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Democratic State Convention.

The Democratic State Convention will meet in the opera house, Harrisburg, on Wednesday, Aug. 1, at 10 a. m., to nominate a candidate for Auditor General and a candidate for State Treasurer, and to transact such other business as the convention may determine. There will also be presented to the convention a resolution which has been adopted by the State Committee, changing the rules of the party so as to fix the time of the annual meeting of the State Committee at 4 p. m., on the Wednesday after the third Monday of January, instead of the third Monday as now provided.

Under the new rules of the party the representation in the State Convention will be by representative delegates from existing representative districts, one for each 1,000 Democratic votes cast at the last gubernatorial election, or for a fraction of 1,000 such votes amounting to 500 or more. Provided that each representative district shall have at least one delegate.

There will be a meeting of the Democratic State Committee in Harrisburg on Tuesday July 24, at 8 p. m.

W. V. HENSEL, Chairman State Com.

J. B. LORETT, Clerk.

THE Postmaster General has decided that money orders or registered packages of the Louisiana Lottery Company shall not be delivered through the United States mails.

OVER one hundred members of Apollo Commandery of K. T. at Chicago, accompanied by ladies, will leave to-day for a voyage to Europe, which is taken in place of a trip to the San Francisco triennial convale.

ABOUT seven hundred Mormon Converts landed in New York last week from Europe. The Saints perhaps never before prospered as they are now doing under the Edmund's law for the suppression of the polygamous institution.

THE Republican State Convention which met yesterday to ratify Boss Quays bargain with John Stewart and others for the nomination of Niles for Auditor General, are not likely to carry through the programme, without some exciting protests from independent stalwarts.

On the 4th of July, Prof. King made a balloon ascension from Cleveland, Ohio, with A. D. Davis of Chicago, and Rose Kennedy of Springfield, Illinois, who were married in the balloon and took a wedding trip into the clouds and landed safely a few miles from the city.

RAILROAD bridges in England are being made of glass, which promises to supercede the use of wood and iron for this purpose. The experiments made are said to be highly satisfactory, both as to cost and the solidity of the structure. The blocks of glass are hardened by a special process which is the principal point of invention.

THE Smithsonian Institute at Washington has received as a curiosity of the cyclone, five feet of the butt of a white oak tree, five inches in diameter a few feet from the ground, through the centre of which a pine board one inch thick and twelve inches wide had been driven several feet by the recent cyclone in Mississippi.

A STALWART paper figures up the election of the Republican ticket in 1884, and claims for the Republican candidates a majority of one in the electoral college. This is figuring pretty close, and taking comfort on a very small capital. But even to obtain this morsel of hope, the hopeful stalwart has to include Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio in making up the result.

THE latest hot weather directions to keep cool is given by the New York Graphic thus: Wear a cabbage leaf in your hat. Carry a sun umbrella. Don't walk on the sunny side of the street. Don't drink too much ice water. Nor beer. Nor spirits. Don't overwork. Don't worry. Knock off business in the heat of the day. Take sponge baths every few minutes. Let your business slide and retire to the cool, shady groves. Don't read political editorials. Never mind about the next President. Put it on ice. Cultivate prespiration. Sleep all you can. Live in your bath room. Think of the poor. Never mind charity, but think of them in some cool place.

The Dude War Upon Sparrows.

The wholesale slaughter of the little sparrow, sanctioned by the legislature of the great commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has been well denominated "The Dude warfare upon the sparrows." In a few years to come, when the boys of to-day will be men, it will be no wonder if crimes are more common than they are now, how could it be otherwise, if children are encouraged in acts of cruelty and brought up to despise the teachings of Him "who sees even the sparrow when it falleth to the ground." But this foolish and unnatural law discreditably to the commonwealth and those who participated in its enactment does not meet general favor and it is to be hoped will create such disgust in the minds of the people as to render it a dead-letter upon the statute book. Here is what the farmer's of Berks county think upon the subject, and their theory is correct beyond doubt.

