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### Democratic State Ticket.

FOR GOVERNOR,

ROBERT E. PATTERSON, of Phila.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,

CHAUNCY F. BLACK, of York.

FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT,

SILAS M. CLARK, of Indiana.

FOR SECRETARY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS,

J. SIMPSON AFRICA, of Hunting'g.

FOR CONGRESSMAN-AT-LARGE,

MORTIMER F. ELLIOTT, of Tioga.

### Democratic County Ticket.

FOR CONGRESS.

Hon. A. G. CURTIN, of Centre.  
(Subject to the decision of the District Conference.)

FOR STATE SENATE.

Hon. C. T. ALEXANDER, of Centre.  
(Subject to the decision of the District Conference.)

FOR ASSEMBLY.

HENRY MEYER, of Miles,

B. F. HUNTER, of Benner.

FOR JURY COMMISSIONER.

J. H. TOLBERT, of Walker.

FOR CORONER.

H. K. HOY, M. D., of Bellefonte.

### The Democratic Platform.

The Democratic party of Pennsylvania, holding fast to the faith that all power not delegated by the Constitution is reserved to the States and the people; upholding the sanctity of personal liberty, the security of private property, and the right of local self-government, demanding honesty and economy in the administration of government and the enforcement of all the provisions of the Constitution by the Legislature and the Courts of the Commonwealth; declaring against monopolies and in sympathy with labor seeking its protection, and in favor of the industrial interests of Pennsylvania at all times, do solemnly protest against all such measures as tend to the subversion of the Republic and the insolvency of its long possession of office have thus brought upon the country; therefore,

First—We do protest against what is called the boss system, and also the plundering of officeholders by assessments of money for political purposes. Public offices are the property of no party, but are open to every citizen who is honest, capable, and faithful to the Constitution, qualifications which Jefferson declared were requisites for office.

Second—We protest against the spoils system. It is a prostitution of the offices of the people so that they become the mere perquisites of the politicians.

Third—We denounce all reprobation, State and Federal, because it is dishonest and destructive of the public morality upon which are founded the existence and perpetuity of our free institutions. It should be made odious, and the political party that aids it and abets it with office deserves public condemnation.

Fourth—We denounce spoliation of the State Treasury and immunity by pardon of those convicted of crimes, whose acts were flagrant subversions of official trusts and wrongs done the people.

Fifth—We believe the Republican party, as now organized and controlled, is based on fraud, force and corruption, and therefore we have no hope of true reform except by the force of the ballot box excluding it from place and power.

Sixth—The Democratic party demands of the Legislature an honest just, and true apportionment.

Seventh—Upon these declarations we invite the cooperation of all honest citizens who wish to see the reestablishment of honest government.

"IN HOC SIGNO VINCES."

The recent fines, amounting to \$1,000 imposed by the New York court upon Gen. Curtis for levying political black mail upon Federal officials, has been assumed by the Republican State committee of New York, to be paid out of the party assessments.

Congress appropriated \$25,000 to defray the expenses of bringing the remains of Lieutenant De Long, and his comrades of the lost Jeannette, to this country for interment. Active steps have already been taken to carry out the intention of Congress.

GEN. GRANT and W. H. TIESCOTT have been appointed Commissioners to negotiate a commercial treaty with the Mexican Government. This selection seems to have given very general satisfaction and much benefit is expected to result to both governments from their labors.

The Republicans who insist upon butting Beaver and Stewart both off the track are still progressing. Mr. Aloor, of Philadelphia, now waxes the baten and believes that compromise is yet possible. He calls for a new deal, and thinks Caven is the Moses to lead the factions to peace and victory.

The extent and importance of the lumber interests of the United States for the year ending May 31, 1881, is given in a late bulletin issued from the Census Bureau. At that time there were in operation 25,708 establishments, with an invested capital of \$181,168,122. The number of hands employed were 147,956, and the annual amount of wages paid \$31,845,974, giving a total value of products \$233,357,229. Michigan ranks first according to the value of products, and Pennsylvania second.

