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Thursday Morning, November 3, 1881.

Democratic State Ticket.

STATE TREASURER,
HON. ORANGE NOBLE, of Erie county.

Democratic County Ticket.

ASSOCIATE JUDGES,
JOHN G. LARIMER, of Spring,
JOHN K. RUNKLE, 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. GRIEST, of Unionville,
JOHN WOLFE, of Miles.
COUNTY AUDITORS,
JOHN S. PROUDFOOT, of Milesburg,
F. P. MUSSEY, of Millheim.

The Democratic State and County ticket to be voted in Centre county next Tuesday contains the following names: ORANGE NOBLE, for State Treasurer; JOHN K. RUNKLE and J. GIBSON LARIMER, for Associate Judges; THOMAS J. DUNKEL, for Sheriff; DANIEL C. KELLER, for Registrar; J. CALVIN HARPER, for Prothonotary; JAMES A. McCLAIN, for Register; FRANK E. BIBLE, for Recorder; ANDREW J. GRIEST and JOHN WOLFE, for Commissioners, and JOHN S. PROUDFOOT and F. PIERCE MUSSEY, for Auditors. Go to the polls fellow Democrats, and vote for them! They are all worthy men and deserve your support!

OHIO has gone to the rear! It is New York now. The president and two members of the cabinet—Folger and James.

For the office of Associate Judges, don't forget JOHN K. RUNKLE and J. GIBSON LARIMER. They are both excellent citizens; are men of sound judgment and will make faithful and competent Associate Judges. Give them your votes!

SENATOR WARREN MILLER, the wood pulp monopolist, is on the stump for Gen. Baily the boss candidate for State treasurer.

FOR Prothonotary, about every person in the county will vote for that efficient and popular official, J. CALVIN HARPER, who during the past three years has proved himself one of the best officers the county ever had.

MR. WILSON was the Republican postmaster at Lynchburg, Va. He is an ex-Union soldier, and because he refused to surrender his party and principles to Mahone and repudiation, President Arthur has removed him from office and appoints a repudiationist in his place.

DON'T forget THOMAS J. DUNKEL when you go to the election on next Tuesday. A vote for him will be a vote for a deserving young man! He will make an excellent Sheriff.

THE Republican bosses are just getting themselves to believe that Wolfe is actually a candidate for State treasurer, and are beginning to abuse him roundly as a disorganizer. They complain that he endangers the party. He certainly endangers the bosses. But Wolfe claims that he is fighting for the interests of the Republican party and to rescue it from ring rule.

A VOTE for JAMES A. McCLAIN for Register will be a compliment well bestowed. He is in every respect well qualified for the office of Register and should receive every Democratic vote in Centre county.

MR. BLISS, the associate attorney in prosecuting the Star route thieves, says the testimony against the plunderers is most convincing. It will require very strong evidence to convict and punish these contributors to the Republican election funds.

FOR the office of Recorder the party could not have a better candidate than FRANK E. BIBLE. He should have a large majority. He has every qualification for the place and will make a very successful and popular officer. Vote for FRANK E. BIBLE.

The State Treasurer.

While the present is what is commonly called an "off year" in politics, and the State campaign has been permitted to drift along with little or no excitement, voters should not regard the only State office to be filled at the election of next week a trifling and petty one, and, in a spirit of indifference to results, remain away from the polls. On the contrary they should realize that the office of State Treasurer is a most important public trust, embracing large responsibilities and serious duties, and it is a matter of grave concern to the citizens of the State that a properly qualified man fills it. Its functions involve the receiving and disbursement of millions of money paid annually into the treasury by the taxpayers, and the custody of these millions should only be entrusted to a man of sterling integrity, of tried business capacity and of more than common intelligence.

