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Thursday Morning, November 13, 1879.

HON. V. E. PIOLETTE, the Master, has called the annual meeting of the State Grange at Bloomsburg, on the 9th of December next.

A COLOSSAL equestrian statue of Gen. George A. Thomas is to be unveiled in Washington, on the 20th instant. It is the contribution of the Army of the Cumberland to the memory of the great soldier, and cost \$40,000.

THE repudiators of Virginia have been successful mainly through the colored Republican vote of the State. The Republican capitalists of the North who hold Virginia bonds will appreciate the favor.

THE fifteen Southern States, with Missouri, Indiana and New York, give 188 Electoral votes. These will be Democratic, and will secure the election of a Democratic President in 1880. To these may be added, pretty safely, Oregon, California and New Jersey, and perhaps Connecticut.

THE irrepressible Benj. F. Butler claims that he owes his defeat to a deficiency of votes. That is most probably true. But he says also that there are about 100,000 citizens disfranchised in Massachusetts, and intimates his intention to have this remedied before his next contest for gubernatorial honors.

SENATOR BAYARD and wife arrived at home from their trip to Europe on Friday evening last. He stole a march upon his friends and neighbors, who were prepared to give him a grand reception. Arriving unexpectedly, he quietly got into a carriage and drove to his residence before he was discovered. Like the great man he is, he did not court notoriety.

THE Washington Post proposes the nomination of the Hon. Horatio Seymour, of New York, and Senator Jos. McDonald, of Indiana, as the Democratic candidates for President and Vice President of the United States. Senator McDonald proposes the Hon. Thomas A. Hendricks, of Indiana, and Clarkson N. Potter, of New York, as the candidates. Either combination will make a strong and winning team.

HOOTEN, the chairman of the Republican State committee, returns thanks and congratulations to "every Republican in the State, and to all others who aided in securing the victory of November 4th." The "all others" must mean the Democrats who staid at home on election day. Their aid was about as efficient as that of the Republicans who voted, and they certainly deserve Hooten's thanks.

THE death of Senator Chandler creates a vacancy in the chairmanship of the Republican National Executive Committee which will probably be difficult to fill satisfactorily to the various stalwart interests. Conkling, it is said, favors the appointment of his man Cornell, the Governor elect of New York. This selection is obnoxious to Sherman, and viewed with any thing but complacency by Blaine. But the shot-gun hero's lash is potent against Sherman, and Blaine may not desire to encounter it.

THE New York Tribune concedes that "the New York Democracy will present a united front in 1880," but says "it is by no means certain what sort of a motto will be inscribed upon its standard." When the Democracy of New York are united they are sure to win, and the Tribune may be assured that if united they will carry a motto that will meet the approval of the Democracy of the country. For the Presidential canvas it will be—"Equal and exact justice to all" the States.

### Official Vote of Centre County.

#### STATE TICKET.

DISTRICTS.	Barth, Dem.	Burr, Rep.	Sheldon, G.	Richardson, P.
Bellefonte, N. W.	71	144	11	4
Do. S. W.	107	69	14	1
Do. W. W.	35	48	8	1
Howard	35	38	1	1
Millsburg	32	32	38	5
Millsheim	104	22	3	3
Phillipsburg	111	130	5	3
Unionville	25	29	6	6
Benner	106	28	6	16
Boggs	127	56	36	
Burnside	16	33		
Curtin	20	11	2	
College	59	102	38	
Ferguson, Old	142	49		
Ferguson, New	34	67		
Gregg	151	32		
Haines	153	70	3	4
Half Moor	31	55	12	
Harris	103	60		
Howard	51	52	4	
Huston	33	48	32	
Liberty	30	60	4	19
Marion	78	29	1	
Miles	184	28	1	
Patton	29	59	2	
Penn	89	6	1	
Potter, North	132	50		
Potter, South	111	53		
Spring	54	15	7	
Snow Shoe	67	24	8	
Unio	128	176	16	
Taylor	23	27	4	
Union	44	47	20	10
Walker	146	39	7	
Worth	49	35	15	
Total	2710	1776	299	61
Barth over Burr				334