### The Nominations.

The Democratic County Convention met in this place on Tuesday last, for the purpose of placing in nomination a ticket to be supported at the November election, and so far as we know, performed the duty satisfactorily. The candidates were not numerous, but all who appeared before the convention for the few offices to be filled were reputable men, and but little mistake could be made in the choice. The best feeling appeared to prevail as well in the convention as amongst the aspirants, which afforded gratifying evidence that their canvasses were honorably made and left few, if any sores or heart burnings to be healed. The party, therefore comes before the people with a ticket of their own choice, placed in nomination with singular unanimity and will be elected beyond peradventure.

For Congress the re-nomination of our able and distinguished Representative, the Hon. Andrew G. Curtin, was unanimously endorsed and Conferees authorized to meet and consult the Conferees of other counties of the district with a view to solicit a general concurrence.

For State Senator, the Hon. Cyrus T. Alexander was also unanimously presented for re-election, and Conferees appointed to meet the Conferees of Clearfield and Clinton, and ask their concurrence.

For Assembly, Henry Meyer of Miles township and Benj. F. Hunter of Benner township, are the nominees of the Convention, and the candidates of the Democratic party. They are men of character and standing. Mr. Meyer served a number of years as superintendent of schools in this county with great ability and decided success. A gentleman of accomplished education and rare intellectual attainments, he will make a discreet capable legislator, in whose integrity and upon whose honor the people will rely with implicit faith for honest service, and honest principle to guide that service in legitimate channels for the public good. Mr. Hunter is a respectable farmer. This will be his first experience in public life, which we hope will be one of honor to himself and compensating to his constituents and his party.

For Jury Commissioner, J. H. Talbert, of Walker township, is the nominee. Capt. Talbert is one of our most esteemed citizens, very competent to discharge the duties of the office, and his designation by the county convention is a deserved recognition of a faithful and consistent Democrat.

For Coroner, our talented young medical friend, Dr. H. K. Hoy, of this place, is the coming man, having received a flattering and marked endorsement of the convention.

Thus the Democracy of Centre county are again to the front, with a full ticket of approved candidates for all the offices to be voted for this fall. The men placed upon the ticket are now the representatives of the Democratic party, chosen according to its usages and customs to give force and effect to its principles. We do not propose to say that the ticket is the best that could have been made, for we would not thus reflect upon the unsuccessful candidates before the convention, amongst whom were men of eminent ability and of high merit as Democrats and citizens, who would have done credit to the party and commanded general respect and confidence had they been chosen. But their turn had not yet arrived, and it now behooves all who desire the success of the Democratic cause and the perpetuity of Democratic principles, to merge personal difference, if any exist, in the general good. Let union and harmony prevail—let the ranks be closed up and a united front presented to the enemy. It is the old enemy—the same who are known as the apologists of fraudulent apportionments, and the abettors of crime in falsifying the ballot—the same who subordinate themselves to the orders of a boss and glory in the machine management of party.

### The Democratic Duty.

THE IMPORTANT MATTERS TO BE ATTENDED TO AT ONCE.

The assessors have received copies of the registry, and the books are ought to be hung up, as provided by law, against the doors and windows of the voting places in the different divisions. Now that the book is exposed for public inspection, every voter will have the opportunity to see that his own name and those of his friends are on the lists or are properly entered, so that any person whose name is not found in the books when he wants to pay his tax, or at the election in November, can have no one but himself to blame for the pain of losing, or the trouble of proving, his right to vote. If any of the books should happen to disappear, citizens can readily ascertain the address of the assessor, in case any corrections or additions are necessary.

County committeemen, sub-committeemen and every Democrat who desires to aid the efficient organization of the party will do well to observe these points and ACT PROMPTLY:

1st. Always remember that success depends upon getting out every Democratic vote, AND THAT YOUR WORK LIES IN YOUR DISTRICT.

2d. Your first duty is to MAKE A COMPLETE CANVASS OF YOUR DISTRICT, and have on your book the name of every voter, marked as to politics.

3d. Then on your small books the name of every Democrat in each sub-district, so that each sub-committeeman will know whom to look after, and will get every Democrat registered.

