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FOR GOVERNOR IN 1872.

HON. JOHN B. PACKER,
OF SUNBURY.

HEADQUARTERS REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 5, 1872.

In pursuance of the resolution of the Republican State Central Committee, adopted at Harrisburg, Jan. 18, 1872, a Republican State Convention composed of Delegates from each Senatorial and Representative District, in the number to which such a district is entitled in the legislature, will meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives, at Harrisburg, at 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesday, the 10th day of April, A. D. 1872, to nominate candidates for Governor, Judge of the Supreme Court, Auditor General, (should the Legislature provide for the choice of one by the people), and an Electoral Ticket; and also to elect Senatorial and Representative Delegates to represent this State in the State in the Republican National Convention, to be held at Philadelphia, June 5, 1872.

RUSSELL ERRETT, Chir'n.

WM. ELLIOTT,
D. F. HOUSTON,
EZRA LUKINS,
P. M. LYTLE,
} Secretaries.

RESIGNATION OF COL. FORNEY.—The sudden resignation of Col. John W. Forney, of the Collectorship of the Port of Philadelphia, on Saturday last, has caused much comment and some excitement in Washington. As a reason for his course he alleges that he desires to devote his entire time to the management of his paper, the *Press*, and does not wish to be hampered with any political appointment. He further more alleges that he is the friend of the President, and desires to labor to harmonize all conflicting elements in the Republican party of Pennsylvania at this juncture. On the other hand it is asserted that his resignation grew out of complications arising from the McClure Gray contest for the State Senate, and that he intends to favor the former. A few days will develope the truth of the matter.

THE State Central Committee almost unanimously adopted a resolution providing for the selection of delegates to the National Convention by delegates to the State Convention. This was done in 1860, 1864, and in 1868, and nearly all these papers now opposing the action of the Committee, indorsed this action by the Convention of 1868. In nearly every State in the Union both parties select delegates in this way, and it is the only way to give the State any prominence in a National Convention. As delegates to State Conventions are selected by the people, they can represent the wishes of those they represent as well as conferees selected by Conventions of the several counties in the district—the present method of selecting delegates to National Conventions, for which those contend who oppose the mode fixed by the Committee.

Democrats Read This.

Hon. B. R. Rosevelt, editor of THE CITIZEN, and at present Democratic member of Congress from the Fourth district of New York, gives his honest opinion of President Grant, which differs so widely from that of his fellow Democratic editors, that we publish it for the benefit of our opposition friends in this section. He says:

It is a mistaken idea of some persons to belittle Gen. Grant's ability, to run down his qualifications, and to underate his mental acquirements. President Grant is one of the shrewdest managers of the day, not only a leader in the war to which he first gave a favorable turn, but as a manipulator in politics he has shown a remarkable skill. The Rebels continually took the same view that the Democrats are taking now, and denounced the Union General as an ignoramus every time he won a victory over them, and the more effectual he crushed their armies the more clearly they proved that he was utterly incompetent as a military commander, and entirely unequal to the task he assumed. It is one of the greatest follies to underrate an adversary. The defeat of the Republican party will never be brought about by contemptuous revilings of its candidate.

People who do not know General Grant intimately describe him as a "sphynx"—a silent, unsocial person. Nothing could be farther from the truth, and here is where a series of blunders commences. Surprising as the assertion may appear, President Grant is eminently sociable; he is jovial, merry, talkative, full of fun and geniality, and a right pleasant companion; but he will stop in the midst of the liveliest conversation if he finds that his interlocuter has a purpose under his pleasantry and if he suspects that some object is to be attained he assumes his air of stolidity at once. Before any brilliant gentleman belittles the President for this habit let him think how much annoyance it has saved him. He is kind-hearted, and being totally unaccustomed to reserve, he would have had difficulty in maintaining the dignity of his position without resort to some such plan as he has adopted.

Here is a picture drawn by a Democrat for Democrats to contemplate. If they study it in the right spirit it will do them good by ridding them of many absurd ideas hitherto entertained by them.

How our Laws are Made.

