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Editorial.

M. S. Quay will be returned to the U. S. Senate, as nearly every county in the state voted that way.

The Prohibitionists of Centre county are alive and will hold a county convention, Friday April 22nd, in the court house.

MASSACHUSETTS democrats hissed the name of David B. Hill as a candidate for president and unanimously endorsed Cleveland. That is the way things are moving along.

It is said that secretary Blaine is taking a course in physical treatment under the personal direction of Muldoon, the prize fighter and trainer. Probably he is getting ready for an engagement with Harrison. Stakes to be the republican nomination.

The Clearfield County Commissioners are about to contract for 352 booths and annexes—92 election booths at \$4.75 each and 260 annexes at \$3.50 each. The Du Bois Express believes it will cost \$20,000 to meet the provisions of the Baker ballot law in that county.

The libel suit of Governor Pattison against W. F. Jordan and J. J. McLaurin, of the *Harrisburg Morning Call*, for the publication of the article entitled "Turn on the Light" during the campaign of 1889, came up in Quarter Sessions Court, Philadelphia on Monday morning, when it was again postponed until May 5, owing to the absence of counsel for the defense. Governor Pattison and Secretary of State Harry were in Court. Jordan did not turn up and his bail was forfeited.

THERE is no dispute among the democrats of Pennsylvania in regard to the policy of the party. On the paramount issue of Tariff Reform they are united as never before within this generation. While they may be some differences upon minor matters of detail, all are agreed upon the general policy of the party, and all heartily approve of the course of the Democratic representatives in Congress on the tariff question. If there be any lingering objection for cheap money and free silver it is not likely to find expression in the State Convention. That the platform will be unequivocally for Honest Money as well as for Tariff Reform may be safely assumed from the character and antecedents of the men whom the Pennsylvania Democracy have chosen to represent them.

At the close of the Blair county license court on Tuesday last, Judge Dean filed the following pertinent advice to hotel keepers in the form of a decree:

We call the attention of hotel keepers who have been granted license to the fact that they are licensed because of the necessity of their house for public accommodation, not only in the sale of liquor, but with furnishing the public with food and lodging. Not all the public by any means care for liquor, all, however, do want good food and comfortable beds and rooms. At the next consideration of these cases we will hear remonstrances by any one of the public who chooses to complain as to any part of the hotel accommodations. Uncleanliness, dilapidated furniture, insufficient or poor food, will be considered ground for refusing licenses. Further, the keeping open of bar rooms late hours of the night will be considered evidence of a poorly regulated hotel and treated as a good reason for a refusal of license.

GEO. RODGER'S PATENT.

To Heat Passenger Cars by the Use of Hot Air.

Geo. Rodgers, one of Bellefonte's intelligent machinists and an inventor of considerable note, has a new idea which may pan out largely for him. It is an appliance for heating passenger cars by hot air and it is considered a good method. The American Car Heating Company have concluded to fit up an entire train according to Mr. Rodgers plans and give it a full test on the State Island Railroad.

If it proves satisfactory they will purchase the patent and employ Mr. Rodgers to superintend the manufacture of the heaters.

DEM. STATE CONVENTION.

The Democratic State Convention met at Harrisburg on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. On account of it being a presidential year there was unusual activity among politicians throughout the state. There is no doubt but that Cleveland will be unanimously endorsed and declared Pennsylvania's first choice. Sentiment appears to be overwhelmingly strong in that direction and the Hill followers will be a small, helpless minority. There is considerable bitterness between two factions in the party, and both are confident of electing the delegates to the National Democratic Convention. The one side is led by Secretary Harry and represents Gov. Pattison and the administration; the other wing, anti-Harry, have J. M. Guffy, of Pittsburg, Senator Wallace, Hon. James Kerr, and others who are opposed to Harry whom they denounce as a schemer and boss. From what could be gathered from the Wednesday morning papers Harrisburg is filled with democrats and running over, and all are excited over the outcome of the convention.

