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Editorial.

COMPLIMENTARY VOTES.

Why should a democrat give John F. Harter a complimentary vote for sheriff? Harter is a pronounced republican, votes republican tickets and advocates republican principles. If he could have his own way in matters he would wipe out every trace of the democratic party—and yet he wants democratic votes for him. This is the third time he has been traveling over Centre county asking democrats to give him "a lift" or "a complimentary vote." The real truth of the matter is that he has got an eternal hankering to hold a public office. As a compliment, democrats voted for Harter once and let him polish the seat of his breeches sliding around in a chair that should have been occupied instead by Gaylor Morrison, a good man, a true democrat and one who was more deserving. Complimentary voting did it that time. The democrats of Centre county don't owe Dr. Harter a single thing, except a good flogging, because he don't know when he has enough or when to put an end to political begging.

On the other hand we have a representative democrat on our own ticket. John P. Condo is a man who deserves the vote of every democrat in Centre co. In the first place he is well qualified to fill the office of sheriff. He is active and would attend to his duties promptly and faithfully. In the second place he is known as an upright man, of good habits, strictly temperate, a consistent member of the Evangelical church—all of which should be desirable qualities in men chosen to fill responsible positions. In the third place he is affable, agreeable and accommodating in his manners; and lastly he has always been an enthusiastic democrat. What more could be desired?

For many years John P. Condo was a candidate for the democratic nomination for sheriff, and often he went home carrying defeat with him, yet always in line for the election of the regular nominee. That is what we consider an estimable trait and a sample of true loyalty.

Give John P. Condo your hearty support and you will never regret it. He will prove a credit to his party.

A DEMOCRATIC administration left \$100,000,000 surplus in the federal treasury. A Republican successor, in four years, converted this into a deficit of \$30,000,000. We declare that the disturbed financial condition of the country has followed Republican administration, and that business depression has resulted from vicious legislation for which the Republican party is solely responsible. To correct and relieve these, a Democratic congress are pledged, and their efforts in that direction are entitled to the support of patriotic citizens regardless of party.—*Democratic Platform.*

It was a curiosity, U. S. Senator Cameron, of Pennsylvania, trying to make a speech on Monday. It is a shame that a great state must be represented by such a poor, weak excuse. Don Cameron is a mistake in the U. S. Senate.

—Headquarters for ready made clothing for men, boys and children. Clothing made to order. Dunlap, Youman and Sherman's latest styles of derby hats. Full line of Men's Furnishing goods. A new salesroom has been added under the first floor.

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The last day to pay taxes—Oct. 7th, 1893.

IMPORTANT OFFICE.

There is not a single office in Centre county that more directly affects the taxpayers than that of county commissioner. That is the place where all public contracts are made and expenses of the county are incurred. Almost all the monies are collected, and paid out, through the direction of these officials. For that reason it is important that only competent men are chosen for the position. The present democratic nominees are asking for a re-election because the party is satisfied with their past record. Our county is in good financial condition. The public property has been repaired and improved. The general expenses of the county have been kept down to the very lowest figure and an air of decency and propriety pervades that office at all times, which is a marked improvement of what we had during the three previous years.

Those are a few reasons why democrats should cheerfully support Messrs. Goodhart and Adams.

There is another important item: Put in a republican board and all the printing will go to republican papers. All the contracts for public supplies will go to republican merchants, republican laboring men and mechanics will only be employed and in fact all will go to the republican side of the house. As long as we believe in the doctrine that "to the victor belongs the spoils" the democrats of Centre county should hesitate before giving either Riddle or Strohm a single vote.

Don't cut off your own nose.

TARIFF TINKERS.

Since the democrats are in power the republicans over the country have set up a wall. They ask that there be no change in the present tariff as such acts always tend to damage business and bring about stagnation in trade. They don't want the tariff schedule meddled with and denounce the democratic leaders as "Tariff Tinkers." The following will show which party has done the most "tinkering."

In nearly 50 years—that is, since 1846—the democrats have changed the tariff twice, and the last of these changes, made in 1857, was approved by a large body of the republican party. That is the extent of democratic tariff tinkering.

