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### DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

The Democratic State Convention of Pennsylvania will meet at Harrisburg on Wednesday May 23rd 1888, at 10 o'clock A. M., to nominate a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court, two Electors-at-large and one Elector from each Congressional District; to select four delegates-at-large and two delegates from each Congressional District to the Democratic National Convention to be held at St. Louis on the 5th day of June 1888, and to transact such other business as according to the rules and usages of the party, may properly come before it.

The representation in the Convention will consist of representative delegates, one for each one thousand Democratic votes cast for Governor at the last gubernatorial election, or for a fraction of one thousand votes amounting to five hundred or more, in the respective representative districts provided that each representative district shall have at least one delegate.

ELLIOT P. KISNER,  
Chairman Dem. State Com.  
BENJ. M. NEAD,  
Secretary.  
Philadelphia, April 21, 1888.

BENNY FORAKER ain't Ohio just a mite too small for two bloody shirt statesmen like yourself and John Sherman?

The reform next-year fellows, are always with us. This year they are devoting all their energy toward reforming the tariff—some other t me.

BROTHER PUREY in a long article on the Democratic Club of Centre county says: "The Democrats up there have resolved to roll up an old time majority for the Democratic ticket next fall. The internal fights of the past have been forgotten and across the bloody chasm the factions have cordially shaken hands.

That's just where your head is on the dead level of certainty Joseph. We've buried all our little differences will nominate a good strong ticket and elect it by an old time majority. We are done washing dirty linen and getting up family picnics to amuse our political enemies and every mother's son of us will turn in to give the "rads" a cleaning out.

### "DID'NT MADE IT."

Gen. Hastings is not usually caught napping politically but in the matter of the late Confere meeting the general came out like a certain distinguished gentleman used to run rafts down the West Branch "behind out." The conference was postponed until after the Republican State Convention and Hastings so telegraphed his conferees. The conferees of Elk, Clearfield and Forest convened and elected two delegates to the Republican National Convention one elector and two alternates. Centre and Clarion counties were not represented. Gen. Hastings' name was not mentioned, but in order to placate Centre county the conferees named Mr. Wigton alternate. This was evidently intended as a rubbing in process as Mr. Wigton had been rejected by at least 95 per cent of the republican votes cast in this county at the primaries. The Hastings people don't know how to explain the little "deficiency" and Daniel has'nt been home since the "rump" as the *Delta* calls it adjourned. It is said however that Forest, Elk and Clearfield had entered into an agreement to divide the spoils between them and leave Centre and Clarion out in the cold which agreement was carried out to the letter. The Blaine managers are evidently fastening their grip on Pennsylvania and Cameron and the bosses are likely to get left. In view of the turn of affairs in Vermont, the notes of warning sounded by the New York *Independent* and the quiet manipulation of things in various parts of Pennsylvania we would say that the man with the white plume the tattooed skin and the "guano" smell will certainly be a candidate before the Chicago convention. The Blaine tail is going to wag the Cameron dog from Pennsylvania at Chicago. However its nose of our funeral if our county does furnish the corpse. Daniel had better move over into the democratic party as the republican ship is as good as scuttled. The general was sold out, some fellows bank account is a "leedle" short. There is swearing, long loud and deep in the stalwart ranks and some fellow will get hurt.

### THE TARIFF DEBATE.

In the opening of the great tariff debate in the House, the Republicans have lost fearfully in the contrast between the speeches of the two leaders of the discussion Chairman Mills of the ways and means committee and Pig-iron Kelley the father of the House. Mr. Mills' speech was logical argumentative and bristling with facts, showing a mastery of the subject unequalled by any of the great men who have preceded him since tariff became a great issue. It was an appeal to the intelligence and business experience of the members for relief from the great burdens of taxation, the dangerous and fatal accumulation of an enormous surplus which threatens business and financial ruin to the country, and protection from the great trusts which are eating out the vitals of the nation. It was a speech devoid of partisan feeling and political buncombe, in a word it was the speech of a great Statesman thoroughly conversant with his subject and intensely earnest for the solution of the great question. It has commanded the highest encomiums of the independent press of the country, and the unqualified approval of the Democratic party. Judge Kelly's speech was a bitter partisan tarade ess-ting everything and provi g nothing, disappointing allies to friend and foe, humiliating to the great mass of the intelligent members of his party, and disgusting to the great R-publican journals which demand of their party an honest policy on

the tariff Judge Kelly cannot be ex used because of old age, for his intellectual faculties are clear and p r e c t. To crankiness and an indisposition to meet the question fairly alone can be attributed, the shabby way in which he met Mr. Mills' argument. No bloody shirt or sectional issue can be dragged into the debate. It is purely a business question and must be discussed from that stand point. Stump speech oratory will not answer a logical discussion of the question, and Judge Kelley has made a blunder from which his party cannot recover.