Voters, think of this high trust! It should bring you out and induce you to vote for a proper candidate. And now, we ask you, who meets the necessary requirements of the position in a higher degree than the candidate presented by the Democratic party? In ORANGE NOBLE the party justly feels an honest pride. He is a self-made, self-reliant man who, without powerful friends or extraneous aids to push him along, has worked his way by the exercise of his own rare powers from an humble position in early life until he is at this day regarded as one of the most successful, influential and reliable business men of the State. Careful, cautious and energetic in all his private business operations, his name is the synonym of honor and integrity, and to an unbounded degree he enjoys the respect and confidence of people of that portion of the State in which he has lived for many years and with whose important productive industries he has been extensively identified. The liberal portion of the Republican press freely admit that he is an exceptionally good man for State Treasurer. The Philadelphia North American has said that much in his favor in its editorial columns, and the Pittsburgh Dispatch says that if he is elected "his well-known integrity of purpose and business methods constitute a guarantee that the trust will be faithfully executed." The convention at Williamsport did high honor to itself and to the Democratic party when it placed so excellent a candidate as ORANGE NOBLE before the people, and it now remains for the party, and all independent voters who desire a careful, judicious and honest administration of the business of the treasury, to rally to his support.

It is scarcely to be doubted that the election lies between NOBLE and BAILY. Should BAILY succeed he will be the creature of the machine and will do its bidding in all things that may be demanded of him. He was made by the machine and must, as a matter of course, be its servile tool. NOBLE will be the trustee of the people, uninfluenced by rings and unswayed by powerful politicians. Mr. WOLFE, the independent Republican candidate, deserves credit for the bold and manly fight he is making against machine power and corruption, and he will have a considerable following in his party; but a Democratic vote for him only helps to defeat the purpose he has in view. He does not expect to be elected, and therefore Democrats should not throw their votes away upon him. It is their duty to vote for their own candidate. He is honest and capable, will be faithful and efficient in the performance of every duty that

may devolve upon him, and, with WOLFE's diversion in his favor, has a bright prospect of success. Democrats! to the polls! Vote for ORANGE NOBLE!

DANIEL C. KELLER is the very man to handle the county funds during the next three years. He is honest and capable and will make a splendid County Treasurer. Give him the full vote of the party on next Tuesday.

The Election.

A brief word to the Democracy of Centre is not inappropriate. Are you ready for the contest of ballots to come off on Tuesday next? We have a good ticket, composed of men not only competent to fill the various offices for which you have designated them, but deserving your cheerful endorsement and most active support. We, therefore, urge each Democrat to be prompt at the polls and vote the whole ticket, without scratch. The effort will be made to induce Democrats to substitute individual Republicans upon the ticket. Do not do it. The candidates, fairly placed in nomination by your party, are entitled to your vote. They represent your principles as well as your party, and should have your sustaining ballot. Every candidate on the Democratic ticket is fully equal in capacity and fitness to his competitor on the opposing tickets, and requests to substitute your political opponents should be viewed as impudent and be rejected. If the Republicans have a fight among themselves as to the proper man for County commissioner, or any other office, it is a matter of their own. Let them settle it themselves, for themselves, and by themselves. Democrats, vote the Democratic ticket. It is a good one, and needs the addition of no Republican to make it better. It is your own ticket, brought forward by your own representatives to give voice to your own preferences and party principles.

ANDREW J. GRIEST and JOHN WOLFE are just the men to have in the Commissioner's office. Democrats! give them a hearty support! They will conduct the business of the county to your entire satisfaction! Don't scratch either one of them!

It appears that the record of Judge Folger, of New York, who has been called to the Treasury Department by President Arthur, like that of all Republican statesmen is not above suspicion. Some dark lines are found in his conduct as a public officer which may require explanation before he can gain entire confidence as the custodian of the nation's Treasury. When Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York he disbursed some three million dollars' worth of internal revenue stamps in sealed packages, furnished by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the government, in which Folger had no personal ownership except as a disbursing officer. On retiring from office he settled his accounts and made no claim for commission for the distribution of these packages. An afterthought, however, and a reluctance to lose his grip upon the public treasury, induced him to file a claim for \$184,934.95, which was rejected in the Court of Claims and the decision was affirmed in the Supreme Court of the United States. These stamps were placed in Folger's custody as a disbursing officer, for which he was paid a salary, and the attempt thus to double on his pay is not calculated to inspire confidence now that he is entering upon the discharge of the duties of the high position to which Arthur has called him. The new Secretary is a Grant stalwart.

