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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.

W. U. HENSEL,

Chairman Dem. State Committee.

J. B. LIVERY,

Secretary.

Samuel J. Tilden Dead.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—Hon. Samuel J. Tilden died at his home at "Greystone" this morning. His death was sudden although there was a well fixed conviction in the minds of those who knew the true state of Mr. Tilden's health that the days of the Sage of Greystone were numbered.

"KICKER," SCOTT should be sent to California. Dear Scott don't talk" or if you must talk say something sensible.

SENATOR WALLACE is not seeking the gubernatorial nomination, the democracy of the State wants to give it to him because in him they have a leader tried and true.

OUR friend of the Clearfield Democrat rejoices rather prematurely over the retirement of "Andy" as he lovingly calls Gov. Curtin. Don't yell before you are out of the woods.

It is noticeable that several Democratic congressmen who voted to choke off debate on the Morrison bill are not being extensively boomed for a re-nomination in their districts.

"ANXIOUS INQUIRER"—"Decline" originally meant "to refuse" but it now means the converse. To "decline to be a candidate" means that the party "will accept the nomination if tendered him unanimously." See Blair's political economy, page 900, ed.)

"We "decline" with thanks the article on Blair's letter to trade off the Judge etc, two years ago. That letter served its purpose and gave us a republican judge, but there is no use in raking up the past. Gen. Blair is now at the head of the Democratic party in this county, and democrats should try and forget that letter and its results.

THE serious question with the democrats of Pennsylvania is whether they shall sustain the Republican democratic congressman who voted with their republican friends and against the democratic administration, or whether they should be sent to the rear. As Mr. Randall and his followers have gone into the Republican camp, why not let the Republicans take care of them.

We are in receipt of the *Tocsin* a paper published in the interests of the Knights of Labor, containing a fine out of Maxwell Stevenson Esq., of Philadelphia. The *Tocsin* favors Mr. Stevenson's nomination for Governor by the Democratic convention. Mr. Stevenson is a brilliant young lawyer of Philadelphia, and is a very popular man. If he should secure the nomination he would poll more than the party vote.

The Nigger in the Wood Pile.

The Philadelphia *Times* never gives its readers poison but it administers an antidote. On Monday every democrat was swearing mad, because of its brutal attack on Senator Wallace, although made under the guise of an interview with one Bill Scott, and the Republicans were rejoicing that Beaver would not have the Clearfield Senator to fight. On Tuesday General Beaver and the store order or coupon book system of the Bellefonte Iron and Nail Co. was exposed. That was the antidote for the Scott poison. Now the Republicans are swearing, and the Democrats are happy. The *Times* has fired its shot rather early in the campaign but it had to save itself from the wrath of democrats. We know who Alec McClure is for governor but it is evidently neither Wallace nor Beaver. Alec has a candidate however and is holding him in reserve as a dark horse. Wallace had to be killed off and it had to be through a Democrat. His candidate is not Harry McCormick either. At the proper time Alec's man will walk into the political ring, and the doughty Col. will give a thousand reasons why the Democrats should nominate his man Friday. The store order business could have been used effectively against Beaver two or three months hence, but by the time the campaign is opened it will be an old song and much of its force will have been lost in the venerable age of the story. No one knows this better than the *Times* editor and having assailed the great leader of the Pennsylvania democracy for a purpose he must preserve his apparent independent position. Alec has a dark horse for the democrats, but his candidate will turn out a trick mule which he can't ride. The democratic party will nominate no republican democrat for governor. Those very close to the *Times* Co., and its editor have given expression to a name familiar to the people of the state indeed, but not celebrated as a democrat or known in the councils of the party, that gentleman can not be nominated, although the *Times* and its editor will try and boom him at the proper time. There is a "nigger in the *Times* wood pile" and we know his name.

"KICKER" Billy Scott of Erie, the millionaire who is grinding the life out of the miners at his mines at Scottsdale, has been interviewed by a *Times* reporter on the political situation in Pennsylvania. With the malignancy of a "kicker" he launches out in a tirade against Senator Wallace as democrat and a man and goes into fulsome praise of Col. McCormick, of Harrisburg. Scott is a political and financial accident unknown to the democrats of the State, except through his having fought the State ticket once. This gentleman whose words are weighty only because they drop from a millionaire presumes to advise the party of the State whom to nominate and whom not to nominate. It looks as though the enemies of our party under the guise of Democrats were trying to kill off the only man to whom the rank and file of the party looks for victory. The Philadelphia *Times* has evidently received instructions and the warfare on Wallace has opened.

