

Sunbury American.

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OUR COUNTY AFFAIRS.—It is well understood by the people that there is a defect in our county affairs, and that there are matters which should be remedied. The auditor's reports for several years past have been somewhat muddled, and were anything but satisfactory to the tax-payers. Even some of the auditors themselves have acknowledged that a wrong existed which they had not discovered, and were unable to tell where it did exist. The county finances have been so loosely managed that it is likely to be brought into litigation with former officers. These deficiencies arose in the Commissioner's office, and the enormous list of expenditures were returned to the auditors to cover up tracks, so much so, that it has attracted the attention of the people generally. Whether this has been done ignorantly or intentionally, we are unable to say, but we believe that if the accounts of 1869 and 1870, were to be re-audited, and the original vouchers produced from the parties who rendered accounts against the county, that there would be a considerable reduction in the expenditure. It would be well if the present auditors were to demand the original bills presented, properly certified by the parties furnishing material and labor, as well as the accounts of the Sheriff's office, instead of relying on accounts kept by the clerk of the Commissioners. The Commissioners have no right, legally or morally, to grant an order for the payment of any bill, without some evidence that it is correct, either by affidavit or by their own personal knowledge. The enormous frauds lately committed by the New York officials ought to open the eyes of all to the necessity of scrutinizing closely all bills presented for payment and not accept, as a matter of course, bills presented by anybody who may choose to make up a claim against the county. These are matters which interest every tax-payer, and we appeal to the auditors whom we believe to be men who will do justice, to give this matter a thorough investigation, and let the people have the report in full on the subject.

HON. J. B. PACKER, FOR GOVERNOR.—The Republican conference of the Representative district composed of the counties of Juniata and Mifflin, at their meeting on the 9th instant, unanimously adopted the following resolution, offered by W. W. Davis:

Resolved, That the Delegate this day elected be instructed to vote for Hon. John B. Packer, of Northumberland, as the Republican candidate for Governor.

This move of our friends in the Juniata and Mifflin district, shows that an effort will be made to press the name of our townsmen, Hon. John P. Packer, for the Gubernatorial chair. It is an evidence that the office is seeking the man, and we can endorse the proceedings of our friends in good taste. Should Mr. Packer consent to be a candidate, and be elected, his administration would reflect much credit upon the old Keystone State. His ability as a Lawyer and a statesman well fits him for the office. There are but few men in public life who stand as unimpaired as Mr. Packer, and his great popularity among the laboring classes, would bring strength to the Republican ranks in this State. It is a well known fact too, that he was the only member of Congress in the State who was re-elected in 1870 by an increased majority, and that through his influence and energy, the Republican State ticket was carried in Northumberland county by over three hundred majority, while part of the county ticket was elected by over fifteen hundred majority upon local issues; being the first time that this county changed its political complexion since it was organized. These facts show that he is not only popular, but that where he is best known, he has the confidence of the people, and his abilities as a statesman and a man of moral worth are appreciated by both political parties.

SENATOR WILSON, made a good hit when debating their resolution in Retrenchment last week. He said :

"There were Republican slaves as well as Democratic slaves, and a Republican Slave was to him, far in the main, better off than the two, because he had big disgraces upon the Republican party."

This is rather hard on the Democracy, Why don't the *Democrat* quote this extract from the Republican Senator's speech ?

As the county Commissioners will shortly select their subordinate officers for the next year, it might be well enough, if they desire to retain the good opinion of their constituents, to make an entire change and elect new men for the different positions.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.—STRONG HONOR OF HIS MEMORY.—Contrary to general expectations, and after his death was hurriedly buried, the Prince of Wales is reported to be recovering. For days every bullet was expected to announce his demise, and when sorrow pervaded Great Britain, and much sympathy was exhibited throughout Europe and America. The despatches of Saturday last are the first to give assurance of his restoration to health, and when they were made public in London they were received with unanimous cheering and a profound feeling of relief.

