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GEN. SHERIDAN who for several days has been at death's door was on Monday reported some better and hopes of his recovery were entertained. As the General's trouble is of the heart it is doubtful whether he can live any time and may ere this be dead.

A young man named Gore was bitten by a rattlesnake in New Jersey and for a week he was kept drunk in Manhattan Hospital. If this style of treatment ever becomes popular there are lots of fellows in and around Bellefonte who would be on the mountains trying to brush up against some kind of a snake.

THE State Convention at Harrisburg was remarkable for the big guns present as delegates and the harmony that existed. A fair and square platform was adopted the president endorsed and promise of an active and aggressive campaign given. Let every Democrat in Centre county make up his mind to be an active worker this fall.

BARCLAY PEAKE, the murderer of Katie Anderson plead guilty to murder in the second degree. The plea of "not guilty" was withdrawn and the plea of guilty of murder in the second degree entered by arrangement with the Court. Much surprise and indignation was manifested at this turn of the case. Peake will be taken to Trenton and sentenced by the Supreme Court of the state. The maximum term is twenty years.

THE Convention of Democratic Clubs organized as the Democratic society of Pennsylvania, Hon. Chauncy F. Black was elected president and Maj. Jno. D. Worman secretary. An executive committee of fifteen was appointed. J. L. Spangler is the member from this county. Centre county had three clubs represented. Bellefonte, Millheim and Phillipsburg. The society will work in harmony with the State Committee and much good is expected from it. Let the other villages and townships of the county organize.

## A GRAND OVATION.

To Ex. Gov. A. G. Curtin.

WASHINGTON, D. C. May 22d 1888.

Anything relating to Gov. Curtin, the Great War Governor of Pa., never fails to awaken the greatest interest in the breasts of all Pennsylvanians, especially in those of the 20th Congressional district, whom, when in Congress, he served so faithfully and so well.

To show the high appreciation and esteem in which he is held and admired for his patriotism and great abilities. I will furnish your readers with a very pleasing episode to which I was fortunate enough to be an eye witness.

At the recent reception given here to Hon. Daniel W. Voorhees, Indiana's gifted and eloquent Son, under the auspices of the Indiana Democratic Association.

Many gentlemen of prominence and note participated.

Willard's large hall was crowded to its utmost capacity with the friends and admirers of this distinguished Indian. More than half were ladies. It is needless to say that Mr. Voorhees speech was a masterly and most brilliant one, replete with sound Democracy and delivered in his usual happy and eloquent style.

Several speakers followed him in telling speeches, prominent among whom were Commissioners Black of the Pension office and Hall of the Patent office.

Governor Curtin who was seated on the platform was vociferously called upon by the audience and was accordingly introduced by the president of the association. His appearance was like the explosion of a magazine. The scene will never be forgotten by those who were so fortunate as to be present. The audience rose en masse to their feet, and for at least ten minutes he loudly and rapturously applauded. The gentlemen yelling and stamping their feet and waving their hats, and the ladies their handkerchiefs. The applause was loud and prolonged. Apparently subsiding, it broke out afresh with renewed vigor and in a volume of intensity that was actually deafening. It was certainly a royal reception and a grand ovation to the "Old War Governor." So effected was he by the spontaneity and sincerity of the reception on the part of his Democratic friends and admirers that it was some minutes before he could recover his equanimity in order to express himself in fitting terms for the honor accorded him. After so doing the Governor then proceeded to deliver one of his characteristic and humorous speeches. At the conclusion of which he was again loudly and rapturously applauded. The unexpected compliment paid Governor Curtin must have been exceedingly gratifying to him and filled him with pleasurable emotions. The impression wrought upon his mind on this occasion will undoubtedly ever remain fresh in his memory.

### JUDGE McCOLLUM

From what we can learn of our candidate for Supreme Judge it is certain that the convention made a wise selection in its standard bearer. Judge McCullom is yet a young man, has had ten years experience on the common pleas bench of the Susquehanna district and is considered one of the ablest young judges in the state. He was elected in a republican district by a large majority and has gained the respect and confidence of the people of the northern counties. He is a great lawyer and will poll much more than his party vote.

