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Thursday Morning, September 6, 1883.

STATE TICKET.
FOR AUDITOR GENERAL,
Capt. ROBERT TAGGART,
of Warren County.
FOR STATE TREASURER,
Hon. JOSEPH POWELL,
of Bradford County.
COUNTY TICKET.
FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE
Dr. J. R. SMITH,
of Ferguson Township.
FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
W. C. HEINLE,
of Bellefonte.
FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR
ELLIS L. ORVIS,
of Bellefonte.

THE legislature of New Hampshire has passed a compulsory education bill. The wisdom of regulating family affairs by statute may have the appearance of wholesome legislation in New England, but it does not strike us as a precedent worthy of imitation elsewhere.

DEMOCRATIC VOTERS, should bear in mind that they must be registered on or before the 6th of September. Attention to this may save trouble at a later date. Democratic committees should examine the registry carefully and not suffer a single vote to be lost by inattention.

THE civil service reform, it is expected will be sufficient to protect all honest competent employees of the government who attend to the duties for which they are employed, but when the time comes to enforce the order "turn the rascals out" the procession will be large and imposing, but sad and subdued.

THE Republicans ought not to forget that all the grave charges preferred against Dorsey their great leader, were occurrences that transpired previous to his cordial and enthusiastic endorsement, by Arthur, Grant and other party lights. The party workers were dirty then; they are so now and Cooper, at least, is in need of soap.

THE evidence of the truth of the Dorsey disclosures accumulates, says the N. Y. Sun. Congressman Belford confirms the statement that General Garfield was forced to make resorts on the Collector of the port of New York under a telegraphic threat that the Stanley Matthews bargain would be revealed unless the appointment was promptly made.

GOV. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, is doing a little junketting at his own expense. He is out in a yacht in pursuit of recreation and health. This is somewhat of an improvement on the administration pleasure parties where the President and Cabinet do their junketting in the government vessels at the government expense, including their daughters, their sisters, their cousins and their aunts.

CAPT. RAMSEY, who has charge of the Navy School at Annapolis, is making commendable efforts to abolish the system of hazing, and has appointed a court to try the Cadets who have engaged in the vulgar amusement, with a view to their dismissal. The government pays for the education of gentlemen—not blackguards, and Capt. Ramsey is perfectly right in raising the standard of revolt against a practice so entirely objectionable.

THE Democratic Convention of Berks county have enthusiastically endorsed Gov. Pattison's appointment of an Orphans' Court Judge, by nominating Judge Swartz, the appointee, for the same office, on the first ballot. For this appointment the Governor was much censured by the Philadelphia Times, whose editor can now repeat with great propriety the laconic letter written on another occasion:

"Dear Governor, you were right and I was wrong. A. K. McCURE."

Indignation Meeting.

The good people of Pennsylvania showed that the spirit of subjection to the unmitigated wrongs practiced upon them the Pennsylvania Railroad would have an end at least in that important quarter of our county. For years these people have suffered all the wrong and indignity that a heartless, selfish and rapacious monopoly has in its power to inflict. When the project of building the road through the valley was first mooted the public spirit of its citizens gave it most enthusiastic welcome, and this generous feeling has been most basely most meanly taken advantage of. The people graded the road, gave the right of way gladly and the five valley townships subscribed two hundred thousand dollars of their own money, and for what? For a road built only half way to its destination, stopping at a point where it does the least good, where a great bulk of the wheat can not be delivered except at heavy expense and where not a pound of Iron ore can be hauled without pecuniary loss to the operator for a road that has developed nothing and has tarified freight so frightfully as to stop anything but the most necessary business enterprises. For miles their farms have been cut up by an unsightly track unironed and a burden. If the monopoly is not above the law, if the old commonwealth can still protect her citizens, let us have justice. The indignation meeting last week was the right step—but let it be followed by measures still more active; if the corporation can rob us of hundred of thousands and break its own contracts, we want to know it. We claim that the Penna. R. R. no longer owns the Lewisburg & Tyrone R. R., let the state put up the property at public sale and there will be plenty of purchasers for it. Thank Heaven other roads are coming into our county, and are willing and anxious to dispute with the old company for the carrying trade of these wide and fertile valleys. They will all find us friends, they can't be worse than what we have already.

THE Cameronian shysters of the Pennsylvania senate have the apportionment gerrymander passed ten years ago. It is their real ultimatum and suits the boss. What does constitutional perjury signify if they can maintain an unjust advantage and continue to dominate and rob the people of the state?