READING, July 8.—The farmers in this section now have a startling theory for the spread of the Hessian fly and the wheat worm in their grain. At the last session of the legislature an act was passed empowering persons to destroy the English sparrows. These birds are being slaughtered by the wholesale, and the farmers say that the flies and worms increase just in proportion as the sparrows are killed. The latter, they say, formerly destroyed the insects, but now the bugs have full play among the wheat.

Gov. PATTISON by the free use of the veto power vested in him by the constitution, and the cogent and unanswerable reasons given for each action, has not only exposed to public view the systematic robbery which had become custom, under various pretexts, but it has furnished a lesson to representatives, that more careful investigation would be to their credit. Hundreds of objectionable laws have been passed, and millions of dollars improperly, if not corruptly, drawn from the public treasury, mostly in the name of charity and education, without receiving the close scrutiny of the members of the executive that a proper appreciation of duty would demand. Under the vigilance of Gov. Pattison who applies law and intelligent investigation as part of executive duty, it is probable the legislature will be more careful of appearing before him with slipshod enactments seeking his approval. As if to complete the brilliant veto record of Gov. Pattison, his disapproval of the appropriation made for extra pay to the chief clerks and other employees over and above the salaries allowed by law is to be commended. These officials hold their offices under an annual salary, and whether employed 150 days, or 365 days no mere appropriation to swell the amount of pay authorized could be justified. That it has been done heretofore, is no reason that the illegal act must be continued. He acted wisely in this matter and up to the full standard of his duty, and while we sympathize with these officers as we have no doubt also did the Governor, as a citizen we accord our warmest commendation.

Gov. PATTISON, says the Philadelphia Record, kept one eye on the constitution and laws while he ran over the items of the appropriation bill with the other, and he eliminated everything that had no sanction of a law to give it validity. He holds the legislature strictly to its function and inaugurates the reforms intended by the constitution of 1873, which have heretofore been neglected through the complaisance of both legislative and executive authority. It is clear that we are really going back again to the simplicity of an earlier day, when there was an understood relation between salary and service. The governor, it must be remembered, is not cutting down the pay of subordinate officials; he is cutting away the perquisites. He has not been able to fall in with the Harrisburg notion that the state is a pious and prosperous body whose treasury is fair game for any one that can get the key to it.

EX-CHAIRMAN CALKINS, of Indiana, who distinguished himself as the head of the very graceless election committee of the last congress, is measuring the work of the committee of the next congress by the corrupt standard adopted and practiced by his committee. He declares that few contested seats will be decided at the long session, but at the short session republican seats will be emptied without justice or compunction. It is to be hoped that the base tyrannical precedents of the last Congress will obtain no sympathy in the next, but that all contested cases will be decided promptly on their merits and according to the rights of parties without waiting until the expiration of Congress, to determine the result of honest elections and honest claims. Under Republican practice the contesting system has become one of unmitigated fraud and unblushing scoundrelism in which the committee of Congressman Calkins acted a very prominent and disgraceful part in the last Congress.

THE Philadelphia Telegraph a Republican paper, speaking of the course of Senator John Stewart on the apportionment bill expresses disapprobation in language not to be misunderstood. The Telegraph represents the honest republicans. It says: "John Stewart has the floor for an explanation. During the regular session of the Legislature he openly and firmly refused to endorse the McCracken Congressional Apportionment gerrymander, and went so far as to prepare a bill himself upon a different and much more reputable basis. Last week he not only allowed the same McCracken bill to pass without protest, but voted for it himself. Either he was wrong in first denouncing and opposing the bill, or he was wrong afterwards in sustaining it. It will never become a law, but Mr. Stewart's bill might have been passed: at all events, the Senator from Franklin has made a most extraordinary record before the people of Pennsylvania."

At the regular session, honest, independent John had probably not received the full measure of Boss Quay's affectionate consideration. The Senatorial bee in his hat did not become seriously agitated until Gov. Pattison called him back to perform the neglected duty he shirked in defiance of his obligation as a representative sworn to support and defend the constitution.

MASSACHUSETTS TEWKSBURY INDUSTRY. "I have got," says Governor Butler, "five different specimens of tanned skins of human beings. Here is a pair of slippers cut out from the breast of a white woman, and I have a whole skin from the back of another woman. This business had got to be a commerce. If this investigation has cost \$20,000, I am satisfied if I have accomplished nothing but the stopping of this new industry. The money is well spent."

