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DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

FOR STATE TREASURER,
CONRAD B. DAY.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

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

DEAR HENSEL—"Don't talk."

The thorn in James G. Blaine's flesh is Sherman of Ohio. Sherman might live until 1888.

POSTMASTER PEARSON and Naval Officer Bert of New York, seem to be "offensive partisans," though they do wear Mugwump clothes. "Look a leedle oud," boys.

It was to be expected that the Times would kick on the appointment of Gordon to succeed Judge Yerkes. No good can come out of the Pattison Nazareth for that paper.

LIEUT. GOV. BLACK has defined the issues in the present campaign in this state, and shows the importance of democratic victory to the people of Pennsylvania. Few men can say the right thing at the right time, and in the right place. Mr. Black is one of them.

W. L. SCOTT, of Erie, is about getting away with the marshaling of the District of Columbia. The appointment is said, will go to Mr. Townsend of Philadelphia. Mr. Scott's son-in-law Scott seems to have the presidential ear in his mouth, but he may "bite off more than he can chew," yet.

THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT recommends that we give more original political editorials. The suggestion is a good one, but when we get down to real hard work in that line, there are some Centre county statesmen who will wish we hadn't been stirred up.—*Democrat & Sentinel.*

We don't want to excite our editorial friend to over exertion, but if he wants to stir up Centre county statesmen let him sail in. Anything to make the D & S readable. Go in Fosnot, we'll act as referee, and call time squarely.

HAVING saved Ohio, Chairman Hensel has been invited to speak in New York. No bill of exception can be filed to Mr. Hensel as an orator, or as an effective stump speaker. But there are issues in Pennsylvania which properly stated might reduce the \$1,000 of last fall. Mr. Hensel's place is in Pennsylvania; Mr. Day is not running for office in New York. Tom Cooper is just as "red-headed" as ever, and he sticks "closely to his desk." Stay at home, brother.

It appears that Rev. Dr. J. L. M. Curry, the newly appointed minister to Spain, has at some period of his life "shot off his mouth," as most Americans do, and the Rev. Dr. is being taken to task by the Catholic Visitor of Richmond. The gentleman assailed the Catholic church, and his words have returned, like chickens to roost. Of course it is the privilege of Americans to give vent to their opinions, and a glorious privilege it is, but if a fellow's mouth gets him into trouble he must blame himself. Dr. Curry can assail Catholics just as Catholics can assail Protestants, but then it is not the proper thing to do. Gone to meet Kelly!

The importance of perfect organization in each school district of the county should not be overlooked because the present happens to be an "off year" in politics. It should be the duty of democrats all over the county to see that everything is in readiness for the coming contest. Young men who are about to cast their first ballot this fall should begin to take an interest in what is the greatest privilege enjoyed by an American citizen, the elective franchise. The County Chairman and his committee cannot be expected to perfect the organization without the help of democrats in each district. Help your district committee man all you can. Let Centre county poll every democratic vote that can be polled. Conrad B. Day is worthy the support of all honest men, and Centre county ought to be good for at least 1000 majority for the state ticket.

Judge Gordon.

Ex-Senator James Gay Gordon, of Philadelphia, has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Yerkes.

Mr. Gordon is a very young man for so responsible and exalted position, but Mr. Gordon is more than ordinarily bright. He has been a practitioner at the bar for ten years, and is at present attorney for the South Penn Railroad Company. Mr. Gordon's private and political life has been pure, his reputation is spotless, and his ability is recognized by all. In the senate he was one of the readiest debaters on the democratic side, and among his friends has stood well. We would rather have seen an older and more experienced man placed on the bench, but young men are coming to the front in every walk of life and why not as Judges. Judge Gordon's appointment is warmly commended by those who know him best. He is a warm personal and political friend of Gov. Pattison and has valiantly defended the Governor from the assault of his political opponents in the senate.

Judge Gordon will not dissuade his friends as a Judge, and the wisdom of Governor Pattison's choice will be manifest as his friend grows in years. James Gay Gordon was the youngest man that ever sat in the Senate of Pennsylvania, having been elected before he was of legal age 25, and waiting several days in order to be old enough to qualify.

The Growth of the South.

The increase of manufacturing enterprises in the South is remarkable. The new enterprises organized during the first nine months of the present year, taken together with the enlargement of old plants, will employ an aggregate capital of \$52,386,300. In this list Kentucky leads off, with a capital of \$14,005,000. West Virginia comes second, with \$9,644,000; Maryland third, with \$6,107,800, and Alabama fourth with \$5,864,000.

The growth of the South has been marvelous for the past five years. The increase in railroad mileage since 1879 is 11,000 miles. The assessed value of the property of the South, not including the large capital invested in manufacturing enterprises, which is chiefly exempt from taxation, has increased \$900,000,000. The production of corn has increased fifty per cent. in that time, and that of oats seventy. In cotton mills the gain has been a hundred per cent., and in cotton seed oil mills two hundred and fifty per cent. A like increase has been made in the production of coal and pig iron.

