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JUST think of it, that "red-headed and hopeful" Stalwart, Tom Cooper, out for Blaine.

THE proposition to restore the duty on wool to its former rate, was defeated in the House, on Monday last, by a vote of 118 to 126. This probably gives an impetus to the Morrison bill, that bodes its passage in the House when it comes up next week.

THE Republican primary meetings were held in Harrisburg, on Saturday evening, last, resulting in an easy victory for the friends of Blaine. Arthur, Edmunds, and Logan received a few votes, but the mass shouted for the "Plumed Knight."

GEN. GRANT hobbled into the House of Representatives on his crutches, one day last week, when Mr. Randall moved a recess of fifteen minutes, so that the members of the House could have an opportunity to pay their respects to the veteran. The motion was unanimously agreed to, and the General was right royally received by Congress.

THE friends of Auditor General Lemon, of Blair county, are pushing him to the front as a candidate for Congress. Col. Lemon, has been very successful in his political aspirations heretofore, and is, probably, one of the most popular men the republicans can put upon the canvass for a creditable run, but the district is close, and the Democrats intend to carry it.

GEN. BEAVER is in favor of the unit rule, and thinks the Republicans of Pennsylvania are for Blaine. There is one thing the General is well supplied with, and that is back bone, and is not afraid to speak out. He is out of politics for the present and we are glad of it. Bellefonte can ill afford to lose such an energetic, public spirited citizen at this period of her history. We are for Beaver-at-home.

GEN. W. C. WICKAM, a republican member of the Virginia Senate and one of the most prominent and honorable members of that party in the south, testifies to the incendiary character of the speeches made to the negroes of Virginia by the Mahonites in the last campaign. In their attempt to draw the color line they incited the Danville riots and now old Eliza Pinkerton Sherman wants to make political capital for his party. The Ohio man is equal to almost any emergency, from stealing the presidency to inciting a riot, but we fear John's contract in this case is too large. Try the Cincinnati riots, John, they are nearer home.

THAT Blaine is the choice of the Republican masses of Pennsylvania no one can doubt any more than they doubt that the Stalwart wing is bitterly opposed to the "plumed knight." He will never be the nominee of the Republican party, and all the bluster and noise of his faithful followers will not remove a single vote of Stalwart opposition. The "plumed knights" political scalps already dangles at the beak of the "strutting turkey gobbler" of New York. New York will go for Blaine under instructions (from Conkling.) The leaders of the Blaine delegation from Pennsylvania will be Stalwart.

We advise the Mulligan guards to buckle on their armour and get ready to shout for "Chet" Arthur, the great presidential dude. All contests at Chicago will be decided adversely to Blaine. The great state of Pennsylvania that for twenty-four years has been the bulwark of Republicanism, have no more voice in the nomination than will Kentucky that never casts a Republican electoral vote. James G. Blaine had better die of "a literary effort," than suffer from political "sun stroke" at Chicago.

WE have faith in the future greatness of our town as a manufacturing centre as long as her interests are in the hands of home capital. Every successful investment in the past few years, has been that of our own citizens. We have a class of young men of small means, but wonderful energy and enterprise, to whom we must look for our future business men and manufacturers. They are the men who will push our town along. They are the men who subscribe to our railroads, who help build our churches, and are foremost in every undertaking that tends to improvement. Capital ties itself up in banks and grows on ten per cent. discounts. Enterprise puts her shoulders to the wheel, and our Glass Works, Machine Shops and Nail Works are the result. "The Bellefonte Iron and Nail Company" is a new establishment, and grows out of the older plant, the "Bellefonte Nail Company." The new firm includes in addition to the gentleman who composed the old firm, Hon. J. P. Gephart and J. W. Gephart. This firm expects to put up a coke furnace and otherwise enlarge its business. We can not go into detail in regard to this new establishment but it is one more step toward our future greatness. A few men with the enterprise of this firm would be a valuable addition to our town. It is only from this class of men that we can expect anything. With the advent of new railroads, freight reduction will be in order. The mineral wealth of our county will be developed. With the facilities for manufacturing that Bellefonte offers, its nearness to the coal and coke fields, lime stone quarries, sand for the manufacture of glass, the immense bed of iron ore, almost within a stones' throw of the borough line, it is the spot formed by nature for the manufacturing centre of Central Pennsylvania. Keep your establishments in the hands of your own business men, their success in the past, is a guarantee for the future. If others desire to come and invest well and good, the field is large and the harvesters are welcome, but there is no reason why our capital or our enterprise should seek other places of investment.

