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Editorial.

The Huntingdon county republicans have declared against a constitutional convention.

PHILADELPHIA is said to have one hundred and sixty millionaire residents whose combined wealth foots up over \$400,000,000. A. J. Drexel, the banker, heads the list and is estimated to be possessed of \$25,000,000.

The state republican convention is in session at Harrisburg this week. The indications are that it will be entirely harmonious as Quay is boss of the whole affair. This county is represented by J. A. Aikens and Harry Warfel.

A CONTEMPORARY says: "We have but two ex-presidents living." Our esteemed must have forgotten that General Grant is dead. Mr. Cleveland is the only ex-president living. Of course our contemporary does not think of calling the Ohio chicken fancier an ex-president simply because he sat in the White House for four years.

THERE is dissatisfaction in Dauphin county over the selection of delegates to the constitutional convention by the republicans. The workmen are particularly dissatisfied, because the delegates selected are all corporation lawyers; and there is a probability that there will be a fusion with the democrats with a view of getting proper representation.

WHEN republican county conventions pass resolutions eulogizing President Harrison and his administration and declare for Blaine as their choice for President in '92 it is an indication that everything is not lovely in the republican camp. Such resolutions are being adopted throughout this state under Quay's directions and it means that Pennsylvania will lead the boom for Blaine. Should he regain his health we are safe in predicting his nomination.

THE Democratic state convention for 1891 will meet at Harrisburg, Thursday September 3rd. The convention will have 461 representatives based upon the vote of last year. The nominations to be made are candidates for State Treasurer, Auditor General, delegates at large to the constitutional convention; and to transact such other business as may arise. Centre county is entitled to five delegates and will be represented by George Parker, Phillipsburg; J. P. Gephart and Harry Fenlon Bellefonte; D. E. Meek, Ferguson and Geo. McGaffey, Philipsburg.

Business Facts.

Many people complain of railroad rates, nevertheless the rates have been reduced more than one half in the last 20 years. An official statement shows that the average freight tariff per ton per mile on eighteen leading trunk railroads in 1870 was 2.005 cents. In 1891 the average tariff of the same roads is not quite 1 cent per ton per mile (\$0.928). In the same period there has been a very marked increase in the government tariff. Both facts are worth remembering in any connection, and especially in connection with each other, for as the reduction of the railroad tariff has made trade easier, the increase in the Federal tariff has made it harder. Railroad tariffs are not half as high as twenty years ago while the Federal tariff is over a third higher.

A Versatile Man.

The Atlanta Constitution thus does up the Postmaster General in short metre: "It takes a very able man to run with the world, the flesh and the devil and have the church at his back all the time. When a man can raise a \$400,000 corruption fund for Quay and at the same time pose as a model citizen he is not to be sneezed at. When a man can be hand in glove with the Keystone Bank swindlers and still dominate Bethany Church he is altogether too handy to be thrown aside when his peculiar talents are needed by the corporations now in power. It is to be feared that leading Republicans have impressed these views upon the President and convinced him that he cannot afford to let the Postmaster General go."

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BLAINE AND CLEVELAND.

Senator Carlisle considers Cleveland and Blaine the two most popular Americans. He said in a recent interview: "The Republicans will nominate President Harrison, if Mr. Blaine will not consent to stand. The influence of the ladies of his family may deter Mr. Blaine, but there is a tremendous pressure upon him from his old party friends to consent. He could sweep the convention, I think. No republican is as strong as Blaine. I do not think that he will consent to run. He has been very ill, and he is ill to-day. If Mr. Blaine were a candidate for the Presidency I should not expect a campaign based on the old charges against him. The allegations of the canvass when Blaine ran against Cleveland are now burnt powder. The democrats would gain nothing by revamping them. Mr. Blaine enjoys a very considerable personal popularity in the democratic party, largely owing to the course of the democratic press, which made him out an opponent of the Force bill, and antagonist of the McKinley bill, but he is really as high a protectionist as the worst of them all. Mr. Blaine struck a popular chord when he sang out for reciprocity, and he is now reaping the benefit of his own popularity. I think Mr. Blaine could be beaten by a united and vigilant democracy."

