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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 recent frosts and cold weather in the northwest resulted in the destruction of the buckwheat and sorghum syrup crops, both of which are a serious loss.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR having eluded the cowboys, returned to Washington last week. But finding it lonesome in the absence of the Federal officials, made a visit to New York.

THE inquiry is still made and remains unanswered, "How did Niles vote last fall for governor?" He promised early in the canvass to vote for Gen. Beaver, but before the close of the campaign was on the stump with the Stewart men.

BOSS COOPER only drills his mules in the senate chamber now twice a week. By the time the chief boss returns from Europe, Stewart, Lee & Co. will have sufficiently mastered all the *tricks* necessary to perform in any circus to which he may assign them.

THE Republicans of Massachusetts are pressing the Hon. Henry L. Pearce as a candidate for governor of that state, as the strong man to defeat Gen. Butler. What is most worthy of note is, that the selection of Mr. Pearce is prominently because of his vote in congress against the larceny of the Presidential office in 1876.

THE Hon. Leon Abbett, of Jersey City, has received the nomination of the Democracy of New Jersey, for governor. He is said to be an able lawyer, has much experience in state affairs, having been president of the senate and speaker of the house, and unrivalled as an organizer. New Jersey will count certain on the Democratic column.

THE story circulated that Wendell Phillips and his party had gone back on Ben Butler, and proposed to swell the Tewksbury party against him, is contradicted by Mr. Philips. Whether Butler is to be re-elected governor or not, he has given the fossils of that state a good and needed shaking up for which to remember him for many years to come.

THE Democrats of South Carolina and other southern states, have made very liberal provisions for the education of the colored youth, and are now in possession of ample funds for that purpose. The era of stealing of the school fund of these states passed away with the carpetbag Republican government, and the colored youth are now profiting by the restoration of honest Democratic rule.

GOV. PATTISON has commuted the two years sentence of David Mouat, of Philadelphia, for election frauds, to twenty-two months on the ground of good behavior. This will release him from the penitentiary on the 21st of October next. His experience in party work for the machine, has been disastrous, but will be an effective warning to him, as it should be to others who have been more fortunate in escaping the penalty due to crimes upon the ballot in that city, where honest elections for many years has only been the exception and not the rule.

The State College.

We think it high time to protest most solemnly against the habit, some of our contemporaries are indulging in; that of throwing mud at the State College; and we do it for two reasons, first, because none of the charges against the institution are based upon the truth, and are consequently most unfair, and secondly for the honor and dignity of the press itself. Unfortunately the press too often deserves the censure of *calumny* and of *pandering to a supposed sentiment*. Of course no one expects truth or impartiality from a rooster organ like M'Clure's *Times*. He is a freebooter without principle, he knows no allegiance and sounded an attack upon the College as he would print any other piece of scandal. But to have such respectable papers as the Huntingdon *Globe* and the Danville *Intelligencer* follow in his footsteps, is more distressing. Let them but learn the facts and at once apologize.

The State College has a new management, give that management at least a fair trial before discouraging it. It will open this collegiate year with about 70 new students, an increase of over one hundred *per cent*, the greatest increase in its history and the largest attendance since 1865—and this in the face of an upparalled abuse. Its curriculum affords, even now the *best* opportunities for a *liberal* education, in the state, and this we say without hesitation and in all candor.

It is the only place where the mechanic arts are taught or agriculture is dignified as a study, in the commonwealth. In the sciences it has no rival in the United States except the purely technical schools.

It *will* succeed and be an ornament and pride to Pennsylvania, because,

Dr. Atherton, has the confidence of every one that knows him, and is eminently qualified for the place; because he has a competent and carefully selected corps of instructors; because each year the number in attendance is more than doubling; because the Legislature has faith in Atherton and the college, and finally because the people believe in it and *will* back it.

Of course some will always fight the College, as some fight religion, self government, &c., but they are cranks, and it will not be long before he who dares malign and oppose this institution, will by all fair minded persons, be catalogued a *crank*.

