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Democratic County Ticket.

ASSOCIATE JUDGES,
JOHN G. LARIMER, of Spring,
JOHN K. RUNKEL, of Potter.
PROTHONOTARY,
J. CALVIN HARPER, of Bellefonte.
SHERIFF,
THOMAS J. DUNKEL, of Rush.
REGISTER,
JAMES A. McCLAINE, of Boggs.
RECORDER,
FRANK E. BIBLE, of Spring.
TREASURER,
DANIEL C. KELLER, of Potter.
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
A. J. GREIST, of Unionville,
JOHN WOLF, of Miles.
COUNTY AUDITORS,
JOHN S. PROUDFOOT, of Milesburg,
F. F. MUSSER, of Millheim.

The President.

Since our last issue, no assuring improvement has been reported in the condition of the President. He has been gradually growing weaker, and for some days past but little hope of his recovery has been entertained.

COL. HOWGATE, late of the Signal Service Bureau at Washington, has been arrested for embezzlement of the Government funds. His depredations seem to have been on a pretty extended scale, and already reach to \$100,000.

It is proposed that the Legislature of Pennsylvania attend the Yorktown centennial celebration in a body. This would be a very graceful act for the Pennsylvania Legislature to do as representing one of the thirteen original States. But we doubt very much whether speaker Hewitt can announce a quorum on that occasion. Certainly not unless the \$10 per diem is restored.

The New York Tribune makes a wry face at repudiation when it says, "it is hard enough for the Republicans of Virginia to have to support Mahone." No doubt. The organ of the Wall street brokers could scarcely be expected to swallow repudiation without some sign of nausea, but still it does it, and the Republican party of the North follows it bravely up to the work of boosting the Mahone piebalds. They stoop, that Mahone may conquer.

A SPECIAL to the *World* intimates that the Secretary of State is about to issue in the name of the President a call for an extra session of the Senate, in order that by the election of a presiding officer of that body due provision may be made for securing a legal succession in the executive authority should the presidential office devolve upon the Vice President either through the death or the disability of President Garfield.

It is said that a conclave of Stalwarts, composed of Grant, Conkling, Logan, Cameron, Dorsey, Belknap, Jones, Bliss and others was held at the residence of the Vice President in New York, last week, to discuss the situation in connection with the disability of the President. The conclusion arrived at, it is also said, was, that if President Garfield survive his relapse, it was the duty of the Vice President to go to Washington and declare his purpose of assuming control and exercising the duties of the Presidential office. At any time last week such a conclusion from an exclusive stalwart conclave, as a grave, if not an indelicate one. To have possessed their souls in patience a few days longer, at least until they were assured that the assassin's bullet had failed to make the vacancy which provided for the Vice President without question, could have made little difference. At any rate, such an arrangement would have had more the appearance of propriety if made with the friends and political family of the stricken President.

The Virginia Issue.

The Northern Republican journals, says that able Democratic paper, the Lancaster *Intelligencer*, which are urging Republican support in Virginia of the Mahone ticket have great labor in making their course consistent with their profuse declarations of hostility to debt repudiation. The leading organ, the *New York Times*, scrambles over the difficulty by declaring that as neither party in Virginia proposes to pay the whole of the State debt, it feels itself at liberty to give its sympathies, independently of that question, on the principle that it is as much a sin to steal a pin as a greater thing; and so the Mahone party, which proposes to pay a little bit of the State debt, is no more dishonest than its opponents, who desire to pay a bigger bit, but not the whole of it. The position is more ingenious than ingenious, since the *Times* fails to give its due weight to the fact that the Virginia creditors have consented to accept on a full acquittance what the Democratic party proposes to pay, though it is not the full sum of their bond. If the creditors do not complain probably the *Times* erred not. The fact is that the Mahone orators and newspapers in Virginia rail at the bondholders and the Democracy as in coalition and the main part of their capital is the antipathy they thus seek to excite against their political opponents as the bondholders' friends. Under the circumstances, which are very familiar to the *Times*, it is of course very insincere and wholly dishonest in claiming that there is no difference, but in degree, in the repudiation designs of the parties in Virginia, and that one is not more entitled than another to the sympathy of debt-paying advocates.

