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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 23, at 8 p. m.

W. U. HENSEL,
Chairman State Com.

J. B. LICHTY, Clerk.

THE Republican platform is a weighty affair, and will test the strength and capabilities of Niles and Livsey to bear up under the load until November.

GEN. WEAVER, the leader of the Greenbackers in Iowa, is in the field as a candidate for Governor. Of course, he has no prospect of election, but may worry the Republicans, who are considerably divided and disorganized.

THE real estate taxable in the District of Columbia is estimated at \$100,000,000. The people of the District and the National Government form a kind of partnership, by which the latter provides half the funds required to carry on the District Government.

It does look that way. The editor of a Wyoming newspaper says that all talk about controlling the Mormons, is absurd. They are so well drilled and so thoroughly prepared for resistance that it would be amusement for them to annihilate the whole Federal army.

MAYO, the Commander in charge of the Norfolk Navy Yard, it appears, has had his fingers so deep in Mahone's dirt pile during the late election, that very earnest demands are made for his removal under charge of misappropriation of the public funds and unwarranted colonization of voters.

SENATOR BUTLER of South Carolina, has paired with Senator Cameron as long as the latter may desire to remain in Europe. A warm personal friendship exists between these senators, the origin of which is exceedingly creditable to both, and fully justifies Senator Butler in maintaining the pair, however protracted.

THE New York World believes that in theory the civil service reform places the claim of women for office upon an equality with the men, but in practice the female applicant is crowded out by the male striker. After one or two more trials it is thought the examiners will put this at the head of the rules, "No women need apply."

A FRENCH ENTERPRISE. It is said that over \$150,000 have been already subscribed to a company organizing in France for the purpose of dredging the Red Sea to recover the submerged chariots of Pharaoh's Army. The undertaking looks decidedly cranky, but there are those who believe that great profits are to be derived from the enterprise.

THE Democratic Congress will not lose much time in arranging for the redemption of the trade dollar, and those who are able to hold them should not allow themselves to be swindled by the present speculation of the sharks who have brought about the depreciation for this purpose. This trade dollar, the offspring of Republican legislation, should never have been authorized but when issued, and put in circulation under its sanction the government was bound in decency to protect the people against the speculators, instead of facilitating their operations by repudiating the currency, as was done in this case.

Republican Convention.

The Republican State Convention was held on Wednesday of last week, and resulted in the nomination of William Livsey, of Pittsburgh, for State Treasurer, and Jerome B. Niles, of Tioga, for Auditor General. These were the state ring candidates, groomed and trained under Bosses Quay, Magee and Cooper, the acting agents of the great boss now in Europe. The Independents are given a sop by the nomination of Niles merely as a tonic to strengthen the digestive organs of Stewart to put down his dish of crow with a straight face, while the Stalwarts hold the fort and retain control of the party machinery. To say that the notorious John Cessa was chairman of the convention, is all that is necessary to mark its character and the kind of proceedings and resolutions to be expected. The most significant of these resolutions are as follows:

First—We unqualifiedly approve and demand the continuance of that system of protection to home industry which has proved itself to be the basis of national independence, the incentive to industrial skill and development and the guarantee of a just and adequate scale of wages for labor, and we denounce all attempts to reduce the rates of the tariff below the level which will accomplish these objects.

Second—That any surplus in the public treasury arising from a redundant revenue should, after paying the national debt as fast as its condition permits, be distributed from time to time to the several States upon the basis of population, to relieve them from the burdens of local taxation and provide means for the education of their people.

Third—That as the depreciated trade dollar is locally in the hands of our laboring people and is a disturbing element in the business of the country, we declare it to be the duty of Congress to adopt such legislation as will ensure its full redemption and conversion into other coin for circulation.

The other resolutions, composing the platform, protest against pauper immigration; endorse the administration of President Arthur including of course the coalition with Mahone repudiation and his forced assessments; demands continued efforts for civil service reform; pledges the Republican party to secure necessary reforms in the state government by legislation, and charges the Democrats with making the extra session of the legislature necessary. All of which of course, honestly given in good faith according to Stalwart capability and candor will be received by the people, with a large degree of allowance, so far at least as they shadow Stalwart friendship for civil service reform and locate the responsibility for the extra session.

