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It is rumored that J. C. Harper is candidate for Commissioners clerk.

As goes New York so goes the Union. Grover got there with both feet.

The republican pulse is feeble but physicians think by careful treatment it will survive the shock.

THERE are forty nine applicants for the position of Commissioners attorney and this don't seem to be a good year for clerkships either.

ABOUT ninety nine per cent. of the interviews with ex-speaker Carlisle never takes place. The percentage of imagination is very large.

JUDGING from the severity of the courts in Philadelphia, there will possibly be less fraud perpetrated at her elections. If justice was practiced in all such cases, there would be fewer attempts to frustrate the will of the people.

THE club houses of our large cities do not come under the high license law. Men walk in the front door and enjoy all the drink they care for, while the back doors to saloons are guarded by officers of the law. The difference is that one class can afford to cheat the law, while the other can't.

OF the forty-nine patriots who are desirous of sacrificing themselves on the altar of the commissioners clerkship, Matt Riddle the yellow haired politician of Spring township seems to have the inside track. There will be fifty or sixty fellows more to contest the position with Riddle before Jan. 1st, 1888.

No railroad company is so poor that its officials cannot ride to and fro upon it in parlor cars which are carpeted, frescoed, furnished and furnished with a luxuriousness beyond the dreams of ordinary nabobs. Its rails may be worn to splinters, its ties rotten, its bonded debt kicked about the streets and its employees unpaid; but its direction will be as gorgeous as the woods in October, no matter what may happen.—Record.

THE Pennsylvania Railroad Company have started a new enterprise for the benefit of their employees in the way of a trust and saving fund. Any employee of that corporation may deposit any amount from \$5 upward, and receive the liberal compensation of 4 per cent. interest per annum. The station agents of the company are to receive the deposits. If the Pennsylvania company don't get the earth it will be because the Western Union Telegraph Company won't sell out.

THE proper thing for the Democrats to do now is to organize their party on a firm basis and reclaim the districts which have wandered from their allegiance. This work should be done soon, so as to be ready to do effective work when their services will be needed. Let not the Democrats of Centre county listen to the sad wail of the Republican organs, which send out pleading appeals. Aye even bend the knee to Democratic voters of this county, asking their assistance to bolster up the "boodle" party. To the voters to whom this appeal is made we would say stand by the party in whose ranks you were born and under whose banner you have so often marched to victory. Let no false representation cause you to betray the trust of your fathers.

WHILE the spring elections are yet some time ahead of us it would be well for the democrats of the county to look after the reorganization of the party for the spring campaign. Every democratic township in the county should elect its full quota of officers. The selection of good men in every township and borough for the different offices will bring out the party vote and tend largely to establishing an era of good feeling among democrats. We have gone through a defeat which has to a certain extent left us in a demoralized condition. Our position in the county can be recovered by wise and harmonious action. Local and factional differences can and should be settled. Party interests should come first, personal differences ought to be settled without injury to the party generally. The campaign of 1888 will soon begin to shape itself and the nomination and election of Grover Cleveland is put beyond the shadow of a doubt by the result in New York State. It behooves every democrat in Centre county who is in favor of the re-election of Cleveland in 1888 to add his mite to that great object. Pennsylvania may not cast her electoral vote for Cleveland but if every Democratic vote is polled for the Democratic national ticket the Republican majority will be very small. Their majority can only be reduced by harmonious action on the part of Democrats all over the state. We should not be behind in the good work. We will have our hands full to fight the common enemy and all difficulties in our own household should be amicably settled. It is a subject which every Democrat should ponder over. Have not our troubles and indifference been carried to the extreme of defeat already? Do we want to give our political enemies anything more? We have a clear majority in the county of from six to eight hundred and it should not be frittered away by family squabbles. If we all put our shoulders to the wheel resolved to recover lost ground victory will again be ours.

### No More of Most.

NEW YORK, November 17.—Herr Johann Most was arrested to-day by Inspector Byrnes on an indictment having been found against him charging him with inciting to riot. His Saturday night speech did it, and District Attorney Martine entered proceedings against him.

