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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.

For Delegates to Constitutional Convention:
WILLIAM BIGLER, of Clearfield county.
ELLIS L. ORVIS, of Centre county.

Delegates to Constitutional Convention.
Chas. B. Buckalew Chauncey F. Black.
Geo. A. Jenks Geo. M. Dallas.
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William Welhe Thos. Lazare.
Samuel Griffith Grant Weidman.
Geo. W. Zeigler R. Morgan Root.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

Jury Commissioner—**GEORGE BOWER.**

The Clevelands have named their little baby girl "Ruth"—the next should be Naomi.

McCament to Bardsley—"Blest be the tie that binds."
Bardsley to McCament—"I'm waiting, my darling for thee."

In Ohio heavy bets are being made on the election for governor. The odds are given for Campbell. Such things are often good indications of the result.

It is estimated that no fewer than 32,000,000 peasants in Russia are now destitute, and must be provided for during the next ten months. To put it in another shape, this is as half the people in the United States were starving.

GROVER CLEVELAND is now the proprietor of a very prominent infant industry, and in some respects has changed his political views. Instead of talking tariff reform, he devotes his entire time and attention to it and believes in protection for the home enterprise—Francis and Ruth.

READ the extracts, in another column, from an address delivered by Robert E. Wright, democratic candidate for Auditor General. He discusses the tax question and points out a few very interesting facts for the careful perusal of the farmers. Unequal taxation has been the injury of every farmer in this state and the remedy of this great evil is clearly pointed out. Read it carefully and think over it before you vote.

COUNTY Chairman L. A. Schaeffer is making arrangements for holding several large mass meetings in this county in the latter part of October. Prominent speakers will be furnished by Chairman Kerr. The intention is to hold three meetings; one at Bellefonte, another at Philipsburg and one at Millheim, on about the 22nd and 23rd of October.

The republican papers are sending out startling statements to their readers that the democrats intend to indulge in some dirty politics during the remainder of the campaign. There is much truth in the above. Take for instance the political rottenness and political corruption brought to light in Philadelphia. The present republican Auditor General and State Treasurer have so shamefully used their respective offices as to bring disgrace upon the Keystone state, and necessitated the assembling of the state senate to investigate the same. Yes, the democratic Gov. of this state and his assistants have a very dirty job to handle. Bardsley and his Philadelphia gang befouled their places and there are others of the same stripe who need be attended to and treated to the same dose.

THE republicans are working the "old soldier" racket this year in the hope that they may elect Gregg, their nominee for state treasurer. Gregg no doubt served his country good and well, and everybody respects him for his noble war record. But to-day we are not selecting public officials because they once were soldiers. When a political party has so abused the confidence of the people, when a party is so completely controlled by a set of unprincipled politicians like Quay and his followers, who it has been proven have squandered millions of the people's money, has it not outlived its usefulness? Should the soldier question have any consideration in the face of these appalling facts? It is patriotic in the true sense of the word for all citizens to demand a change.

THE BLACK ROLL.

SKETCH OF PROMINENT REPUBLICANS.

Not all the Roosters accounted For, But a Pretty Good Showing—A Mixture of Thieves, Defaulter and Penitentiary Birds.

The New York Evening Post says: As disclosures of republican misdeeds in Pennsylvania continue to be made from day to day, and as further investigation of them is probable in the near future, it has occurred to us that it might be convenient for our readers to have a list of the principal offenders thus far, together with the charges against each and his whereabouts at the present time. We shall keep the list in hand and republish it from time to time with such changes and additions as may be made necessary by future developments.

JOHN C. LUCAS.—Formerly President of the Keystone Bank; stole \$987,000 of its funds; entered into a speculation "deal" in Reading Railway stock with John Wanamaker, using the banks funds for the purpose.

GIDEON W. MARSH.—Was Cashier of the Keystone Bank under Lucas succeeded him in the Presidency; falsified the books to conceal Lucas's theft, was arrested, admitted to bail in the sum of \$20,000, John Wanamaker's brother being his chief bondsman, and fled the city before trial, forfeiting his bail. Whereabouts unknown.