Senator Carlisle expressed the opinion that a free silver bill will pass the next Congress and that President Harrison would be greatly embarrassed by it. "As regards the democratic candidate, Mr. Cleveland, in my judgment, is still the strongest. He may have offended the extreme pro-silver men by his remarks against free coinage, but he enjoys a wonderful reputation among the people. The plain, every-day folks in the West and South swear by him. They trust him implicitly; they regard him as conscientious and safe. I know of no one democrat who enjoys the confidence of the people to such a degree as Cleveland."

Hot Weather Precautions.

The heated weather we have had for the past few days, emphasized by the intelligence of prostrations in various sections of the country, should induce people to be extremely careful in the matter of eating, drinking and dress. We are now in the midst of the dog days and there is no telling how long this heated spell may continue, and prostrations and sunstrokes may be abundant. The best way to avoid such attacks is to keep out of the sun, but as this cannot be done by a large part of the people, the next thing is to observe as nearly as possible such precautions as experience has shown to be beneficial. The clothing should be loose fitting and of light texture. Straw hats are preferable to the unventilated felt ones. Water, not too cold, taken freely but in small quantities is advisable. Ice cold drinks, however, should be avoided, especially beer and other intoxicants. The bowels should be kept in good condition, work should be performed deliberately, and the body be kept clean by frequent ablutions, if only with a sponge or towel.

In case of a sunstroke, where medical attendance cannot be immediately procured, the best method is to take the person into a cool place with plenty of pure fresh air; strip off his clothing to the waist and place him in a recumbent position; pour cold water upon the head and breast, also upon the wrists, and give small doses internally of brandy or some other stimulant.

A Judge's Bold Talk.

Judge Patterson in Court at Lancaster, announced that before the Legislature was in session a week he came to the conclusion that the members were a pack of fools, and by the time of adjournment he saw no reason to change his mind. Governor Pattison very wisely vetoed several of these bills, and he would have done much better had he vetoed every one they passed.

The court room was well filled with lawyers at the time, it being opinion day, and the Judge's remarks caused quite a sensation.

Will be Overwhelmingly Defeated.

From Philad. Record.
But whatever may be the nature of opposition, it is evident that the present sentiment against a Constitutional Convention is overwhelming. Should no change take place in public sentiment between this time and the election the proposition to hold a convention will be defeated by a majority of 100,000 votes.

The Evangelical association of Pennsylvania will begin their camp meeting at Penns cave on Thursday of this week. There promises to be a large attendance.

WHAT IS RECIPROcity.

A Mobile (Ala.) correspondent asks: "What will be the result of the reciprocity treaties to go into effect September 1st, as to the price of imported articles to consumers in the United States?" The Philad. Times answers as follows: "If our correspondent had carefully considered what reciprocity is, he could readily understand that it must cheapen commodities to the consumers of both countries which are parties to a reciprocal treaty.

Reciprocity is simply free trade, with occasional variations from free to fair trade, and every movement made in the line of reciprocity is a direct blow at the vitals of the McKinley tariff. True, reciprocity treaties are authorized by the McKinley tariff, but that feature of the measure was an afterthought and was forced into the bill in the Senate, after it had been contemptuously rejected by McKinley and the House leaders, simply because Blaine had broken the backbone of the McKinley iniquity.

Blaine's public letters to Senator Frye, declaring that the McKinley bill would not give the farmers a market for an additional bushel of wheat or pound of pork compelled the monopolists to choose between accepting reciprocity or the defeat of their bill.

Blaine was the one statesman developed in his party by the long dispute over the tariff revision. He saw that the McKinley bill, with its increase of taxes on the necessities of life, would doom the party to defeat, and he countered on McKinley with free trade simply sugar-coated by the enticing title of reciprocity; and now, since the monopoly tariff has been rejected by the people in every section, the defeated monopolists claim reciprocity, or free trade, as the main feature of the new tariff.

Reciprocity is based on the free or fair exchange of the products of different countries. Free trade is its basis, and when entirely free trade is departed from, it is by reciprocal terms for fair trade for the mutual benefit of producers and consumers of both countries.

