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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

For Judges of the Superior Court: CHARLES E. RICE, of Luzerne. E. N. WILLARD, of Lackawanna. EDWARD J. REEDER, of Northampton.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

For Coroner: SAMUEL P. LONGSTREET, M. D., of Scranton. For Surveyor: EDMUND A. BARTL, of Scranton.

Vote Only for Six.

In another column on this page appears a timely communication from ex-Judge Alfred Hand concerning the contention which has been raised with reference to the constitutionality of the law creating the new Superior court.

While Judge Hand does not seek to usurp the authority of the Supreme court, he plainly intimates to the belief that the law is valid as it stands; and that the overthrow of the clause limiting to six the number of judges of the Superior court belonging to the majority party would be a public misfortune.

But for the present emergency, the most important point in Judge Hand's letter is his explanation that the law must be considered valid exactly as it stands until the court of final resort shall have formally declared otherwise.

We repeat, all the more confidently in view of the eminent sanction thus afforded, that the only safe course for the individual voter to pursue in this matter is to obey the law in its plain restriction of the number of candidates to be voted for, and thus to do away with any danger of having his ballot thrown out upon the ground of irregularity.

Why should Republican Pennsylvania, which is really the hub in the union of the states, wish to remain in the back row at national nominating conventions? Why should it not at last muster up courage to stand up for its due?

National Financing - A Contrast. The Democrats cannot reasonably find fault with their Republican opponents when they draw a contrast between the last three years of Benjamin Harrison's Republican administration and the first three years of Grover Cleveland's Democratic administration.

During the last three years of Harrison's administration the public debt was reduced \$24,824,660, or at the average rate of a little more than \$81,000,000 a year.

ter of the national finances, and we feel certain such appeal would not be made in vain. The facts cannot be too plainly stated nor too frequently repeated. The Republican party reduced the public debt; the Democratic party increased it.

There could be no greater contrast than is here shown, but this is not all. During the entire term of President Harrison's administration the country enjoyed unparalleled prosperity, the industries of the nation were in full operation and the people were happy and contented.

Few among the millions of intelligent people fail to see and understand the contrast between Republican and Democratic administration. Moreover the thinking portion of the American people know the cause for the change that came with Democratic rule.

Why Not? After noting the remarkable length of the period during which the wealthy and influential state of Pennsylvania has made no serious effort to procure the nomination and election of one of her sons as president of the United States, the Philadelphia Times suggests:

The present political conditions might be peculiarly favorable to the presentation of a Pennsylvania candidate if the Republicans could be united, and there are rumors that the name of Governor Hastings may be proposed.

The serious proposition of Governor Hastings' name as Pennsylvania's candidate for the Republican presidential nomination ought not, in our judgment, to be regarded as an improbable possibility. It is true that the governor was recently the central figure in a factional struggle which ended with the nominal victory perching on the other banner; but it is not true that that defeat weakened his hold upon the respect and confidence of the citizens of Pennsylvania, or that his attitude since has been other than manly, brave and dignified.

Governor Hastings' nomination for the presidency is at all times to be borne in mind as one of the possibilities of the situation; and we might even say, with truthfulness, that it is not far outside the probabilities. He is pre-eminently a man for great emergencies; a man whose character and merits grow with acquaintance; a man absolutely honest and fearless.

By a curious slip of the pen The Tribune yesterday spoke of Billy Burke when of course it referred to Billy Burke. The error was apparent. But come to think of it, we don't believe that Craig, either, is shedding many tears of sympathy for Collector Herring.

With Reference to Cameron. At about this time of year the reader of Democratic newspapers in Pennsylvania may expect to encounter such paragraphs as this, which we take for purposes of illustration from the esteemed Philadelphia Record: "As usual, about this time, when no members of legislature are to be elected, the public ear is assailed by a violent anti-Cameron clamor."