TAJASSY.—The 100 pound stag of Mr. Tweed in the Grand Jury, on Friday last for felony, was followed by his arrest the same night, and a week of his nature was served on County, in jail. The judgments are based upon misconduct in the Board of Audit. Mr. Tweed's case was being prepared, he was committed to the county, without bail, yesterday. A habeas corpus was sued out and heard before Justice Harland the Supreme Court accepted bail, and it was set over for trial.

GRANT'S message has been more generally praised at home and abroad, by friends and by foes, than any public speech of his character and place of the Holy Land." by CHARLES W. ELLIOTT.

With article from the pen of T. D. Woodruff, L. D. Wright, Mrs. Clark, D. J. Ross, Joseph Cummings, D. D. Bay, George A. Bradford, S. F. Smith, D. D. Ross, William Adams, D. D. Ross, Henry Ward Beecher, etc.

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From our Special Washington Correspondent.

PENNSYLVANIA REPUBLICAN RECEPTION—SPEECH OF HON. J. B. PACKER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 19, 1871.—

DEAR WILVERT :

Last night the Pennsylvania Republican Association held its first of a series of socials, to be given during the coming winter. This first reception was a complete success, and the "fair women and brave men" of our great State were there in numbers exceeding twelve or thirteen hundred. The entire Pennsylvania delegation in Congress were in attendance, with the single exception of Senator Cameron, who was unexpectedly detained in the Senate, probably watching Senator Trumbull in his attempt to perform a double sumer assault, and accept the "passive policy" of the hard-up Democracy. The President, Vice President, Secretaries Delano and Belknap, the Japanese Minister, and numerous other distinguished and eminent personages favored us with their presence.

Our mutual friend A. A. Shissler, Esq., President of the Association, and Chairman of the Reception Committee, escorted President Grant to the platform, and after the seating of the guests, delivered a neat and appropriate address, stating the object of the Association, and then introduced the speakers of the evening. Mr. Shissler acquitted himself creditably, and his efforts to make every one comfortable much pleased his numerous friends.

Hon. William T. Haines made the speech of welcome, in a very pretty address, which was eloquently responded to by the Hon. John B. Packer, on the part of the Congressional delegation. Senator Scott then delivered a short address, after which, all who desired; were presented to President Grant and Mr. Colfax by Mr. Shissler. This being through, dancing was commenced by those who wished "to trip it on the light fantastic toe," and continued to the "west wind hours of the morn," and when the orchestra played the old tune of "Home," those remaining to hear it, expressed a wish for the speedy coming of the second social of our Association.

I send you a hurried and partial synopsis of Mr. Packer's address, which is as full as I could report it. The address was received with rapturous applause, and I hope will be as acceptable to your readers as it was to the Pennsylvanians, resident in Washington.

SPEECH OF HON. J. B. PACKER.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Pennsylvania Republican Association.—In behalf of the Senators, and my colleagues of the House of Representatives, permit me to say we are profoundly sensible of the honor you have done us by your courteous invitation to attend this, the first of your exceedingly pleasant and delightful social and political reunions; and permit me, also, to assure you, sir, that we are truly grateful for the kindness, cordiality and favor of your warm-hearted, old fashioned Pennsylvanians welcome!

Everybody in the country, during the perilous and dark hours of the war, your "Association of loyal Pennsylvanians" has survived the rebellion, which it was designed to aid in suppressing; and it has long since attained that enviable position in public confidence and regard to which the intelligent and the patriotic of your State, the statistical portions of which I will send you in my next.]

So, too, in all the departments of the Arts, science and manufactures, as well as agriculture, the official statistics show that we are not behind any of our sister commonwealths, while, guided by an intelligent appreciation and proper apprehension of their great resources, and of the true just relation of labor to capital, the industrious, frugal and enterprising people of our State have so prudently diversified their industries and wisely invested their means, that nothing but the most unwise and unjust legislation can ever arrest or retard the onward march of their wonderful progress.