Wallace for Governor.

Senator Wallace is not a candidate for Governor in the sense in which that word is ordinarily used. He has not asked, nor have his friends asked the support of a single delegate. He will not, nor will his friends at any time make a fight for the nomination. Yet Senator Wallace is a candidate. He will accept a nomination that comes from the people of their own accord. He will lead the party to victory, but will not head a faction. A nomination that carries with it the olive branch of peace would be accept-

ed. Senator Wallace if nominated under such conditions would accept. But he should have his own organization, and be allowed to manage his own campaign. No man in the State possesses the elements of strength that Wallace does, and the Republican leaders are trembling in their boots lest he be the democratic standard bearer. Wallace is a tower of strength—a great leader of a great party who towers head and shoulders above his rivals. "Wallace and victory," would fire the democratic heart and bring out every vote. Wallace is the man in this crisis.

CHAIRMAN Cooper is a man who is credited with paying close attention to details of the campaign. Such being the case in his next circular appeal to the manufacturers of Pennsylvania for funds he should inform them what districts are endangered by the enemies of the tariff. The Chairman certainly does not pretend that there is any need of money to carry the five districts of Philadelphia and the two districts of Allegheny county. In the Westmorland, Fayette, and Green district Mr. Boyle will not be returned, but the Democrat who will be nominated to succeed him is not likely if elected, to vote differently on the tariff question. So there is no need to send any money of the manufacturers into that district to prevent the election of a free-trader to Congress. The same may be said of the other districts represented in Congress by Democrats from Pennsylvania who voted with Mr. Randall against consideration of the Tariff bill of the Ways and Means Committee. In the Erie and Venango district the election of a Republican to Congress is again endangered by an odious nomination that is justly resented as a fresh insult by thousands of that party and these views of its character will not be changed by any amount of appeals and money arguments in favor of the tariff. As for the districts represented by Messrs. Storm and Swope, Chairman Cooper would hardly be fatuous enough to send any money into them in the hope of electing Republicans to Congress in the face of their overwhelming Democratic majorities. Where, then, are the districts in Pennsylvania which Chairman Cooper fears to lose or hope to gain on the tariff issue? Many manufacturers of this state would contribute liberally of their funds if a practicable end could be obtained thereby. But they do not like to be wheeled out of their money by false and deceptive campaign appeals. It may be that Chairman Cooper desires contributions of money from the Pennsylvania manufacturers to carry elections for Congress in other States. But that would be encroaching on the domain of Secretary McPherson and the Republican Congressional Committee, who will no doubt cheerfully receipt for any funds that may be sent to them.—Philadelphia Record.

In another column will be found the letter of J. L. Spangler withdrawing his name as a candidate. Mr. Spangler's declination is *honest square and sincere* and is addressed to the Democrats of the county. Mr. Spangler has long been heard in advocacy of Democratic men and measures and is one of the ablest party leaders in the county and had he consented to remain a candidate would have had the warm and hearty support of every democrat who has the party's interest at heart. There is no candidate regularly in the field in Centre county and the voter can use the largest liberty in casting his vote or he can vote congress blank.

—Rev. J. O. Critchlow, of Uniontown being in Pittsburg one day last week and hearing that an oil gusher had been obtained on his farm at Reibold Station, this county, did not wait for a railroad train but procured a bicycle and on it, by way of the Butler plank road, reached the well in good time. His farm is likely to be very productive.—Butler Herald.

Important Announcement.

BELLEFONTE, July 31, 1886.

To the Democracy of Centre County: After the declination and retirement of our distinguished and able representative, Hon. A. G. Curtin from the Congressional contest, I announced myself a candidate for Congress in perfect good faith. I placed my candidacy on the ground of recognition to the young Democracy of this county, who for a dozen years past, have fruitfully assisted on the stump and at the polls, in the successful election of every ticket placed in nomination by the party, against a tireless and stubborn foe—and also on the ground that since 1872 to the present hour I had been the warm supporter and the faithful friend of Hon. A. G. Curtin.

