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THE Republicans of Cumberland county in convention have endorsed the Harrisburg nomination, and of course reaffirmed their adherence to boss rule by a vote of 57 to 3.

THE tail of the Stalwart ticket, which was sadly demoralized by the withdrawal of Marshall, it is said, is finally agreed upon. It looks like John Wannamaker, of Philadelphia.

THE Independents of Berks county formed a campaign club to advance the anti-boss ticket. Gen. D. McM. Gregg, and other prominent Republicans, are in the movement. Gen. Gregg is a native of this county, and was a brave and gallant officer in the late war.

ON motion of Gov. Curtin, a bill was taken up in the House of Representatives on Thursday last and passed, increasing to forty dollars per month the pension of any soldier in the late war who lost an arm, leg, hand or foot, or received, disabilities equal thereto.

TWO editors in New Orleans, the other day, fought a duel. They shot at each other five rounds, when one of them got hurt pretty badly. But the honor of the parties was fully established, by the one in firing the ugly missile and by the other receiving it. They are both happy now, of course.

MR. BLAINE declines to be a candidate for Congress, and the New York Herald thinks the Republicans will regret that they cannot have Blaine as a substitute for Robeson and his little Keifer, and that the public at large loses by his decision, inasmuch as there is fun in the reports when Blaine is in Congress.

THE Virginia boss has served notice on Congressmen Jorgensen and Dendorff, the Republican members from that State, that they must take their chances for renomination before Readjuster conventions or be beaten. They have concluded to defy the dictation of Mahone and fight it out as straight out Republicans.

SAMUEL H. REYNOLDS, who was nominated by the Democratic Convention of Lancaster county, last week, for Congress, has declined the nomination. If Sam. were in a district where the election of a Democrat is even possible, his declination would be received with much regret, as he possesses the ability for a most valuable and useful Representative.

BOSS QUAY should hurry up the Stalwart organ recently announced to appear in Philadelphia. At present the newspapers of the city on the Cameron boss issue, are the Evening News and Evening Bulletin, in favor of Boss rule, while against bossism is the Times, the Press, the Ledger, the Inquirer, the Telegraph, the Star, the North American and the Record.

SENATOR HAWLEY, who has been announced by Chairman Cooper as one of the speakers in favor of the Cameron ticket, is reported to have said he "will not lift his voice in support of boss rule in Pennsylvania." This is perhaps sensible in Senator Hawley, but he did not show any virtuous disinclination to the purchase and inauguration of a boss for the Virginia Republicans.

THE Independent Republicans of Huntingdon county have determined to organize under call of the regular Republican County Committee as a basis. They declare they will not go out side of the party, but will nominate a ticket in accordance with the party usage, and compel the stalwarts to support it, or become bolters. This determination gives promise of a healthy squabble.

Promises—How Fulfilled.

There is at present a great strike going on among the various kind of workmen in all parts of the country. Perhaps the most extensive strike is among the iron workers, but it is by no means confined to this particular class of workmen; the brickmakers, the carpenters, the coal miners, the weavers, and many other laborers following different kinds of trade, are on a strike, and the trouble is growing and increasing in greatness and strength every hour. The fact that the strike exists calls to mind that in 1880, the day after the election in Maine, in which Blaine and the Republican party went down, there was a meeting of the business men of Philadelphia, called by John Welsh (said to be a Christian,) for the purpose of raising money to be used in the defeat of Gen. Hancock, and of course the Democratic party. It was alleged then and there and from that day through the campaign, that if the Democratic party were successful, business would be ruined, laboring men would be turned out of employment, and want and distress and suffering would be entailed upon them and their families. The tariff would be repealed, protection removed and the well paid laboring man of America would be compelled to compete with the pauper labor of Europe. Notices were posted by the employers through the factories and iron mills for the purpose of controlling and influencing the laborer in his vote, like this "we vote for protection," others again, warning the laborer that if the Democrats were successful wages would be reduced. These, with many other devices, were used to compel the laborer to vote against his honest convictions. Immense sums of money were raised by the manufacturers of Philadelphia by the iron men of Pittsburgh, and by most every class and kind of business to avert the calamity, as it was said, of the election of the most brilliant, upright and distinguished man of the age to the presidency. If our recollection is right, the returns of the election of November, 1880, told of the defeat of Hancock's and the Democratic party. Therefore, according to the teachings of the Republican party during that campaign the laborer, no matter what kind of labor performed, should be well paid. There should be no strikes, nor want. The manufactories of every description should be running on full time and every man employed.