Tuesday night the were streets filled with cheering delegates and visitors, all wearing badges of some sort. The badges most seen were of dark blue silk, bearing the words in gilt letters, "Cleveland-Pattison—Victory!" The "antis" are distributing a white badge inscribed, "Cleveland, but no boss." A deep red ribbon with the single word, "Cleveland," on it is worn by everybody.

The indications are that the Harry people will control the convention by a safe majority, and their organization will be as follows:

Congressman Beltzhoover, temporary chairman and State Senator George Ross permanent chairman. The electors-at-large will be Mortimer F. Elliott, of Tioga; John C. Bullitt, Philadelphia; Col. Thomas B. Kennedy, of Franklin, and Henry Meyer, of Allegheny. Among the leading names mentioned for the eight delegates-at-large are W. M. Singler, of Philadelphia; State Senator Hall, of Elk county; Attorney General Hensel; ex-Sheriff Charles Robinson, of Lackawanna; State Senator Geo. Ross, of Bucks; J. L. McKinney, of Crawford; Patrick Foley, of Pittsburg; State Senator Grant Herring, of Columbia, and S. L. Mestresat, of Fayette.

The Pennsylvania delegation according to Harry's prediction will go to Chicago instructed to vote as a unit.

Mr. Thomas Collins, of Bellefonte, was chosen as one of the two delegates to the national convention from this Congressional district. The other member is Senator Wallace, of Clearfield.

Hon. P. Gray Meek, Hon. Thos. F. Riley, W. C. Heinley, Esq., William Pealer, John Noll, Patrick McDonnell, Jas. A. McClain, L. A. Schaeffer and others of this county are attending the convention.

THREE BRUTAL BURGLARS.

A Man and Woman Badly Tortured at Hollidaysburg.

At Hollidaysburg, Saturday night three masked burglars entered the house of John Daly, a 65-year-old veteran, and demanded his pension money. He protested that he had no money. Getting no confession they stabbed him repeatedly with a knife, and after burning one of his ears almost off with a lamp, ended by knocking him senseless and ransacking the house. During the search they chopped holes in the floor and tore the plastering from the walls, but secured nothing.

Leaving Mr. Daly they went to the home of Miss Oliva McDowell, an aged maiden lady, and, dragging her from bed, tortured her almost to death, demanding money, which she denied having. Knives were run into her ears and face, while a blow from a revolver closed one eye. Finally the fiends tied her to a bedpost and deliberately set work to destroy all the furniture in the house, a task in which they well succeeded. They then departed with \$6, all the money they found.

Both the victims were able to release themselves after a time, and made their way to the houses of neighbors, where they were taken in and cared for.

The men described are of medium height and wore overcoats and derby hats. At Mr. Daly's one man let his mask drop for an instant, revealing a small, reddish mustache and white eyebrows. No arrests have as yet been made.

Rewards aggregating \$500 have been offered, divided as follows: Hollidaysburg borough, \$200; county commissioners, \$200; Gaysport borough, \$100.

Messrs. J. J. Fiedler and Ex-Commissioner Fiedler, of Fiedler, Pa., were pleasant callers on Wednesday.

FLAG PRESENTATION.

Interesting Exercises held by the P. O. S. of A. at Valentines Furnace.

Last Saturday evening the Union church, near the Valentine Furnace, was thronged by a patriotic gathering. It was a public meeting held by the members of No. 447, P. O. S. of A., for the purpose of accepting a beautiful, large, silk flag, a present and token of esteem, by the lady friends of that order in this community.

To Mrs. Benjamin Fulton special mention is due, for it was almost entirely through her efforts that this beautiful, national emblem was obtained. She went to work soliciting funds among friends of the order until she succeeded in collecting about \$40 and with it purchased the flag which was presented on this occasion.

At 7:30 p. m. the meeting was called to order by its president, John Tate, and then all joined in singing that old and soul inspiring air "My Country 'Tis of Thee." Zeb. Bathurst then led in prayer.