These specimen facts, illustrative of the industrial activity of the South during the last five years, which activity is greater at the present time than ever shows that the war is over in that section, whatever Northern politicians may claim to the contrary. The South has quit fighting and gone to work, and at the rate it has been making progress during the last five years it promises to become as prosperous as its great natural resources will allow, which will be very prosperous indeed. Every genuine friend of the Union will rejoice at these unmistakable evidences that the South is at last on the high road to the development of its great possibilities.—*Times.*

THE suspension of Chief Justice Vincent, of New Mexico, by the president, because that gentleman appointed Dorsey, the Star Route character, a jury commissioner for that territory will meet the hearty approval of the entire people. Stephen W. Dorsey, whose record is as unsavory as that of any criminal inside or outside the walls of a penitentiary, is not the man to draw juries for the adjudication of causes any place, and Justice Vincent has shown himself lamentably ignorant or positively corrupt. If he is ignorant of Dorsey's character, then he is not fit for the position of Chief Justice. If he is corrupt, he is doubly unfit. In either case Justice Vincent should be retired.

B. FRANK HALL, of Elk county, who aspired to the gubernatorial chair of New Mexico, "Didn't make it," although he had been a resident of New Mexico for several years. There isn't much in governing "greasers" and Indians, and B. Frank can still be happy in the grand old pine forest of Elk.

The Hackensack Horror

Again precious lives have been sacrificed to the carelessness of a man on whose head rests the great responsibility for the terrible accident on the Jersey City Meadows.

The block signal system of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is the most perfect in the world insuring almost perfect immunity from collision. During the Centennial year the vast passenger traffic of the west was conducted without a single accident. And people have since traveled over the Pennsylvania system of roads perfectly secure. If the signals and rules are observed by the employees of that company, a collision such as happened at Jersey City is impossible, as two trains cannot be on the same block at the time. Pratt, the operator of the Marion signal tower is entirely responsible for the accident and acknowledged his criminal negligence. He gave the Emigrant train three minutes to clear the Hackensack river bridge, and then signaled the Southern Express, before signaling that train he should have waited for the return answer, "O. K." He tried to correct his mistake but it was too late, three trains collided. The Southern express first crashing into the Emigrant train and then the Lehigh Valley completing the work of death. Pratt has been a trusted employe of the company, but even trusted employes are some times careless. Pratt has been arrested, but his punishment which will follow, because there is little mockery about Jersey justice, will not restore the lives of those gone, or the limbs of those who are maimed and crippled for life. Now is the time to test the trusted employe.

Death of Malcolm Hay.

Malcolm Hay died on Tuesday morning Oct. 19, at 2.30 o'clock. Mr. Hay was First Assistant Post Master General, but on account of ill health was compelled to resign the position. Mr. Hay was one of the brightest legal lights in the State, a man of sterling integrity, high character, and of great ability. He will be greatly missed, in the councils of his party.

GOV. HILL'S acceptance of the gubernatorial nomination by his party in New York is a square manly statement of his views on public questions and an unqualified indorsement of the civil service reform pledges of his party. Gov. has done just what his party expected he would do. He does not cater to the Mugwumps but with such fair statement of his views, and his policy as outlined in his letter, that element must accept his candor and freedom from subterfuge or evasion. With such brave words from the head of the ticket the party in New York leads off grandly.

PITTSBURG has been treating herself to a riot, now that is perfectly right, Pittsburg has not had a riot since 1877. When her law and order league destroyed three million dollars worth of property and sacrificed several lives. Let Pittsburg have her sport, it's just a little recreation you know.

REPUBLICANS or Democrats who can use documents to advantage bearing on Colonel Quay's candidacy are invited to address Lincoln L. Eyre, Secretary of the Independent Republican Association, 120 South Seventh street, Philadelphia.

How Josh Billings Died.

About 9.45 yesterday morning Dr. Reintz was summoned to the Hotel Del Monte to attend "Josh Billings," who was sitting in a chair in the vestibule, apparently enjoying the best of health. When the physician arrived he complained of severe pain in the chest, remarking: "My doctors said ordered rest of brain," and added, throwing back his long hair, "but you can see I do not have to work my brain for a single lecture—it comes spontaneously." While he was talking he suddenly threw his hands over his head and fell backwards unconscious. He was carried to his room and at the end of three minutes life was extinct. His wife, who accompanied him on his trip to the Pacific coast, was with him during his last moments. His face has retained a perfectly natural expression and bears no indication of pain. He was to have lectured here tomorrow for the benefit of the local Lodge of Good Templars. At the hotel he had made himself a general favorite by his good-natured ways.—*Monterey, Cal., October 15.*

