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Democratic State Committee.

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COMMITTEE, WILKESBARRE, February 23,
1882.—There will be a meeting of the
Democratic State Committee at the Bolton
hotel, Harrisburg, on Wednesday, March
22, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of
fixing a time and place for holding the
next Democratic State Convention.
E. P. KISSER, J. K. BOGERT,
Secretary. Chairman.

MAYOR KING, the Democratic Chief Executive of Philadelphia, has added two more colored citizens to the police of that city. They now number seven.

THE annual product in the manufacture of stoves in Philadelphia is said to be \$4,000,000, and the number of persons directly dependent upon this branch of industry in that city is estimated at twelve thousand.

lished. It contains all the latest news of each day, and as much, if not more general reading matter than any other newspaper, and yet it is dilivered to subscribers and readers for ono cent.

THE docket of the criminal court in Washington, is said to be so incumbered, that it will be six mouths before the cases of the indicted starroute thieves can be reached. This will serve as an excuse for delay for half a year, and in that time others will conveniently present themselves.

SENATOR LAMAR did for Conkling an act, which it is not likely Conkling Conkling's confirmation to the judgethe position.

A BALTIMORE city missionary demonstrates by figures that a family of five persons may be subsisted for a year on \$50. That is reducing living to a low figure. Congress should have had this estimate when they voted the poor forlorn beggar in New York a pension of \$15,000 a year.

Some of the Stalwart journals are beginning to show trepidation and a plished officer who had rendered in congratulating themselves upon the realization of the perils of the situation. prompt and valuable service in the attainment of an honest and faithful Being confronted on one side by Wolf's army of the Union as well as in the independents and on the other by councils of the nation. But he was a caping the inflction of having one of Farmer Butler, there seems to be a Democrat as well as a patriot. The the most arrant and dishonest political necessity to hedge somewhere. It is Senate was Republican, and this relief demagogues and tricksters in the state discovered that "hay seed" would be to the poor old veteran was refused on who aspired to the position in the pera popular rallying cry in the cam- the hypocritical pretence that his case son of John Cessna. The Bedford paign for a Congressman-at-large, and did not fall within the statute for the Gazette exclaims thus: others, to carry the banner in triumph to the Stalwart camp. Perhaps!

AT the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. at Cincinnati in September last, a committee was appointed to revise the ritual work of the order. That committee was in session in Baltimore last week, to perform the duties of their appointment, and will have the result of their labors ready for the use of the Lodges by the first of June. Amongst the changes, and the principle one perhaps, is requiring the working of all subordinate Lodges to be in the third degree. The change is to go into effect after the first of July next.

EX-SENATOR PLATT is reported as saying that Conkling will not accept on the ground that he cannot afford it, and prefers to remain in politics. "Me too" was right. Conkling does ot consent to enter the judicial earophagus and therefore declines the appointment tendered him by the President with the approval of the senate. This may indicate that the third-term, or Conkling, is yet an issue to be settled. If the nomination by gy don't always win.

Let us Deliberate.

The Harrisburg Patriot makes the following timely and judicious suggestion in view of the selection of candidates for State offices soon to be nominated: "It must be admitted that the Democratic party of Pennsylvania cannot afford to indulge in any violent contest over the nomination of caudidates for State offices. It has had about as much of that sort of thing as ought to fall to the lot of any political organization during an existence of a hundred years. There has not been a nomination for governor since 1857 which was made without a fierce and bitter conflict in convention. For twenty years the Democracy of the State have behaved in their State conventions as if a nomination was equivalent to an election only to repent of their folly when the returns came in. Have they at last learned the lesson which they have been given so many opportunities to study? It would appear from the reluctance with which the voters are arraying themselves in THE Philadelphia Record is one of favor of any particular candidate that the largest and best daily papers pub- they now understand the necessity for prudent and cautious action. Thus far but few counties have given instructions to delegates and there is a prospect that a majority of the State convention will not be committed to any particular candidate for any of the nominations which that body will be required to make. Democrats have their personal preferences and there will of course be a difference of judgment as to the propriety of nominating this or that candidate. But the fact that the party must present a united front and select its very best men to lead it if it would win the approaching political battle, must be always would have done for Lamar under kept in view and should outweigh all similar circumstances. He voted for other considerations. The Democrats of the State will therefore do well to ship, ignoring mutual animosity and choose their wisest and safest men to recognizing his ability and fitness for represent them in the State convention and to entrust to them the choice of the standard-bearers who will lead them to victory."