The Philadelphia *Press*, which has been blowing hot and cold on the Mahone alliance for six months past, being very hot before the administration got cold, and fast cooling with its frigidly, was warmed up again under the seeming political expediencies of the situation and the encouragement of the *Times*, into vehement advocacy of the Mahone "Readjusters;" and reconciles the debt-paying conscience to such a repudiation alliance in pretty much the style of its cotemporary, but with a difference. The *Press* discovers that the Virginia Democrats, though promising to pay more of the debt than the Mahone people, do not intend performance. While the "Readjusters," who offer very little intend to pay that little. Thus the *Press* satisfies itself, or pretends to, that the Mahone party is the real debt-paying party, and as such joyfully embraces it. It is somewhat singular that the Virginia bondholders have not made this notable discovery along with the *Press*. One would think that they would be for the party that proposed to pay, and that they would rather have a little cash than any amount of promises, and would be alert and quite as sagacious as the *Press* in discerning the party that gave them the best assurance of their money. If it be true, as the *Press* alleges, that it is the Mahone people who are the real bondholder's friends, it is notable that the Mahone people do not themselves proclaim it in Virginia, but on the contrary seek to throw the odium and the glory of that connection upon the Democrats.

And here a remarkable thing is to be observed; which is the total difference in the ground taken by these Republican coadjutors of Mahone in the North and his partisans in Virginia. There the contest between two parties that have made nominations for the State offices is distinctly upon the question of repudiation, or, as the advocates of that policy style it, "readjustment" of the State debt. This is the issue upon which the contest is made and the parties are divided. It was strong enough to cause the disruption of the Republican convention and the adjournment of the fragments

with no Republican State ticket. There is no Republican State ticket. The Democratic ticket is headed by Major Daniel, an uncompromising debt payer, and Mahone's ticket by Mr. Cameron, who claims to be a Democrat and was until now, and who has no difference with his old party, except upon the question of the payment of the debt, upon which he makes his canvass. He dare not make it as a Republican, even if he would, nor as anything but a Democrat, because he must secure Democratic votes to succeed. To gain them he needs to declare himself as good a Democrat as his opponent.

The fight in Virginia, then, is distinctly waged between Democrats—one who has left the old organization and one who stays in it—on the question of the debt; and the Republican journals in the North who support the Democratic readjusters, rather than the Democrat who advocates the payment of the debt according to the agreement made between the State and the bondholders, cannot to any intelligent apprehension twist away from the fact that they sustain those who refuse to keep the pledged faith of the State to its creditors, and oppose those who propose to maintain it.

The object of the Republican support of Mahone is very obvious, and the journals which seek to cover it up with the shallow pretext of the *Times* and the *Press* must have a very small opinion of the intelligence of their readers. The Republican politicians have come to think that Mahone is a necessity to them to be purchased at any price; and since the president's danger, and the possibility of the Senate president being a very important officer, they are more than ever solicitous to keep hold of the vote that controls the choice. Maybe they are doing the right thing for their party success; and maybe not. When they abandon their party in Virginia and hand over its remains to Mahone they give a bird in the hand for one in the bush; which is rash.

JUDGE PEARSON, of Harrisburg, in his charge to the grand jury the other day made some timely and significant references to their duty in connection with "speculative life insurance." He said that agents and physicians who recommended the issuing of policies on unsafe subjects are indictable for conspiracy under the common law, and men who take out policies on those in whose lives they have no insurable interest are also offenders against the policy of the law, for which the late act of the legislature is defective in providing adequate punishment for such gambling operations. This fraudulent system, which is aptly denominated "death-bed insurance," has become an insufferable crime, is now introduced into almost every neighborhood in the State, and no infirm or decrepit man or woman is safe from the speculative greed and annoyance of its agents. It is time the courts and honest public sentiment would give the subject such attention as will at least restrain the operation of these shameless companies within the bounds of a seeming decent business.