A Plea of Political Persecution

The attorneys of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company confess the weakness of their defense when they set the part of a small boy and go blubbering into Court, complaining that the suit instituted by the Attorney General to stop the transfer of the South Pennsylvania and Beech Creek Railroads has been inspired by a daily newspaper for political reasons. The company will have no substantial defense to make to the accusations of Attorney General Cassidy because it has been forced to admit more facts than the Commonwealth expected to prove, so the railroad attorneys contemplate the dodge of working on sympathy and partisan prejudice by saying that the opposition to the railroad consolidation is founded in a deep political scheme. Shades of the mighty! Has the giant corporation of Pennsylvania fallen to such low condition that it grovels before a Court for pity? If it has made a mistake, as President Roberts confesses it has, why don't its officers show some manliness by going into Court, admitting their error and promising not to do so any more? To beat the devil round the stump with shallow quibbles and then attempt to divert attention from the main issue by blaming the suit on a newspaper will not avail them. No greater compliment can be paid to the Record than to charge it with fomenting all the opposition which the iniquitous move of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company would resort to it as a defense.

HAVING been pampered for years with applause, the gentry who manage that corporation are naturally shocked by criticism, and they seek some dark motive which could induce a newspaper proprietor or a State official to stand in their way, when a great wrong was being done. That any one could be prompted by pure impulses to demand the enforcement of the Constitution or to insist upon equal rights for all shippers and an equal respect for the laws by the rich and poor, by the powerful and the weak, seems to be unaccountable to these men. They appear to believe that there must be some political end in view, some ambition to gratify, some personal interest to serve; they think no one can honestly differ from them in matters of railroad management, and they look upon the Constitution and its defenders as "monsters of ignorance," or worse.

With these ideas in mind they summoned the proprietor of the Record to tell the Court about his political opinions, the inclinations of his newspaper and the names of his editors. All of this may be very interesting reading, but it has no relevancy to the question whether or not the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has the right to absorb parallel or competing lines in spite of the constitutional prohibition. It must, however, be admitted that the attorneys of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company show quite a discriminating taste in picking out Record editorials to prove their case. They have culled twelve articles out of sixty or more that have been published in the Record since August 26, and these they propose to submit to the Court as the basis of their complaint. They took the dispatch which gave a partial report of the proceedings of the Democratic State Convention, but they skipped the article which called on the Republican State Convention to do likewise. They even divided an item published on August 27, 1885, and took only part of it, in order that they might exclude all reference to the Republican Convention. The letters of ex-Chief Justice Agnew, a Republican, and of General James A. Beaver, also a Republican, denouncing the transfer as a violation of the Constitution, and the editorials of Republican papers in Pittsburg, Scranton, Harrisburg, Bellefonte and in the southern tier counties were discreetly overlooked. The report of the indignation meeting held at Bellefonte of citizens of all parties; the resolutions adopted by the Centre County Republican Convention; the remarks of Judge Hall, of Bedford, in which he announced that he would put these officials in jail for conspiracy if they were within his jurisdiction, and the references to petitions

which poured in upon the Governor from various sections of the State and from people of all shades of political opinion asking him to intervene and stop the deal—all these were avoided.

Mr. MacVeagh even forgot to include an editorial which pointed out some lapses of memory on his part, and he also overlooked the articles which recalled the great familiarity of President Roberts with all the details of the transfer, and the extraordinary lapses of memory which overtook him while on the witness stand. Worst of all, Mr. MacVeagh and his colleagues omitted from their list the editorial which showed how President Roberts played the baby act by repudiating responsibility for a performance which he had been previously defending.

It comes with bad grace from the officers of this company to complain of political interference. Since its inception the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has controlled legislation by reason of its political power. It has named United States Senators and other important officials. It has moulded the policies of administrations and has been publicly accused of regulating the Judiciary. In the chambers of City Councils, in the halls of General Assembly and on the floors of Congress its agents are omnipresent and its influence nearly always potential.

Its interests are vast and its prosperity is staked upon the general weal. The enforcement of law, the preservation of order and the protection of the rights of property are of more importance to it than to any other corporation, for in the immunities and guarantees of the Constitution lie its greatest privileges and security. Yet the Pennsylvania Railroad Company boldly repudiates the highest law of the State, openly violates the most sacred provisions of that instrument, makes of itself a conspicuous offender, and then, while trying to evade responsibility, whines out a plea of political persecution. Think of it, men of Pennsylvania, that the productive wealth of this grand Commonwealth and the industry of 4,000,000 people are practically under the feet of a company that publicly adopts the methods of a sneak.

Christians Persecuted.