4th. See that every man is registered, not later than the 1st day of September. Especially look after young men who voted on age last fall, as they must now be assessed and pay taxes.

5th. Carefully hunt up all your Democrats who vote on age for the first time this year and place them on your list.

6th. Make a careful canvass of parties to be naturalized, and have them brought in during August or September, while Court is in session. Be sure to have such registered in time.

The chairman of the Republican State committee professes to have entire confidence in the success of the Cameron machine ticket, and the Stewart candidate, Gen. Beaver, after passing around the State appears equally sanguine of triumph, and claims his election to the office of Governor by "50,000 majority, as it looks to me." No doubt the thing looks big! But do these astute Stalwarts possess the confidence they profess? The chairman of course speaks merely for effect, and it is scarcely credible that the candidate can be so oblivious to his surroundings, so absorbed in the ambition of the hour, as to fail to realize the fact that he only represents a faction of his party, which, if united, do not possess under the most favorable aspect, a respectable fraction of the majority he claims. Indeed it is a question that scarcely admits of doubt, that the majorities of his party in Pennsylvania for many years, have been largely, if not wholly, made up by frauds upon the ballot and other means equally disreputable.

The Rev. Thomas Harrison, the boy preacher, has fallen several pegs in the estimation of the Methodists of Cincinnati. The women of that locality purchased and appropriated to his use a camp meeting cottage. The evangelist at his earliest opportunity repaid the kindness of the ladies by selling the cottage for \$200.

Those Democrats in Congress who joined the Republican plunderers and lobby to override the President's veto of the River and Harbor steal, will have a good time making explanations. There is no excuse for them. They placed themselves by their votes in the society of thieves, and of course participated in their swag.

It has been announced for some time that the efforts of the administration to Mahonize the Southern States, was prospering and being worked to a successful issue, particularly in the State of Georgia—that the Democrats were much demoralized and the Democratic party ready to tumble into fragments. It now appears that these statements were slightly erroneous. The Democrats are united, with no disturbing elements to worry them. But it is the other fellows who, concealing their identity under the name of "Independents," that have fallen into fragments, and now appear in the field with a double ticket. The conglomerate material composing the "Independents" who with the administration patronage, were to disintegrate and destroy the Democracy, do not seem to have possessed sufficient honesty to bind them for one election. No doubt the honest cast by the administration into the Georgia kennel, had the usual canine effect.

WHY should not the list of pensioners be published? The number of fraudulent recipients of the Nation's bounty is so great that the system is being ridiculed. Give each community a complete, accurate list of those who to-day are drawing various sums of money, wrung from the scanty incomes of those who can ill afford this drain upon their resources. The honest, deserving soldier will or should not object to having his neighbors know that the country he served in her hour of greatest need is honorable enough to provide for him when he really is in need. Give us the names.

THE Secretary of the Interior has been authorized to appoint eight hundred additional clerks for the Pension office. These appointments, it is said, will be made without delay, and there are over twenty-four hundred applications already on file. If any of our needy Republican friends are looking in this direction, we advise them to be stirring. Address Don Cameron.

PASS THEM OUT! The Republicans of the Eighth Congressional district of Wisconsin, promptly resented the vote of Pond, their Representative, for the River and Harbor rascality by dropping him and nominating Mr. W. P. Price. The nominating convention happened to be in session about the same time the big steal was being consummated in Congress.

How can respectable members of a party, men whose every nerve should thrill with the pleasurable satisfaction of knowing themselves to be free, absolutely untrammelled, political agents, agree to be lead around by the nose by men of as universally acknowledged dishonorable tendencies as Keifer, Robeson, Hubbell, Cooper and Cameron?

DEMOCRATS who have any political love for Gen. Beaver should think of his actions toward Gen. Hancock. Did Beaver vote for the man who made him what he was, through whom he secured the meagre military prestige meted out to him? Did he not canvass the state boldly asserting that the hero of Gettysburg was on the wrong side?

