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DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

FOR STATE TREASURER,  
CONRAD B. DAY.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

FOR JURY COMMISSIONER,  
JOHN RHONE.  
FOR CORONER,  
DR. H. K. HOY.

THE President's fish basket now hangs in the hall of the White House.

THE Harrisburg Patriot is just boiling over with the pent-up patriotism of a hundred years.

BEECHER is in favor of a high license law, which he regards as the only practical solution of the liquor traffic. Prohibition he considers an impossibility.

PRE A DAMITE HOAR, is the result of the archaeological researches of the Times. Massachusetts ought to feel very proud to know that one of her sons can trace his family beyond the time of Adam.

If any body thinks that Attorney General Cassidy has instituted legal proceedings against the Railroad Companies concerned in the "deal" for the purposes of political buncombe, he might just as well disabuse his mind of the delusion. Life is too short to lose a single moment in trifling, and the Attorney General is a man who was never known to waste time "making whistles." It will, in the language of the prize ring, be "a fight to the finish."

THE Philadelphia Times of Saturday last, reaches two conclusions: First that "the South Pennsylvania Railroad will be built, and it will be built in the near future," and 2d, that when the politicians, speculators and Courts get through "it will build itself, because public necessity demands it." The italics are our own. This shows that even a railroad organ like the Times will occasionally blunder on the truth. Boiled down that paper might have said: "It will be built because public necessity demands it."

WE are sorry that ex Treasurer Silas M. Bailey should have been so unfortunate in the selection of one of his depositories of the state funds. No doubt the funds were placed there at the dictation of the State Treasury ring, and now Mr. Bailey's private fortune is swallowed up and his bondsmen impoverished in making good the loss to the state. Not one of the ringsters who profited by Mr. Bailey's administration of the Treasurer's office will come to the aid of the man who is ruined through their rascality. This ring is to be perpetuated in the election of Mr. Quay.

JOHN SHERMAN's plea for a free ballot in the South is one of that disgruntled Statesman's "fly traps" to catch the unwary negro voter, of Ohio who has been wavering in his allegiance to the Republican party. The grandeur and sublimity of John's "cheek" is wonderful. It is the Niagara of impudence, the Colossus of lies. A plea of honesty from a thief. A man who stole the electoral vote of Louisiana crying in the wilderness of political corruption "stop thief." Poor, superannuated, lone waver of the "bloody shirt" how our heart goes out to you in your desperate struggle for political life. John has waved the "bloody shirt" for twenty years, and it has done yeoman service, but nothing of the garment has survived the Cleveland cyclone except the collar. He stands on the ruins of the Republican temple frantically shaking the collar while the tail and body have gone back to their original elements. When will Satan call John to his bosom?

## Take Your Choice.

Conrad B. Day and Mathew S. Quay the leaders of the two great parties of the State in the coming contest represent two different classes in politics. Mr. Day is the representative of the business and industrial interests of the State in both parties. Mr. Quay is a worthy representative of the machine or plunder element of the Republican and Democratic parties. The two men are as different in their habits of thought and business methods, as are the elements they respectively and distinctively lead. The issue is fairly joined. Mr. Day comes fresh from the people, representing in his own person all that is good and pure in politics. He is no more of a politician than his competitor is a business man, a mechanic or a laborer, and surely no one would accuse Mr. Quay of belonging to either of these classes. It is not necessary to assail Mr. Quay's record, any more than to simply say that he belongs to the machine which has run the Republican party of this state in the interests of the corporations and monopolies, that have made a mockery of justice, and branded the legislature of the great state of Pennsylvania for a quarter of a century as the most venal, corrupt and indecent body of law-breakers on the American continent. Whatever the crimes of the pardon board have been, Mr. Quay shares the odium. Whatever the debaucheries of legislatures and even courts of justice by a lobby of ringsters, Mr. Quay must share in the condemnation heaped on them by honest men. If Mr. Quay is guiltless of any or all the charges made against his associates it is saying little in his favor, for no man will deny that the charges of corruption, fraud, bribery and the ills engendered by machine or ring control, are not true, and Mr. Quay is judged by the company he keeps. These facts in Quay's career are a part of the history of Pennsylvania politics in the past twenty-five years. Knowing these facts will the business man the farmer and laborer cast their ballots to perpetuate machine rule? Or will they cast their ballots for a man who has been the architect of his own fortune and against whom the breath of suspicion has never blown? Day and honest business methods, or Quay and machine methods. Which will you have?

