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Democratic State Ticket.

FOR GOVERNOR,
ROBERT E. PATTISON, 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 Huntingg.

FOR CONGRESSMAN-AT-LARGE,
MORTIMER F. ELLIOTT, of Tioga.

Democratic County Ticket.

FOR CONGRESS,
Hon. A. G. CURTIN, of Centre.

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 a 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 every 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 requisite 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 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 abets it with office desecrates public condemnation.
Fourth—We denounce spoliation of the State Treasury and immunity by pardon of those convicted of crime, whose acts were flagrant and obnoxious to official duties and wrongs done 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 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 us to desire the reestablishment of honest government.
"IN HOC SIGNO VINCES."

GEN. GEORGE C. WYSCOOP, a veteran of the late war and the war with Mexico died suddenly in Pottsville, on Friday last, of apoplexy, aged seventy-five.

GEN. BEAVER still thinks the Stewart outlook is rosy and bright, and that the Independent avalanche is not much of a storm after all and will soon blow over. We like the General's faith and grit even if we do not like his politics and associations.

SENATOR FOLGER's position is not a pleasant one. If he allows himself to be driven off the Republican ticket in New York on account of the frauds of the machine ring which nominated him, it is believed that Arthur will force his retirement from the Treasury Department.

THE Bradford Sunday News is owned and edited by Republicans and says: When a man exhibits such unmistakable ability in handling and controlling the vast fiscal affairs of a city like Philadelphia as has Controller Pattison, it is tolerably clear evidence that he has a head that would fit him for Governor of a great state.

COL. HENRY MCCORMICK, of Harrisburg, has received the unanimous nomination of the Democrats of Dauphin, Lebanon and Northumberland counties for Congress. This nomination was most worthily bestowed and is as creditable to the district as it is complimentary to the able and high-toned gentlemen who without solicitation its recipient. His opponent in the race is Samuel Barr the private secretary of J. Donald Cameron and a henchman familiar with all the tricks of the master. The district is largely Republican but it is believed the election of Colonel McCormick is among the probabilities as a triumph of merit and capability over chicanery and the grading methods of boss politics and personal distastefulness, as represented in Mr. Barr.

A Campaign of Cash.

It is no longer a secret, says the Philadelphia Times, that the one remote hope yet cherished of electing General Beaver Governor is based on the expenditure of an unprecedented amount of money to corrupt the voters and pollute the ballot. The platform upon which General Beaver was placed, and which he affects to respect, is openly trampled upon before his eyes, and he dare not question the right of the boss masters to degrade their candidate and demoralize the Republican party.

It is proclaimed the pre-emptory assessments have brought into the treasury of the Cameron machine fully \$100,000; that the famed 306 Grant Guard of Chicago, of which General Beaver is one, have been called upon to swell the assessment robbery, and the business men are harassed from day to day to add their contributions to the largest corruption fund ever raised in Pennsylvania.

It is an open secret that Senator Cameron last week made his cash contribution of \$20,000 to the Beaver fund, and every official, Federal and State, and every expectant under the Cameron power, is compelled to contribute to aid in securing a Cameron victory by shameless debauchery.

There are not less than one hundred and fifty thousand Republicans in Pennsylvania to day who are more than offended at this insolent defiance of the Republican declaration of principles, and this proclaimed attempt to supply the loss of honest Republicans by the purchase of the corrupt ragged edge elements of all parties. There can be no legitimate use made of one-fourth the money the Cameron machine has collected, and the bold attempt to save the boss system by unexampled debauchery of the elective franchise, is multiplying Independents ten-fold faster than the machine is gaining corrupt voters by a campaign of cash.

General Beaver can't be blind to this startling aspect of his campaign, and he will be held fearfully responsible for his tolerance of it. He is esteemed honest and he is expected to assert his integrity by washing his hands of the contempt of his platform and the purity of the ballot, exhibited by those who are responsibly directing his contest. General Beaver's election by corruption would be a graver calamity to him than a stainless defeat; but the one cause that is now most potential in swelling the Republican revolt, is his manifest dependence upon and deference to the most corrupt methods ever employed in our political conflicts.

