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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

FOR STATE TREASURER: WILLIAM LIVSEY, Allegheny Co.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL: JEROME B. NILES, Tioga County.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY: F. W. BIESECKER, Somerset Bor.

FOR POOR HOUSE DIRECTOR: REUBEN WOY, Somerset Bor.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR: WILLIAM BAKER, Milford Twp.

J. PHOENIX KNOTT was inaugurated as Governor of Kentucky, on Tuesday last week, in the presence of ten thousand people.

The Democrats in the Legislature must have carefully studied the file of the dog in the manger. They won't re-district the State, won't let the Republicans do it, and won't adjourn.

HOADLY, the Democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio, is sick in Philadelphia, whither he has gone for medical aid. He is reported as suffering from nervous prostration, and refuses to see any one.

It is reported from Washington, that Assistant Postmaster-General, Hatton, recently sat down in his chair on which was a box of parlor matches, and now betakes his meals of the mantelpiece in solemn silence.

JOHN ROACH, the great ship builder, at Philadelphia, testified before the Senate committee last week, that at one time he was a tramp. He now employs three thousand men, and last year paid in wages \$1,857,000.

The trial of James Nutt has been postponed until the December term of court on account of the sickness of a material witness. On Wednesday last, the Grand Jury found a true bill against him for the killing of Dukes.

OUR \$3,000-a-day Legislature meets and adjourns from day to day, without rendering the least value for the money it pockets, and on Tuesday last, the Democrats in caucus resolved to keep it up until they forced the Republicans into allowing them to have their own sweet will.

FRANK JAMES, the murderer and robber, who for years terrorized the people of several Western States, and for whose arrest, dead or alive, a reward was offered, has just been acquitted by a Missouri jury. The "gentlemen of the jury" must have been Democrats, who followed the injunction of the New York Sun, to "turn the rascals out."

If it wasn't for the waste of \$3000 per day, it would matter a blue button to the people of this State, whether there is an appropriation made or not. It matters to the politicians, to the bosses, to the fellows that run the Democratic machine, but not to the people. The State is very well distracted as it is, and the people's only concern is the robbery of the Treasury, and the keeping of the Democratic rascals out.

CHAIRMAN COOPER opened the Republican campaign among our neighbors at Bedford on Tuesday evening of last week, and judging from the savage way the Gazette goes for his scalp, must have made a telling speech and done effective work. Uncle John Cassia presided at the meeting and gave the Democrats a raking fire. He was followed by Senators McFarlane, Cooper and Longenecker. An excursion train was run from Everett, and the crowd was large and enthusiastic.

The record shows that since an early period of the extra session, the Republicans have urged an adjournment. But to every proposition of this kind the Governor's spokesmen—Gordon, in the Senate, and Amnerman, in the House—have come forward with the declaration that the Governor will keep the House in session until the crack of doom, if adjournment bills are not passed. Young Mr. Pattison may think he is displaying the Roman firmness of "Old Hickory," but to the people, he makes a mighty poor show, rattling around in Jackson's old shoes. The truth is, like the fellow who caught the tiger by the tail, the Democrats are awful anxious to have somebody help them let go.

FAILING to dragoon the Republican members of the Legislature into assenting to their demands in the matter of the appointment of the State, the Democrats have resorted, indirectly, to bribery. The experiment now being tried is, to make the pay of the members depend upon the passage of an appropriation law satisfactory to the Executive. The spokesmen of the Governor have openly announced that no appro-

pration bill shall be passed, nor will the Governor sign one, unless an appropriation bill is agreed upon. This is simply an attempt to bribe Republican members into yielding their convictions of right, in order that Democratic greed may be satisfied. It is a direct offer of ten dollars a day, or of a thousand dollars each, for Republican votes. Vote in favor of the Administration plan, say the Governor's spokesmen, and we will agree to pass, and he will sign an appropriation bill giving you your pay at ten dollars a day, or about one thousand in all; but if you refuse to agree to such an appropriation as we want, no bill shall become a law to pay you for your expenses and services during the now nearly one hundred days of this extra session.

