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FRANK E. BIBLE, Editor.

To The Patrons of The "Centre Democrat"

Having disposed of all my interests in the CENTRE DEMOCRAT, I have only to take leave of its patrons and thank them for the generous support accorded me during the six years of its present existence in which I have been identified in its publication and editorial management. That my experience in the newspaper business has not been one of profit, it is not necessary to say. Yet it has not been without its pleasure in discharge of duty to the great principles of the no less great party of which I have been an enthusiastic adherent during a long life. After publishing the *Original Centre Democrat* for many years previous to 1844, I retired for other pursuits, when it soon fell into the hands of the opposition and eventually became the organ of the "Know Nothing Party," to go out of existence with that spawn of intolerance and shame of decent principle. The Democratic party was thus without an organ in this county for some years. Although absent from the county I purchased and placed in the possession of the party and established the *Democratic Watchman*, which after passing through the hands of various publishers came into the possession of the present publisher under whose management it has prospered and ranked as a successful Journal. In 1879, it was believed that there was a fair opening at this point for another Democratic Journal, not as a rival of the *Watchman* as has been alleged, but as an additional aid in the dissemination of Democratic principles. I, in connection with Maj. R. H. Forster, established this paper, assuming the title of the old "CENTRE DEMOCRAT" under which I had fought so many hard battles in the cause of the Democratic party in early manhood. That we were not mistaken, the result proves. To-day the "CENTRE DEMOCRAT" is as well established, and as prosperous as any other country newspaper, and under the management of the live, enterprising young Democrats now in charge. Messrs. F. E. and G. P. Bible, its success as well as its usefulness to the party is assured.

I do not refer to these reminiscences boastfully, but merely to remind my friends that my support of the Democratic party and its principles were not mercenary or inspired by any mean object of pecuniary aggrandisement. I am as poor to-day as when I entered the service, in early life, but content in having discharged my



duty, in my final retirement from journalistic life.

The Democrat has avoided all personal controversies with members of the press, has endeavored to treat all with courtesy and kindness, and if we have ever given offence, it was unintentioned, and we trust will not be remembered against us.

S. T. SHUGERT.
Salutatory.

In launching our boat on the sea of journalism we break a bottle of wine on her prow in the shape of a salutary to our readers. In life, youth crowds fast on old age, and the gray head of seventy gives place to the young man of thirty. So it is in journalism those who have grown gray and feeble in the profession yield the pen to younger and less experienced men. All cannot be ripe journalists or brilliant writers, nor can the press always demand that the declining years of its experienced editors shall be given to the public. The validictory of the venerable man who has so ably filled the editorial chair of the DEMOCRAT for the past six years, and who was known to Centre county journalism, when it was still in its swaddling clothes, appears in our columns this week.

That it will be a matter of regret to the readers of the DEMOCRAT we know. That we cannot fill the editorial chair made vacant by the retirement of HON. S. T. SHUGERT we are free to confess. We expect however to sit down in that chair and if we don't quite fill it, we will shuffle around in such a manner as to startle the old thing with our restlessness.

The DEMOCRAT has never been the personal organ of any man. It will not be so now. We shall advocate the cause of Democracy, believing as we do in the justice of that cause, and the correctness of its principles. In local matters in which politics can have no place, we will advocate such measures as in our judgment are for the best interests of our people with out reference to the political complexion of parties interested.

In discussion, we shall endeavor to be fair and not resort to abuse and vilification as substitutes for arguments. We will ask that share of patronage from the general public which the merits of the paper may entitle it to, and no more.

FRANK E. BIBLE.

As the official count in New York by the different counties was completed on Saturday last, the Republican hope of unearthing great fraud will have to be deferred.

"Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." That accounts for the numerous Republicans on the sick list.

Mr. A. A. Dale does not deny that he received and disbursed the money of Mr. Patton during the late campaign. He says he was not guilty of bribery and corruption. That depends too much upon his moral perceptions.