JOHN BARDSLEY.—Known as "Honest John" was City Treasurer of Philadelphia and has confessed to the charge of embezzling public funds, between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 of which were sunk by him in the Keystone and Spring Garden National Banks.

THOMAS McCAMANT.—Auditor General of the State of Pennsylvania. Shown by his letters to have had guilty knowledge that Bardsley was robbing the city and State Treasurers, if not himself in conspiracy with him.

HENRY K. BOYER.—Stat Treasurer of Pennsylvania, went into the Canadian woods "for rest" when a Legislative committee began an investigation of the State Treasury, but has now returned.

WILLIAM LIVSEY.—Was Cashier to Mr. Boyer, in the State Treasury, but fled to Wisconsin when the investigation began; is shown by letters to Bardsley to have been with McCamant, possessed of guilty knowledge of Bardsley's thefts; has resigned his office.

M. S. QUAY.—Formerly State Treasurer of Pennsylvania, and while in office said to have taken \$400,000 of State funds for use in speculation; was also at one time Secretary of the Commonwealth, and is said while holding that office to have taken \$250,000 from the State Treasury and lost it in speculation, the loss having been made good in part by Senator Cameron. Mr. Quay has been absent from the state since the Investigating Committee began its sessions.

JOHN B. ROBINSON.—Known as "Jack Robinson of Delaware," is now Quay's President of the Pennsylvania League of Republican Clubs; appears in the McCamant-Bardsley letters as a man who is "after something," but who can be controlled by "Dave" Martin.

WILLIAM P. DREW.—Was National Bank Examiner and was accused by the Comptroller of the Currency of neglect of duty in not properly reporting the condition of the Keystone Bank; was removed from office, but protests that he is unjustly accused.

FRANCIS W. KENNEDY.—Was President of the Spring Garden National Bank when it collapsed; pleaded guilty to indictment for illegal use of the funds in his charge.

HENRY H. KENNEDY.—Son of Francis W., and Cashier under him in the Spring Garden Bank; pleaded guilty to similar indictment.

GEORGE W. DELAMATER.—Republican candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania in November last, with so poor a record his party refused to elect him; after election failed as a private banker, and is now awaiting trial on indictment for embezzlement; several thousand dollars of the county funds were lost in the failure.

The audience in the opera house on Monday evening enjoyed a rare treat when they witnessed the production of "Little Nugget." It was one of the best comedys ever produced here and everybody was more than pleased. Should they return the house would not accommodate the people.

A STORY OF TIN IN TWO CHAPTERS.

Chapter I—The Assertion.

From the speech of William McKinley, Jr., at Xenia, Ohio, on Monday, Oct. 5. They talk about the tinplate tax. [Laughter] Suppose we don't make a pound of tinplate. The duty on it has been increased from 1 cent to 22-10 cents, but you're not paying a cent more for your tin than you did before. The old tariff on tin brought \$7,000,000 into the Treasury. The new one will bring in \$16,000,000. Supposing we continue to import it all. We've a clear gain of \$9,000,000, and your tin isn't costing you a cent more.

Chapter II—The Fact.

[From actual price-lists furnished by Charles S. French & Co., tinplate and metal brokers of No. 54 Cliff street, New York.]

I. C. 14x20 COKE TIN.	
Average price	1885. 1886. 1887. 1888. 1889. 1890. 1891.
Sample Niedringhaus tin, 6 cents per pound. But not for sale, \$6.48 per box.	\$4.42 \$4.27 \$4.35 \$4.42 \$4.54 \$4.71 \$5.40
I. C. CHARCOAL TIN.	
Average Price	1885. 1886. 1887. 1888. 1889. 1890. 1891.
Present import price, \$5.90.	4.79 4.55 4.55 4.75 4.74 5.12 5.85
I. C. 20x22—ROOFING TRADE—DEAN GRADE.	
Average price	1885. 1886. 1887. 1888. 1889. 1890. 1891.
Laufman's American roofing tin, \$16.50.	8.85 8.50 8.50 8.50 8.00 6.40 10.20

—New York World.

SOUND VIEWS.