## "Organs."

Dorsheimer's organ will appear this week. It is to be called *The Star*, and is intended to "twinkle" for all. It may be necessary for Dorsheimer to have an "organ," just as necessary as for an old maid to have a cat, or a fashionable belle a pug-nosed poodle, but the New York statesman had better invest in two or three large-sized barrel organs, with a healthy, able-bodied Italian at the crank of each, than to start a paper "organ." The day for newspaper organs has gone by. Only a healthy, independent, fearless paper can thrive. The American newspaper reader is as wide-awake and as well posted as the fellow who runs the paper he reads, and he quickly detects any subservency and servility in his paper, and outs off the "organ" from his list. Party papers have ceased to be "organs" from necessity, and are compelled to expose rottenness and corruption in their own ranks in order to preserve the respect and patronage of their readers. The only "organ" which can successfully run is the "hand organ," and that concern only stops one day in each place. The man who undertakes to run an "organ" insults the intelligence of the reading public. Newspapers can voice public sentiment, but cannot stifle it. *The Star* will "twinkle" so long as it consults the best interests of its readers, and the sooner and the farther it gets away from the "organ" business, the better it will be for it.

## Deputy Collectors.

Mr. Staples' deputy collectors don't seem to size up to the Democratic ideal at all, and the latest appointee, who is a Republican, and a relative of Congressman Storm, has caused bile to flow in the county of Lycoming, and the *Sun and Banner* of Williamsport speaks out in "meetin'" in vigorous and forcible language. The *Valley Spirit* complains of an incompetent man being forced on them by outside influence, and complaints are heard on all sides. The party cannot be strengthened by appointing low-grade politicians or incompetent favorites or relatives, and if Mr. Staples desires to retain the confidence of the people, and administer the affairs of his district successfully, he must be careful in the selection of his subordinates. Had Mr. Staples visited the several sub-districts and made inquiries of the business men as to the capabilities of those applying for deputy collectorships he would not have made the mistakes he is now charged with. He is compelled to bear the burden of complaint although the responsibility should attach to others.

Let Mr. Staples run his office outside of congressional influence, and let him consult the Democratic business men in every sub-district not already filled as to whom he shall appoint. Congressman Storm has no more right to dictate appointments to him than has the King of Siam. But Mr. Staples should inform himself as to the qualifications of his deputies, and he can't do that at the distance of a hundred miles.

## Only a Suggestion.

It would perhaps be advisable to run the campaign for State Treasurer in Pennsylvania this fall. A Pennsylvania campaign run in Jersey or New York may be a good thing for the people who live in those states but it don't make Democratic votes in Pennsylvania. We make this suggestion with hands clasped on our breast, and an elongated visage that would make "a seventeen inch cucumber" story-teller groan with anguish. We hope the "powers that be" will pardon our presumption in daring to suggest that Mr. Day's campaign be run in his own state. There is a wide field for oratorical fire works in Jersey and New York we will admit, but the Ciceronian eloquence of our orators would echo and re-echo among the hills of Pennsylvania with a glad sound born of long absence. Why waste your breath among the sand banks of Jersey or the crowded streets of New York when you can talk to the eternal rock ribbed mountains of Pennsylvania and make her valleys ring with shouts of victory. Excuse our presumption, we blush every time we think of it. But there might be something in running the campaign in Pennsylvania this fall especially as a Jerseyman or New Yorker is ineligible to the Treasurer's office under the constitution.

HOADLY caught John Sherman by the collar and mopped up the state of Ohio with him, but the result was not worth the exertion. There is nothing of John except bone and sinew, and the people of that state pay no more attention to his windy declamation than a duck does to a drop of water.

CHICAGO has twenty-two trunk line railroads centering there, and twenty-five thousand miles of railroad make the entire country tributary to the inter-ocean city. She is the great railroad centre of the world and will soon be the greatest inland city on the globe. Competing lines of railroad kill up a place, do they? Well, we are just dying to see Bellefonte killed up in the same way.