HURRAH!

The Count in New York

Verifies the Democratic Claims of Victory.

CLEVELAND THE NEXT PRESIDENT.



With the announcement of the official vote of New York, the Republican hopes of Blaine's election are dashed to the ground. The Philadelphia Press, and the New York Tribune have persistently claimed the election of Blaine in the face of returns that put the election of Gov. Cleveland beyond the shadow of doubt.

Why these papers that have a National reputation should deliberately falsify the returns and keep the country in a fever heat of excitement is best known to those in control. But one thing is plain to Democrats: that there was a plot to steal the electoral vote of New York for the Plumed Knight, and the claims of these two



papers were part of the programme. They have now "come down the tree" and will "rise to explain." A bright future is dawning on our country. Reform is a fixed fact, there shall be a return to the economy of past Democratic administrations: the fight was desperate but the victory was glorious, no North, no South, no East no West, but one united glorious country. Peace on earth good will to men.

MR. T. P. RYNDER, chairman of the state committee of the Greenback Labor party, offered himself to the voters of this Congressional district as a candidate for congress upon a platform of his own making. He received 54 votes in this county out of a total of nearly nine thousand. Is he satisfied? Will he quit politics now and try some respectable mode of making a living? He is a representative of the laboring classes? Let him go to work, at some honest labor and leave politics to others.



Cleveland to the Front!

As the Twenty-Second President of the United States.

The Democratic Candidate Will Have a Majority of Thirty-seven Votes in the Electoral College.

The completion of the official count of the vote of the State of New York for Presidential Electors establishes the fact that Grover Cleveland was elected President of the U. S. on the 4th of November. He will have a majority of 37 in the Electoral College, and a plurality of over 100,000 in the country at large. Following is a summary of the Electoral votes of the several States:

The official count in New York shows a plurality for the Cleveland electors of 1087.



FOR CLEVELAND.	FOR BLAINE.
Alabama.....10	California.....5
Arkansas.....7	Colorado.....3
Connecticut.....6	Illinois.....22
Delaware.....3	Iowa.....13
Florida.....4	Kansas.....9
Georgia.....12	Maine.....6
Indiana.....15	Massachusetts.....14
Kentucky.....13	Michigan.....13
Louisiana.....8	Minnesota.....7
Maryland.....8	Nebraska.....5
Mississippi.....9	Nevada.....3
Missouri.....16	New Hampshire.....4
New Jersey.....9	Ohio.....23
New York.....36	Oregon.....3
North Carolina.....11	Pennsylvania.....30
South Carolina.....9	Rhode Island.....4
Tennessee.....12	Vermont.....4
Texas.....13	Wisconsin.....11
Virginia.....12	
West Virginia.....6	Total.....182
Total.....219	



MR. GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS entertains no fear that the advent of a Democratic administration will have any bad effect upon the business of the country. Mr. Curtis is no fool, and why should he, or any other sensible person, fear that the introduction of honest methods and strict accountability into the administration of the Government, should have a bad effect upon the business interests. It may lessen the receipt of thieves who have been praying upon the national treasury, and perhaps cripple the opportunities of Jay Gould and such to make the government subordinate to their greed. But it is not likely to produce any ill effect upon the business of the country. An honest man in the Presidential office, and an honest, economical administration of the government, is not a thing to be seriously deprecated at this time.

THE Utca turkey-gobbler has taken on a Democratic strut. Do yeas mind that now, Jeems.



The State Campaign.