WASHINGTON, October 16.—A report has been received by the Secretary of State from Consul Charles Seymour, at Canton, China, enclosing pamphlets issued by the Shanghai and Hankow committees, describing the persecution of Christians in China. Mr. Seymour says the material in the pamphlet is from the pens of eminent American, English and German missionaries, and is published with the purpose of disseminating information that may lead to better provision being made by the Western powers for protecting native Christians. "The subject," he continues, "is one of importance, and although such persecution is clearly forbidden by treaty stipulations there seems to be no prescribed manner for enforcing the prohibition or for obtaining indemnity for losses sustained by its violation. I have tried to avoid troubling the department with the details of the many cases of trouble, in which missionaries from the United States and Europe, and their native converts and co-workers, native preachers and helpers, have been involved in this the most turbulent consular district in China, or in the world, but have labored faithfully and somewhat successfully in getting the difficulties adjusted as fairly and quietly as possible. The persecutions of which the missionaries complain comprise robbery, or destruction of chapels; robbery, beating, blackmailing and boycotting of native Christians, often with the encouragement of local authorities and the refusal of the authorities to punish the offenders, protect the Christians or take measures to secure restitution. It is not intended to leave the impression that the Chinese authorities have in every case been unwilling to deal justly by native Christians. On the contrary, the not infrequent aid rendered by local officials in suppressing outbreaks, is gratefully acknowledged.

Messrs Randall and Hensel, we notice, are billed to stump New York. It is lucky that no State election takes place in Pennsylvania this year, so that the Keystone Democrats, resting contentedly on their 81,000 majority, can allow their favorite sons to slop over into other States, and sweep them like a mountain torrent.—*Record.*

Interesting Notes.

Perry county citizens have just organized an agricultural society with Hon. B. F. Junkin as president.

Mr. Moody will visit Williamsport and conduct evangelistic meetings on the 8th, 9th and 10th of November.

The track-laying on the Cresson and Clearfield railroad has progressed about a mile up the creek, to a point near Gill's bridge.

Everett is the home of an unfortunate family named Croche, and numbering eight persons, every member of which has been down with typhoid malaria. The mother died on Sunday, but it is thought the others will recover.

William A. Vincent, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico, recently appointed Stephen W. Dorsey a member of a commission to draw grand, and petit jurors for that Territory. He was to-day suspended from office by the President.

The conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church in session at Pittsburg, adjourned Thursday morning. Among the appointments are the following: Altoona, Richard Brown; Bellefonte, J. J. Norris; Williamsport John E. Russell; Lewistown, J. W. Young; Bedford, C. W. Fraizer; Philipsburg, Hutchinson Johnson.

We again warn the farmers of this section to be on the lookout for a notorious fraud who is traveling over this state selling corn shellers to those who will buy and taking their notes for the same, which are afterwards changed to correspond with the number of shellers shipped.

Sunday night the clothing store of Baum & Lobe, at Hughesville, was entered by thieves and a quantity of clothing stolen. Mr. P. Ritter owns the property and lives over the store. He says about twelve o'clock he thought he heard a noise in the store, but when he got up out of bed and looked out of the window everything was dark. In the morning the robbery was discovered. The thieves entered a back door by prying it open. They left some of their tools behind them and carried off about \$100 worth of goods.

The County Commissioners have ordered a number of balls and chains for the use of the city authorities, and they will be ready in a few days. The Commissioners are obliged to furnish these equipments under penalty of the law, and they mean to do so, and then leave the remainder of the responsibility upon the city authorities. The only hitch now is that the authorities must provide board and lodging for all persons condemned to labor. The tramp room in the city building does not come up to the requirements, and Councils have taken no steps toward furnishing suitable quarters. For that reason it is not likely that the tramps, for whom the balls and chains are intended, will soon be put to work on the streets of Altoona.—*Times.*

New York, October 14.—The side walks on Fifth and Fifty-first street and Fifth and Madison avenues were thronged from an early hour this morning. The crush for admission to the cathedral to view the remains of the dead Cardinal was so great that an extra posse of police was sent to reinforce Captain Mont's squad. The line at 10 o'clock reached down to Forty-sixth street. Owing to the narrow space, merely twenty inches, between the pillars of the catafalque and the pews, it was found necessary to permit people to enter only in two single lines. This course, if adopted yesterday, would have prevented the crush which necessitated the closing of the doors when the office of the dead was chanting. It was calculated that 4,000 persons passed through from 9 to 10 o'clock.

PITTSBURG, October 14.—The Government agent, Sweeney, and three deputies brought to this city to-night four more of the gang of counterfeiters who have been operating in the northwestern counties for a long time. The arrests have broken up the band. Ten ringleaders are in custody in this city, and another arrest was made this afternoon. Their mills were in a mysterious place in the hills, and for months they manufactured all kinds of silver coin, from a ten cent piece to a dollar. They had a complete system and probably considered themselves safe from detection. Probably a dozen whole sale dealers worked with the gang captured and one hundred "shovers" passed the bogus coin off on the public.