### THE DIRECT CAUSE.

The cause of the arrest was Most's speech last Saturday evening when an excited crowd of Anarchists gathered at Kraemer's Hall, No. 134 Seventh street. Many of them had come from Florence Hall and when they were told that the police had prevented the services at the hall a howl of execration went up that could have been heard in Tompkins square. Herr Most, the Anarchist mouth-bomb, was the angriest of the lot. Without waiting for the meeting to be called to order he ascended the platform and shouted: FELLOW SLAVES: The services over the death of our comrades, which were to have been held to night, were stopped by the police hounds. Oh, beware, you scoundrels! Your time will come. Hereafter our calls for meetings will be in secret. The hirelings of the capitalist press and the dogs of the police shall no longer attend our meetings. God help them if they are found in our secret councils! Hitherto we expressed our meaning openly and gave our enemies a chance. They shall hereafter hear and see nothing until the day of reckoning comes. That day is not far distant. It is drawing nearer and nearer. What care we for their soldiers and their police? Our weapon is a hundred-fold worse than theirs.

At this point a good friend of

Most's tugged his coat-tail and whispered him that he shouldn't be too strong as the detectives were around and might cause him to be sent to the penitentiary again for making an incendiary speech. Most took the hint and after swallowing a beer said slowly and with deliberation: I must not speak further on this question. What I have further to say must be said in secret to the sworn members of our society.

After some irrelevant remarks Most, apparently forgetting his caution, said:

Let Grinnel beware. He is the principal culprit who is guilty of murdering our brothers. Grinnel comes first. After him comes Gray. Then the Supreme Court Judges. After them come the highest murderers in the land, the United States Supreme Court Judges. Last, but not least, is the most cowardly murderer of them all, the Governor of Illinois. I would give ten years of my life to know the executioner. I would never rest until I had strangled him, as he strangled our brothers. I am willing to die for the cause if it be necessary. It is an honor to die if it benefits the working classes.

The cheering lasted several moments, which gave Most an opportunity to swallow another beer.

The murder of our brothers will cry to heaven for vengeance, he rattled on. Had it happened in Russia it would have caused a rebellion. Shame on the people of this nineteenth century to consent that these should be hanged. Shame on them, I repeat it; but the time will come when they will regret it and avenge our brothers' deaths. You have murdered our benefactors, they will say, and you must meet the same fate.

Death to the butchers! he shrieked, in conclusion. Anarchy will live forever. They sought to stop it in Paris in 1871, but they killed 30,000 men and women and Anarchy still remains. So it will remain here. For every Anarchist they kill there will be recruits by the hundred. The police fear us, but we do not fear them.

His speech raised the greatest excitement, and as he stepped down there was a perfect bedlam of shouts and calls for vengeance. Each man gesticulated and shouted at the top of his voice. One of them suggested that they form in line and march to Florence Hall and take possession in spite of the police. Many men gathered in line but the leaders stopped it. They were not prepared to have an encounter with the police. Most left the place with Herr Lingg and went home.

### Thanksgiving.

Again the national feast and thanksgiving day comes around and with it comes memories both pleasant and sad to individuals, as a nation we have great reason to rejoice. Peace and plenty rule, business has been steadily improving and the general condition of the people has improved with it. Our relations with our neighbors are pleasant. Individually we can sit down and devour the bird which is the emblem of America. If you have no Turkey you can eat something else and be just as happy. It requires very little to make a man happy outside of good health, plenty to eat and plenty to wear; all else is mere luxury. Invite your poor neighbor to take dinner with you or see that he has a good square meal for himself and his little ones. Nothing will aid your digestion more to-day than to know that all your neighbors are giving thanks and eating the annual big dinner incident to the occasion. "Eat drink and be merry." Give thanks to the giver of every good and perfect gift, that you live in a land where peace and plenty abound. Where the heel of despotism is unknown and where Turkeys can be bought already cleaned and stuffed at reasonable rates.

