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### DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

For Governor,  
Hon. CHAUNCEY F. BLACK,  
of York County.  
Lieutenant Governor,  
R. BRUCE RICKETTS,  
of Luzerne.  
Secretary of Internal Affairs,  
J. SIMPSON AFRICA,  
of Huntingdon.  
Auditor General,  
WILLIAM J. BRENNEN,  
of Allegheny.  
Congressman-at-Large,  
MAXWELL STEVENSON,  
of Philadelphia.

### DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For Congress,  
J. K. P. HALL,  
of Elk county.  
For State Senate,  
W. W. BETTS,  
of Clearfield County.  
Assembly.  
JOHN A. WOODWARD,  
LEONARD RHONE,  
For Prothonotary.  
L. A. SCHAEFFER,  
District Attorney.  
J. CALVIN MEYER,  
County Surveyor.  
J. F. REIFSNYDER.

STAND by your colors! Who will desert to the enemy?

WALLACE can be sent to the senate if every Democrat does his duty.

If you want to help elect a Republican United States Senator vote for Love and Matten.

WOODWARD and Rhone are Democrats and will vote for a Democratic U. S. Senator every time.

SCHAEFFER is honest, capable, obliging, poor, and a Democrat. What more do you want?

THE county ticket was nominated as fairly and honestly as ever a ticket was nominated, the gentlemen are all honest, capable and deserving. They are Democrats and should receive the party vote.

DEMOCRATS, you will have a Democratic Governor, you must have a Democratic legislature to carry out his views on public questions and to secure the necessary legislation to enforce the State constitution.

THE man who asserts that Schaeffer paid twelve hundred dollars to secure his election utters a deliberate and malicious lie against an honorable young man. That kind of campaigning will not win in this enlightened day.

WHY don't the disgruntled Democrat who is editing the *Keystone Gazette*, put his name at the head of the paper? Everybody knows that Feidler is not writing the articles on the County canvass. How much of the County ticket does the Democratic editor of the *Gazette* desire to have defeated?

THE guerrilla warfare in which the *Gazette* is now engaged is bracing up Democrats to the importance of giving a hearty and unqualified support to the entire ticket from Black to Reifsnyder. When the fellow across the street has anything mean and libelous to say about the Democratic candidates he always puts the vile language in the mouth of a Democrat from "Gregg," or a Thomas Jefferson Madison crank from some other locality. Take it easy, brother, the entire Democratic county ticket will be elected notwithstanding your lying.

### Mr. Schaeffer's Denial.

BELLEFONTE Pa., Oct. 12 1886.  
To the voters of Centre county: In answer to the scurrilous article which appeared in last week's issue of the *Keystone Gazette* a Republican organ of this county charging me with the use of corrupt and dishonest methods in my effort to secure the Democratic nomination to the office of Prothonotary, I desire to return my absolute and unqualified denial.

To the charge of excessive and corrupt use of money I aver that I spent no money in my canvass for the nomination except what was necessary and lawful for printing and traveling expenses, and the assertion that I admitted at Centre Hall that I had expended twelve hundred dollars to secure my nomination and argued that as a reason why I should be elected, I pronounce as absolutely false in fact, and challenge proof to the contrary.

I also brand as a lie the charge that votes were brought on the streets of Bellefonte, or elsewhere, by me, or by any one with my knowledge or consent, and I challenge any and all persons to prove it.

I also deny the truth of the charge that any hotel was chartered by me, or by any one with my knowledge or consent, or that any beer, whiskey or other liquor was bought by myself, or by any one acting under my authority, or with my knowledge or consent, to be used for the purpose of influencing voters, and I defy proof of it.

I denounce the implied charge of buying up election boards as utterly false in fact and a malicious libel.

Were any of the charges preferred true, I would not only be a violator of law and subject to prosecution and punishment, but might be prevented from qualifying for the office, or after having qualified be ousted by process of law.

In my efforts to secure my nomination I did nothing unlawful and nothing from which I have cause for fear, or of which I am ashamed. I am a candidate for the office of Prothonotary because I was fairly and honestly nominated, and because I feel able to discharge its duties in a satisfactory manner. I therefore ask you voters, of Centre county, for your support, and should I be elected, I will show my gratitude by a faithful discharge of the duties of the office.

