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Democratic State Committee.

HEADQUARTERS DEMOCRATIC STATE 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. BOBERT, Secretary. Chairman.

GOV. CURTIN'S speech on the Consular and Diplomatic apportionment bill will be found on our sixth page.

THE Republican County Committee of Lycoming county, have instructed the delegates to the State convention to vote for Gen. Beaver as the Republican candidate for Governor.

THE report of the county auditors was presented to court this week. It is a lengthy and slashing document, and we shall endeavor to lay before our readers a fair synopsis of it next week.

MACLEAN who recently made an attempt to assassinate England's good Queen, is pronounced to be sufficiently sane to be tried on a charge of high treason, the penalty of which is death. In this case, like our own ambitious stalwart assassin, the British fool does not seem to realize the gravity of his situation or the infamy of his act.

MORGAN R. WISE of Green county is again seeking the Democratic nomination for Congress in that district. If this fellow Wise, is the only representative man of the Democracy of Green, they are certainly in a very destitute condition, entitled to commiseration for a total lack of decent congressional material.

WE notice that the Hon. S. Phillips is mentioned as a probable candidate for the Democratic nomination for Senator in the Bucks district. Mr. Phillips, besides being a sterling Democrat and a very pleasant gentleman, has in the past creditably represented his district in the House of Representatives, and is in every respect worthy of a place in the Senate.

REPORTS are in circulation that Gen. Grant has become seriously involved from unfortunate speculations. This rumor, the New York Evening Post, the leading afternoon Republican paper, pronounces speculative, and is only given for the purpose of "securing another fund," alluding to the effort to pension the irrepressible beggar from the national treasury.

THE bill in Congress to prevent immigration to this country from China, is being passed through without much trouble. We have no use for the poor devils from the Celestial empire who come here to work, but the rich, who can make it convenient to come and spend their money and live in idleness, are welcome of course. This seems to be the status of the bill.

No celestial need apply. United States Commissioner Shield of New York, the other day refused naturalization papers to a Chinaman, on the ground that the applicant was not a free white person within the meaning of the statutes. Hop Ling, the applicant, stated that he was part owner of a silver mine in Nevada, and has been in the country many years.

SINCE the declination of Conkling, the Associate Justiceship seems to be going a begging. Edmunds, who is also believed to have a Presidential bee in his hat, has refused to be retired to the political tomb, and declines the tempting bait. If any of our distinguished legal Pennsylvanians desire to locate permanently, they had better be about promptly before it is offered to Grant. He can't refuse, and the chances are gone.

## The Garfield--Chase Letter.

Some silly friend, or more likely some vindictive disappointed stalwart enemy, has resurrected and brought to light what is alleged to be a private letter written by Gen. Garfield while chief of Gen. Rosecrans' staff in the army of the Cumberland, which, in the very best light it can be viewed, is a piece of revolting treachery more damaging to the reputation of the late President than anything that has ever been published. The letter is marked confidential, addressed to the late Governor Chase and intended seriously to impeach the efficiency of Gen. Rosecrans and damage his reputation as Commander of the most brilliant and affective army in the service, made so by the accredited courage and ability of its chief-in-command, and this, while acting in confidential relation with him. We trust for the sake of the reputation of Gen. Garfield, now in his grave, this infamous letter may prove a forgery, and that the miserable scoundrel who committed it may be detected and punished. Gen. Rosecrans speaking of the letter says:

I regret that the letter was ever written that anybody could read it. It does discredit to the memory of a dead man, for it is a mixture of untruths and misrepresentations. I am not prepared to say that General Garfield did not write it. Possible and probably he did. I shall write and find out whether it is genuine or not. But what do you think of a man who held such a position as that filled by General Garfield who could write such a letter? It is a piece of the blackest treachery to one who had always given the writer the fullest proofs of his confidence. It is the first time I had ever heard of the existence of such a letter, but after the campaign life of General Garfield, in which such gross misrepresentations of fact occurred, and very much in the same strain as this letter, I am not surprised at it. At no time during the period that General Garfield was with me in the Army of the Cumberland did he express to me any such sentiments of impatience or dissatisfaction as those given in this letter. He understood all my plans and objects, and my anxiety to move as soon as a move could be made with proper regard to effectiveness. . . . You will observe the conference of Generals is supposed to have taken place prior to the campaign of Tallahoma, which was over by July 4, 1863, and yet this letter was written on July 27, when we were working with vigor to follow up our advantages. I had no idea at the time that I was harboring a person capable of such falseness and double-dealing, or there would have been a Courtmartial at once. I did not look for such an exhibition of General Garfield's character as this, and am sorry that the letter ever saw the light.