#### COUNTY TICKET.

DISTRICTS.	Shannon, D.	Kilmer, Rep.	Hunter, G.	Alaska, Dem.	Thompson, R.	Jacobus, G.
Bellefonte, N. W.	63	148	29	66	149	14
Do. S. W.	102	68	18	102	69	17
Do. W. W.	36	48	8	35	48	9
Howard	35	38	1	35	38	3
Millsburg	32	32	38	32	32	38
Millsheim	104	22	3	102	22	3
Phillipsburg	109	130	5	110	130	4
Unionville	25	29	6	25	29	6
Benner	106	28	6	106	28	6
Boggs	127	56	36	127	56	36
Burnside	16	33		16	33	
Curtin	20	11	2	20	11	2
College	59	102	38	59	102	38
Ferguson, Old	142	49		142	49	
Ferguson, New	34	67		34	67	
Gregg	151	32		151	32	
Haines	153	70	3	154	70	3
Half Moor	31	55	12	31	55	12
Harris	103	60		103	60	
Howard	51	52	4	51	52	4
Huston	33	48	32	33	48	32
Liberty	30	60	4	30	60	4
Marion	78	29	1	78	29	1
Miles	184	28	1	184	28	1
Patton	29	59	2	29	59	2
Penn	89	6	1	89	6	1
Potter, North	132	50		132	50	
Potter, South	111	53		111	53	
Spring	54	15	7	54	15	7
Snow Shoe	67	24	8	67	24	8
Unio	128	176	16	128	176	16
Taylor	23	27	4	23	27	4
Union	44	47	20	44	47	20
Walker	146	39	7	146	39	7
Worth	49	35	15	49	35	15
Total	2638	1814	359	2674	1817	318

#### Cheating Pensioners.

The rogues about Washington are still plying their occupation of swindling the unsuspecting. The Commissioner of Pensions received the following letter from an aged female pensioner:

DEAR SIR: I wish to know if Mr. — has any right to any pay. He says he got the arrears of pensions bill through congress. I thought it took two-thirds of the members to pass a law. He wrote me before I got my check to know how much I would give. I told the man that filed my papers to put down \$25. I would like to know if he is trying to swindle me (an old woman 75 years of age), or shall I give it to him. I enclose the papers he sent me.

To which the commissioner replies that no one has a right to make such demands, and it is only an attempt to levy a tax upon her credulity and generosity. The papers referred to in the letter are circulars sent out by the swindlers claiming compensation for services rendered in obtaining the passage of the law granting arrears of pensions.

CONKLING and his friends must be amused at the complaint of Sherman and Evarts that they had to do the work of electing Cornell, while the imperious Senator rolled himself up in his magnificence and did nothing. They may well laugh, knowing that the shot-gun hero did much, and did it in a way to make his triumph over the fraudulent administration complete and perfect in their stultification. He forced the nomination of Cornell, whom the administration repudiated and degraded, and then lashed them into harness with the Tammany chief to secure his election, while he stood back in gleeful inactivity to witness their humility.

### Prepare for 1880.

It is unnecessary to urge upon the Democrats of Pennsylvania the absolute necessity of a thorough organization of the party for the contest of 1880. The party, says the Harrisburg Patriot, no doubt recognizes the fact that without such organization it will be vain to hope for success in the State. There are those, however, who are too willing to regard Pennsylvania as lost to the Democracy and who are therefore ready to abandon the State to the enemy. To such we would say that the voting strength of the Pennsylvania Democracy has not been fully exhibited at the polls for many years. The party has not been in thorough voting drill since 1868 when in spite of the popularity of Grant, on the test vote in October the Republicans had but a beggarly majority of about nine thousand. Since then the Republican party has been greatly weakened in many counties, notably in the central, northern and western portions of the State. But superior discipline still gives them numerical superiority at the polls. There are about 750,000 voters that can be brought to the election in a presidential year. A change of two votes in every hundred of the 750,000, from one party to the other, would make a difference, in the aggregate, of 30,000. A change of four in every hundred against the dominant party would wipe out a majority of 60,000. Now there can be no question that if the Democratic party is properly organized and disciplined for 1880 that a change of four votes in every hundred against the Republicans and in favor of the Democrats can be made at the presidential election. Suppose that active Democrats of each election district were to resolve to make this change of four in every hundred votes, who doubts but that it would be done? But in order that the workers in the election districts may be encouraged to undertake the task there must be a head of the organization who will show them that the work can be done, how it is to be done, and who will see that it is done. And the sooner this work of organization is begun the better. The State convention for the election of delegates to the National convention and the nomination of the State ticket ought therefore to be held at an early day. It is important that the State committee which is to conduct the canvass next year be chosen as soon as possible, so that the preliminary work of organization may be completed before the speaking canvass which is inevitable in a presidential year shall have begun. The organization of Democratic clubs, the placing of Democratic newspapers in the hands of the voters, and like preparations for the campaign ought not to be neglected beyond the first month of the new year, but it is more than likely that they will not be generally thought of unless the State committee take the matter in hand and adopt and enforce some system in regard to it. These suggestions are made simply because they think there is no sense in a haphazard effort it can be won.