THOMAS McCAMANT has been appointed Auditor General by Gov. Beaver to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Col. Norris.

## The Pennsylvania Democracy

The essential advantage to any political party of possessing a leader and a policy was well illustrated in the straightforward action of the Democratic Convention at Harrisburg, and in the fervor and enthusiasm which the delegates displayed. It was the first time in many years that the Pennsylvania Democracy has got entirely away from personal and factional wrangles and manifested a definite and united purpose. As Senator Wallace expressed it in his opening address, they "got off the fence; or in Mr. Hensel's more rhetorical language, 'laggards as they may have been in the past, the Democrats of Pennsylvania will now go to the front with banners thrown to the breeze.'"

The contrast it affords to the uncertainty, confusion and wrangling to which they have been so long used makes this action of the Pennsylvania Democrats especially significant. The promptness with which the pre-arranged programme was put through was not so much the result of organization in the ordinary machine sense as of the universal recognition of a well defined party policy, around which the long-scattered elements crystallized spontaneously and organized themselves. It was the thing that long gave force and directness to the Republican party in its days, but which the Democrats have been without. After all the petty contentions of rival leaders the delegates were but too glad to unite under a real leader whose courage and firmness all could trust and who had clearly pointed out the forward path the party must take. And so the convention not only cheered the President, but boldly placed itself on the platform he had made.

The unequivocal declaration of the Pennsylvania Democrats in favor of the principles of revenue reduction set forth in the President's message and embodied in the pending tariff bill, puts an end to all equivocation upon this question and removes any remaining doubt of the relations between President Cleveland and his party. It not only determines Mr. Cleveland's renomination, but it equally determines the attitude of the National Convention at St. Louis upon the great leading issue of the day. It will not be without its influence also upon the disposition of the subject by the present Congress, strengthening the advocates of revenue reduction and convincing the obstructionists how great a power of public opinion is back of the demand for early and honest action. That Pennsylvania is to be carried for this platform in November is not to be expected, but it is a gain for healthy politics here and everywhere to have even a minority party ready to move forward frankly and with earnestness to meet the living issues of the hour. There are some very estimable Democrats who will have difficulty in following the party under its new banners, preferring their old position on the fence; but if the spirit apparent in the convention is that of the party throughout the state, the laggards will soon be found exerting themselves to keep up with the procession.—Times

CONGRESSMAN SCOTT, the champion of free trade, believes in company stores. The company store is an institution by which employers of labor make the laborer's bill for families so large that at the end of the month there is no money left for the laborer. Indeed, he is lucky if he does not owe the company a net debt as a result of charges twenty to forty per cent. higher than any other stores make; but he has to deal at the "pluck me" store all the same. Oh, yes, let Scott run Cleveland's campaign.—Express

What a short memory our republican friend has. It is less than a year since the Republican Governor of Pennsylvania was a partner in a "company" store. Doncher know?

## The Liquor License Decision.

Not only the liquor dealers but the general public, says the Valley Spirit, are interested in the decision of the Supreme Court affirming the power of the Court of Quarter sessions to exercise a qualified discretion in granting or refusal of applications for liquor licenses.

In its opinion, which is generally accepted as sound, the Court insists that the plain duty of the Court of Quarter Sessions under the act of Assembly is to so exercise its discretion as to restrain rather than increase the sale of liquor. Thus, if a ward has one hundred public houses where only fifty are required by the public wants, it is plain that fifty houses must be denied license, although every one of the applicants is a worthy man and keeps a respectable house. The denial of license under such circumstances may seem arbitrary, but the trouble is there are more persons who want to sell liquor than the Legislature considered it for the public good to license for that purpose.