Not having time last week to notice the card published in the Republican to which was appended the names of our esteemed neighbors Col. Keller, and Captain Mullen, we take pleasure in transferring it to our columns of this week with the remarks appended by the Watchman in which paper the card was intended to be published. In the articles published on the subject referred to and which have so excited a few members of the Post we disclaimed any intention of assault upon the Post proper, but called attention to the actions of some members which we believed had a tendency to throw suspicion over the institution injurious to its solemn obligations as a non-partisan order. The information we had came from a creditable and reliable source, and as we were satisfied that the facts given were susceptible of full ascertainment amongst themselves we felt no obligation to comply with the terms of Mr. Keller's card to name individuals to be subject to persecution. The facts we gave, including the pledge certified from the Republican headquarters, we esteemed sufficient to satisfy reasonable intelligence that we did not speak at random. But as our neighbor of the Watchman has been more liberal in his effort to gratify them, we can have no objection to turn the case over. From the Watchman.

Evidence Furnished Them.

EDITOR DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN—DEAR SIR: Two weeks ago an article appeared in the Centre Democrat making grave charges against the members of the G. A. R. of this town and county. In the issue of your paper that week these charges were "vehemently denied" by several members of Gregg Post, who had assisted in the organization of Posts throughout the county. We were assured by the editors of that paper that they were in possession of proofs sustaining the charges mentioned and that these proofs would be published in the next issue of their paper. We have waited two weeks expecting at least to be furnished with the names of the persons from whom the information was derived, but have seen nothing but the publication of a "petition" the existence of which and exactly how copies of it came to be in possession of certain members of the 148th Regiment has been fully explained by J. E. McCartney. We now desire to say to all whom it may concern that if any member of the Grand Army of the Republic ever circulated or caused to be circulated in any room of any Post in Centre county any petition or pledge asking signatures in favor of any candidate for political office, such member is guilty of gross violation of the laws of the G. A. R. and will immediately be tried and punished by expulsion from the order. We therefore earnestly request that any information tending to implicate any member of the G. A. R. in any attempt to use the organization for the furtherance of any political end will be furnished us at once, and we demand of the editors of the Centre Democrat the name or names of their informant. If this information is not given at once we will consider that our first demand (published in your paper) will be sufficient to close the controversy. D. F. HULLER, P. S. KELLER, AMOS MULLEN, S. H. WILLIAMS.

The above we publish at the request of the gentlemen signing it. The Watchman has heretofore refrained from saying anything upon the subject to which the representatives of the G. A. R. refer so positively, but as they seem so earnest in their desire to know if politics be dragged into any Post by any member, we will simply state what we have been told as facts, and we give the names connected with them, for their information.

Some three or four weeks ago when the Post was organized at Pine Grove, a copy of the paper which Gen. Beaver's friends have hired James E. McCartney to peddle over the county for signatures, pledging all soldiers who sign it to vote for Gen. Beaver, was seen in the Lodge room at that place. George Herberling, of Pine Grove, a member of the Post, can, in all probability, tell how it got there. George Byker, of College township, who presented it in the Lodge room immediately after the business of the Lodge was over, requesting the signatures of members of the Post to it, might be able to tell about it. The names of Dr. Christ, of Lemont, John Stuart, of State College, and Dr. Fisher, of Boalsburg, were upon it at the time. Mr. Baker was soliciting other names. These gentlemen, or some of them, may have signed it that evening and be able to give some information about it.

We have been thus minute in the names furnished us, so that the gentlemen signing the above letter may ascertain for themselves whether there ever was a political pledge presented in any Post in Centre county by any members of the Post. It is for them now to show why that pledge was presented in the Post room at Pine Grove by George Baker, a member, or to shut up and admit that their recent efforts to establish G. A. R. wherever they can find a soldier, mean more than they want the public to know.