The Harrisburg correspondent of the Carlise *Herald*, who we presume is Senator Weakley, the editor of the paper, gives the following interesting outline of the manner by which local and private bills become laws:

The bill is presented by the Senator or member having it in charge, simply by the announcement of its title which constitutes what is called in Legislative parlance reading it in place. The Speaker immediately refers it to its appropriate committee, who after consideration, report it either as committed or with such amendments as they see proper to make. It is then sent to the printer and printed copies with lines numbered and widely spaced are laid on the desk of every member of the House in which it is to be considered. The title of the bill thus reported is then placed upon the calendars, to be taken up in its order. It is now ready to be acted upon, and in its order. It is now ready to be acted upon, and in its order. It is now ready to be acted upon, and in most cases it meets a very summary disposal. There are two rules, however, which stand in the way of quick work. One requires that no amendments shall be made except in committee of the whole, and another that no bill shall be read or considered more than once on the same day. But the Legislature is, of course, superior to its own rules and suspends them whenever it pleases, and it pleases to do this for almost all local bills.

The Speaker announces a certain bill as before the house, and says, will the House dispense with going into committee of the whole? Aye, says the Gentleman who has the bill in charge. Will the House proceed to a second reading? Aye, says the same gentleman. The speaker orders the first section to be read, which the Clerk does vehemently. Will the House agree to the section? Aye, says the patron of the bill once more. The other sections are then read furiously, in their order, the same question put by the Speaker, and the same solitary vote given by the gentleman who has the bill in charge, the same performance is had with the title, and the bill has passed its second reading. The Speaker then says: Will the House suspend the rules, and read the bill a third time by its title? Aye, responds the same gentleman. The title is then read and the Speaker says sharply, shall the bill pass? And the voting gentleman says aye again, and the thing is done. With a bill of moderate size, and an active speaker, all this is accomplished more quickly than it can be described. During the passage of the given bill, perhaps not a member, except the one who presented it, votes. All the others are engaged busily with something else, or are amusing themselves. The pages are flitting about through the Hall gathering up letters and documents, and the spectators in the galeries are in grave doubt whether the body before them is at actual business, or is engaged in something intended for their bewilderment.

But is not the performance just described somewhat farcical? By no means. All bills before they reach the stage have been referred to committees appointed especially for the consideration of all subjects of legislation. These committees have entire power over the bills. They may make whatever amendments to them they may deem necessary, or they can report them with a negative recommendation which will prevent any very hasty action upon them. As before stated, they are printed and furnished to every member of each body. One-third of the House can prevent any suspension of rules at any time and thus force as careful a consideration and as long a debate as they may desire. The suspension of rules is only resorted to in order to save time, and so long as local legislation is a necessity, so long will it be necessary to put the bills through the necessary forms of open session with hot haste. When from two to four thousand bills are to be considered, it is necessary to economize time rigidly.

The Alabama Claims.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The cable dispatch, affirming that Chief Justice Cockburn approved of the refusal of the British government to admit American claims for indirect damages is regarded here in official circles as simply absurd, and not only misrepresenting the views of that gentleman, but of the British government, which has not, as the sender of the dispatch would have the country believe, refused to admit all the claims embraced in the American case. The situation, as viewed here by persons familiar with all the steps taken by our own authorities and by the British Government, so far as communicated to the State Department, is not so full of embarrassment as the London telegrams seem to imply. The first fury of the storm has passed, and it is believed that while there will be much diplomatic correspondence between the two governments on the question of indirect damages, the British government will neither demand the withdrawal of the claims as an ultimatum nor recede from the treaty.

The day of thanksgiving for the recovery of the Prince of Wales, 27th of February, is declared a public holiday throughout the British dominions.

Letter from Senator Wilson.

Senator Wilson has addressed the following letter to a political and personal friend:

