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MAJOR MERRICK, the Independent nominee for Secretary of Internal Affairs did not wait for Senator Cameron to kick him out of the Wellsboro Post-office. That pleasure was denied the stalwart boss, by a prompt resignation.

If Senator Cameron's methods of making nominations are "damnable" according to Rawle, then Rawle's nomination for Supreme Judge, made by Cameron, is "damnable," and for the credit of the judiciary, ought not to be ratified by the people.

A MEETING of citizens was held on the 1st inst., at the Mayor's office in Philadelphia, the Mayor presiding, looking to a proper celebration of the 200th anniversary of the city and Commonwealth. The Mayor was authorized to appoint a committee of sixty to take the subject in hand.

CHAIRMAN COOPER announces that Blaine is to speak in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh this fall for the Cameron ticket. If the chairman makes the announcement, authoritatively, Blaine should certainly require that the candidates appear before him decorated with their "306 badges" in proof of their loyalty at Chicago in representing the Republican sentiment of Pennsylvania.

A CONVENTION is proposed to be held at Niagara Falls on the fourth of July, to discuss a plan of action looking to the annexation of Canada to the United States. A society has been formed for that purpose. It is proposed that the convention shall consist of one delegate from each Congressional district in the United States, and one from each Parliamentary district in the Canada Dominion.

WHILE Chairman Cooper is announcing that Blaine is to take the stump for the Cameron stalwart ticket in Pennsylvania, McClure of the Philadelphia Times, makes a powerful appeal to the "Plumed Knight" to come to the head of his kicking party against the stalwarts and Bourbon Democracy. The contest is now interesting between Cooper and McClure, whether the stalwarts or Independents shall have the Maine Statesman. At present the chances are against Cooper, as McClure overbids him.

THE current number of the *American Register*, published weekly at Washington, D. C., is peculiarly interesting and instructive. To those desiring a fair, unbiased discussion of engrossing topics we recommend this sheet, not alone on account of the wisdom it teaches, and the sound conclusions it reaches, but as well for its enunciation of pure Democratic principles. It contains sixteen quarto pages, and costs three dollars per annum.

THE fight between the Stalwart ring and the Independents is, after all, only a question of who shall be the boss—whether it shall continue in the Cameron succession with Quay and Cooper, and Beaver for lieutenants, or descend to John Stewart, who will chose his lieutenants from the Independent ranks. But the result of the fight is a matter of which Democrats need feel little interest. They are all alike bitter enemies of the Democracy and Democratic principles, and about equally courteous when they have occasion to speak of members of the Democratic party and the principles they uphold. The Democrats can afford now to withhold their sympathy from either of the belligerent factions.

THE circular issued by the Congressional campaign committee, making assessments upon public officials for two per cent. of their salaries for the approaching campaign, has this significant passage: "The committee is authorized to state that such voluntary contribution from persons employed in the service of the United States will not be objected to in any official quarter." That means President Arthur approves the assessment, and any poor d— who fails to respond from poverty or inclination may expect to see the heads man. The constitution of the country is not respected, and why should a law declaring these assessments a misdemeanor be respected by the Guiteau President.

### The Democratic Opportunity.

The Philadelphia *Record*, speaking of the approaching Democratic State Convention, says, "It will not be a body immediately representative of the party. Some of the delegates were chosen last year, and stand in the same relation to the existing situation that a cold potato does to a hot dinner. Fortunately, there have been no candidates for office in the field whose ambition or whose prospects have warranted the attempt to set up the Convention in advance. There is no slate prepared. The whole make-up of the ticket is as uncertain as a cast of dice. There could not be a more favorable opportunity to do the right thing when the Convention gets together, from the fact that the wrong thing has not been done in advance. The great question is whether the party will take advantage of its opportunity. Can the Convention rise to the occasion—topple over its standing candidates who push themselves to the front, disregard the miserable jealousies and distractions that have embittered past struggles for political ascendancy, and, recognizing the strong desire of the people of Pennsylvania for better government, put in nomination men whose election will make better government certain? Such a ticket can easily be picked from the ranks, every man upon it a Democrat, and yet every man standing high in the public confidence. Such a ticket, in the present distracted condition of the Republican party, would be sure of success. If purified government should result, the power of the Republican party in Pennsylvania would be seriously shaken. This is a high game, and it is worth playing for."