The result of the campaign in Pennsylvania is certainly surprising. A plurality of over 80,000 for Blaine over Cleveland, and a majority of 93 on joint ballot in the legislature is a Republican victory so far beyond what their most sanguine politicians expected, or the most dependent Democrat feared, that some explanation is needed. In 1880 Garfield's plurality over Hancock was 37,276. In 1882 Pattison's plurality over Beaver was over 42,000, while Stewart's vote was only about 43,000. When the tide was running in favor of Cleveland and against Blaine, in Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, and all other states having similar interests with those of Pennsylvania, how does it come that in this state alone the Republican majority should be so largely increased? And that, too, when since 1880 there has been a well defined and important bolt in the Republican party, which gave us a Democratic Governor and a Democratic House of Representatives? Have Democrats been converted to the doctrines of the Republican party, and rallied to the support of Blaine just when everywhere else he was being repudiated.

No. The Republicans polled no more votes than they did in 1880, with the natural increase of four years. The trouble was the Democratic vote was not polled, and this was caused by want of organization, discipline and party morale. During the three years that Mr. W. U. Hensel has been at the head of the State Committee he has succeeded in utterly demoralizing the party. Instead of remaining at the committee rooms and doing quiet and effective work as a chairman should, he has been running over the State making speeches to advertise himself. Many think that this is not the worst—that if we had had no State Committee at all, and no chairman, the result could not have been as disastrous as it now is. And they are inclined to charge, chairman Hensel with treachery—with having intentionally and corruptly disorganized and demoralized our party for the benefit of Senator Cameron, in order that he might have no trouble from the independent element in his own party.

Be this as it may, the Democracy has had enough of Mr. W. U. Hensel as chairman of the state committee.

THE Democracy have a right to know to what extent the organization of the Irish National League was used to delude Irish Democrats to vote for Blaine. That the President of the League Mr. Sullivan, was the hired champion of the tattooed man is well known, and also that Mr. Egan, the present head of it, indiscreetly thrust himself forward in the same way, but behind this there seems to have been a well organized and successful plan to deliver blocks of Irish votes to Blaine. It is worked with mystery, but equally with great effect. The Gazette, of this city, snubs the Irish now that it has had their votes, and takes to praising the Germans. The facts are the German Republicans saved the election of Cleveland. The Irish Democrats came near electing Blaine, and the plot was only defeated by the fidelity of the true men of their race who could neither be bullied



coaxed nor otherwise influenced. But what part had the Irish National League in the transfer of votes? and its secret promises from Blaine that he would stir up a war with England? There must have been something of this sort.—Pittsburg Post.

BLAINE "accepts the result." This is very kind in Mr. Blaine, and is about the only sensible thing he has been guilty of since his nomination. His charge of fraud prior to the canvass of the returns of New York state was a silly move on the part of the Maine statesman, and by many was regarded as a blind to enable Elkins, Jones, Davenport and the crowd of political pirates who ran the Republican machine, to steal the electoral vote of Cleveland's state. It failed simply because after feeling the public pulse the Electoral Doctors concluded that the Democratic patient was entirely too healthy to stand the amputation of this limb. Blaine "accepts" the inevitable.

We have just worried through a "still hunt" campaign in both state and county, and have managed to "point with pride" to half the usual Democratic majority in Centre county and to over 80,000 plurality in the state. The "d-d" literary fellows" who ran the campaign through the columns of the Philadelphia and Lancaster Post ought to have each a leather medal.

Salt River Lamp.



LOGAN—Lookey here old Ben, you needn't think your a gone to have a hand in every new dodge out. Me an Jim, are a gone to have this lamp in our State room on this boat, as we have some letters to write on this trip. An don't you forget it.

BUTLER, well John your bad English will be made so light of by all on this boat that you will not need lamps—furthermore Mr. Fisher can not burn any letters with this kind of a light.

(H)all that's left of this Patton(ed) Republican Rooster.



I crow my last crow. The Official count finished and gives the State of New York to Grover Cleveland by 1087. The boat now sails. "Farewell, a long farewell to all my greatness." Please understand we do give up. We concede Cleveland's election. We know he is the President.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

THE fellow who voted the Democratic ticket for nearly twenty four years, and then voted for Blaine to be on the winning side, now whispers in his own ear, "sold by Jiminy."