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Democratic State Convention.

PHILADELPHIA, June 30, 1886.

The Democratic State Convention of Pennsylvania will assemble at the Opera House, in the city of Harrisburg, at 10 a. m., on Wednesday, August 18th, to nominate candidates for GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, AUDITOR GENERAL, SECY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, CONGRESSMAN-AT-LARGE. The Convention will consist of 358 Representative Delegates, selected under the rules of the party from the respective Assembly Districts of the State, one for each 1,000 Democratic votes cast for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election, or for a fraction of 1,000 such votes, amounting to 500 or more, in the respective representative districts, provided that each representative district shall have at least one delegate.

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STATE CHAIRMAN HENSEL is for Channey Black for Governor.

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GROVER CLEVELAND

SHREVEPORT, La., July 16.—Geo. Harrison, colored, aged 22, was hanged to-day for the murder of Geo. Allen, aged 60.

If all the congressmen who are retiring from congressional life should determine to write books, what a vast amount of cheap literature would be thrown on the market.

SOME of our Republican contemporaries are talking of Colonel Daniel Hastings for Congress in this district. Just put him up if you want to see how big a defeat the broad shoulder-Daniel can carry?

THE Democratic County Convention of this county will instruct the delegates to the state convention to vote for Gov. Curtin as Centre county's choice for Governor, at least that is what is talked of since his withdrawal from the congressional contest. That would certainly be a very nice compliment to Mr. Curtin.

GENERAL BEAVER will be beaten by 160,000 in November. He has been talking politics out in Colorado. Chairman Hensel talked politics out in Ohio in 1884, and we lost the state by 80,000. Ohio isn't half as far away as Colorado. Good bye "Jim" if you talk out in California we will beat you by 1,000,000.

A little speck of war begins to appear on the Mexican frontier, and considerable feeling exists between the Americans and Mexicans across the line. Mr. Cutting the American editor who was kidnapped by the Mexicans because of something he published in his paper, has been kept in prison notwithstanding the peremptory demand of Mr. Bayard for his unconditional surrender. Mexican troops are massing on the frontier and the whole Mexican population is fast working itself up to the fighting point. The experience of the past has been lost on the present, and Palo Alto Resaca de la Palma, Buna Vista and every field on which the American flag was carried victoriously are to them only traditions. It is but forty years since the Mexican war and Mexico has grown wonderfully, for a country of daily earthquakes and revolutions. She may feel like blustering a little for a time but will cool down and apologize. She is wrong and has been discourteous, but will come to a proper appreciation of her position.

A Drunken Bully Commits Murder and Holds a Town at Bay.

BRADFORD, Pa., July 25.—At Mt. Jewett, a small hamlet, 21 miles south of here John E. Thompson, a railroad construction boss, yesterday killed a man and successfully defied the town to arrest him. Thompson who was drunk enough to be ugly, sauntered into the Brewer house and picked a quarrel with John Yohl, a good-natured young fellow who was tending bar. Without the slightest warning Thompson drew a revolver and shot Yohl in the side. The injured man staggered into a hallway and died in a few minutes without having spoken a word. As Thompson swaggered out of the bar-room the landlord's daughter, Miss Brewer, pluckily attempted to stop him, when he threatened to blow out her brains. There was no officer in town, and though two hundred men stood around not one dared to arrest the murderer. He reloaded his revolver and walked the streets for an hour, drawing his weapon when anyone approached. Several men set off for a neighboring settlement in order to get a Winchester rifle that they might drop the murderer in his tracks. Only a leader was needed to bring about a lynching. After keeping the town under martial rule for an hour, Thompson grew nervous and surrendered to the contractors who employed him, and he was spirited away to jail by four men. The murder seems to have been entirely unprovoked.

THE trial of the anarchists at Chicago has developed the most deliberate and damnable conspiracy to murder by the whole sale and indiscriminate of the criminals of an American City and puts to shame the plots of the Russian Nihilist, the German Socialist or the Parisian Communist. The Hay Market riot was as deliberately planned and executed as was any battle of the late war. The massacre of the police was part of the plot, and but for their firmness and bravery anarchy would have ruled and ruined in the greatest city of the West, and hundreds, perhaps thousands of lives would have been forfeited to the vengeance of foreign murderers. In the supremacy of the law at all times lies the safety of the citizen, and its majesty is now being vindicated in the trial of the murderers who set at defiance its every provision. These same men today appeal to the very laws they have outraged, and ask for the same justice they have refused to grant to others; murderers, and cowards, foreigners to the country whose hospitality they have trampled on and whose peace they have broken their appeal loudly for justice. Their crimes have been fastened on them by eye witnesses of the massacre and others of their fellow conspirators have turned states evidence and conviction is beyond a doubt.

