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Editorial.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

For Auditor General,
ROBERT E. WRIGHT, of Lehigh Co.

For State Treasurer,
A. L. TILDEN, of Erie County.

Delegates to Constitutional Convention.

Chas. E. Buckalew Geo. A. Jenks Sam'l G. Thompson Henry N. Scott Wm. S. McLean Jno. Latta William Weiche Samuel Griffith Geo. W. Zeigler
Chauncey F. Black Geo. M. Dallas David W. Sellers Robt. E. Monaghan F. M. Vandling Rodger Sherman Thos. Lazare Grant Weidman R. Morgan Root.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For Delegate to Constitutional Convention:
ELLIS L. ORVIS.

Subject to action of district conference.

Jury Commissioner—GEORGE BOWER.

PAY your taxes before Saturday, Oct. 3d, if you want to help win a democratic victory in Pennsylvania this fall.

ON Wednesday afternoon the democratic conferees of this district held a conference at Lock Haven to nominate two candidates as delegates to the proposed constitutional convention.

GENERAL Hastings positively declined to accept the presidency of the Republican League Clubs in case it should be tendered him. Robinson and Dalzell are having a great fight over the matter and a compromise is being sought. Hastings will accept but one position and that is the nomination for Governor, by the republican party. He won't be side tracked but will come forward in the next gubernatorial contest.

The republicans in the Twentieth judicial district, although in the majority, are unable to get a republican to run against Judge Bucher, the present incumbent and democratic nominee. The republican papers of the district are in sympathy with Bucher except the *Lewisburg News*, which apparently is holding off for something of a substantial nature. Bucher's popularity certainly is remarkable, and is in striking contrast with like officials in adjoining districts.

Colonel Gregg, the republican nominee for state treasurer, attended the veterans' picnic, and is working the soldier racket for all he is worth. He is to be elected because he was an old soldier; the bloody shirt will be brought forth and swung before the eyes of an indignant populace, to divert their attention from a looted treasury and a gang of thieving politicians. The people are tired of Quay, Bardsley and that stripe of fellows.

WHEN John Bardsley was called before the investigating committee recently, to explain certain entries made and other suspicious facts which pointed to the guilt of Livsey and other republican state officials in assisting to rob the treasury, old "Honest" John Bardsley refused to testify, claiming that his "self respect" would not permit it. He evidently thought of some of his associates who hold positions of trust in the republican party and through whose influence alone he could hope for a pardon, later on.

THE issue in Pennsylvania this year will not be for tariff legislation; it will not be a discussion of the problems for the regulation of our circulating medium; it will have no Farmers Alliance or Prohibition sentiment in it, but it will be a question for the citizens and taxpayers of the commonwealth to decide whether they intend to continue to place in power a party whose officials have so greatly violated their trusts. No more Delamaters, Bardsleys, McCamants and Livseys to squander public funds.

A change in the affairs of the state—the removal of the republican bosses from power in Pennsylvania—is the demand from the people for a pure and clean administration. The republican party, when under the control of men like Quay, McCamant, Livsey, Bardsley and a ring of the low grade politicians, as unearthed and exposed to view to the great discredit of Philadelphia and this state, then should be retired until it thoroughly purges itself. The people are losing confidence in it.

POWDERLY BEATEN.

CAN'T HANDLE THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR

To Elect the Republican Ticket this Year—The Organization Opposes his Efforts to Endorse that Party—Voted Down.

For some time it has been a known fact that T. V. Powderly, General Master Workman of the Knights of Labor, had sold out to Quay, and that he would turn over, if possible, the influence of that order to Quay this year, to elect the republican ticket.

A meeting of the legislative convention of the Knights of Labor was held in Philadelphia on Saturday last at the call of M. H. Butler and James A. Wright, two of the three members of the legislative committee. The call was issued ostensibly to further the constitutional cause, but it is charged that its actual purpose was to commit the order to the republican candidates for auditor general and state treasurer.

