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THE annual meeting of the "Society of Fruit Growers," is to be held at Harrisburg on the 18th and 19th of January, to which all persons interested are invited to be present.

THE report of the Commissioners of Agriculture places the number of persons engaged in farming in this country at 7,800,000, and estimates the value of farming implements at \$13,461,200,343, about two-thirds of the productive wealth of the nation.

It is said the Altoona shops will this year turn out ninety-five new locomotives for the Pennsylvania Railroad. This, with the rebuilding and repairing of old ones, it is believed will be equal to the erection of five hundred in these shops during the year.

THE question is to be tested in a Massachusetts Court whether or not it is libelous to misrepresent a man's political principles. A lawyer has brought suit against a newspaper, putting his damages at \$5,000 for asserting that he was a Butler man, thereby preventing his nomination for an office.

It is said the net funded debt of the city of New York is \$98,290,206 equal to eighty-one dollars and forty six cents to each inhabitant. This is quite equal to the debt of Bellefonte, but perhaps the burden is less onerous to the millions of that great city, than our debt is to the few hundreds residing here.

EVERY few days the announcement is repeated that the Star-route thieves are to be prosecuted vigorously to the full extent of the law, and if guilty, to be followed by punishment. Fudge! The assassination of the late President settled that business in favor of the thieves. MacVeigh and James knew this when they retired.

It seems to be generally conceded that ex-Senator Sargent, of California, will be appointed Secretary of the Interior in place of Secretary Kirkwood, and William E. Chandler Secretary of the Navy in place of Secretary Hunt. They are a healthy pair and fittingly draw prizes in the "lottery of assassination" in a Stalwart administration.

R LIPPER SMITH, of Philadelphia, has been held to bail in the sum of \$5,000 for shooting Sam Joseph in the foot. If Smith intended to kill Joseph, he certainly proved he was not an expert shooter, or, as is most likely, that he was too drunk to elevate his revolver sufficiently to obtain a proper range upon the retired Philadelphia statesman.

CONGRESSMAN WALKER, of the Lycoming district, has stirred up a very lively fight over the Williamsport postoffice. The appointment of Capt. I. F. Burrows is bitterly condemned, and efforts are being made to have it rejected by the Senate. No use! The appointment was not made without the approbation of the Republican Boss, and duly considered with ference to its bearings on the stalwart programme.

THE Denver Tribune, a Republican paper, rebukes the President thus: "The policy of the President appears to be to encourage the repudiationists of the south; this is not the policy of the party. Honesty has been regarded as the best policy in our ranks." Well, this is cool to. Was it honesty that controlled the Republican party to steal the Presidency in 1876, or was it honesty that led them in 1880 to purchase states with funds stolen from the people, in order to retain the perloined power they obtained in 1876? The question of honesty is one the Republicans should touch tenderly.

## The Men who are to Bend the Solid South.

The Atlanta Constitution briefly, but fittingly describes some of the small politicians, the cheap heroes to be found perhaps in all the Southern States of the Union, who are not only willing to share the unenviable fame of General Mahone, but who are constantly proclaiming their purpose to revolutionize divers and sundry States by the overthrow of what they facetiously call the "Bourbon Democracy."

These puny patriots are loud in their protestations of devotion to "a full vote, a free ballot, and a fair count," and to attain these desirable and praiseworthy results, they are jointly and severally ready to undergo all sorts of afflictions; to endure all the privations, scourgings, stripes, imprisonments, hunger, thirst, nakedness, and dangers by sea and land, that fell to the lot of that great Christian hero, the Apostle Paul. The last one of these fellows is ready to meet contumely, obloquy, and insult; to encounter all the ills that flesh is heir to; and, in addition, add to their sorrows and sufferings by accepting an office at the hands of President Arthur, as evidence at once of devotion to the old flag, and their constancy to principle—the principle of taking everything in sight—and with heroic courage refusing nothing that will pay! Patriotism, which surly old Sam Johnson declared was "the last refuge of scoundrels," is still a potent factor in the affairs of this world, and to use a slang phrase current among the boys, "the woods are full" of gentle, but hungry patriots, who are ready to do anything in the world but die, for "pay and provant." Large numbers of these enterprising fellows have been in this city lately, and more of them will soon be hanging around the Capitol, the White House, and the various departments.