Mr. Hampton L. Carson, a very prominent Philadelphia republican, had the following to say to a Record reporter in regard to the coming election in that city and the state this fall: "In my judgement all independent republicans and all citizens, irrespective of party preferences, should unite in supporting the candidacy of William Redwood Wright for the office of city treasurer. "In municipal matters there should be no partizanship. It has been our luck. Its eradication may prove our cure. To dismiss an honest and fearless democrat from office who has taken scoundrels by the throat, just as his grasp has become one of iron, simply because he is a democrat, would be the rankest folly. Partizanship, if guilty of an act like this, amounts to lunacy. As well might General Hancock have been dismissed upon the field of Gettysburg because he was a democrat.

A DEMOCRAT NEEDED.
"Once more. It is always prudent in every Government to establish a system of checks and balances. Experience has shown that it is wise to have our City Controller and City Treasurer of opposite political faiths. As our present excellent Controller is a republican and Mr. Wright is a democrat, this balance is now secured. It is not proper to disturb it.

As to state matters. The present condition of public affairs in Pennsylvania justifies revolution. Fraud, corruption, theft, collusion, ignorance and neglect of duty, evasion of law, hard swearing, shallow inventions, concealment of books and papers, and feeble as well as foolish efforts to delay or resist investigation, have supplanted honesty of administration, integrity of conduct, protection of the people's rights, observance of the law, truth, honor, fearlessness and a bold challenge to public scrutiny. These were virtues of which republicans could once proudly boast; but now apology, excuse, cowardice, superstition and paralysis have afflicted the leaders. On all sides the figures of officials are observed sulking in the dark, crouching from the public gaze behind hastily constructed barriers, or burrowing beneath heaps of registered letters containing 'neckties' and silk handkerchiefs.

"It is the duty of all men whether republicans, independent republicans, prohibitionists or democrats, to save Pennsylvania from the fate of Acteon, who was devoured by his own dogs."

An Interesting Experience.

The Centre Hall Reporter says: One evening last week, while Samuel Meyers was coming down the mountain, he stepped on what he thought was a round stick in the middle of the road, but was quite started from the manner in which it flopped against his leg, and discovered he had disturbed a snake, which endeavored to strike him with its fangs. Sam made a mighty spring, but the snake still showed fight and followed him, and he backed around in a ring with his snakeship closely following, it being rather dark he could not readily find a stone to do battle, and concluded that by taking to his heels he would some day be able to again enter into an engagement with the snake, which he did, and made some mighty quick tracks down the mountain. He said he thought it was of a copperhead species and was about four feet in length.

—We hear now that building on the Lutheran church has been postponed until next summer.

—It is said that Mr. Robert McKnight, Jr., left on Tuesday morning for Philadelphia for the purpose being united in marriage to Miss Sadie McKnight of that city. The young lady spent a portion of last summer visiting here and that is the way our friend "Bobby" got to thinking seriously of matrimony. He is a promising young man and deserves a worthy helpmate.

IMPORTANT ISSUE.

THE one difficulty to face in Centre county this campaign is to get out the party vote. There are only two candidates and two places to be filled and each will be elected without a struggle. On the other hand we have a very important election in the state for the offices of State Treasurer and Auditor General. The issue is not upon the merits of the candidates but the question whether it is good citizenship for republicans and democrats to vote for the continuance of the power of the bosses and their thieving politicians. As long as the republican party is hopelessly in the clutches of men like Quay, Cameron, Bardsley, Livesey, McCamant and their like, there is no reason why the decent element of the republican party should again vote for their continuance. The times demand a change in state affairs. Republicans spoke strong and effectively when they cast aside Delamater last year; they did it not because they did not love the principles and traditions of their party, instead they knew public interests demanded it. The republican state ticket this year is Quay's property. If you believe in Quay and his methods vote Quay's ticket. If you believe in the honest administration of state and national affairs come to the polls on next November; bring with you all your neighbors and cast a creditable ballot against Quay politics, for clean government and honest officials—Wright and Tilden. To accomplish this, you must get out the vote.

\$20,000,000 By Scott's Will.

The late Hon. William L. Scott's will leaves the use of all of the bulk of his estate, valued at between \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000, to his widow and children during their lives and after death to their children and their children's children.

The estate yields an annual income of \$1,300,000, and this is to be very nearly equally divided in the family. The exact terms of the will are not yet disclosed.

