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WE publish the report of Gov. PATTISON and Supt. HIGBEE on the financial condition of the State College which recommends various changes.

AGUSTUS SCHELL, of New York, widely known for many years as one of the most active men in business and practical life, died on Thursday last, aged 72 years.

THE bill to extend the time for taking whiskey out of bond, which was nothing more than a loan by the Government, to the great whiskey rings met with a sad defeat in the House by a vote of 186 to 83.

PRINCE LEOPOLD, the Duke of Albany, the youngest, and favorite son of Queen Victoria, died suddenly on Friday last. His sudden death produced a profound sensation in England. The Queen was greatly distressed.

SENATOR HARRISON will have a good time to get his bill through Congress admitting Dakota as a state. The Democratic members of Congress in 1876 had an experience of that kind, which those of 1884 are not likely to have repeated.

THE Philadelphia Press thinks that the Blaine people should now elect some delegates to watch some of the first delegations appointed to the National convention. A failure to take this precaution in 1880, defeated the "Plumed Knight."

ANOTHER flourish of trumpets, from the whiskey disciple of Kentucky and Daniel Boone's ghost will keep his nightly virgils among the distillers. Toot gently, Harry Watterson, the last solo was a solemn requiem to the deceased whiskey bill.

MINISTER SARGENT, U. S. Minister at Berlin, has been transferred to the Russia mission. It is believed that the German mission will remain vacant for the present, in order that our government, in a quiet way, may emphasize its respect for Bismarck or the German Hog.

GEN. SIMON CAMERON has returned home from an extended visit to the South much invigorated in health. The General is perhaps one of the oldest men in the state, and judging from the long journey he annually indulges in, is doubtless one of the most vigorous of his age. We hope the veteran may continue many years in his present good health.

A MRS. SARAH E. E. SEELYE has been granted a pension by the House of Representatives, for service in the army. She served as a soldier three years under the assumed name of Franklin Thompson, and when sick and about to be sent to the hospital, deserted to escape detection of her sex.

THE Baltimore American says there are eight hundred new houses vacant in that city for want of tenants, and yet there is more building going on this season than ever before. This looks like preparation for a large influx of business in the "monumental city," or a benevolent desire to lower rents to those who are obliged to hire domiciles.

It is greatly to the credit of Gen. Carl Shurz that he has declined to accept the proposed gift of \$100,000 which his friends and admirers have been raising as a testimonial of their respect and esteem. In his public life no charge of corrupt practice ever attached to him and his refusal now in his poverty to be the recipient of gratuitous benefaction in contrast with other public men, is as creditable to him as it is remarkable and unusual.

The County Ticket.

We have a full county ticket to elect this fall, from President Judge down, and while we do not wish to be understood as in anywise desiring to dictate nominations to the democracy of our county, the DEMOCRAT, as one of the Democratic papers of the county, has a few suggestions to make. We have always given our earnest support to the ticket placed in nomination by the convention, and have never interfered to secure or prevent the nomination of any man or set of men. Nor will we deviate from our past course now. To the Democrats of our county we say, 1st. That the ticket nominated should receive every Democratic vote polled. 2nd. It should be such a ticket as would bring out every Democratic vote. 3rd. To do this it must be an unobjectional ticket, strong in every individual member.

As you are responsible for the election of the ticket so are you doubly responsible for the character of the ticket nominated. The people make the nominations, or at least they should, and if they nominate a weak ticket the responsibilities should rest with them. Between this and the August convention you have time to investigate the character, claims and qualifications of the different candidates for each office. This you should do carefully, and give no man your vote at the primaries who is not eminently qualified for the office. Your duty to yourself, to the people of the county and to your party, is to assist in making the best possible nominations. A man's personal friendships for a candidate should not swerve him from the path of duty. If your friend is unqualified to perform the duties of the office, or objectional to any considerable portion of your party, you should not try to force an element of weakness and discord on the ticket. Select your men carefully, nominate a strong ticket and the party will take twelve hundred majority to Philadelphia. Nominate a weak and objectional ticket and we may crawl out with a majority in favor of the other fellows. We write thus early in the battle as there are no candidates announced, and consequently none can take offense at this. Do your work so well that you can warmly ratify at the polls what you have done at primaries and in convention.

THE Union Leader suggests this as the Blaine platform:

1. The Mulligan letter.
2. The Credit Mobilier.
3. The taxation of the whiskey interest in tolerant states and the distribution of the proceeds in prohibition states.