"IT IS PLAIN," says the New York Times, "that we must do something to check German immigration." Rather a startling statement, says the Washington Post, from the leading Republican newspaper of the country! What have the Germans done? Is it some political crime that is laid to their account? Ah! the Times must be anxious about Ohio. The Germans there have decided to vote the Democratic ticket this fall. They don't like the sumptuary legislation lately attempted by a Republican legislature and they intend to make their protests in a practical way. This is, of course, little short of revolution on their part and the Republican organs are bound to take cognizance of it.

But we should suppose the Times would find it dangerous to indulge itself in the expression of such sentiments. Impolitic it certainly is. The Germans, as a class, are the best educated of all our immigrants, and they estimate their political importance at its full value. They vote always and they always vote as Germans and according to their individual interests. Naturally Republicans, to begin with, if what the Republicans do displease, they turn around and vote with the Democrats. They have nothing in common with politics of the sentimental school. Other things being equal, they will vote for a German in preference to an American; but party yokes sit but loosely upon them, and party discipline is something always to be resented.

As Germans they have no liking for those who have not German interests at heart. And they force such political allegiance as they have upon no party; they go not always when they are wanted, but always when they are welcome. They have yet to be told that their votes are not valuable. Does the Times mean to speak for the Republican party? If the Germans are made to understand it so they have it in their power to avenge their dignity by carrying every State in the Union against the Republican party in the next Presidential election.

It is proposed to remove the remains of Jefferson from Monticello to Washington. The Monticello estate having passed out of the hands of the descendants of the great statesman and patriot, Mrs. Meckelham, his grand-daughter applied to and obtained from the trustees, a lot in Glenwood cemetery which she deems eligible and suitable as the final resting place of her grandfather. The lot is conveyed to the United States in trust for the burial of Thomas Jefferson and such of his family as may be removed there or buried in it. Mrs. Meckelham proposes to make the removal at an early date. The removal will be resisted by the people of Virginia, but its agitation will at least have the effect of rescuing the tomb of the author of the Declaration of Independence from neglect in the future.

SENATOR MITCHELL, being interviewed by a correspondent of the *Patriot*, expresses the opinion that the present attitude of Mr. Davis, the Cameron candidate for Lieut. Governor, as compared with his attitude a year ago is strangely inconsistent. He was then one of the bolting Senators against Cameron's candidate for Senator, and opposed Beaver for Senator on the ground that he was a henchman of Cameron, and yet to-day he is a candidate on the same ticket with Beaver for Governor. But the Senator is not much surprised at the inconsistency of Davis' position, as it was pretty hard for a long time to tell just where that man did stand.

THE great struggle between labor and capital seems to be very generally inaugurated in the West, and to a more or less extent in all parts of the country. The strikes in Pittsburg, Wheeling, Chicago and other points are very formidable, and thousands of workmen are now idle. Why is it? Are they not protected? It is claimed that our revenue laws protect labor, or is this claim a mere subterfuge for election campaigns to catch the votes of labor. The tariffs are as high now as they ever were and the country is prosperous. If these laws are designed to protect capital and labor equally, why is labor squealing and clamoring for remuneration pay? Something is wrong. What is it? Should be the intelligent and candid inquiry, independent of any advantages to be derived in party politics to advance the pretensions of demagogues. A fair adjustment of the Tariff laws on a revenue basis, made incidentally as protection to necessitous industries, there is no occasion to bring this subject into party discussion and keep up a constant agitation alike injurious to all.

