



The rightness of the verdict which condemns the assassin of President Garfield to death is accepted with a feeling of relief throughout the entire country.

The guilty wretch had not only a fair, patient and just trial, but the forms of law and the rules of legal proceedings were stretched to the uttermost by the presiding Judge, in his determination to show the civilized world that the detested and cowardly slayer of the people's beloved ruler had justice meted out to him.

His defense of insanity was an utterly hollow and blasphemous sham, contrived, and cooked up after the murder. He was given every opportunity to prove that he was not responsibly guilty, his foul and malicious tongue was given unbridled liberty, yet twelve impartial jurors, giving him the benefit of all doubts, within a few minutes after leaving the box, found him guilty.

It is settled that Guiteau will certainly be hung. And the bolters they bolted again. Somehow the tail won't wag the dog to their satisfaction.

STATE TREASURER BUTLER renounces himself as a candidate for Governor before the coming Republican State Convention.

If the bill that was last week reported to the House, be accepted as the basis of apportionment, Pennsylvania will have two additional Members of Congress.

The G. A. R. encampment held at Williamsport last week was the largest ever assembled in the State. Seven hundred and twenty-eight delegates were in attendance.

DISPATCHES from all parts of the country report that the verdict in the Guiteau case was received with satisfaction, and in some places with demonstrations of rejoicing.

MEMORISM is catching it all along the line. If the fire is kept up by the people, Congress will soon have to take such action as will drive the "twain relic" out of the land.

THAT select party from Meyersdale rather put on airs, did they? No coming on the train with common Republicans! No, no, a special train could alone bring such aristocratic Republicans to the meeting.

ACTING similar to that of the Meyersdale braves is commemorated in the historical district which runs: "The King of France with forty thousand men Marched on the hill, and there marched down again."

SENATOR PLUMB, of Kansas, has introduced a sweeping prohibitory bill into the Senate. It proposes to prohibit the manufacture, importation and sale of distilled and fermented liquors as a beverage in any portion of the United States or Territories. It is a real "total abstinence bill."

The Commercial's bugle call to the annual meeting was well answered. The Republicans of the county were on hand, as they were wonted to be. They did refuse to "surrender their rights and manhood," and they also did most effectively "stamp down the attempt to rob them of their rights and power."

At the last annual business meeting of the party, Messrs. Ogle, Kooser and Koontz made speeches insisting that no resolution was in order, and that nothing could be done except the election of a Chairman of the County Committee and delegates to the State Convention. Last week we are told they all delivered themselves of speeches on a resolution. How very consistent.

We lay before our readers to-day the concise and able speech of Senator Cameron on the question of repealing the revenue taxes. From the standpoint of protection to our industries, his views are those which the friends of a protective tariff will be obliged to take. The present revenues of the Government are unnecessarily large, and while for the present the surplus can be applied to the reduction of the public debt, the time is rapidly approaching when all the bonds that are redeemable, for a number of years, will be disposed of, and then the large surplus of revenues will be an inducement to extravagant appropriations and jobbery.

The time having arrived when the burden of taxation can be gradually lifted from the shoulders of the people, it is obviously sound policy to commence with the internal taxes, leaving the tariff substantially undisturbed. These are the views of Senator Cameron, and his argument takes this ground, and to all who believe that the expenses of the Government should be mainly defrayed from the duties on imports, and that these should be so adjusted as to protect our home industries, his strong and comprehensive speech will commend itself.

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Second.—A special railroad train was secretly provided to bring over from Meyersdale the entire bolting element of that community, and from which train all were excluded except those who muster with the crowd.

Third.—While the Chairman of the County Committee was arranging for the organization of the meeting, as custom has made his duty, an attempt was made to usurp his functions, and organize the meeting over his head.

Fourth.—A persistent effort was made to seize the floor, after it had been allotted to another by the President, and an attempt made to hold it by a trick, and in defiance of his decision.

Fifth.—A personal assault was attempted, or a speaker while he was occupying the floor in accordance with his right and privilege.

It was these causes—all emanating from the faction of bolters and kickers who for the past few years have disturbed the harmony of the party, that produced the bad blood, tumult, and uproar in the meeting.

The Republican party was disgraced, immeasurably disgraced, but the stigma should rest on the shoulders of those who brought about this unprecedented state of affairs.

That the majority wing of the party was entirely blameless we do not pretend, but we do assert that they were justified in their executive will do and say things not justifiable, but excusable under the circumstances, and in this instance the Somerset county would have been less than men, to have quietly submitted to the insolence, the cajolery, the trickery, or the violence of those who attempted to deprive them of their right to select delegates of their own choice to the State Convention.

We are for peace and harmony all the time, but they must be based on right, and this we know is the sentiment of the great mass of the party in the county. We deplore the division, and the ill blood at present existing in the ranks of the party, and we know that nothing but evil can be the result. We want peace with all our hearts, but we must have peace with honor, and in accordance with the fundamental principle of the Republic, that the majority shall rule.