JUST at this time, when the temperance workers are doing all that in them lies to secure legislative action that may assist the cause, a certain speech delivered by James A. Beaver, Republican candidate for governor, in the Methodist church of this place, in which he remarked that he could "see no harm in taking a glass of beer," is recalled.

If the regular Republican candidate for Governor were to wear his "306" medal as others are usually worn, suspended from his neck, he would have little use for any clothing. It would be large enough in the eyes of all decent Republicans to cover him entirely.

### Republican Extravagance.—What it Cost to Run the White House.—A Large Steal of Public Moneys.

A very imperfect idea exists in the public mind as to the cost of keeping up the Executive mansion since extravagance and vulgar display were introduced there, says the New York Sun. Here are the items from the Legislative, Executive and Judicial bill for the current fiscal year:

For compensation of the President of the United States.....	\$50,000
Private Secretary.....	3,250
Assistant Secretary.....	2,250
Two executive clerks, at \$2,000 each.....	4,000
Stenographer.....	1,800
One clerk, class four.....	1,500
Two clerks, class three, at \$1,200 each.....	2,400
Two clerks, class two, at \$1,400 each.....	2,800
One clerk, class one.....	1,200
Steward.....	1,200
One day usher.....	1,200
Five messengers, at \$1,200 each.....	6,000
Two doorkeepers, at \$1,200 each.....	2,400
One night usher.....	1,200
One watchman.....	900
One brewer.....	800
Contingent expenses of the Executive office.....	8,000
From the Sundry Civil bill for the current fiscal year:	
For refurnishing the Executive Mansion.....	\$20,000
For care and repair of the Executive Mansion.....	10,000
For fuel for the Executive Mansion, &c.....	2,500
For care and repair of the conservatories, &c.....	5,000
For lighting the Executive Mansion.....	15,000
Total.....	\$145,950

There are other items, mixed with different appropriations purposely to make confusion, from which the exact figures chargeable to the Executive mansion cannot be separated.

Last year the Sundry Civil bill contained the following items:

"For care and repair of the Executive Mansion, and for furniture, thirty thousand dollars."

This year the Sundry Civil bill repeats these items thus:

For refurnishing the Executive Mansion.....\$20,000

Care and repairs of the Executive Mansion.....10,000

Now, if the house was refurnished last year, it certainly does not need a new outfit this year. The item of "care and repair of the Executive Mansion" goes in year after year without question, yet everybody knows, as in the case of the annual refurnishing, the money is not expended for these objects.

Strange that open unblushing robbery should be permitted to go on, and "honorable men" in office be careless about it. But this is what Republicanism has brought us to in these latter years of disgrace.

### The Science of Swindling.

What the Treasury swindlers who flourished under Grant didn't know about fleecing Government it would have puzzled himself to divine. Every day brings fresh revelations of the devilish skill they displayed in the concocting of schemes to bleed the Treasury. Recently the Pacific Railroad has found it necessary to reconstruct considerable portions of its lines. The reason therefor is fully explained in a recent letter from Colonel F. A. Conkling, a brother of the ex-Senator, who is an avowed and courageous Anti Monopolist and has been after the thieving corporations which exert such a potent influence in Congress and at the White House, for several years, with a very sharp stick. From the letter we learn that instead of building the road, as required by the original act, "by the nearest and most practical route," the Pacific Railroad and Credit Mobilier conspirators built it down the valley of the Missouri River, and by this means they obtained from Government a subsidy of \$16,000 a mile, or an aggregate sum of \$1,600,000, and a grant of land at the rate of 12,800 acres a mile, or an aggregate of 1,280,000 acres, getting rich alluvial lands instead of lands in the interior, distant from the river and comparatively worthless. Colonel Conkling says:

For a distance of sixty-eight miles after leaving Sioux City every mile took them farther from the Pacific coast than they were at the end of the preceding mile, so that at the end of the sixty-eight miles they were twenty miles farther from the Pacific Ocean than they were at the point whence they started; and after traversing the entire distance of one hundred miles from Sioux City and joining the Pacific road they were but six miles nearer the Pacific than at the point of departure.

