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SENATOR HAMPTON believes that Senator Bayard, of Delaware, could carry New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Indiana and California, which are classed as doubtful states, and would therefore be the most available candidate for the Presidency.

SENATOR EDMUNDS writes a letter in which he expresses extreme thankfulness for the kind interest and good wishes of those who desire his nomination for the presidency, but says he "can say with absolute candor that he has no desire for the place, or to have his name used in connection with it."

A STALWART Republican paper thinks that "the bloody shirt issue having had its day should be cast out among the rubbish," and expresses surprise "that John Sherman couldn't appreciate the fact." That is so. The outrage mill has lost its power and is no longer available even to excite fools.

The death of Associate Judge Larimer created a vacancy which we presume will be filled at once, as it will be difficult for the Governor to resist the importunity of the committees who have gone to enlighten him as to the merits of their favorites. They are all good men and valiant Democrats and he cannot go astray.

HON. A. H. SMITH, the member of congress who has so long served the Lancaster district, is like to have a walk over for renomination. He is an able and honorable representative, capable of acting up to his own convictions of right and justice even against his Republican colleagues, as in the case of Gen. Porter.

The Republican papers declare that Wayne MacVeigh "has gone over to the Democrats." They certainly have some reason for this declaration, when Mr. MacVeigh asserts that "the President of the United States should not only be an honest man, but he should be a cause of honesty in others." That sentiment is quite enough to turn him out of the Republican ranks!

The *Easton Free Press*, says the *Philadelphia Record*, introduces another infant to the favorable consideration of a sympathetic country. The slate men do not think they have tariff enough. Their industry is only protected 30 per cent. They are not afraid of foreign competition, but if they should find it desirable to squeeze a higher price out of consumers than is now being paid, they would find a prohibitory tariff a very handy means of effecting their object.

The *Denver Times*, a Republican organ, believes that colored suffrage is a thing that Republicans should no longer deal with—that it is quite unreliable, inasmuch as that vote will always go where it will get the most money. This editor must be an ungrateful fellow. They always get the colored vote, and should not grumble at the cost of getting it, when the patient negro relieves them from the necessity of sharing the offices.

The Republicans are inclined, says the *Harrisburg Patriot*, to make an issue on the apportionment question by suggesting for renomination the senators and members of the legislature who were responsible for the prolongation of the special session. The Democrats will gladly accept this issue. It is to be hoped that the Republicans will preserve the courage of their convictions and nominate the conspirators against the constitution. Pennsylvania will give no uncertain sound on that question.

By all means give us the issue. Let the rascals take courage and come to the front.

The Republicans of Pennsylvania, Boss Quay and the controlling ring excepted, probably, act upon the principle that their most cherished statesman is a common liar. The more Mr. Blaine insists that he is not a candidate for President, the more earnestly they believe that he is. They have accordingly put him up in nearly every county as the man—always subject of course to the approval of the Chief Boss.

The Rev. John Snyder reports a recent interview with Roscoe Conkling, in which the great ex-Senator of New York remarked: "The electoral commission declared that Rutherford B. Hayes had received the electoral vote of Louisiana. After the accession of Rutherford B. Hayes to the Presidency, he affirmed that Packard, who had received some three thousand votes less than Samuel J. Tilden, was governor of the state. If Packard was governor, then Rutherford held his place by the most detestable fraud ever perpetrated."

A WESTERN Democrat of prominence, just returned from New York, says a Washington correspondent, had an interview with Mr. Tilden while in that city, and states the latter was in such a weak condition that he spoke in a whisper, which had the effect to make the conversation unsatisfactory. Mr. Tilden intimated that he ought to have been nominated at Cincinnati four years ago, and gave the impression that the nomination of 1884 would be acceptable to him, but for his indisposition to undergo the physical strain. The gentleman also represents the mental faculties of Mr. Tilden as remarkably clear and acute.