Finding a strong desire all over the county that Mr. Curtin should receive the unanimous endorsement of the Democracy, in convention assembled by again tendering him re-nomination to Congress, as a tribute of respect for his great and distinguished services to the people of this district and the Nation, I cheerfully yield to that desire and withdraw my name as a candidate, and earnestly ask my friends to rise above all personal considerations for the harmony of the party, and give Mr. Curtin their cordial and hearty support; Let the party unite over his brilliant and able leadership, and under this compliment from the Democracy of a unanimous re-nomination one of the proudest consolations of his declining years in his retirement from public life.

Yours truly,
J. L. SPANGLER.

The Cutting Affair.

The Cutting affair is assuming such proportions as to cause considerable uneasiness in diplomatic and governmental circles. The latest phase of the question is that the federal government of Mexico is unable if not unwilling, to secure the release of the imprisoned American, as the state of Chihuahua claims absolute jurisdiction of the case.

It seems to be the determination of the Mexican authorities to punish Cutting whether guilty or not. Under an absurd law of that country any body can be tried in Mexico for libeling a Mexican citizen if the libel were published at the north pole. The only safety to the citizen of a foreign country who publishes anything against a Mexican is to keep out of that benighted country. Of course no country in the world will tolerate the application of such a principle to its citizens. Secretary Bayard is determined to use all the power of the Government for the protection of Cutting and the matter is now before Congress. Of course we don't want to go to war with our neighbor, but the life liberty and property of an American citizen must be as secure in Mexico, as a Mexican in the United States. Cutting may not be a saint, but saint or sinner he is a citizen of the United States, and is entitled to the protection of her flag. It is to be hoped that wise counsel will prevail in Mexico and the demands of this government be complied with. If not, there is but one remedy, a resort to arms. All that the United States asks is simple justice. No American can be tried, convicted and punished, in Mexico for a libel in the United States, on that point, every American citizen will be firm and uncompromising.

The following gentlemen, all able and honest democrats are in the field as candidates for Congress and any one of them would make a worthy successor to Gov. Curtin:
Hon. Andrew Reed, Mifflin Co.
" S. R. Peale, Clinton. "
" A. H. Hill, Union. "
" J. K. P. Hall, Elk. "
" J. W. Potter, Clearfield "
None of them have "declined."

Congress.

The position of Congressman is not a sinecure, as many imagine, no more than is it a place that can be properly filled by any and everybody. The proper fulfillment of the position demands of the occupant brains, first of all; then business tact, integrity, swift conception and hard work. The true member of Congress must needs be a man of high intelligence, thoroughly conversant with the constitution and the laws not only domestic but those recognized and governing intercourse commercial and otherwise, between this and other countries. The Congressman is the law maker, hence the importance and necessity of his being a man conversed in the law and what constitutes good law. He must also be a man who knows the exact constituency and has their interests at heart; likewise the interests of his state. He can protect the pure without injuring the other; he can add to the benefits of one without detracting from the other. The calling is a high one and to look at it in any other light is an approach to depravity. These remarks are now in order, as a Congressman is to be elected at the coming election to represent this district in the national halls of legislation. There are several gentlemen names mentioned in connection with the Democratic nomination, but the gentleman from Clinton, we think, should be chosen above all others now in the field. Mr. Peale is the only Clinton county gentleman whose name has been coupled with the nomination and his claims are more than one. In him we find all the qualifications above enumerated, and more to spare. He has at all times been a sterling Democrat and a strong and working advocate of home enterprise and prosperity. To Mr. Peale this district owes more than it can repay. He is in the field with no opposition whatever from this county, which is evidence positive that he is the unanimous choice of the Democracy, and should he receive the nomination he would also be the choice of many Republicans at the ballot box. He should be and we think and hope he will be nominated. If nominated his election is beyond peradventure. At this particular time we need men at Washington who have had experience in parliamentary matters—men of brain and positive action and men who having the ability, also have the courage to advocate and urge such measures as are now needed. We want men who can think talk and act. Ex-Senator S. R. Peale, of this city is the man.—Lock Haven Democrat.

