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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

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REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

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The death of Judge BLACK leaves Judge AGNEW the sole surviving ex-Chief Justice of Pennsylvania.

Of the original Buchanan Cabinet, Jacob Thompson, Secretary of War, is the only survivor since the recent death of MONMOUTH BLAIR.

The efforts of the Democracy to acquire one more member in Congress, and two or three more members of the State Senate, have cost the State a round quarter of a million dollars.

The North American tersely remarks that "the present State Legislators insist upon staying where they will not do any good, and refuse to adjourn so that they may do nothing."

"Uncle Sammy Tilden" has purchased a team of fast Kentucky horses, and the Democratic politicians accept this as proof positive that he intends to enter the Presidential race next year.

Luxuries are always costly. The luxury of a Democratic State Administration is costing the tax payers of Pennsylvania \$2,000,000 per day, over and above the ordinary expenses of carrying on the Government.

The Republican State Committee has opened headquarters for the campaign in the St. Cloud Hotel, Philadelphia, and Chairman Cooper has commenced active work looking to a complete organization of the party.

Late news from Senator Cameron, who is now in Scotland, is not favorable. He is not recovering his health, as was hoped, although he is under the care of the famous English physician, Sir Henry Thompson.

The early and barons who are traveling toward the Yellowstone had their eyes opened to the size of American agriculture when they reached the Dalymount farm in Dakota and saw 150 American reapers started into a 28,000-acre wheat field to harvest 500,000 bushels of wheat.

It is evident that the rule or ruin policy of the Democrats in the Legislature, is to be pursued still further. Last week, Senator Gordon, the Administration spokesman, again announced the determination of his party to force the Republican members to yield their convictions of duty to Democratic demands.

The new postal note system will go into effect September 3. After that date any one wishing to transmit by mail any sum under five dollars, can deposit the amount with the postmaster, with three cents additional, and receive in exchange a note for the amount, payable to bearer, which he can mail in the ordinary way.

The surplus revenue of the postal department for the year ending June 30th, last, is \$2,000,000 more than it was the preceding year. This is the best kind of evidence, that the reduction in postage which is to take effect on the 1st of October next, does not come too soon. It was never intended that the postal service should be made a source of revenue to the Government.

Mr. "Ike" McKee, and a few other quondam leaders of the Independents, announced their intention of keeping up their organization.

This reminds us of the burly giant whose little wife was in the habit of pounding him with the broom handle. "Tut, tut, man," he replied to a friend, who upbraided him for submitting to the infliction, "it amuses her and it don't hurt me!"

Upon the receipt of a telegram at the Department of State announcing the death of Judge Black, the flag on the building was at once placed at half-mast. The building was draped in mourning in honor of his memory, and a circular was sent to the various diplomatic and consular offices directing them to place the flags on their buildings at half-mast for thirty days.

At the Democratic primary election, held in Cambria county on Saturday last, R. L. Johnston, Esq., of Ebensburg, was nominated for President Judge (Cambria county is now a judicial district by itself). H. G. Rose, Esq., of Johnstown, for District Attorney, H. A. Shoemaker, of Ebensburg, for Prothonotary.

HON. J. McDOWELL SHARPE, one of the members of the Legislature from Franklin County, died at his home in Chambersburg on Thursday last. He was one of the ablest lawyers in the State, and by long odds the most brilliant and intellectual Democratic member of the House. Many of our citizens will remember him as the Democratic candidate for Congress against General Koonz in 1866. He was also a member of the last Constitutional Convention.

The Huntingdon Journal, which was intensely "Independent" last year, has had quite enough of that kind of tomfoolery and last week remarked: "When Chairman M'Kee intimates that the Independents are not heartily for the Republican ticket, he displays his ignorance of the political situation. M'Kee can do as he pleases, but the Independent Republicans of this State are not going to pull any more Democratic chestnuts out of the fire."

Governor Pattison's executive term will hardly pass into history as the economical one in our annals. It is true he began well and a quarter was saved on inauguration day, but this early advantage has since been lost in other ways. The twenty-five cents saved in hack hire is a poor stand-off against the \$200,000 of the extra session.—*Lancaster New Era*, *Inter Ocean*.

The Philadelphia Press places at the head of its editorial column each day the cost of the present extra session of the Legislature, rating it at \$200,000 a day, and now makes it \$228,000,000. The real cost is nearer \$4,000 a day and the total cost up to date is only a little short of \$300,000. So much for the Pattison Policy!—*Media America*.

Governor Pattison's friends now concede that the boy made a mistake in calling an extra session of the Legislature of Pennsylvania for the purpose of making a new appointment. The members seem to be unable to agree upon anything, even adjournment. Somebody will have to help them let go, or Harrisburg will never see the last of them.—*Inter Ocean*.

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In other words the Democrats want the apportionment based on the vote, and the Republicans insist that it shall be based on the population, as the Constitution requires. The Democrats are wrong, and they know they are wrong, but they are trying to compel the Republicans to yield to them, and are squandering \$3,000 per day in the attempt.

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Their desperate attempt to justify the extra session of the Legislature, and its wicked waste of the people's money, the Democrats point to the fact that in 1850, their party polled 407,000 votes, to 444,000 cast by the Republicans, and claim that therefore they are entitled to thirteen of the twenty-eight members of Congress, and the refusal of the Republicans to grant this fair apportionment, is the cause of the extra session and its consequent expense. Now, the Act of Congress of February 25, 1852, under which the State must be apportioned, says that Congressmen "shall be elected by districts composed of contiguous territory, and containing as nearly as practicable an equal number of inhabitants"—not voters.

The apportionment is based upon population, and not on electors, as the Democrats insist it should be. In 1850, when there was a fair, square, stand-up fight between the two parties, 36 counties gave Republican majorities and 31 gave Democratic majorities. If the States vote then as they did in 1850, the division would be as follows:

REPUBLICAN. DEMOCRATIC.
Colorado.....3 Alabama.....10
Connecticut.....6 Arkansas.....7
Illinois.....15 California.....8
Indiana.....15 Delaware.....4
Iowa.....13 Florida.....4
Kansas.....9 Georgia.....9
Maine.....6 Kentucky.....13
Massachusetts.....14 Michigan.....13
Minnesota.....13 Maryland.....8
Mississippi.....7 Mississippi.....9
Nebraska.....5 Missouri.....16
New Hampshire.....4 Montana.....10
New Jersey.....26 North Carolina.....11
New York.....36 Oregon.....3 South Carolina.....9
Rhode Island.....4 Texas.....13
Vermont.....4 Virginia.....12
Wisconsin.....11 West Virginia.....6
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This would give the Republicans a majority of fifty-five electoral votes over the Democrats, and twenty-seven more than the number necessary to elect. Both columns embrace States that must be classed as doubtful. Of the Republican column Connecticut, Indiana and New York may be included in the doubtful list; and of the Democratic column, California, Florida, New Jersey and Virginia. The revised table will stand thus:

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