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DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

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

THE ELECTORAL TICKET.

- ELECTORS AT LARGE,
Richard Vaux, H. B. Plummer,
H. J. McGrannin.
- DISTRICT ELECTORS.
1. John Slavin,
 2. John P. J. Senendorf,
 3. John W. Lee,
 4. Herbert J. Horn,
 5. Richard L. Wright,
 6. John H. Bristow,
 7. Wm. Stahlner,
 8. Charles F. Reintschler,
 9. H. M. North,
 10. Harry G. Stiles,
 11. A. J. Broadhead, Jr.,
 12. F. Y. Rockafellow,
 13. Richard K. Ehn,
 14. George H. Irwin;
 15. George S. Parry,
 16. F. K. Ackley,
 17. John P. Lavan,
 18. Ezra D. Parker,
 19. E. D. Mumma,
 20. A. H. Dill,
 21. Franklin P. James,
 22. J. K. P. Duff,
 23. John Swan,
 24. A. B. Wintermills,
 25. John H. Hill,
 26. Wm. A. Farrier,
 27. A. J. Greenfield.

THE preference of the delegates from California to the Democratic National Convention are first for Tilden, then for Thurman.

THE political situation cannot look particularly hopeful to the Republicans, when they class Massachusetts among the doubtful states.

THE letter of Mr. Tilden declaring positively to not be a candidate for President, will be found in our columns. Read it carefully without fail.

HENRY WARD BEECHER says: "If we can't elect a decent Republican President, let us have a Democrat." He is not in favor of a third party movement, as Bayard or Thurman will fill the bill.

THE estimate for the wheat crop in this country for the present year is 516,000,000 bushels, exceeding that of last year by 118,000,000. If the estimate is realized, it will be the largest crop ever produced in this country.

COL. J. A. PRICE a life-long Republican of prominence, of Scranton and at present President of Scranton Board of Trade, declares that he cannot support Blaine, or approve the platform of hypocrisy upon which he stands.

SENATOR HOAR, of Massachusetts, thinks that "it is not likely that the Democrats will propose any man who will be worse for the public interest than Mr. Blaine." Hoar knows that impossible events are difficult of accomplishment.

WE notice that Charles A. Bergner, late editor of the *Harrisburg Telegraph*, is among those who are not disposed to accept Blaine and his record, and recalls some scraps of history not at all creditable to the Republican candidate, in justification of his bolt.

GEN. LOGAN is expected to lead the veteran soldiers of the country to the standard of Blaine. His ungenerous and vindictive persecution of the brave soldier and true patriot, Gen. Fitz John Porter, will handi-cap his efforts in that direction more seriously than anticipated. Gen. Porter's friends among the brave veterans are counted by legions.

THE times are against the election of Blaine—the *N. Y. Times*, the *Philadelphia Times*, the *Chicago Times* and the *Detroit Times*, attest this with emphasis. But better than all, in view of the hypocrisy of the platform upon which he stands, the record is also against him, as any one may know who carefully reads from day to day, the *Philadelphia Record*.

THE Republicans are endeavoring to make it out that the independent press now opposing Blaine do so because they want a free trade President. They forget to state that in 1880 every one of these journals then in existence supported James A. Garfield, although the protectionists in the Republican party tried to make out that Hancock was a free trader.

COLLECTOR ROBERTSON, of the New York Custom House, is confident that there was no bribery of delegates in the Chicago Convention, because he "saw none." Perhaps he was not present when the arrangement was made with Clayton to desert the standard of Arthur for that of Blaine, as well as other little jobs having the same object in view. The collector in common decency could not be expected to see his official superior betrayed with complacency.

EX-SENATOR DORSEY, in a letter to the Springer committee, charges Ex-Senator Geo. E. Spencer with demanding of him that he pay \$12,000 to Elkin another of the gang of Star-routers, and that he (Spencer) would see that he had immunity in the late Star-route trials. Spencer says Dorsey lies, and he is willing to testify. The rogues fall out, but the public will have about as high appreciation of one as of the other.

MR. WHARTON BARKER, of Philadelphia, announces himself for Blaine. Of course he is. Did not Blaine endorse and accept his ridiculous proposition of taxing the people by the National Government to raise revenue to distribute among the States? This emanation of Barker's genius was made a prominent feature of the Republican platform of Pennsylvania in 1883, and possessed the merit of congratulatory commendation from the tattooed statesman, to its author.

THE announcement of the sudden death of Hon. Heister Clymer, by paralysis, which we publish in this issue, is received by the people of Pennsylvania, which he has faithfully served in the public councils of the Government, both state and national, with sincere sorrow. Mr. Clymer was a man of decided ability, straightforward and honest in all relations, and commended himself in his public career, to the confidence and respect of all alike.