A Fiend in a Graveyard.

CHICAGO, Ill., August 1.—Yesterday afternoon the body of Willie Gleason, a six year old boy, was taken to Calvary cemetery for burial. The funeral was from the widowed mother's residence and was accompanied by over one hundred persons. Mrs. Gleason owned a lot in Calvary and it was her desire to bury her son by the side of her husband. Arriving at the cemetery it was discovered that the deed to the cemetery lot had been left behind. Superintendent Guinea refused to allow the interment to be made unless the permit was first produced, and called the police, it is said, to eject the funeral party. He armed himself with a shotgun. A panic ensued among the mourners; two of the women fainted, and a stampede ensued. The gun was discharged, but no person was shot. It is stated that Guinea threatened to fire into the crowd, and that when he presented his gun it was knocked from his hands thus discharging it. The Superintendent's son was armed with a horse pistol. It went off during the excitement and one of the mourners sustained a slight flesh wound in the leg. Mr. Guinea was then very roughly handled by the crowd. The body was taken to the vault and placed there temporarily. Guinea created a scene on Decoration Day, causing him to be made the subject of free newspaper comment. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.—Subscribe for the CENTRE DEMOCRAT

Big Mail Robbery.

ST. LOUIS, July 30.—The postal car which left New York for St. Louis June 28, had among its mail pouches No. 353 for St. Louis, which contained \$20,000 in money, and drafts, bond checks and other valuable paper property valued at \$60,000. At Pittsburg the far west mail was transferred—passing into the hands of Chief Clerk James Farrell. The train made a short stop at that place, and, as usual, the chief clerk signed a receipt for various pouches without inspecting them, the time being too short to do so. During the run to Indianapolis he found that he had received for the St. Louis pouch which was not in his possession, and which probably had not been turned over to him with the rest of the mail. He immediately reported the robbery, and the detectives have been working on the case ever since without as yet having made any arrests. It is believed that the pouch was stolen between New York and Pittsburg by one or a number of clerks who have since left the service.

The appointment of George A. Jenks, of this State, to the position of Solicitor General in the Department of Justice is one that can readily be commended by men of all political opinions. It is in such contrast with that of Goode, whose nomination was rejected, that the President could have done himself real credit by making his last choice first. Mr. Jenks is a man of the highest personal character, with much more than a State reputation at the Bar, and an ability which has not yet been fully recognized. His appointment is not in the interest of any democratic faction. One Democrat will like it as well as another, and all will be pleased.—President

Too Big for the Susquehanna.

HALIFAX, N. S. Aug. 1.—An attempt to launch the huge timber raft at Two rivers, Cumberland, made yesterday, proved a complete failure. The event attracted thousands of people from all sections of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, as well as a number of lumbermen and others interested in the enterprise from the United States. The venture was the most colossal of its kind ever undertaken in the world. The raft, which was built for Wilson Godfrey of New York, by B. B. Barnhill, is 420 feet in length; it stands in height 45 feet from the ground, is 50 feet in width and contains between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 feet of timber.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., August 1.—Shortly after the arrest of Editor A. L. Cutting at Paso del Norte it was stated that a former wife of his lived here. She was found last night in the house of Mrs. Everetts. The lady stated that Cutting had been from Clinton, Mich., where he became a type-setter. Twenty-three years ago, after he had deserted from the rebel army, he went to Toledo, O., where he married Miss Haskin. The union proved an unhappy one, he being, she said, a drunkard and a lazy good-for-nothing. Not being desirous of supporting him, his wife showed him the door, and he disappeared. Somewhere out West he procured a divorce, and his wife afterward married happily.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., August 3.—This morning at 8 o'clock while some mining cars were being run down the slope at Pardee mines, one of them jumping the track. Daniel Jarrette aged 21 years, who was in this car, attempted to get out of it, and was caught between the car and the side of the mine and was very badly hurt. His leg was broken and he was badly cut and bruised about the breast and back. He is still living, but the doctors do not give him or his friends any encouragement.

SACRAMENTO, August 3.—Both houses of the legislature voted today for a United States senator, the result being: Williams 70, Hearst 24.