It appears a secret circular has been issued, alleged to come from Pittsburgh Democrats and addressed to Democrats in the eastern part of the State. This circular pretends to favor the Hon. James H. Hopkins for Governor, and appeals to monopolies and corporations for support. To those familiar with Mr. Hopkins' political life and his clean record as a public man, a denial of the authenticity of the absurd circular as reflecting his views, would seem entirely unnecessary, but he has in an interview a few days ago, disclaimed emphatically any knowledge of it, nor does he believe that it emanated from Democrats or any friend of his.

A VERY large audience greeted the Independent ratification meeting at Pittsburgh on Tuesday. The Hon. J. K. Moorhead presided, and the most prominent Republicans took part in the meeting. Stewart, their candidate for Governor, and McMichael were the prominent speakers. This demonstration and the prominent Republicans participating, indicates that the Independent movement is assuming large proportions in the west.

IN 1876, the Republicans stole the vote of Florida for the purpose of seating a Fraud in the Presidential office. In 1882, they steal the seat of a Democratic member of Congress from the same State, and admit a Fraud in his place.

The Tariff Commission.

THE President's selection of the tariff commission does not appear to be very satisfactory, and is denounced in some quarters as entirely unfit to be made. The only two men upon it of acknowledged ability, Wheeler and Phelps, it is said refuse to serve. Their confirmation by the Senate will probably be resisted. The following are their names, classified by the Post: William A. Wheeler, of New York, general protectionist; John L. Hayes, of Massachusetts, special interest protectionist; Henry W. Oliver, Jr., of Pennsylvania, special interest protectionist; Austin M. Garland, of Illinois, tariff reformer; Jacob Ambler, of Ohio, general protectionist; John S. Phelps, of Missouri, (who declines to serve,) tariff reformer; Robert P. Porter, of the District of Columbia, moderate protectionist; John W. H. Underwood, of Georgia, moderate tariff reformer, and Duncan F. Kenner, of Louisiana, sugar protectionist. Protectionists, 6; tariff reformers, 3. This means that after two years of delay Congress will be recommended to change the present tariff for protection only, for a tariff for protection with incidental revenue. This it may or may not do. President Arthur has done what was expected of him and nobody need be surprised or attempt to complain.

THE assessment circulars of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, are now being sent to the Federal officials all over the country. They are liable occasionally to reach the wrong men. One was addressed C. M. Quarterman, the acting postmaster at Darien, Georgia, requiring a remittance of twenty-two dollars. His reply to Secretary Henderson, of the Congressional committee, we find in a Washington paper in which he states, that although he is temporarily filling the office in behalf of the bondsmen of the deceased postmaster, he is a Democrat and cannot contribute. The letter closes as follows: "Trusting this brief explanation will suffice, I close with the statement that where-ever the rights and privileges of this great country are usurped by a Republican administration, official robbery and degradation are the inevitable results, but where Democracy smiles and sheds her silvery rays, peace, harmony, prosperity, civilization, and all coveted blessings are enjoyed." And then, as if he had forgotten something or had not stated the case with sufficient clearness, Mr. Quarterman adds, in a postscript: "No, Henderson, I will not contribute a red cent to the bribery fund. I am not that kind of a Democrat. My whole desire is to see your party defeated by an overwhelming majority." It is unnecessary to remark that Quarterman is not a candidate for the appointment, but the Postoffice Department will doubtless see to it that the place of this flagrantly intractable and impertinent official is filled in time to save the Hubbell committee its twenty-two dollars.

A COLORED delegation were at Washington last week to present the memorial of a convention of colored citizens in Kansas, asking that a reservation of the public lands be set aside for colored refugees from the south. They want to be wards of the Government, and of course will each claim the "mule" promised by Republican politicians for deserting the fields of labor in the south.

HORATIO SEYMOUR, is in failing health, a great sufferer from neuralgic pains. While he has the sincere sympathy of his countrymen in his afflictions, all will rejoice that the mental faculties of the venerable patriot remain strong and impaired. Wise in counsel, as he is pure and noble in an unselfish life, no man living perhaps, is more sincerely and universally venerated than Horatio Seymour.

A Cameronian Game.

