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### DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

CONGRESSMAN-AT-LARGE,  
GEN. W. H. H. DAVIS.  
OF BUCKS COUNTY.

### THE ELECTORAL TICKET.

ELECTORS AT-LARGE,  
H. B. FISHBURN,  
R. J. McGRIMMID.

- | DISTRICT ELECTORS.         |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. John Slavin,            | 16. George S. Parly,   |
| 2. John P. J. Smeendorf,   | 17. P. K. Ackley,      |
| 3. John W. Lee,            | 18. John P. Levan,     |
| 4. Herbert J. Horn,        | 19. Ezra D. Parker,    |
| 5. Richard L. Wright,      | 20. E. D. Memma,       |
| 6. John H. Bristol,        | 21. A. H. Hill,        |
| 7. Wm. Stahler,            | 22. Franklin F. James, |
| 8. Charles F. Reintschler, | 23. J. K. P. Duff,     |
| 9. H. M. North,            | 24. John Swab,         |
| 10. Harry G. Stiles,       | 25. A. B. Winter-itz,  |
| 11. A. J. Broadhead, Jr.,  | 26. John H. Hill,      |
| 12. F. V. Brockafellow,    | 27. Wm. A. Farnmer,    |
| 13. Nocholes,              | 28. A. J. Greenfield.  |
| 14. George H. Irwin;       |                        |

WHICH will it be, the "Tattooed man" or the "prize in the lottery of assassination?"

THE Commissioners of Internal Revenue ask that an additional appropriation of \$150,000 be made for salaries and expenses of agents in that Bureau for 1884.

THE Lemoine Crematory at Washington, it is announced, is overtaxed, and after the first of August the use of the crematory will be limited to the dead bodies of citizens of Washington county.

THE nomination of Maj. O. E. Babcock is before the Senate for confirmation. This will doubtless again bring to view the unsavory record of Maj. Babcock in connection with the whiskey ring frauds, a few years ago.

FINANCER WARD, of the firm of Grant & Ward, is now in the Ludlow street jail, figuring over the balances of that healthy firm. The poor young man ought not to be solitary and alone. This is cruel and unjust.

THE Democratic State Committee of New York met at Albany on Tuesday of last week and voted to hold the State Convention to select delegates to Chicago, at Saratoga on the 18th of June. It is announced that all the committee favor the nomination of Mr. Tilden, and have no doubt that he will be the candidate of the Democratic party, if not from personal desire in deference to the universal demand of the whole country.

THE return of Don Cameron from his European trip greatly improved in health, is warmly greeted by his friends. What political significance there is in his return at this particular time will soon have its development, but it is not risking much to say that Mr. Blaine is not one of the many distinguished Presidential aspirants who is overjoyed to see the Senator back, taking a hand in the Chicago melees soon to come off.

THE candidates for the Presidency of the Chicago Republican convention are about as common as the candidates for the Presidential nomination. Gen. William Curtis of New York; Hoar and Long of Massachusetts, Harrison of Indiana, and McKinley of Ohio, will be pressed by their friends for the honor, with many others in the background to represent the interests of particular aspirants for nomination.

THE Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., of Pennsylvania, held their annual session at Harrisburg last week, and after transacting the usual routine business and providing appropriations for the annual expenditure, amounting to \$17,110, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: George Hawks, Grand Master; F. R. Vanarsdalen, Deputy Grand Master; Charles W. Ridgeway, Grand Warden; James E. Nicholson, Grand Secretary; M. Richard Muckle, Grand Treasurer, and Samuel E. Gavniner was elected representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

THE banking house of Grant & Ward "caved in," and the gallant 306 failed to rally to the support of the "old man." Grant went into the banking business with the "third term" and the 306 medals as his capital. The medals were copper and the "third term" brass bad capital to do business on.

BEECHER is certainly a very expressive speaker, and always understood. Here is a short illustration which occurred in a recent speech in New York:

"When Hayes took the Presidential chair [laughter]—step, gentlemen; stop awhile—when Hayes was elected President the country had been scourged with the fires of war, and as a physician applies sweet oil and poultices to the shin of a scalded man, the nation needed a poultice, and it got it."

THE Republicans may as well cease quarreling over their respective favorites as the proper person to be nominated for the Presidency and save their reputations for another occasion. If Samuel J. Tilden receives the unanimous nomination of the Democratic convention at Chicago, as he is almost certain to do, their proper man, whoever he may be, will be out of the contest in New York, and the question of Arthur's successor settled before the election in all the states where there is any chance of doubt.