A NEW TURN, remarks the *Pittsburgh Post*, will shortly be given to the Star-route cases. Ex-Senator Spencer has retained Gov. Boutwell, of Massachusetts, and Col. Geo. B. Corbhill, ex-United States attorney for the District of Columbia, in a suit for \$50,000 which he proposes to bring against Attorney-General Brewster. The suit will be for illegal arrest at the home of Spencer in the distant state of Nevada, on a telegraphic order, and bringing him to Washington under guard after the star-route trials were over, on the charge of contempt in not appearing as a witness at the trial. It will be remembered that Judge Wylie, before whom the star-route trials took place, discharged Spencer, and declared distinctly that the action of the Attorney-General was illegal and unauthorized. When this case comes to trial interesting proceedings may be anticipated.

The call for the National Democratic Convention is addressed to "all Democratic conservative citizens of the United States, irrespective of past political associations and differences, who can unite with us in the effort for pure, economical and constitutional government."

Commenting on the above extract the *New York World* says: "This is an honest invitation and means just what it says. The Democratic party is conservative in the best meaning of the word. It stands upon the Constitution as the basis of the Government. It maintains every guarantee of that instrument; a free and uncorrupted ballot; the supremacy of the will of the majority of the people; equal civil and political rights for all, without distinction of race or color; the inviolability of contracts; the assurance by the General Government of a republican form of government to all the states; the power of congress to make law and collect taxes for national debts; the common defense and general welfare, and the sacredness of property as well as of the lives and liberty of all citizens. The Democratic party is making an earnest effort for pure, economical and constitutional government when it endeavors to drive from power a party corrupt and extravagant and holding constitutional restrictions and limitations in contempt."

The bill for the construction of steel vessels for the navy passed the senate on Friday. It authorizes the President to direct the construction of seven steel vessels for the navy, consisting of one cruiser of 4,500 tons displacement, one cruiser of 3,000 tons, one dispatch vessel of 1,500 tons, two heavily armed gunboats of 1,500 tons each, one eight gun gunboat of 750 tons, and one gunboat not to exceed 900 tons. It also authorizes the construction of one steel ram, one cruising torpedo boat and two harbor torpedo boats. This, if it becomes a law, will get away with some of the surplus revenue now troubling the statesmen.

This bill, the passage of which at this time is important as a campaign measure, has yet to run the gauntlet of the house. The very large appropriation, running up to many millions, to carry out their projected "improvements of the navy," will be very convenient in the hands of Wm. E. Chandler and John Roach, for furnishing the campaign capital of 1884—a good substitute for the star-route mail service of 1880. This is no new dodge and we trust the House will not be caught in the trap by the passage of the bill. Three-hundred and eighty-five millions have been expended under appropriations of congress by the Republican administrations since 1866, for "improvement of the navy," and what have they to show for it? Just nothing at all. It will not damage the country to await the assurance of more honest management than can be expected of Wm. E. Chandler, one of the Presidential thieves, an adviser of Robison and strongly suspected as an interested partner of Roach, to commend the reconstruction of the navy.

A Solid South.

There is no intention on the part of the Republican party to divide or disturb the solidity of that section. It would weaken the value of that electioneering cry during a Presidential campaign, which has already commenced by sending South committees to hunt outrages, to be used for political fuel in a few months. The *N. Y. Herald* commenting upon this topic states:

The solid South cannot be broken up by such investigating committees as that which is now junketing at public expense in New Orleans hotels, on the pretence that it is inquiring into an election trouble two hundred or more miles distant in Mississippi. That scandalous and shameless trifling, in which we regret to see so eminent a Senator as Mr. Hoar condescend to join may be cunningly and unscrupulously used next summer and fall to stir up the prejudices and alarm the ignorant fears of Northern voters, but it cannot gain over Southern voters to the Republican ranks. How could it do this? Let a committee of Senators at public expense in a luxurious hotel in New York to make a pretended inquiry into an election riot in Central Pennsylvania, and is it not certain that the party which authorized and countenanced such an abuse would lose votes and incur dislike in both States?