When they first reach this political Mecca they are generally in good condition, having managed to encase themselves in tolerably presentable outer garments; they hie them to one of our first-class hotels, where, for a brief period, they flourish in festive gaiety, and recount with sportive glee their innumerable interviews with the President and other gentlemen occupying high official positions. For the first week or so these interesting creatures have very elevated notions of their importance, and of the exalted stations for which they are destined as the reward of great merit and valuable services. In the first flush of their exaltation each one selects a first class foreign mission for himself, but if, as sometimes happens, there is no vacancy, he reluctantly consents to humble his pride, and agree to become a minister resident at a second-class court, but, finding no vacancy in that direction, he finally concludes that, for the good of the country he might be induced to become a *charge d'affaires*. When he finds that the road to diplomatic fame is impassable, he turns his attention to the Territories and dreaming of future senatorial honors, he modestly insinuates that he would accept a governorship or a judicial position. Here, again, he finds himself balked, and lowering his pretensions, he comes down, step by step, until in his desperation the poor devil is ready to beg for a \$900 clerkship in one of the Departments. And yet, for the most part, it is such fellows, as these who are rending their garments, and making night hideous with the vain boast that they are going to do in their States what Mahone did in Virginia, and thus sever the solid South, and bury the Bourbon Democrats beneath its ruins.

The sensible men of the South know that these brawling patriots are harmless, even for evil. They know, that with a few rare exceptions, they are as destitute of character as they are of intellect or influence, and that their windy proclamations of what they are going to do, is the merest balderdash and folderol.

The most of these chaps would gladly accept the compromise offered by a seedy adventurer during the administration of General Jackson. He desired a first-class mission, but failing in that he came down gradually to some paltry and contemptible place, when, finding that too, beyond his reach, he told old Hickory that he would be "much obliged for a suit of his old clothes!" But here is what the Constitution has to say of the gentry we have been describing:

There has been much said in the Northern press and in the South about the effect of the success of General Mahone in Virginia on the Independents of other States. There is scarcely a State in the South that has not one or two cheap heroes who are willing to be used as Mahones. They are just about as useful, too, in politics, as a bung would be to a cooper who was in a hurry to make a barrel.

THE Lancaster *Intelligencer* remarks that "the Independent Republicans of this state faintly took heart the other day when it was given out that the senator whom they had elected was about to perform some of the things promised of him. The late postmaster of Pittsburg resigned without any notice to anybody except a little ring of Cameron henchmen, and they speedily had his successor appointed in the person of Chris. Magee's ponies. There was a howl Mitchell would antagonize the confirmation and be able to secure its defeat. Mark the sequel as told in the *Times* dispatch from Washington:

"Senator Mitchell says, relative to the Pittsburg postoffice question, that no organized opposition to the confirmation of Mr. McCleary has been developed so far. He has received a good many letters and telegrams protesting against it. Most of these letters assert that while McCleary is known as a good fellow the feeling of the business community is against his appointment. Precisely to what extent this feeling exists the senator has not the means of knowing, as it has not manifested itself in any shape outside of these individual complaints. The principal soreness appears to be in reference to the manner in which the appointment was made. So far as he is concerned Senator Mitchell says he has no interest in the matter beyond giving time for the people to be heard. They have enjoyed the privilege, and, from the character of the opposition, he does not feel justified in approving the confirmation. There is no question of this confirmation."

As Mr. Wolfe is said to have remarked, the less said about Mitchell's election as an Independent, the better it is for the reputation of the Independents for political sagacity."

MCKINLEY'S hoop-iron bill presented in Congress, providing that no manufactured article shall pay more duty than the material which is its chief component part, it is said meets the approbation of the committee of ways and means, of which Judge Kelley is chairman. Mr. Randall very properly antagonizes it on the ground that the whole tariff bill ought to be acted upon at once and not in detached parts.

GEN. ORTH, one of the Republican leaders in the House from Indiana, has made a very scathing attack upon Speaker Keifer, which certainly exhibits the latter in a very unenviable and contemptible position, but not more so than he deserves. The shameless and disgraceful manner in which he constructed the committees of the House, which are not only partisan and personal in resentments, but basely corrupt in the interest of jobs and dishonesty generally should receive nothing but condemnation.

FAT women and living skeletons as novelties in shows are played out, and the fertile brain of the great Barnum is on the alert to supply their places. He is now holding levees and advertising for the handsomest woman in the world to be exhibited in the next summer campaign. Hundreds of pretty women are presenting themselves to the inspection of his committee of examiners in hopes of being the favored beauty of the show.

OUR contemporary, the Bellefonte Republican gives the Beaver boom a boost by devoting a page of its issue of this week to the General's candidacy. A brief and fairly written biographic sketch of the prospective candidate is followed by favorable notices that he has received from the Republican press of the state.

THE annual election for officers of the Reading rail-road, commenced on Tuesday last and it is supposed will continue for the several days before the final result is known. So far as the election has progressed, the Gowan party are largely in the lead, and it appears to be generally believed will defeat the Bond management, which overthrew Mr. Gowan last year.