What is this but bribery? You shall have your pay if you vote for such a bill on appropriation as we want, say the Democrats, and if you will not do so, then you shall not be paid. At last we have the Democratic ultimatum, which is simply, vote as we dictate and take your cash, or refuse and do without.

As in days of yore, the people of this State are being treated by the Democratic party, to daily dissertations on the solemn duty of obeying the Constitution. These jeremiads have an ancient and fish-like smell, and from time immemorial have been resorted to by the Democrats when a monstrous wrong had to be justified or defended. Thus, when slavery was to be extended, or that sum of all villainies needed defense, the Democratic leaders immediately fell to quoting the Constitution. When Democratic rebels took up arms against the Government, Democratic politicians, from Jeff Davis down to the meanest copperhead of the day, invoked the Constitution to prove that there existed no power or right to coerce a State, or prevent its secession from the Union. After the war, these Democratic leaders appealed to the Constitution to show that the Union could only be restored as the rebels wanted it. Again, when it was proposed to make suffrage universal, and guarantee equal rights before the law, to all men, regardless of color or of condition, a second Democratic rebellion was threatened in defense of the constitutional right of white men to exclusive use of the ballot, and the power to make and administer the laws.

Again, and again, and again, has this parrot-like cry of violating the Constitution been uttered by the Democratic leaders against Republican action and measures, until one wonders that its vain repetition does not fall upon the tongue of the utterers. But still again, we are having from the same source, the charge that the Republicans in the Legislature are violating the Constitution by "refusing" to apportion the State into Congressional and Legislative districts according to its mandates, and again we are called upon to refute this last refuge of Democratic villainy. The Constitution says the Legislature shall apportion the State into "districts of compact and contiguous territory, as nearly equal in population as may be," and this injunction of the Constitution the Republicans have complied with by framing and presenting a bill as nearly conformable to its mandates as possible. On the other hand, the Democrats have framed several bills, not based upon the population of the districts as the Constitution requires, but upon the vote that party has been able to poll, and on this unconstitutional basis they persistently demand that the State shall be apportioned. Failing to secure the assent of the Republicans at the regular session of the Legislature, they induced the Governor to call an extra session, and now for nearly one hundred days they have persistently wasted many thousands of the people's money in the attempt to coerce the Republicans into yielding their convictions of their constitutional duty, and permit the State to be apportioned upon the basis of a partisan vote, instead of population. But, waiving this glaring attempt on part of the Democrats to set aside the constitutional mandate, and assuming that both parties are honest and sincere, why is it that the Republicans are violating the Constitution, and the Democrats are not, because a bill cannot be agreed upon? Isn't it the merest fudge to say so? And now, after two sessions, extending over nearly two hundred and fifty days, having made it perfectly manifest that an agreement cannot be arrived at, is it not a criminal waste of the people's money on the part of the Democrats to reject the repeated propositions of the Republicans to adjourn?

The truth must be apparent to the least discerning mind, that the Democrats have blundered, first, in adopting an unconstitutional basis for apportionment, and secondly, in resorting to an extra session with the hope of coercing the Republicans into yielding their demands. And now, having failed, miserably failed, in their object, they are trying to distract attention from their colossal crime and their woful waste of the people's money, by raising against the Republicans their old-time yell of violating the Constitution.

LANCASTER, Pa., Sept. 6.—The boiler of a steam thrasher on the farm of Abraham Overhalter, Dauphin County, exploded yesterday, instantly killing Simon Brenner, the engineer, and Jacob J. Kline, both of Green County, for Mr. Butcher, of Urich, N. Y. The prices ranged from 33 to 40 cents.

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GLEANNINGS.

The Outlook.

Allegheny Mail. Chairman Cooper in opening the campaign has a united Republican organization behind him and the victory of a united Republican party before him.

The Only Thing Without End. Lancaster News Etc. Eternity has commonly been supposed to be the only known thing without an end. The Pennsylvania Legislature may now be safely added to the list.