AT the present time the United States turns out more manufactured products than any other nation in the world—the total in 1880 being as given, being \$5,560,000,000, while those of Great Britain were valued at \$4,091,500,000 in 1882. By the same authority the total industries of the United States in 1880 were \$11,405,000,000, those of Great Britain \$9,200,000,000, those of France \$6,840,000,000, those of Germany \$6,650,000,000, and those of Russia \$4,050,000,000.

HON. GEORGE LEAR, late Attorney General under the administration of Gov. Hartranft, died at his residence in Bucks Co., after a long illness, on Friday morning of last week. Mr. Lear was prominently before the people of the state for many years, and his death will be received with much regret. He, says a contemporary, was a man too fearless in the assertion of his opinions and too unaccommodating in bending himself to the will of his political associates to reach such a position in the management of public affairs as his abilities warranted him in striving for. He was hardly appreciated at his deserving in his lifetime; but now that he is dead the usual tributes will be paid to his sterling qualities. He leaves an untarnished name behind him.

CHAIRMAN BARNUM, of the Democratic National Committee, was in Washington last week, perfecting arrangements for the meeting of the National Convention at Chicago to be held on July 8th. The admission tickets, now being engraved, are to have coupons attached for the daily sessions. The coupons will be taken by the door-keepers, and will effectually block the custom of handing back the tickets to admit friends of delegates who are not members, whereby similar conventions have been so unacceptably crowded. The door-keepers, and other men to be employed about the convention are all to be appointed from citizens outside of Chicago. Accommodations for 8000 spectators will be provided for in the galleries, the tickets to which are to be equally divided among the delegates to be distributed.

THE *Pittsburg Post* compliments the Republican leaders in the House of Representatives thusly: "Ex-Speaker Keifer, although possessed of the hide of a rhinoceros, tumbles to the 'situation' at last, and announces he will not be a candidate for re-election. He will probably be permanently retired from politics. The Ohio

Republicans refused to send him as a delegate to Chicago and he declines a Congressional nomination simply because he could not obtain it. He might hitch teams with Colfax in the lecturing business, taking the worldly role and leaving the pious one to Schuyler. There should be a retreat established in this country for retired Republican statesmen. What an interesting collection could be made. They might be allowed the recreation of a moot Congress, and play at subsidy giving and bribe taking. A little corner in it could be provided for Mr. Blaine to finish his "history."

THE New York regiment of Union Veterans went last week on a pilgrimage to Stanton, Va., to visit and greet in friendship, the Fifth Virginia Confederates, on the occasion of their reunion at that place. It will not tax the imagination painfully to realize how cordially such a greeting among brave men would be responded to, or how great the influence such commingling must be in cementing the bonds of the Union in good fellowship in all its parts. It is true that we have among us men who fancy it is their interest to foment sectional prejudices and geographical division, and such can take no pleasure in the cordial greetings referred to. Among this class stands John Sherman, vigorously waving the bloody shirt in the interest of a Presidential boom. But these regiments of brave men who confront each other in battle may well afford to give a better example, and while in friendly communion, rehearsing their exploits in the field, despise the political poltroons who for any purpose would endeavor to rekindle the sectional animosities which properly departed with the war never to return, and for which we have largely to thank just such veterans as commingled at Stanton.

THE New Orleans Exposition to open on the 1st of December next in aid of which Congress has appropriated \$1,000,000, bids fair to excel in interest and grandeur, any exhibition of the kind in this country, not excepting our own Centennial in Philadelphia in 1876. The most elaborate preparations are being made, and the management are encouraged to great effort to procure sufficient accommodations for the great amount of exhibits already in course of preparations for the occasion. A "novel and praiseworthy idea," remarks the *Pittsburgh Post*, in connection with the exposition is that of offering to the colored race an opportunity of exhibiting their capacity and its products in the arts, manufactures and other industries. At a recent meeting of prominent colored citizens in Washington, presided over by the Liberian Consul at New Orleans, Major Burke, director general of the exposition, announced that its managers had appropriated fifty thousand dollars toward the colored exhibit. He stated that 40 percent of the mechanics in New Orleans were colored men and predicted a splendid display on the part of this class of people. Resolutions favoring the plan of exhibits by colored persons were adopted by the meeting, with the request that the President would appoint two colored commissioners general "to receive the exhibits of six million colored citizen of the United States, that they may be properly placed on exhibition at the World's Centennial Cotton Exposition."

THE delegates from the South in the Republican convention that talk of presenting the name of ex-Senator Bruce of Mississippi, as a candidate for Vice President had better save time and trouble, as the Northern Republicans have no intention of having the colored race, even when such an able and exemplary representative as Bruce is presented. He is a far abler man than Lincoln. This, however, has no weight with a party that only uses the colored vote to hold power for white men to exercise. Without their support the Republicans could not carry over four Northern States.—*Sun & Ban.*

### A Word of Warning

That paper best conserves the interests of its party which speaks out boldly on party questions and party nominations. We have in several issues of the DEMOCRAT called the attention of the Democratic voters to the county ticket to be nominated in August.

