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STATE CONVENTION.

The Republicans of the State of Pennsylvania are hereby requested to assemble by their delegates in **State Convention** at noon on Wednesday, the 26th day of May, 1875, in the Fulton Opera House, at the city of Lancaster, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Governor and State Treasurer. Each Representative and Senatorial District will be entitled to the same representation as it has under the present apportionment for Senators and Representatives in the Legislature.

HIRAM L. BENNET, Chairman.
A. WILSON NORRIS, Secretary.

THE Legislature of 1874 adjourned finally at twelve o'clock (noon) on the 18th inst., after a session of a little over ten weeks. An adjourned session will be held in 1876, to begin at the usual time, and continue, it is expected, until the Centennial exhibition is formally inaugurated.

THE Secretary of War has addressed a communication to General Sherman saying: "All expeditions into that portion of the Indian territory known as the Black Hills country must be prevented as long as the present treaty exists. Efforts are now being made to arrange for the extinguishment of the Indian title, and all proper means will be used to accomplish that end. If, however, the steps which are being taken towards the opening of the country to settlement fail, I cannot avoid prosecuting within the limits of the Indian country such operations as may be necessary to remove all persons found there without authority."

Hon. John H. Packer returned home from Washington on Saturday last. His constituents have good reason to be proud of his services, and will greet him every where as "a good and faithful servant." During the session just closed, Mr. Packer has occupied a prominent and responsible position as Chairman of the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads. He has not only been equal to the occasion and given entire satisfaction, but he has discharged his duties with distinguished ability, and won for himself a reputation that will make him known outside the limits of his native State.

A Washington correspondent of a city paper, in stating the fact that Speaker Blaine, of Maine, a native of Pennsylvania, is looked upon as a prominent candidate for the Presidency by the Republican party, mentions also the names of Mr. Packer and several others in connection with that high office.—*Sunbury American*, 12th inst.

We heartily endorse the above article. The most critical and exacting inquiry into the official conduct of Mr. Packer during the whole period of service as a member of Congress, shows that he was not only qualified but that he possessed the will and energy and did well and nobly represent his constituency; that he was an industrious worker, and as Chairman of one of the most laborious Committees was equal to the task. His fidelity, integrity, honesty of purpose and efficiency gave him rank among the first men of the nation's capitol. He employs no noisy trumpeters to sound his praises throughout the country, nor does he employ [illegible] to write him into a [illegible] his good

ONE of the pleasantest occurrences of the session of the Legislature just closed was the action of the House yesterday afternoon in rescinding the resolution of censure passed on Mr. Wolfe, at the commencement of the session. This was done without a dissenting voice, and the resolution ordered expunged from the journal of the House. Mr. Wolfe was taken completely by surprise, but notwithstanding he was almost overcome by his feelings, he made a short address, returning thanks for this expression of good feeling on the part of the majority. We consider the resolution to rescind and expunge an act of simple justice, and as such its adoption does credit to the gentleman who proposed it, and the majority which passed it. The next best thing to an avoidance of acts of injustice is to undo them by making the *amende honorable*, and although in the case of Senator Cameron, justice lingered long by the way ere she gave that gentleman his due, Mr. Wolfe was more fortunate. Both these gentlemen have realized in their own experience the truth of the aphorism that "Time at last makes all things even," and will doubtless concur in the opinion that justice is sometimes tardy in her movements it is better to receive her reward late than never. —*Harrisburg Telegraph*, 18th inst.

Ebbing of the Tide.

[From the Buffalo Express, March 12.]

The returns from New Hampshire do not in the least that the Republican party is on its last legs. On the contrary, they give evidence of a degree of vitality that must be surprising to Democrats at least. Even the most sanguine Republican in the country would hardly have ventured to predict the radical change of political sentiment in the Granite State that was developed on Tuesday. Everything was against it. The Democratic position was strongly entrenched by their having possession of all branches of State government. Allied to this was the influence of the sweeping victories of last fall, which greatly enhanced the *esprit du corps* of party. But in spite of all obstacles the Republicans achieved a substantial victory. True this was a reduction of Governor by the people, but both branches of the Legislature were wrested from Democratic control, thus ensuring the election of the Republican candidate by that party.