It is announced that Gen. Beaver has made over sixty speeches since he opened his canvass for Governor. Now, in how many of these sixty speeches has the General commended that plank of the platform of the 10th of May Convention which condemn party assessments? In how many has he denounced Chair, Man Cooper for the unblushing violation of that creditable plank of the platform? In what speech did he advocate the civil service plank or denounce the use of official patronage to promote personal ends? In his speech accepting the nomination, he promised to carry these reformatory doctrines into every county of the Commonwealth. Has he done so? It is positively asserted that he has in no instance objected to the base robbing circulars of Hubbell and Cooper, or denounced the use of the patronage placed in the hands of Cameron by the administration and used to coerce submission to the rule of the bosses. It is perhaps, not too late yet to show some appreciation of the solemn promise he made in his first address by emphatic condemnation of the robberies committed, presumably for his benefit, through the State Committee. If he fails to do so, the conclusion is inevitable that the promise was not candidly made—a mere pretense unworthy his character as an honest conscientious man.

GEN. BEAVER was announced to speak at a mass meeting in Philadelphia on Saturday evening last, on "State issues." He made a speech but it appears he entirely avoided the grave issues he was announced to discuss and branched off into his usual campaign twaddle about the tariff and the certainty of his election. Of course the audience was disappointed and the Stewart candidate for Governor failed to gather the laurels he had the opportunity to pluck by intelligent discussion of the interesting issues he has heretofore evaded. The Times speaking of the General's speech makes this remarkable statement: "He evidently appreciated the necessity of meeting public expectation on the subject, as he gave part of Saturday to a versatile journalist in the preparation of a speech that was printed and sent to the public journals; but he failed to deliver the speech or to discuss its main features, and the result was the publication of a pretended speech in the Press the Sunday Republic and perhaps other journals that was not delivered."

It is announced that Roscoe Conkling will not speak or take an active part in the canvass of New York. It will be a lonely affair in the absence of the eloquent voice of the retired statesman. He probably does not love Judge Folger very ardently and is not altogether clear that Lieutenant Arthur should be boosted for 1884 instead of the great Roscoe himself.

How to Secure Success.

If there is one fact more than any other that is recognized and acknowledged by all, it is the fact that a full Democratic vote will secure Democratic success. In this campaign it is not a question about how many votes we can make, or how many converts we can secure, as much as can we have every Democratic vote at the polls? With a full vote there can be but one result—an overwhelming victory for the entire Democratic ticket; and a full vote can be secured if the Democratic organization and the Democratic people but do their duty.

It is work that wins, but to poll a full Democratic vote at the coming election will require but little work on the part of each individual, if all who feel an interest in the success of right put their shoulders to the wheel and help along the good cause.

The registration of voters closed on the 7th of September, and there may be Democrats whose names, through carelessness, have been left off the registry books. This does not necessarily prevent them voting. If they have paid a state and county tax within two years they can vote as readily as can any one else, by simply proving that they have resided within the district in which they offer to vote sixty days. These unregistered Democrats should be made to understand this fact.

Another important matter just at this time, and the most important that Democrats have to attend to, is the payment of taxes. No man can vote unless he has paid a State or county tax within two years, or pays it on or before Saturday the 7th day of October. Men can vote who are not registered, but the payment of either State or county tax, as above stated, is an absolute necessity, and there is no way of getting around it, unless you wish to lose your vote.

There is no man so mean as to disfranchise himself for the pittance of State tax he is required to pay to secure a vote.

There is no man so poor who cannot raise the few cents the State imposes as a voting tax; if there are any, any Democratic neighbor will lend him the amount necessary to qualify him to vote. It is the poor men and the careless men who want to be seen after at this time, and RIGHT NOW IS THE TIME TO ATTEND TO IT. See your Democratic neighbor and ask him if he has paid his taxes. If he has not urge him to do so at once. It is all important. If he has not the money to do so loan him the necessary amount, and if you are not able to loan it to him get some Democratic neighbor who is to do it and to do it at once.

A single Democratic vote in each district of the State for want of payment of taxes may lose us the victory. Are you aware of this fact working Democrats? NOW IS THE TIME TO PREVENT SUCH A RESULT and bear in mind all the time, that a full Democratic vote insures an overwhelming Democratic victory.