Over a considerable part of the Southern States sentiment favorable to protective tariffs is springing up. Will the party appeal to this in the coming canvass? Will the managers send their ablest orators into the South to canvass the voters on this question? If they once more refuse to do this plain duty, but instead of that prefer to inflame Northern prejudices by sham investigations, conducted at a distance and with the reasonable suspicion of suborned witnesses—in that case they may find themselves confronted in the North during the canvass, with the just indignation of voters who will not tolerate this everlasting and shameless hypocrisy.

The course of this Senatorial committee, which has gone out at the public cost to make a pretended inquiry at a great distance from the scene of an alleged election trouble, is one of the most transparent and unworthy electioneering tricks of which even the Republican party in its decadence has been guilty. It is not pleasant to think that this pitiful electioneering job was "put up" by men like Senators Sherman, Edmunds and Hoar.

G. A. R.

A COMPLETE REPORT OF THE COLLECTION AND ARRANGEMENT OF THE RELICS AND OTHER ARTICLES FOR EXHIBITION IN THE ART GALLERY OPEN FEB. 21ST ULT., FROM 5 P. M. TILL SUNDAY EXCEPTED 10 P. M. WEDNESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY.

In order that some record may remain of the exhibit above mentioned, we deem it proper to mention the leading articles exhibited by comrades and friends of the order with the name of the exhibitor: Hon. John A. Woodward, of Howard, collection of Indian relics, hatchets of stone, arrow and spear heads, horned powder, a block of wood from a giant oak snags in his heart a blaze or notch fresh as though cut in but a few days back, but hacked as with a dull hatchet, a few feet from the tree the hatchet was found.

Mrs. John H. Orvis, collection of coins of all nations, a silver wedding present to Judge Jno. H. Orvis, velvet and satin sofa cushion and fire screen embroidered by Miss Orvis.

Misses Sarah and Linnie Benner, antique bronze earthen cream jugs over 100 years old, very old Japanese tray.

Mrs. Anna MacBride, profile likenesses of her ancestors, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pettit.

Mr. Chas. A. Glenn, photograph views of "old Bellefonte," very interesting to the progressive.

Comr. de A. V. Miller, of Pleasant Gap, palm leaves from a tree planted by Washington at Mt. Vernon, together with a rich collection of mineral ores and other specimens from the Rocky mountain region, arranged in a cabinet, probably the best exhibit of gold and silver ores owned in this county.

Mrs. S. T. Shuger, of this exhibit there cannot be too much said, provided the precious old heir looms would tell all they knew of the distinguished people, with whom successive generations of their owners were acquainted, and of the occasions upon which they were worn in the gubernatorial mansion at Harrisburg; and in the parlors of high personage in Washington, they include very fine old wares, table ornaments, agate ear pendants, golden necklaces, 100 years old, curious hair bracelets, old salt cellar, very aged India shawl, hand made, silk and crape shawls over 100 years old, petrifications in wood and in specimens of fruit, full length colored engraving of Queen Louisa, mother of the present German Emperor, robe of Arab Sheikh, the latter the property of Mr. S. T. Shuger.

Mrs. D. S. Keller, pure linen towel spun and woven in her family more than 100 years ago, superior wares, cup and saucer, deep bowls (no doubt for punch) and highly ornate plate, suitable to be named a plaque. Col. D. S. Keller exhibited the bullet which wounded him at Chancellorsville.

Mrs. Julian Curtin, large plate for meat, other specimens of ware 100 years old.

Mrs. Benj. Bradley, highly ornate bronzed earthen ware, pitchers of various sizes, brought by her from England, very old, a picture of Gloucester cathedral, England.

