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The third-term idea grew wonderfully in favor last week. No Republican opposes it now except Blaine and Sherman. They still claim some respect for the "unwritten law," as well as for the counsel of Washington on retiring from public life.

Mr. BENNETT, of the New York Herald, has started a subscription for the relief of the suffering in Ireland with the generous sum of \$100,000. Mr. Bennett deserves his large wealth. He is no niggard in its dispensation when called upon to relieve suffering.

If Don Cameron and his Pennsylvania convention are not more honestly committed to Grant and the third-term than to the "honest election" plank of the platform, the distinguished traveler may have occasion to pray the good Lord to save him from hypocrites and liars, about the time he emerges from the Chicago convention.

It is said that two or three hundred families of Quakers from Philadelphia, propose to form a colony in Minnesota next spring. The committee sent out to prospect for an eligible location, after visiting Texas, Kansas and Nebraska in the performance of their duty, finally made choice of Cottonwood county, Minnesota as affording the greatest inducements of soil and location.

Mr. CONKLING announces that he is not a candidate for the Presidency, and will in no event allow himself to be presented for the Chicago nomination. He also says he is in favor of Grant, and will give him the whole weight of his influence. New York may therefore be considered certain to emphasize Cameron's victory in Pennsylvania, and together, give Grant the leading cards at Chicago.

The parade made by the late Republican convention in favor of "a pure and free ballot" would almost tempt one to forget the unclean source from which it came. It is difficult to realize that such utterances could come from the party that stole the Presidency and have yet exhibited no shame in having the stolen goods in possession—that have year after year employed "Gopher Bill" and an army of rousers and repeaters to pollute the ballot and falsify the honest result of elections in Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Agriculture in the House of Representatives has reported a bill creating the Agricultural Bureau into an executive department of the Government and providing for a Secretary of Agriculture with the same compensation as the Secretaries of the other departments. It also provides for an assistant Secretary at a salary of \$3,500; for a veterinary department in charge of a Veterinary Surgeon at \$3,000; for a division of entomology, under the direction of an Entomologist at \$3,000, besides the necessary clerical force to put the machine in working order.

The plan adopted by Mr. Rutherford B. Hayes to renew the commission of J. Madison Wells as surveyor of the Port of New Orleans, if not entitled to the respect of the Senate for ingenuity is certainly entitled to their contempt for impudent hypocrisy. Being pretty well assured he could not pass the old Presidential thief through the Senate and thereby continue to force the Government to pay the reward of villainy for which he only should be liable, he hit upon the sharp dodge of nominating the son for the vacant office. The ear marks, however, were too plain. The name of Wells in connection with Hayes was too familiar to go unchallenged. It is not likely the appointment will ever reach a confirmation.

## Cameron's Triumph.

The outcome of the Republican State Convention, which met at Harrisburg last week, was a decided and impressive triumph for Senator J. D. Cameron, notwithstanding the persistent efforts of such Republican journals as the *Press*, the *North American*, and the *Inquirer*, of Philadelphia, and the *Tribune* and the *Times*, of New York, to belittle its results, and the influence it will probably have upon the coming National Convention of the party at Chicago. In spite of the outspoken antagonism of these journals and the largely preponderating sentiment of the party in favor of Blaine, Mr. Cameron accomplished his purpose, well-known beforehand, of compelling the State Convention to adopt a resolution in favor of the nomination of General Grant for the Presidency, and binding the delegates to the National Convention to vote as a unit in all things. So far then as the success of this programme may be considered a victory, that victory is complete, and its results will undoubtedly be felt in the larger councils of the party. True, it was not achieved without something of a struggle. The opposition was strong and boisterous, and, indeed, at one period of the fray, seemed likely to defeat the plans of Cameron, and take from his hand for all time to come the sceptre of authority he now presumes to wield over the Republican party of Pennsylvania. But in the end, the dissatisfied ones, though strong in numbers and not wanting in pluck, were obliged to succumb to the pre-ordained aims of the master spirit of their party.