It is claimed that the gain of the Republicans over the Democrats was not sufficient to be the occasion of any great exultation and this would be true under other circumstances and in almost any other State. But the fact that in New Hampshire, and at this time, our friends have gained at all is a remarkable indication that a reaction against Democracy is taking place that promises to completely reverse their late victories in November. It is significant that this ebb of the Democratic tide has occurred only few months after the November election. It was expected that after the Democracy had been in power a year or two in the States which they carried last fall, and in the House of Representatives, and had thus had an opportunity to expose the whole of the cloven foot, the people would be ready for another change. But that they should so soon turn their backs upon the party that won their support by such extraordinary promises of reform is more than was calculated upon.

They have done so, nevertheless, and have thereby demonstrated beyond a question that the Democratic victories of 1874 were not the result of a loss of faith in the Republican party, or of any real confidence in their opponents, but simply of one of those unaccountable freaks to which the people are sometimes subject. They have had time to think the matter over a little, and are coming back to their old allegiance without waiting to be driven to do so by the flagrant wickedness of Democracy, which is sure to be developed whenever it has the opportunity. That they will continue drifting back in sufficient numbers to ensure sweeping Republican victories in 1875 we do not entertain a doubt.

—The leading *Times* says: On Thursday morning, a week, train No 8, conductor John McLenagan, which leaves this city at 10.15 p.m. for Harrisburg, struck and killed a deer at the Paxton Bridge near that city. There were two animals, a buck and a doe, and it is supposed they had wandered from the vicinity of the Blue Mountain. The engineer, John Feather, gave two or three sharp whistles as a notification that something was wrong, and on the conductor going to the front part of the train he was told by the engineer that he had "knocked a couple of goats off the bridge." On stopping the train to ascertain what really was the matter, a handsome doe was discovered lying on the ground dead. The engine struck and broke her back. Her partner escaped, but it is thought he was considerably hurt, as blood was tracked for some distance.

—A curious suit will come up in the May session of the County Court at Milford, Pa. It is a twenty-year-old affair, and grew out of an election bet. During the Buchanan Fremont Presidential campaign, Major Colvin L. Seymour bet with Abraham Westfall several hundred acres of land that Fremont would be elected. Title deeds to both pieces of property were placed in the hands of Daniel Van Auken, District Attorney of the county. Of course Seymour lost. The property has now risen in value tremendously. Several famous stone quarries have been in operation there, and Mr. Seymour repents his bet. He brings suit against Westfall, on the ground that the whole transaction was illegal. Betting debts being usually classed by civilized nations among "debts of honor," the attempt to evade one nearly twenty years after its payment should characterize Mr. [illegible] as an action of dis

THE END OF LOCAL OPTION.

A New and General License Law.

The Committees of Conference on the repeal of the Local Option law agreed on Wednesday the 17th inst., and reported a new and general License law for the whole State in connection with the repeal. The bill as agreed upon by the Conference passed the Senate by 27 to 20. In the House the vote was 122 to 64.

The following is a synopsis of the bill:

The first section of the bill is identical with the House bill repealing the local option law, approved March 27, 1872.

The second section gives authority to the court of quarter sessions at the first or second sessions of each year (where not otherwise provided for special law) to fix by rule a time at which applications for license and the objections thereto may be heard; for the present year license may be granted at the third or any earlier session of the court.

The third section provides for the classification of inns, hotels and taverns according to the valuation of the yearly rental, and establishes license fees as follows: Where the classification is $10,000 and upwards, $700; not more than $10,000 nor less than $8,000, $100; not more than $8,000 nor less than $6,000, $200; not more than $6,000 nor less than $4000, $100; less than $4,000, $50.

The fourth section imposes penalties not less than $200 or more than $500, or in default imprisonment not exceeding ninety days. A second offense is punishable with a $1,000 fine, a year's imprisonment and forfeiture of license. Druggists, confectioners and others are subjected to the same penalties.

Section fifth awards the penalties and the proceeds of all forfeited bonds, to the city or county treasury, as the case may be.

Section six requires returns from constables of all licensed and unlicensed taverns, and in case of "willful failure" to do so renders the constable liable to the penalties of perjury.

The eighth section gives the husband, wife, parent, child, guardian or employer of any person in the habit of drinking, authority to serve written notice not to sell intoxicating liquors to such person; and if any such liquor is sold to any person within twelve months of such notice, the vendor is made liable in damages not less than $50 or more than $500, to be recovered by suit.

Section eight prohibits non-residents of the State from engaging in the sale of liquor, or peddler or traveling agents selling for non-residents, in any manner whatsoever, by contract or otherwise.