Since the above was in type facts have come to light, looking to the genuineness of the Garfield letter, but we still hope that some extenuating circumstance may yet remove the record of dishonor which now clouds his fame. The Washington correspondent of the Phila. Times of Monday, says:

"It is stated with some positiveness here that the Garfield Chase letter was procured from the secret archives of the War Department, and that Mr. Chase used General Garfield's letter to aid in effecting the removal of General Rosecrans from the Army of the Cumberland, just as he employed the letter of McClellan's Chief of Staff to assist in removing McClellan from the command of the Army of the Potomac. Hon. P. H. Watson, the Assistant Secretary of War with Secretary Stanton, between whom there had previously existed a business partnership, is quoted as having stated that the confidential letter of General Garfield to Secretary Chase was exhibited to the War Department authorities and it did the business for Rosecrans."

Mr. Chase's biographer, Judge Warden, informed your correspondent to-night that at one time at Edgewood, Chase's suburban residence, and at his (Warden's) lodgings, in this city, he had in his possession all of Chase's papers. "If," said he, "there was among the papers any such letter as that from Garfield to Chase, I did not see it." To the question, "Do you doubt the genuineness of the letter?" Judge Warden replied: "From statements made to me some time ago, I have no doubt about its genuineness."

JUDGE FOLGER is reported as saying that he intends remaining in the Treasury Department, and will not resign to be transferred to the Supreme Court. This necessitates the hunt after something else for Conkling. The Treasury don't suit him.

THE Elmira Gazette thinks if Gen. Grant does not take the small-pox, it will be the only thing he ever declined taking.

## Jefferson Revival.

On the second page of this paper will be found an interesting letter from James Parton, the author, addressed to the "Jefferson Democratic Association" at York, Pa., and the comments of that association accompanying it, which we feel assured will be pleasant reading to our Democratic friends, and will not be unacceptable to honest Republicans. A short time ago we published the letter of a distinguished Pennsylvanian addressed to the same association, urging the importance of societies to discuss the situation, with a view to the revival and enforcement of the true principles of Democracy, as taught by Jefferson in the early organization of the Democratic party, and suggested co-operation here, with those so earnestly engaged in the good work elsewhere. But, up to this time, our people seem content to rest upon the feeble organization usually adopted a few days before each election, to advance the aspirations of individuals for office, without regard to a due understanding of the great principles of government, which was and is the mission of the Democratic party to perpetuate. The same power which confronted these principles when Jefferson in person led the Democracy, confronts them now, and perhaps never more dangerously so, because concealed under the disguise of a name to which no act gives them a warrant of title. A strong aristocratic government, with unlimited power in the Executive, was the theory of the opposition then. It is the theory now, entrenched in every department of the government, with patronage and money freely used to corrupt and debase the elections of the people, scouting the idea of their dislodgement by common methods. It was by a strict adherence to the Jeffersonian principles of administration, that the Democracy were invincible and held the reins of successive economical administration for over half a century, during which time official larceny, subsidies, election frauds, usurpations, Presidential steals, tyranny and violations of the organic law were comparatively unknown, or if indulged at all by individual dishonesty, was promptly punished and the culprit forever disgraced. How is it now? Honest men of reasonable intelligence, who can read the history of the past, can have no difficulty in making a just comparison, and their verdict cannot be against the Democracy as compared with the methods adopted by the party antagonizing them to obtain and retain power through frauds and corrupt agencies.