THE Republican officials in the enjoyment of the largest salaries seem to be a very modest, conscientious class of men, and of course can discover nothing wrong or dishonorable in junketting round the country in government vessels and palace cars at public expense. The country may derive some benefit by the President's inspection of the Yellowstone Park and the trout streams on the public domain in the west, but it is difficult to see the advantages to be derived from placing a government vessel in possession of his daughter and her friends to luxuriate on the Atlantic coast. The glory of the navy was sufficiently established without this, when his Secretary, the high-toned Chandler, put the Talapoosa in motion as a pleasure boat for himself and friends. But when the President, and indeed all the cabinet, are absent seeking enjoyment we must not find fault with Chandler. This absence from public duty at public expense is an institution of the Republican party, and had its beginning in the Grant administration as an annual event, swelling each year to formidable proportions. In former administrations when the Democracy held the controlling influence in the government of the country, such abuse of public trust was not allowable, if even thought of, but they were probably behind the age of improvement and would now be called "old fogy."

Arbitration Rejected.

Every concession offered, and every proposition made by the House of Representatives, looking to legislation in favor of a fair and honest apportionment of the state into Congressional, Senatorial and Representative districts are met by the Republican majority in the Senate by *ultimatum*, and dismissed without consideration. The object of this is too apparent to deceive any one. Their refusal to legislate with the House is because of fear that the "grand old party" may possibly lose some of the unfair advantages possessed under the infamous gerrymander of the present law enacted ten years ago. The last proposition passed by the House to submit the subject to twelve distinguished representative men of the state—six Republicans and six Democrats to draft and agree upon bills to be submitted to the legislature, was rejected by the Senate as soon as it reached that body. Nothing but "*ultimatum* or *gerrymander*" will suit Cooper, Stewart, & Co. Well, the Democratic members of the House have nothing with which to reproach themselves. They have made all proper concession—every possible effort to obtain an apportionment fair to all, as demanded by the constitution. They cannot, they dare not go beyond that, and whether they adjourn now or next year, the responsibility, as well as the costs of a protracted session rests upon the Republican obstructionists, and they will be so adjudged by the people.

HON. CHARLES S. WOLFE, in a letter says that "the mission of the Independent Republican is to defeat Lively, Quay and Magee's candidate for State Treasurer. The mission is a good one, made abundantly apparent by the revolutionary and outrageous disregard of constitutional responsibility of the Cameron majority, as exhibited in the Senate during the regular and extra session of the legislature. Besides, this is no time to prorate a slave of the bosses—an adherent of the British army over a high-toned, reputable and competent citizen, such as the Hon. Joseph Powell the Democratic candidate for State Treasurer.

THIS is the way the rascals do it. The fact, it is said, has leaked out that in the frequent breaking up of contraband stills in the mountains of North Carolina the same old still was used every time. This is what accounts for the remarkable activity of the revenue officers and the expense of collecting the whisky tax in certain districts of North Carolina. A reward of fifty dollars is allowed for every seizure of an alleged illicit still, and it is reported that some revenue officers put up old stills in remote recesses of the Blue Ridge in order to pounce upon them and recover the reward. When an old still has served its purpose in one locality it is removed to another, and the game is repeated. In these raids it is observed that nothing is seized but the old still, which has become considerably battered in its frequent journeyings in the Blue Ridge. It is not surprising that in this Blue Ridge district the cost of collecting the whisky tax amounts to nearly as much as the revenue.

THE New York World says: The next House of Representatives will institute searching inquiries into the scandals which have been developed through recent Republican quarrels, and into the unpunished crimes of Republican officials. The alleged payment of money to control appointments to the Supreme Court of the United States, the Roach contract, the Ottoman compromise, the entire conduct of the Department of Justice, the alleged omission and suppression of names in Star Route prosecution, the official robberies under Tom Brady and the mysteries of the Treasury Department will all be investigated to satisfy the public mind as to the truth.

The Responsibility of the Senate.

The republican members of the senate, says the Harrisburg Patriot, have taken a position on ground that is liable at any time to cave in and bury them.

Their professed and very evident object is to defeat the purpose for which the extra session was called. They do not care by what means this is accomplished, nor do they care for the violation of their oaths and constitutional obligations.

The republican members of the senate do not expect to be held in any way responsible for their actions because they claim to be virtually in the minority in the government. The ground they take is that the democratic party, being accredited with the governor and a majority in the lower house of the legislature, will of course be held responsible for the failure to make apportionments and for the expense of the extra session.