WASHINGTON, Feb 13, 1872. *Dear Sir*: You ask me "how the withdrawal by Mr. Colfax of his irrevocable decision not to be a candidate affects your position?" I have to say in reply, that when the Vice President announced that he should not be a candidate for re-election, and the position might be claimed by the friends of some Eastern or Southern man, many gentlemen, some of whom had kindly supported me in 1868 and others who had supported Mr. Colfax, Mr. Wade or Mr. Fenton, said, or wrote to me, that they intended to give me their influence for the vice presidency. I had just been elected for the fourth time to the Senate, had entered upon the full term, and had every reason to be gratified and satisfied with my position. This evidence of the personal regard and friendship of many of the noblest men of several States could not but gratify that feeling which prizes recognition by the whole country, a feeling entertained by most men who have long been in the service of their States. After ascertaining that the Vice President's decision was final, I assented to the request of friends before leaving for Europe, early in June last. After my return and before the meeting of Congress, several leading men, in more than a dozen States, many of whom I had served with in Congress, assured me that they and the Republicans of their States were for my nomination. I have left this matter to others, and up to this date the 13th of February, I have not written a word to any one, nor replied to the many letters I have received on the subject. The revocation by the Vice President of his declaration was to me a surprise. It placed me in an unpleasant position, and my first impulse was to withdraw from the contest. But by the advice of some of the best Republicans of the land, East, West and South, I leave the question to personal and political friends. What ever may be the result, I shall be content and shall do what I can for the unity and success of the Republican party, whoever may be its candidates, for I am bound to it alike by conviction and by association, by gratitude for its deeds of patriotism and liberty, and by hopes of the services it may yet render to the country.

Candidates for Governor.

The *Millenium* of last week, gives its views of the candidates for governor as follows:

The "slates" being manufactured in view of the approaching nomination of a candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania, are numerous, and, although few of the delegates to the State Convention have as yet been instructed, there is a lively interest manifested in the matter by the friends of the different candidates named for the position, and in some cases the candidates themselves are making herculean efforts to secure the nomination. The names of Col. Jordan, Col. Ketchum, Gen. Harry White and Gen. Hartranft are strongly urged in different quarters and we believe these gentlemen are all willing to have their names used. But while we consider them all good men we confess that the list does not embrace the name of our first choice for Governor of Pennsylvania, although the name has been mentioned in this connection, and delegates have been instructed to support the gentleman bearing it. We allude to Hon John B. Packer, Member of Congress from this District, who has never yet sought office at the hands of the people, but who has given entire satisfaction in every position which he has ever been called upon to fill. Understanding thoroughly the position and needs of the great Keystone State in the Federal arch, being jealously watchful of her interests, and thoroughly practical in the discharge of the duties devolving upon him; possessing a cool, well balanced mind, and a warm heart, having the confidence of the people, and being in every way qualified, no better man could be selected for the position of Governor of Pennsylvania, and we feel that his sterling qualities will prove strong recommendations to the State Convention provided he will allow his friends to bring his name before that body. We know that he has heretofore refused the use of his name in this connection, but trust he will consent to accept the services of his friends in introducing his name to the State Convention. And should he receive the nomination, we predict for him an election by a majority such as has not been given to Pennsylvania since the exciting elections during the existence of the rebellion.

A native of Millinburg is strongly spoken of for Lieut. Governor of North Carolina. The New Berne *Republic & Courier* says:

"The suggestion of the name of the Hon. R F Lehman, for Lieut. Governor, meets with the hearty endorsement of our entire party. He being an old resident of the State, his name will give strength and confidence to the ticket. He is an accomplished gentleman, and would make an efficient presiding officer.

A correspondent of the Carolina *Era*, writing of Mr. Lehman, says:

"For truth, honesty and firmness, he has no superior; as a lawyer, he stands in the first rank; as a Republican, he is true to his party."

The Legislature of Colorado adjourned on Friday evening. Among its measures was the adoption of memorials to Congress asking that Colorado be admitted as a State, and opposing the passage of the Mining bill now before Congress. The financial condition of Colorado is so good that the Legislature was able to pass a bill dispensing with any tax levy for the current year, and providing for a tax of only 1½ mills for 1873.

Brigham Young—A Leaf from His Past History.