D. M. Leib, the service sword of the late Col. Theo. Gregg, of the 45th P. V. Comrade Frank Wallace, this exhibitor has preserved the most interesting war relics of the late war that one could find anywhere, a case taken from the commandant of the Salisbury prison where Comrade Frank was long a prisoner, notes given him by fellow prisoners for money loaned them, for which the notes stipulated, they were to pay when they reached home, pocket book brought from prison purchased there.

Mr. David H. Parsons, pistol carried by Samuel Hunter Wilson through the Revolutionary war; also a 20 pound parrot shell found on the battlefield of Gettysburg by himself.

Mrs. John I. Curtin, service sword presented to Capt. John I. Curtin by his company in the 45th P. V., field sword worn by John I. Curtin, general in command of a brigade and division of the 9th Army Corps.

D. C. Walters, of Nittany; havelocks worn in the army during the late war, given to Mrs. D. M. Glenn, chairman of the ladies committee on the art gallery; original army orders from Headquarters 3d Brigade 3d Division Army of the Potomac.

Mrs. Col. Geo. A. Bayard, in this exhibit were Bibles presented to Mrs. Susan Bayard in 1822 over 100 years old, lace caps presented to the same in 1823, collection of minerals, bullets and slugs, relics of the Mexican and the late war, property of Col. Geo. A. Bayard. Horse shoe hung on a tree many years ago by Wm. Bayard, and cherished as a memento, property of Mrs. Elsie Spangler.

Mrs. Joseph Feas, German Bible 160 years old, first prayer uttered in conclave, printed and framed.

Miss Elsie Glenn, specimen of macrama work.

H. H. Benner, pocket "house wife" and testament carried by himself through the late war.

Josiah Holter, old earthen bronzed glazed milk jug in the fort at Muncy during the war of the revolution, specimens of melted glass from the Chicago and Tyrone fires, pieces from a wrecked engine.

Miss Lala Klinger, curious old sugar bowl from Germany, and molasses jug, antique venued knife box, very old.

Miss Kate Jackson, brick from chimney in house where Stonewall Jackson was born.

John I. Curtin, letter written him by Col. Theo. Gregg from the Danville military prison.

Rev. Wm. Laurie, small volume of the Psalms of David on the fly leaf of which is written, "8 bat les, 7 skirmishes, 8 balls," carried through the late war by a soldier.

H. Y. Stitzer, massive metal spur found near where Gen. Geo. Washington stood during the battle of Princeton and engraved with the initials "G. W."

Mrs. J. G. Love, beautiful specimens of petrified wood and moss, cleft rock, pebbles and shells from the Yellowstone region, very richly embroidered fire screen by Mrs. Fisk, Mrs. Love's mother.

J. J. Lucas, petrified horn of Sea cow and husks of saw fish, elk horn, bit of an Indian pot, all found near Crystal River, Fla.

C. L. Buffington, belt worn by a confederate adjt. gen'l. killed at the battle of Ft. Stedman and rebel cap used in prison, army regulations, cap pierced by a bullet and worn at the time by Israel Homish, 56th P. V.

Miss Kate Green, native work from the African mission, wooden spoon, native caps, (Logos) bags (Whydaps), pipe and stem.

Miss Green, original drawing of the church camp Griffin, Va., drawn by himself.

Mrs. Robt. Valentine, old bright wood spinning wheel and unique painting of two hands hauling in a rope.

Bond Valentine, cane from wood of the ship "Augusta" sunk in the Delaware in 1777, and raised in 1877.

Mrs. Col. Dare, Lt. Col. Dare's uniform coat and vest worn at the time Col. Dare was fatally wounded.

Mrs. Jas. Sommerville, inviting old brass tea kettle from Scotland, probably 200 years old, also candlesticks belonging to the Sommerville family.

W. C. Van Valin, bullet which glanced and struck him in the knee in battle, odd looking skull cap handed him by an old colored woman while marching through the streets of Columbia, S. C., bare headed a prisoner of war, coat worn by Capt. W. C. Van Valin during his 7 months of prison life.