THE Philadelphia Times of Saturday last has reports from 57 counties of the State on their choice for President and on the tariff. Randall is the choice of Pennsylvania and a tariff for revenue, with incidental protection is the platform. Centre county is put down for Randall, but unconcerned about the tariff. This we suppose is official, although Chairman Meek's name does not appear to be attached to the telegram. What is striking about the thing is that with the vast iron and coal interests of Centre county, she would be so indifferent about the tariff. The two great valleys that extend through her very heart are underlaid in their length and breadth, with vast bodies of valuable ore. She has thousand upon thousands of acres of the finest bituminous coal. She has five large iron manufacturing establishments, with millions of capital, directly or indirectly interested, and yet she is not bothering about the tariff. We suppose she has so much confidence in her representative in congress, Gov. Curtin, and in his ability to take care of her interests, that she does not need to bother about the tariff. Well, such is, no doubt, the case, but away down in the hearts of her sturdy, sterling democrats is a warm spot for "Uncle Sammy" the sage of Gramercy Park. She will, no doubt, speak for herself at her convention, and again in November.

A WHITE man's republican party is the last announcement coming up from the South. The republican leaders of Georgia, Gen. Longstreet and other Federal officers have issued an address, calling a meeting to form a white man's republican party, and declare that the negro "have thrust

themselves forward as a matter of right to the leadership of the party, and being incompetent, have destroyed its power for good, and placed themselves in a ridiculous light." The address further claims that under negro management "the republican party in Georgia has gone to the dogs year by year." The address goes on to declare: "This is a white man's country, and white men will control it. Any negro who pushes himself to the front is unwise, and any white man who urges him to it is an enemy to his country. The negroes are failures as voters as well as failures as office-holders." Further, it is declared that the negroes are not only "totally inefficient as party leaders," but are not "reliable voters."

A republican party in Georgia, without the negro will be a weak affair, but not more so than the republican majority in Pennsylvania without the same race of citizenship.

THE committee of the House in the case of ex-Speaker Keifer vs. Gen. Boynton, on a question of veracity, have made report, awarding the ex-Speaker the premium as a liar of the first magnitude, a perjurer and a sub-ordinator of perjury. This is certainly not a very flattering honor to bestow upon an ex-Speaker of Congress and the present leader of a great political party, who claim to possess "all the decency" of politics.

### A Forlorn Hope.

THE Harrisburg Patriot does not appear to be intensely impressed with the boasted harmony in the republican party. It says:

As the times for the conventions of the two parties draw near, there is less interest in the result of their deliberations than was to be expected. While this is somewhat surprising, the reasons for it are entirely obvious. A close contest always develops intense interest in the preliminary struggle, but where the result of the ultimate battle is so clearly forecast, as in the case of the present instance, much of the excitement gives place to the apathy that belongs to despair.

With the republican party united and harmonious this year there might have been sufficient hope of victory to induce an active effort on the part of the managers. But instead of that the organization is broken into fragments and distracted by adverse and conflicting interest to such an extent that all promise of success has departed. In this state the Blaine people are conducting what seems to be an earnest endeavor to nominate their favorite. It is, however, the shallowest pretense. Their only purpose is to crucify and destroy the other faction of their own party. That accomplished their zeal will flag and die out, and when the main battle comes on they will refuse to meet the danger and expenses of the encounter.

In any aspect in which the case is presented they are alike hopelessly involved. If Blaine is nominated New York, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts and the Pacific states are lost beyond the possibility of recovery. If Blaine is defeated for the nomination Pennsylvania, Ohio and a number of other states in which his adherents are numerous and influential, will default in the November contest. With corruption and chicanery ruling their primary contests it is not surprising that these conditions are apparent. They all teach the inevitable lesson that the republican party must be defeated.

