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Thursday Morning, October, 26, 1882.

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.

FOR STATE SENATE,

WM. A. WALLACE, of Clearfield.

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 last Presidential election did not bankrupt Wm. H. English of Indiana. He is assessed on \$702,500.

The Hon. John D. Deftrees, late U. S. Public Printer died at Berkley Springs, Va., after a lingering illness, on the 19th inst. He was 71 years of age.

R. B. HAYES who was booked to succeed Senator Pendleton, says he is out of politics, and will not be a candidate. Burglarized offices does not appear to be an inviting business this season.

POSTMASTER PIERSON, of New York, has sat squarely down on Jay Hubbellism. He announces that no employee of his office must either solicit political assessments or pay them, under penalty of dismissal.

SPEAKER KEIFER, has taken the stump in New Jersey to aid the re-election of Robeson. Of course. Having survived the Ohio deluge it is but natural he should desire to have his pal with him in the next Congress.

"Go ahead with the Greenback campaign, and I will foot the bill," was the instructions of Boss Quay to his emissaries in 1878 in order to elect Gov. Hoyt. It is his instruction now to elect Beaver, with the same injunction "I will foot the bill."

We have it from a reliable source that the the Republicans have endeavored, and are still trying, to buy votes in Centre county. Democrats be on your guard, expose any one who may approach you with a tender of money or any other valuable consideration to influence your action at the polls.

SENATOR MITCHELL has returned from the western wilds, and has entered the canvass, and is bearing aloft the Independent flag with great earnestness, and effect. He spoke the other day in Wellsboro and is booked for active work up to the election.

CHAIRMAN HENSEL of the Democratic State committee offers a reward of 5,000 dollars for the prosecution and conviction of persons who violate any of the statutes of the Commonwealth against bribery or corruption at elections. He will give \$1,000 for the first conviction; \$500 for each of the next two; \$100 for each of the next ten; \$50 for each of the next twenty and \$10 for each of the next hundred. These rewards are to apply to any offences against said statutes committed between now and the time of the return of the vote by the election officers, the money in all cases to go to the party to whose efforts the prosecuting officer will certify the conviction is due.

The Next Governor at Harrisburg.

Robert E. Pattison, the Democratic candidate for Governor, was given one of the most triumphant ovations at the home of the Camerons on Friday evening last, that has been conferred upon any man in that city for many years. So great was the desire of the people to see the honest face of the accomplished reformer and hear the words of wisdom and true Democracy which so distinguishes all his utterances in his brief canvass of the State, that a large crowd was attracted. Before the time for opening, the auditorium of the commodious Court house was filled to its utmost capacity and hundreds were unable to gain admission, necessitating the organization of two meetings. The meeting in the Court house was presided over by the Hon. Hamilton Aldrich, who without any extended remarks introduced the Democratic candidate for Governor to the audience. Mr. Pattison made one of his most admirable and telling speeches in the interest of reform in our State Government, legislative and executive—referring to the many abuses the people have endured by the boss rule and the loose manner of administration.

The crowd who were unable to gain admittance to the Court house, sufficient of itself for a large mass meeting, organized in the square in front, and were addressed by Geo. W. Hoffman, of Philadelphia, and by Mr. Pattison after his release from the meeting inside. This was undoubtedly a most significant and striking demonstration. Made in the citadel of the Camerons, it serves notice that the people are assuming their own mastery and that the Boss ring and the dynasty approach the end.

THE Philadelphia Times recently reviewing the political situation in Pennsylvania, comes to the conclusion that Gen. Beaver will be beaten in more than two-thirds of the counties, and remarks: "No intelligent and dispassionate estimate based on the best evidences now within reach, can give Beaver a majority, or plurality over Pattison, in more than twenty of the sixty-seven counties, and it is quite possible that he will not carry over fifteen counties. Stewart will poll fully 30,000 votes in the three strong Republican counties of Philadelphia, Allegheny and Lancaster, and there will be comparatively small pluralities for Beaver in the strong Republican counties of the North and North-west. Beyond Bradford, Erie, Warren, Allegheny, Indiana and Somerset he will have only nominal pluralities, if any, until he strikes the Republican line east of the Alleghenies, and in the counties conceded to him he will have a most beggarly show of pluralities as compared with the old fashioned Republican majorities. His defeat may be assumed as assured unless some political miracle shall come to his rescue, and all signs must be at fault if he can escape with less than 50,000 plurality against him, with a combined popular majority of 300,000 in protest against his elevation to the gubernatorial chair."