The white-winged angel of peace spreads her wings over Europe.

## Free Passes For Legislators.

A telegraph frank is said to be worth on an average \$500 a year to each recipient. They are charily reserved for Congressman and such high functionaries as can serve or most annoy the telegraph company. Governor Dennison, when Postmaster General, recommended to Congress the establishment of a postal telegraph department, and said that he found nine tenths of the Congressmen had telegraph numbers or annual cards, and that with such backing the President and his cabinet did not like to press the subject. The issue of free passes to our law-makers and judiciary is bold bribery of hideous proportions. It corrupts the very source of all our rights under the Constitution. It is subversive of morality and good government. It has no defenders and no defense. Laws cannot control it, for it controls the law. The remedy is only where most remedies must come from—through the ballot. If every voter should see to it that each candidate publicly promises never to solicit, accept, or use a pass, this evil will at once be suppressed and a higher plane of public morals attained.—*Indianapolis Sentinel*.

## Death of Emory A. Storrs.

CHICAGO, September 13.—Emory A. Storrs died at Ottawa, Ill., Friday night, of paralysis of the heart. It was known that Mr. Storrs was ill, but it was not considered dangerous until Friday afternoon. Mr. Storrs had been a prominent member of the bar of this city for the past fifteen years. During that time he appeared in many prominent cases, the principal of which was the whisky ring trials in 1875. He was a strong and bitter partisan, being the most pronounced leader of the Stalwarts in the state, with the exception, perhaps, of General Logan. His defense of Conkling in 1881, when the latter resigned, was his last prominent political act.

## Amending the Bills.

HARRISBURG, September 12.—The bills in equity pending against the South Pennsylvania Railroad Company and others, were yesterday amended and presented to the Court, making the South Pennsylvania Railroad Company a party defendant, and asking that injunctions such as were issued against the others be issued against this company. The amendments were allowed to be made and injunctions were ordered to issue.

## The Farmers' Losses.

Effect of adverse railroad discriminations upon agriculture in Pennsylvania:

VALUE OF THE ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF EACH FARM WORKER.
IN 1870.
\$707
IN 1880.
\$431

Record.

There is no movement in any part of the State in favor of Franklin B. Gowen as the Anti-Discrimination candidate for Governor in 1886. The mention of his name in such a connection is a reflection upon the cause. No man in Pennsylvania has done more than Gowen to oppress the people by unlawful combinations of capital; and this fact is well-known in the offices of those newspapers that are striving to injure a righteous crusade by lauding this railroad wrecker as one of its apostles.—*Record*.

Perhaps the "Times" will "rise to explain" its little boom for Gowen. That paper is not making nominations for the Democratic party this year or next. Democrats don't take kindly to the "Times" "deals."

The estimates now place this year's corn crop at 2,000,000,000.

## The Bible in the Schools.

MERCER, September 13.—Judge Mehard yesterday filed his decision in the celebrated Sharpville schools case, a suit brought by certain Catholic citizens of Sharpville to restrain the school directors of that place from further authorizing and permitting the reading of the King James Bible in the public schools. The plaintiffs alleged that such exercises violate Article I, Section III and Article 10, Sections I and II of the State Constitution, the only correct English version of the Scriptures being the Douay Bible, and all others being unauthorized and sectarian in character. In an exhaustive opinion Judge Mehard decided in favor of the school directors. He holds that public schools were established, not out of regard for the children or individuals, but as part of an organized community. They are the outgrowth of the State policy for the encouragement of virtue and the prevention of vice and immorality, as well as the attainment of knowledge and intellectual culture. The morality which the State deems it important thus to cultivate must be the morality which it regarded necessary for the support of the laws and institutions of the State. This must be the morality on which they are based, and this is the morality of the Bible. It follows, therefore, that the source of that morality is not excluded, but that the Bible may be used for the moral culture of the pupils of the public schools.

With regard to the plaintiffs' assertion that the highest ecclesiastical tribunal of the Catholic Church has declared the King James version to be sectarian, incorrect and incomplete, Judge Mehard holds that the decision of ecclesiastical courts do not bind the State, and that, as no preference is given by our laws to any particular version, all versions stand equal before the law and that school directors have power to authorize the use of any version in the schools.

