



WEDNESDAY, June 13, 1883.

At the close of the session, the Republicans of the Senate elected Senator Mylin of Lancaster, as President of that body, as the successor of Reynolds.

The Ohio branch of the "Progressive Democrats" are collecting funds to build a college at Ashland in that State. This is progressing in the right direction.

The Republican State Convention of Ohio, last week endorsed the administration of President Arthur. We presume it will not be denied that they are "Garfield Republicans."

The Legislature adjourned on Wednesday last, and was called together again on Thursday. Of course Mr. Pattison could not resist the inevitable Democratic inclination to blunder.

The wicked *Inter Ocean* says "The Democratic leaders who whisked it down, but you could run a locomotive without steam, easier than the Democratic party without this fluid."

The Ohio Republicans in State Convention, on Wednesday last, threw to the breeze their flag, inscribed with "Protection to American Industry." On the same day the Iowa Democratic State Convention declared in favor of a "tariff for Revenue only." These two conventions have sounded the key-note of the next Presidential campaign.

BECAUSE the Republican Senate would not agree to let the Democratic House, district the State according to its sweet will, all the apportionment bills failed, and Governor Pattison, hoping to bulldoze the Senate into a surrender of the rights of the people, has called an extra session. His "Excellency" may live long enough to learn that "You may lead a horse to water, but you can't compel him to drink."

EVERY day that our reform Legislature is constrained to remain in extra session, by the act of our reform Governor, will cost the taxpayers of the State about four thousand dollars. Four thousand dollars a day for a couple of months, will prove rather a costly experiment to test whether Republican Legislators will wring at the crack of the Democratic whip.

WHEN to the outrageous squandering of the people's money by the Legislature, in extravagant appropriations, comes to be added the expense of a prolonged session of one hundred and fifty days, and the costs of an extra session of probably sixty days, the honest tax payers of the State will be forced to the conclusion that they have paid monstrously dear for the "Democratic Reform" whistle.

The Independent Democratic circular hunt after "Bosses," indulged in last fall, has proven to be a rather expensive luxury, and one that the people of this State are not likely to repeat during the next quarter of a century. If the fellows that enjoyed the sport, could only be made foot bills, it would measurably even up things, but, unfortunately, the entire people are taxed with the cost.

REPUBLICANS of the Legislature, stick! Fight it out on the line you have adopted, if it takes all summer. Don't be bulldozed, don't be coerced, don't yield an iota on compulsion. No concession to threats, no yielding to mere brute force—stick! The people are at your backs. They admire mainly firmness; they will denounce cringing to stolen power—stick! Remember the cry of your forefathers: "Millions for defense, not one cent for tribute!"

THE people have been deliberately cheated out of a reapportionment of the State under which they might be justly represented in Congress and the Legislature.

The Democratic leaders in the Legislature perpetrated this outrage with malice aforethought, refusing to yield to their political opponents anything like fairness and justice in the composition of the districts.

Shall this great wrong go unrebuked and unrepaid? Let the independent and fair minded people of all parties speak out on this burning question.

THERE is no election for Members of Congress or of the Legislature this year, and there is therefore no excuse for the indecent haste of this forced extra session. Not a single interest of the State, or of the people would have suffered if it had been postponed until next winter. A postponement until then would have given time for any excitement engendered by the failure to pass apportionment bills, to have cooled, would have given members ample time to have consulted with their constituents, would have given the people time to coolly examine the question for themselves. But time for deliberation was not what Gov. Pattison and his advisers wanted. They hoped by reason of the torrid heat of midsummer, and the further compulsory absence of members from their homes and their personal business affairs, to compel concession to their unjust demands. We will see what this transparent trick has got into the heads of the "Bosses."

JUDGE FORAKER, who was nominated last week for Governor of Ohio, is young and vigorous, with a strong brain and clear record. He was a soldier from sixteen until nineteen, graduated from Cornell in 1868, was elected to the Superior Bench in 1880 and resigned in two years from overwork. He is now only 38 years old, but is known for his sagacity, tact and dignity. His name has already met with favor throughout the State, and his nomination, after Sherman's tacit refusal, followed as a matter of course.