Never was there a better opportunity to teach such men that the law is supreme, and able to punish any one guilty of its infraction than now. Let no guilty man escape. Anarchism can have no place in America, and the pernicious teachings of the socialist communist and nihilist, merit more than a stray thought. Every word breathed against law and order finds rich and faithful soil in the degraded foreign classes of great cities like Chicago. No American citizen in Chicago stands indicated for murder at the Hay Market. Every man on trial is an alien and foreigner.

Jumped From a Bridge.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., July 25.—A 16-year-old lad named Fred Heizman was standing on the Port Jackson Bridge Friday evening when some one dared him to jump off. The young man scrambled over the railing and like Brodi in New York dropped into the Mohawk 80 feet below. He was picked up by a party unconscious, but is practically unhurt.

A Noted Democrat Gone.

NEW YORK, Ju 26—Herbert O. Thompson, the ex-Commissioner of Public Works, died suddenly this morning at the Worth House, where he had been stopping. The news of the sudden demise of the leader in county politics has caused a profound sensation in political circles.

Mr. Thompson was the recognized leader of the County Democracy organization of this city, and was a staunch adherent of President Cleveland.

Mr. Thompson had been quite ill for some months. The immediate cause of his death is supposed to be apoplexy.

Is it Cholera?

NEWARK, N. J. July 26.—If the eight ward of this city is not afflicted with genuine cholera, it is afflicted with something marvellously like it. People for a block or two on Fifth street have been taken with violent dysentery, accompanied with hemorrhages, during the past 48 hours. One death occurred this morning in the person of a Mrs. Bennett. She was only sick 24 hours. The physicians are thoroughly alarmed and are busy holding consultations and doing all they can to relieve the suffering. Further deaths are expected to-night. It is impossible to ascertain the cause of the trouble, although it is believed the water in the block has much to do with it. People in the vicinity are said to be terribly frightened.

Editor Cutting Transferred to a Higher Court.

EL PASO, July 25.—The excitement on both sides of the river among the Mexicans as well as the Americans, has been so great that both governments have concluded for the purpose of allaying it, to conduct further negotiations secretly and without publicity. For that reason consul Brigham had no further official advices yesterday on the all absorbing subject of the Cutting imprisonment. Editor Cutting was brought before Judge Casteneda last evening, and informed that his case had become of such national importance that it would have to be transferred to the First district court, where sentence would be pronounced at some future day. Counsel Brigham tried to learn when the trial would take place, but could get no satisfaction. It is now thought that Mexico is determined not to give Cutting up. It is rumored on the streets of Paso del Norte that a train-load of Mexican troops with a park of artillery is approaching the city from Chihuahua. The situation continues to look very serious. Meanwhile soldiers continue in large numbers in Paso del Norte, Mexico.

Capt. Drum, commandant at Fort Bliss, Texas, hears unofficially that all available American soldiers in the Southwest are ordered to El Paso and is expecting orders hourly. Paso del Norte is virtually under martial law. It is known that Mexico has definitely refused to comply with the pre-emptory demand by the United States for Cutting's instant and unconditional surrender.

A dispatch from Port Royal to the *Altoona Tribune* dated Wednesday, says: The sad intelligence of a terrible accident which happened to David Auker, a young farmer of 30 years, who resides nine miles east of this place, in Juniata county, has just been learned. Yesterday evening while mowing grass he stopped his team and walked out on the mower tongue to fix something about the harness, when the horses started, throwing him off, and the knives of the mower catching him, tore his left arm and leg off. The machine struck a stump shortly afterward and the horses stopped. When picked up, Auker, was in a dying condition.