As soon as the convention was called to order Hugh McGarvey and others formally charged that the convention had been improperly called and for the purpose of aiding the state republican ticket. This was denied by Powderly, Butler and Wright, who held that the call was regular and the purposes irrefragable. This did not satisfy the protestants, who were in an overwhelming majority, nor would they accept a proposition to send lecturers all over the state to work for the constitutional convention, holding that it was simply a move to help the republican ticket. Therefore they dissolved the convention and held a new one. Then Messrs. Butler and Wright offered their legislative report approving the work of the republicans at the last session of the legislature. It was met with a storm of opposition, notwithstanding Mr. Powderly earnestly urged its adoption. The report was rejected, and P. F. Caffrey, the third member of the legislative committee, was instructed to make a minority report, and it was accepted, notwithstanding the dissent of Powderly and his followers. These defeats demoralized the Powderly-Wright-Butler clique, and they did not attempt to present resolutions already prepared, which embodied the lecture scheme.

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Blaine Gets the First Delegate.

James G. Blaine has received the first delegate to the republican national convention, that party in Berks county in county convention on Saturday having instructed its national delegate to vote for the "plumed knight," besides passing a series of strong and emphatic resolutions in his favor. President Harrison's administration was tamely endorsed but Mr. Blaine's administration of the State Department received high praise. It was the first gun in the nominating campaign, and what a chill its reverberation must have sent down from Reading to the desponding heart of the man in the White House. This action started the Blaine ball a-rolling and the example of the Berks county republicans is likely to be followed with cheerful alacrity by the party in other counties. The election of a Blaine national delegate in Berks county looks prophetic so far as Mr. Harrison's prospects are concerned.

THE WAY POINTED OUT.

The Harrisburg Patriot points out the way to the voters of Pennsylvania as follows:
If the people of Pennsylvania want relief from the present condition of affairs they have now the way open to obtain it—elect Wright and Tilden.
If they want the John Bardsley and the Thomas McCamants punished the work will begin with the election of Wright and Tilden.
If they want delinquents compelled to pay and robbers forced to disgorge they should elect Wright and Tilden.
If they want speculation with State funds stopped they should elect Wright and Tilden.
If they want the rascals punished, official wrong-doing stopped, they should elect Wright and Tilden.
If they want books opened they should elect Wright and Tilden.

THE ISSUE IN PENNSYLVANIA.

From Harpers Weekly.
The republican party in Pennsylvania is held responsible for the acts of Bardsley and the other dishonest officers in Philadelphia, just as the democratic party in New York was held responsible for the crimes of Tweed and his crew. It is not supposed in either case that every adherent of the party is personally guilty of fraud, but an organized body of citizens that selects public officers who cheat the public will not willingly be trusted the next time to select them. The occasional wreck of a steamer does not harm the reputation of the company that sends it to sea, but successive wrecks and an evident recklessness in management will destroy confidence in the company and drive passengers elsewhere.

A few months ago a large number of Pennsylvania republicans protested against the continued mastery of the party in the state by Quay. The state convention proved that his mastery was still supreme. There is a wide feeling that the Bardsleys naturally flourish in a party dominated by Quay, and the Pennsylvania democrats justly denounced in their platform not the policies but the thefts of the republicans. Their platform expresses the feeling of honest men, whether of one party or the other. It is the abuse of patronage which has disgraced Pennsylvania as it disgraced New York, and in Pennsylvania now, as in New York twenty years ago, the question is honest administration, and not the tariff or the currency.

The Philadelphia Ledger is a republican journal of the old fashioned kind, as the men who protest against Quay's leadership are old-fashioned republicans, and the Ledger speaks for honest Pennsylvania in saying:
"It is indispensably necessary that the 'spoils system' should be struck by a crushing defeat in Pennsylvania. It is for the voters of the state now to judge—now that the issues are joined as to the deliverances in the resolutions of both conventions—which party and which nominees are likely to strike the blow that will defeat and stamp out the system. Is it the organization that shows a disposition to confuse and belittle the vital issues in the state canvass, or is it that opposing party which goes at the important work in the clearest, most direct, earnest and energetic way."

STEALING AS A FINE ART.

The five mercantile appraisers under arrest at Philadelphia on charges preferred by Mr. Wright, the city treasurer, of conspiracy to swindle the State and city marks another step, says the Pittsburgh Post, in the direction of clearing out the republican jobbers and embezzlers that have long had their quarters in the public offices of that city. In the last two years these appraisers have assessed, at 62 cents for each name, 58,274 persons; 29,700 paid their taxes as assessed; 19,145 were exempted, and in 17,400 cases delinquent suits were brought. It was a many headed conspiracy. The appraisers, as stated, got 62 cents a name; the ring newspapers \$1.50 a name for advertising, which they divided with Bardsley and State officials; while the magistrates before whom the delinquent suits were brought got over \$60,000 from the state, in costs and fees, to collect less than \$6,000. It is believed the magistrates also divided with the ringsters.