Mr. Scott stipulated in this vastly important instrument that Matthew Taylor should have the active management of the big business interests. His salary is fixed at \$50,000 per year, the same salary as that received by the President of the United States. Mr. Taylor was once a poor railroad clerk in Mr. Scott's employ, and was promoted solely upon his merits.

Tony Farrell Coming.

"My Colleen," an Irish comedy drama, will be at Bellefonte next Saturday night, Oct. 17. The piece has won a notable success where ever it has been presented. The dialogue sparkles with pure Irish wit and humor and the action of the piece abounds in thrilling and effective situations. Tony Farrell, in the leading role portrays the author's ideal of a generous, whole-souled, happy-hearted Irish lad in a most effective manner, whilst prolonged applause nightly attest the public's appreciation of his beautiful rendition of Irish ballads. The stage settings will be very elaborate. The supporting company is first class in every particular and includes the well known soubrette and vocalist, Miss Jennie Leland.

Foot Ball.

Penna. State College is in the Inter-Collegiate Foot Ball League of Penna., and will take part in the following games: At Swarthmore, State College vs. Swarthmore, Oct. 17; State College, State College vs. Franklin and Marshall, Oct. 24; Lewisburg, State College vs. Bucknell, Nov. 7; Lancaster, State College vs. Haverford, Nov. 4 or 11; Altoona, State College vs. Dickinson, Nov. 26.

As this is the first season of the league it promises to be more than an interesting one, since each college represented in the league is working hard for the pennant and in fact feels sure of winning it.

FOR TAX REFORM.

HOW FARMERS ARE UNJUSTLY TAXED.

Robert E. Wright Makes a Strong Speech—The republicans never kept their Promises—The Remedy.

THE democratic campaign was opened at Greensburg, Pa., on Thursday last, with a rousing mass meeting, which was largely attended by the farmers of Westmoreland county. Robert E. Wright, the party candidate for Auditor General, made an eloquent speech, in which he defined the basis upon which the equalization of taxes can be effected so as to relieve those interested in agricultural pursuits from the burdens they are obliged to bear at present. Mr. Wright said:

"There is no branch of legislation in which the power of an influence other than the will of the people to shape its course has been more forcibly illustrated than in the matter of the tax laws of your state. One of the worst results of the system of special legislation existing before the adoption of the present Constitution was the condition of our tax laws. The whole system was but a patchwork of special acts enacted from time to time to meet temporary emergencies.

There was an absolute want of uniformity of objects and rate of taxation and of machinery for their collection. The system of collecting a State tax on real estate based on local assessments had fostered a practice of undervaluations resulting in the grossest injustice, and sometimes in absolute fraud.

CAUSED A PUBLIC SCANDAL.

This inequality existed not only between counties, but between townships and towns in the same county, and finally became so general as to create a public scandal. High nominal rates on low valuations in some districts created the impression, by comparison with other districts, of overtaxation. This feeling was intensified by the palpable and indisputable fact that the personal property of the State was escaping taxation entirely, and that while the burdens of State government were borne by the corporations, yet the much heavier burdens of local government were borne entirely by the owners of real estate.

Naturally the feeling of unrest and dissatisfaction became strongest among the farmers of the State. They were most heavily burdened while they were least able to bear it. It is true that the nominal rates of taxation on real estate in cities may have been higher than on farms, yet it was undeniable that the farmers were carrying the heaviest burden. For when you taxed the real estate of a farmer you taxed him upon all he was worth. His farm, as a rule, constituted his entire possessions. When you taxed that none of his means escaped, for he had none other. Aye, the probability was that the farm was mortgaged, but he got no credit on that score.

In cities and towns this was not the case. When you taxed a city merchant, manufacturer, lawyer or banker on his real estate, you reached but a small proportion of his wealth; the bulk escaped. These facts stared the people in the face when the Constitution of 1873 was adopted providing that thereafter taxes should be uniform and be levied under general laws.

THE FARMERS' RIGHTS IGNORED.

Ever since then, for fifteen years, the people have been insisting that the spirit of this provision of the Constitution should be enforced, but year after year has the Legislature refused their petition. Stronger and stronger has become the demand as year by year the Legislature refused to heed the farmers' demands.