STEALING SEATS is now the work engaging the attention of the Republican majority in Congress. In this manner they expect to obtain sufficient force to overcome the opposition of the Democrats to a general steal of the surplus in the Treasury on jobs prepared for them by the lobby. A few more thieves are only needed to insure a full measure of plunder. But the infancy of these unlawful methods will have to meet the judgment of a different tribunal when the people are called upon to revise their acts. When that time comes, the miserable creature who occupies the chair as the tool of the plunderers, will be powerless to save them. "Brute force" will then be met by intelligent and honest investigation. The Washington Post of Friday last, speaking of the revolutionary proceedings of the majority remarks: "Having determined to boldly override all rules, customs and laws which could in any way obstruct their progress, it was not difficult for the Republicans of the House to instantly strike a telling gait in the way of unseating Democratic Congressmen from the South. But truth to tell, their industry has gone beyond the most sanguine expectations. It was only on Monday that Speaker Keifer made his revolutionary decision on the Reed rule, and to-day the world is aware that two more Democratic Representatives have gone to join General Chalmers, and that Mackey and Bisbee sit in the seats to which Messrs. Dibble and Finley were elected. The Democratic minority are necessarily powerless in the hands of the Republican revolutionists. They have not been able to do anything to prevent the outrages of Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and they can do nothing now. So long as the Republicans keep their quorum they can proceed with the vacating of Democratic seats until not one member of anti-Republican predilections is left to tell the tale. Laws to prevent these outrages there may have been; but when an all sufficient Republican majority resolve to disregard them, what can be done to stay their hands. Alike impervious to argument and to a decent regard for facts, giving audience only to their prejudices and bent on the accomplishment of partisan purposes, whether sanctioned by the law or in its direct defiance, time and lack of occasion can be their only limitations. The country scarcely needs to be informed that the ousting of General Finley is a little short of a crime; with regard to the Mackey-Dibble case its mind is already made up. The conscientious critic has nothing more to do but suggest the coming of a day of reckoning, and to him at least it cannot come too soon."

THE two Republican candidates for governor have commenced the campaign work somewhat previous. They will probably tire themselves, if they do not tire their respective adherents, with a six month's canvass. Stewart the Independent candidate was in Philadelphia last week arranging the plans of battle with his associates, and spoke in Pittsburg on Monday last. Gen. Beaver has lost no time since his nomination and we notice the announcement of his appearance all around. He has spent considerable time in Lancaster and other places where rebellious subjects give the boss "much trouble." The industry of the Republican candidates is no doubt judicious, and well advised. They can get their besticks in against each other before the Democratic candidate appears to receive their joint shots. We have confidence that the Democratic candidate will be equal to the occasion. He will be selected for the purity of his record, for his ability to uphold the great principles he represents, as well as to repel the "damnable" methods of the boss, and the pretentious claim set up by the other as the representative of an honest Republican party.

THE bargain arranged early in the session between the Republican and Greenback members of the House was consummated on the one side on Saturday, as it was on the other side during the week, by the admission of the Greenbacker Lowe to the seat to which the Democrat Wheeler was elected. There were a few Republicans who protested against the deal to the extent of withholding their votes on the final resolution seating Lowe, but their indirect opposition availed nothing, as they might have known and probably expected. The Election Committee now have a clean docket before the House, and it is expected of them that they will immediately go to work and pile up Republican reports in the cases of Smith vs. Shelley, Smalls vs. Tillman, Buchanan vs. Manning and Sessinghaus vs. Frost. The House meanwhile will go on with its legitimate work, and it will be luck if it is able to finish up and adjourn by the 15th of July.—*Washington Post*.

CHAIRMAN COOPER'S endorsement of Blaine as one of the Cameron speakers for the campaign in Pennsylvania is evidently a fraud. Is it impossible to conceive of any good reason why Blaine should endeavor to save Cameron from the doom that awaits him this fall. It was Cameron that defeated Blaine's nomination for the Presidency at Cincinnati, at the time the despised Hayes carried off the prize. Again, in the canvass for delegates to the Chicago convention, Cameron raised the third-term flag against Blaine, who was the undoubted choice of the Republicans of Pennsylvania, and by his usual boss methods forced the delegation of the State against him, in defiance of the public sentiment of the party. Then why should the Maine statesman be expected to espouse Cameron's cause now? It looks like a fraud.

SPEAKING of race concessions, wouldn't it be a good idea for the Stalwart Convention upon reassembling to complete the ticket by nominating some competent and deserving representative of the colored race? Thus far the Democrats have had a monopoly of honoring the colored people in Pennsylvania, and their 20,000 votes would be a great help this year.—*Phila. Times*.