The "reform" Legislature hold on in Pennsylvania. The members know they cannot make ten dollars per day as easily in any other way—especially as about one hundred of them are at home attending to their private affairs, and only visit the capital to draw their salaries.—Later Occur.

Just Wait and See.

West Chester Republican. Ten dollars a day and roast beef is fun to the members of the Pennsylvania Legislature, but it is a little hard on the people who pay the ten dollars. What a cleaning out of Democratic lumber there will be in Harrisburg soon!

Free Trade Run Mad.

Allegheny Mail. The Song of the Shirt has been revived in New York, where women are paid only four cents apiece for machine made shirts, and from 12 to 15 cents for those that are made part by hand work. They are forming an organization with the intention of demanding an increase of ten per cent on these rates. These prices look like "Free trade" run mad.

Some time ago Governor Pattison vetoed a small appropriation to build a decent road walk around the Capitol at Harrisburg, and no doubt some people thought this a signal evidence of his determination to see that no public money was needlessly expended. But now this same Governor is encouraging the indefinite continuance of a needless special session of the Legislature at an expense of \$3,000 a day. While watching the spigot the Governor seems to care nothing about the open bung-hole; but it is just possible the voters may care.

Are Already Beaten.

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A Fatal Wreck.

BALTIMORE, September 8.—A collision occurred to-day on the Western Maryland Railroad, 23 miles from this city, between a locomotive coming east and an excursion train from Washington for Pen Mar, with several hundred persons on board, including men, women and children. The collision occurred in a narrow cut near Patapsco Station. The locomotive came together with a crash, and that going east jumped entirely upon the other, the two being wedged so tightly together that at a late hour tonight they had not been separated. A man named Simmons, a painter in the employ of the company, was on the east bound engine as a flagman, and he was killed outright. James Maccubbin and Edward Jewett, the engineers, were both horribly scalded by escaping steam. Jewett lives at Waynesboro, Pa., and Maccubbin lives at a farm near the track. The train was obstructed all day, so that passengers had to be transferred and the mail train due in this city at 6 o'clock did not arrive until about 11 o'clock to-night. The excursionists from Washington, after remaining at the wreck until 5 o'clock this afternoon, were brought back and the late train for the mother city proceeded to Washington. None of the excursionists were injured.

Victims of Hydrophobia.

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Gabrielle Greeley Purchases Chapin.

CHAPPAQUA, N. Y., September 8.—The farm of the late Horace Greeley was sold at noon to-day by I. H. Haight, Trustee, in pursuance of a decree of the Supreme Court dated June 4, 1883. Horace Greeley by his will directed the sale and the proceeds to be divided among his children. Mrs. Smith, his daughter, the executor in the will, did not follow out the instructions, and after her death Gabrielle M. Greeley, the surviving daughter, brought an action against Colonel Smith and his children to set aside the estate and to be reconstituted by the will. At noon the trustee put the property up for sale. Only one bid was made, and Gabrielle M. Greeley bought the estate for \$10,000. The property, with the buildings, drainage and cultivation, cost Horace Greeley over \$70,000. It comprises 75 acres. A few of the very best of the second and third year's crops, besides that which was in the field, were present.

Severe Floods.

GALVESTON, September 7.—A special to the Times from Laredo says: "The rains for the last day or two have caused an unprecedented rise in the Rio Grande. At noon today the rise was eighteen feet. It has since fallen one foot. Heavy rains have been falling to-day, and it is expected that a greater height will be reached. A great loss of stock has been reported by drowning. Numerous wash-outs are reported on the International and Texas Railroad. The bridge over a creek near here, on the Rio Grande and Peoos Railroad, is gone, and the road bed is badly damaged. The train on the Mexican National Railroad had crossed the bridge over the Rio Grande, a large portion of the structure was washed away. Several houses on the Mexican side of the river are inundated. A large derrick on a tower erected in the river, which was used for the purpose of raising the bridge, was blown down by the wind. The train on the International and Texas Railroad, which was running fast, met the locomotive and both engines were wrecked. William Green, engineer, was badly scalded. Engineer McDonoghly, of the passenger train, stuck to his post and was uninjured. The Every Evening says that Mrs. Morris, of Dover, was thrown on the car seats and badly injured. Mrs. William C. Mitchell and ex-Messenger Woodley were severely injured by the jar, and Mrs. Harris, of Harrisburg, was thrown against the water cooler and painfully injured. Other passengers received insignificant bruises.

