grateful to all who contributed to their success, that they determined to emphasize their gratitude by calling together their friends—those who took an active part in the great case and also their personal friends.

The writer left Bellefonte in company with the Hon. C. T. Alexander and D. F. Fortney, Esq. Mr. Alexander represented at the dinner the counsel, who won for the defense their splendid triumph. Mr. McClester and Geo. M. Brisbin, Esq., both defendants in the suit, managed the dinner and received the guests. Robert Lawshe, was called to the chair, after the guests had done ample justice to the really incomparable dinner served by that prince of genial hosts, Fred Reese of the Arlington House, and immediately the important business of the evening began. Hon. R. Bruce Petrikin, of Huntingdon, and Thomas B. Fisher, Esq., brother of the Congressman from the Huntingdon district, occupied, in connection with Harry M. Ateer, George M. Brisbin, Harry Hartman and ex-Sheriff Pie, of Clearfield county, one table. Hon. C. T. Alexander, D. F. Fortney, Esq., Wm. A. Tobias and J. C. Harper, two of our county officials, together with Joseph Morgan, recorder of Clearfield county, George H. Zeigler, of Phillipsburg, and others, occupied another. Don St. George Frazier, Houtzdale's only editor, with John K. White, of Osceola, and George R. Barrett, Jr., of Bellefonte, not to mention Charley McCauley, managed to fill another table. Altogether there were seventy-two persons sitting at one time at the various tables in the two tastefully decorated rooms prepared for the occasion.

Mr. Reese deserves great credit for the handsome manner in which he entertained the guests of the evening. Mr. Lawshe, the chairman, called the assemblage to order at precisely twelve o'clock. The baton, wielded by the chairman, was an empty wine bottle. As soon as order was established, Bruce Petrikin arose, and in a felicitous speech toasted "the counsel for the defense," and called on our popular fellow-townsmen, Hon. C. T. Alexander, to respond. Without exaggeration, Mr. Alexander made one of the most eloquent speeches it was ever our good fortune to hear. At the conclusion of his remarks, Mr. Petrikin once more arose and offered a toast to "the Houtz heirs," and asked for a response from George M. Brisbin, Esq. In a feeling and happy manner, Mr. Brisbin explained that it was with no spirit of animosity that the defendants in this important case had called their friends together. He spoke of the overshadowing interest all the people of Houtzdale had in the result of the suit. The titles of their property were at stake, he said, and it was not to glory over the defeat of the plaintiffs, but to rejoice in the fact that a thousand people were not rendered homeless, that the former owners of all this valuable property had arranged for this reunion of their friends. Other toasts were offered and responses made by D. F. Fortney, George R. Barrett, Jr., and others. The festivities were continued until a late hour, when the guests boarded a special train that lay upon the track awaiting their convenience, and bid a reluctant farewell to Houtzdale and the good people who had been so solicitous of their comfort.

EDUCATIONAL.—Mr. John Mason Duncan, the accomplished instructor, is at present conducting a night school in the District School building. He will be assisted by a full corps of teachers, who will aid him in giving to the pupils a complete and useful course of study. Primary and advanced classes in reading and spelling have been formed, commercial arithmetic and book-keeping will be taught by a skillful book-keeper, and Mr. Duncan will himself give instructions in grammar and composition. Four sessions will be held during the week—every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening—beginning at 7 o'clock, for the nominal sum of \$2.50 per month; 50 cents extra for book-keeping. Those desiring to take advantage of this offer may consult Mr. Duncan, or call at the school, it being desirable for all to commence as soon as possible.

—It is said that Washington's Birthday, Decoration Day, Fourth of July and Christmas will all occur on Sunday in 1880.

—Clifford Thomas leaves to-day to enter the Altoona car shops.

