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### Democratic State Ticket.

FOR GOVERNOR,  
ROBERT E. PATTISON, of Phila.  
FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,  
CHAUNCEY 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.  
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 evils which the policy of the Republican party and the insolence 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 repudiation, State and Federal, because it is dishonest and destructive of that 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 slinks 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 wrong done to the people.  
Fifth—We believe the Republican party, as now organized and controlled, is based on fraud, force and corruption, and there can be 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 and true apportionment.  
Seventh—Upon these declarations we invite the co-operation of all honest citizens who wish us to see the reestablishment of honest government.  
"IN HOC SIGNO VINCES."

The British war in Egypt has come to an end. Arabi Pacha and his army it appears have surrendered unconditionally to the English forces.

JUDGE WILEY has granted a new trial to the two Star Route thieves, Miner and Rerdell, and will re-try them with those upon whom the jury disagreed, at an early day. The trial of these cases has already cost two hundred thousand dollars.

ENGINEER MELVILLE of the lost Jeanette, who after his own escape from the Arctic Sea, returned in search of his lost companions, has arrived at home and is greeted both in New York and Philadelphia by immense ovations of respect and applause.

CONGRESSMAN BUTTERWORTH, he who drove the ladies from the galleries during the last session of Congress by his vulgarity and blackguardism, has been nominated for re-election by the Republicans of Cincinnati. Of course, if Keifer and Robeson, why not Butterworth.

THOMAS A. ARMSTRONG the Greenback candidate for Governor, spoke in Williamsport on Thursday last. The object of the meeting was to organize a club and adopt measures for a vigorous campaign in that county of these out-riders of the Cameron machine.

It is said the unanimous nomination for Congress will be offered by the Democrats of the Lebanon and Dauphin District to Col. Henry McCormick, of Harrisburg. If so, they will make it hot for Sam. Barr, and run a very good chance of providing themselves with a respectable Congressman instead of a private secretary of Don Cameron's.

### False Pretense.

The Republicans seek to make a little political capital out of the opposition of the Democratic members of Congress by which they prevented the passage of that bill of false pretense except the "Tax Reduction Bill." Perhaps no measure introduced by the majority illustrated more plainly the hypocritical character of their legislation and the limit to which they confined its benefits as did this bill under the imposing title of "Tax Reduction." The demand for the repeal of the Internal Revenue taxes which burthen the people unnecessarily and oppressively was general and universal, and to this demand the Democracy and their Representatives were committed without dissension. These taxes which were originally imposed to raise funds for emergent war purposes, had long since ceased to be necessary for revenue, and were oppressive not upon the rich particularly, but upon the poor and those who have to earn their living by labor in competition with wealth and insufficient wages. To make a pretense and deceptive show of meeting the just expectation of the people in demanding relief from the unwarranted oppression this pretentious "tax reduction bill" was introduced, embracing such articles as would favor the rich who did not need it, and continuing the taxes which oppressed the poor, who did need it. It provided for a reduction of \$30,000,000 derived wholly from taxes on banks, bankers and stamp taxes, including bank checks and patent medicines, special taxes on liquors and licenses on tobacco and cigarettes in insignificant amounts. To this partial and unjust discrimination, the Democrats objected and favored a general repeal or a general Reduction which the Republican majority would not agree to. If the author of the bill, which we believe was Judge Kelley, had worked a year to produce one that would have given the least possible relief to the working masses, he could not have achieved a greater success than is provided in this sham which they now have the impudence to refer to as a beneficent measure of relief to labor that failed of passage because the Democrats declined to support it. In fact, the inspiration of the miserable fraud was to cheat by a title the masses who pay the taxes while it only relieved the burdens of the rich and continued the taxes which oppress the poor. It was this and nothing more.

THE Independent Republicans had their great demonstration in Philadelphia on Friday evening last. It was a large assemblage of course—the principal fighting bulls in the ring would naturally draw upon the crowd. Stewart and Wolf were the speakers of the evening. They went for the scalps of Cameron and Beaver of the regulars, and the Democracy in about equal proportions. Cameron and Beaver perhaps a little more so, and showed very clearly what mean fellows they themselves were these many years for playing scullions to the boss in building up a great political machine to oppress and control the people of Pennsylvania. They now find this great machine only grinding grist in J. Donald Cameron's mill, to the exclusion of John and Charles with all their great capabilities for fine work. They kick, of course, they they ought to kick, and kick with a will until Donald comes down or admits them as equal partners in the operations of the machine, which was the joint production of the Regulars and the so-called Independents. The Democracy who are cordially hated by both factions can afford to look upon this struggle for mastery without caring which becomes the upper dog.

SENATOR MITCHELL the great Independent hid himself away to Oregon during the campaign. Of course, he will stand in the brush and fire at Boss Cameron and his tyrannical crew by telegraph.

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS-MAN-AT-LARGE.



MORTIMER F. ELLIOTT, of Tioga.

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Democratic Candidate for Congressman-at-Large.