Their frantic attempts to free themselves from the domination of the ruling house were vain and futile. Grant and the unit rule were promptly and unwaveringly voted through, and the indignant minority subsided into meek submission. It is not our purpose to consider in detail the means by which in the critical and all-important hour a majority of the members of the convention, absolutely contrary to their better judgments and the pronounced wishes of the people they pretended to represent, should have been thus brought to yield to the commands of one imperious and selfish will. Yet so it was. There can be no doubt that the usual and never-failing methods of Cameron, so well understood and so often successfully employed in the past, played the part of a potent factor in this exciting political drama. But that is neither here nor there, however much it may affect the significant fact that many delegates who went to Harrisburg avowedly hostile to the aims and intentions of the young chief, suddenly experienced a change of mind, if not of heart, and gave him their active support. This is ever the case, and need excite little surprise or comment. With Cameron, the necessary means are always used to secure the desired end, and there is no instance on record in which the efficacy of the Cameronian means is more manifest than in this latest exhibition of Cameronian power and influence. The picture may not be a pleasant and encouraging one for the better class of thoughtful and independent anti-machine Republicans to gaze upon. To see a great party thus bound hand and foot, and made to act in, subservience to the designs of one man, may be characterized as degrading to manhood and repulsive to all ideas of free thought and action. But there it stands out in bold relief. Human eyes cannot be blind to its striking outlines, and its truthfulness must force itself upon the contemplation of every one. It is Cameron's triumph, won in true Cameronian style, and no one better than Cameron will have a right to enjoy the fruits that it will bring at Chicago in the nomination of Grant. The election will be another triumph.

The borough and township elections will take place on Tuesday next.

## Charles Stewart Parnell.

It will be very generally regretted by all who sympathize with Ireland in her terrible distress—and their name is legion—that the great Irish agitator should, by any act or word of his, have retarded the substantial manifestation of American charity which was spontaneously flowing out to his starving countrymen. While no one questions either the sincerity or patriotism of Mr. Parnell, there is a growing belief that he regards the question of land tenure and the extirpation of Irish landlords as of more importance than the alleviation of the suffering and misfortune which have overtaken countless thousands of the peasantry of this unfortunate island. Few men charged with an eleemosynary mission, have been accorded so attentive and intelligent a hearing as was given Mr. Parnell on his arrival in this country. He was everywhere greeted with the utmost enthusiasm and the responses to his pleas for aid were liberal in the extreme. But as it happens Mr. Parnell is not the only one who is moving to the relief of famine-stricken Ireland. The Duchess of Marlborough, the noble wife of its Lord-Lieutenant, has organized what is known as the Mansion House Committee, and has appealed to the whole charitable world for aid. The Irish Home Ruler with wretched taste has been guilty of attacking the motives of this committee and in his public addresses has openly accused the Duchess of using the money which has generously been placed at her disposal with the design of perpetuating the destructive landlord system, and for other improper purposes. This charge of Mr. Parnell's was met by the emphatic denial of some of the most distinguished prelates of both the Established and Roman Catholic churches in Ireland who bear willing testimony to the fair and impartial manner in which the fund is distributed. A few days ago the New York Herald opened a subscription and its editor headed the list with the princely sum of one hundred thousand dollars. In this country where James Gordon Bennett is known, it is enough to know that he becomes responsible for the distribution of the money that comes into his hands. Mr. Bennett does not do things by halves and his personal supervision is an earnest of the satisfactory manner in which the money will be used. But Mr. Parnell has denounced this magnificent donation as an advertising scheme. In this last act of folly the gentleman has surely overreached himself. He lost many friends by his unwarranted tirade against the Duchess of Marlborough and in this diatribe anent the editor of the *Herald* he has done much to destroy that confidence in his own integrity which is so essential to the success of his mission.

