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Democratic State Ticket.

STATE TREASURER,

HON. ORANGE NOBLE, of Erie county.

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. MCCLAIN, 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. P. MUSSER, of Millheim.

THE Hon. Edward Law, a member of the House of Representatives from Philadelphia, was accidentally drowned in the Schuylkill river a few days ago. He was rowing in a shell boat which capsized.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR got his private business settled in New York very satisfactorily. He received an endorsement from a half-breed Convention, and postponed an open fight between the stalwart and half-breed factions of the Republican party.

HORACE GREELY had a thorough appreciation of the Union League of New York, when he called them a "body of blockheads." The justice of this designation has had a late verification in their reception of Mahone on his late begging mission for funds to corrupt the voters of Virginia in the interest of repudiation.

THE Independent Senator, Mitchell of this State, was in Washington on Friday last, and expressed the opinion that Wolfe the independent candidate would not poll more than five thousand and Republican votes in the State. From present appearances, the Senator's estimate is placed at a low figure. He had probably not heard of Wolfe's meetings in Philadelphia, Chester and other places, and may find it necessary to revise and multiply his figures.

D. C. KELLER, Esq., the Democratic candidate for Treasurer of Centre county, is a man who possesses the entire confidence of the people of all parties. In his election the people will secure an honest, capable and efficient officer. As a Democrat, he is entitled to the cordial and hearty support of the party. He has borne the heat and burden of the day in many a battle for his party, and his devotion to its principles should now be rewarded. As a citizen of unblemished character he will command the support of men of all political opinions.

THE third term advocates are still in the field for 1884. They got a slight back-set in New York by the defeat of Conkling and his stalwart friends in the late Republican Convention. But they were successful in Maryland, where their Chief Lieutenant, Gen. Cresswell, controlled the Convention and defeated the half-breeds or anti-Grant men. So in Pennsylvania. The stalwart ring force upon the party one of the veritable "306" of the Chicago Convention and demand his election as an endorsement of the third-term and the power of the machine to direct the movements of the party. Gen. Baily is the candidate of the ring, and his election is to foreshadow what the party will be obliged to ratify in 1884. The orders of the bosses are imperative, and the contest for supremacy is now to be made. Wolfe and the independents appreciate the issue and are preparing to test the power of the bosses to enforce submission.

Wolfe to the Rescue

Where is that placid smile which set so gracefully upon faces of our Republican friends a few days ago when the name of Charles S. Wolfe was mentioned? Have Chairman Coopers instructions to laugh Wolfe out of court been countermanded? Is it possible that this "fool" this "crank" this "disorganizer" has actually made the dry bones of machine Republicanism rattle as if shook up by the crack of doom? It would seem so. This man whom the leaders of the Republican party held in such supreme contempt, has actually forged his way so far to the front as to carry dismay and consternation into the ranks of the stalwarts. From the Delaware to Lake Erie goes this conquering hero and his march across the state has been one continuous scene of triumph. He has shivered his shining lance full and fair against the corruptions, peculations and unholy ambitions of his party's bosses, until they tremble like the Jewish King at the unmistakable handwriting they see upon the wall. All honor to Wolfe. His is a brave and not hopeless battle. Whether he succeeds now or not he is laying the foundation for such a revolt in the future as will forever eliminate the power of the ruling family from Republican politics in Pennsylvania. The death of bossism has been decreed. It may take a new lease of life for a little while under the inspiration of a stalwart National Administration, but as sure as comes seed time and harvest will the rule of profligate, corrupt and unscrupulous leaders be overthrown and the will of the people substituted for that of the machine. It is not in Pennsylvania alone that this fight is being made. The New York Democracy are engaged in a struggle looking to the same end. Whether it be Boss Kelley, Boss Cameron or boss who or what, the result will be the same. The people, panoplied in the majesty of honesty and justice, will see to it sooner or later, that the money changers shall be driven from the temple and their will respected.