Governor Pattison in the first term of his administration pressed the Legislature to meet this demand, but they refused. Bill after bill was defeated or buried, until finally a bill actually passed the Legislature, but was lost or mislaid in some mysterious way. Finally, at the last session of the Legislature, and as a result of the farmers' revolt last year, a bill was passed that may afford some temporary measure of relief. But it comes far from meeting the demands of the Constitution. It fails utterly to meet the just position of the farmer, that taxation should be equal and upon all classes of property. Thus, for all this time has the Legislature failed to respond to and reflect the will of the masses in a government which, theoretically, is a government by the people.

Last winter I appeared before the House and Senate Committees on behalf of a client to present an argument against one provision of the Taggart

bill—a provision which they deemed unconstitutional, and which they claimed would result in inequality of taxation—and I there endeavored to impress upon them the thoughts to which I have just given expression. I objected to one provision of the bill as unwise and unconstitutional; but I declared that, in my judgment, corporations are not paying their proportion of taxes and the farmers were paying too much. I presented to the committee the outlines of a bill that would have met all the objections urged against the Taggart bill by its enemies. I know that the sincere friends of that reform on both committees approved of my suggestions, but were powerless to adopt them.

If the principle outlined in that argument had been followed you would have had true tax equalization, but it was not. By almost a strict party vote in Senate and House the Taggart bill was thrown out by the republican bosses, and yet these men ask that farmers shall vote for them again. I am before the people of Pennsylvania to-day to regret no single word spoken, and to withdraw no principle announced in that argument. I present it to the farmers of Pennsylvania as my plea in favor of that equalization of taxation for which they have so long fought.

The Reason.

Being in need of funds, our entire list was gone over recently and all parties who were delinquent on subscription for four or more years, and to whom bills were sent again and again without their favoring us with a remittance, were all placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. This became an absolute necessity and there is no cause for any to complain. We have been unusually lenient and patient with our patrons—always at an inconvenience to ourselves. It takes the ready-hand-squid cash to run a paper and there is no excuse why persons should feel disposed to neglect the payment of their subscription. While some may grow angry, others must acknowledge that this is the only safe course for us to follow. There is no business so often embarrassed as the average newspaper publisher, on account of the great number of unpaid bills.

Some people imagine a newspaper is sent them because they vote a certain ticket—with us that is a mistake. We are working for the purpose of giving the full value of the subscription price and expect to receive the same in every case when due. Over one half of our subscribers pay regularly in advance and the others should do likewise.

Pay up your subscription and your conscience will be relieved and the publisher made happy.

—Editor Joe. Furey, of the Democrat, Lock Haven, attended the Odd Fellows dedication exercises on Wednesday.

—Gen. Hastings is in Ohio talking protection and reciprocity for McKinley. If Ohio should go democratic the Gen. won't have anything to say as to who did it.

—Supt. Ryan, of the water works, fitted up the Angel, in front of the court house, with a new and handsome white dress for winter. Sam. thinks a great deal of that girl and insists upon having her appropriately attired while before the public.

—Mr. Geo. B. Johnston has been appointed an agent for the Equitable Life Assurance Society, with Mifflin county as his field of operations. He will have his headquarters at Lewistown for the present and may move there later. George is a reliable and energetic man, well suited for the position and we know he will succeed.

—The wedding of Miss Mary B. Morris, of this place, and Harry S. Cooper, of Winston, N. C., occurred on Wednesday noon, in the Episcopal church. It was a society event and was attended by many of our prominent young people of the town. Miss Morris is an accomplished young lady and her husband is a young man who formerly was located at this place as electrician, and is a true man in the full sense of the word.

—Mr. Jas. Lucas, of Moshannon, was a pleasant caller on Saturday. Having assisted last year in bringing home some twenty head of deer last season, he intends to put in several weeks this Fall at the same job. The Moshannon deer hunters are always known to get something when they go to the woods.

—Unclaimed letters: Theodore Auden Thomas Borman, Mrs. Low Badger 3, Angeline Condon, Miss E. B. S., Jeremiah A. George, Miss Emma Neff, Lizzie Ralston, H. K. Schaffert 2, Frank Sanicerman, Margaret Lulley. When called for please say advertised.

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