### THE DEMOCRATIC CLUBS.

#### A Convention to be Held at Baltimore on July 4th.

The general committee of the National League of Democratic Clubs, formed at the conference of delegates held in New York city, has issued a circular inviting all Democratic clubs of the United States which approved the principles adopted at such conference to join the league and send delegates to a convention to be held at Baltimore on July 4, 1888.

The basis of representation in the convention will be five delegates to each club containing not more than one hundred members, seven delegates to each club containing more than one hundred and not more than three hundred members, and nine delegates for each club containing more than three hundred members. Clubs desiring to join the league are requested to address the secretary of the committee at once.

The call is signed by Charles Ogden, chairman; Frederick R. Lee, vice chairman; Edward B. Whitney, secretary; George H. Lambert, treasurer, and sixteen other representatives of prominent Democratic clubs forming the general committee.

### DEATH BY LAUDANUM

#### Gertrude Hopkins Takes the Poison With Suicidal Intent.

Gertrude Hopkins, the proprietress of a house of unsavory reputation which is situated at the corner of Ninth avenue and Nineteenth street, died at fifteen minutes after 5 o'clock yesterday morning from the effects of a quantity of laudanum. The news of the tragedy was quickly spread, and many reports—some false and some true—were started. In the house where the woman lies dead are three women. From one of these, who is known by the name of Irene, the following particulars were learned of the tragedy: The deceased had sent her out after laudanum, and she bought a small bottle of it at Spaulding's drug store, another at Baumgardner's and at Sellers' drug store she obtained a bottle which was a mixture of rosewater and laudanum. When the deceased took the contents of these bottles is not known, but when she sat down to the supper table, at about half-past 7 o'clock, she made the remark that she "had done it." It was further stated that the dead woman was to have been married Sunday evening, but the wedding did not take place. She had drunk several glasses of champagne, but this is not thought to have had anything to do with her death. The last bottle purchased was the one containing the rose water and laudanum. It was not entirely drained of its contents.

No attention seems to have been paid to the remark made by her at the supper table, but about 11 o'clock she became ill and Dr. Wesver was sent for. At about 1 o'clock she became unconscious and continued so until her death. From all that is known of the affair it is presumed that the failure of the marriage to come off was what

caused her to take her life. Extensive preparations appear to have been made for the supper, and champagne was one of the drinks. The woman who thus hurried herself into the presence of her Maker was 25 years old on Thursday last. She came to this city about three years ago from Cincinnati. She had separated from her husband, whose name was William Fredeborn, jr., of that city where he was employed in a detective agency. They had one child, and some months ago he come here, but after finding out the life she was leading he went away again. Her maiden name was Sommers, and she has a brother living at Julian, Centre county. He has been telegraphed to and until he comes the body will not be buried. It was placed in charge of Undertaker Lynch. The house was guarded last night by Constable Gracey, who was appointed so to do by the coroner.

### Burned Out And Shot

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 23—Captain Burns, deputy United States marshal, who has returned from Arizona where he went to hunt down the Stein's Pass train robbers, reports that they were burned out and shot down by Sheriff Paul and some Mexican soldiers. The robbers started from Chihuahua for Stein's Pass, 400 miles away, and after robbing the train, were returning when Paul intercepted them on Mexican soil. They took refuge in a Mexican adobe. After the shooting through the heart of a Mexican sergeant, who tried to force his way into the house, the alcade ordered the robbers to be killed, and as the abode was full of women and children, a tunnel was dug under the house and they were rescued. As they fled a robber fired on them and wounded one woman.