Hon. Mortimer F. Elliott is a descendant of one of the pioneer and staunch democratic families of Tioga county. He is the only son of Colonel Nathaniel A. Elliott, who was elected by the Democrats a member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania and served with credit in the year 1848. Mortimer was born in the township of Charleston, in the village of Cherry Flats, Tioga county, Pa., September 24th, 1842, and is therefore in the fortieth year of his age. He was raised upon a farm and educated in the common schools of his native township and at Alfred University, Alfred, Allegheny county, N. Y. The work upon the farm, the pure mountain air coupled with good habits, gave him a strong and sturdy constitution, a clear head and vigorous mind. He studied law with Hon. Stephen F. Wilson, and was admitted to practice at the Tioga county bar in the year 1864.

At that time the bar of Tioga county was distinguished for its able practitioners, among whom were Hon. H. Sherwood, Hon. H. W. Williams, Hon. Stephen F. Wilson, Hon. John W. Guernsey, Hon. B. B. Strang, Hon. F. E. Smith, Hon. C. H. Seymour, and it would seem that there was no room for a young lawyer or no lucrative practice at his command. He, however, opened an office at Wellsboro facing the public square, among these distinguished men and began the practice of his chosen profession. His clients were few at first but they increased rapidly as his course and manner of trying suits became known. His knowledge of law, his close application to business entrusted to him and his power as an advocate before a jury, won the confidence of the people and gave him a high standing at the bar, and in the year 1870 he was the Democratic candidate for president judge of the Fourth Judicial District, composed of the counties of Tioga, Potter, McKean and Cameron, and although the district was largely republican, he came near to an election, reducing the majority several thousand votes.

In 1873 he was elected to the constitutional convention and served with distinction, being the choice of the young and progressive democracy of his district. Amid the pressing cares of a large and extensive practice at the several courts in Northern Pennsylvania, the Supreme Court of the State, and the United States District and Circuit courts, he has always cheerfully responded to the call of the public either in Northern Pennsylvania or Southern New York, and has done yeoman and distinguished service upon the stump.

At a great mass meeting of the De-

mocracy at Elmira, when General McClellan was present, Elliott was literally carried upon the shoulders of his auditors, having made a speech unexampled for argument, logic and eloquence in the history of that campaign. At the great Hancock meeting at Corning, N. Y., in October, 1880, where Col. John W. Forney, Hon. Darius A. Ogden and others spoke, Mr. Elliott made the speech of the occasion. He is the pride of the young democracy and has been justly called "The Little Giant of the North." As a lawyer he is able, learned, and as an advocate he has no superior in the northern portion of the State. He is a gentleman highly respected by all parties for his sterling integrity, his legal and forensic attainments, and in his election the people of the State at large may rest assured that they will have a representative honest, capable and fearless, one who knows the right and dare maintain it. Born, raised and educated in a county which has been for the last twenty-five years in a hopeless democratic minority, his democracy is clean cut but liberal, progressive, courageous fair and honest, and his views well-defined and established, and no policy of mere expediency will ever turn him from his progressive but sincere and straightforward political principles.

We see it announced that General Beaver "considers the tariff question the vital issue of the present campaign." What tariff? If our recollection serves us the National tariff question was submitted by the Republican Congress to a Commission appointed by the Republican President, and will not be in issue for a year or two to come. Then what tariff does the General refer to as so vital to Pennsylvania politics in the present campaign for governor? It must be the Hubbel-Cooper tariff which certainly is in issue and urged by the boss henchmen as very "vital" to stalwart success. We should like to hear our distinguished neighbor speak to this issue in comparison with the seventh plank of the platform of the 9th of May Republican convention which he promised to carry throughout Pennsylvania. A speech on this subject, coming from a source so entirely disinterested, would be interesting.

### The G. A. R. Again.

In our issue of two weeks ago on the organization of Posts of the G. A. R., we stated distinctly and clearly "that neither by word or deed was politics approached or allowed, but that members who went from place to place to organize Posts, we were informed, carried with them printed pledges, which were industriously circulated before the organization of new Posts began, and every possible effort

made to have old soldiers pledge themselves to support General Beaver for Governor." This plain statement not only excited but raised the ire of a few of the members of Gregg Post, whose ebullitions were in our issue of last week. We published them in order that our readers might hear the whole question. The first specific denial relates to the organization at Fleming. So far as the denial goes, containing as it does the observations of only one person, it may be true. But a surprising fact about the organization of the Post at Fleming is, that immediately after, every or nearly every old soldier in that community had one of these pledges with the names of fifteen or twenty old soldiers attached and certified to be a "copy taken from the original in Hastings's Law Office, Bellefonte, Pa."