The decision quotes many authorities, both of this and other State courts. The case will doubtless be taken to the Supreme Court.

## The Puritan Wins

AMERICA COMES IN AHEAD IN THE GREAT RACE MONDAY.

NEW YORK, September 14.—In the 38-mile race over the New York yacht club course to-day the Puritan defeated the Genesta, by sixteen minutes and nineteen seconds corrected time, or sixteen minutes and forty-seven seconds actual time. The wind was extremely light from the start to Sandy Hook going out and from there to the finish coming in. From the Hook to the light ship and back there was a good eight knot breeze. The tide was flood during the first half of the race and ebb coming home. The largest fleet of steamers ever assembled in New York harbor for a similar event accompanied the yachts over the entire course. The scene was one of the grandest ever witnessed. Both yachts were saluted by every vessel and guns from Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island. Owing to the cracking of the iron cap of the Genesta's main mast the outside race is postponed till Wednesday.

EVERY voter ought to be an independent voter in the sense of exercising his own best judgment in choosing between candidates and parties. When the country is full of men who vote as they please, and when party managers know that unworthy nominations will not be supported, the choice of candidates is apt to be attended with considerable care.—*Altoona Tribune (Rep.)*

The *Tribune* has struck the right cord, and its advice will be followed, every independent voter will cast his ballot against the State Treasury ring and for a business man with business methods. Day is breaking through the clouds of ring corruption and rule.

## Guarding the People's Rights.

The Democratic party is the party of the people, and it has always been on the alert to check the aggressions of monopoly on the rights of the people. For this reason it has been bitterly opposed by some of the most powerful and haughty of the country's corporations; but this enmity has been a plume in its cap, and an evidence that it is treading the narrow path which leads to political elysium.

The party in Pennsylvania, though long overborne by numerically greater Republican forces, have ever held in view the proper restraint of corporations to the end that the people may not suffer through them. In 1881 they took an advanced stand in their anti-monopoly plank in reference to transportation companies which declared: "That the delegated power of congress to regulate commerce among the states, and the reserved power of the state to regulate the same within their borders, should be forthwith exercised to prevent unjust discrimination by common carriers against individuals and localities, and all the provisions of the constitution of Pennsylvania relative to the exercise and abuse of corporate franchises and the duties of common carriers to the public should be enforced without delay by appropriate legislation."

The warning voice raised by that far-seeing statesman, Judge Black, in 1875, at the Harrisburg convention has grown into a tumultuous shout to-day, the echoes of which are reverberating through the minds of the people, irrespective of party affiliations. Such is the strength to-day that the Democratic party of the State, always to the forefront when popular rights are in danger, threw down this bold gage to the monopolies at its recent state convention: "We favor the enforcement of the constitution of Pennsylvania in its every article and section, and especially demand the regulation by law, in accordance therewith, of the corporations of the state."

The Democratic party believes that the constitution in that section which forbids the purchase by one railroad of a parallel competing line is no dead letter; and the people are beginning to clearly understand the plain issue of constitutional enforcement presented to them. They will show by their votes in November that it is a bigger thing than the Republican leaders are now willing to confess.—*In telligencer*.

## Alleged Dynamiters Arrested.

NEW YORK, September 13.—The windows of the dry goods store of Garry Bros., at Grand and Allen streets, were shattered by an explosion of dynamite on the first of February, and the explosion was supposed to have been instigated by disaffected dry goods clerks. Detectives have been at work on the case ever since, and their labors have resulted in the arrest of Peter A. Daly, aged twenty-three years, a salesman, residing in Teller Place, Melrose; Thomas Fitzpatrick, twenty-seven years old, bookkeeper, living at 246 Monroe street, and David Naughton, aged thirty six years, salesman, of 98 Monroe street. The evidence against them is strong.

We have found him, we mean the "youngest soldier." His name is Col. D. H. Hasting's. Eureka! and we've got the "oldest Mason" too. His name is Solomon. Now give the matter a rest. We have the documents to prove our claims.

The London *Times* of yesterday, in a very cordial article, welcomes the Chief Justice of the United States to the courtesies of the bar of England, and cites the hospitalities extended to Lord Chief Justice COLERIDGE on his visit to the United States.—*Post*.