THREE or four years ago, it will be have this bullet-riddled veteran of two delphia by their permanent absence. wars retired as an officer of the army on half pay. He was a feeble old man, poor and needy, a brave and accomhat Farmer Butler is the man of all retirement of army officers. Edmunds, because the most adroit, and as a demagogue, the most plausible, was selected to assign a reason for that refusal. He said :

"Too much cannot be said of Gen. Shields. He has been, as I believe, a good citizen and a brave soldier, and has served in two wars. So have scores of other officers; so have hundreds of subordinate officers in lower ranks than he; so have thousands and tens of thou-sands private soldiers for whom the law has made no provision and it can make no provision; and therefore this species of legislation is partial, it is unequal, and it is, therefore, unjust."

But now when Gen Grant who is notoriously one of the wealthy men of Gen. Shields in his poverty and need, where is Edmunds and his Republican associates? No appeal is made to the law as applied to Shields, but the Senate votes without scruple and without shame, to retire Grant as a General on pay amounting to \$15,000 per annum. Was ever infamy more apparent than is afforded by the comparison of these two cases.

ANOTHER rotten borough to come Arthur was made to remove a barrier in. The committee on Territories to the succession that might be trou- have agreed upon a bill to admit the went to some other fellow. Mr. blesome, it also indicates that strate, Territory of Washington into the Strang's ticket did not bear the lucky Union as a state.

others, some were dead, others had

moved out of the district before elec-

Inspector, 1411 Bancroft street, and of the Miller and Sharkey bureau, attempted the arrest of Christie, one of on Saturday evening, but just when the detective could have secured the criminal, the police came to the rescue King, when he comes to hear the report from that district this morning, will make one or more very sudden vacancies on the force. The refusal of a police officer to aid a detective who exhibited a regular warrant for the arrest of a criminal, is worthy of the old time boss police force when Johnny Ward and his fellows graced the uni-

The Commmittee of One Hundred offer a reward of five hundred dollars for the apprehension of Johnson, Conner and Christie, and they will either remembered, the friends of General be transformed into jail birds at an Shields made an effort in Congress to early day, or they will honor Phila-

> THE people of the 16th Judicial District seem to be perfectly jubilant judge. And well they may after es-

trict of Pennsylvania can congratulate himself upon having on the bench a Judge who is kind and courteous to clients, witnesses and attort Judge who has the confidence attorneys people; a judge who is fair, frank and honest in all his rulings and charges; a Judge who will add lustre to the bench and one who will never soil the judicial ermine with which he is clothed : a Judge who has no enemies to punish or friends to reward; a Judge who will not attempt to drive from the bar cer-tain of its members on account of per-sonal difficulties and private animosities; a Judge who will not attempt to brow beat attorneys when in the faithful dis-charge of their duties; a Judge who will not advise suitors who to employ to transact their legal business; a Judge who will not pollute himself with the slimy New York, who has been pampered by his party and the rings which rule it, vigorous, in middle age, comes in and asks precisely what was asked for Gen. Shields in his poverty and need, it will not pollute himself with the simy dregs of politics; a Judge who will not coolly calculate how to defeat an attorney in the trial of a case, through personal malignity. We repeat again the people of Bedford and Somerset counties can congratulate themselves upon by the property and need. ing a judge who will allow no be committed and who will hold the scales of justice in the temple of law evenly in the balance. The one eminent ly fitted for this important position is his honor, Judge Baer.

> Ex-Senator Butler Strang has been appointed by the President to the Marshalship of Dakota Territory. Small favors thankfully received! We believe Mr. Strang was a candidate for Governor of that Territory. But this prize in the "lottary of assassination" number 306.