MR. PETER RITNER, of Cumberland county, is at least two generations too early to enter upon the defence of the Ritner-Stevens administration of the State Government. There are yet too many living witnesses of the startling events, which made that administration the most shameless and outrageous attempts to defraud the ballot, and usurp the rights of the people and degrade the commonwealth that has ever occurred in any State of the Union. He should have committed the task to his great-grand children to rescue the memory of his father from the loathing record which his imbecility, under the prompting of Thaddeus Stevens, brought upon it. His present defence only recalls events that for the sake of Ritner and his posterity they should allow to slumber in forgetfulness.

THERE exists quite a lively row in our neighboring county of Huntingdon, between the Independents and Stalwart machine Republicans, and neither party are very choice of words to show their contempt of the other. Those euphonious terms "liars," "gut-gang," "irregulars" and "ringsters," are freely, and we are not prepared to say untruthfully, applied to each other, of course, merely to show how happy it is "for brethren to dwell together in unity."

## The Congressional Campaign Committee.

Considerable misrepresentation has been indulged in by a portion of the press of the state in relation to the appointment of the Pennsylvania member of the Democratic Congressional Committee recently announced from Washington. We speak from personal knowledge when we say that the stories of any misunderstanding or conflict between Mr. Randall, selected by the Democratic Pennsylvania delegation for the place, and Gov. Curtin are without the slightest foundation in fact. The truth is that Gov. Curtin did not desire to be a member of the committee and was entirely willing to have Mr. Randall fill the position believing from his well known ability, standing, experience and thorough knowledge of all the Congressional districts of the United States, he would make the most useful and efficient member of the committee that could be placed upon it. He therefore not only favored the selection of Mr. Randall, but carried the paper expressing a preference for him to the majority of the delegation in person and received their signatures to it. We deem this statement due to both gentlemen and make it for the purpose of correcting any misapprehensions in regard to the matter that may exist in the minds of Democrats throughout the State.

DAMAGING disclosures are made by the Senate committee investigating the Soldiers' Home at Washington against the officers having the Home in charge. These officers are the Commissary General, the Surgeon General and the Judge Advocate General of the army. These distinguished officers are charged with appropriating the proceeds of the farm attached to their own private gain without compensation to the old soldiers, upon whose pittance the funds are raised to maintain the Home. It is claimed for the Judge Advocate General, that he has taken no part in the management, and that for any irregularities existing he is not responsible.

BOSS CAMERON'S latest, and perhaps final slate, is said to be as follows: Governor, Jas. A. Beaver, of Centre; Lieut. Governor, Wm. T. Davies, of Bradford; Supreme Judge, Wm. Henry Rawle, of Philadelphia; Congressman-at-large, Samuel B. Dick, of Crawford.

Davies and Rawle are expected to catch the "Independents," but they are a wild flock, and very likely to fly before the boss can get his big gun in place to subdue them. Davies and Rawle are said to be only half-breed Independents and the Wolfites are after the pure blood.

CAPT. EATS who is a famous lobbyist asks of Congress the loan of \$45,000,000 to enable him to construct a ship railway. It is a big thing, and involves a big sum of money, and as Republican Congresses favor big operations we should not be surprised if they do open a broker's office in the National Capitol and take the loan. "There is millions in it."

It appears that the President's nomination of Mr. Conkling, is being pretty severely criticised by the members of the Senate who voted for his confirmation. The reflection that they were made the instruments to confirm an appointee for no other purpose than to gratify personal vanity, is not pleasant.

THE marriage of the Republicans of New York with Tammany Hall under the control of John Kelly, having been recently formally announced, it has been suggested that in justice to the parties and to avoid scandal, the certificate ought to be anti-dated.

MR. CONKLING and Mr. Edmunds having both gracefully declined the vacant seat upon the supreme bench of the United States, that big "prize" in the lottery of assassination is still open to other gentlemen who may desire judicial distinction.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—The Northern Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Pennsylvania will meet in the Lutheran Church of Bellefonte, on Tuesday evening March 28, 1882 and continue in session over the two following days. The territory of this Conference includes a part of Union county, part of Clinton and all of Centre, and embraces eight parishes in Centre county, five in Union and three in Clinton. The membership consists of sixteen pastors and as many lay delegates. Every session will be open to the public and all are cordially invited to attend. The programme is as follows:

Tuesday, March 28, 1882—Opening sermon by Rev. J. A. Koser, Pine Grove Mills, or alternate, Rev. P. A. Heilman, Lock Haven.