The writer of the Republican platform enunciated at Cameron's convention at Harrisburg must be considered the joker of the season, when he puts forth the following as the sentiment of the party which counted Florida and Louisiana for Rutherford B. Hayes: "Our Republican form of government will be a signal failure when any political party can succeed in defying the public will as shown by the people at the ballot box."

The sentiment is right—too serious for a joke and in view of recent history, both National and State, exceedingly out of place in such comical relation to a Republican platform. The integrity of the ballot is too sacred to be thus trifled with.

SENATOR WALLACE and his committee have lately been putting the notorious Johnny Davenport through another course of sprouts. It is amazing that any one should have been permitted to tyrannize over the voters of a great city like New York as this fellow has been doing for years in the interest of the Republican party. And yet, our Republican friends have the cheek to harp about free elections.

THE National Democratic Committee will assemble in Washington on the 26th of this month, and proceed to select a place and time for the holding of the National Democratic Convention. The committee is made up as follows:

Alabama.....	W. H. Forney.....	Montgomery
Arkansas.....	John L. Sumner.....	Hot Springs
California.....	F. McOppin.....	San Francisco
Colorado.....	E. M. Higgins.....	Denver
Connecticut.....	Wm. H. Barnum.....	Line Rock
Delaware.....	Harberson Hickman.....	Leves
Florida.....	W. Wilkinson Call.....	Jacksonville
Georgia.....	George T. Barnes.....	Augusta
Illinois.....	William C. Goble.....	Chicago
Indiana.....	Austin H. Brown.....	Indianapolis
Iowa.....	M. H. Hill.....	Dubuque
Kansas.....	Isaac E. Eaton.....	Topeka
Kentucky.....	H. D. McHenry.....	Hartford
Louisiana.....	E. F. Jones.....	New Orleans
Maine.....	George W. Wilson.....	Portland
Maryland.....	Outerbridge Horsey.....	Burkettsville
Massachusetts.....	Frederick O. Prince.....	Boston
Michigan.....	James H. Egan.....	Windsor
Minnesota.....	William Loehrbach.....	Minneapolis
Mississippi.....	Ethel Barkdale.....	Jackson
Missouri.....	John G. Priest.....	St. Louis
Nebraska.....	Edward L. Miller.....	Omaha
Nevada.....	Robert P. Keating.....	Gold Hill
New Hampshire.....	Alvah W. Sulloway.....	Franklin
New Jersey.....	Miles S. Hewitt.....	New Brunswick
New York.....	Abraham S. Hewitt.....	New York
North Carolina.....	M. W. Ransom.....	Weldon
Ohio.....	John G. Thompson.....	Columbus
Oregon.....	John Whitaker.....	Forest Hill
Pennsylvania.....	William L. Scott.....	Erie
Rhode Island.....	Nicholas Van Slyke.....	Providence
South Carolina.....	James H. Egan.....	Windsor
Tennessee.....	William B. Bates.....	Nashville
Texas.....	F. S. Stockdale.....	Indianola
Vermont.....	B. S. Stoddard.....	Burlington
Virginia.....	Robert A. Coghill.....	New Glasgow
West Virginia.....	Alexander Campbell.....	Bethany
Wisconsin.....	William F. Elias.....	Madison

OUR neighbor of the Bellefonte Republican is in a bad humor over the course pursued by the delegates from this county to the Republican State Convention, and earnestly demands an explanation. He charges them with a flagrant disregard of the wishes of the party in voting for instructions for Grant. They did this in the face of a ballot for President taken by the committee which elected them, that stood 22 for Blaine, 4 for Grant and 1 for Sherman. The gentlemen are duly warned that their reasons for their course must be complete and satisfactory if they expect future favors from the party. The demand for an explanation seems reasonable enough in the light of the facts stated by the *Republican*, but the reply of the naughty delegates will probably be, in the famous words of the late Boss Tweed, "Well, what are you going to do about it?"