THE lumber business appears to be booming in our neighboring city of Lock Haven. So great is the demand for planed lumber that the operators have found it necessary to erect additional mills, and procure new machinery to enable them to supply the orders. We congratulate our neighbors upon this evidence of their prosperity.

THE Hon. William A. Wallace is to deliver a lecture in Lancaster, Pa., on the 24th instant. The subject of the lecture is to be on "Pennsylvania's Formative influence on Federal Institutions." The ability of the lecturer and the interesting subject he proposes to discuss, promises a fine treat to the intelligent audience which will doubtless greet Mr. Wallace on that occasion.

A CONVENTION of agriculturists is week, and will discuss, according to be in session at Washington City this programme, a variety of subjects important to that interest. No doubt one of the main objects of the meeting at this time is to influence Congress in the establishment of an Agricultural Department, with a political representative in the Cabinet of the President, if not to boost Commission Loring as the proper person to fill the place.

THE trial of Giteau has now reached its ninth week, but it is announced that the evidence is all in. This gives some prospect of an end to the farce within the next two weeks. The late expert testimony introduced by the prosecution all tends strongly to the conclusion that Giteau is sane, and that in all his antics during the progress of the trial he has only been playing a studied part. The general impression is that the jury will find him guilty.

THE Washington comedy has substantially closed, at least, so far as Giteau can appear as a clown to worry and annoy the court and jury by his impudence and antics. The case has now reached the argument and its tragical phase will assume prominence during the present week by verdict of the jury, which of course will either assign the assassin to the walls of a lunatic asylum or to the tomb of a murderer. In either case his effort to "unify the Republican party," was not a successful or paying operation.

EFFIGY SARGEANT, late Senator from California, and the notorious Bill Chandler, from "away down East" are the two latest names mentioned for places in Arthur's Cabinet. Two more disgraceful appointments could not be made. But still we presume it is all right. Arthur himself is only a trading politician, who was removed from the New York custom house by Hayes and Sherman because of the corrupt practices which prevailed under his management of the business of that important public position, and it seems meet and proper that he should surround himself in the White House by as scurvy a set of political scamps as he can find in the United States. Let Sargeant and Chandler by all means go into the cabinet,

CONGRESSMAN ORTH, Republican, of Indiana, angry and disappointed in not receiving the recognition he imagined his great merits deserved, tried to corner Speaker Keifer the other day by offering a resolution in the house to change the manner of selecting the committees. Orth is chairman of the committee on civil service reform and desired his resolution to be referred to that committee. The speaker headed him off, however, by deciding that the resolution related to a change of rules and should go to the committee on rules. The house sustained the decision of the Speaker by a decided vote, and Orth must nurse his wrath until a more favorable opportunity to get even with the chair presents itself.

A MEETING of the Republican State Committee was held yesterday in Philadelphia, at which it was decided that the convention of the party to nominate a State ticket should be held at Harrisburg on the 10th day of May. The fixing of this early date for the meeting of the State Convention is regarded as a decided triumph for the Cameron machine, and a machine ticket will of course be nominated.

POSTMASTER GENERAL JAMES before retiring from the Department, created a great sensation among the Star route thieves by further disclosing their villainies and causing the arrest of a number of bogus bondsmen used by the rogues to procure mail contracts. It appears that thirteen thousand bonds have been imposed upon the Department which are entirely worthless and fraudulent. Some of these bondsmen are clerks in the Departments, and all falsely represented under oath as possessing real estate equal to the amount required to legalize them. Verily, there appears to be no end to the corruptions of the Fraud Administration.

THE Albany legislature is again dead-locked. This time it is on the organization. The majority is supposed to be Democratic, but amongst them John Kelley's Tammany party have a following who hold the balance of powers between the true Democracy and the Republicans. They appear to be up for bids, and it is probable that no organization will be effected until the terms are made satisfactory on one side or the other. We trust the Democracy may stand upon the integrity of their principles and purity of party organization. It is more creditable, and in the end, will be more profitable to remain in the minority, than to submit to the tyranny of Boss Kelly and his trading gang of desperadoes. Alliances with treachery and bossism never have given strength or standing to any honest party, and never will.

## Courtship by Wire.

During the last two years Miss Louise Eib, and Miss Laura Jordan, telegraph operators, have worked together in the Western Union office at St. Joseph, Mo. Persons about the office who could not read the tickings of Miss Eib's instrument were puzzled frequently to see Miss Jones put her hands to her ears. The very inquisitive, noticing that during the quick motions she shoved bits of cotton into the auricular channels, sometimes would ask if any thing was wrong, but Miss Jordan would avoid the question. Not until two weeks ago, indeed, was light thrown upon the mysterious movements of the young woman and the smiling habits of her associate. Then it was revealed that Miss Eib is to be married shortly, that the young man in the case is John Marlin, a Kansas City operator, and that the young couple have been making love by wire since 1879. In that year they agreed upon a cipher alphabet by the use of which many tender sentiments passed to and fro. Miss Jordan soon caught up the key, however, and that she might not be in the way, kindly stopped her ears. The men in the office often wondered at Miss Eib's thoughtful silence and the happy smiles that completely mastered her as she sat at her operating desk, and now that they know the secret they insist that she shall be married by wire, but, being a sensible girl, she prefers the hand to hand custom.