Very respectfully,

L. A. SCHAEFFER.

### How Governor Black Nails a Lie.

We call the attention of the meddling Republican organ of this town to the following campaign lie, and how Governor Black punches a hole in the thing. Doubtless the smut machine will publish the dispatch to the *Press* and Mr. Black's telegram, as it is so much interested in the welfare of the democracy.

Clearfield Dispatch to the *Press*.

While Chauncey Forward Black, the Democratic candidate for Governor, was at Bellefonte on Wednesday, he had a conference with several leading Democrats. During the conversation he claimed to be quite confident of his election, and as a reason for it assured his friends that certain arrangements had been made with the representatives of the Knights of Labor which would give him three-fourths of the vote of that organization. He said: "There are 250,000 Knights of Labor in Pennsylvania, and I will get three-fourths of them; the arrangement has been made, and Beaver's managers can't get them away from me."

There is no store order uncertainty about Mr. Black's method of settling the lie.

PITTSBURGH, October 9.

To the Editor of the *Press*:  
SIR: The dispatch from Clearfield published in the *Press* of this morning with reference to myself and Knights of Labor is a pure lie. It contains not a syllable of truth; nor was there any pretext whatever for the falsehood.

CHAUNCEY F. BLACK.

VOTE the whole ticket.

### The Truth.

To read the ravings of the editor of the *Keystone Gazette* if they were believed, one would suppose that the Democratic party of the county was in a terrible condition. He raves and rants and snorts with the energy of a bull turned loose in a China shop. In his limited and beclouded vision an imaginary "ring" rules the Democracy and makes and unmake candidates with the hand of Omnipotence. What is the use of a man making a fool of himself? Or does the *Gazette* man suppose other men have no sense or has he none himself.

A long list of names has been run over in the article on "Ring Perfidy" and the men held up as butchered by the "ring." The list contains the names of men who were candidates more than twenty years ago, and were not nominated for the office they sought, simply because some other candidate for the same office had more votes.

Almost any fool knows that it is impossible for every candidate to be nominated. That is not even done by the Republican party of Centre county.

In 1875 there were in the Democratic canvass 7 candidates for Sheriff. Seven for county treasurer and five for Prothonotary. In 1878 there were eleven candidates for sheriff, ten for county treasurer and eight for Prothonotary. In 1881 there were thirteen candidates for sheriff, seven for county treasurer. In 1884 there were seven candidates for sheriff, five for Prothonotary and five for county treasurer. Of the thirteen candidates announced for the office of sheriff in 1881 twelve went into convention. Because eleven of these men had to be defeated, for it was impossible to nominate all for one office, the Republican organ of the county howls "ring, ring, ring." When ever there is more than one candidate for the same office, some body must be defeated in a nominating convention. This is true even in the Republican party of Centre county.

This year R. H. Wilson of Marion, Guyer G. Mattern and George M. Boal were candidates in the Republican party for Prothonotary. Was Mattern driven from the track and Wilson defeated by the "ring" of the Republican party or was Wilson defeated because two men could not be nominated for the same office by the same convention at the same time. It looks to us as though the Republican party in this respect was like the Democratic party. Where there are more candidates than offices some body must in the end be defeated. Every one of the men named by the *Gazette* when they became candidates simply took chances. With them it was as to their fellow candidates "you win I lose, I win you lose." It will be the same with those men who are named as prospective candidates. They take chances. No man has been set up by any man or set of men as candidates for the future. The very honorable and worthy men whom the *Gazette* indecently drags before the public, some of them at least have been candidates heretofore and no doubt will be again. What would they gain by going into the Republican party or helping its candidates by support.

The idiotic howler of the *Gazette* strives most zealously to make people believe that a ring made the nomination for Prothonotary in our party this year. There were four candidates for the office. One only could be nominated. Who would win and who lose, no man on earth seemed to know or even predict until the votes were cast and counted on Saturday the 7th day of August. Of the popular vote polled on that day Williams had 114 Harper 268, Mingle 807, and Schaeffer 1057. Thus clearly demonstrating that the rank and file of the party made the nomination.