Their defense, of course, is very plausible, and they have great hope that it will hold, but it will be knocked from under them by the people. The masses of voters in Pennsylvania are not so ignorant as the astute republican senators suppose. When a fair presentation of the case is made they will be compelled to recognize this fact. Although the administration and the lower house of the legislature are democratic, the democrats are prevented from carrying out the provisions of the constitution by the republican majority in the senate.

The governor's desire in calling the special session was to have the requirements of the constitution in regard to apportionment executed. The democrats in the legislature have made every reasonable effort to accomplish this by making the most liberal concession, passing republican bills and offering all sorts of inducements.

They have been blocked at every step by the senate's obstinate refusal to legislate. The people are not so blind that they cannot see why the senate pursues this course; neither are they so hasty as to refuse credit to the democrats for an earnest and determined effort to secure to them their rights.

It is said Senator Agnew announces that he will take no compensation for the extra session. That certainly indicates one gleam of honesty remaining, for having refused to perform the duty required of him by the constitution, he has not entitled himself to compensation. But how about his oath? Is perjury commendable in Republican circles?

A STENOGRAPHIC report of the proceedings of the late Democratic state convention is being printed and will soon be published under the direction of the state committee. Copies of the pamphlet will be sent to all the delegates of the convention and substitutes, (so far as their addresses have been furnished,) to the members of the state committee and to the chairmen of the county committees. Other copies will be furnished upon application to the chairman of the state committee upon enclosing a three cent stamp.

AFTER Sept. 1, the headquarters of the Democratic state committee for the present campaign will be permanently located in rooms No. 7 and 9, at the Girard house, Philadelphia, the same as were occupied last year and by Col. McClure in the Curtin-Lincoln campaign of 1860. The clerical work of the committee has been vigorously prosecuted since the opening of the year and is much further on than at the corresponding stage of last year's campaign. The work of the organization will be somewhat simplified this year by reason of the fact that there is no election for nor complications over members of the legislature and congressmen. The efforts of the state committee will be concentrated upon getting out the full Democratic vote.

THE Democratic legislature of Georgia recently apportioned the state in congressional districts. Of the ten districts they gave six to the Republicans, provided they received the negro vote.

REFERRING to the notorious use of immense sums of money in Republican campaigns, especially in 1880, the New York Herald says that "when reformers like Mr. Richard Smith want \$50,000 for a single state, 'two-thirds of it to be reserved for use on election day,' what the Jay Hubbells, Fosters and News of the party will do needs no explanation."

JUDGE SMITH makes a handsome Judge, that was the verdict of the general court room last week, and a good one, we shall add for our part. What more do we need when usefulness is combined with Judicial beauty. We feel assured that this will be the verdict of Centre county by a large majority. Our candidate has been tested, Democrats, and has proved his worth.

CHAIRMAN COOPER, having issued his circular demanding contributions to the boss campaign funds, will expect more prompt attention to his mandates, than he is willing to bestow upon the mandates of the constitution of the state. Hubbell's collectors who are out of engagement now, are so persuasive in setting before the trembling employees of government the danger of hesitation, may be used to advantage.

GRESHAM ON TRIAL. A certain postoffice inspector named Giddings, who is a sympathizer with Mahone, proposed to stump the state of Virginia in the interest of the Republican ticket in violation of the civil service rules. He was called to account by the Postmaster General and warned that if he did so, dismissal would follow. The office holder, however, presuming doubtless upon the power of Mahone to make things right with the President, disregarded the warning of his chief, persisted, and is now upon the stump talking up the Mahone interests in the Republican party. It will be interesting to know what Mr. Gresham will do about it, or how far he will allow himself to be bossed by the Virginia boss, or defied by his subordinate.

ONE of the points of objection urged by the Republicans, through Chairman Cooper last year against the election of Gov. Pattison, was that he was born in Maryland, although he came with his father to reside in Pennsylvania when a very small boy. Now under the lead of the same Chairman Cooper, they favor the election of Lively, the Republican candidate for State Treasurer, who was born and raised in England and served as a soldier in the British army. If it was crime in the Democracy a year ago to prefer a citizen born in our neighboring state of Maryland, what is it to the Republicans this year, when they ask the people to vote for a candidate born in England, and comes to them as an ex-soldier of British government? If the logic of Chairman Cooper and the g. o. p. was correct a year ago, has it lost any force this year? Our intelligent Irish citizens will answer this question.

The R. R. Meeting.