PERSEVERANCE Lodge A. Y. Masons of Harrisburg celebrated its Centennial anniversary on Tuesday last, having been instituted on the 10th of November, 1779. Officers of the Grand Lodge, with other distinguished Masons were present, and made appropriate addresses. Dr. W. H. Eagle read an interesting history of the Lodge since its organization.

THE electors of the State of Indiana, will vote on the first Monday of April next on an amendment to the Constitution, changing the time for holding elections to November. If elections in all the States were held on the same day, a wholesome check would be given to fraudulent voting by importation from contiguous States.

### A Pure Ballot.

The election held in Philadelphia on the fourth of November last, was a parody on the purity of the ballot. Already evidence enough has accumulated to convince, even the most malevolent partisan, that the whole thing was simply a roaring farce, a reeking comedy. There is not, we believe, an honest Republican within the corporate limits of Pennsylvania's great metropolis, who does not think that the returns offered as the result of the late election, are knowingly incorrect and a deliberate perversion of the expressed will of the people. The election officers, who assumed their responsible positions under the solemnity of an oath, steeped their souls in perjury to lay this offering of fraud and violence upon the altar of a depraved Republican domination. We do not believe there is an honorable man upon either side, who will not now acknowledge that the Republican vote as announced on the evening of the fourth of November was false and fraudulent. There is not a man in Philadelphia who took sufficient interest in the election to note what was going on, who does not know that the number of votes as returned never went through the windows. The election machinery is in the hands of as desperate a free country. The fact that stands out in bold relief is simply this: The vote for Butler in Philadelphia is over four thousand more than that cast for General Hoyt. Every one knows that the election last year for Governor was of the most exciting character, and that an active, vigorous and demonstrative campaign was carried on by both parties. The public interest was aroused and a full vote was of course the consequence. The election this year was distinguished by nothing more than the apathy of party leaders and the indifference of the people. And yet in the face of this, the political rounders who answer for Republican election officers in the first city of our Commonwealth return in this off year a larger vote than was cast for Hoyt. It is time that this monstrous, organized system of fraud should be stricken down, and the Democracy of the country earnestly call upon the true-hearted, loyal and unselfish men of the party in Philadelphia, to bend their energies to the task of bringing these scoundrels to deserved punishment. Full rein and scope seem to have been given to the repeater's brigade, and the large majority given Butler is due to their system of false personation. Let Vaux and McGowan, and Cassidy and Randall forget for a while their personal grievances, and unite in vindicating the Democratic party of both City and State by the prompt and faithful prosecution of all concerned in this gigantic fraud. Can it be that such proceedings as these are to go uncondemned by the organs of justice? Is there no one whose duty it is to see that this monstrous and odious outrage upon the suffrage of the people is premeditated and carefully prepared for. The sponsors of these men sit in the high places of power, and the time has now come when Leeds, Stokely, Lane and Rowen should know that they are not omnipotent; that there is a power behind the throne, mightier than the throne itself. Outraged decency will relentlessly drag them to the bar of public opinion, and the verdict will be that they should be remanded forever to the obscurity that always, sooner or later, envelopes the faithless servants of the people. In the meantime, while awaiting the stern retribution that certainly and surely will overtake the masters, we call for the condign punishment of the servants. Lane plants and Stokely waters, but just as sure as comes seed time and harvest, will these men share with their dupes, if not the imprisonment which awaits the repeater, the just and merited condemnation of all honest men. This they deserve and should receive.