City Treasurer Wright estimates the yearly loss to the state by the negligent or corrupt acts of the appraisers at nearly or quite \$400,000. In short, the state was robbed of some \$100,000 to enable appraisers or their friends to steal not more than one-tenth that amount. These are the records which the appraisers must confront in the criminal dock. Do they not justify the indictment of the Democratic State convention?

Mr. Scott's Death.

Pennsylvania has lost one of her most conspicuous citizens and the democratic party one of its ablest advocates in the death of the Hon. William L. Scott. His active life had an easy and almost painless ending. His friends for a fortnight past have been convinced that his end was approaching yet this suspense has intensified rather than lightened the blow. Nor has it lessened the grief. "The state cannot well afford to lose a man of the energy, patriotism and ability of Mr. Scott. The democratic party is, alike, a sufferer. The bereavement of his family is shared by the democratic party and the country at large."

LIVSEY, the cashier of the state treasury who was too intimately associated with Bardsley, has resigned.

MCKINLEY is trying to fight his campaign in Ohio on the silver question. He is trying to dodge his favorite tariff theory.

MAKE A STATEMENT.

Much indignation is expressed by our people since they have learned that James McClure, the present overseer of the poor, will find it necessary to lay 8 mills tax this year to meet the expenses of that so badly managed department. The people are growing tired of such abuses, and we do not wonder that they object to paying 8 mills for poor purposes.

When Mr. Schofield resigned his position last June, Fiedler and McClure went to great pains to gather up all unpaid bills of the department, and along with a lot of unfair statements, published them in order to reflect upon Mr. Schofield's management of the office. Now had McClure been fair he would have published at the same time a complete list of all his unpaid accounts up to that date. He should have been fair and given both sides of the story—the public are a little more anxious in regard to what was not published. The following speaks for itself:

NOTICE TO THE BOROUGH AUDITORS.

I hereby request the borough auditors to notify Overseer James I. McClure not to accept any accounts contracted by me and as yet unsettled, unless they have been examined and passed by myself, as I find on reading the borough accounts as published in the Gazette of July 17th that many of the accounts are incorrect, the amounts being greatly in excess of the actual account.

JAMES SCHOFIELD.

Mr. McClure accuses Schofield of being the cause of the large poor debt, and Mr. Schofield in turn charges it upon McClure, and further he promises to give the taxpayers of Bellefonte a few facts in a week or more that will place Messrs. McClure, Ray and Jim Feidler in a bad light before the people.

"Turn on the Light," by all means.

Conference Appointments.

During last week the Allegheny Conference of the United Brethren church was in session in Bellefonte and the different sessions were largely attended. On Saturday evening the list of appointments was announced as follows:

ALTOONA DISTRICT, T. P. ORNER, P. E. Altoona, First church—J. I. L. Resler; Altoona, Second church—J. P. Truxal; Altoona, Sub. Mission—J. W. Burgess; Bellefonte Mission—G. W. Eminhizer; Calvin—To be supplied; East Salem, P. T. Lipscomb; Huntingdon and Juniata, A. W. Maxwell; Liverpool, B. C. Shaw; Millheim, to be supplied; Phillipsburg, W. Cramer; Port Matilda, Geo. Noden; Stormstown, J. F. Tallheim; South Williamsport mission, H. I. Denlinger; Three Springs, B. J. Hummel; Tuscarora, J. S. Stewart; Tyrone, C. W. Wasson; Walker Run, C. C. Miller, Geo. Funkhouser; U. B. Seminary, W. Zuch, Prof. O. U. JOHNSTOWN DIS., T. W. STAHL, P. E. Berlin, P. L. Auker; Brandeville and Ligonier, G. P. Stillwagon; Conemaugh, W. H. Mingle; Cambria, H. A. Buffington; Coalport, J. S. Hayes; Clearfield, A. Davidson; East Freedom, A. E. Fulton; Fallen Timber, J. S. Fulton; Indiana, A. C. Ford; Johnstown, H. F. John; Jannex X Roads, U. Conley; Moxham mission, D. Shearer; Lamburn N. S. Drake; Newberry, G. A. Sparks; J. W. Gould; New Paris, W. H. Blackburn; New Florence, W. H. Spangler; Rockwood, J. I. Licklighter; Somerslet, D. Ellis; Millmore mission, A. E. Long, J. L. Baker, B. F. Noon, Conference Evangelists; Walnut Mission to be supplied.