THE Democratic House of Representatives during the present session of Congress, has passed bills providing for the forfeiture of 70,000,000 acres of public lands, granted by the Republican Congress to railroad corporations. This land being unearned by the corporations, it is proposed to restore them to the people. But notwithstanding the pretenses of the Republican platform, the Senate do not appear in haste to ratify the action of the House.

THE nomination of the tattooed statesman of Maine for President, brings John Stewart to the front in Pennsylvania as the heir apparent to Don Cameron. A sneaking, transparent hypocrite instead of a bold, aggressive gentleman who commands respect even of those who are compelled to condemn his political methods, is perhaps altogether in order now that Blaine is the candidate on a platform of false-pretense. John is the man to lead such a combination.

THE papers are full of revolts from the Republican nomination. One which may prove serious is the colored men in New York, organizing a State Colored Democratic Association, opening its headquarters in New York with band accompaniments, displaying great enthusiasm. Mr. John W. Shaw, president of the Association in his address, gave as their reason for opposing the Republican party, "because it is opposed to honest government and is incapable of distinguishing between the will of the people and the design and cupidity of its retainers—white and black." The reasons are certainly sound and contain more "truth than poetry." The "grand old party" cannot hold the colored men much longer as slaves of their will without giving some evidence of appreciation other than the privilege of shouting in procession and voting for the "white trash" who monopolize the offices.

HARPER'S WEEKLY, has taken bold and decided grounds against the election of Blaine. The point of the article declaring its purpose is that "honest and economical administration; the progressive purifications of the public service at home, wise reduction of the revenue, and the sense of general security which springs from the moral elevation of the administration—are not to be expected from Republican success."

At a meeting of the House Committee on appropriations on Thursday last, the following, offered by Mr. Randall, was adopted by a party vote to the "General Deficiency bill": "That no Senator, Representative or Delegate in Congress, or Senator, Representative or Delegate-elect, and no officer, clerk or employe of the United States, or any department, branch or bureau thereof, or any persons receiving any salary or compensation from moneys derived from the Treasury of the United States, Government shall give or hand over to any person or persons, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable things on account of or to be applied to the promotion of any political object whatever. That any person guilty of a violation of this provision shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$5,000, or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years, or by such fine and imprisonment both, in the discretion of the Court."

Bolting the Ticket.

THE Republican Independents of Massachusetts, opposed to the election of Blaine and Logan, held a mass meeting in Boston on Friday last. Henry L. Pierce called the meeting to order, remarking that "the nominations made at Chicago were not up to the high standard of the Republican party; regretted as much as any one the train of events that had brought about this result, but it was incumbent on those who desired a Government free from jobbery, free from 'jingoism to protest against the candidates presented to us." After the organization of the meeting and speech from Col. Rodman, the president, and a number of the members, pertinent resolutions declarative of the purposes of the Independent Republicans of the "Old Bay State" in the campaign were adopted, a committee of One Hundred appointed to take such further measures as circumstances required to give effect to the views of the meeting. A committee of 25 was also appointed to proceed to New York to confer with the Independent Republicans of that State on the 17th of June.

Atheism and English Free Masonry.

DOUBLIN, June 11.—The *Freeman's Journal* says that Mr. Charles Bradlaugh wrote a letter to the Prince of Wales, as a brother Mason, asking the Prince's support to an Atheistical Propaganda, which he said, was the duty of English and Continental Masons to provide. The Prince of Wales was greatly annoyed at the receipt of this letter and sent it to Lord Carnarvon. It is believed that Lord Carnarvon will move in the Grand Lodge for the expulsion of Bradlaugh. Should Bradlaugh be expelled other Atheists will secede from Free Masonry.

"Turn the rascal out." He has no business in a sanctuary where every principle of the Decalogue is sacred and the foundation of its teachings.

His sympathisers should go with him, without regret even if it decimates the English Lodge. When Masonry affiliates with that kind of trash, its mission is ended and should be abandoned. We are glad to believe that no such membership has invaded the sanctuary of American Masonry, and would be promptly dealt with if it did.

FOR THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Among the announcements will be found the name of John Wolf, for Commissioner. Mr. Wolf has discharged the duties of the position with greatest fidelity. The reduction of the county debt had his earnest encouragement, and the tax-payer now breathes freer for it. If he is re-elected it will not be long until our county will be out of debt and the burden of local taxation removed.—*Centre Hall Reporter*.