By the election of Waldo Hutchins, Democrat in the West Chester District, New York, vacant by the death of Smith, Republican, the roll of the popular branch of Congress is now complete, and gives a close majority of three over the combined vote of the Republicans and Greenbackers. The disintegration of the Greenback party as an organization is so entire that the members elected by that party will probably seek their old affiliations in the Democratic and Republican ranks. This will probably increase the working majority of the Democrats in the House to 11 or 12.

THE joint poll in New York for Robinson and Kelley is over 30,000 in excess of that given the Republican candidate for Governor.

#### The Count in Pennsylvania.

HARRISBURG, November 10.—The returns received at the State Department from all but seven counties in the State show a vote of 446,348 against 582,045 last year in the same counties. The Democratic vote has decreased nearly 25 per cent., the Republican 11½ per cent., and the National 66 per cent. The Prohibitionists hold their own. In the counties officially reported the Republicans have 235,604, the Democrats 184,021, the Nationals 24,789, and the Prohibitionists 2,534, giving the Republicans a plurality of 50,983, which will be increased to 58,000 by returns from the remaining counties. The vote will be about 165,000 less than last year and 220,000 less than in 1876. In three counties the National vote exceeds that of the Democrats, and in one it is larger than either of the other parties.

#### GENERAL NEWS.

Mrs. Davis, wife of Senator Davis, died at Stockbridge, Mass., Monday morning.

The freight traffic over the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania railroad amounts to 3,000 cars each day.

More than one hundred children have died in Johnstown and vicinity during the past six weeks from diphtheria.

Hon. Edward F. Noyes, the United States minister to France, has arrived at Constantinople on his way to Egypt.

The estimate for the consular and diplomatic service for the next fiscal year will exceed those for the current year by about \$96,000.

An affecting scene in the Erie Opera House on Saturday night was two young ladies shedding tears over the play and dividing a handkerchief between them.

The October report on the condition of the cotton crop in Virginia and North Carolina shows an average decrease of about 14 per cent. in the yield.

The New York Flower Mission received 144,000 bouquets during the season, and distributed them among the hospitals, prisons, asylums and tenements of the city.

An increase of over four hundred million pieces of mail matter was handled in the postal cars during the twelve months ended June 30 last, the aggregate being \$2,650,000,000.

At Jordan Brook, near State line, a little girl named Crandall was so badly frightened by a drunken man a few days ago that her hair, which was auburn in color, turned snow white.

Some French newspapers give rumors of a projected matrimonial alliance between Prince Thomas of Savoy, brother of the Queen of Italy, and the daughter of the Crown Prince of Germany.

In return for jokes played upon others, some one filled the overcoat pocket of Mr. F. P. Guise, a young attorney of Williamsport, with steel pens. A number of them stuck to his hand, and in taking them out several broke off. The hand is terribly swollen, and it is feared that the consequences may be fatal.

Miss Amy, daughter of Dr. David Hostetter, of Allegheny, was married on Thursday to Mr. Herbert De Puy, formerly of Philadelphia, and now connected with the Edgar Thomson Steel Works as chemist. The presents of the bride's father are estimated at over \$100,000, and, besides this, it is reported that he has given her \$1,000,000 in bonds.

A lad named Kesser, of Altoona, who had been in the habit of stealing rides on the railroad, was remonstrated with by his father on this bad practice. He declared he would never do it again, and hoped that God would punish him if he did. He kept his promise until Wednesday of last week, when he was thrown from the train and his head severed from his body.

Some time during Monday morning an accident occurred near Huntingdon, by which a man whose name could not be ascertained, was knocked down on the track by a west bound freight train and had both of his legs cut off. It is supposed the unfortunate man was deaf, as every warning signal known to railroad men was given.

Miss Lillie Parker, of Lycoming county, is distinguishing herself as a rifle shot. In a recent trial at fifty yards out of sixteen shots she drove the nail eleven times and struck a paper every time. Miss Parker, who is not in the least masculine, takes great delight in the use of the rifle, and can bring down a bird on the wing or a squirrel from a tree-top with ease.

Of the \$120,000 taken from the safe of the Bailey brothers on Wednesday night of last week by three masked burglars \$15,000 have been found strewn around the house and yard. Of the \$5,000 carried off \$1,700 was in money and the balance in bonds. The robbers left \$600 in gold and over \$1,000 in paper behind, which they evidently overlooked in their hurry.