Reciprocity must, therefore, benefit consumers in the United States by the free admission of raw materials and also benefit our producers of the commodities we can best supply to other countries in return; but there is not a principle or feature of reciprocity that is not at war with every principle on which the McKinley tariff is based.

The Company Store Law to be Tested.

The miners in the Punxsutawney district are preparing to move against the company stores. A meeting was held to consider the Saturday half-holiday and the recently passed Farrell store bill. It was unanimously decided to observe the half-holiday even after the time stipulated by law, which is during the summer months. A resolution was also adopted instructing Miners' agent John D. Davis, to notify the Berwind White Coal Mining Company that on and after August 15th, there must be no deductions from pay for store goods. If the company does not heed the notice, a test of the Farrell law will be made.

A Democratic Bureau of Information.

Chauncey F. Black, president of the Democratic Society of Pennsylvania, says that a bureau of information will be opened in Harrisburg under the management of the Executive Committee of the society and State Committee, which will be ready at all times to furnish political information to democratic organizations. This bureau will be opened after the meeting of the State Convention. Major John D. Worman, Secretary of the society, will take pleasure in answering any inquiries that may be addressed to him in that city.

Snyder County in Line.

At the democratic county convention of Snyder county the following was one of the resolutions passed:

Resolved, That we are opposed to the frequent tinkering with the fundamental law of the land; that our present state constitution makes ample provisions for amendment, without the expensive machinery of calling a constitutional convention, and that by opening the present constitution to general amendment may subject us to enactments the evils of which we know not thereof; therefore we are opposed to a constitutional convention and our delegates, this day elected to the state convention, are hereby instructed to vote against the endorsement of the same on the floor of the convention.

Festival.

A grand festival will be held at Rock Forge, Saturday August 29th, 1891. Refreshments consisting of ice cream, cakes, nuts, candies, etc., will be served. Proceeds for the benefit of the Rock Forge Union Sabbath School. Come one, come all.

A PROTECTION FALLACY.

With customary logic, says the Philadelphia Record, the tariff organs call attention to the decline in the price of sugar as evidence of the excellence and success of McKinleyism. They do not perceive that this demonstrates the utter falsity of the pretension under which the sugar refiners were enabled to despoil American consumers in the name of protection. With the raw material free of tax, the refiners are enabled to export large quantities of sugar in spite of foreign competition—a fact which demonstrates that they have not the slightest need of "protection" in the home market. The same is true of many other duties in the McKinley tariff, which are imposed not for protection against foreign competitors, but for the spoilation of home consumers. The repeal of \$50,000,000 of fiscal revenue from sugar for the sake of maintaining and increasing oppressive taxes that yield no revenue except to the coffers of monopoly was an iniquity in legislation.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Under the new registry law the duties of the assessors, so far as the canvassing of election districts is concerned, have been completed and any one whose name is not upon the list at this time can have it placed there only by personal application to the assessor at his residence, or at the place of holding the election on the 1st and 2nd days of September, at which time and place the assessor of each election district is required to be in attendance from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. and from 6 p. m. to 9 p. m. of each of said days for the purpose of hearing and acting upon applications relating to the placing of names upon said list or striking therefrom fictitious names or names of persons who may have died or removed from said district. Do not depend upon the committeeman, who under the old law looked after this matter, but go in person to the residence of the assessor, or to the polling place of your election district on the 1st or 2d days of September and if your name does not appear upon the list make application to have it entered thereon. Remember that it can be done only by personal application and persons of foreign birth who have naturalization papers should take them with them for the purpose of establishing their right to vote at the ensuing election. By the new law the lists in the possession of the assessors are made public property and open to the inspection of any qualified voter of the county or ward in which the election district is situated as well as to the person claiming to be registered. A copy of the registry list will now be found posted at the polling place of your district for public examination and inspection.

How to get Rich.