THERE is a rumor at Washington, says the Harrisburg Patriot, to the effect that Minister Lowell is soon to be recalled in order that Don Cameron may name his successor. This is said to be part of the plan of the administration to secure the success of the Cameron state ticket. The administration will claim great credit with those who sympathize with suffering Ireland for having removed Mr. Lowell, and it is to be given out that this concession to the American land leaguers was made at the instance of Don Cameron. Whether there is or is not any foundation for this rumor there are signs that the Cameronian leaders count largely on their ability to make an impression on what is called the "Irish vote." They will most probably fail in their attempt as they have failed in similar efforts in the past. The body of the Irish vote is true to the Democratic party because Irishmen have not forgotten that when freedom of conscience was assailed by the present leaders of the republicans and when an effort was made to proscribe American citizens on account of foreign birth the democracy opposed and defeated the crusade of proscription. Nevertheless there are black sheep in every flock. The "Molly Maguire" association was formerly used by the republican managers to augment their vote in the mining districts. The leaders of that secret society were in the pay of the republican politicians for years and Jack Keho had excellent reasons for declaring when the question of his pardon came up, that "the old man (meaning the then governor of the state) couldn't go back on him." In 1878 a large portion of the immense corruption fund raised to defeat Mr. Dill was spent in keeping up the greenback-labor organization in the anthracite counties. In order to make this expenditure the more effective, the false charge was made that Mr. Dill had belonged to the order of Know Nothings. This charge was printed at republican expense and circulated by the greenback state committee. Last year the same kind of an assault was made on Hon. Orange Noble, the democratic candidate for state treasurer, and was a factor in the election of General Baily. The instruments used by the republican politicians in intrigues of the character referred to are well known to the democracy. They are beneficiaries of the republican party who have sold their birth right for a mess of pottage and who are ready to betray their countrymen and their God to put money in their pockets. But they have succeeded only indifferently well in the dirty work they are paid to perform. They have failed to delude the body of the true and faithful men they seek to betray and Don Cameron will probably find it necessary to look elsewhere for the votes he so badly needs.

THE HON. GEORGE LEAR, President of the late Cameron Convention, has written a caustic letter to Chairman Cooper denying his authority to reconvene the convention to nominate a candidate for Congressman-at-large, and says he will not attend to register the edict of the bosses. He holds that the functions of that convention expired with the nominations made, and a new convention should be called. Lear is probably right, but his plan would not harmonize the discordant elements, or deprive the boss of his control, while it would perhaps impose a good deal of unnecessary labor. The boss is a brave one, and may die, but he is not the man to retreat in face of the enemy. His ticket is now in the field to stay. Every man upon it was his own deliberate choice, and he could not be expected to open the case for a new deal. It makes little difference who patches up the broken tail of the ticket, and the absence of a cranky adherent who might need reprimand for insubordination will not distress the boss.

DR. WILLIAM C. DOANE, of Williamsport, in a speech at the Independent Convention, made the following emphatic protest against the Republican party continuing to wear the Cameron yoke: "I came here to meet honest men, and, with them, place before the people a ticket of brave, fearless, old fashion Republicans, who will fight this battle out fairly and honestly. Now that I am here, I may as well take up a few of the objections that are made to us. To begin, we are told that we must not go into the Independent movement, because we can't win this year. That is bad logic. If it is not, no one would ever walk, for every brat would be spanked as soon as it attempted to crawl. Men only achieve great things by beginning at the bottom of the ladder and courageously mounting upward until the top is reached. Every great reform in politics, morals or religion had its infancy, its childhood and its manhood before a victory was gained. If the people are honest in their convictions and labor earnestly their efforts in any just cause will ultimately prove successful.

"If you can write on your banner 'Our Cause is Just,' don't listen to the carplings of your enemies, but march straight on to victory. They tell us we will ruin the party. Now, brethren, if any of you have a church and in the congregation is a mean, treacherous, lying member, and you haven't the courage to turn him out, you had better sell the meeting house or turn it into a ten pin alley. If there is not brains and courage enough to turn Prince Don Cameron out of the Republican party it ought to die. [Applause.] Yes, if this great party is compelled to bow down and wear the yoke of Cameron on its neck it is time for it to die. If it is Don Cameron's party it has lived too long, but if it is the people's it will live as the people live and have power to protect the right."

THE republican Congress is still at work. Thus far they have bought three Democrats who were elected to that body, and seated their spurious contestants. There are yet nine more cases before the committee on elections, and as that committee was made up to report in favor of seating Republicans, a number of others are soon to follow. The house will then be fully fortified against any objections the Democrats may make to the Keifer-Robeson jobs for depleting the treasury. By the ruling of an unscrupulous, and desperate speaker, and the votes of a no less desperate majority, intent upon adding to their numbers, a free passage is attained to the attractive surplus. But their success is not unlikely to be disastrous in the end. The violent and revolutionary methods adopted to stifle inquiry and prevent protest from the minority are not wholesome precedents, and it will require great forbearance and stern honesty on the part of the Democrats to resist a spirit of retaliation when the Republicans go to the rear, as they certainly will, if the people have not entirely lost their intelligence as well as disgust for indecency and wrong.