THE colored people of northwestern Pennsylvania, begin to assert their freedom. At a convention to appoint delegates to the Pittsburg National Convention, held in Venango county, last week, a resolution was adopted "That we hereby renounce all allegiance to the Republican party, and will hereafter vote as one with the party that aids us the most; that we demand of Congress that laws be passed to protect white hearts under black skins in South Carolina as well as in Massachusetts." The colored man will in time find out where his friends are and cease to be led by the nose in a party who falsely claim their allegiance for the emancipation of their race, in which no one party in politics are entitled to exclusive credit more than another. Certainly the Republican party, by its liberty, has obtained no right to their allegiance and gratitude for the mere privilege of voting the ticket while they are excluded from a just representation of the rights of citizenship in a proportionate share of the offices for which they vote. Citizenship implies equal rights, and the man must be blind, indeed, who cannot see that equal rights has not been accorded to the colored voter by the party he serves.

HALLET KILBOURN, who it will be remembered was imprisoned a few years ago by the House of Representatives as a contumacious witness, has been pursuing a heavy claim for damages against JOHN I. THOMPSON, the Sergeant-at-Arms, who, as the officers of the House, had him in custody. Last week he obtained his fourth verdict for \$37,500 on his claim for \$350,000. The first verdict was for \$100,000; the second for \$60,000; none of which satisfied to heal his wounded honor. If he continues to pursue this mode of making his fortune, the same sliding scale of verdicts, will bring his damages down to low figures on his fifth verdict, if it do not place it where it ought to be, as a preposterous attempt to grab at the surplus revenue in the Treasury.

THE Blair Educational bill is under discussion in the Senate and meets creditable opposition, and its final passage, notwithstanding the desire to get away with the surplus revenue, is not to be expected. At a meeting held in Washington to endorse the bill, the protest of a colored man from Alabama, took all by surprise and furnished a wholesome lesson in good common sense, when he said, "let the negro alone—let him take care of himself—that the northern people did not understand the needs of the negro and that their interferences was doing more harm than good. Speaking for his own state, he averred that the local authorities of Alabama gave all the aid to colored schools that was necessary.

Usurped Leadership.

On the eve of a fierce political struggle for party supremacy in the nation, when the theories of contending parties, and contending factions are forced on the public by their different advocates, it is well to stop and take our political bearing, and to enquire who has charge of the ship. It has well been said by a very wise man, that "Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, others have greatness thrust upon them," the latter are at present in control of our party or have usurped its leadership. For years, the acknowledged leaders of the Democracy have been Randall in the House and Bayard and Thurman in the Senate. These men have been set aside, for the unskilled leadership of men like Carlisle, Morrison and the windy, frothy, vaporing Watterson, honest and able men, indeed, but unskilled to lead a great party in a desperate war. Nothing but the calm, judicious leadership of men schooled to political warfare in the National Congress through years of service can lead the democracy to victory. We want men who have achieved greatness, not men who have had greatness thrust upon them. Give us the leadership of Randall in the House, and of our own Wallace in the State Senate as we should have had last winter. Where great men lead let others follow. We have in our mind's eye two cases of usurped leadership, and the retirement of veteran commanders, within the past year and their results are painful. With a Democratic House and Executive we suffered ignominious defeat in Pennsylvania, we are about reaching the same conclusion at Washington. Give us back our old commanders, the Wallaces, Randalls, Bayards, Thurmans and Tildens.

Traitors in the Camp.

THE Harrisburg Patriot truthfully remarks. "The Blaine men in Pennsylvania are in a state of trepidation. The canvass for the nomination of the historian of the Kennebec has assumed an anomalous condition and no one seems able to understand it. Instead of being under the control and management of its friends it has recently been appropriated by former enemies whose conversion is of doubtful sincerity. Under these circum-

stances it is not surprising that there is doubt and uncertainty in the councils.

The fact is that the Blaine boom has been strangled. There is no doubt that on a free and fair expression of public sentiment nearly if not all the delegates from this state would be friendly to him. But it has been determined by the machine that such a result shall not be permitted. In Philadelphia a square fight in which the numerical strength of the Blaine men was counterbalanced by advantages the organization affords in the hands of the others, resulted in the election of thirty unfriendly delegates against sixteen who are devoted to him.

But outside of the great cities where political machinery is less potent in determining a contest an open fight was obviously dangerous to the ring. This put the managers to their wits and the result is that those who a few days ago opposed Blaine are now in the front ranks of his supporters and the appointed in the tabernacle. In this was they hope to accomplish their ends. One of the delegates elected in Luzerne county only two days ago has already announced that he is not for Blaine. If he had defined himself an hour before the ballot he would probably have been beaten. But having been chosen there is no power to revoke the decision and he may now voice his opinion from the hill tops. This is doubtless the secret of the recent conventions. The Blaine men will do well to exercise care. They should 'beware of the Greeks bearing gifts.'