THE Democratic Committee of Luzerne county, with lively recollections of the methods of Frank Beamish and other noted factors in the manipulation of the party machinery of that county, are preparing to test the efficiency of the late act of Assembly, to obtain a fair party representation at their primary elections. The Committee had a meeting last week at which they designated the 22d of September as the time for the meeting of the county nominating convention, and passed the following significant resolution: "That the chairman in connection with other members of the committee be empowered to employ the services of two detectives in order to secure the conviction of all delegates and candidates who violate the act of 1881."

GENERAL JAMES, of the Post Office department, seems to be determined to get to the bottom of the leaks in his department, great and small. He has issued an order requiring every Postmaster to see that the postage stamps on all matter mailed at his office are thoroughly cancelled. In every instance where this is not done, the Postmaster at the office of delivery must carefully cancel the stamp with the post-mark of his office, and if practicable, obtain the envelope and forward it to the department with the name of the office at which the matter was mailed. The failure to cancel stamps is a large drain upon the receipts of the Department and this order is designed effectually to stop the drain, and prevent stamps doing double duty hereafter.

THE Democrats of Union county met in convention at Lewisburg on the 22d inst., and nominated the following ticket: Joseph C. Bucher, for President Judge, Thomas C. Barber for Associate Judge, C. E. Haus for Register, John S. Schrock for Treasurer and Daniel Strickler for Commissioner. This gives Judge Bucher two counties and the district nomination. J. Merrill Linn is the Republican nominee.

THE Democrats of Lycoming county met at Williamsport, on Tuesday, and elected the following delegates to the State Convention: Michael Wolf, S. G. McMullen and R. A. Kinsloe. The nominations for county officers were, M. K. Swartz for Treasurer, Robert Wood for Register and Recorder, E. Tomb and M. Koup for County Commissioners.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.—Court opened for the August term on Monday, August 22, at 2 P. M., his Honor, Judge Orvis, presiding with Associate Judges Diven and Franck on the bench. The clerk of the court having called over the list of grand jurors, twenty-three answered to their names, out of the twenty-four originally summoned to serve. F. P. Musser, Esq., of Millheim borough, was selected foreman. Mr. Harper, clerk of the court administered a separate oath to the foreman, which same oath was taken by all the other members of the grand jury. The Court, after delivering a brief but comprehensive charge, the grand jury was sent to the room to pass upon the business properly before it. Proclamation was then made, for the constables of the several boroughs and townships to make their quarterly returns. The Court then proceeded to dispose of the following business on the argument list in the common pleas:

In the matter of the Overseers of the Poor of Walker township vs. the Overseers of the Poor of Bellefonte borough. Appeal by Walker township from order of removal. The appeal dismissed and order of removal sustained, which throws the charge back on Walker township.

Commonwealth vs. Abraham Lincoln Miller, Calvin Miller, John Miller and Harry Brown. Charged with assault and battery upon Charles Williams. Case called; defendants plead not guilty. After proceeding with the case a short time defendants changed their plea of not guilty to plea of guilty with the exception of John Miller, in whose case a *nolle prosequi* was entered. Calvin Miller and Harry Brown were sentenced to pay costs of prosecution, fine of five dollars and three months imprisonment in the county jail. Lincoln Miller sentence same, except he got five months in the county jail.

Enos Ertly and wife, for use of wife, vs. Samuel Aley. Appeal from justice of the peace. Verdict for the plaintiff for \$263.48.

Commonwealth vs. S. R. Pringle and William McAlarney. Charged with cruelty to animals. Defendants plead not guilty. Verdict not guilty. Wm. McAlarney to pay two thirds the cost and prosecutor, John Beckwith, the other third.

Commonwealth vs. William R. Leathers. Fornication and bastardy. Defendant pleads not guilty. After the case had progressed for some time, the parties, with the consent of the Court settled the case and a *nolle prosequi* was entered.

Commonwealth vs. Edgar Clark. Assault and battery on Isaac David, who was a pupil under him attending public school in Liberty township. Defendant pleads not guilty. Verdict not guilty.

The following cases were disposed of by the grand jury up to time of going to press:

Commonwealth vs. John C. Bechdol. Charge. Malicious mischief. Bill returned ignoramus by the grand jury and prosecutor, Jacob A. Walker, to pay the costs.

Commonwealth vs. James Smith. Fornication and bastardy. Prosecutrix, Sarah Ann Beaty.