C. Dale, Esq., pocket camp fork, carried through the Revolution by Henry Dale, a well preserved flint lock rifle carried through the war by the same.

Post 251, (Dr. Geo. L. Potter, Miesburg) mortar and caisson made of rebel bullets by Wm. Beeser, the "mail boy" of the 45th P. V.

Mrs. D. H. Hastings, very old clock which needed no repairing, neither stopped in 50 years.

Mr. E. J. Warner, Snydertown, a very remarkable, indeed wonderful, exhibit of handly penknife work, made by the exhibitor who has only one arm, with a Barlow knife, consisting of a bedstead of 20 different kinds of wood, mush paddle, spoon, meat saw, axe of antique design, pocket knife, table fork, clothes pin and shears, lastly a little jumper "pet" perfect in model and elaborate in finish.

Mrs. A. S. Valentine, interesting assortment of geological varieties, forest rock, tall, sunky topas, chunks of lead crystals carrying silver, galva carrying silver, iron pyrites and a bit of the first Atlantic cable.

R. C. Irvin, small collection of Chinese coins in copper.

W. R. Teller, newspaper printed in Vicksburg in '63 on wall paper, giving an account of one of Lee's great victories in which 60,000 Yankees are taken, confederate notes from one dollar to 500 dollars.

Adam Wait, stump of young tree behind which the exhibitor laid his head in the battle of Gettysburg, into which two balls entered, one striking him in the head. George W. Tate who knew the spot where Wait laid, secured the valuable stump 18 years after while on a visit to the battle field. In the stump rests the bullet which entered it there and the hole of the one passing through.

Mrs. Isaac Mitchell, pretty feather fan 110 years old, bead necklace 160 years old, bead bag buckskin lined, medicine containing her father's picture in his early youth.

Miss Celia Armor, an old assortment of Sandwich Island curiosities sent to this country 60 years ago, fabrics of cloth spun out of tree bark by natives, old coins, temple idol, &c.

Mrs. Geo. Valentine, large Japanese bronze stork brought from the Japanese exhibitors at the centennial.

Mrs. Rebecca Pugh, table of William Penn, solid walnut, symmetrical legs terminating in bird's claws clutching a bait, on four of which the old table stands, a specimen of carving much finer than any done at the present day.

Rev. John Hewitt, regalia of the Grand Prelate of the order of Knight Templar, presented by the Constance Commandery of Bellefonte to the exhibitor.

Capt. W. W. Potter, the famous Monmouth flag captured at the battle of that name by Capt. Wm. Wilson, of the continental army, by whom presented to Gen. La Fayette, the latter returning it to the family of the captor.

Miss Anna Mann, amateur work in oils of great merit.

Mrs. Pearen Mann, old spinning wheel and distaff.

massive frame. Mrs. Joseph Ceaders, superb wreath of flowers and vines in wax.

PORTRAITS AND PICTURES. Samuel H. Watson, officer in the Revolutionary war, Mrs. Jno. B. Linn. Dr. Joseph Henderson, Captain war 1812, Mrs. Wm. P. Wilson.

General James Irvin, member of XXVII and XXVIII Congress, General Jno. I. Curtin.

Thaddeus Brew, head of the Brew family, Mrs. Mary Hamilton. Turbide, one of the Emperors of Mexico, Col. Geo. Bayard.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Valentine, the parents of Mrs. Mary Haic. Mary Sandwith, a relative, sent to Elizabeth Sandwith 131 years ago. A picture painted by Elizabeth's sister, representing "Virtutum and Pomana."

Matlock Benner, Maj. H. H. Benner. Colonel Dare, Mrs. Dare. Hon. Gideon Wells, Dr. E. W. Hale. Gov. A. G. Curtin, at 45 years of age, Dr. Harris.