We have nothing to take back or explain, nor have the denials changed our minds upon the subject. When we say that the organization of the G. A. R. Posts is used as an engine to advance the interests of the Stalwart candidate for Governor we believe it Harris, Keller, Williams and Curtin are no doubt correct as to what they did not see. These petitions were not in the Post rooms at the time of organization, but the soliciting was done in the ante-room while waiting on the mustering officer. This is getting very close to the Post room, and warrants the statements we made then or make now. The following is the pledge used on the occasion referred to:

"The undersigned, survivors of the 148th Regiment, Penna. Vols., hereby pledge ourselves to use all honorable efforts to secure the election of our late Comrade-in-arms, General James A. Beaver to be Governor of Pennsylvania, and to that end enroll ourselves in an organization to be known as 'The 148th Pa. Vol. Beaver Club.'"

If the persons who went to these places, or some of them, to aid in the organization of these Posts did not convey these pledges with them, it is a mystery how they came to be in the ante-rooms while the mustering officer was arranging for the work of the evening. At some of these organizations there were a large number of well known Stalwarts, and Stalwarts whom we know will balk at nothing that will advance the interests of the Stalwart candidate. The *Republican* in its issue of last week takes up the question and undertakes to settle it by quoting article XII from Gregg Post as follows:

"No officer or comrade of the Post shall in any manner use this organization for partisan purposes; and no discussions of political questions shall be permitted in any meeting of the Post."

Notice the peculiar construction of the first clause of this paragraph. "No officer or member shall use the organization for partisan purposes." That is, must not use it to advance his own political ends. The organization is used more or less in the interests of the Republican party during every campaign in which political excitement runs high or party lines are closely drawn. Every one recollects the appeals made to "the old boy in blue" during the campaign of 1880. Thousands of their names were procured through the Posts, sending to the Republican headquarters full lists of their membership, and already to this campaign it is the boast of the hopeful Cooper that the entire G. A. R. membership of certain localities are supporting Beaver. Another strange circumstance about the G. A. R. is that as sure as we approach an important campaign the organization of new Posts begins. Can the necessity of a Post at Milesburg, Unionville, Howard and Bellefonte be explained upon any other hypothesis than that of political necessity? One-half of these new Posts will be unheard of in less than six months after the November election. It gives us no pleasure to write or believe these things of an organization which, if used as it should be, would doubtless be a source of continued enjoyment to honest, faithful old boys who bore the storm and heat of battle, in counting over his trials,

his services and escapes with his comrades. But when run as it mostly is by Quartermasters and others who kept at a safe distance from danger and who are universally the most blatant and radical Stalwarts, it falls short of its purpose.

Last of all, James E. McCartney comes to the front to shoulder the whole movement and says he "did not find but one member of the 148th who would not join in the undertaking and put down his name." That must have been a Democrat, for the list the "Original of which is certified to be in Hastings's Office, Bellefonte, Pa." contains Republicans alone, unless we take McCartney at his word and count him as a Democrat. But if Jim is doing this on his own responsibility why peddle these lists around where new Posts are to be organized or have them "certified from Hastings's Law Office, Bellefonte, Pa." Mr. McCartney says he undertook to organize the 148th Regiment Veteran Beaver Club. If this be so, we can only express our gratification that at last he has a visible occupation even if success depends upon a certificate from "Hastings's Law Office, Bellefonte, Pa."

Brown, the bribed colored Star Route juror has gone to join Howgate in a game of hide with Phipps the Almshouse thief of Philadelphia. These worthies all being in the Stalwart ring, "Dear Hubbel" and Boss Cooper should forward assessments for their share of the plunder.

THE Pennsylvania Odd Fellows indulged in a parade and picnic at Reading on Thursday last, which was a grand affair, perhaps the largest demonstration of its kind ever held in the State. It is said there were five thousand members of the order in full regalia in libe.

THE Democracy of Clearfield held their County Convention on Tuesday last, and placed in nomination the following ticket: For Congress, Hon. A. G. Curtin; for Senator, James Flynn; for Assembly, J. T. Taylor; for Sheriff, R. N. Shaw, and for District Attorney, J. F. McKendrick.

HON. Simon Cameron said in a recent birthday speech. "It was as a journalist that I began making the first steps out of obscurity. I can to-night readily call to mind the day when I first began, at twenty dollars a year, to learn the printing business—when that profession was new, when that business was in its infancy, when it took a day to do that which is now done in a minute."

THE Independent and Stalwart Republicans of Schuylkill county made an agreement some weeks ago that they would unite upon a single county ticket provided each division had the privilege unchallenged of supporting their own candidate for Governor. The other day they met to nominate that ticket. When the resolutions were presented and passed, one of them endorsed and ratified the nomination of Beaver for governor. The Independents protested, but no use. Cameron's henchmen had them, and held them. The Independents now propose to drop the partnership and nominate an Independent ticket.

DEMOCRATS of Centre, commence the work promptly. Meet together and organize your townships and districts thoroughly to secure the attendance of every Democrat at the polls in November. Every vote counts this year, let none be missing. Your candidates all deserve success. Let none of them fail by your indifference to the minor details that lead to success. Above all watch the emissaries of fraud. We learn that the inquiry is already made as to the amount of corruption money needed in certain localities to debauch the voters and control the suffrage.

THE wife of engineer Melville is now in an insane asylum. Sad.