The alcade then fired the roof of the adobe. When the fire became hot the desperadoes attempted to make a break for liberty. Larry Shecan appeared at a door and was riddled with bullets. The soldiers kept up their fire through the door and killed Hart, whose body was found afterward in the building. Johnson had the alternative of being roasted or shot, and preferred the latter. He suddenly drew open the door and rushed out with a revolver in each hand, to be met with a volley from the sheriff and his guards. Johnson fell on his face, but raised himself on his elbows and fired both pistols. In an instant he was riddled with bullets. Sheriff Paul searched Johnson's body and found \$600 and some jewelry that had been taken from the express car. When he got to Hart's body he found poor picking. The soldier had been there first.

### ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

#### Centre Baptist Association—Ministers Conference.

- UNIONVILLE, April, 30, 1888.
- 7:30 p. m.—J. H. Chambers, Sermon.
- TUESDAY MAY 1st.
- 8:45 a. m.—Devotional.
- 9:00 " "—E. C. Houck, The influence of our spiritual life upon our preaching.
- 9:30 " "—M. B. Laning; Prayer meetings.
- 10:00 " "—G. W. Noecker; The ministry of the Gospel.
- 10:30 " "—D. J. Williams; The advantage to the minister of the study of Henry George and his theories.
- 11:00 " "—J. B. Kidder; Expository preaching.
- 2:00 p. m.—Devotional.
- 2:30 " "—Meeting of Missionary committee.
- 3:00 " "—J. S. Johnston; How can our young business men best promote the

### prosperity of our churches?

- 3:20 " "—J. W. Heston; Natural law and Gospel teachings.
- 3:50 " "—R. A. Lovell; Parish problems.
- 4:20 " "—W. Frear; Modern spiritualism.
- 4:45 " "—Business.
- 7:30 " "—J. T. Bradford; Sermon.

#### WEDNESDAY MAY 2nd.

- 8:00 a. m.—J. H. Chambers; Latent power in our churches.
- 8:30 " "—H. F. King; The gist of it.
- 9:00 " "—J. H. Craig; The relation of Christian men to politics.
- 9:30 " "—H. R. Goodchild; The church and the poor.
- 10:00 " "—M. G. Smith; Congregational singing, how to promote it.
- 10:25 " "—S. F. Forgue; Methods of church work.

#### Death of Mrs. Jennie Rider.

The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Eckel of Pine Grove Mills and her sudden death has cast a gloom over her own and her father's home, on Saturday night last she could not rest well and her husband was up until midnight doing all he could to comfort her. She then felt much easier and requested him to lie down and get some sleep. This he did and waking up about daylight found his wife dead by his side. Her body was brought to Pine Grove and the funeral took place from her father's residence on Tuesday. It was largely attended as Mrs. Rider had many friends who assembled to pay their last tribute of respect and to comfort the afflicted family. In addition to a grief-stricken husband she leaves a bright boy scarcely two years of age, to mourn her loss and to lack the tender loving care which only a mother can give. Being for many years an active member of the Pine Grove Presbyterian church, she will be missed even outside of her own family circle. She was a devoted christian, and a gentle, patient and loving wife and mother, her pleasant and cheerful disposition will long remain an inspiration to all who knew her patient and noble life.

#### Killed by the Cars.

A very sad accident occurred on Saturday morning at Osceola, says the Phillipsburg Journal, resulting in the death of Mr. John Walter, son of Mr. Harry Walter, of that place, a most exemplary young man. The unfortunate young man was an employe of the railroad company, and was aged about sixteen years. The circumstances of the accident which resulted in his death as near as can be learned are as follows:

About six o'clock on Saturday morning Mr. Walter was assigned to make a coupling on a freight train on the Moshannon branch and in attempting to accomplish the task, his body was caught between the engine and a car and squeezed into a space of only a few inches. He was at once removed to his home where he lingered in great agony until half past six o'clock in the evening when death relieved him of his sufferings.

Young Mr. Walter was a member of the Presbyterian church, the Good Templar's Society and was a most popular and exemplary young man in every respect. He was unmarried and resided with his parents at Osceola. His tragic death has cast a gloom over the whole community, in which he was so well and favorably known. His funeral took place this afternoon at two o'clock and was attended by the lodge of Good Templars in a body.

Sims, the man who attempted to commit a rape on a little girl of college township was sentenced to 2 years and a half in the penitentiary. He deserved his sentence. What a lucky thing it is that the High Sheriff of Centre county has not been convicted of the same crime. It would be a little tough to have the Peace officer of the County sent to Pittsburg and yet Robert stands charged with that offence and as yet has made no denial.