THE Republicans claim the election of three members of Congress in Ohio by an aggregate majority of sixty-three—Morey by 42; Hart by 13, and McKim by 8. These will probably be contested and if the Democrats have a majority in the next Congress, as they unquestionably will have, we trust they will not be influenced by the infamous example given them by the present Congress. This is an extraordinary campaign in which millions of dollars have been forced from the employes of the Government, to debauch elections. Contests will afford opportunity for searching investigation of the expenditure of Hubbell's corruption fund which it is said was freely expended in Ohio, and no doubt went to the relief of these gentlemen now famous for their narrow margins.

Philadelphia's Tweed.

Major Phipps' thefts are mounting up to immense figures. It appears from an expose in the Record that the stealings aggregate the sum of \$650,000 extending over a period of nine years; that Phipps made a bargain when he was elected superintendent of the Almshouse in July 1873, to divide the profits of his office with four members of the board of guardians of the poor, and that under this agreement \$75,000 was stolen every year. During the present year from January to July by means of duplicate bills and by forgery and connivance with contractors, Phipps managed to steal \$40,000, this theft having occurred after city councils had instituted an investigation into allegations of fraud. Phipps kept fifteen families going, among these being the houses of four poor guardians, five contractors, two discharged employes and four other persons, official and otherwise, who had obtained a hold on the superintendent's fears or affections. A pass book has been made public in which appear the entries for marketings supplied to various persons at the Major's expense, aggregating a total of \$29,000. The article says that in 1876 Phipps expended \$10,000 in cigars which he scattered with lavish hand—this being his favorite method of electioneering.

THE result of the late election in Ohio should be a faithful lesson of the fact that decency and fairness in politics is a paying investment that no party can entirely disregard without discredit and positive injury as in any other business in social life. But a few months have elapsed since the Republican Legislature of Ohio, with a chuckle over their ingenuity, gerrymandered that State so as to secure the election of sixteen Rep., Congressmen out of the twenty one districts into which it was divided, with fair chances, as they supposed, of carrying four of the balance. Such unfairness could not otherwise than disgust fair minded men and render them indifferent to success obtained at the expense of honor and decency. The crop produced to the Republicans, by the arrangement, is five members of Congress, out of twenty-one, just the reverse of what was intended, and may well serve as a warning to others, and particularly to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, no matter upon what party basis it may be constructed. The people will not be satisfied with any unfairness in arranging the representation of the state. An honest apportionment all are entitled to, and no other should be accepted without placing the severest rebuke upon the party guilty of perpetrating it. Let us have an apportionment just to all parties, fair and honorable.

THE Republicans of Ohio, says the Cleveland Herald, "Find nothing in the present situation of things to encourage them. They have been disgusted and demoralized by the scramble for spoils in Washington." This is a melancholy tone to come from such high Republican authority, and is evidence of the general disgust which honest Republicans can no longer suppress when they see the head of the Administration the mere tool of discreditable bosses in Virginia and Pennsylvania, and which even the great office failed to raise from the party slums and dishonorable tricks of machine politics in New York.

THAT was a brilliant reception given to ROBERT E. PATTISON, the Democratic candidate for Governor, at the home of Don Cameron, on Friday evening last. The honors of the occasion were not done by the Boss in person, but his neighbors turned out in great numbers to see that nothing was wanting to make the visit of the distinguished reformer a very enjoyable one. He will call again about the first of January next.

Democratic Candidates.

The time is now near at hand when the Democracy of Centre county will again have the privilege in their sovereign capacity of choosing their official representatives. It is a high privilege as well as an important duty which should not be lightly neglected or carelessly performed. We have a good ticket, composed without exception of honest, upright men, capable of appreciating the high trust conferred upon them by the party and competent to perform the duties imposed by the trust in an intelligent and satisfactory manner. Of the very distinguished and accomplished statesman named to represent us in the Congress of the United States and in the senate of Pennsylvania, Ex-Governor A. G. Curtin and Ex-Senator William A. Wallace, it is unnecessary to speak in this community. Their known ability and established patriotism in many years of acceptable service in public life is ample assurance that no mistake is made in choosing them to carry the standard of the people in this struggle for honest Democratic Government.