THE reform "Committee of one Parties in Congress are preparing Hundred" in Philadelphia are still for a lively tussel at an early day on actively seeking settlement with the the question of amending the rules. election rogues. To the list of candi- The rules adopted for the protection of dates for residence at Cherry Hill, for the rights of the minority which were lat year's election, quite a number esteemed proper and admirable during were added at the late elections. The the time the Democrats held the macommittee who have been greatly en- jority, are now considered by the Recouraged and give their time to accom- publican majority very defective and modate the machine rascals without require amendment. The Democrats, prietors hold stock in the Bessemer grumbling at the labor and expense it believing that if these rules were neinvolves, have this week unearthed cessary and proper to protect the rights another bold fraud, conspicuous for its of a Republican minority, they are audacity and the vicious training of equally necessary and proper to prothe Boss rulers of Philadelphia politics previous to the advent of this removing, and at a caucus meeting on pioyer and workman. This is proved form movement. In this case the Monday determined to resist a change Times says "the ballot thieves began by all the means at their commandwith number 223 and voted thirty In this they are entirely right, and the names in alphabetical order, evidently Republicaus have no cause for comfrom some assessor's list, and that only plaint. This being the first case infour of the thirty really voted. Of the volving a party contest since the organization of the House, it will no failed to vote and most of them had doubt be lively and test the metal of leaders to their fullest capacity. The and employed. Nevertheless both classes leading motive for changing the The election officers who perpetra-rules now, although not the only ted this monstrous fraud are John one by any means, is to force certain Johnson, Judge, 1327 South Seven- territories into the Union as States, teenth street; Elisha Conner, minority who are not properly qualified for admission, preparatory to the Presiden-W. H. Cristie, majority Inspector, tial struggle in 1884, as well as to 1434 Bancroft street. Detective Smyth, swell their majority in the Senate, which is uncomfortably close and uncertain. If they can remove the rethe ballot-thieves of the election board, straints which these rules impose, and tie the hands of the minority, the "rotten boroughs" applying for admission, with others jobs, can be lobbied through of the ballot-thief and arrested the de- and many corrupt rogues will fill their tective. It is safe to assume that Mayor coffers at the expense of honor and decency, while serving the party that never scruples to profit by any means that tends to perpetuate their control.

> JOHN KELLEY on his return from Florida expressed satisfaction with the course of the Tammany senators at Albany. Of course he was satisfied. They were a merchautable commodity, and as the Democrats refused to purchase, the Republicans were the only customers at hand. Now, if John can borrow or steal a 306 medal, he will be in luck for a rich prize for himself. Mouat of the Philadelphia penitentiary could lend him one for a which would put an end to the sense less and suicidal conflicts between work man and employer.

Is THAT SO? We see it stated that the daughters of Lieut. Hayes, who with Gen. Custer was massacred by the Indians are obliged to make underelothing in the city of Washington at ten cents apiece to enable them to buy bread. If the Government can afford to give Grant an unmerrited pension of \$15,000 a year who is not in need of it, a little relief to the daughters of a brave man who lost his life in the public service who are needy, might not be out of place.

A STORY is started in Utah that Brigham Young is about to be resurrected. Many believe it. Others pretend to say the old polygamist never has been dead, but is hid away all these years to be brought forward as from the grave, when his service is needed to save the institution and his church, at the critical moment. That time it seems has now arrived, and the old sinner had better hurry up.

WHO IS HE? A prominent lawyer in Pennsylvania, says the Washington Post, has just been arrested for buying a colored voter at the last Presidential election. If this thing be carried out in earnest the State will go Democratic next fall, and the first duty of the new Legislature will be to provide a few extra penitentiaries.

IF Conkling refuses to accept the Judgeship, the Washington Post thinks there is little doubt that Gen. Grant would take the place, as in the entire history of the world he has never been known to refuse anything.

A correspondent of the New England
Farmer writes about "My Experience in
Bee Keeping." But as he says nothing
about jumping into a well to drown
the pesky critters out of his trousers, we don't believe he has made a
truthful statement. Why will men
dissemble about such matters?

Workman and Employer.