This outdoes anything of the kind we have ever seen noted. It is the very *plus ultra* of the science of swindling—a science that could never have approached half so near perfection under any other auspices than those of the Grant regime, of which Cameronism and all the moral ugliness and political turpitude that belong to it are the natural and necessary outgrowth.—*Leader*.

SOME one has said that Hubbell proposes before the campaign closes to assess pensioners.

It is the opinion of the Independent Chicago Times that the republican party as an organization is after the almighty dollars of your Uncle Samuel, and it takes care that none of them escapes. It finds a surplus revenue of \$150,000, 000 and declines to reduce it in such manner that the payers of this enormous surplus shall have the slightest relief. Its proposition was to take the tax off patent medicines, bank check, playing cards, perfumery, and the like, a proposition so ludicrously absurd that after a little ventilation of its grotesquery by the opposition the bill fails, and the chairman of the committee on ways and means is glad to run off to Colorado in order that he may avoid any further consideration of the subject. The surplus is retained, which was probably the original purpose, since the proposed reduction was obviously a sham, and to dispose of that surplus to the best advantage of the jobbers Keifer was made speaker. The increase in the appropriation bills thus far is \$80,000, 000, and the mammoth river and harbor bill is quickly passed over the veto of the president. To bring about this result, Democratic aid was asked and given; but the public has been educated into the belief that the Democratic party was nothing but an organized appetite, and that all the morality, the economy, the patriotism, the decency of the Republic was found in the party of Robeson, Keifer, Page, Butterworth, Hubbell and Horr. The Republican party is a party of the present, which couldn't possibly engage in anything less harmful than looking back with assumed fondness upon the record of the fathers of the Republic. It is a party whom the president has caught with both hands in the public treasury, and one which has impudently borne off the plunder, notwithstanding his cry of "Stop thief!"

Congress adjourned on Tuesday last, and did in its closing moments the most creditable act of the session—it snubbed the fellow that presided over its deliberations since December last. Speaker Keifer got no vote of thanks, and is the only instance in our history in which this compliment has been denied to a presiding officer of Congress in the expiring hour of the session. The snub was richly merited.

WILT the action of the Republican managers, in their attempt to put the laboring men of Pennsylvania on the auction block, be ratified by the support of those men at the ensuing election? Workingmen, answer.

### ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

A PRESENTATION.—After the Prince of Wales returned to this city from his visit to the President of the United States, at Washington, our esteemed fellow citizen and accomplished artist, Mr. George D'Almaine, sent to Lord Lyons a very perfect likeness of President Buchanan, executed in pastel, or colored crayons, requesting his Lordship to present it to the Prince of Wales. The receipt of it was acknowledged in the following note when the Prince reached Philadelphia:

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 9, 1860.  
Sir.—I beg leave to express to you Lord Rentrew's best thanks for the excellent likeness of President Buchanan, which I have, at your request, presented to him. It will be a very interesting memento of Lord Rentrew's delightful visit to the venerable President. I have the honor to be, your humble servant,  
LYONS.  
George D'Almaine, Esq., Baltimore.

The above, cut from an old issue of the Baltimore Sun, refers to the gentleman who is at present favoring Bellefonte with his artistic services. Upon calling at his studio, on Thursday morning of last week, we were warmly welcomed, and most agreeably entertained. Among many other life-like representations we were especially impressed by an oil painting of our townsman, A. O. Furst, Esq., which is so perfect in every detail and so much like our esteemed legal friend that we could scarcely refrain from speaking to him. Inquiry as to the nature of French pastel painting induced the artist to exhibit a portrait of the great-grandmother of Robert Valentino, Esq., a reproduction from an aged oil painting, which for beautiful, harmonious blending of colors and tints, and perfect execution of features and expression can have no superior. Numerous portraits, in crayon work were scattered throughout the room, each and all evincing the same delicacy of touch, faithfulness in natural expression, real artistic skill and refined taste. The half hour, spent in company of Mr. D'Almaine, surrounded by the many friends whom we recognized at a glance, will ever be recalled with genuine pleasure.