For Representatives in the general Assembly we have Prof. Henry Meyer, of Miles township, and Benjamin F. Hunter, of Benner township, both of whom are gentlemen of character, fresh from the ranks of the people, natives of the county and both possessing as they deserve, the confidence of their fellow-citizens, and capable of rendering good, intelligent services as Representatives. Prof. Meyer was for several years Superintendent of the public schools of the county in which capacity he distinguished himself not only as an accomplished educator, but as a most faithful, efficient and obliging official. He possesses the intellectual qualifications for prominence in the public councils of the State. Mr. Hunter is a progressive farmer of large experience and unimpeached character, possessing in an eminent degree that excellent virtue of sound common sense and discriminating judgement which will enable him to represent his constituents in a most satisfactory and intelligent manner. For these gentlemen we invoke the cordial and hearty support of every Democrat.

Captain J. H. Tolbert, of Walker township is the candidate for Jury Commissioner, and Dr. A. K. Hoy, of Spring township, candidate for Coroner. Both these gentlemen are competent and deserving the entire confidence and support of the Democracy.

THE Hon. MONTGOMERY BLAIR, of Maryland, who was a member of Mr. Lincoln's cabinet, having received the Democratic nomination for Congress in his district writes an able and suggestive letter of acceptance in which he presents a startling array of facts showing the extravagance of the Republican party. He thinks a continuance of the enormous appropriations which mark the return of that party to the control of Congress, and the exhausting taxation now imposed, will soon precipitate a crash upon us similar to that which these causes brought upon the country in 1873. He shows that Grant's eight years of profound peace cost \$1,376,498,40—almost as much as the government had cost for seventy one years—from 1789 to 1860—which preceded the advent of the Republican party to power and amounted only to \$1,445,125,750.10, out of which sum we paid for the wars with England, Mexico and Tripoli, and the many wars with the Indian tribes, besides the amounts paid in acquiring the territories of Louisiana, Florida and California. The experienced and venerable statesman knows whereof he speaks, and as a member of the next Congress will have the ability as well as the will to discuss the extravagances of Republican rule intelligently.

BLUNDERING STATESMEN! The Legislature of Tennessee in passing a law at their last session forming Congressional districts, omitted to provide for three counties who cannot vote for Representatives. The Republican National Committee advises the Governor to call an extra session of the Legislature to repair the defective law.

Senator Alexander Declines.

Below we insert the letter of Senator Alexander, declining the nomination given him at the conferee meeting at Lock Haven on the 6th inst. The late period of its reception before going to press, prevents remarks upon the subject, other than to say that we cannot too earnestly commend the noble unselfish position he has taken in the interest of harmony. He was fairly and honorably in possession of the party nomination, and any supposed irregularity, or action in the conference of doubtful propriety, was not chargeable to him or to his conferees. Mr. Alexander and his conferees deserve well of the Democracy of Centre county. Mr. Wallace, being a highly acceptable candidate, will of course receive the hearty support of every good Democrat in old Centre:

BELLEFONTE, PA., Oct. 32, 1882.

To the Democracy of the Thirty-Fourth Senatorial District:

I respectfully decline the nomination for Senator given me by the conference at Lock Haven on October 6, 1882. I am actuated in this purpose by the condition of the party in the district, resulting from the action of some of the conferees who participated therein, but with which I was in no manner implicated, and by the apprehension that the cause may suffer by my continuance in the field as a candidate. My conferees were present in the conference held at Tyrone on the 19th of October, at which Senator Wallace was asked to accept the nomination. And as I know there is great dissatisfaction with the manner of my nomination at Lock Haven, and that the public enemy are attempting to profit thereby to the detriment of the great cause of Democratic reform, I have come to the conclusion to decline the honor conferred.

After a consultation with many leading Democrats whose advice and counsel I highly appreciate, I now suggest that the Hon. William A. Wallace be the accepted candidate of the party for State Senator. His long service in the party points to him as the only man who can relieve us of our present confusion. With many thanks to the warm, kind hearted Democratic friends who have stood by me in this unfortunate affair, I tender my heartfelt thanks.