THE Democratic State Convention of Virginia is to be held at Lynchburg on the 25th inst. Most of the distinguished men of the state are to be members of this Convention, and the citizens of Lynchburg are making arrangements to entertain them in private houses, in regular "conference style." This is a new and pleasant departure which will no doubt be appreciated by the assembled politicians, if not the hotels.

GEN. B. F. BUTLER in accepting honorary membership in the Jefferson Democratic Association at York, Pa. in a letter addressed to Lieut. Gov. Black, its President, says of the great founder of the Democratic party, "To no man does this country owe so much as to Jefferson. But for him our form of government would have descended into a government of the few, which is worse than an actual despotism, for in that the people have only to contend with the vice, ignorance and extravagance of one tyrant, in a government of the few the people have many tyrants to contend against, until they become an intolerable burden, only to be removed through such a tremendous upheaval as was the French revolution. From this Jefferson's example and teachings have thus far preserved us. If the country wanders much farther away from Jefferson's doctrines and the monopolies and special privileges increase much more a despotism must be the result, if the people are not obliged to appeal to other means."

The Hypocrite Unmasks.

The mask which the Independent candidate for Governor wore last year in his struggle with Senator Cameron for the boship of the Republican party, which he coveted, has fallen, and he now appears in true character—the meanest and most contemptible of the whole batch of politicians who "throw conscience to the devil," in order to obtain a mean political advantage. Senator Cameron is a bold, unscrupulous partisan leader, but no one will charge him of being a sneaking hypocrite. But Stewart is without claim to decent respect from those he betrayed, least of all of the honest men who credited him with a sincerity he did not possess. The Philadelphia Record states the case mildly, thus:

"Senator John Stewart is beginning to cant once more about his conscience and his lofty sense of public duty. We suspect that General Beaver and the rest of the Stalwarts have no more faith in his professions of superior political honesty now than they had a year ago. In spite of his pretensions, the fact remains that the Democrats of the legislature have offered fair terms of apportionment not only but have made what would be regarded as unwarrantable concessions in other circumstances. But in their extreme desire to comply with the mandate of the Constitution, and to relieve the people of the shameful gerrymander fastened on them ten years ago, the Democrats have gone beyond the limits of equal apportionment. They have yielded to the Republicans, as the record shows, greater representation in Congress and in the state legislature than their opponents are entitled to in any just distribution in accordance with party strength. But their propositions are rejected because the Republicans are in the enjoyment and possession of a most dishonest gerrymander, the advantages of which they are resolved to keep. That is the precise meaning of the apportionment controversy at Harrisburg, and no amount of protestation on the part of Mr. Stewart and his Independent associates will obscure it from the people of Pennsylvania. The partisan motives and aims of the Stalwarts and Independents are nearly the same. On the part of the Stalwarts it has long been inculcated that any undue advantages in making an apportionment is within the bounds of legitimate party warfare. They construct fraudulent gerrymanders of representation because they believe and expect that the Democrats would do the same thing on the first favorable opportunity. The Independents, on the other hand, make louder professions of political decency, but in their greater narrowness and more intense partisan bigotry they think they are doing the state service by any act that would lessen the representation of the Democrats in Congress and the state legislature, and thus diminish Democratic power for mischief. With them the end sanctifies the means. Hence, marching from different standpoints the Stalwarts and Independents of the Senate come together in support of the existing gerrymander and in opposition to any honest plan of apportionment that threatens it. With both wings of the reunited factions the obligation to obey the Constitution must yield to the interests of party."

THE Legislature of New Hampshire which for some weeks has been in a dead-lock against the re-election of Rollins to the United States Senate, are apparently quite as much divided as at the commencement of the struggle. Rollins has retired and the effort is made to rally the disorganized party on Secretary Chandler of the Navy, but the name of this distinguished radical wire-puller does not seem to harmonize worth a cent, and it is probable he in turn will be driven to the rear.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT.

A Very Pretty Arrangement.

The candidates on the Republican state ticket, remarks the Harrisburg Patriot, were chosen through the personal exertions of M. S. Quay and Chris. Magee. Mr. Niles was selected for Auditor General because he is a corporation man and suits Quay and because as the inventor of John I. Mitchell it was supposed by the bosses he would be able to reconcile the independent vote.