The republicans came into power in 1860, and between the years of 1861 and 1891 twenty-six changes were made in the tariff by republican congresses, and nearly all in the direction of more protection, and designed to fortify the position of the more powerful protected interests. Here is the list:

Act of March 2, 1861	Act of July 14, 1870
Act of August 8, 1861	Act of May 1, 1872
Act of Dec. 24, 1861	Act of June 6, 1872
Act of July 14, 1862	Act of June 22, 1874
Act of March 3, 1863	Act of Feb'y 8, 1875
Act of April 20, 1864	Act of March 2, 1875
Act of June 30, 1864	Act of July 1, 1879
Act of March 3, 1865	Act of July 14, 1880
Act of May 16, 1866	Act of May 6, 1882
Act of July 28, 1866	Act of March 3, 1883
Act of March 2, 1867	Act of May 9, 1880
Act of March 3, 1867	Act of June 10, 1880
Act of Feb'y 24, 1868	Act of Oct. 1, 1880

How will this do for tariff tinkering? It invariably took one direction, and that the increase of taxes in the interest of monopoly, and this repeated tinkering more than anything else in our history is responsible for the creation of the trusts and combinations that have so long dominated business and industry.

Now the people, through the democratic party, propose to do a little tariff tinkering on their own account. The protected monopolies would rather do it themselves and strengthen their combines, but they have had their day. It's the people's turn now.

Democratic Headquarters.

On the second floor of Crider's Exchange elegant rooms have been fitted up for the use of the county democracy. The room is opposite county chairman J. C. Meyer's law office. During the campaign a large amount of campaign literature will be found there along with leading dailies from different sections of the country. Democrats from about Centre county are especially invited, when in Bellefonte to call at Democratic Headquarters.

DR. JOHN F. HARTER, republican candidate for sheriff, is running a booming cigar factory at Millheim, has a large and lucrative professional practice, is largely interested in extensive mining operations in the South, lives in one of the handsomest mansions in Millheim and wants to be elected sheriff for the money that is in that position. We will have to give him the earth to get rid of him.

The struggle in the United States Senate continues over the silver question, and there is no certainty where it will end.

HOKE SMITH'S DEFENSE.

Secretary Hoke Smith has made a statement regarding his position on the pension question. He says he has often been grossly misrepresented in this matter and held responsible for acts about which he knew nothing until they had been committed. He firmly believes that here have crept upon the pension rolls, by various rules of pension commissioners, and the work of examiners and other officers of the Pension Bureau, an enormous number of persons who are not entitled to pensions. "These are the ones I am after," said the secretary, "and they are the ones we intend to weed out of the pension list, if they reduce the total number one-half." Referring to the order of Commissioner Lochren that all pensioners whose claims were not good upon presentation, should be dropped from the rolls for a period of 60 days, when they must make their claims or suffer permanent suspension, Secretary Smith said that this action was taken when he was absent from Washington, and that it did not meet with his approval. He believed that, whether there was authority or not, a pensioner after once being placed upon the rolls should have notice before being dropped. "I am determined," he added, "that all pensioners now upon the rolls, on the pretext that they are suffering from disability, received either in the line of duty or since the war, shall prove their alleged disability prescribed as pensionable under the act of 1890. We shall go ahead in our work of purging the pension rolls, and I might add that we have only begun the work and that its fruits are ample for the efforts put forth."

THE SILVER STRUGGLE.

The Senate is practically in a dead-lock, and unless it can be broken all of the democratic legislation which has been promised the people will fail. This may appear to be a strong statement, but it is strictly true. When the agreement was reached between those who favor and those who oppose the Voorhees repeal bill to prolong the debate until all who had expressed a wish to speak thereon shall have had an opportunity to do so—two weeks or more—the acknowledgment was made that the Senate was in a dead-lock over that bill; that it was impossible to force a vote. If a majority larger than that which the bill for the repeal of the laws authorizing Federal interference with elections be forced upon those measures or indeed upon any others that may be passed by the House and opposed by the solid republican vote in the Senate. That is the situation in a nutshell, and disagreeable as it is to democrats it is better to face it than pretend not to see it. Senators pretend to believe that a vote will easily be reached on the Voorhees bill in two or three weeks, but it should not be forgotten that the same man professed to be certain that the same bill would be a law before the 15th of September.