Some sarcastic chap writes as follows: "It is easy enough to get rich. All that is necessary to do is to trust nobody, be friend none; get all you can and save all you get; to stint yourself and everybody that belongs to you, and be the friend of no man and have no man for your friend; to heap interest cent upon cent, to be mean, miser and despised for some twenty or thirty years, and riches will come as sure as disease, disappointment and death. And when pretty near enough wealth is collected by the disregard of all charities of the human heart death will finish the work. The body is buried, and heirs dance and fight over what you have left, and the spirit will go where? By all means get rich. It will pay—the devil."

No Need of Dying Young.

Bismarck is out in a statement setting forth he owes his rugged old age to the practice of bathing regularly and freely in cold water. Gladstone ascribes his longevity to the simplicity and regularity of his habits. Tennyson believes that his having celebrated his eighty-first birthday is due to his not having worried or fretted over the small affairs of life. Von Moltke thought his ripe old age was owing to temperance in all the affairs of life and plenty of exercise in the open air. De Lesseps thinks he owes his advance age to like causes. Taking all these life giving agencies together, and considering how easy they are of attainment, there doesn't seem to be any good and sufficient reason why we should die young.

Hotel Improvements.

This week carpenters, plumbers and other workmen are busy at the Garman House fixing up an addition to the hotel. A new room is being fitted up for the wash stands and closets which will be a great improvement and will make things more convenient all around. The Garman house is one of the most complete hotels in this part of the state.

GOV. PATTISON AND THE GUARD.

The Executive Held at the Bayonet's Point at Camp Kensington.

Governor Pattison was treated to a little bit of discipline at Camp Kensington last Monday which in all probability will make the Executive remember a particular guardsman with more than ordinary interest. The correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch speaks of it as follows:

"A very amusing incident occurred yesterday afternoon, when Governor Pattison returned to his quarters after the inspection. The guard, Private Welsh, who passed back and forth in front of his large tent, had been given strict orders to let no one pass, except a commissioned officer in uniform, or a person properly equipped with the necessary order. The Governor himself did not answer the requirements, and was promptly halted at the point of the bayonet, and was compelled to stand in the pelting sun, within ten steps of his shady retreat, until the guard sent for Sergeant Murphy, of the 18th, who gave the order by which he could only pass.

Spring Mills.

Mrs. Worthington and daughter, of Carlisle, are spending a few weeks at Landlord Ruhl's. They are both connected with the Indian school at that place as instructors. Mrs. Worthington is the widow of an army surgeon of the late war.

Porter Meyer and Harry Jamison have joined the Bellwood contingent, of Spring Mills. Both are working at the carpenter trade. This makes eight from this place who are working there.

The masons, Messrs. Borrell and Brown, have commenced the wall that merchant Pealer is putting under the rear part of his store.

A Mr. Condo, wife and child, from Illinois, have been visiting friends in Brush and Penns Valley. Mrs. Condo is a sister to Mrs. William From, of this place. Mr. Condo is a prosperous farmer of that state.

The Methodist Auxiliary society held an ice cream festival last Saturday evening.

The young folks are expecting a high old time at the camp meeting, to be held at the Cave.

Long Bros. offered to contribute \$100 towards defraying the expense of repairing the Bear Swamp church, provided they can have all the perquisites of the camp meeting.

I see by the papers that Abe. Baum will run a hack from Bellefonte to the camp on Sunday. This will greatly accommodate the young folks of that place.

Take Care of the Pennies.

The Reporter says that when John Spangler was sheriff some dozen years ago he had occasion to come to the Penns Valley side of the county on business connected with the office he held, and came across the man who has faith in Ben. Franklin's maxim, "take care of the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves." As the sheriff was driving along, a wheel of his buggy suddenly became locked, and whoever has gotten into such a fix knows what agony it causes, especially when one is far away from greas. But the sheriff luckily got stuck close to where a man of three of four farms lived, moved and had his being, and to him he applied for a little lard to help him out of the scrape—a thimble full would answer. He got the greas, managed to get the locked wheel from the axle, applied the greas, and put the wheel where it should be to spin. Naturally he asked the man of farms: "Well, was bin ich schuldig for's fet?" The answer came. "Well, iek denk 2 cents were net zu feel." The sheriff paid over the two coppers for the greas and the man of large estates felt that that was the best bargain he had yet driven in lard.