The Court holds that it is the right of the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions to exercise their discretion in the granting of licenses. This discretion, however is a legal discretion to be exercised wisely and not arbitrarily. A Judge who refuses all applications unless for cause shown errs as widely as the Judge who grants all applications. The Supreme Court says it has no doubt that the Quarter Sessions Court may in some instances act of its own knowledge. The mere appearance of an applicant for license when he comes to the bar of the Court may be sufficient to satisfy the Judge that he is not a fit person to keep a public house.

The emphatic declaration of the Court that no person in this State has any property in the right to sell liquor is an answer to those persons who have long held that so long as the Legislature authorizes the sale of liquor it accepts the fact that places used for selling liquor have a greater value for that purpose than for any other.

### Ex-State Treasurer S ifor Dead.

LEWISBURG, May 27.—Colonel Eli Slifer died last night from injuries received on Thursday morning of last week by being thrown from his carriage while driving to his country residence. His horse took fright at the noise of a passing train while he was driving over the Reading railroad bridge. He was state treasurer in 1855-56 and 1857-59, and secretary of the commonwealth in 1861-66 under Governor Curtin. The funeral took place on Thursday.

## THE STATE ELECTORS

Men Who Will Be Voted For in November.

Following are the names of the electors chosen.

- First District—David W. Sellers.
- Second District—Michel Megee.
- Third District—A. H. Ladoer.
- Fourth District—W. J. Latta.
- Fifth District—John Taylor.
- Sixth District—Franklin Walden.
- Seventh District—George W. Pawling.
- Eighth District—James Smith.
- Ninth District—Daniel H. Schweyer.
- Tenth District—W. B. Given.
- Eleventh District—Charles Robinson.
- Twelfth District—John B. Storm.
- Thirteenth District—Edward B. Gaynor.
- Fourteenth District—Simon P. Light.
- Fifteenth District—Alvin Day.
- Sixteenth District—William Dent.
- Seventeenth District—Russle Karnes.
- Eighteenth District—H. H. Woodall.

Nineteenth District—J. Herman Bosler.

Twentieth District—William A. Garman.

Twenty first District—William Maher.

Twenty second District—John H. Bailey.

Twenty third District—John H. Hadden.

Twenty fourth District—William P. Lauze.

Twenty fifth District—David S. Morris.

Twenty sixth District—James H. Caldwell.

Twenty seventh District—S. T. Neill.

Twenty eighth District—J. L. Brown.

THE Republican organs that are so much worried by the President's "pernicious activity" in removing the rascals have short memories. They ought to recall the fact that the "red letter circulars" of the preceding administration have sunk into "innocuous desuetude." Civil service reform is not moving so fast as some of its friends hope; but it is moving too fast for the old Republican wagon to keep up to it. Old honesty directs the progress of the reform, and its pathway is marked by a clean administration.

### Setting Type From a Phonograph.

The possibilities of the phonograph occupy the attention of the public, and the more they are discussed the broader becomes the field in which it is apparent phonographs can be utilized. Mr. Edison and his associates and all those who have seen the instrument in practical operation have no doubt whatever that the stenographer's occupation will be gone when the phonograph comes into general use. It was left to the World, however, to demonstrate that the phonograph may be used in making a newspaper.

Will W. Waits, a compositor employed on the World, and a pair of "cases" of minion type, together with "frame" "galley" and composing sticks, were despatched Saturday morning to the Electric Club House, No. 17 East Twenty-second street. The "cases" were set up in a rear room on the third floor of the club house a phonograph placed alongside. The "talking machine" had a pedal attachment by which the operator, and another to make it repeat a word or a sentence. Mr. Waits had never seen one of the instruments before and was naturally curious and somewhat nervous, when one of Mr. Edison's assistants showed him how to fix the ends of two small tubes to his ears. These tubes were connected with a larger tube, and that again with the sound receiver. The smaller tubes were held in place by a silvered wire over the head. Then the compositor took his place in front of the case, touched the pedal with his foot and began to set type from the phonograph dictation.