LEADING GERMANS, both in Ohio and Iowa are taking affectionate leave of the Republican party as no longer in accord with the sentiments and objects of that party. These honest Germans begin to discover that "all is not gold that glitters"—that the usurpation of an honest name does not clothe the Federalists with the honest principles they expected to enjoy in their associations, when they left the government of Bismark for a home in Democratic Republican America.

FRIDAY, the 6th instant, being the last day the Governor had for consideration of bills before him, he cleared his table, and thus closed up the business of the last session of the legislature with the following result: Of the 670 bills introduced in the Senate and House, 253 were passed finally during the session covering 150 days. Of these bills passed 193 have become laws and 60 were vetoed.

Loyalty, Not Organization.

Ex Governor Hoyt is capable of uttering noble, patriotic, and sound Democratic sentiments when disengaged from the net work which obligations to party while in line of promotion threw around him. In a speech before the Union Society of Williams College, Massachusetts, on "The Scholar in the Republic," delivered on Monday evening of last week, he took occasion to express himself freely. We regret that only a brief extract can be copied for the *Sun and Banner* readers. They will find, however, much for thought and reflection, making a subject of interest to all: "It is to principle we are bound by the sacred ties of loyalty, and not to organizations. Fealty and homage to created men, both as matter of form and matter of substance, have gone out of fashion. Every private citizen and every magistrate has felt the humiliating pressure of being called upon to perform the 'covenants running with the land,' so to speak, of their assumption of proprietorship set up by arrogant dictators and pretended lords paramount. The experience of President Garfield, who found his official life empty of pleasure or profit, extorted from him the pathetic utterance: 'I have been dealing all these years with ideas, and here I am dealing only with persons. I have been heretofore treating of the fundamental principles of government, and here I am considering all day whether A or B shall be appointed to this or that office.' Thus the province of statesmanship is invaded by the vulgarity of wrangling spoilsmen. You are needed, with your incisive patriotism and generous enthusiasm for social order and sound social maxims, to clean up all the remains of the old fetish of 'bosses,' 'rings,' 'caucuses,' 'patronage.' The pushing place hunter's cry of 'regularity,' drowns the voice of the people for purity and decency, as the Suttie's drum is used to drown the voice of conscience. You want to cremate the whole pestilential brood in the fiery furnace of your condemnation, 'beginning at Jerusalem.' What is the use of a 'temple of liberty' if political corner loafers are to occupy the portico, to the exclusion of the proper celebrants.—*Sun and Banner*."

A WRITER in the Harrisburg Patriot urges the nomination of the Hon. Geo. A. Achenbach of Clinton county as the Democratic candidate for Auditor General. We second the motion most cordially. No better man can be selected, or one who would give more faithful and honest service to the state.

All Sorts.

Coffee is being extensively planted on the Florida Keys.

Mrs. Catherine Chase, formerly Mrs. Sprague, has gone to Europe for the summer.

There are more Catholics in New York than in any other city on the globe.

Mrs. Garfield and her daughter Mollie, are at Saratoga and intend to remain there for some time.

More than a million persons in France throw stones, for they live in houses that have no windows.

San Francisco street lamps have not been lighted for two months, and will not be until the city pays a big gas bill.

Mr. David Davis calls interviewers "the buzzards of the press." He at all events can furnish them good picking.

What becomes of all the old clothes when only one factory down in Maine turns out 140,000 new ones every day?

Brother Beecher can not save any money on a salary of \$30,000 a year. The good man probably keeps a cow.—*Atlanta Constitution*.

Man milliners are on the increase in Europe. They are employed in all the fashionable milliner establishments of Paris and London.

There are about 14,000 visitors at Baden-Baden this season, and all the leading European watering places are correspondingly crowded.

The meanest man out, according to the New Orleans *Preyone*, is the man who knows who is going to be the next President, but won't tell.

Large tracts of land in Texas are fenced with hedges of roses which, in a few years, cheaper than wire, rails, or lumber, form a barrier that neither man nor beast can pass.

Queen Victoria does not indulge in the affectation of pretending not to

read the newspapers. She takes a morning and an evening daily and several weeklies. She is fond of novels, too.