GREENSBURG DIS. J. MEDSGER, P. E. Allegheny, W. Smith; Braddock, H. F. Soap; Copeland Mission, J. H. Pershing; Cooksburg, G. D. McHenry; Clarion, J. D. Rodes; Fairmont, E. Joiner; Greensburg District Mission, S. E. Cormondy; Industry, George Doyle; Lycippus, R. Riehenbrode; Madison, R. S. Woodward; Mahoning, E. B. Sommers; Mt. Pleasant, G. W. Sherrick; New Haven, E. A. Zeek; Scottdale, W. B. Funk; Springfield, C. R. McCullough; Westmoreland, B. L. Sneff; Wilkesburg, D. Keister; Washington, D. O. Wartman.

Horse's Head cut off.

A horse belonging to Bricker, the liveryman, was killed at Grove street crossing, Lock Haven, by the cars on Saturday evening about 7 o'clock. The animal had been driven by one Thomas Welsh, who had two ladies in the buggy with him. At the corner of Walnut and Pine the buggy was upset and the occupants thrown out, after which the horse ran up Walnut, losing the buggy on that thoroughfare, and after turning the Grove street corner he lost the harness. He then ran out Grove to the railroad, where he attempted to cross the track between two cars of a moving freight train. The result was that the animal's head and one of his fore legs were cut off, which ended that runaway at once.

TURN ON THE LIGHT.

HOW THE STATE TREASURY WAS LOOTED.

Bardsley Refuses to Testify on Account of his "Self respect and Regard for his Family"—Explanations Needed.

Up to the time of the hearing before Judges Fell and Gordon on the charges against Auditor General McCamant, the recent exposures of corrupt practice in office related only to officials in Philadelphia. Late Treasurer Bardsley and the Mercantile Appraisers only, were proceeded against criminally. In those exposures the people outside of Philadelphia therefore have not taken the intense interest that must be excited by the charges now made affecting the office of the Auditor General of the State. At the recent hearing before the two judges it was developed that District Attorney Graham is in possession of most damaging proof of official unfaithfulness. The evidence consists of book entries and checks made by Bardsley, and letters written by Auditor General McCamant and Mr. Livsey to Bardsley. Bardsley in the criminal proceedings refuses to answer any questions relating to these checks and entries; declaring that his "self-respect and regard for his family" forbid his making any further disclosures. Auditor General McCamant the only other witness to facts can not be called as a witness against himself, and hence, as a legal prosecution, the proceeding fails for the time being. Now, however, let the people of Pennsylvania have the facts. Let the suspected state officials be arraigned before the bar of public opinion. What are the accounts and entries in Bardsley's hand writing which he refuses even to look at in court? What do the mutilated check stubs show? Let the public see the McCamant and Livsey letters—all of them.

While the law permits the Auditor General to be silent in a legal proceeding, the people, whose servant he is, have a right to demand that he shall speak. Did Mr. McCamant receive \$7,154.42 from Mr. Bardsley, as shown in his accounts? If so where did the money come from, and what was it paid for? What say you, Mr. Auditor General? What were the "favors you received" from Mr. Bardsley for which you thanked him in your letters, corresponding in date with the mysterious Bardsley check stubs? Did District Attorney Graham present to Judges Fell and Gordon all of the McCamant letters he had before him.

The people of the state are entitled to know all that can be known on the question of the integrity of the state officials. If it be true that the corruption that has overwhelmed the public service in Philadelphia extends to state officials, the people have a right to know that fact, and to know it now. Let there be neither concealment or delay in this matter. Speak out, gentlemen.

A Painful Accident.

The Phillipsburg Ledger says: "Philip Young, a Curwensville boy, was brought to the hospital on Thursday suffering from injuries received in the Curwensville lumber company's mill, where he is employed. While engaged in conversation with another boy he picked up a tar rope and thoughtlessly tossed it up over the line shaft. It caught fast and in a flash jerked him up toward the ceiling, but, fortunately, before he came in contact with anything, the thumb around which the rope was thrown was torn loose from the hand by the weight of his body and he was dashed to the floor, and one arm broken in two places below the elbow. The lacerated thumb was fastened to the rope hung to the shaft and the machinery had to be stopped while it was removed. The injury though painful is slight compared to what would, but for this, have occurred."