Labor troubles are again threatening the prosperity of some of the manufac-turing industries, and it is likely that thousands of operatives will quit work within a few days. At Homestead, near Pittsburgh, a difficulty has arisen be-tween the Amalgamated Iron and Steel workers and the stockholders of the Bessemer steel company. The former have resolved to force the closing of It is probable that some thousand men will be thrown out of em ployment by this determination of the Amalgamated association. It is clear that there is something

This is proved beyond question by the constantly re-curring conflicts between capital and abor. The assertion may be safely ventured that greater loss is inflicted upon manufacturing interests and greater manufacturing interests and greater misery entailed upon the working class by labor strikes and lockouts in three onths than the highest protective tariff duties can compensate in three years. Indeed it may be set down as an economic axiom that strikes are always more or less disastrous both to employer are always ready to suffer when they come to an issue in regard to their re spective rights. There certainly ought to be sufficient wisdom in the legislature to devise a statute which would insure a ust arbitrament of all disputes that may arise between the two. Labor ought to be free to seek employment where it please and capital ought to be equally at liberty to give employment to w it will. But since the exercise of freedom on the part of one or the other leads to strikes and lock-outs there should be just and proper legislation fo the settlement of the disputes and difficuities it engenders. A special tribunal should be erected to take cognizance of all such disturbances, whose decisor would be conclusive upon both sides to the quarrel; and it is suggested that a committee of three persons, one to be committee of three persons, one to be appointed by the governor, one by the iegislature and a third by the supreme judges, would most probably prove an efficient and impartial court. Some legislation of this character is necessary, not only for the benefit of the working class and the salety of capital invested. class and the safety of capital invested in manufactures, but for the protection of the community in general which al ways shares the injury and distress oc-casioned by labor troubles. The details such a measure may present some difficulty to the legislative mind, but if the measure itself be grounded on just principles its frame work need not be omplicated or even ingenious. average law maker could but divest him-self of the idea that he must play the demagogue and forget that there is a county of Buncombe he would find it easy enough to frame and pass a bill

An Appropriation Bill Passed.

The Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill, on which the previous question was ordered last Saturday, was aken up in the House yesterday and Mr. Holman moved to recommit the bill with instructions to the Committee on Appropriations to strike therefrom all provisions in regard to envoys extraorprovisions in regard to envoys extraor-dinary and ministers plenipotentiary, ministers resident and secretaries of legation, and to insert therein provi-sions for the appointment of such consuls and other commercial agents as shall be necessary to promote and encourage the commerce of the United States and protect the interests of citiencourage the commerce of the United States and protect the interests of citi-zens of the United States in foreign countries. The motion was lost by a vote of 22 years to 77 nays and the bill was passed.

MAHONE's reasons for an extra session of his Repudiation Legislature in ginia are such as ought to make that session a fatal one to the Mahone party. One of the reasons for an extra session is found in the failure of the Legislature is found in the failure of the Legislature at the regular session to pass the extraordinary bill to gerrymander the State into Congressional districts in such way as to give Mahone eight of the ten members of Congress. This bill was prepared under the personal supervision of Mahone, and its passage is necessary to enable him to keep his promises with his Republican coperceners. There are some other schemes to benefit There are some other schemes to benefit the Repudiators which were put through the regular session. It is intended to legislate out of office all the Democratic Circuit Judges by redistricting the State, their places to be filled by Repudiators. The bill for this purpose is now pending. Altogether there are lively times ahead in Virginia, and after Mahone and his coparceners have swept all the regular Democratic offi-cials out of office there will be a quarrel between the Democratic Repudiators and their Republican allies.—Fhiladel-

New York, March 6 .- It is reported New York, March 6.—It is reported about the Federal buildings to-day that the United States grand jury have found an indictment against General Nehemiah M. Curtis, Special Agent of the Treasury and that it will be presented in court to-morrow. It is said that the indictment contains nine or ten counts and charges General Curtin with collecting assessments from gavernment.

STATE NEWS.

Young Dunlap, of Curwensville, Clear-field county, was crushed to death by a falling tree on Tuesday of last week. A stock company has been formed in Blairsville, Indiana county, for the pure of establishing glass works at that place.

The Easton Argus says that the bur-glaries perpetrated recently in that sec-tion have been committed by two gangs of tramps.