THE Detroit Plaindealer, the organ of the colored voters of Michigan, says they number about 6,500, and that if Michigan republicans do not accede to their reasonable demands they will make trouble. Times was when the republicans of that state could look on with indifference to a transfer of three times 6,500 votes to the democrats, but now it is doubtful if they can afford to merely lose the 6,500. They

certainly run a risk by alienating anybody from the party ranks this year, as they are likely to need all the votes they can muster.

It is estimated by Inspector Thorne, of the New York police department, that there are not less than twenty thousand men in that city who are in full sympathy with the so-called Socialists, and these twenty thousand men are for the most part "strikers or loafers." They constitute not only a very inflammable, but exceedingly dangerous element, and the honest working classes cannot too emphatically repudiate them. No lasting or substantial victory for the rights of labor can ever be gained in this country under the red flag of anarchism.

### Halstead Reviews the Riot.

THE FIELD MARSHAL THINKS THE TROOPS PREVENT FURTHER TROUBLE.

CINCINNATI, April 2.—The following review of the riot was wired to the New York Tribune from Muri t Halstead, editor of the Commercial Gazette, to-night: "The number of persons killed and wounded in the riot thus far is about 200. The last fatal shot fired in anger up to this writing was fired between four and five o'clock this morning, though a poor soldier boy was instantly killed this evening by the accidental discharge of his gun. The Court House is not the utter ruin it was at first supposed to be. A large proportion of the valuable records have been saved. The money that was in the treasury is all safe. The vaults, which were very heavy, are mainly good. We have confidence there will not be a repetition of the terrors of three nights that will be so memorable here. But only the overwhelming forces of State troops prevent further disastrous demonstrations. The determination to lynch the gang of murderers in prison, and to release the crowd of rioters who have been made prisoners, is something terrific. Secret meetings were held to day that would mean mischief if there were not a thousand rifles and several batteries at hand. It is this display of power, making assaults by the mob hopeless, that will prevent fresh outbreaks. The presence of regular soldiers from the Newport barracks at the sub-Treasury last night was an element of confidence. In stormy times blue cloth works well. It happens that the City Controller has a complete list of the names of all taxpayers of the city and county and their addresses. The tax bills give a description and valuation of the property. These are valuable now. The rioting the first night was largely by workmen of good character, who resented the fact that murderers who have money to set in motion the machinery of criminal lawyers have had freedom here. The second night the spirit of the commune appeared and petroleum was put to use as by the Parisians when they are pleased to burn their public buildings. The third night the number of determined men had been largely reduced and there were swarms of boys. Of the crowd that was smashing pawnbrokers' shops three were grown men and they were thieves. They had a rabble of boys generally from seventeen to nineteen years of age, and one testified in the Police Court to-day that he was "thirteen and going on fourteen years of age." Out of sixty rioters gathered in for attempting to seize the battery of cannon at Music Hall only ten were men. The rest were boys. Some very bad ones, while others seemed to want the excitement above all things and so the crowds have depreciated from honest men, misguided but animated by righteous wrath, kindled against systematized infamy of the most outrageous character, to vicious rabble of boys in the hands of the lowest desperadoes. The excited people had a real grievance to begin with. The administration of criminal law here has been damnable and the influence of sheer criminals in public affairs is alarming. That which has happened will, we may hope, make irresistible the influences that lead to better ways."

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THE wisdom of the Stalwarts in not making a fight against Blaine was born of necessity. In the wreck they hoped to get

### The Republican Circus.

THE Arthur-Blaine Combination gave a public entertainment in the Court House on Tuesday. Everybody was saturated with the Arthur-Blaine sentiment. The convention was called to order by Col. D. S. Keller, the Chairman of the County Committee, and Jas. L. Sommerville was elected Chairman. This was a piece of Stalwart strategy, and was intended to take the wire edge off of the opposition knife. It was a successful move, and gave the convention the appearance of a Blaine-Arthur machine. A committee of five was appointed to draft resolutions—already cut and dried, and in Colonel Keller's vest pocket. This herculean task the committee performed after a few minutes Stalwart labor. We must say, that the resolutions reflect great credit on the County Chairman. They are the regulation Arthur-Blaine resolutions, with a little tariff and a vigorous thrust with a straw lance at the Democrats. After the "Whereases" and "Resolves" had been carefully laid away nominations for delegates to the State Convention were in order. W. B. Wigton of Phillipsburg, Col. D. S. Keller and Geo. Valentine were put in nomination.