The first woman ever appointed to a musical professorship in Germany is Johanna Wagner, niece of the great composer, who has been assigned to such a position at the Munich conservatory.

You want to know the meaning of "filthy lucre," do you? Well, it is very evident that you never fished a nickel out of a horse car mat on a muddy day, or you wouldn't be harassing us with such an insane query.—[Puck.]

Governor Butler's victory in the Tewksbury matter was recorded when T. J. Marsh, jr., refused to produce the books, because their evidence would be to his detriment. This act will probably also prevent the intended white-washing report by the committee.

A Liverpool thief wished to get into a pawnbroker's office, and thought he could slip down the chimney if naked. So he took off his clothes and made the trial, only to get stuck fast in the flue. He remained there all night, and was glad when finally taken into custody by the police, because they had to rescue him.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—Cucumbers and colic have joined hands again.

—Over a million dollars a week is what we pay in pensions.

—Mr. R. A. Beck, the barber, will return from Philadelphia to-day.

—Rah for the Republican county ticket! The enthusiasm is outpouring.

—This evening the Eagle Cornet Band, of Roland, will present a handsome case to Rev. Mr. Morris, of Milesburg.

—Messrs. Alexander & Co. have succeeded in restraining the Buffalo Run railroad company from going through their coal-yard for the present.

—Elsewhere in this issue will be found addresses delivered by Rev. John Hewitt and J. L. Spangler, Esq., as members of Constans Commandery. The speeches will bear careful perusal.

—The death of Mr. R. H. Powell occurred at Huntingdon, on Tuesday night. Mr. Powell was extensively engaged in coal and iron operations in this and Clearfield counties, and is reputed to have been very wealthy.

—Many of the roads in our county are not kept in as good a state of repair as might be wished for by those who are compelled to travel over them. There is little excuse for this and we hope the time may speedily come when the amount expended one spring may not be entirely wasted before the next.

—Millie awakened on the morning of July 4th, looked all round and then gave herself a general shaking preparatory to the struggle necessary to properly conduct a first class celebration. The speaking was done on a raised platform in front of the National Hotel, by Rev. B. Hengst. The Millheim Band furnished the music.

—We extend to Mr. J. N. Holmes, editor of the *Tyrone Times* our condolence and sympathy in the great loss he has sustained—the death of his wife. Mrs. Holmes had been staying with her mother in Philadelphia receiving medical treatment for consumption but help was of no avail and she passed away peacefully on Saturday evening, aged 22 years.

—Howard had a glorious time on the 4th instant. The meeting was organized in the forenoon by Rev. Stine who led in prayer. The address of welcome was delivered by Mr. E. W. Barry responded to by D. S. Keller, Esq., and the Declaration of Independence was read by a young Mr. Stine. In the afternoon the various other features were attended to including the performance of Col. Dan Hastings. He delivered the oration and his effort is spoken of highly. Howard people are to be congratulated upon their hospitality and enterprise.

LOVE AND FAITH.—It is love that has taught the world, for its happiness, that what has been begun here will not forever be interrupted, nor what has been ill done forever remain unatoned; that the affection here kindled will never cease; that the sin committed can be wiped out and the good conceived can be achieved; that all within which is good and happy and forever struggling here—virtue, genius—will be free to act hereafter; that the creatures thrust under in this world may there unite forever.

"A FEAST OF REASON AND A FLOW OF SOUL."—Mr. J. Irwin Hagerman, shorthand reporter, a member of Constans Commandery, No. 33, Knights Templar, of this place, has placed us under renewed obligations by furnishing us the following stenographic report of the remarks of Eminent Sir J. L. Spangler upon the presentation of a Grand Praelate's uniform to Eminent Sir Rev. John Hewitt, the newly elected Praelate of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, together with the latter gentleman's reply.