Henry W. Longfellow, C. P. Hilder. Roland Dysart Curtin, A. E. Smith. Dr. Geo. L. Potter.

The grandmother of Robert Valentine, Mrs. R. Valentine. Judge Burnside, Judge of Supreme Court of Penna., Henry Harris.

Capt. Wm. Wilson, captor of the famous Monmouth flag, now owned by Captain W. W. Potter, Jno. B. Linn.

Capt. Jno. Armor, with epaulettes and commission, Miss Celia Armor. Hon. Jno. Blanchard, member of the 29th Congress, E. M. Blanchard. Shrine of the Virgin, Miss Kate Derling.

"Schiller a la cour de Weimer," and other fine engravings, Bunnell & Aiken. Franklin's famous letter to Straham, M. P.—"You are new my enemy and I am Yours Truly, B. Franklin."

President James Buchanan and Judge Crouch, Mrs. S. T. Shuger. Hon. Andrew Gregg, Mrs. Jno. Lieb. Jno. Bayard, a soldier of the Mexican war, and of the late war, Mrs. Elsie Spangler.

The death of Admiral Nelson, at the battle of Fafalgar, a fine work, remarkable for its detail of a Frigate deck in action, Wm. Jones.

Gov. Curtin's pictures of Russian life. Mr. and Mrs. James McManus, Mrs. W. S. Zeller.

General Ambrose E. Burnside, and Col. Theo. Gregg, Curtin. Rev. James Linn, for 58 years pastor of the Presbyterian church of this place, Mrs. Harris Linn.

Rev. Jno. Toner, a very remarkable and distinguished citizen once of Bellefonte, loaned by his daughter, Mrs. H. Harris.

"The Arrest," a street scene in Zurich, is a work of deepest interest possessing in many points the sign of genius, loaned by Mr. Hilder, the artist.

Besides the valuable property enumerated and specified, we deem it proper to allude to the many other interesting pictures upon the walls of the Post room, and which might have been largely added to had the exhibit been circumscribed by merit and interest and value only, which unfortunately space would not permit, limiting as it did the class of pictures exhibited to such as are most peculiar to the town or county and to the organization of the G. A. R., which characterizes the exhibit as composed of such works as have a local significance, and such as are national and historical and antique, and such as residents have collected and carried here from Europe and other parts of the world.

The committee of the G. A. R. on the Art Gallery hopes to have gained the approbation of the comrades of Gregg Post, and also of the public, and desires to thank those who have loaned to them their treasured keepsakes, their works of art and their relics of the battle and the carnage of war. The following are the names of those who served most prominently in the work of the Loan exhibit: Mrs. D. M. Glenn, Mrs. Frank Wallace, Mrs. Jesse Stewart, Mrs. Geo. G. Tate, Mrs. H. A. Williams, Dr. Geo. F. Harris, chairman, R. C. Irvin, secretary, H. A. Williams, Geo. Tate, Chas. A. Glenn, Frank Wallace, Alex. Draucher, Jas. H. Runkin, Geo. A. Bayard, D. F. Fortney.

—The Citizens Cornet Band of Milesburg received new uniforms, and are quite handsome. The boys, too, of course.

DEATH OF MRS. JENKENS.—The death of Mrs. Sarah Jenkins, aged 56, occurred at the residence of Dr. Dorworth on Sunday morning after a lingering illness of dyspepsia. Services were held at the residence of Dr. Dorworth, Rev. Furst, officiating after which the remains were taken to Milton on the 10 A. M. train for interment. Mrs. Dorworth accompanied the remains to Milton.

RAIL ROAD.—The charter for the connection of the Beech Creek & Buffalo Run railroad has at last been obtained and a large number of laborers will be put to work without delay, and it is reported from reliable authority that the road will be completed in about sixty days. The work begun on the road through Armor's gap we are informed will only be extended through Nittany for about five miles, or to the Mine Banks of Valentines & Co. Collins Bros. are the contractors.

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