FOR Auditors, vote for JOHN S. PROUDFOOT and F. PIERCE MUSSEY. They are both excellent accountants and will see that the accounts of the county are properly kept.

VOTE for ORANGE NOBLE for State Treasurer! The public funds will be safe in his hands. He is an able, honest and incorruptible man!

An Extra Session.

The Washington Post, reviewing the work of the late extra session of the United States Senate, remarks that "the necessity for the election of a President pro tempore of the Senate, in order to have a constitutional successor to President Arthur before the first Monday in December, was the sole cause of the meeting of the Senate in special session on the 10th of October. On that day, in accordance with statute and precedent, the Democrats elected Senator Bayard presiding officer of the body. After the admission of the three new Senators from New York and Rhode Island the next day, there was really nothing of special importance for the Senate to do. But the Republicans, though realizing their inability to displace Mr. Bayard by one of their own men, conceived the idea of utilizing the ambition of Senator David Davis for that purpose. If they couldn't whip the other fellow they could at least make faces at his sister, which was far better than no demonstration at all. The scheme was a good one, success standing for goodness. By a total abstinence from voting, a favorite proceeding of the Illinois Senator, he was duly elected President pro tempore, after having aided the Republicans to secure a majority on the several standing committees.

The only other vacancy to be filled by an election was the office of Secretary of the Senate. Mr. George C. Gorham was the Republican candidate and Mr. L. Q. Washington became the Democratic nominee. Each party waited for the other to introduce the subject until it became apparent that neither would, when a Democratic caucus decided to propose that Chief Clerk Francis E. Shober be declared acting Secretary. Mr. Edmunds, however, introduced a resolution that Shober, in case of course, was unqualified whereupon Mr. Shober was sworn in as office as a representative of the peace and harmony prevailing in the Upper House.

While the Senate was in session the President sent in, for convenience only, many nominations, most of them appointments by the late President during the recess, which could just as well have waited the regular meeting in December. About the only exception were the two Cabinet appointments, and the original one by President Arthur, at the suggestion of Mahone, of Clifford Statham to be postmaster at Lynchburg. This was about the last, and, considering the motive, the worst nomination of the session. The Republicans, in keeping up a dead-lock for two days, undertook to sustain a Federal appointment made for the express purpose of aiding the Mahone repudiation ticket in Virginia, the appointee being an ex-Confederate soldier and Readjuster, to take the place of an ex-Union soldier and Republican. The Administration men in the Senate were only too glad to retreat from their unenviable position, and allow the tired Senators to go home.

Outside the election of a President pro tempore the actual work of the Senate was not heavy and very little of it was necessary. Politically the Democrats came out ahead. Their conduct was decent, manly and consistent, while the Republicans added largely to their well-earned reputation of sacrificing any political principle, however sacred or how long adhered to, for the sake of a temporary party success and a better hold upon patronage and power.

DEMOCRATS of Centre county! Do not forget that next Tuesday is election day! Turn out, one and all, and do your duty to your candidates, your party, your county and your State!