Impromptu Duel—both Killed.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., July 24.—A homicide occurred at Callahan, Fla., 20 miles from this place, yesterday, between Jim Atkins, Car Inspector for the Savannah, Florida and Western Railway, and Jim Black, Station Master of the Florida Railway and Navigation Company. Black shot Atkins through the heart with a revolver, Atkins responding before falling with a Springfield rifle loaded with buck-shot, literally tearing Black's head from his shoulders. Both men died instantly. Both were married and leave a family of children. The affair is the culmination of a feud of long standing.

Fatal Rioting at a Picnic.

PITTSBURG, July 25.—Late this evening as a picnic party of about fifty employes of Pier Dannels & Co., brewers, together with their families, were preparing to leave Blair's Grove near Glenwood Station, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, where they had spent the day in picnicking, a party of three unknown men who had been loitering around the grove demanded a drink of beer. The supply being exhausted they attacked one of the wagons over which Henry Hanns had charge. Hanns resisted the assault, and was struck on the head with a large stone, crushing in the skull and killing him instantly. In the fight and excitement which followed, Gas Dollar received a frightful wound on the head from a club, and Thomas Illhart had his jaw broken with a stone. The three strangers made their escape.

They Made a Raid.

TERRIBLE DESTITUTION REPORTED IN THE FAR NORTH—3,500 PEOPLE STARVED TO DEATH.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., July 27.—The schooner May Barrett has just put in here, bringing the latest report from Labrador coast. She came around by way of the gulf from the straits of Belle Isle as the ice outside made navigation risky for nearly two weeks. She was blockaded in a York harbor, some forty miles east of Northeast river by field ice. Her captain brought with him five families who had made their way to that point from Sandwich bay, over one hundred miles overland. They came in sledge drawn by ponies, the last of their live stock, and these they were forced to subsist on after arriving at the harbor. Their sledges were burned for fuel.

York harbor is crowded with fugitives, but these all came from the southern coast and knew nothing of their northern neighbors. On July 19 a storm lasting two days buried Eastern Labrador under three feet of snow, and all communications are cut off. The population is composed of Indians, and in all the region north of Sandwich Bay is estimated between ten and fifteen thousand. The snow has cemented the ice together and closed the trails. How these unfortunates can escape death is a mystery. The relief vessel will be sent direct to York bay to relieve those first.

A dispatch from White Bay states that whalers report that the Hudson Bay strait has either been frozen over again—an unprecedented occurrence at this season—or has become choked with floating ice and is solid. A large number of Arctic bears driven south by starvation have crossed over from Pennsylvania and are devastating the country. They number nearly 1,000, and have appeared near Cape Shugford. What little is left on the shores of that region have been seized upon by those voracious animals. The Indians in that locality are eating their dead companions. Those who die among the white settlers are buried secretly to keep the Esquimaux from getting them. The graves are all disguised.

The report that the cold is 8 to 10 degrees below zero at Sandwich bay is

denied. It has not gone lower than 10 above. The whole cause of the trouble is the Arctic ice massed along the shore, which reduces the temperature. In the interior of the northeast territory around Lake Nitebuegon the temperature is up to 40 and 50 degrees above zero. It is only within 200 miles of the coast that the cold exists. There is, however, only two months more before winter sets in, and the ice cannot disappear in that time. Up to date the survivors that have arrived here are 610 persons all told. The number of those who have died is estimated at 3,500, and the figures would be larger if the entire truth was known. An east wind since Saturday has been blowing off the banks, making the Labrador coast ice all the firmer on shore.

A Brutal Robber.

MEADVILLE, Pa. July 25.—Sunday morning about 1 o'clock the residence of Mrs. Wm. Beatty, an aged widow living alone at Watson's Run, five miles west of this city, was broken into and Mrs. Beatty was gagged and beaten until nearly insensible. Her assailant became frightened and ran away, but not before his victim recognized him as Silas Consla, a neighbor. Consla was arrested to-day, and is now in jail in this city. The would-be robber's brother is suspected of being an accomplice, and has decamped for parts unknown. Great excitement prevails in the neighborhood, particularly when it was learned that the house of another widow in the same neighborhood was broken into the same night. The marauder fled when discovered, without molesting the inmates or disturbing any property.

Terrific Explosion.

HARRISBURG, July 26. A terrific explosion occurred early this morning at the Pennsylvania steel works at Steelton, by which Frederick Lampkin and John Haas were severely scalded about the face, neck and hands and several other employes slightly injured. The cause of the explosion was due to the bursting of the cold blast pipe connecting furnaces Nos. 1 and 2. The report of the explosion was distinctly heard in this city, and residences within several hundred yards of the scene were badly shaken up, breaking window glass and knocking down stovepipes, etc. Loss, \$2,500.