We have no ticket to suggest and no axe to grind, but the importance of strong and acceptable nominations becomes more evident every day. We cannot rely on our party majority of eight hundred or a thousand to carry incompetent or objectionable men through. The reduced majorities on several important offices in the past few years is not without its significance. They were the result of no organized opposition, but of a general cutting all over the country. There is a deep muttering, a sub-surface agitation concerning certain offices that is evident to the most casual observer, and which it is well to take heed of while there is yet time. The Democrat who fails to attend the delegate election and there express his preference, cannot justify his opposition to the ticket placed in nomination.

Let the Democratic voters of this county make the county ticket. Allow no man to dictate who shall be his successor in office, or to say who shall be the nominee of the party for any position on the ticket. This will not be a good year for forced nominations, and nominees must have other qualities than that of being a "good fellow." We cannot afford to have a weak ticket, or single weak man on the ticket. The entire Democratic vote must be polled and weak men always leave votes behind. We have a close judicial district and not one vote should remain at home. We but wish to bring to the attention of every Democrat in the county the facts as they exist at the present time. Anybody who comes in contact with Democratic sentiment in this county can see for himself that there are several elements at work which may lead to the defeat of some part of the ticket this fall. At the delegate election you should make your fight, for after a ticket is fairly nominated it is not healthy for party supremacy to fight it. We give this timely warning now, knowing that if objectionable men are placed on the ticket there will be trouble, perhaps defeat. Remember this and do your duty. We have no fight with any man or set of men, and but desire the success of Democracy in old Centre. It is our duty to the party to sound the alarm.

### The Republican Party Responsible

It is not surprising that the Republicans should run to lay upon the back of the Democratic party the responsibility of last week's panic in New York. No thief conscious of guilt and dreading punishment when hotly pursued forgets to cry "Stop Thief" if by his trick he may hope to elude his capture.

Upon what grounds do they charge it upon the Democratic party? First, they say the agitation for a tariff reduction has done it, disturbing that stolid yet strangely timid creature called capital. Why the discussion by Congress, in the legitimate pursuits of its duty, of a subject that is uppermost in the minds of four-fifths of the voters of the land should alarm capital it is not easy to understand. Quite as difficult is it to determine why the consideration by that body of a measure designed to relieve from onerous taxation eighteen millions of working-men should cause financial depression. The charge carries with its own contradiction. Capital might as properly get alarmed every time a safe-robber is jailed or a counterfeit detected as that it should grow uneasy whenever legislation protecting equally all grades of decent society seems probable.

"The fear of Democratic success in

the Presidential election," is given as another cause for the panic. Yet the journals that put this as one of the reasons have all along been assuring their readers that the Democrats can, not win. This charge then shows nothing more than an admission of these newspapers as to their own lack of veracity. But grant the occurrence of what now seems altogether likely, the election of a Democratic President. Is it probable the country could be worse governed than now. Does not almost everybody believe that the Democratic party in power and at its worst could not be quite so bad as the Republican party at its best. If the country could stand twenty years of Republican corruption and misrule surely four years of honest government would not be so rude as to shock to its systems as to bankrupt it.

Another of the flying speculators cries out, the Silver bill, a damaging Democratic measure, has done the business, expanding unnecessarily our circulation. With the contraction of the National bank circulation and the exports of gold no expansion of circulation exists. There has been no expansion at any time to warrant foolish speculation or unwise investment the desires of the money holders, and not the currency, have led to disaster.

The truth is the Republican party by the corrupt methods it has adopted and the extravagant measures it has favored creates of necessity such flurries as the Wall street panic, which seriously endanger the business interests of the country. Faithless to public pledges, regardless of all trusts, displaying recklessness and extravagance in all public positions, the leaders of the Republican party have encouraged private extravagance and individual speculation. Its leaders have given the country to believe that the shortest road to success is the best road regardless of the quicksands of wrong that mark it. The Republican party secured its triumph again and again by corruption and fraud and the example it has set in high places has but naturally been followed by those in less exalted positions. Financial disaster and commercial depression are the results.—*Chambersburg Valley Spirit.*

### Blaine and Arthur.

We are of the opinion that the friends of Blaine, amid the hurrah prevalent about the time the Republican state convention was held, were a good deal hiccussed in the selection of delegates. The Blaine cup was drugged with an Arthur sediment now gradually coming to the surface. The Philadelphia delegation is announced as a unit for Arthur, and Senator Cameron is relied on to turn the interior delegates against Mr. Blaine. Although they may have been elected as his supporters. The *Philadelphia Telegraph*, as part of the gossip current in Republican circles in Philadelphia, says:

"A number of delegates who have been put down for Blaine are in their hearts warmly in favor of another term for the present Chief Executive. It was given to-day as the deliberate judgment of a gentleman who is a friend of Senator Cameron's, that men have been selected as delegates and put down as being sure to support the Maine statesman, who will be wheeled into line for Arthur. Under the hurrah of the Plumed Knight it is held that gentlemen were permitted to be named for delegates who, at the proper time, would turn in for Arthur or any candidate the powers that be should determine upon. In plain terms, it is asserted that men have been set up for Blaine who are not Blaine men at all."