—Should the spirit move any of our subscribers who are in arrears to pay up we will accept the apology and give them credit on our books. Our creditors still, thoughtlessly it is true, insist on our paying our bills. A dollar and a half to-day dear reader may work out your salvation, and save any old cynic the trouble of hunting in daylight with a lantern to find an honest man.

—Hon. W. C. Foley at one time an Associate Judge of Clearfield County died on Monday at 5:50 o'clock aged 83. Judge Foley was related to Gov. Curtin and was the father-in-law of Congressman Patton. He was a fine old gentleman and well known to many of the older people of Bellefonte.

### BRIEF NOTES.

Wilson Crawford of Cotsville, near Youngs own, Ohio, was prostrated by a severe attack of hiccoughing a few days ago, and died of exhaustion before he could be relieved.

A large copper medal, minted in King George's time and evidently worn by some British soldier in the Revolutionary war, was recently ploughed up in a field near Monroe, N. C.

Patrick Kelly, a miner employed near Wilkes-Barre, choked to death at lunch hour one day last week on a piece of bread. He was a man of good habits and leaves a wife and six children.

There is still in force in Rhode Island a law forbidding the smoking of a cigar on the main street of any city in that State, and in Vermont the smoking of a cigar on the street on Sunday is made a misdemeanor.

A woman recently sent to her son, a youthful desperado of fourteen summers, incarcerated in the jail at Santa Rosa, Cal., a Bible, a bunch of cigarettes, a piece of sausage and a Police Gazette to relieve the tedium of prison life.

Bernard Gilligan, a miner employed in one of the coal mines at Gallatin, was caught by a fall of coal while at work, last week and his left leg was broken above the knee. A physician was summoned and the fracture was reduced and the injured man was made as comfortable as possible.

Some one has made a study of the different pig calls in different sections of the country, and says that in Pennsylvania the farmer calls "Pig-pig, pig-pig, pig-gie;" in North Carolina he shouts "Pig-eye, pig-eye," dwelling on the "eye;" the Hoosier "whoops "Who-oo, whoo-ee," and the hogs answer gladly; the Buckeye calls "Soo-soo, soo, soo, soo-o;" the Blue Grass pork raiser shouts "Poo hee, poo-hee," and the Dakota man brings his hogs with a whistle.

Colonel Lanont, President Cleveland's private secretary, is a great deal busier than any of his predecessors, says the Washington Critic. He is a great deal more than a private secretary, whereas some of them were a great deal less. He actually hasn't had time to see the sights, and with all his three years experience in Washington knows less about the public buildings and the public curiosities generally than the diligent tourist who arrived but three days ago.

A telegram from Phillipsburg says: The past two weeks has brought about a very material change in the outlook in the Clearfield and other coal regions embraced in subdivision No 2. Reductions have been made at several collieries and suspensions of collieries have occurred in many parts of the division. There has been a double cut in the region wholly on the working class, and it is thought that the market is being bearded for the purpose of forcing the reduction in coal and coke. A general lockout is expected.

A very curious business is that of the professional wake-up, says the New York Sun. He is employed by the surface men to wake them up early in the morning. His duty is onerous and requires the utmost punctuality and regularity. A failure to wake up one of his employers would result in the losing of his situation by the latter. His duties are particularly arduous in bad weather. Sometimes long distances have to be traversed between the homes of his patrons. A half hour is usually allowed for the driver or conductor to swallow a cup of hot coffee and bolt a sandwich. But as a rule the wake-up is well paid for his work and very seldom fails to be on time.

Prof. Hogan made a frightful leap from his balloon at the city of Jackson, Michigan, one day recently. The first attempt at an ascension was a failure, but the second effort was a success, and the air ship soon reached a height estimated at nearly 10,000 feet. At this elevation the balloon seemed to stand still, and by the aid of glasses Hogan could be seen edging over the side of the car. Suddenly a cry went up, "he's jumped," and the crowds craned their necks to see the man dash himself to pieces. The parachute failed to work at first, and the daring aeronaut was seen diving to the earth with lightning speed. A moment later, however, the umbrella-shaped life preserver opened its wings and Hogan's rapid descent was checked. From that point he dropped slowly, and reached the earth safely in four minutes, at a point about one and a half miles from the city. The foolhardy man dropped 200 feet before the parachute opened.