—Last week a horse owned by J. Will Conley, of Bellefonte, and kept on his father's farm near Centre Hall, was killed by running against a tree. The animal was hitched double and the team got away from the driver and ran down through the woods. Will says he recently was offered \$150 for the animal.

—Next Tuesday the county commissioners expect to be in Lancaster, Pa., to attend a state convention of such officials. Commissioners Clerk Robert Hunter thinks of attending the same meeting. The county officials are always treated royally on such occasions and they calculate upon having a pleasant time.

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

—Read the Centre Democrat.

KERR IS PLEASED.

State Chairman James Kerr was in Washington recently for the purpose of placing his son in college. When asked about the political situation in Pennsylvania, Mr. Kerr expressed himself as delighted with the outlook for Democratic success this fall. He was especially pleased with the outcome of the labor convention and the black eye it gave Mat Quay and the men who were conspiring to control the labor vote. The deal which they had so nicely arranged, he said, was knocked into a cocked hat.

"It shows," he said, "that the labor people of Pennsylvania cannot be bought and sold like sheep in the shambles. Some of their leaders may be bought, but yesterday's convention will teach them that they cannot deliver the labor vote which they contract to control." Mr. Kerr says his clerkship candidacy is getting on swimmingly, and he has great confidence in his ability to win.

Spring Mills.

Mrs. Moore, an aunt to R. H. Duncan, who resided at this place some thirty years ago, is visiting the scenes of her early life.

Miss Ida Krape, of Salona, spent a week with her friend Miss Lillian Krise. During the picnic she was the guest of the family of W. A. Krise.

Warren S. Krise left last Saturday for East Conemaugh, a suburb of Johnstown, where he will take charge of their grammar school on the 21st, inst.

Last week two aged citizens of Spring Mills were committed to their final resting place. John Minnich, Sr., an aged and respected citizen and a consistent member of the M. E. church, was buried on Wednesday forenoon. Rev. Shoemaker officiating. His disease was paralysis of the tongue and throat, which prevented him from eating, so that really he died of starvation, having eaten no solid food since April last. His age was 73 years.

On Saturday the body of Mrs. David Renninger, deceased, was brought here from Renovo, where she had been living with her only daughter since last summer. Her age was 69. Rev. Eisenberg preached the funeral sermon.

Hecla Items.

Hecla is to have a wedding in the near future.

Our neighbor J. J. Johnstonbaugh has been laid up with rheumatism for some time.

We are sorry to hear of the serious illness of Grandmother Stout. Being so far advanced in years makes her case very doubtful.

Where! oh, where! are the church building committee. Are they going to leave our church stand another winter? Some of our farmers commenced to cut their corn.

Our steam cider press is running every day. The cider made on this press does not turn to water in a day or two, as we hear of some doing, after it is made. It not only presses the water out but the alcohol as well. The pummies are so dry they could be used for fuel.

Mr. Isaac Yarnell was somewhat surprised on Saturday evening of last week, it being within a day of his 55 anniversary. When his children and grand children gathered in, in a body, he stepped to the door and peering around, asked, "are you all here?" Then sitting down in bewilderment exclaimed, "you think you have played the deal." After congratulations had been exchanged Mr. David Downs, of Beech Creek, presented him with a complete suit of clothes, followed with a short speech naming from whence it came; and his estimable wife was not forgotten either. After thanking each one for their kindness and esteem, all were invited to supper; suffice it to say the table was laden with all the delicacies of the season. After supper the house was made to ring with their musical voices. The children, twelve in number, were all present, with twelve grand children, making a total of thirty-four present. After spending a few hours in sociable conversation all departed for their homes, wishing for many more such pleasant anniversaries.

SATURDAY Oct. 3d is the last day for paying taxes.

THE Democratic Committeemen should see all democrats in their respective districts who have not paid a state or county tax within two years and urge them to pay it before the 3d of Oct.

THE republicans don't like the democratic state platform this year.

—Have you seen the handsome bed room suits at Naginey's furniture rooms Bishop street.