The same remark could with equal propriety be made of the other two Commissioners. The present board has been a unit on all questions of economy. They have had the energy and sagacity to fairly, honestly and intelligently manage the financial matters of the county. When the present board of Commissioners came into power the financial conditions of the county was in a very unhealthful condition. The statement published in the beginning of 1882 showing the receipts and expenditures of the county for the year 1881, shows that the county debt on the first Monday of January, 1882, to have been eighty-three thousand one hundred and sixty-seven dollars and nine cents (\$83,167.09). The same statement also shows that at the same date there were taxes out-standing from 1872 to 1881, both inclusive amounting to \$60,235.67.

Now take the statement for 1883. It shows that on January 1, 1884, the county debt was \$42,142.28, and that, with one or two exceptions all the taxes that were then out-standing were the taxes assessed for 1883 and they only in part. The old accounts were closed, and the people enjoyed the benefit of having one-half of the debt of the county paid in two years.

Besides all this, there were many other irregularities, that had long been carried on that were more or less a drain upon the people, stopped. The Commissioners adhered rigidly to the law in everything. Some people may not have liked it, but it was the law and as long as it was adhered to, no one could suffer wrong.

We had hoped with the record made by the present board for fair and intelligent management of the county finances, and the good business qualifications exhibited by them in everything that related to the welfare of the public, a re-nomination would be accorded them without opposition. We hope the people of the county will yet see that it will be to their advantage to give to the present board of Commissioners another term. It has long been custom with the Democrats to give all the officers of the county two terms where the law permits. It is true Commissioners have not often been re-elected. It is equally true that they have not always made it clear that it would be best for the public to re-elect them. Of the ability and absolute fitness of the present board, there surely exists no doubt. They may have made some mistakes, but in the matters that interest the people most there have been no mistakes, and the record shows that they have been faithful to the trust imposed upon them by the people three years ago.

Let the Democrats treat them like they do every other faithful officer—re-elect them.

HON. DANIEL H. CHAMBERLAIN, late Republican Governor of South Carolina, formally announces that he cannot support Blaine and Logan. He declares: "The Mahone-Star-route-jobbing Blaine element has captured the party which inspired my youth and has commanded my ardent allegiance now. These hucksters do not know the pang it gives a republican who has followed Garrison, Sumner, Andrew and Lincoln to find himself thrust out of that party. But there is no choice for me. I am not a politician, but I am a citizen, and I will do all that lies in my power to defeat this ticket."

—Finest mackerel, at Harper & Weakley's.

Blaine's War Record.

The war record of James G. Blaine, remarks the *Harrisburg Patriot*, is hardly such as to entitle him a pension or to the admiration of a grateful country. Of course he was among the noisiest of those who advocated extreme measures in the incipient stages of the civil war, but the sequel proved that he was more ready to fight with his mouth than with a musket.

When it became necessary to resort to a draft to fill the ranks he was the first to be drafted in his district and he heroically furnished a substitute who agreed to represent him in the tented field at the remarkably low figure of \$200. He belonged to an organization whose members contributed \$25 each to a common fund to be used in procuring substitutes, and as the money Mr. Blaine used in purchasing his man came from this fund his military duty cost him only \$25. But after the war it was claimed that the district ought to reimburse the money paid by the drafted men who had furnished substitutes, and the Augusta authorities generously agreed to indemnify them. Mr. Blaine was among those who took advantage of the reimbursement, and so his patriotism didn't cost him a cent.

The same thrift that made his official position profitable in railroad land grant transactions enabled him to avoid expense in securing a substitute. This substitute, Bradford by name, was retained at the post in Augusta where he was detected in selling certain certificates, for which offense he was lodged in jail, remaining there until the close of war. So neither Blaine nor his substitute were appreciable factors in the suppression of the rebellion.

Such a military record is poorly calculated to fire the hearts of the soldier voters in the campaign, but it is expected that Black Jack will attend to that part of the business.

We are told by the *Reading News* that William Walter Phelps expects the country to believe that in Little Rock and Fort Smith railroad matter Blaine, as speaker, made a suggestion upon which he could base a ruling favorable to the "grab," purely in the interest of good measure.

Too thin.
Mr. Phelps expects the country to believe that Fisher and Caldwell, the former the business partner of Blaine's brother-in-law, went into the job without any concert with Blaine, and offered to "take the speaker in "on bed-rock" without any knowledge on the part of Blaine's favorite ruling.

Much too thin.
According to Phelps, Blaine bought the securities as any other purchaser might buy them.

Too thin by a large majority.
Mulligan, Fisher's bookkeeper, testified that Blaine sold on Fisher's account \$130,000 of common stock, \$130,000 of preferred stock and \$130,000 of first mortgaged bonds, out of which Fisher received only \$130,000 in cash, while Blaine pocketed \$130,000 of land grant bonds and \$32,500 of first mortgage bonds.