The telegraph reports Brigham Young as rapidly failing. This extraordinary man was born at Whittingham, Vermont, on the 1, of June, 1801, and, therefore, lacks but little of seventy one years of age. His father was a farmer, who had been a soldier of the revolution, and Brigham doubtless inherited something of his daring and love of excitement. His first connection with the monstrous hierarchy of Mormonism, of which he has so long been the head and exponent, was, in 1832, when he announced himself as a "convert," and making his way to Kirtland, Ohio, the then headquarters of the new dispensation, was ordained an elder and began to preach. His talents, shrewdness, and especially his wonderful quickness and aptness in reading men, attracted the attention of the prophet Joseph Smith, who soon ordained him as one of the Twelve Apostles, then first constituted, and sent him on a proselyting tour through the Western States. He was signally successful in making converts, and at the death of Joseph Smith, in 1844, secured the election to his vacant position of first president, over Sidney Rigdon. Smith's original partner in the fraud, who, being contumacious, naturally enough thus being thrown overboard, was solemnly "cut off," cursed and handed over to the devil "to be buffeted in the flesh a thousand years." In 1847, Brigham removed to Salt Lake city, the Mormons having been driven out of Nauvoo in 1845, and a year later the faithful emigrated thither and founded the new kingdom, which they called Deseret. The course of Brigham Young since that time, his repeated browbeatings of the territorial authorities, and his virtually unopposed sway for so many years are fresh in the recollections of our readers. By his shrewdness and the ignorance and superstition of his followers, he has not only made himself the spiritual and political head of the community, but has contrived to have the handling of all the funds and to have amassed from the tithes and from private speculation a gigantic fortune, which, from its varied and widely scattered character, it would be impossible to estimate closely. Of late it has appeared as if his course were about run, and that justice was at last to overtake him for his complicity in many crimes, of which there can be no reasonable doubt. But if Divine Providence removes him from an earthly to a higher tribunal, doubtless his own people will reverence him as a saint or a god, while the world will be none the worse for his absence and see in it no cause for regret.

General Banks authorizes a positive denial of reiterated reports that he is to succeed Mr. Curtin as Minister to Russia. He says he has no wish to leave this country and the position he occupies.

Marcer, the Philadelphia defaulting Treasurer, and Yerkes, the defaulting broker, were sentenced on Friday last. Marcer was sentenced to pay a fine of $310,000 and undergo imprisonment at hard labor for four years and nine months. Yerkes' sentence was to pay a fine of $500, the costs of prosecution, and to be imprisoned at hard labor for two years and nine months.

THE JOINT COMMITTEE, appointed by the Legislature in 1871, to revise the report of the Civil Code Commissioners, and ascertain the views of the Bar of the State, reported last week against its adoption, and their report was unanimously adopted by both Houses. This is the last of the revised code, which has cost the State forty or fifty thousand dollars. The Committee report that the Bench and Bar of the State were almost unanimously opposed to its adoption.

DES MOINES has a boy but twenty years old who performs many wonderful feats of strength. He shoulders an iron rail twenty-four feet in length, such as ordinarily requires the united strength of four men to handle, and walks off as if it were dry bass-wood. He can take a five eighth inch iron rod, two feet long, and strike it across his left arm with such force as to bend the iron with as much seeming ease as though it were a piece of telegraph wire. At the Polk county fair last fall he lifted, on a wager, at the scales the immense weight of 1,375 pounds. And yet he is but a boy, weighing 150 pounds.

AMNESTY AND CIVIL RIGHTS.—On Friday the U. S Senate voted on Mr Sumner's civil rights amendments to the amnesty bill, and on the bill as amendment. The amendment was carried by the casting vote of Vice President Colfax, and the bill as amended was then defeated, not receiving a two-thirds majority. The vote was 33 for, to 19 against. The amnesty bill will be brought up again, but Mr Sumner declares his determination to couple the civil rights bill with it as often as it shall appear. And he is right. If the traitors are to be amnested, loyal men should have the guaranties of the law against their persecution.

A Good Man Gone.

In Brooklyn, Wednesday evening, of consumption, died Mr. Michael Ritner, in the 58th year of age. Mr. Ritner was a son of ex-Governor Joseph Ritner, of Pennsylvania; by profession a civil engineer, and for five years acting as chief engineer of the Morris and Essex railroad. Professionally, he had no superiors, and but few equals. He was considered one of the best "locating" railroad engineers in the country. No elaborate eulogium is necessary in speaking of his life. His fidelity to principal was the one remarkable feature of his character. Simple in his habits, absolutely free from any vices from his youth up, he ever wore the "white flower of a blameless life," always showing consideration for the feelings of others, and following out the injunction "Good will towards men," he made hosts of friends and died regretted by a large number outside of his immediate family circle.—*Newark Daily Journal.*

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Feb. 15'72.tf.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.—Letters testamentary upon the estate of Tobias Graybill late of West Perry Township Snyder Co. Pa., dec'd having been granted to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make payment without delay, and, those having claims will present them

JOHN G. GRAYBILL.
JACOB SHELLY,
Executors.

Feb. 15, '72 1y.]