THE man who is heroically drawing Mr. Tilden's salary, at Washington, woke up the other morning and to his consternation discovered that he hadn't appointed an Ohio man to take care for over a week. As soon as he recovered from the astonishment caused by this apparent neglect of the patriotic people of his home, he promptly looked about him with a view to remedy the oversight—determined that such things should not be. His eagle eye at a single glance lighted upon an appraiser in the New York custom house—just the place for some noble son of the Buckeye State—and lo! in a twinkling, John Quincy Howard, "author of the life of President Hayes," was hunted up and discovered to be just the man to fill it. John Quincy Howard, of Ohio, and "author of the life of President Hayes," is no doubt a personal favorite with his fraudulent and must of course be provided for, and thus we have another fine exhibition of civil service reform. "Only this, and nothing more."

THE Hon. William D. Kelley has matured a plan for paying off the greater part of the National debt in twenty-seven years by yearly installments. It is intended as a substitute for Secretary Sherman's refunding proposition, and has been discussed with considerable favor by the Committee on ways and means of the House. He proposes the annual payment of \$38,216,370 exclusive of interest, and claims that on his plan the total cost to the government in that time would be only \$1,628,281,068, instead of \$2,270,049,980, as on the funding plan.

The work of the Republican State Convention may be summed up as follows: Grant and the Unit Rule; for Judge of the Supreme Court, Hon. Henry Green, of Northampton county, by acclamation; for Auditor General, Hon. John Lemon, of Blair county, by a vote of 158 to 93 for J. A. M. Passmore, of Schuylkill county.

## THE WRECK.

Night on the ocean—no bright stars gleam  
Over the face of the waters so restless and deep,  
All is hush—even ceased is the sea-gull's scream—  
There breathes in the air but the spell of sleep.  
A steamer so stately that naught could it lack,  
Comes freighted with hundreds of immortal souls,  
Not one dreams of danger—yet it lurks in their track,  
And is fast creeping on them with each wave that rolls.  
  
It hears them—it strikes with a thundering shock,  
Affrighted they waken and shriek in their fear—  
Is the tempest upon them? No, they're struck on a rock—  
For the fog hangs low where the ledges rear.  
Now the ship is a thing of life, it would seem,  
How it reels and shakes, when it feels the hard blow,  
It shudders and quivers in every beam,  
As its strong sides break with a sounding thro.  
  
Wild terror has seized some—and mute despair  
Has settled on others; comes death through the waves!  
Must their bodies untomb'd and uncoffined rest there?  
No darling hand strewing love's flowers on their graves!  
"God have mercy!"—from horror-struck lips arise—  
"One plunge—and the vessel sinks gulping down."  
In vain, in vain are the heart-rending cries,  
Oh ocean! cold ocean! your victory is won!  
  
You have swallow'd the youths with their sunny hair,  
And the aged with locks of a silvery hue,  
The man in his prime and the matron fair  
Sleep their long, last sleep, 'neath your waters blue,  
You have darken'd the houses that were filled with light—  
You have changed the laugh into bitter tears—  
You have crush'd the hearts that were bounding bright,  
And blighted the hopes of coming years. F. A. S.

## STATE NEWS.

Judge Acheson is of the opinion that store orders do not constitute a wages lien. The total daily production of the oil regions per day during January was 66,000 barrels.  
  
One judge and four members of the Armstrong county bar have died within a year.  
  
Saturday was another big tobacco day for Lancaster. Several firms received from 60,000 to 100,000 pounds.  
  
The Pennsylvania Furnace, Huntingdon county, will start up as soon as the Lewisburg and Tyrone Railroad is completed to the latter place.  
  
The newspapers have taken up the proposition to remove the Theological College from Gettysburg to Harrisburg, and approve it heartily.  
  
The Harrisburg car shops were reopened on Monday, and will give employment to 1,000 men. The shops had been closed to make alterations.  
  
The cremation of the body of Miss Hartman, of Pittsburg, at Washington, on Saturday, was the fifth cremation in the Le Moyne furnace.  
  