THE Times seems to be a little, a very little jealous of the monopoly held by the Democrats of honoring the colored race, in recognition of their political rights, and makes a very just suggestion to the Cameron convention about to reassemble at Harrisburg. A similar suggestion would have been quite as appropriate, if it had been given to the late Independent Republican convention. But perhaps there were no one-legged colored brother. Still it does not appear to be altogether right that this honor should be exclusive to the Democrats when the Republicans, Stalwarts and half-breeds, claim so entire the party allegiance of the colored race.

THE statement is made that there is a scheme on foot to transfer Mr. Frelinghuysen, the Secretary of State, to the English mission, and Mr. Conkling to be appointed to the Secretaryship thus vacated; that Judge Folger the Secretary of the Treasury, is to accept the Stalwart nomination for Governor of New York and Senator Don Cameron to step into his shoes in the Treasury Department. This is all very nice, and looks a little suggestive that a comfortable retreat is being provided for the Pennsylvania boss in view of probable events.

### ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

"Bridget Donahue" has been superceded by "are you the man that lives here?" Every dog has his day.

—Prof. W. T. Meyer, of Aaronsburg one of Centre county's bright musical lights, and an exceedingly affable gentleman, paid us a pop call on Thursday.

—If any one requests you to contribute cake or ice cream to the managers of the Y. M. C. A. festival to be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and Saturday afternoon, of next week, please do not fail to respond.

—Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Haag entertained a number of their friends in real royal style last evening. The Pleasant Gap hotel is a favorite resort, and no one understands better than Mr. Haag how to make his many friends happy.

A CARD—TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.—The report having reached me that it is being currently asserted that I am under pecuniary obligations to the Centre County banking company, and that the new grocery store is being run in the interest of that company, I wish in this manner to deny, emphatically, the report, and to say that independent of paying to the company the rent due them I am not in any manner connected with them.  
June 8, '82. W. E. BURCHFIELD.

—Bellefonte lovers of music had no reason to complain of the scarcity of the repertoire that charms men's souls, this week. An aged Scotchman did some fearful execution upon a superannuated bagpipe, followed by a couple, one playing upon the harp, that may have shed the soul of music through Tara's halls, the other with a violin, and a blind violinist. This "colossal aggregation" proved too much for all except McMillen, of the Brockerhoff, who, as you know, has a penchant for magic music, and never fails to appropriate any that may be floating around.

—Anthony Mayes, a young man well known in various parts of our county, is now a fugitive from justice. A lumberman named Warren Mix, of Driftwood, while at Lock Haven on Saturday, 3d instant, after having collected about \$250, fell in with Mayes, who, it appears had heard of the money Mr. Mix had on his person, and at once determined to become the possessor of it. Being given no chance to accomplish his purpose in Lock Haven, he proposed a ride to Logansville. He purchased a revolver at Salons, and as soon as they entered the narrows below the latter place he colly leveled the deadly weapon at the head of his companion and fired a shot which took effect in the neck of the intended victim; thus aroused Mr. Mix struck the fool a stunning blow, knocking him out of the buggy when a second shot grazed his head producing only a scalp wound but proving conclusively that murder was intended, and without any further delay Mr. Mix drove rapidly to Logansville where he had his injuries examined and dressed. We are thankful that Mayes, through an interposition of providential interference, failed to add the crime of murder to his many other offenses, and while we deplore and condemn the occurrence, we have some sympathy for the unfortunate man, and do hope he may see the error of his way and repent.

—Our friend, Mr. John A. Woodward, of Howard, has decided to be a candidate for the Legislature. The opinion of him and his candidacy, as clipped from a few of our exchanges, is certainly creditable to him:

Mr. John A. Woodward, of Centre county, is mentioned as an available candidate for the Legislature.—*Phila. Record*. John A. Woodward, Esq., of Howard, agricultural editor of *Clinton Republican*, of this city, has decided to become a candidate for Legislative honors. Friend Woodward, debarring his Bourbon Democracy, would make an excellent Representative, and as a nomination on the Democratic ticket in Centre county is equal to an election we hope the lightning will strike his way on the day of the convention in that county.—*Lock Haven Express*.