There was more slate shipped from

Northampton county in January than during any other month for the past

Joseph H. Snyder, of Middletown, Dauphin county, was struck by a train at White House Station, last evening,

nd instantly killed. Miss Cassady, of Smicksburg, Indiana ounty, is 13 years old, 32 inches high nd weighs 22 pounds. She is well de-

veloped and very intelligent. The Monongahela Republican thinks that the signs all point to the coal fields of Western Pennsylvania being at an arly day in the hands of a grand syndi-

cate Extensive coke works are to be built on the Dillinger farm in Bethany town-chip, Fayette county, by McClure & Co. The farm contains 500 acres of

One hundred and fifty people of Reading are to be prosecuted by the agent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for participating in a cock fight.

Miss Josephine McDermott, daughter of Col. B. M. McDermott, of Altoons, died from small pox, at the residence of her parents, in that city, on Thursday

evening last, aged 21 years. The colored Masons of Lock Haven are making arrangements to have a course of lectures delivered there, on Masonry, the proceeds of which will be

used in fitting up their lodge room. An explosion took place at the gas ouse at Wilkesbarre on Monday afternoon, the entire structure being de-molished. The loss is estimated at \$10, 000. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

The trial of Prof. Jackson and Chas. Van Horn for carelessness at the late explosion of the former's fireworks manfactory at Chester, has been postponed

J. M. Sutton, of Indiana, formerly reasurer of that county, has suffered our amputations of one of his legs. The last amputation was performed hiladelphia a day or two ago by Dr. D. Hayes Agnew.

On Tuesday of last week, eight hun On Tuesday of last week, eight nun-dred loaded cars were shipped over the Clearfield branch railroad to Tyrone. The coal aggregated over eighteen thou-sand tons. Six hundred cars per day was the average for the week.

Mrs. L. H. Mertz, of Allentown, confronted a burglar in her cellar a few nights ago. She recognized him, but promised to keep his name secret if he ould levve at once, and this he did. The lady states that he is a prominent citizen of Allentown.

A gale overturned a tree at Misery Bay, near Erie, on Wednesday. This exposed two skulls, supposed to be those of James Bird and Edward Rankin, deserters from Niagara, in 1813. Bird was, at the time, made the subject of a well-known ballad.

The Free Masons of Pennsylvania will have a grand parade and other fes-tivities at Philadelphia in celebration of the sesqui centenniel, or one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the organi zation of the R. W. Grand Lodge, of Pennsylvania, on the 24th of June.

Judge Benjamin S. Bentley died at Williamsport, on Monday. Mr. Bent-Williamsport, on Monday. Mr. Bentley was appointed president judge of Lycoming county, March 17, 1868, and was the first president judge of the county after it had been constituted the XXIXth judicial district. He held this office until January, 1869. In August, 1878, he was appointed president judge of the new district of Lackawanna county, serving until January, 1889. na county, serving until January, 1880.

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The Franklin Repository gets off the following: "The ten plagues of a newspaper office are bores, poets, cranks, rats, cockroaches. typographical errors, exchange fiends, book canvassers, delinquent subscribers and the man who always knows how to run a paper better then the editor himself."

The Standard Oil Company was organ ized in Ohio to escape taxation in Pennsylvania. Its entire business was practically done in this State, and by straddling the western boundary it hopes to avoid the payment of just taxhopes to avoid the payment of just taxation in either State. It may succeed, and the decision be good law, but it certainly is not good sense. The Standard Oil Company has been an immense monopoly, clouding by its baneful influence not only the business interests but the legislation of this State, and it ought to pay its full share of the taxes.

— Wilkesbarre Record,

The Reading News publishes the deathbed confession of Mrs. George Metz, who died recently at that place. Her husband was proprietor of a large farm in Berks county in 1862, and emmish M. Curtis, Special Agent of the Treasury and that it will be presented in court to-morrow. It is said that the indictment contains nine or ten counts and charges General Curtin with collecting assessments from government employes, which were used for political purposes during the last Presidential campaign. The indictment, it is said, was found under one of the sections of the Congressional appropriation bill of 1876.