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FOR CONGRESS.

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For Assembly—J. JAS. SCHOFIELD,
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For Sheriff—W. M. CRONISTER.

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For Recorder—J. C. HARPER.

For Register—GEO. W. RUMBERGER.

For Commissioners—P. H. MEYER,
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For Auditors—FRANK HESS,
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For County Surveyor—J. H. WETZEL.

For Coroner—W. U. IRVIN.

EDITORIAL

ABOUT THE SUPREME COURT.

The republicans are greatly exercised, just now, over the alleged attack made by the democratic party upon the Supreme court. All at once "the party of great moral ideas" has become wonderfully respectful to the settled principles of law, and abhor anything that even so much as doubts the rulings of the most inferior county court. While there is nothing substantial in all this ado, about the democratic party assailing the Supreme court, it is to the republicans "a good enough Morgan for this campaign." Their object is not to enlighten the people, but by misrepresentation to divert the attention of the voters from what are the real issues involved. So that our readers may fully understand the aims of the republicans in raising this false issue, we give that portion of the democratic platform which refers to the Supreme court. It is all included in the following extract:

"Until the money question is settled, we are opposed to any legislation for further changes in our tariff laws, except such as are necessary to meet the deficit caused by the adverse decisions of the Supreme court, on the income tax."
"There would be no deficit in the revenue but for the annulment by the Supreme court of a law passed by a democratic congress, in strict pursuance of the uniform decisions of that court for nearly one hundred years, that court having sustained constitutional objections to its enactment, which have been overruled by the ablest judges who ever sat on that bench."
"We declare that it is the duty of congress to use all the constitutional power which remains after that decision, or which may come from its reversal by the Court as it may be hereafter constituted, so that the burdens of taxation may be equally and impartially laid, to the end that we may all bear our proportion of the expenses of the government."

Where is the assault here upon the Supreme court? Where is the much talked of "defiance of all law as laid down by the Court of last resort?" The assertion is that the deficit in the treasury, which is \$30,000,000, was caused "by the adverse decision of the Supreme court on the income tax." Such a deficiency exists. Secretary Carlisle says "that the collection of an income tax, as provided by the act of congress which was overruled by the decision of the Supreme court, would have avoided this deficiency." There can be no question on this point. No sane man would for a moment undertake to say that this assertion is not true.

The next assertion is that the law declared unconstitutional was "in strict pursuance of the uniform decisions of the Supreme court of nearly one hundred years." The absolute verity of this is undeniable. The very constitutional objections upon which this decision is based have "been overruled by the ablest judges which sat on that bench." The principles of the income tax, which the present Court declared unconstitutional, were sustained for many years by Chief Justices Marshall, Taney, Chase and Waite, and such eminent associate judges as

Storey, Clifford, Nelson and Grier. It is a fact that nearly all the judges of the Supreme court, from 1800 to 1895, except the five which rendered the last decision, have sustained the constitutionality of the income tax. Even the Court as it is now constituted, at first declared the law constitutional, but upon a rehearing within a month, one judge changed his opinion, and the act was declared unconstitutional by a vote of five to four. This decision was in direct violation of an unbroken chain of decisions of the Supreme court, since the organization of the government, and thereby a very questionable ruling in which four out of the nine judges refused to concur. The dissenting opinion is generally accepted as sounder, both in law and morals, and is a complete refutation of the arguments contained in the opinion of the majority of the Court.

In the light of all these facts it is an assault upon the Supreme court to refer critically to this ruling? Is it anarchy to suggest that such an injurious ruling should be set aside, either by the Court overruling its former decision, which is often done, or by the methods pointed out by the constitution itself, an amendment. Such a course is not an assault upon the Court. It is not revolutionary. It is not anarchy. The people will not be hoodwinked by such nonsense. They are becoming more and more familiar with the methods used to bring about this rehearing on the income tax law, and the reversal of the first decision. The knowledge the people have upon this subject has much to do with the present feeling upon the financial question, and is one of the strong inducements to revolt against judicial legislation of this character.

This brings us to the question as to how this ruling upon the income tax was obtained, in the face of the adverse ruling of the Supreme court for nearly one hundred years, and by the ablest jurists that ever graced the bench, or honored the judicial ermine.

The income tax was obnoxious to persons who were multi-millionaires, and to the trusts and syndicates. These parties raised large sums of money, hired able lawyers, and asked the Court to ignore all precedents, and declare the income tax unconstitutional so that they might escape paying anything on their millions to support the federal government. The Court, after full hearing, filed an opinion sustaining the law, but these parties were still not satisfied. They demanded a rehearing, and then one of the judges changed his opinion, the income tax was unconstitutional and the millionaires, trusts and syndicates were released from the payment of their just proportion of taxes. All the democratic party asks that the common people, whose interests are as sacred as those of the millionaires, should have a re-hearing. A constitutional and a legitimate way will be found to remedy this wrong. No one connected with the democracy ever thinks of disregarding this, though questionable decision, but feeling that it is wrong the party in convention assembled points out the wrong and pledges itself to remedy the evil in the way pointed out by the constitution.