BOTH Houses of the Legislature met in extra session on Thursday last, and after organization, and after the introduction of apportionment bills in both Houses, adjourned for twelve days, or until the 19th inst. As the pay of the members (\$10 per day) runs on during the adjournment, the new session thus starts out with a dead loss of about \$50,000. The resolution for this adjournment originated in a Democratic caucus, was offered by a Democrat in the House, and was forced through by Democratic votes against Republican protest. A Republican member offered a resolution that no pay should be allowed during the recess, but this was howled down. This is a beautiful commentary on the reform professions with which the country has been sufficed before and since the last election.

On Thursday last, Governor Pattison called a special session of the legislature to pass the apportionment bills, all of which failed at the regular session. Extra sessions of the Legislature have been frequently called heretofore, on extraordinary occasions, brought about by the necessities of war, or by revolutions of business, but this is the first one ever called by reason of political perverseness, or for purely political purposes. Nothing but Democratic pusillanimity, and Democratic lust for office and power, prevented the passage of fair bills at the late session, and now a Democratic Governor calls, at large expense to the people, an extra session, with the hope of bulldozing the Republicans into accepting bills, which after a session of five months they could not be induced to acquiesce in. In accidental power, brought about by divisions in the Republican ranks, and knowing that their control of the Legislature is only evanescent, the leaders of that party are determined to wring, if possible, from the dominant party in the State, concessions that will tend to their benefit long after the people have deprived them of the temporary power with which, in an ill advised moment, they entrusted them. It is to be remembered that the apportionment of the State into Congressional, Senatorial and Legislative districts stands for ten years, and it is an unjust increase in their proportion of the members of Congress and of the Senate, for this term of years, that the Democratic leaders are now struggling to secure. The failure to pass apportionment bills during the protracted session just closed, and the immediate call for this extra session, are simply political movements in pursuance of a matured scheme, by which the Democratic leaders hope to steal certain offices from the majority party of the State. They know that their power is accidental and not likely to be renewed within the next decade, and that they have nothing to lose by this exhibition of greed, this squandering of the people's money in an attempt to force unfair apportionments, and therefore the attempt to coerce Republicans into the concessions they demand. Not only Pennsylvania, but the people of the entire Union, are interested in this struggle. The representation of the State in both Houses of Congress for the next ten years is involved, and the entire country will look to our Republican Senators to stand together and insist that their party is not only entitled to a fair apportionment, but that they shall have it.

It is a most humiliating sight to behold a Governor, elected as a non-partisan, a reformer, a pure and conscientious man, thus lend himself to a base use of party power, for the purpose of furthering the interests of a partisan, who on accepting the office of his legal adviser, openly declared himself a candidate for U. S. Senator, and is now struggling to obtain that position, by a forced gerrymander of the Senatorial districts in an extra session of the Legislature, called by the Reform Governor, for that sole purpose. We have an abiding faith in the integrity, the manhood, the self respect of the Republican Senators, and feel assured that instead of being whipped like cringing school boys, into making concessions, they will stand by the apportionment which in a spirit of honesty they matured and honestly voted for.

Population of the Free Basis of Apportionment.

The Democrats of our Legislature wanted to base the Congressional apportionment upon political lines, and not upon population, as commanded by the law. The theory of the law is that all of the people are entitled to representation—men, women and children, and this is right. To base apportionment upon political lines as the dominant thought, has led to all the gerrymandering complained of, and fairness is only to be found in adherence to the law in letter and spirit. A division of the population of Pennsylvania by counties shows that the 34 Republican counties have a population of 2,659,000, while the 31 Democratic counties have only 1,558,000—a difference of nearly two to one in favor of the Republicans, and as the Democratic counties are grouped together, there is no way to make an apportionment based upon population, which can be fair to either side.

Die from the Effects of the Heat.

McKESNEY, June 10.—Alfred Olson, Sweden, who has been in the country, but three months, was overcome by the heat while at work in the National Rolling Mill on Saturday. He was taken home in an unconscious condition and notwithstanding all his exertions the man did not regain consciousness and died in two hours. He was about 35 years old and a powerful built man. He had no other ailment, and was a laborer, and the cause of his death was the heat.

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