THE Republicans of New York appear to be in a high old state of excitement over the nomination of the recent State Convention which it is alleged the Stalwarts carried off by fraud. There is a demand not only from the half-breeds but from many Stalwarts, that Secretary Folger, the nominee for Governor, decline the nomination and that the convention be recalled and a new ticket be placed in the field. Folger refuses and there are plenty of Republicans promising him defeat from one to two hundred thousand majority. All agree that Folger is a competent and proper man, but his nomination being foul and unclean, cannot be endured this year when the people are demanding reform and decency. Republican politics in the Empire State present healthy indications of a general smash-up as the result of the disreputable work of its machine politics in which all acquit the nominee for governor as a direct participant. Arthur had better stand at the White House.

SOME time ago we were excited by the statement that the widow of Abraham Lincoln was in reduced circumstances and suffered severely by the public neglect which failed to endow her with the wealth of other Presidential widows. Her son, Secretary Lincoln, the other day entered bonds as administrator of her personal estate, in the sum of \$180,000, which goes to show that she was not a pauper or in danger of the suffering which the public were led to believe would follow if Congress did not come to the rescue.

Voters, Think of This.

Enormous increase of expenditures in Pennsylvania in twenty years in the following items:

PUBLIC PRINTING.	
In 1860 the cost was.....	\$28,000.00
In 1880 the cost was.....	20,641.76
Increase.....	\$7,358.24
PENITENTIARIES.	
In 1860 the expenses were.....	\$36,225.00
In 1880 the expenses were.....	\$1,449,000
Increase.....	\$1,412,775.00
EXPENSES OF LEGISLATION.	
In 1860 the expenses were.....	\$696,047.15
In 1880 the expenses were.....	377,284.65
Increase.....	\$318,762.50
JUDICIARY.	
In 1860 the cost was.....	\$452,500.74
In 1880 the cost was.....	145,065.43
Increase.....	\$307,435.31
KEEPERS OF DEPARTMENTS OF GOVERNMENT.	
In 1860 was.....	\$197,301.88
In 1880 was.....	49,841.07
Increase.....	\$147,460.81
POPULATION OF THE STATE.	
In 1860 was.....	4,282,786
In 1880 was.....	2,908,215
Increase.....	1,374,571

The increase of population was a little more than 47 per cent., and by making their own calculations they will see that the expense of public printing increased nearly eight fold; that the expense of penitentiaries, legislation and the judiciary have been increased more than three fold; and the expenses of the departments have quadrupled. This is a matter of serious consideration, and it is the duty of every voter who desires honest government to ponder the matter well before he casts his vote in favor of the boss influence which is responsible for this great and unprecedented extravagance. It is not needed for the honest conduct of government, but is applied in the way it will do the most good for keeping them in power. The increase of population does not account for it but downright robbery of the public money.

THE Harrisburg Patriot speaking of two excellent and deserving candidates whom the honest and sensible people of Dauphin will delight to honor because of the honorable manner in which they come before them, refers to the despicable mean practice which has become so general and is so discreditable to the manhood of candidates, or would-be candidates travelling round boring for votes or soliciting nominations says:

"There are two candidates for important offices whose example in refusing to make personal solicitation of votes may if endorsed by the people, have great influence in restoring the good old rule that 'the office should seek the man rather than the man seek the office.' We allude to Colonel Henry McCormick democratic candidate for congress, and Hon. W. R. Gorgas, democratic candidate for representative in this city. Aside from the principle involved it is a matter of practical importance to men who cannot afford to devote their time to politics that professional office-seeking should be restrained within decent bounds. Few workmen and as few business men can spare the time to make a personal canvass for office. The consequence is that a large class of citizens are practically debarred from becoming candidates, and this is one reason why party nominations are often conferred upon unfit and unworthy persons. Besides the personal solicitation of votes by candidates is a nuisance to the public. The anxious office-hunter often trespasses upon the time of the man of work and business. There is not a political canvass in which the time spent by workmen, farmers, merchants and others in giving polite audiences to electioneering candidates is not worth thousands of dollars. This is a point well worth the consideration of the intelligent voter. In these days of political reform the practice of buzzing and button-holing the dear people which has been in vogue ought to come in for its share of public reprobation."