This is the truth in a nutshell.—*Pittsburgh Post*.

—Senator Fair positively denies that he has any intention of remarrying the wife from whom he was separated a year ago. A singular feature of the case, says the *Washington Capital*, and one not generally known to the public, is that, in addition to the \$4,000,000 demanded by Mrs. Fair upon that occasion the Senator voluntarily added fifty. At the conclusion of the legal proceedings Mrs. Fair found herself utterly at a loss as to how to invest her large fortune, and in her dilemma applied for help to her former husband. To this appeal he at once responded, and now, though separated from Mrs. Fair, yet has entire charge of her money affairs, investing her large capital entirely according to his own judgment.

—GREAT REDUCTION in Bartlett's celebrated Dexter Queen boggies. Water street Carriage Works, Bellefonte, Pa.

Items of Interest.

The Reading railroad company is to erect a new station at Pottstown.

Forty coal cars were wrecked on the Reading railroad near Hamburg on Wednesday.

The Norristown Hosiery Company employs a large number of the prisoners in the Montgomery county jail. Good old Bishop Whipple, in his forty years of missionary work among the Indians of Minnesota, has ridden horse-back over 30,000 miles.

George Kurtz, John De Turk and Samuel Merkel have been arrested in Kutztown for killing fish by exploding dynamite in the Schuylkill river.

A catfish with a silver half-dollar in its mouth was caught in Missouri recently. It is supposed that he was on his way to the river bar for a drink.

The dead body of an infant with a towel wrapped around its head was found in the canal at Lebanon one day last week. The matter will be investigated.

A charter was issued at the State Department yesterday to the Driebel Sewing Machine and Trimmer Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia, with a capital of \$30,000.

Two insane men named Napoleon Voisine and Eliza Joly escaped from the asylum at Quebec on Sunday, and Friday their bodies were found drowned on Beaufort Beach.

M. de Lesseps hopes that when Bartholdi's statue shall reach America Americans will be good enough to abrogate the tax which weighs so heavily on foreign works of art.

Calhoun Benham, a prominent lawyer of San Francisco, died on Thursday. In the famous duel between Judge David Terry and Senator Broderick, Benham acted as Terry's second.

Charles W. Butler, of Columbus, O., who killed his wife at Princeton, Ind., last fall, was yesterday found guilty of murder in the first degree and the punishment was fixed at death.

Alexander Hally, engineer of a passenger train on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, was killed one night last week at Richmond, Va., by his train being thrown from the track by an open switch.

Frank Bane and the wife of Dr. Jordon, of Romansville, Chester county, were knocked down by lightning on Sunday last. Dr. Jordon, also of Romansville, was paralyzed by the same shock.

John W. Brenner, who while drunk at New Philadelphia, O., killed his son, was yesterday found guilty of murder in the second degree and the punishment was fixed at imprisonment for life in the penitentiary.

A shooting affray occurred at New Albany, Miss., on Wednesday, between J. R. Reeves, Mayer and editor of the *Union County Opion*, and Loyd Ford, a good-for-nothing desperado, in which Ford was killed.

The second trial of "Bug" Cephas, colored, of Cambridge, Md., for the murder of Mrs. Celia Murphy, resulted yesterday in a verdict of murder in the first degree. He was convicted on his first trial, but the Court granted a new trial because the verdict failed to specify any degree of murder.

John W. Webber, Vice President, and Walter B. Webber, Secretary and Treasurer of the Mutual Marriage Aid Association, have been arrested at Hamilton, Ont., on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. The arrests were made at the instance of several Belleville and Napanee parties, who paid in several thousand dollars without obtaining any value.

Clearfield is having its own time with the iron bridge across the Clearfield creek. Last winter during the ice gorge in the Clearfield creek the fine iron bridge was swept away, and this week, as the bridge-builders were ready to swing the new structure into position from the scaffold on which it temporarily rested, it was dragged into the turbid waters the second time.

On the Chesnut ridge, two or three miles from Hillside Station, on the Pennsylvania railroad, lives a family named Canan. On Monday evening about 8 o'clock during the storm, Mrs. Canan was in the rear yard of her house when a flash of lightning relieved her of almost all the clothing she had—stripped her from head to foot. Mrs. Canan was not hurt; in fact, she scarcely felt the effects of the unpleasant visitation, but she was so paralyzed with terror that she could not move, and called aloud for her husband. The lady's clothing was found next morning in the garden, cut into ribbons.—*Albion Times*.