It is unfortunate that the inclination to hurl back these gibes in the faces of the mockers who utter them is negated by the recollection that, after all, the gibes are founded on fact. The Republican party in this state once swallowed Cameron with scarcely a grimace, after vowing in the name of all the gods that it would never stomach him again; and it is a truism of force in the courts that what happens once may happen again.

The days of opportunity to be real help to Cuba are rapidly sliding by, yet the Washington administration sedulously does nothing. If Mr. Cleveland

had been king of France during the American revolution, it is a safe guess that he would have curled his nose in contempt at the Yankee colonies.

The attempt to please everybody rarely succeeds. If the Gotham reformers want to retain popular confidence they will not defer too obsequiously to the whims of every Tom, Dick and Harry ward politician.

The tearful news is cabled beneath the briny Atlantic that Lord Sackville-West (perhaps he should say Sir Lionel Sackville-West, K. C. M. G.) does not like America, and thinks her presidents are bores.

The highest court in New York state has, upon final appeal, decided that "Bat" Shea, the Troy election-day rioter and murderer, must die.

It may not be optimistic but it appears to be the fact that vice can out-vote virtue five times out of six in the large cities. The result in Indianapolis is only one instance of many.

It would be a mistake if John Dalzell were not made chairman of the next ways and means committee, and we don't expect Speaker Reed to head his committee list with a mistake.

THAT SUPERIOR COURT ACT.

Ex-Judge Hand Presents Reasons Why He Believes the Law to Be Valid as It Stands.

Sir: There appears to be on the part of some of our politicians and some lawyers considerable excitement in regard to the constitutionality of the act in the act of the legislature which provides that electors shall vote for only six out of the seven candidates for seats on the Superior bench.

Valid Until Successfully Attacked. Any act passed by the legislature and signed by the governor becomes a valid law. It is constitutional until successfully attacked and must be obeyed.

Unlikely to Be Overthrown. I have said that the statute is constitutional until successfully attacked. It is more than this. When attacked it is presumed to be constitutional all along the series of batts on which must culminate in the final consideration of the Supreme court.

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also, a court of appeal and final resort. In other words it is put into the same class as the Supreme court in this respect. It is more; it is part and parcel of what was before the Supreme court.

The Language of the Constitution. Now what does the constitution say on this subject. It says, Article V, section 2: "All laws relating to courts shall be general, and of uniform operation and the organization, jurisdiction and powers of all courts of the same class or grade, so far as regulated by law, and the force and effect of the process and judgments of such courts shall be uniform."

It will be impossible to state in a brief article intended for the public what parts of the constitution, what elements of judicial and wise construction should enter into the breasts of the judges and will enter if this question comes before them. The constitution is always called the people's instrument by our courts; it has been construed to meet this view so as to provide remedies for evils and never to fasten a worse evil upon them.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS.

Cleveland World: "The philosopher at the recent meeting of the British Society for the Advancement of Science was not altogether wrong in saying that a great many people make modesty and morality a matter of fashion, and that they are or may be independent of clothes. Human experience justifies this conclusion. It is after the behavior of people on occasions when their minds are otherwise occupied. At fires in the night, in shipwreck, or during the excitement following a burglary, people in 'immodest' costumes and almost without any costume whatever are to be seen."

His Record an Obstacle. Pittsburgh Commercial-Gazette: "Postmaster General Wilson, who made a very complete success, with the aid of the president, of accomplishing nothing, when last a member of Congress, wishes to try it again. Mr. Wilson will find his record as a statesman very much in his way if he makes the attempt."

Sustained a Side Wipe. Washington Post: "Owing to the failure of the Tammany engineers to obey orders Mr. D. B. Hill's train of presidential sleighs has sustained a most serious side wipe."

For Thomas is Shrewd, He Is. Washington Post: "Whatever may be the result of that New York dicker, Mr. Platt will be sure to be located at the juicy end of it."

But It Will Not Be Gratified. Washington Post: "There is considerable doubt as to the result of the British law decorated with the Olney twist."

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