A Freight Train Smashed.

DENVER, Col., Sept. 9.—Two serious accidents occurred on Friday at Kenosha Mountain, on the Denver, South Park and Pacific Road, in which seven employees were injured. A freight train had been made into two sections to come down the hill. The last section, consisting of a passenger train, was being successfully, but at the base ran into a construction train, injuring four men. The second section started, but at the top of the immense grade, while running at the usual speed, the engine jumped the track and eight cars derailed and were telescoped down the embankment. Fisher, engineer, Edward Lake, head brakeman, and G. E. Livingston, conductor, were probably fatally injured. The wreck was a terrible one. It seems that from some cause the engine train got the mastery of the grade and rushed down the mountain, where a grade of only 150 feet to the mile, a sharp curve threw the engine off the track and the whole train was wrecked.

Love Ending in a Fatal Duel.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Aug. 31.—Yesterday, Huddy Williams and Ed Cunningham, living near Red Cliff, Butte Mountain, agreed to settle their rivalry for the hand of a young lady by duels. At a signal each drew and fired. Williams fell dead at the first shot, pierced through the heart, and Cunningham fell shot through the lungs. He died a few moments later.

Accident to an Adventurous Lord.

CHICAGO, Sept. 3.—Special dispatch reports that Lord Helyar, who accompanied the batch excursion to Yellowstone, went into the willow search of game, accompanied by two experienced hunters. A report reached the hotel at Mammoth Hot Springs yesterday that Lord Helyar had sustained injuries by slipping a precipice while pursuing game. A party was sent out and brought his lordship to the hotel last night. His injuries, though painful are not serious.

Railroad Merger.

HARRISBURG, Pa., September 7.—Articles of merger for the Harrisburg and Western and South Pennsylvania Railroads were filed in the office of the Secretary of State this morning. This is the result of the stockholders' meeting held in this city yesterday, and is a move in the interest of the Vanderbilt line to Pittsburgh.

Death of a "Family" Man.

READING, September 7.—John Heffner, a German ragpicker, a resident of this city, who was killed on the Pennsylvania railroad at Lancaster yesterday, had a remarkable history. He was 67 years old, and was born in Wurtemberg, Germany. The remarkable thing about Heffner's life was the large number of children he had. He was married three times, and had a family of 42 children, only five of whom—albeit daughters, ranging in age from 6 to 27 years—survive. When 25 years old, in 1810, he married his first wife in Germany. She lived eight years and became the mother of 13 children in that time, having twins in the first year of their marriage. The next year brought forth another pair of twins. Each succeeding year for four years thereafter Mrs. Heffner became the mother of triplets. Then she died and was laid away in the village cemetery. The mother of the widow now had a family of seventeen children. Three months thereafter a young lady took charge of the children, and, in the course of time, she became the second Mrs. Heffner. In February, 1849, this second wife presented Mr. Heffner with a son, the first child of the pair of the same year. The nineteenth child was added to the Heffner flock. The family was now larger than any other in that part of the country. When they gathered around the table the household had the appearance of an orphan asylum. Five years passed on, and Mr. Heffner's family was increased by the addition of ten more children, a pair of twin being born every year for the next three years. Only one child was born in 1854. He came to this country with his family. In 1857 his wife died, having been married nine years. He was the father of 32 children, 12 of whom had died, leaving 20 to be taken in charge by a widow whom he married in 1858. Mrs. Heffner No. 3 had one child by a previous marriage. She became the mother of nine more children in ten years by single births. None of the first set of seventeen children survive. The second wife of Mr. Heffner was still alive, and three of the third wife, in a period of 25 years he became the father of 42 children. The old man had long since forgotten the names of his numerous progeny.

Safe Robbed.