Commonwealth vs. Joseph Fetzer. Malicious mischief. Prosecutor, Jacob Yarnell. True bill.

Commonwealth vs. Elmer Foulk. Assault and battery. Prosecutrix, Elizabeth Pennington. Bill returned ignoramus and prosecutor to pay the costs.

Commonwealth vs. Hines. Fornication and bastardy. Prosecutrix, Annie C. Dora Gill. True bill.

Commonwealth vs. Daniel Grove. Obstructing public highway. Prosecutor, David Harter. True bill.

Commonwealth vs. John Whiteman. Fornication and bastardy. Prosecutrix, Delia Eiters. True bill.

Commonwealth vs. John Norman. Assault with intent to commit rape. Prosecutrix, Melvina Fink. True bill.

Commonwealth vs. Jane Booth, lately Jane Iddings. Larceny. Prosecutor, Jos. Iddings. Bill returned ignoramus.

Commonwealth vs. Joseph Anderson. Fornication and bastardy. Prosecutrix, Tamison Green. True bill.

Commonwealth vs. Archy Bounds. Violation of the liquor law. Furnishing liquor to men of known intemperate habits. True bill.

In the common pleas the following cases were disposed of:

J. B. Smith vs. Daniel Durst. Appeal August 22, 1881. Plaintiff non suited on proclamation being made in open court.

George W. Walker vs. Elias Horner. Appeal. Plaintiff non suited on proclamation being made in open court.

P. D. Neff's executors vs. D. K. Geiss. Appeal. Settled and costs paid.

L. I. Comley vs. H. W. Hoover. Appeal. Settled and costs paid.

Commonwealth vs. Alexander Delige. Violation of the liquor law. True bill. Defendant pleads not guilty. Upon application of defendant to the court for an attorney, A. O. Furst, Esq., was appointed to conduct the case for the defendant. Verdict not rendered at time of going to press.

REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Courts of Centre county this Grand Inquest reports: That we have examined the public buildings of the county and find that one cell in the jail needs re-then administered a separate oath to the foreman, which same oath was taken by all the other members of the grand jury. The Court, after delivering a brief but comprehensive charge, the grand jury was sent to the room to pass upon the business properly before it. Proclamation was then made, for the constables of the several boroughs and townships to make their quarterly returns. The Court then proceeded to dispose of the following business on the argument list in the common pleas:

F. P. MUSSER, Foreman.

BELLEFONTE, Pa., August 24, 1881.

DEATH OF GEORGE H. WEAVER.—After an acute illness of only a few days duration, though he had been in failing health for some months, George H. Weaver, Esq., has gone to try the unseen realities of another world. His death occurred on last Thursday afternoon and on Saturday his earthly remains were followed to their last resting place by a large assemblage of his old neighbors and friends. George H. Weaver was for many years a prominent and popular citizen of Bellefonte. He had many warm friends and was always respected by every one as a kind, upright and just man. He was about sixty-seven years old and came to Bellefonte at an early age, having been born and raised upon the farm of his father in the adjoining township of Spring. We have heard it said that at one time he worked at the trade of blacksmithing, but soon abandoned that occupation to learn the trade of a miller, working for a few years in the old Thomas mill, at present owned by Dr. Hale & Co. In 1855 he was elected a justice of the peace for the borough and served in that capacity for a period of ten years—his first term of five years proving him so well fitted for the position that he was re-elected in 1860 for a second term, by a large majority of the voters of the town. He also during his life filled other important trusts in the affairs of the town, such as Chief Burgess, and Overseer of the Poor, and always with great credit to himself. One of the foremost members of the Bellefonte bar remarked in our hearing, the other day, that in all his experience as a lawyer he thought George H. Weaver was one of the best justices of the peace that Bellefonte ever had. This is a tribute to his worth that we deem proper to give to the public. He was married when a young man to Miss Susan E. Ingram, a most estimable lady, who died last Spring. Two daughters, Sarah, wife of Mr. J. Steel, of West Union, Iowa, and Ellen, are the only surviving children of this marriage.

GENERAL NEWS.

General Leslie Coombs died at Lexington, Ky., on Monday night, in his 88th year.