DEATH OF AN AGED COUPLE.—On the 19th of August last, Dr. John Ruhl, aged 71 years, 34 months, died at Lock Haven, to which place he had moved from Rebersburg, Centre county, but a short time before. On the 14th of September following, his consort, Mrs. Elizabeth Ruhl, aged 67 years, 4 months, and 4 days, followed him "through the valley and shadow of death." The doctor was esteemed wherever he was known, and he was particularly successful in curing dangerous cases of cancer, to which fact he mainly owed his reputation beyond the neighborhood in which he lived. He was called into all the adjacent counties, in severe cases during the past few years and cured numbers which had been abandoned. The remedies he employed were purely vegetable and compounded by a science acquired by many years of study and observation. The secret of his medicines he fortunately communicated to one of his sons a short time before his death. The brief interval which occurred between his death and the demise of his devoted wife affords a curious instance of that sympathy between two souls wedded together during long years of domestic happiness.

Notices of the deaths of the two respected individuals who form the subject of the above notice appeared at the proper time in the DEMOCRAT. As they were so well known in Miles township, this county, we copy the above, knowing that it will be read with interest.

SOME CANADA SHEEP.—Three weeks ago Mr. I. S. Frain, of Walker township, departed on a short trip to Canada to purchase a large stock of extra-fine Leicester sheep. On Saturday evening, October 25, he returned, which fact we unintentionally omitted to mention in our last issue. We are glad to hear that his errand to Queen Victoria's Dominion was entirely successful, and that he brought back with him ninety-two lambs and two rams. One of the rams is four years, and the other three years of age, the former weighing 325 pounds, thoroughbred and strictly pure. Some lambs of last April weigh 140 pounds and have wool ten inches long. Mr. Frain informs us that he has already sold thirty-six sheep, and anticipates orders for at least thirty-eight more.

STATE NEWS.

There are 62 prisoners in the Chester county jail.

Grafts of Italian chestnuts are being extensively put upon native chestnut trees in Mercer county.

The Schuylkill Republican says that it is the purpose of President Gowan to make the main line of the Reading a four track railroad.

Thirteen thousand unstamped cigars were seized in Bethlehem on Saturday by a revenue collector in the store of William H. and Isaac Foutz.

Horse stealing is a business along the lower part of York and Lancaster counties, in which it is supposed young men of "reputable families" freely engage.

The average amount of fines collected on Monday mornings by the Mayor of Reading, for cases of drunken and disorderly conduct on the Saturday nights previous, is \$70.

Mrs. Mellon of Pittsburgh, while suffering from the effects of drink, got out of bed on Thursday night and cut her throat. She was found dead early the next morning by her husband.

One-half day in each month is devoted in the schools of Wilkesbarre to have the roll of meritorious scholars read and statements made of the manner in which they earned their honors.

A woman in Bradford perceived the oil in her lamp was on fire. With great presence of mind she threw it into the street, when a sharp explosion occurred to the great astonishment of a few spectators.

The large island in the Susquehanna river, located a short distance below Middletown, containing 265 acres and belonging to the Barrill estate, was sold to Colonel James Duffy, of Marietta, recently, for \$20,000.

Several days ago Frank Meisner and John Bodier, small boys, were playing upon the street in Germania, a town in Potter county, with a gun. The weapon exploded, killing a man named Joseph Singler, who was passing.

The Middletown, Dauphin county, Car works have been purchased by Mr. Michael Schalt and work was resumed there Monday. The works employ about two hundred and fifty hands when run to their full capacity.

The thriving town of Parker suffered greatly by fire last Thursday. It originated at 2 A. M., burning for five hours, and destroying \$200,000 worth of property. The insurance amounted to \$150,000. It is thought to be the work of an incendiary.

G. B. Mathewson, a young man on trial in the United States District Court at Pittsburgh for robbing the post office at Factoryville, Wyoming county, is attended in Court by a very beautiful young lady named Capwell, to whom he is engaged to be married. She is the daughter of a minister, is highly educated and very wealthy.

On Saturday morning several boys at Wormleysburg, opposite Harrisburg, stood by the railroad track, touching freight cars as they were drawn slowly by. One of the number, named Frank-entine, was pushed by a companion and falling upon the track received injuries from which he died the same night.