The first speaker of the evening was District attorney J. C. Meyer, whose duty it was to present the flag to the order, in behalf of Mrs. Fulton and the many friends who assisted her in procuring it. Mr. Meyer made a very appropriate and patriotic address.

W. F. Reeder, Esq., was then introduced and made an address of acceptance on behalf of the camp. He paid a high tribute to the stars and stripes and gave utterance to many noble and truly patriotic sentiments.

Editor Feidler, Zeb. Bathurst and J. Tate also delivered short addresses. This camp has a strong membership and is in a flourishing condition and has been the means of establishing new organizations in this district.

School Directors Must Qualify.

On the 16th of April 1891 an Act was passed and approved by the Governor in regard to the office of school director which may not be generally known. D. O. Etters, county Supt., left a blank at this office which gives the oath that must be taken by all school directors, before an officer legally authorized to administer the same, before he can assume his position. It is as follows:

OATH OF OFFICE FOR DIRECTORS.

I,.....having been elected to the office of school director for the district of.....County of.....and State of Pennsylvania, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the laws thereof; that I have used no unlawful means to procure my election to the said office; that I will discharge the duties of the office of school director, faithfully and impartially and to the best of my understanding and ability.

Signature.....
The document when properly filled out must be filed with the Secretary of Board and he is required to enter the same upon his minutes. It has been suggested that before school directors are discharged at the expiration of the term they should be required to make an oath that he had performed his duty as directed by the act of assembly. There would be considerable swearing about it, but it might brace up some of negligent and indifferent directors.

Not a Candidate.

In a recent issue the name of Col. J. L. Spangler appeared as one of the probable candidates for congress from Centre county. The Col. spent Sunday at his home, this place, and while here he stated that he could not think of taking an active part in politics and especially as a candidate for Congress, as his entire time and attention was required in superintending to coal operations at Hastings. It would not suit him and therefore will be out of the contest. At present Aaron Williams, Esq., is the only aspirant in the field.

Major W. F. Reynolds has been confined to the house for several days of the past week. Nothing serious is apprehended.

Mr. James Alexander, Esq., one of the promising young barristers of our county has rented several rooms in the Ga. van building which he will occupy for law offices. James is picking up practice and is considered a safe and reliable attorney.

On last Thursday Messrs. Noah Cronemiller, assistant in Jared Harper's store, and Daniel Rote, who keeps the residents of Aaronsburg in proper tune and deals out justice, paid us a call. Years ago Mr. Rote learned printing, and although he had not touched a "stick" for over ten years, his hand had not forgot its early training and he set several lines quite easily. Call again, gentlemen.

THE MIGHTY DOLLAR.

Who was the friend that stuck to you,
When you were sad and sore?
Who stood by you in poverty,
When "the wolf" was at your door?
What makes a man feel happy,
And all his life seem bright?
What leads him from a prison cell
To freedom's brilliant light?

Is it a Gould or Vanderbilt?
A great man, or a small?
No, 'tis the mighty dollar!
The truest friend of all!
Some say it is an evil,
Others say, 'tis so and so,
But if you are without it,
To the poor-house you must go.

'Tis money, helps the rich man
At the sea shore, hall or ball,
But the man who is without it—
No friends come at his call.
The rich man, with his heavy purse,
Can go to church or store,
And pleasant smiles will greet him,
As he enters at the door.

Heartily he'll be welcomed,
The merchant won't hesitate,
To say, "let me your order have,"
But the poor man he can wait.
'I will attend to you just now,
What can I get you, pray?"
"Why, I haven't got the—"
"Never mind about the pay."

Oh, the dollar! oh, the dollar!
It is a faithful friend,
Alas for those without it,
They, of troubles have no end.
No kind or cheerful words are said,
To help them on their way:
E'en those who befriended,
From them often turn away.

They may try to seek employment,
But no work they'll get to do—
No one comes forth with helping hands,
Ah, no, their friends are few!
Society a cold shoulder turns,
No answer meets their call.