ALABAMA lead off on Monday. It gave a large democratic majority. The first on the list—took the right start.

SILVER POINTERS.

The continental money was not payable in gold, and yet we won our liberty with it.

The man who had \$100,000 in gold in 1873 and has it now is twice as rich as he was then, for his money will buy twice as much as it would then.

The mortgage debt of the nation is \$6,000,000,000. The Shylock sharks want it paid in dollars worth twice as much as they were when it was contracted.

The democratic platform favors moderate welfare widely diffused. The gold-bug platform favors a further concentration of wealth. The voters will decide which is the best policy and the highest wisdom of the country.

The debtors of the country are quite willing to discharge their obligations by the payment of money that is worth as much as it was when their obligations were incurred. Some of the creditors want the obligations cancelled with money worth 50 per cent. more.

Rome gradually reduced her currency to a less volume and a finer metal. Very soon after the commencement of this contraction the manipulators procured all of the land, and 99 per cent. of the people had none. The result was that the house and sinew of the country were impoverished, and then came the destruction of the republic.

A few republicans are occasionally found who would like to argue protection this campaign. It won't go. The money question is the only issue. That must be settled first. Continual tariff tinkering don't suit the people.

THE opening sentence of Speaker Reed's speech in Maine on Wednesday ran to the effect: "Two months ago no man of any standing would have risked his reputation as a prophet by hinting the slightest doubt of McKinley's election."

MCKINLEY'S CONVERSION.

How He Was Induced to Make up His Mind on the Currency Question.

Brann's Iconoclast gives a humorous account of the editor's friendly relations with the champion of the single gold standard in the following strain:

I am the subsequent Mohican, the last rose of summer—the one only man among all the conclamating millions who doesn't understand the currency question from A to Z. There were two of us—McKinley and I; but at last he has been enlightened, and I am left lone and lorn as a shemule shrieker in the decline of life. Me an' Bill were the two dromios of the great monetary drama—knowing neither where we were "at" nor what masters we served. We were as twin hollyhocks burgeoning on a single stem, two mock-birds swinging on a mesquite bough. In the vernal springtide, when greens are ripe, and the rhubarb pie gets in its graft; in summer's halcyon days, when silence sits brooding on the sea and the redbug builds his nest in the picnic pants; in the golden autumn's glow, when the buckeye bucks and political chestnuts fill the air with vermicious fragrance, me an' Bill were wont to wander hand-in-hand o'er purple hill and flowery dale, and hug to our throbbing breasts that ignorance which is bliss. Sometimes in very wantonness we would feel the public pulse and strive to build therefor a cipher key, or list to roar of "the many-headed monster" and seek to understand the drift of its remarks; but it was love's labor lost—we wit not whether the law of '73 were a virtue or a crime, a blessing or a curse. And the world pited our ignorance, and talk to us all at once; but it was as the babbling of many waters, or a Kansas hen-convention assiduously saving the country. Even Josef Phewlitzer, who stands between angry nations, wildly waving the flap of his Sunday shirt as oriflammé of white-winged Peace, forsook for the nonce his favorite role of international ass, and laboriously explained to us the currency problem. Secretary Carlisle drew for us a diagram illustrating the vermicular trail of a slippery politician from the free-silver camp to a gold-bug cabinet, while President Cleveland, pontifex maximus of chronic mugwumps, issued for our edification a "golden bull" which made that of Charles IV look like a mangy calf. Senator Mills showed us how to box the compass, while Waco's brindle Warwick gave us a realistic imitation of a political weather vane; but we simply sawed wood—me and Bill—and said never a word. When those from the back deestricks played before us on silver flutes and beckoned, saying, "Come go with us, and we will lead you to a land fairer than Canaan, where the red dog ranges blithe and free; where soft night airs distill sweet honey-dews, and canned manna droppeth like slugs of mercy in the peaceful dawn," we perched on the barb-wire fence and held our peace, for we wot not of their wisdoms. When the poor down trodden multi-millionaires came sweeping for very pity of their own woes, and showed us yellow gold and cried, "Come help us save the bleeding country; prithee, get ye in the push, for verily we are the people," a dumbness as of death fell upon us, and we wunk the other eye and waited, even as we were. When reporters gathered round us and demanded in the name of the people that we declare our faith, I could only cry with Peter Piper, "Indeed I haven't any," while Bill smiled with the ghastly hilarity of a guileless country youth who feels his yarn suspenders part as he swings a fat widow over a ball-room floor, and replied in accents sweet and low, "My compliments, fair sirs, but I have nothing to say." Then would we weep, each on the other's whisker, and snuffle in the same high-tariff bandana, for the yoke of ignorance was upon us, and it made us tired. But one day as the monetary Weary Willie, the pathetic financial Orddhan sat, like a second Siddhartha beneath the Bohdi tree waiting for the Word, or Indian recluse wrapt in ecstatic contemplation of his own umbilicus, behold the heavens did open and a scroll came fluttering down upon which was writ in box-car letters of pure gold, interspersed with many a scornful whereas and unctious be it resolved, the blessed revelation. And straightway Bill lifted up his voice and cried aloud, "I knew it all the time!" but he was a liar by the watch. And the bolt fell which killed Ananias and sinned the patent health-cones off Saphira; but Bill had played the Artful Dodger too long to get caught by anything short of a continental earthquake. And the gift of tongue was given him that he might articulate thro' his title; and he went forth to meet the illuminati and place his neck beneath the yoke of "the easy boys," even that of Thomas, surnamed Me-Too-Platt. And they placed a smallpox flag in his hand and sent him forth to frighten the country into fits and cry, "Yet a few days and the Democratic Nineveh shall be overthrown." And Grover winked at all the scared mugwumps and 200 cent dollar "Democrats," and they arose as one man and followed this political tramp, this Pied Piper who so lately learned to play, this apostle of "Prosperity"—for Belmont, Morgan and Cleveland, whose specialty is national brace-games and whose motto reads "When you catch a sucker bump his head."