The plea of the *Gazette* is to vote the Republican ticket and purify the

Democratic party. In other words all any Republican wants, is to gain power. When and who have these men who now insist on Democrats voting for Republican candidates done any good for Centre county. Irresponsible for anything they may say with no more regard for the truth than the father of lies, they vilely assault the candidates of a party whose every member is their superior morally intellectually and in every other way. Every man on the Democratic ticket is the nominee of the rank and file of the party. In our party no one was driven from the place he sought on the ticket to some thing else. The delegates to the Democratic convention came instructed by their constituents what to do and they simply did what the party ordered them to do. But the *Gazette* in substance says the way out is to vote the Republican ticket. Democrats think of that. Vote the ticket of the party which ten years ago robbed you of your great victory in the election of Tilden, and then rejoiced in this iniquity.

They are asking you to indorse the crimes and iniquities they practiced to defeat the gallant, matchless and peerless Hancock. You Democrats recollect full well how this unscrupulous party used the power and money of the Government to defeat the democracy in both 1880 and 1884. These men who have come in here lately and started a dirty and scurrilous sheet for the express purpose of running out a decent Republican Journal see no evil in stealing one president and in defrauding the most gallant man of the age out of the same high office.

What is to be gained Democrats by voting any part of the Republican ticket, either state or county. Under pure and unadorned Democratic rule in the county, your county debt has been entirely wiped out. Every office is in a most perfect condition. The public buildings are in better condition than ever before, and with all this the tax rate for county purposes is lower than it has been for forty years. Every office in the county is honestly, fairly and worthily filled. To make a change is simply inviting debt, corruption and all the evils which follow in the wake of the Republican party. Under a National Democratic administration the national debt is being paid more rapidly than ever before. Democracy is of the people, by the people and for the people.

THE Republicans don't ask much from the Democrats of this County. They only want the office of Prothonotary, District Attorney and two members of the legislature. Of course next year they will ask for the balance.

### Cow Law.

It is as utterly impossible for the *Gazette* to tell the truth as it is for the devil to enter Heaven. In last week's issue of that paper they charge to the Hon. John A. Woodward in reference to the cow law the very remark used by General James A. Beaver to a poor man of Worth township some years ago when fighting the bill, compelling Railroad companies to fence their lines in Centre county. "I hold says Beaver that any man who owns a cow, and is too poor to keep her fenced up, oughtn't to have one."

The assertion of the *Gazette* was made in the face of Mr. Woodward's record on that very question in the last legislature. A little decency on the part of the *Gazette* toward Democratic candidates would be some reason, as Beaver is our fellow citizen, to keep some of these things from the public. We have some more of Beavers declaration in reference to poor and honest laboring men which we propose to give to the public.

WE would suggest that the Democratic editor of the *Gazette*, write a history of his own "crooked" political life for the next issue of that paper.

### J. K. P. Hall.

The Democratic conference of the 20th district, nominated in the regular way the Hon. J. K. P. Hall, of Elk county. Mr. Hall's nomination was made unanimous by the conferees of the six counties and the Democratic party stands pledged to elect him. Mr. Hall is a native of Centre county and has many friends and relatives still residing within its bounds. He comes of a good Democratic family, his uncle, the late T. Miller Hall, having been Sheriff of the county. Mr. Hall is a brilliant lawyer and a prominent business man being largely interested in the coal and lumber interests of his county. He will make an able and creditable member. The path of duty is plain, and the bitterness of two years ago should, and no doubt will, give way to the sense of party pride in keeping the 20th district Democrat. No Republican should be allowed to represent this district. Give Hall a hearty, earnest and honest support, and he will be triumphantly elected.

### W. W. Betts.

THE nomination of W. W. Betts of Clearfield, for State Senator gives entire satisfaction to the Democrats of Centre county, and he will receive the hearty and unanimous support of his party. Naturally our people would like to have seen our nominee, Hon. P. Gray Meek walk off with the honors but they are prepared to battle for Mr. Betts with as much ardor as they would for their own man. The nominee is one of Clearfield's substantial business men, a member of the firm of Weaver and Betts and is well qualified for the position to which he has been nominated. The office in this case clearly hunted the man, as Mr. Betts was in no sense a candidate his County presenting the name of Hon. James Flynn, and voting for him until it was evident that the dead lock would have to be broken by a new man.