Section nine provides for the cancellation of bonds given by tavern keepers and the release of sureties. *Provided*, The sureties to be released from such bond, shall bear no risk pending the recognizance.

Section ten requires bonds from tavern keepers in $2,000 with sureties, the payment of any damages which may be recovered under the provisions of the act or other laws of the State in regard to the sale of intoxicating drinks.

Section eleven prohibits sales of liquor on election days or Sundays or to any person "visibly intoxicated."

Section twelve provides that any licenses heretofore granted shall not be invalidated by the act, and none of its provisions shall authorize the manufacture or sale of any intoxicating liquors in any city, county, borough or township having local or special prohibitory laws.

☞"Five Children in one Cradle—The Montgomery, (Va.) *Messenger* has this paragraph: "Some two years ago, Mrs. Morgan, who lives on Wolf Creek, in Giles county, gave birth to five male children at one time. They are still living, are not the slightest deformed, are of good constitution, and as sprightly as well fed kittens. Mr. Morgan is a laborer and quite poor. The neighbors frequently visit this family and never without taking supplies of some kind. We are sorry we cannot give the names of these two year olds, but will hereafter. Dr. Miller, of Mocksville, Davie county, was the attending physician.

☞As Mr. J. P. Black, who owns a saw mill at Sheffield, Georgia, was ten days since sawing a pine log into planks, a hoarse, rasping sound was heard, as though the saw had struck some metallic substance. The saw was examined to ascertain the cause, when to the astonishment of those present it was discovered that there were twenty-six $20 gold pieces imbedded in the wood. There was also a piece of paper found among the coins, upon which was written these words: "One mile from this place you will find something valuable." The astonishment of the parties at this discovery was great, and for a time the business of sawing the wood was discontinued, and the remaining logs were examined to see if there were any more treasures concealed in them. No explanation as to the money has yet been elicited, and the matter is likely to remain a mistery.

☞Connecticut holds an election for State officers and Congressmen April 5. Both parties have put forward their best men, and the result is uncertain. The Democratic candidate for Governor was elected last year by 1,809 majority, and in 1873 by over 3,000 majority. So it is evident the Republicans have a work before them. Up to 1867 the State had an unbroken succession of Republican Governors. Since that time the Democrats have elected five and the Republicans four candidates. The present congressional delegation consists of three Republicans and one Democrat. It is not improbable that the Democrats may gain one member in the Second district, Kellogg (Republican) having been elected by only 78 majority in 1873.—*Press.*

We will publish the new License Law in full next week.

THE public debt statement for February presents a better showing than did the one preceding it—the reduction amounting to $6,640,183, which will more than compensate for the increase of the former month of the year.

THE ICE FLOOD:

Great Destruction and Damage of Property.

SUNBURY, Pa March 17.—The Catawissa bridge is now (3 o'clock, P. M.) coming down the river, with the roof on. It is expected to take the Danville bridge with it.

The railroad bridges are safe, having been heavily loaded with coal cars.

DANVILLE, March 17.—The bridge over the Susquehanna at this place has been carried away. The water is higher than in 1865, and is rising.

The Lackawanna and Bloomsburg railroad bridge and two highway bridges at Pittston have been carried away.

SCRANTON, Pa., March 17.—the loss caused by the flood in the Susquehanna at Pittston this morning, by which three fine bridges were carried away, will not fall short of $800,000. A row of houses on the bank of the canal are topsy-turvy in the lake, and not far from the confluence of the Lackawanna and Susquehanna rivers two small bridges of wrought iron have been destroyed.

HARRISBURG, March 19.—The damage to the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad by the ice has been very much exaggerated. There was no damage which caused delay to trains excepting on the river line between Columbia and Middletown. No damage of any consequence was done to the bridges. The Philadelphia and Erie Railroad bridge over the west branch of the Susquehanna at Northumberland was struck by several small bridges, but no damage was done except to break a few of the timbers, which were repaired in a few hours.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., March 19.—One hundred locomotives and over eight hundred men are rendered idle by the destruction of the Erie Railroad bridge.

A Valuable New Book.—The glory of the [illegible] is its freedom from failure or error. The proprietors therefore offer any new publication that shall be found to contain the names still correctly spelled, principal as last, should be regarded as an unsurpassed [illegible] They [illegible] as an immense [illegible] to call [illegible] to their [illegible] Dictionary, which contains 100,000 words, [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]