A way out of the present dead-lock and a preventative of any future dead-locks has been placed ready-made into the hands of the democratic Senators by Senator Platt, of Conn. That democrats should feel a repugnance towards the adoption of Senator Platt's resolution providing for a cloture rule, which is now in the hands of the committee on Rules, is perfectly natural. Still, it would be well for them to keep that weapon where it can be used, if all other methods of proceeding with the business of the people shall fail. The democratic party expects the democratic Senators to pass the relief measures the party has pledged itself to pass.

Killed by a Fall of Rock.

A very sad and fatal accident occurred at Retort on Tuesday of last week: Matthew Shingler, a miner, was instantly killed in the mines by a large rock falling on him and crushing him. The deceased came from Huntington county a few years ago, and lived, at the time of the accident, at Sandy Ridge. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife and one child. The funeral took place at Osceola.

DR. JOHN F. HARTER lives in a handsome residence in Millheim since he retired from the recorder's office. We suppose he wants to be elected sheriff so that he can start those gold mines in operation down South. If there is anything else he wants let him mention it. He is becoming a sort of a public charge and imagines that the people should keep him in public office continually.

ANY democrat who votes for any portion of the prohibition ticket gives that much help to the republican party.

AN IMPORTANT CASE.

The last two weeks of court were occupied by the trial of an important ejection case in which John Liggett and Jacob Z. Long were plaintiffs, and the Lehigh Valley Coal Company defendant. Judge Jno. J. Metzgar, of Williamsport presided, Judge Furst having been of counsel in the case could not preside at the trial. The question at issue involved the title and location of a large body of valuable coal lands situated in Snow Shoe township, several miles northeast of the town of Snow Shoe.

The plaintiffs based their title upon four warrants issued in 1869 and 1871, and which were located by Wm. P. Mitchell, then the county surveyor, upon the same ground claimed by the Lehigh Valley Coal Co., under warrants dated July 3rd 1872, and surveyed July 12th of the same year. The controversy involved the location of two noted blocks of surveys, generally called the 3rd and 31st of July Blocks. The plaintiffs did not deny that the defendants were the owners of the surveys of 1872, but alleged that they were located on the ground by original marks and monuments, more than a mile further south and east from where the plaintiffs warrants were located. This raised, what is known among surveyors and lawyers, as a question of location, and involved a large scope of country.

A large number of surveyors were called by the respective parties to maintain their side of the contention. The case was called on Monday, September 11th and the testimony was not closed until noon of September 20th. All of that day and all of the next forenoon was consumed in the argument. In the afternoon the case was submitted to the jury by the court, in a charge that showed that Judge Metzgar was well versed in land law, and entirely familiar with all the intricate points involved in the case. On Friday morning the jury rendered a verdict in favor of the defendants sustaining the location contended for by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company. The plaintiffs were represented by W. F. Heeder and John G. Love Esq., of this county, and Ex-Senator Peale, of Clinton county, and the defendants by the firm of Orvis, Bower & Orvis. The fight was a battle royal, and excited a great deal of interest. The arguments to the jury were made by Ex-Senator Peale and John G. Love Esq., on behalf of the plaintiff, and by Judge Orvis and C. M. Bower Esq., on behalf of the defendant. This same question, between the same parties was tried in the Circuit Court of the United States at Williamsport in June 1888 and resulted in a verdict for the defendant. This verdict being for the same parties the controversy is now at an end and the location of the lands in dispute, finally decided in favor of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company.

THE LOWEST RATE.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company still further reduces its round-trip rate on the popular World's Fair Coach Excursions. The rate from Philadelphia will be \$17; Lancaster, \$16.85; Harrisburg, \$15.75; Altoona, \$14.50, and a proportionate reduction from other points along the main line and branches. These rates apply only to special trains leaving on September 28th, October 2d 6th. The tickets will, as before, be good for return passage within ten days on trains leaving Chicago at 3.15 and 11.30 P. M.