We see that 'tis the moneyless,
Who have no friends at all.
Must they then, be given up,
To despondency and despair?
Must hope be crushed, and life
Be overwhelmed with care?
And then at last, oh cruel fate,
No money on them found—
Be taken up for vagrancy,
And so in Irons bound.

No longer thoughts of liberty
Linger within their breasts;
Though many are the hearts which throbb
Beneath the ragged vests.
No friend comes forth to intercede,
To plead their cause and then
With loving words and open purse,
Make them again as men.

Ah money, it is hard to get
But get it, if you can,
For without it here on earth,
You cannot be a man.
Try and get it some way—
Have it at your call.
For when you are without it,
You have no friends at all.

D. O'LEARY.

AN EGG-LAYING ROOSTER.

It is Double-Handled and Astonishes the Doctors.

A rooster that lays eggs is attracting great attention in Lancaster county. This strange fowl is owned by E. E. Eshleman, a well known and reputable miller. Since march 6th it has laid 39 perfect eggs. In the barn-yard it fulfills the usual duties of a rooster and it has a large red comb and wattles. Dr. J. H. Musser, of the Lancaster county Medical Society, to test the accuracy of the statement, took the fowl two weeks and had it confined and closely watched. Since that time it has laid 27 eggs.

John Botchik Missing.

On Friday, the 25th day of March, John Botchik, a Slavonian, left his home at Morrisdale Mines, near Philipsburg, with the intention of going to Ramey to seek work. He was to have returned the following day, and he has not put in appearance yet. It is rumored that a man of his description was killed by the cars at Pittsburg a couple days ago. The missing man was of small stature, light complexioned and wore two pairs of pantaloons. Any information concerning him will be thankfully received by his family at Morrisdale Mines.

Minstrels Coming.

Next Wednesday evening an elegant attraction will appear in the Garman opera house in Decker Bros. Minstrels. The troupe is composed of first class material and will be sure to please and highly entertain all. Chart at Parrsh's drug store.

—Minstrels next Wednesday evening.

—As Easter comes next Sunday, special services will be held in most of the churches in town. Good music will be among the special inducements to attract the wayward and the worldly.

—Mr. J. A. Whiteman left this week with his family for Lock Haven, where he expects to remain this summer. He expects though to retain his residence here and will be back in time to take part in the fall elections and put in a ballot for Cleveland and tariff reform. Since the nail works closed, business has been dull in that section.

FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

Condensed Report of Proceedings in Senate and House.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Mr. Walcott's forcible-administration speech on the silver question and the further discussion of the army clause in the Indian bill, occupied the senate all the day. The vote on retaining the house provision in the bill to authorize the president to detail army officers as Indian agents was not taken on strict party lines. Messrs. Call, Gorman, Morgan and Palmer, Democrats, voted with the minority to strike it out, and Messrs. McMillan, Manderson, Pfeiffer, Proctor and Quay, Republicans, voted with the majority to retain the army provision, which was kept in the bill by a vote of 28 to 25. The bill was finally passed. In the house, contrary to expectation, an amicable arrangement was reached as to limiting debate on the first section of the wool bill, and the entire session was devoted to the discussion of the measure under the five minute rule. The debate was without incident.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The senate devoted the entire day to the District of Columbia appropriation bill. It was only partly completed at adjournment, and a hot debate was in progress on the proposition to appropriate \$100,000 to help defray the expenses of the visit of the Grand Army encampment to Washington. Mr. Wilson (W. Va.) closed the debate on the free wool bill with a masterly speech, and the bill was then passed without amendment by a vote of 122 to 60. Spice was added to the routine proceedings of the day by Mr. Funsion (Kan.), who produced an article from *The Voice*, a temperance paper published in New York, containing a statement that certain senators and members were in the habit of drinking intoxicating liquors in the house restaurant. This brought to their feet the various members mentioned, who either acknowledged or denied the charge. The cotton tie bill was then taken up.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The senate passed the District of Columbia appropriation bill, including an appropriation of \$100,000 for quarters for the Grand Army encampment, which was adopted by a vote of 41 to 10. The house concluded the general debate on the cotton tie bill, and a vote will be taken on the measure today. Mr. English (N. J.) opposed the measure, while Mr. Simpson of Kansas, and Mr. Hemphill, of South Carolina, spoke in its favor.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Mr. Chandler's proposed amendment against the election of United States senators by the people was cut off and postponed by an early call for an executive session on the subject of leakage of executive session proceedings. Mr. Stewart introduced some resolutions obviously designed to get at the facts upon which Mr. Sherman based his recent statement that silver certificates were not issued dollar for dollar for silver dollars, but that there was a dollar's value in gold behind every dollar of silver certificates issued. This resolution went over, as also did a resolution of Mr. Morgan's calling for information about the German reciprocity treaty. A memorial was received from ex-Senator Blair asking an investigation of his rejection as minister to China, and was referred to the committee on foreign relations. The house passed a bill to make West Point, Va., a suburb of entry and delivery, and also to repeal the act authorizing the secretary of war to lease the pier at the entrance of Chicago river, Chicago, Ill. The remainder of the day was devoted to the consideration of bills relating to the District of Columbia.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—An interesting debate, occupying most of the day, took place in the senate upon Mr. Palmer's resolution for the election of United States senators by the people before it was referred to the committee on privileges and elections. Mr. Chandler took the lead in opposition to the plan, contending that it must inevitably be followed by another amendment to elect the president and vice president by the people. The house passed an urgent deficiency bill appropriating \$1,000,000 to cover various deficiencies in the government service, including \$450,000 to defray the expenses of collecting customs and \$100,000 for the census office. Mr. Cooper (Ind.) made a personal explanation occupying over an hour, relating an attack upon him by the press in regard to pensions. The naval appropriation bill was considered for two hours in committee of the whole.

A Lively Election in Coboes.

ALBANY, April 13.—A dispatch received early this morning from Coboes, N. Y., to the Press and Knickerbocker, says: There was no election in Coboes, but a mob is in possession of the ballot boxes of the Fourth ward—a heavy Republican ward. One hundred special police appointed from the iron works at Troy seized the ballot boxes before the polls closed and rushed them into the police station under the protection of the police and in the interest of John T. Gorman, candidate for the Cleveland-Herrick ticket. The city is wild with excitement. Hundreds of citizens have been clubbed by strangers under the guise of special officers. The police promise to allow ballots to be counted in the police station after the excitement subsides.

A Professional Firebug.

BROOKLYN, April 13.—Herman Albrecht, 19 years old, was before Justice Goetting in the Lee avenue court charged with arson. Johann Gottlieb Steinbrenner, who has been locked up for two weeks on the same charge, was also taken to court, and he and Albrecht were formally arraigned on the charge of setting fire to a dwelling house. Steinbrenner made a confession, in which he alleges that Albrecht fired his house on the condition that Steinbrenner should pay the incendiary \$50 of the insurance. Albrecht, according to the confession, admitted to Steinbrenner that he was a professional incendiary. Both were held for the grand jury.

Looks Bad for the "Prince."

DETROIT, April 13.—"Prince" Michael and Eliza Courts appeared in the recorder's court yesterday with the intention of giving new bail and securing their release. The bondsmen failed to appear, though, and the couple were taken back to jail. Ellen Robinson, of Toronto, aged 18 years, stated that Mills betrayed her by force, and that Eliza Courts held her while the "Prince" accomplished her ruin.

Would-be Lynchers Thwarted.

NEWARK, O., April 12.—George Stollberry, a former ball player in the Newark team, was arrested yesterday for a fearful assault on a 7-year-old daughter of A. T. Aylward, whom he assaulted in the toilet room of the North school. Last night an angry mob broke into the jail, and attempted to capture the prisoner for the purpose of lynching him, but were unable to locate him. They were finally driven off by officers.

Read the Democrat.

HE WAS POISONED.

Starting Evidence Regarding the Death of Pittsburg's Police Superintendent.

PITTSBURG, April 13.—It has just leaked out that Gamble Weir, superintendent of police of this city, who died suddenly three months ago, was poisoned, but there is no clew to his murderer.