The Month of August.

We are now in the month of August, the last month of summer. August, in the old Roman calendar was called Sextilis, or the sixth month of the year, which began with March. Julius Caesar made it thirty days in length, and Emperor Augustus, when he conferred on it his own name, took a day from February and added it to August, giving the month 31 days, in order that it might not have fewer days than July, named in honor of his illustrious predecessor. It is usually a very hot month. The mythological representation of August is that of a naked man, with ragged, streaming hair, holding up to his mouth with both hands a drinking horn, while at his side a bundle of peacock's feathers, a heap of melons, and a large drinking vessel.

COMPANY B AHEAD.

The Best Company at Camp Kensington last week.

In the encampment at Arnolds station last week there were six regiments, a cavalry troop and a battery. At the inspection of the regiments on Monday the 5th regiment received a rating of 100 per cent. for attendance—every man being present. In other ratings the 5th regiment in every case stood at the head of the list, which meant that it was the best regiment in camp.

The 5th regiment is composed of eight companies and we are proud to say Company B, of Bellefonte, received the highest rank in every particular. That meant that among forty-eight companies in the inspection field Company B was the best equipped, best drilled, best all around set of men in the second brigade. This is a decided compliment to our soldier boys and we can assure them that our people feel proud of their elegant showing. Bellefonte is always winning distinction in some form and Company B has done its share to sustain its good reputation.

Captain Reber is deserving of credit for the standing of the company, in which he is assisted by Lieutenants Reeder and Foster, and Sergeant Taylor.

But Few Know It.

The Altoona Tribune says it is doubtful if one person in a hundred knows that such a statute as the following act of May 8th, 1876, is in existence: "Any person within this commonwealth, who shall playfully or wantonly point or discharge a gun, pistol or other firearms at any other person, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, and undergo an imprisonment not exceeding one year, or either or both, at the discretion of the court."

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—Have your clothes fit you by leaving your order for a suit at the Philad. Branch tailoring establishment.

—Mr. Frank Montgomery expects to occupy his handsome new residence on Linn street soon. It is about completed and is a fine structure throughout.

—The ladies of the Reformed church, of Zion, will hold a festival at that place on Next Saturday evening, Aug. 22, for the benefit of their new church. The Zion band will be in attendance.

—The festival given by the Zion band last Saturday evening was largely attended, and especially by the young people of this place. The band realized a handsome sum; they may hold another festival at the same place soon.

—Edward S. Kitzmiller, of Williamsport, inspector for the telephone company, died at his home last week. The deceased was formerly employed at this place and married Mrs. George Cole, widow, who with one child survive him.

—Unclaimed letters: Mary Barrett, George Bird, Thomas Cherry, Patrick Reed, Rev. Geo. Rodgers, special delivery, Mrs. C. Smith, Mrs. Jacob Shirk, Daniel Smay, J. K. Thompson and J. Taylor. When called for say advertised.

—Martha Macdonald, daughter of Samuel Macdonald, of Martha Furnace, died on Thursday afternoon, last week, about 3 o'clock. She was aged 17 years and 4 months. The funeral occurred on Saturday; interment in Henderson's cemetery, near Martha.

—The Knights of the Golden Eagle, of Bellefonte, leave this morning in full force to attend a convention of that order at Huntingdon. The Pleasant Gap band accompanies them to make things merry. They without a doubt will make a very fine appearance in parade and will attract general attention.

—The annual meeting of Pennsylvania firemen, at Lock Haven, this year, the third week of September, will be a large affair. At least five thousand firemen are expected to be in attendance. It will not be as largely attended by Centre county people as might be expected on account of the Patrons' Exhibition being the same week.

—Last Saturday Andy Immel, of Millheim, had a lot of fine chairs in town which he sold without much difficulty. The back of each chair contained the wheel of an old spinning wheel, with other parts used as ornaments. There are hundreds of old spinning wheels about Millheim being bought up and utilized in that way. It is an original idea.

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