All the soft coal miners in the mountain district including those at South Fork numbering in all over 1,500 unexpectedly returned to work on Wednesday of last week on a strike lasting over six weeks. The miners resumed at the old rate for mining, 35 cents per ton net, but they have had extra pay for headings, clay veins and other dead work and a reduction on what they paid the operators for powder and oil.

It looks as though the colony to the far west from this county will assume definite shape. The projecture are being importuned by persons from all over the Keystone State for admission as members. It was thought at first to form a local colony, but it has been decided to confine it to no specified limit of membership—but only persons of good moral character will be admitted. The organization is to be known as the Keystone Emigrant Association.—*Hunt Indon Monitor.*

SENOR ESCAPOR the Mexican Consul at El Paso says, Mexico will never comply with the demand that has been made. If it comes to that you may be sure that Mexico will accept war first." Well let her accept and Mr. Escapor had better escapor the border to Mexico. We are for peace consistent with preserving the feathers of the American eagle unruined. But the greaser can't pull the wool over that bird's eyes and then ruffle his beautiful plumage.

SENATOR PAYNE has been vindicated by the Republican senate.

Weasles, Hawks and Owls.

Prof. C. Hart Merriam, ornithologist of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, in a letter to Dr. Warren ornithologist of Pa., State Board of Agriculture, severely condemns the law passed by the last legislature which gives a bounty for the destruction of weasles, hawks and owls. The writer of the letter says the possibility of the passage of such an act is "a melancholy comment on the widespread ignorance that prevails even among intelligent persons concerning the food of our common birds and mammals." Of weasles he says: "There are two kinds of weasles in the Eastern States. The smaller kind feeds chiefly on mice and insects and is not known to kill poultry. The larger also preys mainly upon mice and rats, but in addition, sometimes kills rabbits and poultry. Both species are friends of the farmer, for the occasional loss of a few chickens is of trifling consequence compared with the good that these animals are constantly doing in checking the increase of mice."

Of owls he says that all of the thorough investigations made lead to the sole conclusion that "our hawks and owls must be ranked among the best friends of the farmer. With very few exceptions," he continues, "their food consists of mice and insects, meadow mice and grasshoppers predominating. The exceptions are the fierce Goshawk from the North, and two smaller resident hawks from the north, and two smaller resident hawks, Cooper's and the Sharp-Shinned, which really destroy many wild birds and some poultry. These three hawks have long tails and short wings, which serve, among other characters, to distinguish them from the beneficial kinds. Strange as it may appear to the average farmer, the largest hawks are the ones that do the most good. Foremost among these are the Rough legged and Marsh hawks, which do not meddle with poultry and rarely prey upon wild birds. Of hawks and owls collectively, it may safely be said that, except in rare instances, the loss they occasion by the destruction of poultry is insignificant in comparison with the benefits derived by the farmer and fruitgrower from their constant vigilance; for when unmolested the one guards his crop by day and the other by night."—*Es.*

SAVANNAH, July 27.—A horrible report from the lower end of Tatnall county has just reached the city. A negro woman, engaged to prepare a dinner for a colored picnic, murdered a young child which had been left in her charge, cooked half the remains and served it to the people. The other half of the remains were found salted down in a barrel. The negroes became perfectly frenzied on making the discovery, and seized the woman and burned her to a stake. The report appears to be authentic.

THE order of President Cleveland does not seem to mean anything to federal officials in some places as they continue electioneering for their particular candidates and sowing dissensions in that party.

The new Regulator Cook Stove with high pipe shelves at McFarlanes, are far ahead of all others in size, weight, convenience and durability. There are only a few left at the reduced price.

In another column of this paper, will be found an advertisement of a very valuable farm, for sale. It is located about a mile and a half east of Linden Hall, and is known as the Peter Rubie homestead.

During a heavy storm on Monday a little 12 year old boy by the name of Willie Connelly, residing in Clearfield was struck by lightning, and instantly killed. He in company with some other boys were on the Judges stand at the trotting park in that place. They were all slightly burned. His brother also injured but not fatally.