THE leaders of the Republican party at Washington have just given the people of the United States another touching instance of the sincerity of that marvelous love which they have always professed to feel for the Union soldier, especially on the stump and in party platforms about election times. It appears that for twelve years past the office of postmaster at Lynchburg, Virginia, has been filled by John F. Wilson, who throughout the war was a Union soldier, serving in an Illinois regiment and losing an eye by a bullet wound received in one of the battles in which his regiment took part. He has filled the office in a manner highly satisfactory to the people of Lynchburg, and a large majority of the most respectable and influential professional and business men of the place sent a petition to the President asking for his retention. Well, Wilson being a strong Republican and a gallant Union soldier, of course was retained! Do you think so? Not much! The arrangement did not suit Billy Mahone. The Union soldier, though a Republican, refused to become a Repudiation, and Billy Mahone at once thought the place would just suit one of his own followers, Statham by name, a Repudiation Democrat and an ex-Confederate soldier. With the control of the Federal offices in Virginia in his hands, under his corrupt bargain with the "powers that be at Washington, Billy Mahone had "the bulge," so to speak, upon the poor postmaster. Marching to battle under the "old flag" was of no account! Faithful services to his country could not save him! Billy Mahone must have his man! Billy Mahone asked for the removal of Wilson and the appointment of Statham, and President Arthur was base enough to promptly make the change! Oh, the shame of it! Republican politicians should no longer prate about the dear Union soldier, for it has become a certainty that when political ends are to be subserved, even to mean an end as the triumph of the Repudiation in war or peace, a man must go for nothing.

THE Bellefonte Republican is outspoken for the election of Henry C. Campbell to the office of County Commissioner on the Republican ticket, and bitter in its opposition to John I. Rankin. It is a hot fight between the friends of the two candidates, and as it is a family feud we do not believe that Democrats should have anything to do with it. Let the clashing factions fight it out themselves, and decide the battle to suit themselves. Hands off, is our position, and we trust that every Democrat in Centre county will plant himself firmly upon the same ground. We object, therefore, to the effort of the Republican to connect prominent Democrats with either side of the quarrel. We are satisfied that such charges have no foundation in fact and are unjust to the gentlemen named in connection with them by the Republican.

It is announced by the Washington correspondence that General James A. Beaver, of this place, is mentioned in connection with the governorship of Arizona. The office is recently vacated by the resignation of Gen. Fromont. No doubt Gen. Beaver will be pressed for this position by our disinterested Senators, as much for his superior qualifications, his excellent civil and military record, and the opportunity it would afford to get the General out of the way of the Boss' candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania. Cooper will be happy to see Beaver moving towards the setting sun.

WE are authorized to say that the charge made in a communication published in the Bellefonte Republican of this week, that J. C. Harper, William Tobias and W. C. Heinle are working for the election of John I. Rankin, is false in every particular. These gentlemen regard the contest between Rankin and Campbell as a party fight with which they have nothing to do, and are content to permit the Republicans of the county settle it themselves.

It may be said of Jas. A. McClain, the Democratic candidate for Register, that he is essentially a laboring man, and that in sympathy and interest he stands among the "sons of toil." By the death of his father he was left at an early age to depend upon himself, and he was not long in striking out to make his own living. At the age of ten years he first found employment with Charles McCafferty, then extensively engaged in building, as the driver of a horse and cart. We next find him delving in an ore bank, and after that as a clerk in a store in the employ of his uncle at the State College. He remained in the store three years, and then came to the planing mill in Bellefonte, where he learned the trade of a carpenter, working there also three years. It is during these three years that we have an interesting insight into the real character of James A. McClain, which shows in a striking light the real stuff that is in the man. Anxious to get on in life, he at this period determined to become a telegraph operator. The time at his disposal was after working hours, and after his day of toil he utilized the hours of night in mastering the mysteries of his chosen occupation. In time, by pluck and perseverance, he became an expert operator, and was not long in finding a situation in which to follow his new pursuit. He entered the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad company as agent at Julian Furnace, on the Bald Eagle division, where he remained for several years. In 1874 he was changed to Milesburg, at which place he served the company faithfully and efficiently as agent and dispatcher until his removal to Snow Shoe during the past summer, at which place he fills the same position. His life has been one of hard labor and faithful service in every position of life in which he has been placed. He has always enjoyed, to the fullest extent, the esteem and confidence of his employers, and will exhibit the same efficiency and fidelity in performing the important duties of the trust that will be conferred upon him by the people of Centre county next week, which has so commendably marked his past career. The laboring men of the county should give him a hearty support.

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