MCCONNELLSBURG, September 6.—At an early hour this morning the boot and shoe store of A. B. Hanks, of this place, was broken open and the safe robbed. The explosion caused a number of families in the immediate vicinity, but before any person arrived the burglars had completed their work and escaped with all the money in the safe, amounting to several hundred dollars. Mr. Hanks is treasurer of the School Board and the impression that his safe contained a large sum of money no doubt induced the burglars to commit the deed. The excitement was increased this evening when it was made known that the county treasurer's office in the court house had been entered. Evidence is conclusive that it was the same crooked crew who entered the safe of Mr. Hanks last night. At the last Auditor's settlement there was shown to be a balance of some forty-five hundred dollars in the county treasurer's hands. The treasurer does not keep any money in his office in the court house, as it is only used by him during term of court, and so the burglars got none.

A Wanton Murder in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 4.—James Donohue, aged twenty-five, this morning delirious and without apparent cause, fired a shot and killed his step-father, Michael O'Connell, aged fifty-five. A short time before the tragedy Donohue went to his trunk and took from it a revolver. His mother urged him to put the weapon back but he threatened to shoot her if she interfered. Then he returned to the room and took the revolver in hand. Presently his step-father, a large man, came into the house, saw Donohue, and walking toward him, said: "James give me the pistol." Donohue immediately rose to his feet and fired a ball through O'Connell's heart. He then lay on the lounge, seemingly unconscious. O'Connell walked a few steps and fell dead. Mrs. O'Connell ran screaming out doors. A policeman soon arrived, but Donohue stubbornly resisted and had to be severely clouted before he could be arrested.

Attempted Train Robbery.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Sept. 6.—A bold attempt was made at an early hour this morning to wreck the passenger train on the Chicago and North-western Road due in this city at 12:15 o'clock. Conductor Redfern states that as the train was nearing Turner Junction the locomotive ran into three ties placed across the track, the cow-catchers knocking off two of the sleepers and breaking the third into pieces. The collision caused quite a sensation among the large number of passengers on board, and had the obstruction been placed on the rails securely the train would have been wrecked and hundreds of lives lost. The work was evidently done by tramps, who had planned to wreck the train and rob the passengers during the confusion which would undoubtedly have ensued. The Texas Mexican Railway Co. lost 11 bridges and culverts and several miles of track at Pera, a station 100 miles west, the situation is very bad. The Rio Grande has fallen to within a few feet of its former level, but the danger to-night is not yet over.

Driving the Golden Spike.

GOLD SPIKE, Mont., Sept. 8.—The ceremony of driving the golden spike which completed the Northern Pacific Railroad, and permanently connected the Pacific coast with the Atlantic coast, was concluded at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon in the presence of a large crowd, and amidst the booming of cannon. Speeches were made by President Villard, ex-President Billings and ex-Secretary William M. Evans.

Arrest of a Silver King.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9.—As ex-Secretary William Sharon was about to take the train for the East yesterday afternoon, he was arrested at the suit of Miss Aggie Hill, who claims that Mr. Sharon had formally agreed to marry her, and had treated her as his wife; that she had loaned him \$90,000, only \$78,000 of which sum had been returned to her. Many persons declare the case a blackmailing scheme.

Burned by an Incendiary.

WHEELING, W. Va., Sept. 9.—The freight depot of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad, at Martin's Ferry, O., opposite this city, was destroyed by an incendiary fire early yesterday evening. Holes were bored in the depot from outside and a light applied to a barrel of oil. The loss is \$500, including the freight cars destroyed. The books of the Western Union Telegraph Company were burned, but the papers of the railroad company were saved.

Nickel Ore Discovered in Nevada.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 3.—Important discoveries of nickel ore have been made in Churchill county, Nevada. The specimens assayed yielded 30 per cent, pure nickel.

The Java Horror.