### An Insult.

The Republican organs of this town insult the intelligent and sturdy Democracy of Penns Valley when they publish lying expressions about the "dumb Dutch," "whipping into line," etc. No Democrat on this side ever gave expression to such disrespectful language with reference to his fellow Democrats of Penns Valley. It is an old Republican lie intended to anger the Democrats of the other side of the mountain. Is it not too plain Democrats what the Republicans are after? Is there a Democrat who can be induced to cut his ticket because a lying scurrilous Republican editor keeps at the head of his columns an old campaign lie that has done service for twenty years? Why are our enemies so interested in our ticket? Why do they assail the personal character of the men on it? Don't take counsel from your enemies. If you once defeat a man on the ticket, these same assassins of private character will laugh and taunt you with your defeat. Recent the insult offered your intelligence by rolling up a grand majority for the whole ticket.

THE Republican howl about the Democratic ticket and an imaginary ring is intended to distract the attention of Democrats from the state ticket in order to secure votes for Beaver by gobbling up doubtful voters. Democrats of Centre you can roll up a thousand majority for Black and the whole ticket if you get out to the polls. Let us teach the men who boast of making the County Republican that it "ain't in the wood."

A CERTAIN Republican organ in this town keeps at the head of one of its columns three lies against Democrats. As these lies follow the Republican state and county ticket they are in the right kind of company.

MR. BOAL during the war was one of those fellows who threatened to put up a flag pole in the field of his Democratic neighbor, whether he was willing or not. He was ready to carry ropes to hang Democrats. He was down on "copperheads," "rebels," and the "double skulled Dutch." What does he think of his Penns Valley neighbors now that he wants their votes? Are there any ropes about his shanty to "hang copperheads" now?

HERE is further evidence for Galusha that "the Democratic party in power is a standing menace to the business of the country." The Pennsylvania railroad company has just ordered 2,000 additional freight cars, the Baltimore and Ohio 1,000, and the Pittsburgh and Western 2,000. Roads all over the country are doing the same. This is not for present business, of course, but in anticipation of a great increase in the future.

—Pittsburgh Post.

They Swing Dec. 3d.

CHICAGO, Oct. 10.—The *Arbeiter Zeitung* discussion the decision of Judge Gary refusing a new trial to the Anarchists, says that it turns to "you, the working, struggling, freedom-hungering proletariat. We call on you to be united and courageous in this bitter struggle, to hate and condemn the existing injustice and tyranny. Take heart, you men and women of the people; lay aside all little things, all which can hurt and which are unworthy of our great cause. Shake off the old adam of petty squabbles and of delay. Be men; be heroes. I think of our convicted associates; think of those great and noble men whose blood has flowed for freedom and the welfare of mankind, and this will give you courage and strength."

A daughter was born in West Polk St., Friday, at the same hour that its father, the Anarchist Samuel Fielden, in Judge Gary's court, began giving reasons why sentence of death should not be passed upon him. But few who listened to Fielden's plea guessed the cause of the bitterness in his speech. The knowledge of the scene being enacted at his home made his burden harder to bear. The mother was heart-broken at the thought of the improbability of her new-born ever seeing its father. Judge Gary yesterday sentenced the seven Anarchists to be hanged on December 3.

### Blaine's Tour.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 9.—Arrangements are now completed for the proposed tour of James G. Blaine through Pennsylvania. He will speak in this city next Saturday evening, at the Academy of Music, and on Monday morning starts for Pittsburgh, reaching Downingtown about 11 o'clock, where the train will halt for an hour to enable Blaine and Beaver make speeches. The special train will then proceed to Lancaster, reaching there about 2 p. m., where a two hours' halt will take place and speeches be made by Blaine, Beaver, Charles E. Warwick and Major Wendell P. Bowman. The run will be made to Harrisburg, at which place Mr. Blaine will become the guest of Senator Cameron, who will probably preside at the mass meeting in the evening of Monday, the 18th. On Tuesday morning the run will be made to Lewistown, reaching there about 11 a. m., halting for an hour's meeting; thence to Huntingdon, reaching there about 1 p. m., where speech making for an hour will follow; thence on to Altoona, remaining there 3 to 5 p. m.; thence to Johnstown, remaining there from 6 to 7 p. m.; thence stopping at Greensburg, say from 8 to 9, reaching Pittsburgh about 10 p. m.

PHILADELPHIA, October 7.—Common council this afternoon by a vote of 50 to 25 decided to postpone for the present a resolution to appoint a committee to impeach Mayor Smith before select council. It is the general opinion that the charges against Mayor Smith will not again be taken up by council.