Wednesday, A. M.—From 8.30 to 9 o'clock devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. M. L. Furst, Hartleton. From 9 to 10 conference business. From 10 to adjournment, discussion of the topic: "1st Article of the Augsburg Confession," to be opened with a prayer by Rev. John Tomlinson, Aronsburg, or alternate, Rev. W. E. Fischer, Centre Hall.

Wednesday, P. M.—From 2 to 3.30 o'clock, conference business. From 3.30 to adjournment, discussion: "Distinctive features of Lutheranism," to be opened with a prayer by Rev. J. Yutzy, Lemont, or alternate Rev. P. A. Heilman.

Wednesday Evening—Regular church service: Sermon on "General Benevolence," by Rev. W. H. Diven, Salona, or alternate Rev. J. G. Anspach, Millburg.

Thursday A. M.—From 8.30 to 9 o'clock devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. A. R. Glaze, New Berlin. From 9 to 10 conference business. From 10 to adjournment discussion of "Forms of Worship" to be opened with a paper by Rev. S. Henry, Millburg, or alternate, Rev. J. Keller Miller, Centre Hall.

Thursday P. M.—From 2 to 3 business session. From 3 to adjournment CHILDREN'S MEETING to be addressed by Revs. Diven, Glaze, Heilman and Fischer.

Thursday Evening—Sermon by Rev. S. Henry, or alternate Rev. M. L. Furst—the sermon to be followed by the closing exercises of Conference. Come all.

—To meet the demand for advanced Professional Normal Instruction, a special course will be opened at the Normal School, Edinboro, March 21st, 1882.

It will be based on the following outline:  
I. Educational History.  
II. Educational Psychology.  
III. Mental Science, practical, not text-book. Includes: 1. Culture. 2. Natural History, and its incidental instruction in schools.  
IV. School appliances, how secured and used, Methods of dealing with Directors, Parents and Pupils.  
V. Observation and practice in the Model School. Visits to and reports upon other schools, probably Erie, Meadville and Cleveland.  
Expenses, about \$4 per week. All persons, interested in the improvement of the profession, are requested to write for particulars.

We cheerfully give the above room and submit it to the teachers of our county, with a view of assisting them in preparing themselves to enter upon their work properly qualified. That a great many of our teachers, practicing and prospective, stand sorely in need of the additional help guaranteed in the above circular, all admit, and the only serious question—How to get it? is answered. As will be seen the tuition has been reduced to the lowest rates consistent with good financial management.

—Miss Laura Keller, of Lock Haven, the young electionist, drew a full house, at Humes' hall, on Thursday evening of last week. The entertainment was excellent. Miss Keller excels in the humorous and sentimental. We, as well as many others, actually shed tears of joy, laughed until we cried. Without any doubt this lady possesses real talent of a superior order, and we shall be pleased to hear of her continuance in her onward and upward march to her proper place—the very acme of elocutionary popularity. After the dismissal of the audience numerous friends and acquaintances crowded around her to offer congratulations. She was a success. All members of the boys' branch were admitted free. In this the officers of the association displayed their shrewdness, for each boy appointed himself a committee of one to do all in his power to further the sale of tickets.

—Alphonsus, surnamed the Wise, King of Aragon, used to say: Among so many things as are by men possessed or pursued in the course of their lives, all the rest are baubles, besides old wood to burn, old wine to drink, old friends to talk to, and old books to read. We say all things are baubles compared with Lewin's new clothing, Philadelphia branch.

—A Millheim lady correspondent, of the Centre Reporter, threatens to frequent the pool room of which that thriving little hamlet is the proud possessor, unless her husband quits going there. Just right, and perhaps a little combined effort in that direction might have a tendency to induce the proprietor, like the Arab, silently fold his tent and steal away.