HOW THEY ARE EDITED.

John Swinton was one of the famous editors of New York. A few days ago he attended a banquet given by newspaper men in that city, and was called upon to speak to the toast of "The Independent Press," and this is what he said:

"There is no such thing in America as an independent press, unless it is out in the country towns. You are all slaves. You know it and I know it, although if you express it you know before hand that it will never appear in print. I am paid \$150 per week for keeping honest opinions out of the paper I am connected with. Others of you are paid similar salaries for doing similar work. If I should allow honest opinions to be printed in one issue of my paper, like Othello, before twenty-four hours my occupation would be gone. The man who would be so honest as to write honest opinions would soon be out on the street hunting another job. The business of a New York journalist is to distort the truth, to lie outright, to pervert, to vilify, to fawn at the feet of mammon, and to sell his country and his race for his daily bread, or, for what is about the same thing, his salary. You know this and I know it, and what foolery it is to be boasting of an independent press. We are the tools and vassals of rich men behind the scenes."

We are frequently asked, why is it, that nearly all the big city dailies, especially in the east, are advocates of the gold standard? The above may possibly furnish the answer.

DON. CAMERON denies the report that he had announced his intention of supporting McKinley and Hobart. Cameron is for free silver, and will likely vote that way.

ANY of our subscribers who want a good free silver city paper should send for either of the following: Inquirer, Cincinnati; Post, Pittsburg, Pa.; Journal, New York City. They are the best we know of for the present campaign.

ON another page of this issue you will find an important utterance, by James G. Blain, upon the silver question. In it he speaks strongly against the evils of the single gold standard and favors silver legislation. He believed the country needed more silver. Republicans now think differently.

HARRITY has declared his retirement from active politics, in his state. It is announced that Hon. James Kerr, of Clearfield, will be selected by the national committee, as the leader in this state during the campaign. Mr. Kerr has had the experience and is a suitable selection. We need an active, united democracy in Pennsylvania.

ON June 24, 1890, on the floor of the House of Representatives at Washington, William McKinley, now the Republican candidate for president, declared himself as follows:

"I am for the largest use of silver in the currency of the country. I would not dishonor it; I would give it equal credit and honor with gold. I would make no discrimination. I would utilize both metals as money and double neither. I WANT THE DOUBLE STANDARD."

Club Meeting.

The Bellefonte "Bryan and Free Silver Club," will hold its next meeting on Tuesday evening August 11th, of next week. They have rented the vacant room, on the second floor of Reynolds' bank building, on Allegheny street, over Kurtz's book store. At this meeting the organization will be completed, a large amount of free silver literature and several short addresses will be delivered. Everybody is invited to come.

Council Meeting.

The following business was transacted in Council chamber, on Monday evening: Col. E. J. Prunner made complaint of the surface drainage at the rear of his properties on Allegheny street. The Undine Fire company house reported in need of repairs. Andrew Bell asked for a street grade on east Howard street. Mr. Williams reported streets in bad condition. The water committee thinks too much water is wasted. All of the above complaints were referred to the respective committees.

Borough Treasurer Cook appeared before Council and stated that it would be necessary to borrow \$3,500 to meet certain expenses. The loan would, however, be only temporary.

Mr. Williams moved that the Borough Treasurer be empowered to negotiate a temporary loan of \$3,500 to meet the outstanding orders and pay the interest due on the present indebtedness. Mr. Shaeffer seconded the motion and council ratified it unanimously.