## The Stalwart Programme.

PREPARING TO STRENGTHEN THE LINES IN PENNSYLVANIA AND ELSEWHERE.

There is no longer any doubt expressed in Washington that Stalwart plans are being laid looking to the control of the next National Convention in the interests of Grant or an equally Stalwart nominee as against the Blaine or

liberal wing of the Republican party. The inauspicious of this movement lies coiled in the division and distribution of Federal patronage in such a manner as will do the most good. The same movement which is now being inaugurated in the States of Pennsylvania and New York will be carried out all along the line—North, South and West. In this division and distribution of the spoils the representative Stalwarts of the various States are being consulted.

The process of strengthening the Stalwart wing of the party is going hand in hand with the clearing out of all Half-breeds and kickers. Where the latter can be won over by Federal favors it is to be done. Where resistance is obstinate the kickers are to be crushed. No pains will be spared to proselyte where the influence of the men is worth the effort. As regards the State of Pennsylvania the Stalwart leaders are in constant communication with Senator Cameron. Two conferences have been held, one at the Capitol and one at Cameron's house. Quay and Chris Magee, it is said, have submitted plans for working their respective quarters of the State, and these plans, with a few alterations, have met the approval of Senator Cameron.

One of the first converts, it is alleged, is Collector Davis, of Pittsburg, who has made his peace with Cameron, and the proof of it will be his retention in office. In return for this Davis and his friend Bynan expect to deliver the Welsh vote to the Stalwarts. This is the only thing which explains the long haggling over that Collectorship. Case will go by the board. In Bayne's district it is said a man of his own kind of independence will be put up, who will divide Bayne's following and beat him in his own camp. They propose to wipe Bayne out as a troublesome fellow who can't be coaxed out of his opposition to the machine. In Philadelphia the management will be carried out on a larger and more sweeping scale, as has been indicated. The delay is but for time for the perfection of the details of the Stalwart resolution.

The plan covers other portions of the State with equal thoroughness. It will not be carried out in any startling way, but will move with sufficient celerity to satisfy those who will gradually find themselves crowded into the corners or forced over the fence. A gentleman who was pressing a friend upon Cameron was informed that the place wanted was intended for another man: "Your friend can do us more good somewhere else," said the boss.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—The store of Mr. C. Dinges, at Centre Hall, narrowly escaped destruction by fire on Tuesday morning of last week. The inside of the building was discovered to be burning at an early hour, but timely aid prevented the flames from gaining much headway. The damage to the building will amount to about \$150, and a quantity of merchandise was also injured by smoke and heat, all of which is covered by insurance in the Centre Hall and two other insurance companies. The Reporter thinks the fire was caused by some one carelessly throwing a lighted cigar into a spittoon late the previous evening.

—The Osceola *Reveille* makes a loud call upon the new boards of County Commissioners of Centre and Clearfield counties for that new bridge over Moshannon creek, at Osceola. From all we hear about the matter we do not doubt but that a new bridge is greatly needed at that point. We think, however, our contemporary mistakes the scope of what it calls the "grand jury's order." The grand jury does not "order;" it merely recommends, and under the act of assembly relating to the building of county bridges, it is entirely within the judgment and discretion of County Commissioners to act upon such recommendation or not as they may see proper.

PLEASANT GAF.—A number of our residents are at present on the sick list, among them Mr. John Harrison who is suffering from a severe and painful attack of rheumatism. We trust that he will speedily improve.

Mrs. John Sweeny is also afflicted with nervous debility, and is quite a sufferer. Her daughter, Miss Margaret, who was sometime ago injured by being thrown from a buggy, continues to improve, though slowly.

Gottlieb Haag now has his new grist mill in full working order and the machinery works in the most satisfactory manner. He will do considerable business with the mill.

—The Osceola *Reveille* says that "a little child of Alfred Isenburg, of Houtzdale was so badly burned by the explosion of a coal oil lamp, one night last week that caused its death a few days after the occurrence. It seems the lamp was placed on a sewing machine, at which a lady was doing some sewing for the family and the little one it appears was playing by the machine when by some means the lamp was thrown down and exploded burning the child as above stated. Just now there are any amount of accidents occurring from the careless handling of coal oil lamps and every precaution should be taken to avert them."