We think there is much truth in this, although the fact may not be made apparent until the balloting commences at Chicago. Arthur has a hundred thousand offices of his disposal, which may mean two hundred thousand promises. The historian has only appointments to canvass for his book. Certainly some of the strong Blaine leaders, Ingersoll and Chandler for instance, who were for him four and eight years ago, are now averse to his nomination.—*Pittsburgh Post.*

Senator George Handy Smith will not attend the Chicago Convention. He says his days for dress parading are over.

### Items of Interest.

Sixteen Johnstown veterans have crossed the dark river since last Memorial day.

White potatoes are selling for 12 cents a bushel at Allentown.

Bristol has elected a lady superintendent of schools, Miss Tillie S. Boaz. The school board of Columbia has begun the building of a \$7,700 school house.

Mr. John Moore, editor of the *Harrisburg Telegram*, has a libel suit on hand. Henry Keller, aged 20 years, was instantly killed at North Ashland early Tuesday.

Glass sand, or silica, is found in large quantities in Caln township, Chester county.

The Presbyterian church at Frazier was broken into recently and robbed of a number of articles.

A hoisting carriage at the Nottingham mine in Plymouth fell twenty feet on Tuesday, killing Joseph Knight.

Lancaster classis of the Reformed church in the United States will meet in Hummelstown, June 5, 1884.

Montgomery county has now fourteen national banks. The last is the Ambler national bank, with a capital of \$50,000.

Bucks county will have its first examination for school teachers on May 26. All the examinations will be finished before July 1.

The old Lutheran Congregational church in Selinsgrove, which was built in 1803, is to be torn down to make way for a new structure to cost \$6,000.

During a dispute at Tideoute on Wednesday night between George Jennie and William Ellis, the latter was killed by a shotgun in the hands of the former.

Three of the Woodton dirt-burning locomotives have been taken to Tyrone to be tried on the Pennsylvania railroad in burning the refuse of the soft coal mines.

The new gas tank being erected by the Altoona gas company on Ninth avenue is being rapidly pushed towards completion. The bricklayers are now hard at work on it.

Workmen in a wheelwright shop at Springtown, Bucks county, found three huge black snakes coiled under their work bench. Two were killed and the third escaped.

The jury in the libel suit of ex-Coroner Hope, of Allegheny county, against the *Commercial-Gazette*, of Pittsburgh, Saturday morning awarded the plaintiff 61 cents damages.

The chief burgess of Columbia is making war against "storing boxes, barrels, oyster shells, etc., on the streets, and dumping ashes and other rubbish in the alleys of the borough."

James Eldridge, superintendent of the Johnstown manufacturing company, and one of Johnstown's most prominent and useful citizens, died on Sunday morning after a prolonged illness, aged nearly 43 years.

A charter was issued at Harrisburg on Monday to the Danes and Mapleton railroad company for a two-mile branch of the Tyrone and Clearfield railroad, in Decatur township, Clearfield county. The capital stock is \$24,000.

Two children built a fire in the barn of Benjamin Ansladt, near Huntersville, Lycoming county, on Tuesday morning. The barn and an adjoining wagon shed were burned down. Two calves and three tons of hay were also consumed.

William A. Imus, local agent and cashier of the Tidewater pipe company, in the Bradford district, died suddenly at his residence Monday evening of apoplexy. A life insurance agent, who had agreed to take out a \$10,000 policy on the life of the deceased, arrived in Bradford a few hours before his death.

At the annual meeting of the hotel men's mutual benefit association, held in St. Louis, May 13th, over four hundred members were present. After dinner, General W. T. Sherman made a very happy speech, highly commending the association for its good works. Mr. McDonald, of the Park Hotel, Williamsport, was elected vice president of the H. M. B. A., for the State of Penna.

A wedding came off at the Williamsport jail Saturday at half-past two o'clock. The groom was Calvin Miller sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of 18 months at the last criminal court, his offense being that of breaking into the Pine Creek railroad ticket office at Cedar Run; the bride being Miss Maggie Buck, of Hughesville. They were married in the prison chapel, City Recorder Smith performing the ceremony in the presence of a large number of invited guests.