President Brokerohoff gave some good advice as the best method of keeping our streets in repair.

Reduced Rates to Williams' Grove.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets on August 22, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, good to return until August 31, inclusive, at rate of one fare for the round trip for the Williams Grove Picnic.

For information in regard to train service and specific rates application should be made to ticket agents. 3t

HOOD'S PILLS cure Liver Ills, Biliousness, Indigestion, Headache. A pleasant laxative. AD DRUGGISTS.

Prizes for Your Skill.

The person forming the largest number of words, using the letters in the text "EXCELSIOR," will be given \$100 IN CASH. \$75.00 will be given to the person forming the next largest list. The next will receive \$50.00 in cash, and for each of the next eleven largest lists will be paid \$25.00 each. Money deposited in Bay City Bank, corner Centre and Washington avenues.

Separate the letters in the text thus: E-X-C-E-L-S-I-O-R, and form as many words as you can. For example: Excellis, six, etc. It is said that over ten small words can be formed from these letters, and we will give a prize to every person sending ten words or more; so if you are good at word making, or are bright, you are sure of something for your trouble, while you have an equal opportunity for the large cash prizes.

Our object is to advertise our "EXCELSIOR" GERMAN MEAD, the most improved and healthful summer beverage on the market. One tablet placed in a glass of water is sufficient to satisfy the thirst of an epicure.

Every person sending list of words must enclose with the same thirteen two-cent stamps for a package of EXCELSIOR GERMAN MEAD, which will be sent postpaid, together with full rules and particulars governing the contest.

As a guarantee of good faith, the Mayor and Chief of Police of this city will act as judges in the award of prizes.

Number your words and write your name plainly.
Address THE GERMAN MEAD CO., BAY CITY, MICH.
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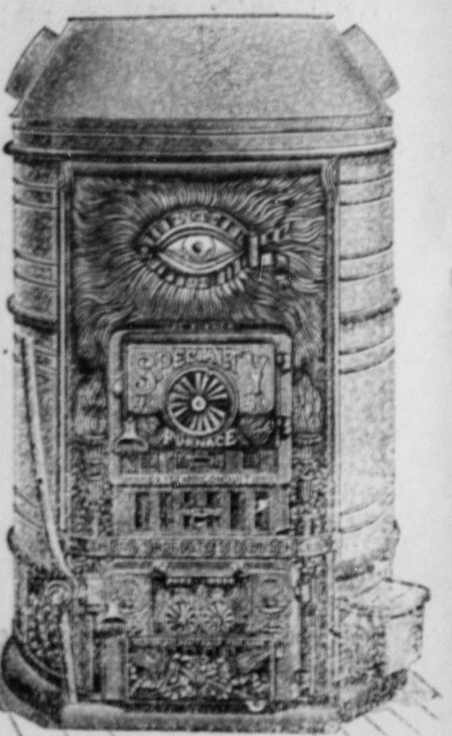
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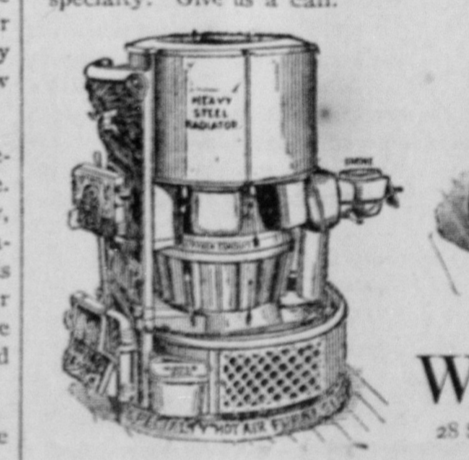
—Montgomery & Co., have declared a 25 per cent reduction in the price of clothing.

MOST HEAT! LESS COAL!

This is the best furnace on the market to day. It will pay you to study its merits. It is simple, economical and gives the best service.



We have been in the furnace and tinware business for over fifteen years and have a thorough knowledge of the trade. It will be to your interest to consult us when in need of anything in this line. All kinds of roofing supplied. Tinware and tinsmithing a specialty. Give us a call.



SOLD BY
W. H. MILLER,
28 S. Allegheny St., BELLEFONTE, PA.

25 Per Cent Reduction

We knife them with a big knife this week.

Straw Hats Cut In Half.

\$1.50 kind cut to	75c
1.00 " "	50c
.50 " "	25c

Great reduction in neglige shirts. There's a large stock of latest styles in neatest patterns to select from.

The 25 per cent. cut in clothing is still on for a few weeks.

\$15 00 suits, 25 per cent. off,	11 25
12 50 " " "	9 38
10 00 " " "	7 50

Boys wash suits cut in half.

\$2 00 kind	\$1 00
1 50 " "	75
1 00 " "	50

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