TO PREVENT legislation on apportionment, the revolutionists of the senate are fruitful of expedients. The last novelty of this kind was the determination in caucus that twenty-one of them shall be present every Tuesday and immediately adjourn to Friday, and so continue to adjourn semi-weekly. No speeches are to be permitted on either side, and no proposition or resolution of any kind is to be entertained, while nine senators are to be allowed to go home alternately. This is undoubtedly a beautiful programme for representatives under oath to perform certain duties, and is probably about as fair a specimen of revolutionary chicane as the representatives of the g. o. p. in Pennsylvania are now capable, in order to withhold from the people the sacred rights of fair apportionment and just representation. It only adds another link in the chain of evidence that the bastard Republican party have no respect for real Republican government. All this in obedience to the command of Boss Cameron that "gerrymander" must be maintained at all hazards.

THE senate revolutionists are still acting the obstruction role required of them by Boss Cameron, but now on limited time, having reduced the sittings of the conclave to two hours a week. They continue to regard the order of the Boss more binding upon them than their oaths or the constitution, which requires them to legislate with the house in the passage of fair and proper apportionment bills.

A Reform Issue.

"One of the reform measures promised by the Democrats last year," says the Harrisburg *Patriot*, and a very important one much needed, "was the purification of treasury management and this was accomplished so far as it lay in the power of the legislature and the state administration. The passage of the Humes act which directs the investment of the surplus in the Sinking Fund in state or United States bonds, will correct the evils which have attended the administration of the treasury under the system which has hitherto prevailed, whenever that act is honestly enforced.

"But the provisions of the Humes act are evaded by the majority of the present board of Sinking Fund Commissioners. The present republican state treasurer and auditor general who constitute the majority of that board have adopted a policy which will enable the banks to hold much the greater portion of the state moneys deposited with them for a year or longer. In the event that Messrs. Niles and Livsey the republican candidates for auditor general shall be elected, it is expected to find some device by which the banks may retain the state moneys until the meeting of the next legislature when the Humes act is to be repealed or so amended as to destroy its vitality.

"The question whether the policy of investing the surplus in the Sinking Fund in state or United States securities shall be faithfully carried out, or whether the present corrupt and vicious system of loaning that surplus to favorite banks without interest shall be continued, therefore becomes an important issue in the present canvass. The republican auditor general and state treasurer refused to enforce the Humes act; Mr. Niles, the republican candidate for auditor general, would not support that act when it was before the legislature; Mr. Chris. Magee, who invented Mr. Livsey, came here from Pittsburgh and organized a lobby for the purpose of defeating it; and the republican bankers who are expected to furnish the sinews of war for the present canvass are naturally in favor of its repeal. If the people desire that the state shall have the benefit of the interest on the millions of state moneys that are now loaned to the banks without interest they will elect Robert Taggart auditor general and Joseph W. Powell state treasurer and thus make the board of Sinking Fund Commissioners a unit in favor of the honest execution of the Humes act."

By the election of Taggart and Powell the surplus funds will be invested for the benefit of the taxpayers of the state, and not as now distributed for the exclusive benefit of Chris. Magee and other bankers. The Republican Sinking Fund Commissioners must go.

BOSS COOPER, chairman of the Republican state committee, put his foot in it badly in a speech at Bedford, when he asserted that the Humes' bill for the investment of surplus state funds for the benefit of the people of the state, was a Republican party measure, and that Mr. Powell, the Democratic candidate for state treasurer, is an Englishman. He knew that he was lying, as did every intelligent person that heard him, and who could not but know that Cooper himself and the entire Republican crowd in the legislature, with the exception of three or four Independents who at that time had not given entire submission to the boss, opposed the passage of the Humes bill. He got mixed and was equally unfortunate in locating his Englishman. Livsey is the candidate hailing from England and the British army, not Mr. Powell the Democratic candidate.

THE Council has heeded the warning sounded in our columns last week. They have resolved to *sell* the gas stock.

Competing Railroads.