The fare for the round trip from Bellefonte will be \$15.75. The same price will likely prevail at all stations in this vicinity.

The rate has now reached its lowest possible point, and is within the means of almost every one, which end the railroad company has long been endeavoring to attain. Early application for tickets is urged, in view of the increased demand which will undoubtedly follow this liberal announcement.

The service for this travel will be maintained at the same standard for which the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is justly world-wide famous.

Met With an Accident.

Kellar Miller, formerly of Centre Hall, son of Rev. J. K. Miller, dec'd, met with a serious accident recently at Johnstown, Kellar had secured employment on a work train and while endeavoring to board the train while it was moving fell under the wheels and was run over. It was necessary to amputate the leg below the knee.

Send 20 cents to the CENTRE DEMOCRAT, Bellefonte, and you will receive the paper until the close of the campaign.

KEYSTONE DEMOCRATS.

Enthusiastic Meeting of the Assembly of Democratic Societies.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Sept. 27.—The general assembly of the Democratic Societies of Pennsylvania was called to order in its fifth annual convention yesterday by its president, Chauncey P. Black. For half an hour before that time the Academy of Music rang with cheers for the Democratic leaders, and a tremendous ovation greeted Vice President Stevenson when he entered the hall. The town had been alive from earliest dawn with bands and newly arriving delegates, and 2,000 people filled the hall at the opening of the convention. President Black immediately delivered an admirable address, which was punctuated with thundering applause.

Mayor Allison followed President Black with an address of welcome, after which Robert E. Wright was made temporary chairman. He made a brief address on taking the chair. Committees were then appointed, and at 12:30 the convention adjourned until 2 o'clock.

The afternoon session of the convention was called to order by Temporary Chairman Wright, who yielded the gavel to R. Jones Monagan, of Chester, the permanent chairman.

The committee on officers for the general assembly reported, nominating Chauncey P. Black for president, Major J. D. Workman for secretary and Robert E. Wright for treasurer. They were unanimously elected.

B. F. Myers, of Harrisburg, chairman of the committee on resolutions, then reported the platform. It applauds the administration of President Cleveland and Governor Pattison, indorses the nominations of Thompson and Osborn, and congratulates the state Democracy on the growth of Democratic societies in the state. The platform was unanimously adopted.

The routine work of the convention closed by the selection of Altoona as next year's place of meeting, after speeches by General J. C. Black, of Illinois, and Representative John Tarsney, of Missouri. Lancaster was also named as a candidate for next year's convention, but withdrew in the face of the overwhelming sentiment in favor of Altoona.

The banquet of the Democratic societies in Central Market hall last night was the most tremendous affair of the kind any of the participants ever witnessed. Exactly 1,500 covers had been laid and every chair was occupied. "I never saw anything like it," exclaimed Vice President Stevenson with admiration as he took his seat. The rush for entrance into the banquet hall was terrific, a line of men two blocks long packed the street, all eager for admission. In the crush clothing was torn and various minor accidents occurred.

Pennsylvania's Murder Mystery.

NEWTON, Pa., Sept. 25.—An inoffensive old couple, Samuel Rightly, aged 84 years, and his wife, two years younger, who lived alone on their farm in Northampton township, near this place, were foully murdered some time Saturday night. The perpetrator of the deed afterward set fire to the house to cover up his crime.

DOYLESTOWN, Pa., Sept. 27.—The Bucks county commissioners have offered a reward of \$500 for the apprehension of the murderer of Mr. and Mrs. Rightly. As present the circumstances appear to point Wallace Burt, a half breed Cherokee Indian. Last night a warrant was issued for his arrest, but he got wind of the action and fled. His early arrest is expected, however.

Murder Charged to Anarchists.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 26.—While walking along the road at Calamity, two miles from West Elizabeth, Mrs. August Reese was shot and killed and her husband fatally wounded by Noel Marson and a man named Reese, French Canadians. The murder was the result of disclosures made by Mrs. Reese a year ago, when she learned of an anarchist plot to blow up Canadian government buildings and revealed the plan. Her death, it is said, was then decreed.