Mr. Livsey was forced upon the convention because he is the personal and confidential representative of Chris. Magee. He has no qualification for the office of State Treasurer not possessed by a thousand other competent clerks, but he has been trained in the methods which the people condemned at last fall's election and the bosses are resolved that those methods shall be continued in the management of the state finances.

While the Humes funding act will cut off the opportunity for bankers like Magee to use the surplus in the sinking fund for private gain, the general treasury fund still remains for deposit in such banks as the state treasurer may designate. Hence the anxiety of Mr. Magee for the nomination of Livsey. The matter is simply one of dollars and cents with the Pittsburgh political banker. He is not ready to disgorge the state money on deposit in his bank and means to hold on to it if possible for two years longer from the first Monday of next May. But the other bankers who now have state deposits can look out for themselves when Mr. Magee's loss of the sinking fund deposit is to be made good out of the general fund.

It comes to about this, then, that Boss Quay will run the corporations of the state through his auditor general, Mr. Niles, and Boss Magee will control the state deposits through his personal representative, Mr. Livsey, in the state department; always provided the people give their assent to this nice little arrangement between the bosses, at the polls next November.

Thus the purse of the state and the power of the corporations would be united in the hands of the bosses in 1884 for the election of a legislature to return Cameron or his personal legatee to the United States senate. Of course every anti-Cameron Republican in the state will be so enamored of this programme that he will throw up his hat and shout for Niles and Livsey.

THE New York Herald says a broad smile will ripple over the country, as everybody reads that the Pennsylvania Republicans have declared for "a distribution of the surplus revenues." The Republicans having for many years enjoyed a monopoly of the public revenues ought to be satisfied, but it seems they are not, and now want a gift of what they failed to steal.

THE New York Sun generally talks plainly and to the point. Giving its views in a recent issue of the unenviable position of Senator Stewart it says "John Stewart was a gallant and able leader of the bolt which liberated Pennsylvania from the thralldom of the rings. What has he seen to cause him repentance, and induce him to crawl back to the loathsome embrace from which he broke with so much apparent horror. He admits that Pattison is pure, that his administration is above reproach, and that if it fails in any important particular it will be for lack of majority in the two houses of the Legislature. Mr. Stewart's idea of reconciliation is a very remarkable one. We do not believe it extends to the file of his party. The voters who made the triumph of reform possible last year will continue in an attitude which will make it possible again. And this is as true of New York as it is in Pennsylvania. If the Democrats give us honest government in the States, they will have an opportunity of giving an honest government in the nation."

A CORRESPONDENT of the Times writing from Wilkesbarre under date of the 15th inst., says: "A writer in the News Dealer of to-day who claims to be on intimate terms with ex-Governor Hoyt, declares that the ex-Governor will not harmonize in the coming campaign, and that the day is not far distant when he will cast his ballot for Democratic candidates." The publication of the statement adds a sensation among the politicians here.

GEN. TOM THUMB DEAD. Charles H. Stratton, better known to the public as General Tom Thumb, died at his residence in Middleboro, Mass., on Sunday last of apoplexy. He was slightly indisposed for a few days, but nothing serious was apprehended, and his sudden death was a great surprise to his family and friends. He was a native of Connecticut, and about 45 years of age. At the age of 14 the diminutive General appeared before the public under the direction of Mr. Barnum, and has continued to hold his levees and entertainments ever since. He leaves a widow, Minnie Warren, to whom he was married in 1863, and an estate valued at \$50,000.

THE civil service regulations went into effect on Monday last. It is said that the administration, who claims to favor civil service reform, has been preparing for this event for some weeks, and has made all the changes and supplied all the vacancies in the Departments at Washington, and elsewhere, which it is alleged amount to five or six hundred, so that none of the hundreds of candidates being examined under the civil service rules for positions will be needed now or in the near future. It will be some gratification however, to this horde of capables, to know that their names are on the civil service roll, subject to call, if death should remove a department station and make a vacancy.