Respectfully yours,

C. T. ALEXANDER.

We the undersigned conferees, appointed by the authority of the last Democratic County convention of Centre County, most heartily approve of the course adopted by the candidate nominated by this county, Hon. Cyrus T. Alexander, as set forth in the foregoing letter and join him in asking all good Democrats to give a united and cordial support to Hon. William A. Wallace as the only candidate of the Democratic party for the office of State Senator.

Wm. C. Heinle,

J. C. Harper.

"The Poor Man's Country."

The Washington Post pertinently remarks that "Persons who are old enough to remember what a splendid country this was for poor men before the Republican party was born, will be surprised to learn that, according to one of its agile and robust organs, 'the Republican party has made America superlatively the home of the poor man, where he can enjoy advantages afforded nowhere else. American workingmen live better, dress better, and have more money than those of any other country under the sun.'"

It is an incontrovertible fact that the advantages of the poor in the United States, as compared with those of the rich, have been rapidly diminishing for twenty years. It is known of all men that the legislation of the past twenty two years has built up great fortunes for the favored few at the expense of the toiling many. And while it is happily true that the working people in this young country, incalculably rich in its natural resources, are still better off than the working classes in Europe, there is not the slightest ground for claiming that the Republican party has produced the exceptional advantages that our work-

ingmen possess. When John Sherman claimed the glory of great crops he was not more absurd than is this preposterous assertion.

If the present policy of enriching the few out of the earnings of the working masses is continued, and if our public lands—what there is left of them—are to be given away to corporations in the future, as they have been in the past, we shall soon hear a cry from the poor to stop immigration.

The truth is that, in spite of bad laws that rob labor for the benefit of capital, our working people have prospered and still prosper to some extent; for in such a country as this even systematic injustice can be bravely surmounted.

From the extract above quoted one would suppose that the Republican party invented this country and generously gave it as a boon to the poor. There are fifty millionaires to-day where there was one in 1860. There are a hundred owners of vast tracts of Western lands to-day where there was one in 1860. There are a million dollars of untaxed capital to-day where there was one dollar in 1860. But the chances for poor men in this country will continue to grow small by degrees and gloomily less, until the power that produces these results is disarmed and broken.

A Stalwart Council.

It has leaked out, says the Harrisburg Patriot, that there was a quiet gathering of Stalwart politicians in this city on Sunday last to take counsel in regard to the political situation. Boss Cameron at last recognizes the desperate condition of his canvass and sees the necessity of making an extraordinary effort to stem the tide of popular feeling which threatens to overwhelm his ticket. He thinks there is but a single chance for Beaver and that is in the diversion of Democratic votes to Armstrong. In order to accomplish his it was agreed at the Sunday council that a large sum of money should be raised, not less than \$200,000. It was stated in that council that the greenback leaders are willing to work exclusively among Democrats if the money they require is furnished them. The requisite fund is to be raised by an appeal to the manufacturers and business men on the ground that the success of the Democrats will ruin trade. The "business" scare of 1880 is to be repeated if possible. Boss Cameron left for Philadelphia on Monday in pursuance of the plan agreed upon at the Sunday council. He will attempt at once to start a "business men's movement with the 'tariff' as its ostensible inspiration, that real purpose being simply to frighten the timid and uninitiated into contributions to his greenback corruption fund. Of course there will be willing contributors to this infamous purpose, but it is hardly credible that the plot can succeed with upright men who have their wits about them. The trick is too transparent and the method of its perpetration too desperate to commend it to people of ordinary sense and prudence. It is more than likely that Boss Cameron will be afflicted with another toothache before he succeeds in putting up his contemplated job on the business men of Philadelphia.

SIMON CAMERON recently expressed his regret that Mr. Tilden had not been allowed to take the Presidential office instead of conferring it upon Hayes, the defeated candidate. He makes this candid admission of the villainy of his party associates, not because of disgust at the wrong and fraud committed upon the people, but because he alleges one Democratic administration would be as much as the country would bear, and being now over things would be more pleasant for the Republican thieves and bosses. At the time the great fraud was perpetrated, he was in the Senate, and his acknowledgment then of the great crime would have been more creditably in order, than it is in October 1882.

We are informed by the able correspondent of the New York Tribune, writing from Indianapolis, that the Republicans of Indiana rely entirely for success upon the justice of their cause. Since it happens that their cause has no justice to speak of it will be seen that this lets them out.—Cincinnati Enquirer.