The grave of General Braddock, near Uniontown, Fayette county, is unmarked by a stone.

Edward L. Wolf, a well known journalist of Scranton, died on Friday. He was the last surviving son of ex-Governor Wolf.

Miss Annie Moore, a highly-educated young lady of Beaver, who married a negro two years ago and removed to Ohio, returned to Beaver a few days ago. She seeks reconciliation with her parents.

Five children of William Lloyd, of Union township, Union county, were poisoned by eating apples that had fallen from the tree, among potato vines that were sprinkled with Paris green. Two of the children died.

Private advices received in Paris state that Henry M. Stanley, the explorer, is lying dangerously ill half way between Stanley Pool and the mouth of the Congo. He has so little faith in his own recovery that he has made his will.

It is reported that a fight has taken place between Lieutenant Schaeffer, of the Fort Bliss garrison, and Indians near Valley, 100 miles northwest of El Paso, Tex., in which Lieutenant Smith, four soldiers and George Daily, a well-known mining expert, were killed. Lieutenant Schaeffer was wounded.

A telegram from Linn, Mass., announces the arrest, in that city, of Thomas Marvin, who last month, by false representation, betrayed Miss Lucie Turpin, a highly connected young lady of Richmond, Va., into marriage, and then deserted her at Albany; and who also obtained money from a bank of Richmond by means of a forged draft. He is awaiting a requisition from Virginia.

Heavy rains for some days past in Colorado have done much damage, especially to the railroads, which have suffered from washouts. A terrible waterspout, near Canon City, on Saturday, swept off whole sections of railway ties into the Arkansas river, it is believed the road to Silver Cliff will not be open for a week. A passenger train which left Canon City on Saturday night is stopped twelve miles from that place. Cattle and horses were swept away by the waterspout.

The Department of State has received from Dr. R. Ellis, an eminent surgeon of England, through J. Russell Lowell, our Minister to London, a package of draining tubes and other surgical instruments, of which he is the inventor, which are largely used in the English hospitals, and which he recommends for use by the Presidents physicians by the State Department to the surgeons having charge of the President's case. The instruments are accompanied by full instructions how to use them, and also with a letter of indorsement from Sir James Paget, one of England's greatest surgeons.

Owing to the low condition of the water in the James river, resulting from a continued drouth, Richmond, Va., is now suffering from the worst water famine it has ever known. For several days past the elevated portions of the city have had no water from the usual source of supply, and now the whole city is in the same condition, and it is only at intervals that any water can be had from the water works. This scarcity has caused the suspension of almost all of the industries, which rely on water power for manufacturing purposes. All the residences are without water for even necessary purposes, except such a supply as can be had from a few old wells and springs which heretofore have been considered almost unfit for use, the water from them having been declared unhealthy time and again.

Fights with the Indians.

THIRTY PEOPLE KILLED AND A SCORE OF SOLDIERS KILLED OR WOUNDED.

SANTA FE, N. M., Aug. 20.—On Thursday last Lieut. Taylor had a fight in the San Mateo Mountains, capturing the camp of the Indians and twenty horses. The Indians are in several parties and moving southwest. Every available man under the command of Gen. Hatch is either in the field or guarding settlements. The number of troops is too small, however, and the people are arming for self preservation. A delegation of the citizens of Socorro is now here asking the Governor to call out the militia for the purpose of protecting the settlement and mining camps. Three volunteer companies are arming at Albuquerque for service should the Navajoes become restless. So far the troops have had six fights with the hostiles. During the raid some thirty people have been killed, and the soldiers have lost about twenty in killed and wounded.

Advices from Cuchels Negro, under date of August 16, state that the Navajoes are not on the war path; that some Indians and Mexicans had a row, in which two Indians and one Mexican were killed, and that all was apparently quiet on that date.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 21.—A special dispatch to the *Democrat* from El Paso, Texas, says: "Reliable intelligence has been received to-day of a fight between Lieut. Schaeffer, of Fort Bliss garrison and Indians, near Vallejo, a hundred miles northwest of El Paso. Lieut. Smith, four soldiers and George Daily, the celebrated mining expert, were killed. Lieut. Schaeffer was wounded. The Indians made casualties."