The debt of Harrisburg is \$996,352.61. This leaves a margin of \$118,671.39 yet to go on before the debt equals the full value of the city's real assets.  
  
Oil City has a family composed of twelve persons whose aggregate height is a little more than seventy-two feet. Some of the girls of the family measure over six feet.  
  
Lock Haven is to have a furniture factory. Citizens of that place are also considering a proposition to raise \$10,000 or \$20,000 to establish a box factory and a cigar and tobacco factory.  
  
At Weissport, Pa., Urban Boyer was bitten by a dog, last summer, and has now been seized with hydrophobia. Two little girls were bitten at the same time, but thus far have shown no symptoms of the disease.  
  
A man in Lawrence county whipped his wife because she joined and persisted in attending the Methodist Episcopal Church against his will. Instead of having him arrested, as she did, she ought to have given him a dose of broomstick well laid on.  
  
Miss Butler, of Pittsburg, Pa., had looked for a man under her bed every night for many years, and at last she found not one there, but four. They wore black masks, and left her bound and gagged when they went off with the family plate and jewelry.  
  
Bucks county claims to have given to the Union army the youngest soldier for Pennsylvania. David Kleinman, now of Denver, Colorado, but in 1861 of Springfield township, Bucks county, enlisted when eleven years old and served with the Third Pennsylvania Reserves.  
  
In removing a building in Washington, Pa., known in the days of the stage coach as the "Good Tavern," a number of old coins were found. One silver coin is dated 1773; two copper coins are dated respectively 1775 and 1783; three United States copper coins are dated 1783, 1801 and 1820.  
  
The Commissioners of Allegheny county on Friday afternoon caused to be paid to the Solicitor of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company \$1,600,000, the amount of their claim for riot losses. The evening before \$23,233.82 was paid to the Baltimore and Ohio Company. Other claims to be paid are small.  
  
In the United States District Court at Pittsburg, on Tuesday, the creditors of Peter Herdic, of Williamsport, offered objections to his discharge from bankruptcy. Mr. Herdic charges that, instead of owing \$1,500,000, he only owes \$400,000, and that he will soon be able to pay his debts. He further states that his present appearance in court is the effort of his lawyers to blackmail him; that they offered to settle all suits if he would pay them \$500,000.  
  
The following names of Pennsylvania post-offices were changed during the last week: Allegheny Bridge, McKean county, to Eldred; Eldred, Wayne county, to Boyd's Mills; Litz, Lancaster county, to Litz; Litz, Lancaster county, to Litz. Also the following changes in postmaster appointments: Israel D. Barner, Carroll, Clinton county; Wm. C. Dotterer, Chadd's Ford, Delaware county; Jesse E. Dale, Dabolt, Clearfield county; Cassius S. Glendon, Eberly's Mills, Cumberland county; R. V. Spackman, Luthersburgh, Clearfield county; Septimus B. Labar, Marshall's Creek, Monroe county; Peter M. Bruner, Jr., Mount Nebo, Lancaster county; Falk James, State Hill, York county; George B. Thomas, Thomasville, York county.

## GENERAL NEWS.

Two children died in New Castle from the effects of eating candy.  
  
The lower House of the Iowa Legislature has voted to submit a constitutional amendment making women eligible to the Legislature.  
  
The seventieth birthday of Ole Bull, the violinist, was celebrated at Cambridge, Mass., on Thursday evening, by a very distinguished surprise party, including Professors Longfellow and Holmes.  
  
During a squall, on Sunday afternoon last, a schooner was capized at Cheney's Cove, Grand Manan, an island off the northeast coast of Maine, and John Nesbit, Frank Robinson, John Larty, Mrs. Lindsay, and Mrs. Simeon Franklin were drowned. They all belonged to Great Manan.  
  