As soon as a sentence was spoken Mr. Waits stopped the revolution of the wax cylinder until he had "set it up." Then another sentence would be taken, and so on, until he had composed about 2000 ems, or a trifle less than half a column of World type. Mr. Waits found no difficulty in hearing what was said and reproducing it in type. A similar illustration of this particular use of the phonograph was given at the reception in the evening. As it was in a somewhat remote room, and no announcement was made of so interesting an experiment, comparatively few of the visitors saw the phonograph in conjunction with a compositor.

Mr. Edison was delighted. "Well," said he, when he saw Mr. Waits setting type without "copy," "I'm behind the age, for this use of the phonograph never occurred to me. How will the compositors like that? They won't have to grumble about bad copy now, will they?"—New York World.

THE Democratic party of Pennsylvania no longer follow the lead of Samuel J. Randall on the Tariff question. For years and years what Mr. Randall said on the subject was law unto the Democracy and we verily believe that many Democrats voted with the Republicans just because Mr. R's views corresponded in a great measure with those of that party. But that day is happily over. The people are now thinking and will no longer vote to protect the manufacturer and rob themselves.—Ex.

## Brief Notes.

The Altoona Times is five years old and brighter than a new silver dollar.

The reason so many do not succeed in life is because they want to be rich at the starting point.

Electric slaughtering of cattle has proved successful in St. Petersburg. Death is instantaneous.

This is the time of year when a man is apt to go to sleep during the sermon and dream of going a fishing.

The printer is without doubt the cleanest man on earth. Every time he finishes a job of work, he invariably washes his form.

A Milfin county woman recently killed a blacksnake which measured four feet, six inches in length. It was opened and found to contain a house snake two feet eight inches long.

St. Louis completed its crematory two weeks ago, and since then five bodies have been incinerated. Who says the West is not leaving primitive customs?

A man went into an editor's office in Boston, Mass., one day last week, transacted his business in half a dozen words, and left without offering any advice whatever as to the conduct of the paper. At last accounts the editor was very low.

A number of editors were present, by invitation, at the recent opening of the extension of the New Jersey Central Railroad into Stranton, Penn. The festivities included a banquet, speechnaking, etc.

Miss Wien's Davis recently received from A. A. Lowe, of Hawkinsville, Georgia, a memento of the war in the shape of a Confederate battle flag carved out of bone by Mr. Lowe while he was a prisoner at Castle William, on Governor's Island, in 1862.

When the wool buyer comes round the farmer wishes he had looked after his sheep a little more closely, cut down the bur and brier bushes and removed the tags in the spring. A dirty fleece weighs more, but the buyer is kept sighted, and is sure to deduct from the price paid for good clean wool more than enough to make up for the extra weight. Bear this lesson in mind, and keep the wool clean next year.

A monument has been erected by Major Bigelow and several other gentlemen on the spot on the Gettysburg battle field where General Hancock fell wounded during Pickett's charge. It is of granite, with a total height of eight feet and six inches, and bears on the front the inscription: "Major General Winfield Scott Hancock; wounded July 3, 1863; and on the rear face, 'Erected by Comrades and Friends.'"

Wesleyan University, at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, has some enterprising girls among its students. Thirty-five of them appeared in chapel the other morning clad in a very pretty uniform consisting of a short skirt of navy blue cloth, with blouse waist, shirt and waist being elaborately trimmed with gold and brass buttons. A natty red zouave cap capped the climax. The girls propose forming a military organization, and hired an old soldier to teach them the manual of arms.

Curiosities in the development of crime keep pace with the progress of the century. Henry Miller, an Illinois farmer, last week killed two men, and then went home, fired his own dwelling and committed suicide, as supposed, in the flames. It now transpires that Miller is still alive; that he merely, in addition to the double murder, robbed a newly made grave in the neighborhood and threw the corpse into his burning dwelling, where disfigured and charred, it was believed to be the murderer's remains. Miller has not yet been arrested.