THE Republican rooster of this county is just now suffering from indigestion caused by attempting to swallow a large sized hickory nut. The nut lodged in the birds throat and still sticks there. The question with Republican doctors who have been called in is whether they shall crack the nut in the birds throat, or cut off his head and save the nut. The nut is the Commissioners Attorneyship, Hastings and Reeder are booked as legal advisors to Sheriff Cook and Treasurer Goss. They were even seated for the commissioners attorneyship but it was discovered that the latter little straw might break the camels back and the innate modesty of the General and his partner came to the rescue of the party and they refused to be put forward as aspirants. Feidler of the Gazette, was knocked sensible with a brilliant ide (the first and only stroke.) Hewes the leader of the kids was known to be in the good graces of Decker. Henderson was opposed to Hewes because it is said Charley supported Henry C. Campbell when Henderson ran first for the office. Decker would naturally support a man hailing from the Penns Valley side of the mountain, but the ring was determined that it should not be Hewes. Col. Keller who was born in Harris township, was approached and the glittering bauble of the attorneyship held out to him. "Not any if you please" and the Col. graciously dismissed the ring agents. Love was now the only resort as both the Dale's were beyond the pale of the rings pleasure. Mr. Love was waited on. Now it took considerable cheek for the ring agent to approach Love, whom the bosses have been trying to clean out for some time but Feidler having a surplus abundance of that article invaded Loves office with his proposition. Mr. Love "did not want the position" "would not have it if appointed."

"Was in favor of Mr. Hewes and believed he was entitled to it" (knock out no 2.) Now for the brilliant (?) coup d'etat. Against the leader of the kids Feidler proposed a kid in the person of Will Gray who has been getting his notoriety through the columns of the Gazette, Gray is not as yet distinguished for the brilliancy of his legal qualities, but possesses rich and inexhaustible mines of self assurance. So Gray was quietly announced this week as the candidate of the ring. From a democratic medical point of view we can't see how the life of the republican rooster is to be saved. Feidler is at his wits end as his candidate is only backed by himself and a few isolated members of the ring and it is said that Henderson is not just a unit for Gray.

The argument used against Hewes is that "he is in partnership with a democratic lawyer and would be under his influence and would be advised by Spangler. The county would not suffer if such were the case. However that is poor argument against Hewes as Charley long ago drew "first prize" for stubbornness. We are sorry to see the republican bird bucking and gagging over the nut in his throat and as a way out we would suggest the election of a democrat.

THE crown prince of Germany is in a very precarious state of health, and all Europe awaits breathless by his demise. His son Prince William who will succeed to the throne is of a war like disposition and a close friend of the iron hearted Bismarck. King William cannot at least live long and the crown Prince's days are already numbered. This is what causes the unrest in Europe. In our own country the death of no single individual can cause no particular uneasiness, because of the stability of our constitution.

### Washington Letter.

The beautiful Indian summer weather which has prevailed during the past few days has had its effect upon everyone. Even the President has been unable to escape its influence and despite the unusually urgent demand upon his time incident to the preparation of his annual message, and the numerous other official duties rendered urgent by the near approach of the time for the opening of Congress, he has managed to devote an hour or two to out of door exercise every afternoon.

A large majority of the Members of Congress are in town, and others are arriving daily. The streets and hotel lobbies are filled with strangers, and the National Capitol has assumed the generally animated appearance characteristic of the city during the time that Congress is in session.

The Members who have arrived in the city are busy in arranging the details of the coming contest over the organization of the House. It is expected that as usual, the most stubborn fight will be made over the selection of a door-keeper. Although Mr. Donelson, the present incumbent, is a candidate for re-election, it is generally thought that he will be defeated, owing to the numerous enemies that he has made in distributing the patronage of his office. Mr. Asher Barnett, of New York, who at the present time is in charge of the law library of the House, is among the most active candidates for the place, though there seems to be but little chance of his securing the prize, as it is generally conceded that the door-keepership will go to the South. New York also has a prominent candidate for the clerkship of the House in the person of William Raines, of Rochester, a brother of State Senator Raines. It is said that Mr. Raines will enter the contest with the entire New York delegation at his back, and that he will also have a number of New England and Western Members.