If the people will properly sympathize with such honorable course as the Patriot refers to and give a wide berth to personal solicitations they will soon get rid of the detestable bores who annually annoy them and secure a higher standard of official representatives.

THE Republican of this place never can tell the truth on political questions. In this week's issue it says "the Watchman has not the courage of the CENTRE DEMOCRAT to declare for free trade, the settled policy of the party," and that we labored to prove that "all the statesmen that ever lived in this country were free trade advocates and that doctrine is the best for the Democratic party." We said nothing of the kind. We

tried to show that the election of a Governor of Pennsylvania had nothing to do with the tariff and in discussing this we did show that in saying what the Republican did about the tariff of 1832, 1842 and 1846 it was mis-stating historical facts, something public journals should not do. Then we quoted from eminent Republicans to show that in the Republican party there was a great diversity of opinion on the tariff, and the best men of that party wanted the tariff revised. In support of the statement that the Republican party is much divided on the question of tariff, we quote from the speech of Hon. L. W. Hall, made at Steelton, on Saturday. Mr. Hall is a life-long Republican. He said "many of the Western, Southern, and New England Republicans are for free trade. In Pennsylvania, a large majority of both parties are for protection." It is a well known fact that the Legislature of Iowa, in March last, passed a joint resolution instructing their Senators and requesting their Representatives in Congress from that State to vote against any increase of duty on steel blooms and wire rods. The Legislature that passed this resolution contained a Republican majority of ninety-six on joint ballot. Our position is thus made very strong. We repeat that there is a wide difference of opinion among the eminent Republicans of the nation on the tariff question, and that when Beaver raised the tariff issue, he raised a question with which candidates for Governor have nothing to do.

A Frozen Fact.

There is no work you can do from now until the 7th of October that will have such telling effect upon Democratic prospects as to go out and see that the taxes of all the Democrats in your neighborhood are paid. We have all along promised our Democratic people a glorious victory in case a full vote is polled, and a full vote can only be had by seeing that every Democrat is properly prepared to vote. This is the time to attend to that matter. After the 7th of October it will be too late. There are other matters you can easily put off until after that date, but this must be attended to, and now is the time, and you are the one to do it, go at it at once. Don't wonder whether it is being done over in a neighboring ward or township, but go and attend to YOUR OWN DISTRICT. Others are doing it elsewhere, and the only place you are asked to bother about is in your own election district. This is meant for every Democrat that reads this paper.

Two United States election Supervisors in Philadelphia, Edward Gonegan and Frank Johnston, have been held to answer at the next term of Court, upon the charge of making fraudulent returns of votes in the Fourth Ward of that city. The evidence shows that out of thirty-two persons returned as living in one house only three were found there, that but two voters lived in another house where twenty had been registered, that in another only six of twenty registered had been found, and in another house there were but eleven voters out of thirty-six returned. This is the way the machine works which has carried aloft the Republican flag for the last twenty years.

PATTISON's speech is full of golden texts. Here is one of them:

It is a mistake to suppose that the favorable decision of the Pardon Board is conclusive upon the Executive. The recommendations of that board are advisory merely. By the fundamental law the final power to grant pardons is vested in the Governor, who alone is responsible for the exercise of this grave duty.

The plain reading of this is that the Kembles and other rogues who violate the law, or rob the Treasury of the people, must not rely upon the Executive for protection, if Pattison is Governor.

SENATOR JNO. G. HALL, of Elk county has been re-nominated for the Senate in the thirty-eighth district. His election of course, is assured. He is a native of Centre county and ranks among the ablest members of the Senate.

MAYORS AND BACHELORS TRUMP! Mr. Cleveland the Democratic candidate for Governor of New York is Mayor of the City of Buffalo, and a bachelor. Mr. Hill, the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, is Mayor of the City of Elmira, and also a bachelor. Both marriageable and doubtless will be both in the market, immediately after the election. Don't forget it, girls, and put in your best looks for the Democratic ticket.