Richard Smith, of Pittsburg, has been arrested at the instance of a very handsome and wealthy young lady of Rochester, Beaver county, upon the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. She loaned him \$1,648 to go into business, which she had thought safe after a courtship of three years duration. But finding that the young man avoided her company and had not gone into business, she had him arrested.  
  
A large number of unemployed workmen assembled on the Sand Lots, San Francisco, on Monday afternoon, where they were addressed by Mayor Kailoch. He gave them to understand that within a few days Chinatown would be legally declared a nuisance, and that the work resulting from such a declaration would give them employment. He counselled them to refrain from any illegal or injudicious action until they heard from him again.  
  
A dispatch from Dallas, Texas, says that reliable advices have been received there to the effect that Jay Gould and Colonel Thomas A. Scott, representing the Texas and Pacific and the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, have purchased all outstanding bonds and securities of the Dallas and Wichita Railroad, which will be extended so as to connect with the Dennison and Pacific extension of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, thus making Dallas the terminus of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, and making the latter a competing line with the Texas Central Railroad.  
  
On Thursday evening at the 6:14 accommodation train from Milton, on the Catawissa road, going east, was passing Hoffman's crossing and nearing the West Milton station, it ran into a two-horse sled containing nine young gentlemen and ladies, instantly killing Miss Sue Bennage, who sat on the front seat, fracturing her skull; breaking the left arm of John Sheddle and giving two severe flesh wounds to Thomas Creswell. Sheddle is senseless and not expected to recover. The remaining party escaped uninjured. One of the horses was also instantly killed, and the other so badly hurt that he had to be shot. The party, merry with excitement, was on its way to a Sabbath-school teachers' institute.  
  
LAST WEEK OF COURT.—The following cases were disposed of in the Court of Common Pleas of this county by His Honor Judge Orvis and Associate Judges Divens and Franck, beginning Monday, Feb. 9, up to Wednesday noon: D. K. Tate vs. Gustave Lyon, mechanic's lien. Casetitled and costs paid.  
  
J. Keller Miller vs. Anna Cottle, mechanic's lien. Settled and costs paid.  
  
Samuel C. McClellan vs. J. H. Holt, action of debt. Judgment entered by the court in favor of plaintiff for \$590.77, with stay of execution until May 1, 1880.  
  
John D. Lieb's administrators vs. Curtin, Loeb & Co. Settled and costs paid.  
  
James S. Marsh vs. William Allison, Jr. Judgment entered by the court in favor of plaintiff for \$136.25.  
  
Henry Moyer vs. Aaron Lukenbach. Settled and costs paid.  
  
Mary Snyder vs. Ira E. Snyder. Judgment entered by the court in favor of plaintiff for \$246.30.  
  
R. H. Woolley, for use of James Scarlett vs. A. S. Valentine. Settled and costs paid.  
  
Jacob Sparr's executors, &c., for use of Margaret Sparr and Nancy H. Sparr vs. Peter Rouble's executors. Verdict for plaintiff for \$1,327.32.  
  
The Com. in rel., &c., vs. Adam R. Barlow and Samuel P. Gray, surviving heirs. Jury sworn and verdict for plaintiff for penal sum of bond.  
  
Adam Swartz, Sr., vs. H. D. Van Pelt and Howard Spangler. Jury sworn and verdict for defendant.  
  
Thomas R. Hayes vs. Francis M. Webb, executors of, &c., of Dinah M. Adams. Jury sworn and verdict for plaintiff for \$186.07.  
  
D. K. Tate vs. Joseph & Brother. Jury sworn and verdict for plaintiff for \$21.92.  
  
Hoffer & Kline vs. Joseph Schnell and George A. Bayard, overseers of the poor of Bellefonte borough. Judgment entered by the court in favor of plaintiffs for the sum of \$694.14.  
  
Sheriff's deed of John L. Spangler to R. M. Magee acknowledged in open court for property of R. G. Hookman, of Madisonburg.  
  
Jacob Roff, et al., vs. William Wimmer. Cause before the jury at time of going to press.