A dispatch from Napoleon, Ohio, says: A fire which originated in "Dutch Row" Sunday morning destroyed one-third of the town. Among the nineteenth buildings destroyed were the Court House, the Sheriff's residence, the jail and the Garber agricultural warehouse. The loss is estimated at \$100,000; insurance \$50,000. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

Eight years ago, Joseph Trox, of Lawrence county, was sentenced to the penitentiary upon the day he was to be married, for burglary. Ten days ago his sentence expired, and, his sweetheart faithful to him in all these years, was at the prison door when he came out. They were married, and Trox has promised to reward her faithfulness by being a good citizen and a good husband.

The engine of the Hollidaysburg branch train, on Saturday last, struck a man at the depot at Roaring Springs. He was standing on the track with his back turned to the locomotive, and he must have been considerably astonished when the iron horse caught him and hurled him some distance to one side. He was very fortunately not injured to any extent. It is altogether probable that this particular individual will be careful where he plants himself in the future.

General Hooker is said to have left a handsome fortune, which will probably go to his sisters, Mrs. Brainard and Mrs. Wood, of Watertown, New York. Among his effects is a large picture of the battle of Lookout Mountain, for which he paid \$25,000. He had prepared a book on the battle of Chancellorsville, which is now in the publisher's hands, and was about to begin a book on the famous engagement on Lookout Mountain.

At Huntingdon, on Saturday evening, about 7 o'clock, a man named William Port, who belongs at Warrior's Ridge, Huntingdon county, was walking on the railroad track, and when an east bound freight train passed by he attempted to board it. He was in an intoxicated condition and his calculations miscarried. As a consequence he fell beneath the wheels and his right leg was crushed below the knee and the toes of his left foot mashed. It is believed he may recover.

A terrible wreck of freight cars, attended with considerable loss of property and the killing of at least one man, occurred near the block office at Kittanning Point about half-past 2 o'clock Friday morning. The train was the one known as the third Union line, and was due at Altoona in the neighborhood of 1 a. m. The train parted at Alleghrippus, seven miles west of Altoona. The train was signaled to stop at the office, when the separated part came thundering down a ninety-six feet to the mile grade on the advance train, causing the accident.

Three persons were drowned in the Merrimac river Sunday afternoon near Lawrence mills, at Lowell, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Little, with two children, and Mr. and Mrs. James Brown were rowing from the Centralville shore to Little Canada, when the leaking of the boat frightened them, and during the confusion it was overturned. Mr. Brown swam ashore; Mrs. Little and one child clung to the boat and were rescued; Mr. Little and Mrs. Brown, his sister, and Mr. Little's 2-year old son, were drowned. All of the bodies were recovered.

At forty-five minutes past 12 o'clock Saturday the town of Strasburg, Blank county, Mo., was visited by a terrific cyclone, which came from the northwest, causing great loss to property, but no lives were sacrificed, so far as can now be ascertained. It had been raining all the morning, the storm being accompanied by thunder and lightning, and about noon a heavy, sullen looking cloud was observed in the northwest. The storm struck the town shortly afterward, blowing down a church, three or four stores, and a blacksmith shop.

Last Saturday evening a man named William K. Koon, who is said to have been intoxicated (for the first time in four years) started to walk along the railroad track—notwithstanding he had been warned not to do so—to his home at Duncanville. When near Gaysport he seems to have been overcome by a stupor, and from all accounts he lay down on the track, with, as it appears, his head resting on one rail. Conductor Dent's branch train, due in Altoona at 7:10 p. m., ran over the prostrate man, and his head was almost entirely severed from his body, beside being crushed nearly beyond recognition.

A terrible disaster occurred on the corner of Second and Main streets at Kansas City, Mo., Friday afternoon. The extensive candy and cracker manufactory of Carle & Sons, three-story buildings, tumbled down and was completely consumed by fire. At the time the accident occurred one hundred and seven persons, mostly boys and girls from 12 to 20 years, were at work in the factory, all of whom escaped alive except six. The cause of the accident cannot be fully determined, but as an explosion occurred simultaneously with the fall of the walls it is supposed to be a repetition of the accident in New York last year. The full list of killed is as follows: Emma Kemper, George Kemper, Edward Shulton, Louise Hummel, Annie McConnell and Miss Goepfer.