THE Philadelphia Times, of Saturday reproduces the speech of Daniel Dougherty, at Lancaster, in Oct. 1878. It is a fearful indictment of the "Cameron Dynasty," and will doubtless enter largely into the campaign literature of the exciting struggle, now commenced between the Boss Stalwarts, and independent Republicans, for supremacy. Our own respected fellow citizen, Gen. Beaver is the principal flagman on the stalwart side, with Don Cameron in chief command. John Stewart of Franklin County is on the other side with rampant rebellion written all over the banner, he waves in defiance of boss rule and submissive precedents. All we Democrats can say in the controversy, is to bid them "God speed."

STATE NEWS.

The Crawford county jail is without a compulsory inmate.

Underground telegraph wires are being laid on Fifth avenue, Pittsburg.

Postmaster Whitner, of Reading, has received official notification of his selection.

There are 179 business establishments in Pottsville, besides taverns and eating houses.

Capitalists are in Erie with a view to locating a factory, which will give employment to 300 hands.

Seventeen thousand tons of iron ore are being taken out of the Cornwall hills, at Lebanon, every month.

Work on the proposed buildings of the Hollar Lock and Safe Works at York, has been inaugurated.

The 17 months old child of Cyrus Maurer fell into a cesspool at Reading on Tuesday and was suffocated.

Somebody soaped the Lehigh Valley railroad tracks at Hazleton and detained a large picnic excursion train.

A Berks county sportsman has discovered that the recent heavy rains have destroyed the young broods of woodcock.

The annual diocesan convention of the Episcopal church of Central Pennsylvania will begin at Mauch Chunk next Tuesday.

A man named F. George was instantly killed by a freight train on the Lehigh and Susquehanna railroad, near Allentown, Tuesday.

A gray eagle, measuring seven feet from tip to tip of wings, was killed in Butler township, Adams county, recently, by Henry Deatrick.

The last smallpox patient in South Bethlehem was discharged Tuesday. During the prevalence of the disease there 119 persons died.

The estimated expense of the government of Pottsville for the fiscal year ending April 1, 1883, is \$27,230,000. The tax rate will be six mills on the dollar.

At a recent meeting of the Dunkards of Western Pennsylvania, the proposition to relinquish the ancient and peculiar dress of the sect was voted down. A split in the denomination was the result.

A Chester pigeon-fancier challenges any competitor in the same town to a homing match from Baltimore, Wilmington, New York or Philadelphia for from \$10 to \$50 a side.

Martin Kelly, the absconding treasurer of a lodge of the Amalgamated association in Pittsburgh, has been discovered in Wisconsin. The amount of his defalcation is about \$600.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company has purchased the property of the Butler Coal Company at Pittston, formerly occupied by their coal shutes, with the intention of erecting a new freight and passenger depot.

A force of forty men have been put to work track-laying on the Nazareth Railroad, at Pen Argyl, Lehigh county. It is expected they will reach Nazareth by July 4 and that the road will be ready for business by August 1.

A reward of one thousand dollars is offered by the Queen Fire insurance company for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who set fire to the barn of Mrs. G. Dawson Coleman at Lebanon on the night of May 26.

The Cambria County Bar Association has elected R. L. Johnston, president; John P. Linton, vice president; W. H. Rose, treasurer, and A. V. Baker, secretary. The association has two rooms in the new Court House, well furnished.

The bill against Professor Samuel Jackson, pyrotechnist, and William Van Horn, his assistant, for involuntary manslaughter, growing out of the Chester explosion casualty, was ignored by the grand jury of Delaware county yesterday.

A negro boy at Richmond, this state, lied to his mother and "hoped God would paralyze his tongue if he was not telling the truth." He was attacked with fits, is now unable to speak, and a superstitious negro preacher of that place claims that the lad was "struck dumb for lying."

Lewis L. Bachman, postmaster at Shenkel's Church, Chester county, has had a hearing on a charge preferred against him by Miss Elmira Frees, for opening a letter addressed to her which contained a photograph. The justice bound over the accused in \$1,500 security for his appearance at court.