In modern times a town without a railroad amounts to nothing. Even water transportation is no sufficient substitute for railroad transportation. No mining or manufacturing business can be carried on extensively or profitably without the facilities for transporting the products to market, which alone is furnished by a railroad. If, therefore, a town is to become a manufacturing place of importance, it must have at least *one* railroad. One railroad, however, may do but little for a place. While in theory railroads are *public highways* belonging to the commonwealth, built under her right of *eminent domain* for the benefit of her citizens, yet in practice railroads are managed by corporations for the sole benefit of the stockholders, or what is infinitely worse, for the benefit of a small ring among the managers. The rights of the public are frequently ignored. In fact most railroad managers have come to believe that the public have no rights in respect to railroads at all. Rates of freights and passenger fares are so arranged as to give to the railroads every dollar it is possible to extract from the people. When this condition of things exist, a town with *one* railroad is nearly as bad off as it would be if it had none. Bellefonte has been for twenty years in this situation. Manufactories could not prosper here, because the rates of freight were kept so high that the manufacturers could not compete with others in the same business, whose plants were located where they were not liable to these extortionate rates for transporting their products.

Perhaps no county in Pennsylvania has greater natural resources than Centre. The immense deposits of coal, iron ore, fire-clay and limestone, renders this one of the wealthiest counties of the commonwealth. But this great wealth is, in a great measure, undeveloped, and will remain so until we can get lower rates of freight for the products of our mines, furnaces and iron mills. The only practical way of obtaining the desired relief in this particular, is to obtain one or more additional lines of railroads in our county, which railroad should not be connected with or in any manner under the control of the Pennsylvania railroad company. The building of the Nittany Valley railroad from Bellefonte to Mill Hall, and the connection of the Bellefonte and Buffalo Run railroad with it, would furnish one such competing line. These roads would connect at Mill Hall with the Beech Creek, Clearfield and South Western, and that in time with the Vanderbilt and Reading system, giving Bellefonte an outlet to Philadelphia and New York independent of the Pennsylvania railroad. If this should take place, no doubt all our industries, the furnaces, forges, rolling mills, nail works, glass works, car works and flouring mills, would all become highly prosperous, and capital from abroad would locate other manufactories here, which would give a future to Bellefonte such as only a few ever dream of yet.

THE Governor has vetoed the concurrent instruction resolution to limit the appropriation for the pay of senators and members up to September 10th. The message is quite lengthy, and states with the Governor's usual force the legal and constitutional reasons why he cannot approve the resolution. We have no space at present for even a brief synopsis, and merely append the closing paragraph:

"Finally, I wish to say upon the question of the compensation of the members raised by the resolution herewith returned, I decline to commit myself to any opinion whatever. I have not expressed and shall not indicate my judgment upon that subject until in due course of law the appropriation bill for the session shall be presented to me. I will then have no hesitation in disposing of the matter as, in my opinion, law and justice require."

Keep it Before the People.

The Pennsylvania senate has been falling year by year to a lower grade. It has now perhaps reached an infamy of degradation that no other legislative body in America has ever attained before. Under the lead or bossship of a political desperado, the charlatan majority of that body has repudiated the binding obligations of the constitution, and violated the oaths which they called God to witness, to support and defend that constitution. In order to retain the party advantages obtained by shameless and infamous legislation ten years ago, by which a large portion, if not a majority, of the people are disfranchised and deprived of their just and constitutional rights of representation, they have defiantly refused to co-operate with the house in legislation to apportion the state into representative districts, as they were obligated to do as representatives of the people. In all this the majority are acting out the command of Boss Cameron. "Keep it before the people."

THE outlook in Iowa. The Republicans, says the Dubuque *Herald*, have not been so frightened over the prospect in Iowa for twenty years as they are to-day. They are calling frantically upon the Republicans of other states to come over and help them. Think of it—it is necessary to help save Iowa! They have written urgent appeals to prominent Republicans all over the country for help, for money and speakers. Some of the talkers have agreed to lend them a hand, among them Hawley and Logan. This is really the most encouraging sign we have yet seen of a Democratic and Independent victory in Iowa this fall. The close corporation ring are trembling in their boots.