—School directors are now inducted into office by taking a solemn oath to support the constitution of the United States, etc. Would it not be an improvement upon the present way of doing things if they were compelled to swear that they would occasionally visit the schools? School directors do not direct a great deal.

DISTRESSING CASUALTY.—Ella, aged 6 years, daughter of Mr. Thomas Lauver, of Gillilandtown, this county, was burned to death a week or two ago. The particulars are these, the child was sitting in front of the stove, and during a momentary absence of her mother a spark from the stove flew upon her clothing, immediately setting fire to her dress, and so rapid was the agent of death in doing its work that when Mrs. Lauver returned the child was wrapped in flames. The anguish of the fond parent can better be imagined than described. In a vain effort to extinguish the fire Mrs. L. severely burned her hands and other parts of her person. The entire occurrence did not exceed ten minutes. We sincerely sympathize with the bereaved parents, but condolence, be it ever so heartfelt, seldom is able to lighten the burden of grief in a case of this kind.

A MUSICAL FAMILY.—The children of our townsman, Mr. J. W. Moore, Aurors, aged 6, Bernice, 9, and Charlie, 10, can be justly styled the youngest trio of violinists in the State, or perhaps the world. They play anything put before them with a readiness truly astonishing, and to see them standing side by side, moving their bows in the most harmonious unison, while melody, of an exquisite character, reaches and permeates the innermost recesses of the souls of any who may hear them, the true ideal of a happy family is exemplified. Bernice is the author of some very pretty little operatic pieces, and after all it is said that can be said, the half will not have been told.

—On Saturday morning last, Mrs. Sadie E. Williams, who resided in the West ward and was generally known, and much respected, breathed her last. For some time she had been gradually sinking and when death claimed her it was but the transition of a Christian from the church militant to the church triumphant, and even though the stricken family are inconsolable in their grief, there is no little satisfaction in knowing that she has gone to that home where sorrow is not known and care never comes. Her husband, Mr. S. H. Williams, and an interesting family of small children survive her. She was an exemplary member of the Methodist church, which society will sorely miss her. At her obsequies on Monday, a large number of friends attended, and as the solemn words "Dust to dust, and ashes to ashes," fell upon the ears of awestricken acquaintances, by whom she had been so dearly loved, every head bowed, and every eye grew dim. May God in his goodness reconcile all to his loss.

—The large frame building, in course of erection near the car works, promises to be a source of no little trouble to the proprietors. The owners of the car works should have interferred sooner, if in the building of the tenement house the company's rights are infringed upon.

—Mr. S. C. Stover, of Spring Mills, is attending court as a jurymen this week. Mr. Stover has, since we and he were subjected to the same pedagogic influence, become an expert penman and does some real artistic work with the lever that moves the universe.

—Prof. D. M. Wolf has been unable to be about his work for over two weeks. Something, akin to erysipelas, having appeared on his face. This statement will explain why he has failed to visit some schools that he would have been to see had he been able.

—Mr. Ellis Orvis, who had been reveling in the delights of the city of brotherly love for some two or three weeks, returned home last Friday. We know of at least one or two members of the gentler sex who are happier in consequence.

—How many are aware of the origin of the word "boo!" used to frighten children? It is a corruption of Boh, the name of a fierce Gothic general, the mention of whose name spread a panic among his enemies. Purchase clothing from Lewin.

—Two young men, who had better have been tucked up, good and warm, in their little trundle beds, engaged in a plug-ugly affair on the First National bank corner last Thursday evening. Mayor Powers happened along and effectually cooled them down.

—Mr. Henry Myers, foreman of the finishing shops at Mann's axe factory, has purchased a house, and, after April 1, will be cozily settled under his own vine and fig tree. We compliment our young friend upon his successful management.

—Call and examine the stock of ranges and cook stoves at Wilson, McFarlane & Co's; also their line of single and double heaters. They have for sale the Wellcome Home double heater, which has been thoroughly and satisfactorily tested in this community.