THE *Watchman* did an obvious and palpable injustice last week, to a number of the ablest judges in the state, when it asserted that the Supreme Court at its recent session overruled all the cases that came up to it from the districts over which Judges Bucher, Junkin, Livingstone, Patterson, Dean, Mayer and Orvis preside. It is so trifling a matter that we do not care to take up much space in showing how utterly ridiculous this assertion of the *Watchman's* is. But for example, all the cases carried up from Snyder county were affirmed. Judge Bucher presides in Snyder county, which is a part of his district as well as Union and Mifflin. These affirmed cases were tried by him, and the Supreme Court paid him the flattering compliment of setting the seal of its approval upon his legal decision in every one of the appealed cases. We might go through the whole list of Judges so unwisely selected by the *Watchman*, but we will content ourselves with but one other illustration of the entire erroneousness of our esteemed contemporary's statement. Five cases which Judge Orvis had tried were taken to the court of last resort, and of these three were affirmed and two reversed. His decisions in the two cases of Stewart's appeal from Clearfield county, and Lauth Thomas & Co. vs. Walker, in Centre county, were reversed. But he was affirmed in the important case of Pruner et al. vs. Brisben et al., involving the title to the land upon which the flourishing city of Houtzdale is situated, and also in the murder case of Nevling vs. the Commonwealth. These were both cases of the very highest importance, one involving the title to large landed estates and the other having the life of a human being depending upon the decision of the

court. The other case in which Judge Orvis was sustained by the highest legal tribunal of the state was that of Quigley & Bailey vs. J. P. Dehaas, Clinton county. Thus it will be seen that the *Watchman* has been betrayed, into what we hope, was an unintentional although unjust criticism of some of the brightest ornaments of the bench in Pennsylvania.

Infamous!

"It is a stolen seat that Bayard occupies, for if the three Republican Senators had been sworn in yesterday, as was their right, before the election, a Republican would be occupying the place. To complete the conspiracy some crank is needed to slay the President and enable the Democrats to consummate the attempted swindle, and thus Mexicanize our Government at once."

If the above was not set forth in clear, cold type in the *Pittsburg Commercial Gazette* of the 11th instant, it would be difficult to believe that any reputable newspaper in the country, would so far forget the proprieties of journalism and the ordinary decency that should regulate its columns, as to allow so vile and mischievous a paragraph to appear as its editorial utterance. In sharp contrast to this perfectly natural exhibition of the feelings of such organs as the *Gazette*, was the respectful and patriotic attitude of the Democratic press throughout the period of President Garfield's suffering and death. Is the *Gazette* so delighted with the work of blood, which snatches away the President of the people and puts in his place the favorite of a faction, that it fears the work of one assassin may be undone by that of another? In the *Gazette* of the same date the following special despatch appeared:

"Washington, Oct. 10. Representative Errett to-day had a long interview with the President in regard to affairs in his district. The President spoke quite freely and expressed his inclination to adopt the suggestions of Major Errett when the time for action arrived."

Mr. Errett is the editor of the *Gazette* and a representative in Congress from Allegheny county. He is also the chief fagelman of Cameron in western Pennsylvania. Does he propose to become the defamer of his people? Does he scent assassination in the air? Does he now, when the nation is but just recovering from the shock of a horrible crime, deliberately invite another, so that it may be charged upon the party he opposes? Let Maj. Errett take counsel with his judgment. He knows full well that the majority in the Senate, whether Democratic or Republican, was bound by the mandate of the law to organize that body by the election of a President pro tem. Leading Republican Senators not only conceded this, but freely and fully acknowledged that the law was capable of this interpretation only. Yet in the face of this well known fact the *Commercial Gazette*, with no thought of the past, but only apprehensive of the future, seizes upon the organization of the Senate as a pretext to wall forth its fear that the "half-breeds" will produce one equally as infamous as the stalwarts have furnished the country in Guiteau, only it, with ill disguised malice, flaunts the deadly sneer in the face of the Democracy. The Democratic party does not breed murderers, neither does its journals show that lack of common decency which at this favorable moment is making itself conspicuous in the organs of the "stalwart" persuasion.

THE campaign of Charles S. Wolfe, the Independent Republican candidate for State Treasurer, appears to be booming. His reception in Lawrence county the other day, as in Philadelphia and Chester, had the appearance of an ovation, and his speech was received with much enthusiasm. He stopped four hours on his way to New Castle at Pittsburg, where he was met by many of the most respectable business men, resulting in the organization of a Republican club, designed to press the views and sustain the plucky opponent of the bosses.

The October Elections.

Elections for State officers were held in Iowa and Ohio on last Tuesday. Owing to the intense feeling of sympathy for the late President, lying for months on his bed of suffering before death closed his earthly career, political contests for the mere spoils of office excited but little interest in the people. The general drift of opinion was that political excitement under such mournful circumstances should not prevail, and thanks to the strong common sense of a good people, the October contests were permitted to pass by with but few demonstrations of party feeling.