Eminent Sir J. L. Spangler said: Eminent Commander.—At the recent Annual Conclave of Knights Templar assembled in the city of Lancaster, by conspicuous and significant partiality, you were elected and installed Grand Praelate of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. The promotion of a member of Constans Commandery to the exalted position of Grand Praelate of that Grand Body is a matter of peculiar gratification to this Commandery. Your promotion is our promotion, your success ours also. The dignity and distinction conferred upon you by the Grand Commandery, in part, is reflected back on this Commandery, over which you at this moment have the honor also to preside as Eminent Commander. The office of Grand Praelate will afford you a most excellent opportunity to teach and exemplify those ancient principles of truth, honor and chivalry which form the basis of modern Knighthood. Your honorable profession, as teacher of divine truths, your ability, zeal and industry most eminently qualify you for the varied duties of that exalted position. I trust you may attain the highest aspirations of your life. I have no doubt, Sir Knight, that you will impress upon the hearts and consciences of Sir Knights of this Commonwealth, with all your ability and zeal, those sentiments of chivalry and knighthood characteristic of our brotherhood. In your efforts thus to teach and exemplify the principles of our order, you will always have the hearty support of Constans Commandery. You can constantly rely upon the friendship, support and sympathy of your own Commandery.

As a mark of the evidence of your esteem, friendship and affection for you, I am authorized, on this occasion, to present you with a most valuable and beautiful gift, a full and complete outfit and regalia of a Knight Templar, with the insignia of your office as Grand Praelate of the Grand Commandery. This regalia consists, as you will observe, of a beautiful chapeau, esp. baldric, belt, sword, gauntlets and valise, on each article making up this magnificent gift, you will not fail to have observed the emblem of our order, the "Holy Cross," which teaches you and all of us, that Templarism is founded upon the principles of Christianity, and that we are sworn friends of the Cross. Permit me, Sir Knight, to recall those memorable words of an illustrious predecessor, in the office of Grand Praelate, who on a similar occasion said:

"The Cross will take the world. Let me entreat you to live beneath its influence, walk in its light, rest in its shadow, and when life's work is ended, the last battle having been fought and won, lay you down at the foot of the Cross and die, and He whose right it is will present you to His Father to be crowned with glory and immortality."

This is the highest and best greeting of Constans Commandery to a faithful and devoted soldier of the Cross. I now present you in behalf of Constans Commandery, with this beautiful and exquisite present, the highest evidence of their love and affection for you. May you live long and be happy.

Eminent Sir Rev. John Hewitt, replied: Sir Knight Spangler and Sir Knights of Constans Commandery.—You are well aware how utterly impossible it is for anyone, under circumstances of such great surprise, to make a proper response to such an address as that which Sir Knight Spangler has just given utterance to, and particularly to use fitting language to express thanks for such a token of regard and esteem as this which is displayed before me now. But I cannot accept it without saying a word to my friends, the Sir Knights here, and all those of this Commandery. Perhaps I cannot express as I would like, what I have to say, but what is in my mind is this: Whatever honors the Grand Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania has conferred upon me are not mine, but belong to Constans Commandery. It is due to Constans Commandery, in the first place, that I became a Knight Templar; it is due also to Constans Commandery that I have been so advanced in Templarism as to gain the position I now occupy of Grand Praelate. Whatever honors, therefore, belong to this office, are in the care and keeping of Constans Commandery. And in the use of this regalia now presented to me, I shall always feel pleasure, and entertain grateful recollections of the many kindnesses which have already gone before it, not only from Constans Commandery, as such, but from every member of it individually.

Would to God that I might be able to perform the duties which devolve upon me in my several relations to you, in the position of Grand Praelate of the State of Pennsylvania, and of Eminent Commander of this Commandery, in such a manner as that they might have a lasting effect upon the minds and characters of every Sir Knight connected with this Commandery, and of the entire jurisdiction.

It is something to me, Sir Knights, to know that I have earned your good will and affection, and I assure you I feel that it has been full, without stint, without restraint. Never do I meet any member of this Commandery without feeling that I have in him a brother and a friend. However opposite our several occupations, I feel that we meet upon the level and part upon the square, and I trust that this new token of your esteem will, if possible, bind us still more closely together in the bonds of fraternal love and affection, and make us more earnest in our efforts to exemplify the divine truths which our order is intended to inculcate, not only for the benefit of ourselves, but for the benefit of the community in which we live.

Sir Knights, accept my sincere thanks.