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at least one delegate, and in this they were successful. They also got in an Arthur resolution. The cause of the "Plumed Knight" is in good hands—if the Blaine tail can wag the Arthur dog.

### Additional Local.

#### The New Borough Council.

President F. B. Crider was in the chair last evening and although he did not deliver his inaugural address he reppped the council to order at an hour so late that precluded the idea of getting even a glimpse of Mattie Vickers. Other councilmen present were Messrs. Shortlidge, Bartley, Cedars, McCafferty Tate, Ed. Brown, Jr., Hicks and L. L. Brown.

After the minutes were read and approved, the clerk read the committees appointed by the chairman as follows:

Finance—L. L. Brown, H. K. Hicks, Ed. Brown, Jr.

Water—Wm. Shortlidge, Joseph Cedars, H. K. Hicks.

Market—R. McCafferty, Wm. Shortlidge, Ed. Brown Jr.

Street—D. K. Tate, L. L. Brown, David Bartley.

Fire and Police—David Bartley, D. K. Tate, R. McCafferty.

Nuisance—Joseph Cedars, Ed. Brown, J. L. L. Brown.

When the verbal communications were called for, J. L. Spangler, Esq., who was present, said that he appeared in behalf of residents of East Curtin street, who would also present a petition. He especially requested council to compel residents near the Allegheny connection of that street to put down board walks. He says that he has fourteen lots on the street and will willingly build walks in front of his property when those further west have done so.

A petition signed by about all the residents of that street was then read making a similar request in reference to boardwalks and street lamps. This request was afterward referred to the street committee.

Mr. William Jones was nominated for collector for the ensuing year and on motion of Mr. McCafferty his election was made by acclamation. His compensation is 5 per cent.

On motion of Mr. Tate, Mr. Peter McMahon was chosen lamplighter at a yearly salary of \$324.

The same gentleman moved that Mr. Thos. Shaughnessy be made street commissioner. Carried. Salary, \$1.50 for each day he works.

Mr. Samuel Rine was on motion of Mr. Shortlidge, selected for engineer at Water Works and superintendent of water pipes. The question of salary was not acted upon.

Subject of salary for the borough engineer and the borough solicitor was deferred for a future meeting.

The salary of clerk of council was continued, as last year, at \$150.

Clerk Mitchell read a complete financial statement for the year which we shall probably give to-morrow. It shows a considerable deficit for the year, but this is abundantly accounted for by extraordinary expenses, such as bridge building, repairs at water works, etc., which will probably not occur again for a long time. The borough affairs have been managed with great economy and commendable discretion, and the greatest financier in the world could have made no better showing.—News.

#### Butchered by Her Husband.

ALTOONA, Pa., April 7.—Mrs. Dr. L. W. Beach, the wife of a prominent physician, was discovered in a room at her residence this morning with her head cut almost from her body. An investigation developed circumstances of so suspicious a character that the doctor was arrested, and two large knives and a cleaver used for amputating purposes were found beside the victim.

The coroner's jury found that Mrs. Beach came to her death at the hands of her husband, and the doctor was accordingly remanded to jail. He admits that he killed his wife and wants to be hung or shot. Since his arrest he tried to borrow a knife, and on being refused asked for a pin, which was also refused as it was believed he intends to commit suicide. He was received into the Lutheran church only yesterday morning and partook of communion. It is generally believed that he is insane.

WANTED.—By a young lady, a position in a hotel or private family as cook only. Has had considerable experience. Address "Cook," care of CENTRE DEMOCRAT Bellefonte, Pa.