At the time of his death his friends had suspicions of foul play, but they kept the matter secret in the hope that some clew might be found that would lead to the discovery of the murderer. So far, however, the work of ferretting out the person who committed the crime has been one of difficulty. Whoever had given the fatal dose had covered his tracks so well that every effort to discover him has proved a failure.

Superintendent Weir was ailing for weeks before his death. One day he would seem better, and the next he would be seized with terrible paroxysms that baffled his physician's skill.

After his burial several friends quietly went to Greenwood cemetery, exhumed the body and removed the stomach and spleen, after which the corpse was returned to the grave. The intestines were submitted to an analytical chemist for examination. His work is not finished, but it has been found that enough poison had been taken to kill several men.

The stomach has been literally eaten up with a violent poison of one kind and there are evidences that another kind had been used. One poison was corrosive sublimate and the other is thought to have been arsenic.

Every effort was made to keep the circumstances secret until some day the author of the crime might be discovered, but lately the matter has become pretty freely circulated, and it looks now as if the guilty person may go unpunished.

Bond Robbers Sentenced.

LONDON, April 12.—The case known as "the great bond robbery," which has been before the courts for a year, and which has excited much interest in stock brokerage and other business circles, was brought to an end yesterday by the conviction of the defendants, Walter Selwyn, a stock broker, and Frederick Peach, on the charge of conspiring to defraud John Willis Sears out of the sum of £390. Selwyn was sentenced to five years penal servitude and Peach to fourteen months' imprisonment at hard labor. The case arose out of the robbery of a number of Turkish bonds of the value of £8,500, which were deposited with Mr. Sears as security for a loan of £390.

Killed in a Barroom Brawl.

NEW YORK, April 13.—William Burns, a longshoreman, was drinking in the saloon No. 23 Mulberry street, and there fell in with John Walker, otherwise known as "English Jack." After several rounds the men got quarreling and a fist fight followed. The men battled around the room and finally Burns caught his adversary off guard and then flung him heavily on the floor. The latter's head struck the iron rail which surrounds the bar and his skull was crushed. Walker gasped a few times after the fall and then died. Burns was arrested.

Kidnaped by a Tramp.

ANNISTON, Ala., April 13.—The 8-year-old son of Joseph Swayne, a wealthy resident, was stolen from his home in the southern part of the city by a tramp Monday evening. The little fellow was carried into the mountains east of the city, where he was found unconscious by some hunters yesterday. He had been badly beaten and was tied to a tree. No trace of the kidnaper has been found. It is believed the child was stolen with a view of obtaining money for his return.

Ten Villages Burned.

VIENNA, April 13.—Ten villages in Hungary have been burned. The spread of the flames was assisted by dry and windy weather. Large stores of corn and many head of cattle have been burned. Five persons were killed and thousands are homeless.

Murderer Harriott Hanged.

FREERHOLD, N. J., April 13.—Louis Harriott, the condemned murderer of Mrs. Charles Leonard, was hanged in the jail here this morning. Less than fifty persons were present, including three representatives of the press.

The Crew Here.

A crew of eleven men are working on the long distance telephone line. The remaining four wires are being strung on the poles, which will complete the service. One of the crew attracted no little attention. He has but one leg of flesh, the other being a wooden, or "peg leg." That fact itself is not such a rarity, but to see a man thus maimed skinning up a telegraph pole with as much cat-like alacrity as the most experienced and agile of the old linemen is such as to attract attention. It is the last calling in the world that the average person would expect to see a wooden-legged man engaged in.—L. H. Democrat.

The Cash Bazaar.

Is full and running over with fresh, new spring goods; prices as low as ever. Scrimm from 5c. a yard up. Just come and see our fine assortment of draperies. Stockings all kinds and colors, the finest line in town. Come and see us.

—Farmers are ploughing and the indications are that we will have an early spring.

—The commissioners sale of unseated lands attracted many strangers to town on Wednesday.