EVANS the recently appointed Internal Revenue Commissioner has proved a failure, if not a fool. About the first thing he did was to remove a couple of competent and experienced clerks against whom no objections were made and supplied their places by two who had been removed for incompetency by his predecessor. Next he demands the resignation of one of his appointees, Revenue Agent Horton, of Boston, accused of taking bribes not because he believed the charges, but because it would be inconvenient to have to investigate all the charges of the bribery and corruption reported to him. Mr. Horton declined to resign, alleging that he could not "afford to lose both his character and his office" without a struggle. The commissioner revoked his appointment.

SENATOR WALLACE says the Philadelphia Record, was much censured by some of his friends for a speech which he made in Industrial Hall, in this city, last October. Mr. Wallace very plainly asserted that the leaders of the Independent revolt were no better than their Regular opponents, and that they had no higher political aims, to judge from their acts and public declarations. He said they were fighting only for their share of the spoils, and if they obtained control of the Republican organization in Pennsylvania they would need quite as much watching as the Regulars. Recent events in the Pennsylvania Senate fully vindicate Senator Wallace's superior political sagacity. It will take sharp optics to discover the difference between stalwarts and Independents in the Senate when it comes to violating the command of the Constitution and cheating the Democrats in the matter of apportionment. The only difference is that the Independents put on a show of conscience and virtue to cover their partisan unfairness, while the Regulars frankly admit that they have a foul advantage, and that they mean to keep it.

THE situation at Harrisburg is unchanged. The Stalwarts of the senate still stand to their original purpose to prevent the passage of anything like a fair, equitable apportionment. Holding the outrageous gerrymander which they have enjoyed for ten years past, the Stalwart council determined before the master boss sailed for Europe, that no bill should pass that would not yield the same unjust and unmanly party advantages. This is the motive which has governed the course of the radicals since the meeting of the legislature in January last. With the Democrats a fair apportionment is a question of principle, as well as the right of representation, and whatever the consequence, they dare not yield the rights of the people they represent, to the unprincipled minority who happen unfortunately to have a controlling vote in the senate. After offering every concession possible to decency and honor, the appeal of the Democrats to the people of the state will not be unheard in telling disapproval of the treachery and disregard of the constitutional obligation of the Stalwart radicals of the senate of Pennsylvania.

All Sorts.

English capital to the amount of \$30,000,000 was invested in American cattle ranches last year.

It is said that 2,450 watches are manufactured in this country every working day in the year.

Horatio Seymour has in his library an old deed showing that Washington once speculated in Mohawk Valley land.

Angel's visits would not be half so welcome to the Bay State Republicans as the rising up of "the man to beat Ben Butler."

Ex-Senator McDonald is a member of the Second Presbyterian church, Indianapolis, and a liberal contributor to all religious objects.

Prince Jerome Napoleon is trying to make friends with the Pope. He is ready to be all things to all men, but he would prefer to be Emperor to the French.

Dr. J. M. Kendrick and J. M. Trotter, of Indianapolis, have left for Europe to look after the interest of the Trotter heirs. The alleged value of the estate is about \$200,000,000.

A delegation from Erie, Pa., headed by Representative Brainard called on the President yesterday to urge him to make a change in the office of Collector of Customs for that District. Mr. Barr is the present incumbent.

Dr. Mary Walker has received notice from the Commissioner of Pensions that her services are not required. She is absent on leave, but she has written to the Commissioner that she will appear at her desk, notwithstanding her dismissal.

Senator Logan has been silent for some weeks. We do not know how long a time is required to hatch a boom, but the country is momentarily expecting the Senator to complete the process of incubation and let the boomlet begin to grow.

There are four generations, each well represented, in the reigning families of the German and British Empires. The little prince born the other day to a young son of the Crown Prince is a great grandson of Queen Victoria as well as of Emperor William.

Colonel William C. Goodloe, who was recommended for appointment to the vacant revenue collectorship in Kentucky, declined the office for the reason that he was expected to restore harmony in the Republican party, not only in his district but throughout the State.

Reports from the cattle regions of Texas say that careful estimates place the number of cattle driven up the trail from that section at 600,000 head, an increase of 250,000 over that of last year. The bulk of the cattle will be driven to Kansas, Nebraska, and the Western Territories.

WASHINGTON July 13.—Within a few days a large reduction will be made in the force at present employed in the census Bureau. This reduction is made necessary by the insufficiency of the appropriation for the current fiscal year and because the present force cannot be profitably employed in continuing the work which remains to be done.