And, sir, not forgetting, that from those to whom much is given, much will be required, the philanthropic citizens of Pennsylvania, through the school room to all her children, poor and rich alike, and bids them enter! Under the operation of her free school system this day, since the rising of this morning's sun, between the waters of the Delaware and the shores of Lake Erie, in more than fifteen thousand schools, taught by eighteen thousand teachers, eight hundred thousand of Pennsylvania's bright eyed boys and girls, the future men and women of our country, are receiving instruction in the lessons by which they are to be prepared for the performance and discharge of the important duties of life.

So, too, recognizing the vast importance of educating the to whom the sacred trust of free government is to be committed, that they more fully know their rights and understand their responsibilities, our State opens the door of the school room to all her children, poor and rich alike, and bids them enter! Under the operation of her free school system this day, since the rising of this morning's sun, between the waters of the Delaware and the shores of Lake Erie, in more than fifteen thousand schools, taught by eighteen thousand teachers, eight hundred thousand of Pennsylvania's bright eyed boys and girls, the future men and women of our country, are receiving instruction in the lessons by which they are to be prepared for the performance and discharge of the important duties of life.

In closing, Mr. Packer paid a glowing tribute to the memory of Pennsylvania's sons who gave up their lives, that we might have an undivided country, praised those who had nobly volunteered when called to arms by the lamented martyred President Lincoln, and spoke fondly of the soldiers' orphans who are being educated and protected by good old Pennsylvania.

Young laborers in the political vineyard at home, in recognition of your rights as Republicans and of your faithful and efficient services to the country, admit your representatives to seats around the council fires of your party, and none are more gladly welcomed, and no one more deserves a more respectful attention given to the conventions of our State, than those whom you send as the representatives of the "loyal men of Pennsylvania" resident at Washington."

When we had the pleasure of meeting on a similar occasion last year, our political skies were not entirely clouded from clouds; for while we had carried our State by a majority, upon the aggregate Congressional vote, nearly 2,000 larger than that by which we elected our Governor the year before, yet, from an overconfidence in our own strength, or perhaps an under estimate of the sleepless activity of our political foe, we had fallen behind in several of our districts, and some of our standards, on which victory had perched before and crowned with her brightest laurels, came out of that contest training in defeat.

But, sir, warned by that experience, and anxious to correct what wrong, the sturdy veterans in the Republican ranks rallied, with renewed vigor, fast, fat, and, with a determination that could not stop short of success, rolled up a majority more than twice as large as any we have given at any State election since that of 1866. And that majority, won in a contest warmly waged and as honorably and fairly conducted, upon both sides, as any we have ever had; that majority, won by the unwavering Union men of Pennsylvania, we tender as an earnest of the 40,000 majority they intend to give, when called into action by the Republican bugle blasts in next November. Yes, sir, I repeat, the great State of Pennsylvania, which, in its patriotic ardor, sent into the war, for the suppression of the rebellion and for the defense of the integrity of the nation, 400,000 as brave men as ever drew the sword or fired a musket, that State, which you have so truly and eloquently said always stands firmly by the Union, warmed by the same baptism, stands ready and eager to give to the great Captain of the war, our already designated and chosen leader of the Republican cause in 1872, 470,000 as loyal soldiers as were ever cast by intelligent, freedom-loving, and patriotic, and approved statesmanship, as testimonial of their unstated and increased confidence in his sterling integrity, tried patriotism, and approved statesmanship, and of their unanimous endorsement of his next administration.

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I append a portion of the sociable committee:

Master of Ceremonies.—L. Harrison, Floor Committee.—W. J. Wharton, H. D. Wharton, James C. Weise, Israel Smith, E. B. Coltrill, E. R. Chapman, J. W. Stokes, H. C. Pearson, Yours fraternally, H. D. W.

For your house is home, seige or galleys, you should use Johnson's Androsine Liniment, wash the part with castile soap and warm water, rub dry, with a clean cloth, then apply the Liniment, rub in well with the hand.

Have the readers of the *American* ever used any of Parsons' Purgative Pills? If not, why not? they are the best family physic, besides being the greatest and odious remedy there is in this country.

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