THE defeat of the bonded whiskey bill by the House, on Thursday of last week, is the best practical exposition of the position of the Democratic party on monopolies. The whiskey interest has furnished the most powerful and unscrupulous lobby that has ever cursed Washington, backed by prominent political leader of both parties, with a horde of internal revenue officers and their relatives fifty degrees removed with the great Free Trade leader and apostle of whiskey, Henry Watterson as its oracle; with an unlimited amount of money at its disposal, it has held back the legislation of the country until the present time. It has now received its "quietus" at the hands of a Democratic House, and will not likely present its ugly visage to view for some time. This lobby has been and is one of the most powerful and inveterate enemies to the reduction of internal taxation, and has helped to maintain the army of internal revenue officers that has ever stood a menace to the liberties of the people, and has acted as spies for the Republican party. The policy of the Democratic party has always been in opposition to monopolies of all kinds, and the defeat of this greatest and most powerful of the many that infest the halls of legislature at Washington is the best guarantee of the future wise policy of our party. Reform in every branch of the government, and war on all monopolies, is the slogan of the Democracy. "Din ye na' hear it," Republican friends?

At the caucus of the Democratic members of the House on the tariff muddle, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the bill commonly known as the Morrison Tariff bill shall be taken up for consideration at the earliest practicable day, and reasonable time for debate allowed thereon, and after such debate that a bill shall be passed for a reduction of duties and war tariff taxes.

Resolved, Further, that the adoption of this resolution shall not be considered binding in controlling the individual action of Democrats, except to the extent that each Member may feel that he ought to be influenced by the expressed opinion of the majority of his associates.

A MR. JAMES CHOATE, of Missouri applied for a position in the House of Representatives and the request ought to be complied with at once. He is said to be the father of fourteen living sons, all of whom with himself, served in the Union Army throughout the war. This is a record not to be surpassed, and if the sons inherit the reign of the parent stem, it is a nucleus to form the next army of the Republic that congress should not neglect.

A STRIKE among the coal miners of Clearfield is expected. The operators of the mines have given notice of a reduction of wages, which it is believed the miners will not accept, and as a result will throw down their picks and shovels in disgust. It is hoped, however, that wiser councils may prevail and that mutual concessions may be made to the advantage of both parties.

GEN. GRANT is no longer the silent man that he once was. He does not attempt to conceal his position partialities and prejudices in regard to the Presidential nomination. He is openly and strongly for Gen. Logan. Logan was one of the stalwarts who stood by him for two terms in office and as an aspirant for a third term in 1880. He is, therefore, only reciprocating that friendship. Grant's hostility to Blaine is intense and outspoken. He passes the bounds of common animosity, and is revengeful in its tones and temper. This bitter feeling is a legacy of the last Chicago Convention. Blaine recently said that he had only allowed his name to be used as a candidate in 1880 as a means of defeating the third term conspiracy, and with no expectation of getting the nomination himself. Grant's emphatic declaration for Logan may be interpreted as an indirect expression against Arthur, and the ex-President freely admits the justice of this interpretation.—Pittsburgh Post.

A decision was rendered by the Supreme Court a few days since in the case of the Swift and Courtney and Beecher Match Company, appellant against the United States. Appeal from the Court of Claims. This was a suit brought by the match company to recover from the United States the sum of \$35,429 as commissions upon purchases of internal revenue stamps under the revenue law of 1863, 1864 and 1870. In the Court of Claims the match company's petition was dismissed. The court reverses the judgment of the lower court and remands the case with directions to render decision in favor of the match company for \$28,616 which is all of its claim that is not barred by the statute of limitations. Opinion by Justice Matthews.

THE Philadelphia Chronical Herald rises to remark that a little Presidential boom has, after much exertion and struggling in the effort to materialize itself, made an appearance in Conn. It is propelled by the friends of Joseph R. Hawley, who has an idea that he possesses admirable qualities as a dark horse. Hawley is a main-chance hypocrite, who delights in moral platitudes. Physically robust, he is morally flabby. Philadelphia had a chance to size him up when he was president of the centennial commission, and insisted on shutting the gates of the exhibition on Sunday to the general public, while he and his friends roamed around inside. Republicans who are in search of more snivellers for President can abandon Ohio and go to Connecticut.

Additional Local.

—The following appointments were made for the Altoona District at the Central Penna. M. E. Conference held at Williamsport last week:

James H. McGarragh, P. E., P. O. Altoona, Pa.; Altoona, Chestnut Ave., George Warren; Eighth Avenue, George Tedy; First Church, Geo. D. Pene-packer; Twenty-fourth Street, J. T. Wilson.