Under this state of public opinion it was to be expected that no change of political sentiment would be developed in any of the states voting in October. In Iowa the Republicans carry their ticket by about their usual average majority in an off year. In Ohio Foster, Republican, is re-elected Governor over Bookwalter, Democrat, by a reduced majority. The indications by the latest returns, are that he may have from 10,000 to 15,000 majority. The political complexion of the legislature is in doubt, with a prospect that the Democrats may have a majority in both branches. Later returns may change this statement.

THE *Erie Herald* an obscure and insignificant Democratic daily published at the home of Hon. Orange Noble, does not support him for State Treasurer. The *Herald* is supposed to reflect the views of Hon. W. L. Scott and is said to be owned by him. We hope this is not true. We know Mr. Scott to be an able and zealous Democrat and any opposition from him to Mr. Noble would strike his host of Democratic friends throughout the state as being almost inexplicable. When Mr. Noble was a candidate for the Legislature in 1880 the *Erie Herald* which now so bitterly opposes him, advocated his election in the following editorial utterance:

"He would not go to Harrisburg an unknown man, but would be prominent and influential from the start. No person could be sent to the Legislature as the representative of our city who could do more to promote its interests, and who would be more likely to vote right on public questions than Orange Noble. Let us, then, putting aside all political prejudices, give him such a vote as will testify our appreciation of a public spirited citizen."

The editor of the *Herald* was also one of a number of citizens who signed a letter to Mr. Noble asking him to become a candidate for the Legislature. In that letter (July 26, 1880) he joined in saying:

"They know you to be one of Erie's representative men, who has done as much, by the erection of manufactories and to promote the growth of the city as any person within its limits. They further know your integrity to be unquestioned and unquestionable, and believe your votes and influences as a member of the Legislature would always be on the side of practical reform. That the voters, irrespective of party, will be glad to honor a man of such character, whose services to the community in the past are so ample an assurance of what he can be relied upon to do wherever he may be placed, cannot be doubted for a moment."

THE "County Democracy" of New York is declared by judicial decision the regular Democratic organization. The question arose on the appointment of election supervisors for two Congressional districts in the city of New York. The County Democracy and Tammany Hall, each having presented a list of persons to be appointed, were referred to Judge Blatchford for decision, as to which list should be recognized as the true representatives of the party, with the above result.

THE Republican organs of the bosses obey the commands of the State boss implicitly. They do not notice the candidacy of Wolfe the independent Republican candidate for Treasurer. They may carry this caution too far. Wolfe is now publishing himself, and signs are not wanting that he is doing so to some purpose.

Senator Bayard Elected.

The United States Senate met in the Senate Chamber in the Capitol at Washington on Monday last, in obedience to the call of President Arthur. A failure to elect a President pro tem. of the Senate at the last adjournment of that body, a failure wholly due to Vice President Arthur's refusal to vacate the chair, as is the custom, made it necessary that some one should be selected to stand in the succession, should any thing occur to the present occupant of the Executive office. No such emergency would have arisen if President Garfield had not been foully murdered. When the Senate adjourned the Democrats, owing to the resignation of Messrs. Conkling and Platt, had a majority. During the interim the distinguished Senator from Rhode Island, General Burnside, went upon the long journey. On the assembling of the Senate on Monday its first and imperative duty was to elect a presiding officer. It mattered not which political party happened to be in the ascendency, its duty was clear. The majority elected Thos. A. Bayard. The country responds heartily to the selection. The Delaware Senator is trusted by all. His conservative, statesmanlike course in public life gives full assurance that he will not fail to honorably, fearlessly and ably discharge the responsible duties of his position for the best interests of the whole country. Senator Edmunds while conceding the right of the majority to elect the President pro tem. said it was "a prize drawn in the lottery of assassination." The Vermont senator was very properly rebuked for this violation of the decorum which should under the circumstances have prevailed. Senator Vest, of Missouri, said in reply to Edmunds that "the foul lips of the assassin who had struck down the President had upon them no invocation for Democratic success, but the invocation had been for a faction of the Republican party."

There is no occasion for any exhibition of party feeling. The Democratic majority but obeyed the mandate of the law. Senator Edmunds' ill timed sneer shocked the good sense of the country and thus with crushing force upon himself. The New York Senators Lapham and Miller, and Burnside's successor Aldrich were sworn in on Tuesday and took their seats without objection. On taking the chair Mr. Bayard addressed the Senate as follows:

"I fully appreciate the honor paid me by this expression of confidence, and in assuming the duties of President pro tem. of the Senate, in obedience to the law and in accordance with the rules of this body and the vote of the majority, I should have the greatest misgivings as to fulfilling acceptably the duties of the post were it not for the assurance that so long as I may continue to exercise its duties I shall receive your cooperation and friendly assistance, which I now earnestly and confidently ask at your hands. We are all painfully mindful of the unusual circumstances under which we meet, and of the national bereavement which has caused this special meeting of the Senate. May it not be hoped that, touched by a sense of common sorrow and chastened by the grief which pervades every household in the great family of States, our proceedings shall be marked by a spirit of concession and harmony, a generous consideration for mutual differences of opinion, a softening of partisan asperity and a high intent to perform our duties in a manner responsive to the demands of the occasion, and the best interests of our common country. With such hopes and in such a spirit, I now assume and shall endeavor to perform the duties of the high position to which your favor has assigned me."