Gossip in social circles is quite animated over the quiet and unexpected marriage of Miss Susanne Bancroft, the granddaughter of Mr. George Bancroft the historian, to Mr. Chas. Carroll son, of ex-Governor Carroll, of Maryland. It had been generally believed that the young lady was soon to be married to a prominent member of the diplomatic corps, and the announcement of her marriage to Mr. Carroll was a general surprise. On Wednesday morning she left her grandfather's house with Mr. Carroll ostensibly for a walk, but in fact, they took the train for Baltimore, where they were quietly married.

There has been an unusual number of office-seekers in the various departments of late. There seems to be a general impression prevalent among the army of aspirants for desks in the departments that there are numerous removals every pay day, and that by being present to supply the emergency they will be likely to secure a position. The rooms of the various appointment clerks are crowded upon those days. Of course nothing can be done but to refer the applicants to the civil-service commission. Nothing daunts them however, and with each successive pay day the same familiar faces appear, with the same anxious and hopeful expression upon their faces.

It is probable that the citizens of Washington will soon score a victory in their contest with the railroad companies, and that the various companies will be compelled to remove their tracks from the streets which they have persisted in occupying. The Commissioners of the District, have prepared a report upon the subject, which they will present to Congress, in which they recommend the establishment of a union depot at the intersection of Maryland and Virginia

Avenues, to be reached by the railroads by means of tunnels beneath the city.

It is said that the Democratic Congressman have been making inquiries regarding the government employees who are known to have worked in the interest of the Republican party during the recent campaign, and that some of them have furnished the heads of Departments with lists of the clerks who were the most active Republicans, and it is intimated that the persons whose names appear upon the lists will be discriminated against when it may be found necessary to reduce the force in any of the Departments. H.

### The Barnum Circus Fire.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Nov. 21.—The fire which broke out last night in the winter quarters of Barnum & Bailey's Circus, destroyed the large main building, in which were housed all the principal animals used in the great show, nearly all of which were destroyed, including four elephants, five lions, seven leopards, six panthers, four kangaroos, six horses and a large number of small beasts. Among the elephants burned were Alice, Sampson and the sacred white elephant. One of the large elephants escaped, and this morning was found drowned in the Sound near the light-house, where it had gone in its fright. Aside from this the only animal that escaped beyond the grounds was a large lion, which wandered into Christopher Richard's barn-yard, where it attacked a cow and calf, making an early breakfast of the latter. Mrs. Richards undertook to drive the beast away, not knowing or realizing its nature until warned by a neighbor, when she made a hasty retreat. The animal was shot soon after by one of the circus employees.

Mr. Bailey said this morning that \$100,000 would probably cover the loss; that the lost animals and all the paraphernalia destroyed would be replaced as soon as possible, and that last night's fire would not interfere with next season's show.

The insurance on the building and property burned is as follows: Building, \$7,125; animals, \$35,000. Of the latter amount \$4500 was on the elephants burned, and \$2,250 on the hippopotamus.

Besides the above property there were destroyed two of the largest chariots, known as the Neptune and the Green Tableaux Car.

The origin of the fire is still a mystery, but the general opinion among those prominently connected with the winter quarters is that it was the work of an incendiary. George Myers, one of the watchmen and one of the first to discover the fire, started to enter the building and was knocked down by an unknown man who struck him two blows on the head with a blunt instrument. He lay unconscious a short time, and when he came to the building was in flames. A short "billy" was found near the place this morning. The fire started in the stables.

The Philadelphia Times is engaged in out-lining a policy for the democrats in the next congress on revenue reduction. It favors a reduction of tariff duties and the abolition of "war taxes" by "war taxes" the Times means the tax on tobacco and whiskey. These it styles "luxuries" but it is perfectly willing to take off the tax from both in order to keep up the tariff on the necessities of life. Free whiskey and tobacco would reduce the surplus some seventy million dollars per year, but it would not relieve the people of one cent of burden on what the family consumes and wears.