Agnes Wright's Murderer Caught.

HARRISBURG, Sept. 27.—Benjamin Tennis, aged 40 years, was arrested yesterday for outraging and murdering Agnes Wright, aged 6 years, last week. He admits his guilt. The court is in session, and he will be railroaded. Tennis says he killed the child because she threatened to tell her father. He has been guilty of other offenses of a similar nature, according to his own confession. Tennis has seven children, his wife being dead.

Pennsylvania War Claims.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—The house committee on war claims yesterday ordered Mr. Beltzhoover to report favorably his bill appropriating \$3,447,945 for the payment of damages sustained by citizens of Pennsylvania from Union and Confederate troops during the late war. The losses occurred in the counties of Adams, Bedford, Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, Perry, Somerset and York.

Spanish Anarchists Fleeing.

MADRID, Sept. 27.—The police continue the search for anarchists. Yesterday afternoon they found an infernal machine and two boxes of pipe loaded with dynamite in the lodgings of a workman named Carrero. They went directly from his room to the factory in which he worked and arrested him. Many men suspected of being anarchists have left the city to escape arrest.

Chinamen Driven Out.

LA GRANDE, Ore., Sept. 27.—The anti-Chinese agitation in this city for the last two weeks culminated in a riot. A crowd of 300 men met outside the city at midnight, marched to the Chinese quarter, and after looting the houses conducted the Chinamen to the edge of the city and ordered them to leave. Officers who tried to prevent the expulsion were overpowered.

Population of the Cherokee Strip.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Sept. 27.—Of the 300,000 persons who entered the Cherokee strip on Sept. 10 more than one-half have left it. The population of the new towns are now about as follows: Pawnee.

A CHANGE NEEDED.

It may not be possible for the Senate in the midst of such a fight as they now have on hand, to stop and make a change in the rules under which they have been operating for a hundred years. It seems inevitable, however, that some means must be provided by which a vote may be reached on measures which have the support of a majority. The present experience will probably teach the Senate a lesson from which they may profit in the future. Whether the repeal, unconditionally, of the Sherman law be viewed by a Senator as wise or otherwise, the opinion prevails in administration circles that he cannot fairly question the propriety of the Senate's having an opportunity at some time to pass judgment on it. But there is more than the silver question involved in this. If the consent of the minority must be had before any measure can come to a vote, there is manifestly no chance for tariff legislation, or for any important legislation concerning which there is a radical difference of opinion. Measures which receive unanimous consent are usually unimportant.

A repeal Senator expressed the situation in the Senate to-day by saying that they were surrounded by a dense fog and could not see ahead of them. It had been demonstrated, he said, that the anti-repeal men had force enough to keep up a filibuster indefinitely if they were so disposed. "At present," he said, "they seem determined to fight until the Voorhees bill is killed." This appears to be very nearly the situation as well as anyone can understand it. It is evident enough that if the men opposing Voorhees are determined to filibuster until the bill is dead they have it in their power to do so.

The condition under the present rules of the Senate open up the prospect of a very general failure of legislation during the Fifty-third Congress. It would not be surprising if the House, without difficulty, should pass all the important measures which the democratic managers have in contemplation and that all these measures should come up against solid stone walls in the Senate, rendering this Congress impotent. There seems to be no doubt that the House will get through its legislation with considerable expedition, and it would be a curious spectacle to have a very business-like House disposing of measures with a free hand and everything gored in the Senate. A great many men in both houses foresee such a situation. The bill for the repeal of the federal election laws will doubtless pass the House by a considerable majority. Having finished their hearing the committee on ways and means are going to work at once to the revision of the tariff and they expect to have their bill reported to the House during the first week of November.

A Cheap Excursion.

For the Union County Fair, the P. R. R. will sell excursion tickets to Brook Park, September 28, 27, 28 and 29, at the rate of \$2.58, a round trip. Wednesday 27th and Friday 29th tickets will be sold at single fare, (\$1.93) for round trip, and special return train will be run to Bellefonte, leaving Lewisburg at 5:30 p. m., arriving at Bellefonte 8 o'clock. Tickets at single fare for round trip good only on date of sale.

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