THE colored Republican state convention of Maryland was held last week, all the counties but three being represented. They appointed a full delegation of their ablest men to the Louisville National convention, and adopted a platform asserting their rights in the Republican party, and protesting against their exclusion from what they regard a just participation in official favors by the party to which they have been attached, and where success has been achieved only by their adherence. Unless the Republicans conclude to give more respect to the rights of its colored adherents in the future than they have in the past, there is "blood on the moon." Their growing intelligence will raise them above the bondage and slavery of party in which they are held by the Republicans.

The State Administration.

For the first time since its adoption the new constitution has been made a reality and its mandates respected by Legislature and Executive power. By that chart the Democratic ship has been steered. By that instrument legislation has been tested, and the people have been made to feel the beneficial influence of a vigorous, honest and intelligent exercise of the veto power. Of the legislation that was enacted much has been subjected to the Governor's veto. Not a single bill was passed over its veto, and the common occurrence of all just men is that this high power was never before so sagaciously exercised as by the present Democratic Governor. The redemption of the Pardon Board from the disgrace and distrust into which it had fallen; the economy in the departmets enforced by the Democratic officials—Secretary of State Stenger, having effected a line of public advertising for $1,539.00 which cost Quay $10,793.15—the rigid scrutiny of public appropriations, and other features of the Democratic record of Harrisburg since 1883, make a comparison with twenty years of Republican misrule, from which the Democracy have nothing to fear in the pending campaign.

"Turn the Rascals Out."

Let the people note the difference! That excellent journal, the Harrisburg *Patriot*, has been comparing figures with very satisfactory result on the side of honest government. In 1881 the Republican party had a large majority in both branches of the legislature. They had a Republican Governor and a full organization of the executive departments of the state. The money drawn from the treasury to meet the expenses of the legislature and the executive department was $956,071.61.

In 1883 the Democrats, with a Democratic Governor and a Democratic house of representatives, the expenses, including an extra session of the legislature, have been less than $800,000, showing a comparative saving to the taxpayers of the state of $156,071.61. This saving would have been $150,000 greater only for the obstructive and revolutionary policy adopted and pursued by the Republican majority of the senate, protracting the regular session and creating the necessity for calling an extra session. These startling facts susceptible of the fullest demonstration to every citizen by actual figures from the public records, should command the serious attention of every honest person in the commonwealth, whatever his political affiliations may be. The people of Pennsylvania have been too long plundered and robbed by the boss machine rule which has dominated the state for many years, and still prevails in one branch of the legislature. It is high time that the people would look dispassionately at these things, with an honest purpose to drive the incompetents and robbers from the public places they disgrace. The same reckless extravagance and waste which characterized the expenditures of 1881, were enacted by the same desperate rings in the name of the Republican party in previous legislatures and executive governments of the state.

THE Democratic County Convention that met at Clearfield on Tuesday last, placed DAVID L. KREBS, Esq. in nomination for President Judge. Mr. K. is a lawyer of marked ability, with a professional record above reproach, and a character without stain. The Democracy of Clearfield have done well in their choice, and if retified at the election, as it certainly will be, the people of the new district will secure a judge of eminent fitness and worth.

Legislative Expenses.

The Harrisburg *Patriot* makes the following comparison:

The entire expense of the three Legislatures next preceding this one was as follows:

Legislature of 1878	$821,185 77
" 1879	865,197 47
" 1881	956,017 61

This shows an average cost of $877,466.95 for the three Legislatures next preceding the present one. Those Legislatures were each and every of them Republican in both branches. None of them met in special session. The cost of each of them given above is for the regular session only, no other having been held either in 1878, or in 1879, or in 1881. Thus it will be seen that the expense of *both the regular and special sessions* of the present Legislature is $206, 071. 61 less than that of the *regular session for* 1881 *alone* and $121,469.05 less than the average cost of the three Legislutures of 1878, '79, and 81.

ON the floor of the house, April 3, Niles, Republican candidate for Auditor General said: "if the vote was even we would then be entitled to *just as many members as you*; "we are entitled to have under the Garfield vote—sixteen Republicans and twelve Democrats." The Democrats offered Niles' party seventeen. How can he defend their rejection of this offer?

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