Bellefonte, Milton K. Foster; Birmingham, George Guyer; Clearfield, James Curns; Clearfield Circuit, Emanuel W. Wanner; Curwensville, Joseph B. Shaver; Duncansville, Henry S. Mendenhall; Glenn Hope,

J. Benson Akers; Grahamton, William A. Caver; Half Moon, Walter R. Whitney; Hollidaysburg, J. Ellis Bell; Houtzdale, Asbury W. Guyer; Howard and Beech Creek, Owen Hicks; Loyds-ville, to be supplied; Logan Valley, William W. Dunmire; Lumber City, E. Isha Shoemaker; Martinsburg, Isaac Heckman; Milesburg and Unionville, William W. Resse; New Washington, John A. Mattern Osceola, to be supplied; Penn's Valley, to be supplied by G. P. R. Sarvis; Philipsburg, John B. Polsgrove; Pine Grove, to be supplied by T. A. Elliot; Pleasant Gap, J. Bruner Graham; Port Matilda, to be supplied; Snow Shoe, F. B. Noble; Tyrone, Jacob S. McMurray; Warrior's Mark, George W. Bouse; Williamsburg, William V. Ganoe; Woodberry and Pattonville, Albert R. Lambert; Woodland, Joshua K. Lloyd.

William Earnshaw, chaplain of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, at Dayton, Ohio, member of Warriors Mark quarterly conference; J. R. Hykes, missionary to China.

SUPERINTENDENT AND SUPERVISED PREACHERS.—J. F. Craig, Hugh Linn, Abram M. Crighton, Cambridge Graham, George B. Ague.

—Mr. Dick Harris contemplated celebrating April 1st by taking a grand fishing excursion up Spring creek. Of course it is too early to fish with a "fly"—unless the "fly" is carried in one's own pocket and inspected every now and then. Some one informed him that "Grubbers" were the best bait for trout this time of year. "Grubbers!" exclaimed Dick, "what the—! Is Grubbers?" "Grubbers! Why, don't you know what Grubbers are?" "No, of course not," replied Dick. "I know that grub means something to eat, but never knew you could fish with it." "O, well, that is not the kind of 'Grubbers' I mean. They are a small, white, fat looking worm and about an inch in length, with a smooth skin, and resemble a small and very young bull pup, only they have no legs and hair. They are usually found in old dead trees and in rich mellow soil," was the explanation given by his friend and adviser. Now, the thing that perplexed Dick most was how to obtain them. A friend suggested hiring a couple boys to procure them. We are not prepared to say whether the two boys who were secured were "booked" before hand or not, but they were certainly wicked, deceiving boys. They were furnished with a mustard can and sent to hunt for "Grubbers," while Dick went over to Heister's to inspect "Echret's" best. The boys returned in a short time with the much coveted "Grubbers" and exhibited them to Dick. "Why, they've got hair on them," said he. He was told it was necessary to soak them over night in water to remove the hair. He accordingly put them to "soak" and rather got pretty well "soaked" himself. The next morning he invited a few acquaintances to look at them, remarking that it was queer, but that "the hair stuck just as tight as it did last night." "Why, Dick, those are not 'Grubbers,' they are catapillers," chorused his companions. "What, catapillers? But say, boys, let's take a drink, and don't say anything about this." But it got out, you bet.

—At a Special meeting of Bellefonte Encampment, No 72, I. O. O. F., held on Monday evening, the 31st ult., the following Officers (previously elected) were by D. D. G. Patriarch, R. A. Magee, assisted by Past Patriarchs H. B. Pontius and B. Galbraith, duly installed for the coming year, viz: Chief Patriarch, H. H. Benner; Senior Warden, W. H. Musser; Junior Warden, A. Sternburg; Scribe, W. H. Miller; Treasurer, Isaac Miller. The Officers filling positions by appointment were duly appointed by the O. P. and installed into office.

This encampment has been recently reorganized, and has every prospect of again becoming a prosperous branch of the I. O. O. F. being the higher branch of Odd Fellowship. The members of the Subordinate Lodge, in order to thoroughly understand the full purport of Odd Fellowship, should not hesitate to attach themselves to the encampment.

—STREET SCENE.—Stalwart candidate for delegate. "Say, Jim, who are you fellows going to send to the state Convention?" Jim, (Blaine Rep.) Solid Blaine men. No sell out this time, my Stalwart friend.

Stalwart—"Say Jim, I'm not a very strong Blaine man, I confess, but if you will send me and bind me up right tight with resolutions I'll stick."

Come, now, what do you say. We want harmony, and I don't want you fellows to sit down on me too hard. Lets go in and confer." Result—Hatchet buried (in the Blaine man's head). Stalwart goes to Convention.