THE HAGUE, September 7.—Telegraphic communication with Sumatra being disturbed, no news has been received from the Lampong expedition, which left Batavia last Monday. The expedition is not expected to return to Batavia for four days. The following dispatch has been received at the Navy Department, Washington, from Commander Barker: "The United States steamer Enterprise is at Batavia, where she was directed to go for the purpose of investigating the result of the recent volcanic eruption in that vicinity. The Enterprise arrived on the 4th inst. The Princess and Great Channels are safe. In the Ave Beze Channel all the lights are out except the Java head. Dutch cruisers warn vessels."

The official report on the recent volcanic eruption in Sumatra is not yet published. The number of natives killed at Bantam, Batavia and Lampong is estimated at 30,000. The number of Europeans lost is unknown. The Garrison and the Dutch President at Felokbetong were saved. Terrible distress prevails at Felokbetong, as it is unapproachable by the sea, owing to the bay being filled with banks of pumice stone. The telegraph line from Batavia to Felokbetong was destroyed.

A telegram from Batavia says famine is completing the havoc there. It is now certainly known the steamer Enterprise passed through the Sunda Straits, showing they are navigable.

Safe Robbed.

MCCONNELLSBURG, September 6.—At an early hour this morning the boot and shoe store of A. B. Hanks, of this place, was broken open and the safe robbed. The explosion caused a number of families in the immediate vicinity, but before any person arrived the burglars had completed their work and escaped with all the money in the safe, amounting to several hundred dollars. Mr. Hanks is treasurer of the School Board and the impression that his safe contained a large sum of money no doubt induced the burglars to commit the deed. The excitement was increased this evening when it was made known that the county treasurer's office in the court house had been entered. Evidence is conclusive that it was the same crooked crew who entered the safe of Mr. Hanks last night. At the last Auditor's settlement there was shown to be a balance of some forty-five hundred dollars in the county treasurer's hands. The treasurer does not keep any money in his office in the court house, as it is only used by him during term of court, and so the burglars got none.

A Wanton Murder in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 4.—James Donohue, aged twenty-five, this morning delirious and without apparent cause, fired a shot and killed his step-father, Michael O'Connell, aged fifty-five. A short time before the tragedy Donohue went to his trunk and took from it a revolver. His mother urged him to put the weapon back but he threatened to shoot her if she interfered. Then he returned to the room and took the revolver in hand. Presently his step-father, a large man, came into the house, saw Donohue, and walking toward him, said: "James give me the pistol." Donohue immediately rose to his feet and fired a ball through O'Connell's heart. He then lay on the lounge, seemingly unconscious. O'Connell walked a few steps and fell dead. Mrs. O'Connell ran screaming out doors. A policeman soon arrived, but Donohue stubbornly resisted and had to be severely clouted before he could be arrested.

Attempted Train Robbery.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Sept. 6.—A bold attempt was made at an early hour this morning to wreck the passenger train on the Chicago and North-western Road due in this city at 12:15 o'clock. Conductor Redfern states that as the train was nearing Turner Junction the locomotive ran into three ties placed across the track, the cow-catchers knocking off two of the sleepers and breaking the third into pieces. The collision caused quite a sensation among the large number of passengers on board, and had the obstruction been placed on the rails securely the train would have been wrecked and hundreds of lives lost. The work was evidently done by tramps, who had planned to wreck the train and rob the passengers during the confusion which would undoubtedly have ensued. The Texas Mexican Railway Co. lost 11 bridges and culverts and several miles of track at Pera, a station 100 miles west, the situation is very bad. The Rio Grande has fallen to within a few feet of its former level, but the danger to-night is not yet over.

Driving the Golden Spike.

GOLD SPIKE, Mont., Sept. 8.—The ceremony of driving the golden spike which completed the Northern Pacific Railroad, and permanently connected the Pacific coast with the Atlantic coast, was concluded at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon in the presence of a large crowd, and amidst the booming of cannon. Speeches were made by President Villard, ex-President Billings and ex-Secretary William M. Evans.

Arrest of a Silver King.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9.—As ex-Secretary William Sharon was about to take the train for the East yesterday afternoon, he was arrested at the suit of Miss Aggie Hill, who claims that Mr. Sharon had formally agreed to marry her, and had treated her as his wife; that she had loaned him \$90,000, only \$78,000 of which sum had been