Mr. Woodward is the able editor of the *Agricultural Epitomist* and is the son-in-law of the late ex-Governor Packer of this State. If chosen he would certainly represent his constituents with credit to them and himself.—*Clinton Democrat*.

Mr. John A. Woodward, of Howard, Centre county, will be a candidate for the nomination for assembly, on the Democratic ticket, this fall. He is an extensive farmer in that county, and agricultural writer of acknowledged ability, a gentleman of excellent standing and varied information, and has always taken a deep interest in whatever would advance the prosperity of the county. Possessing all these requisites, there is no reason why he should not make himself valuable as a legislator, and reflect honor upon himself and his county. Mr. Woodward is a native Williamsport, and although his Democracy is of the hopelessly incurable kind, the *Gazette & Bulletin* would be glad to see "Old Centre" send him to the legislature.—*Gazette & Bulletin, Williamsport*.

### GENERAL NEWS.

The Andre monument, which Cyrus Field erected, has been literally chipped and hacked to pieces.

At Lansing, Michigan, one of the employes of Forepaugh's circus was badly bitten by a lion while in the animal's cage.

The funeral of the late Prof. Rogers took place in Boston yesterday, the University of Virginia being represented.

If the republican party can stand the record of the last two weeks, the shamelessness of Keifer and the brazen bluster of Robeson, it is indeed invulnerable.

General Garibaldi, the great Italian patriot, a second Washington almost, died on the 2d of June, regretted by liberty-loving people the world over.

The late inundations in Mississippi must have fertilized the soil amazingly. In the third district alone there are no less than thirty candidates for Congress.

The Republican majority in Congress resolved in caucus that the House has no rules which the majority is bound to respect. It will be worse than a boomerang to them some day.

During the month of May, 90,000 immigrants were landed at New York city, as many as 6,000 arrived on the 31st ult. At this rate the immigration will exceed a million the current year.

An exchange says: "The estimated increase of wheat production in the great wheat-raising States of the Northwest this year is set down by the *Chicago Times* at from 50,000,000 to 60,000,000 bushels."

The republicans are pulling hair in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, and soon the war will begin upon Logan in Illinois, while in the South Mahoneism has turned up its toes to the undertaker.

Senator Logan, in the minority report on the Fitz John Porter relief bill, makes a very lame argument in support of the position to which, almost alone among public men, he clings with all the tenacity of a bigoted prejudice.

The colored republicans of Petersburg, Va., held a meeting Thursday night to consider the question of sending a colored man to Congress from the fourth district. A speech was made by Mr. Chappel Erby, of Washington, advocating the move, and a club was organized with a view to carrying out the design.

Speaking of "Bourbons," the *Macon Telegraph* says: "Dorsey is not a Bourbon, Gen. Brady is not a Bourbon, Howgate is not a Bourbon, Guiteau is not a Bourbon—but these worthies are all members of that party which seems to engraft its principles and practices on Georgia."

The Atlanta *Constitution* rightly thinks the President should attend the races. It says: "Give the President a chance. Don't pen him up with a lot of Cabinet officers and a horde of hungry place-hunters. After such a continuous contact, the society of a first-class horse must be charming."

James J. Costello, member of the New York Assembly, is charged with drawing the salary of one of the pages, and a warrant has been issued for his arrest. That dodge is perhaps borrowed from Pennsylvania. Senators and members have done the same thing year after year. But they were not indicted.

"Something is wrong at Harvard," says the *Boston Globe*. Yes, indeed, something is very wrong. The portrait of Rutherford B. Hayes, the fraudulent President of the United States, hangs in one of the halls of the university as if he were a man worthy of honor and imitation. Shame indeed has fallen upon Harvard!

The late Moses Taylor, of New York, who left about twenty millions, disposed of it by a sensible will. To his wife he left a net income of one hundred thousand dollars a year, with the use of his city and his country house, and the remainder of his property is divided equally among his five children, two sons and three daughters. At Mrs. Taylor's death, the property, which produces her income, goes to the children.

MR. REED, the attorney of Guiteau has been very active to save the life of the assassin. His last application to the District Supreme Court for a rehearing having been denied, the sentence of the court will of course be carried out for his execution, which we believe was appointed for the 30th, of June.