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.—Letters testamentary upon the estate of Michae. Gerhart, late of Beaver township Snyder county dec'd having been granted to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make payment without delay, and those having claims on the same will present them.

JOHN NORMAN,
Feb. 8, 1872.] AARON K. GIFT,
Executors.

AUDITORS NOTICE.

The undersigned having been appointed Auditor, by the Orphans's Court of Snyder County at Dec Term A. D. 1871, to report the facts in the matter of the petition of Mary K. Snyder for a citation to H. C. Eyer, Administrator cum testamento annexo, of the last will and testament of John Snyder, dec'd, and George A. Wahl and Quintilla Ann, his wife, hereby give notice to all persons interested, that he will meet for the purpose of his appointment, at the Register's Office, in Middleburg, said County, on Friday the 16th day of February, inst., at 10 o'clock A. M. as many as may think proper to attend. L. N. MYERS, Auditor.

Feb 1, 1872.

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Estate of George A. Snyder, deceased.

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JEREMIAH SNYDER,
Wm. H. SNYDER, Adm'rs.
Middleburg, Jan. 18, 1872.

COMMITTEE ACCOUNT.—Notice is hereby given that the final account of John S. Smith, committee of the person and Estate of John Oldt a lunatic of Beaver township snyder county, Pa., has been filed with the prothonotary of Snyder county, and the same will be presented to court for confirmation on Monday the 26 day of February next.

J. CROUSE, Proth.

Middleburg Jan. 24, 1872.

REGISTER'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given to all concerned, that the following named persons have filed their accounts in the Register's Office, at Middleburg Snyder county, and that the said accounts will be presented for confirmation and allowance at the Orphans' Court to be held at Middleburg for the County of Snyder, on the Fourth Monday of February next, being the 26th day of said month, viz:

1. The account of Philip Apple & Joseph Graybill Executors of the Estate of Benjamin Apple dec'd.
2. The final account of Levi Ulrich & Franklin Ulrich Administrators of the estate of Daniel G. Ulrich dec'd.
3. The account of Franklin Jarrett, Administrator of the Estate of Nancy Jarrett dec'd.
4. The account of Peter Goss and Adam Wagner Executors of the estate of Peter Goss sr., dec'd.
5. The account of John Norman Guardian of of Arthur L. Smith a minor child of Robert W. and Eliza Smith late of Middleburg Borough dec'd.
6. The first and final account of Hiram Kantz Administrator of the Estate of Simon Kantz, dec'd.
7. The first and final account of Samuel B. Kantz guardian of Simon H. Leibfa minor child of Michael Leibfried dec'd.
8. The Account of Jacob Bufer and Charles Bender Executors of the last will and testament of Henry Bender dec'd.

Jan. 22, 1872.] S. B. SCHUCK, Register.

WIDOWS APPRAISEMENTS

Notice is hereby given that Sarah Weist, widow of Jacob Weist late of Chapman township, deceased; Elizabeth Kremer, widow of Benneville Kremer, late of Chapman township, deceased, and Margaret Shadel, widow of John Shadel, late of Perry township, deceased, Elizabeth Hautz, widow of John Houtz, late of Chapman township, dec'd, have filed their appraisements with the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Snyder county and that the same will be presented for confirmation on the 4th Monday of February next.

J. CROUSE, Clerk O. C.

Middleburg, Jan. 17, 1872.

LICENSE NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that

John D. Gass, Bannerville,
Enoch Smith, Fremont,
I. D. Conrad, Beavertown,
Daniel Hyde, do
Wm. P. Beaver, Centerville,
Peter Weller, Washington,
John A. Stahlnecker, Middleburg,
Isaac N. Troxel, Troxelville,
U. P. Weiser, Chapman,
R. D. Walter, Mechanicsville, West Beaver,
Susan Kuntz, Chapman township,
Henry Spatts " "
John B. Wendling, Penns township,
Catharine Mattern, do
Henry Bender, Franklin township,
Jacob C. Keller, Selinsgrove Restaurant,
John B. Fuckier, Selinsgrove, (Restaurant)

have filed their petitions for Tavern Licenses with the Clerk of the Court of Quarter sessions of Snyder county, and the same will be presented for approval on Monday, the 26th day of February next. J. CROUSE, Clerk Q. S.

January 15, 1872.

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