A PROMINENT Republican of Gregg township expressed himself last week week as surprised that some of his party friends were making fools of themselves in the present canvass. He says that many of them are disposed to think that part of their county ticket can be elected. Said this clear headed Republican, "We only engender bitterness by this kind of talk. We can't elect any one but our candidate for Commissioner and Auditor, and the least said about the remainder of the ticket the better." We commend these pregnant words to Andrew Gregg. His almost farcical canvass for Sheriff will come under the above.

THE developments coming to light in the Departments at Washington, bid fair to show that the administration of the contemptible fraud who filled the last Presidential term, was corrupt beyond any thing ever known in this or any other civilized government. It appears that the stupendous rascalities of the Treasury Department under Sherman, is now to be supplemented with those of the Interior Department in the management of the Pension office. That rings in that bureau, in connection with outside thieves, have been in existence in the issue of fraudulent pensions to a very large extent, is now admitted. The late Commissioner discovered the existence of these corrupt rings, and that the public treasury was being plundered, and was immediately set upon by the thieves and their friends and removed from office, to prevent investigation. Col. Dudley, the present Commissioner, has taken the matter up, and it is to be hoped will be sustained by the present administration in a full disclosure. It is said that some of the most trusted clerks are implicated in the frauds. But it could not be otherwise, when the whole administration was a gigantic fraud steeped in villainy from the head down, that the subordinates should fail to follow the example of the superiors to fill their coffers with the swag of thieves at the expense of the people's Treasury. Ifayes did it, Sherman did it, and it was not to be expected that others would be more honest. Indeed, the Hayes administration from its inception to its close was a scandalous villainy, discreditable to the people, every day of its existence.

GEN. GARFIELD'S remains were quietly removed on Wednesday of last week from the casket which enclosed them, and transferred to an air-tight casket made of sheet bronze elaborately wrought with gold trimmings and a solid gold plate upon the top. The casket was made in New York, and was the gift of the manufacturers to Mrs. Garfield.

THE Democratic Judicial Conference of Perry and Juniata counties, composing the forty-first judicial district, have placed Charles A. Barnett, of Perry, in nomination for President Judge. Alfred J. Patterson of Juniata, was the contesting candidate.

Strange Story Concerning the Arkansas Train Robbers.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., October 9.—The case of the men who robbed the passenger train on the Iron Mountain railroad on the 2d of September assumed a new and sensational phase in the special term of court on Friday, when each of the robbers pleaded guilty to fourteen indictments, making the term of punishment seventy years for each man. The pursuing party that captured them consisted of four men named Huddleton, Belvires, Moore and Dollabade. When arrested the robbers had about \$9,000. Huddleton proposed to divide the money among themselves. Belvires objected, but he finally agreed to its equal division among the four officers in the presence of Stephens and Dellany, the prisoners. In consideration of the two latter keeping the secret each of the four officers took an oath that he would annually pay to the families of the robbers the sum of \$100 and leave no means untried to secure their release from prison. The party reached Hope and turned over the prisoners to the authorities and came to this city, where they received the reward of \$1,000 offered by the State. All the captors appeared at the trial, when Belvires divulged the whole matter.

The Reason They Are After Baily.

From the Eastern Free Press, Rep.
The Republicans of Pennsylvania will defeat him because he is offensively thrust upon them; as the Cameron candidate and because he betrayed their choice for President, James G. Blaine. It is folly for any Republican to say or believe that Baily can be elected without the Republican vote. Wolfe has begun a vigorous canvass and will, unless he makes some grave error, continue to gain supporters up to the very time of the election. The party is heartily tired of rings and ring candidates.

A Terrible Plague.
KANSAS CITY, October 7.—A terrible plague has broken out near Waldron, Platte county. Eleven persons have died in five days, and none of the victims who are sick give signs of recovery. The bodies of the sufferers are covered with black eruptions. After death the flesh falls from the bones, so that the bodies cannot be lifted into the coffins without falling to pieces.