THE railroad meeting held at Meyer's hotel, in Centre Hall, on Thursday afternoon, 30th ult., was largely attended by stockholders from the valley and Bellefonte. The meeting was organized by electing the following officers:

President—Frederick Kurtz.
Secretary—Geo. M. Boal.
Upon request, the object of the meeting was stated in a brief address by the chairman who proceeded to give a history of the transactions between the railroad company and the stockholders; the promises of the former to build the road if the townships subscribed the stock apportioned to them respectively; that the townships of Miles, Haines, Penn, Gregg, Potter and Harris responded by subscribing and paying upwards of \$300,000; that in addition the company demanded the right of way, which was also given, and the lands taken, and now for ten years the company had

failed to come up to its promises; the purpose of the meeting being to again urge the company to do us justice, and in case of failure to seek what legal remedy might be left for us. On motion of Mr. D. Hess, a committee of five, to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting, was appointed by the chair as follows: D. Hess, L. Rhone, Geo. W. Campbell, John Arney and Wm. A. Boal. In the absence of the committee, remarks were made by Hon. Samuel Gilliland, Col. Jas. Milliken, and C. Dale, Sr., and others.

The committee reported the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania railroad company, through its agents at various times, urged upon the people of Pennsylvania to subscribe the stock for the grading of the Lewisburg, Centre and Spruce Creek railroad, agreeing on its part to construct and complete the said road within five years, as stipulated by the charter; and

WHEREAS, The said company did, through its agents, demand and receive for this purpose from Haines township, \$20,000; from Miles township, \$20,000; from Penn township, \$40,000; from Harris township, \$30,000; from Potter township, \$40,000, and in addition demand and receive a guarantee of right of way at additional heavy expense to the citizens of the said townships, and has taken possession of valuable farm lands for its road bed, and now for a period of ten years or more, has left said road uncompleted, contrary to its pledges, and after calling from us the stock and taking possession of the land; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the stockholders of said road in Pennsylvania, after submitting to this wrong for over ten years, do hereby request of the Pennsylvania railroad company the fulfillment on its part of the stipulations with us by the completion of the Lewisburg and Tyrone R. R., without further delay; which we are entitled to by every principle of honor and justice.

Resolved, That having patiently submitted to a repeated violation of promises in years past, we request the extension of the road aforesaid from Spring Mills, its present terminus, to Lemont, at which point the road has been graded by the people according to contract.

Resolved, That justice and honor demand of the Penn'a R. R. Company prompt action to this request for our road by an early completion of the said road and that a further refusal to do justice to its shareholders is a gross injustice to the people who have fulfilled their part of the contract.

Resolved, That a committee of five stockholders be elected by this meeting to consult with Strickland Kneass, the President of our road, and the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania railroad company for an early completion of said road.

Resolved, That the said committee be instructed to report through the press or at another meeting, if deemed necessary, the result of their labors and what further action may be necessary on the part of stockholders and land owners should this our appeal for justice meet with no favorable response from the Penn'a R. R. Company.

The resolutions were discussed by ex-Senator Alexander, J. L. Spangler, Judge Orvis, General Beaver, L. Rhone, Colonel Milliken and others, all of the speakers endorsing the resolutions, and expressing themselves warmly in favor of the completion of the road; and disapproving of the injustice done the people by the Penn'a R. R. in not fulfilling its promises. The resolutions after a full and free discussion, on motion of Judge Orvis, were unanimously adopted.

In accordance with the resolution to appoint a committee to meet the Board of Directors of the Penn'a R. R., the following gentlemen were appointed by the meeting: Sam'l Gilliland, Fred Kurtz, L. Rhone, John I. Thompson and Wm. McFarlane. The original resolution called for a committee of three, which, on motion of Judge Orvis, was increased to five. The best feeling prevailed and the action is full of promise that good results will follow the mission of the last named committee. On motion adjourned.

Governor Curtin was invited to be present. The following letter explains his absence and his feelings:

BELLEFONTE, Aug. 24, 1883.
DANIEL HESS, Esq. Dear Sir:—I leave home on my way to the Pacific coast on Wednesday and cannot be at the meeting called in the interest of the railroad from Spring Mills to this place. I have not failed to press upon the authorities in the Penn'a R. R. Co. the justice and policy of finishing the road. My impression is, from all that occurred at the last meeting on the subject in Philadelphia, that the Penn'a R. R. Co. really designs to build the road and without unreasonable delay. The meetings should present the facts fairly and deliberately, and the injustice done those who paid their money on promises not fulfilled, would be so apparent that it will greatly assist in hastening final action.

I am quite sure that the citizens of Bellefonte are generally anxious to have the road finished and will unite with the valley in any effort to accomplish it.
Yours truly,
A. G. CURTIN.