

The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY, April 18, 1892.

Mr. Cleveland has never realized so much as lately what a very, very small State Rhode Island is.

The windy winds of spring have subsided, but the physicians have another batch of pneumonia patients.

Democrats will likely use the old railroad route this year. "Don't stand on the platform. It is dangerous."

The Republican State Convention will meet at Harrisburg to-day and will nominate a ticket that will be elected this fall.

CONGRESSMAN HOLMAN has been nominated for the eighteenth time. The great objector never objects at such times.

THERE were four fist fights in the Pennsylvania Democratic Convention. The Democrats may be made unanimous for Cleveland with proper discipline.

The Pennsylvania Democratic platform is more devoted to discipline than to principles. They possibly expect the delegates to Chicago will be as quarrelsome as those at Harrisburg.

The Hilliers will wear another and new edition of Webster before June. They have about used up all the slang terms of the supplement on Free Cleveland. The latest is "that fat Phiarson."

THE next State election to be held is that of Oregon, which will elect minor state officers and a Congressman at large. The present Congressman is a Republican, with 10,000 majority back of him.

NORTH CAROLINA'S delegates to Minneapolis are ironical Harrison men. He understood to vote for him "first, last and all the time," with no second choice in view." These are instructions that instruct.

SPEAKER CRISP seems to have fully recovered from his late sickness, and is now able to attend to his usual avocations every day. He is becoming popular as a fair presiding officer with men of both parties.

If there are any doubtful States in the North, Republicans would do well to encourage Governor Cleveland, and not Campbell, and other eminent statesmen of the same class to explain their votes.

SENATOR GORHAM, Briss, and Quay are all agreed upon one point. Quay is not to attend to the work as chairman of the National campaign committee again. It is a place for hard work and little credit.

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UNDOUBTEDLY the Democrats of Pennsylvania prefer Cleveland to any other candidate now in the field; but do not think little of us who are nominated as now. Anywhere between 50,000 and 100,000 will be Harrison's majority.

THEY were \$2,200,494,518 in circulation in the country March 1. This is an increase of \$80,000,574 over the circulation in March last year, the silver mines and the silver inflations are not satisfied. Some people are not willing to accept the earth unless there is a fence to inclose the property.

THE Democratic Congressmen who started out to investigate Pension Commission Ruman are now finding it difficult to convince the country that they are not in need of investigation themselves. There are lots of smart Alecks who can't tell a boomerang from a boom before they experiment with it.

THAT this is a Republican year is becoming more and more apparent. At the election for Mayor in Jersey City, State of New Jersey, on Tuesday, the Republican candidate was elected by a majority of 267. The Jersey City people have aided in every way to corrupt the Democratic ring which has so long controlled the ballot boxes of that city and Hudson city. With a fair election in the county, which Jersey city is the principal part, New Jersey is a doubtful state.

SECRETARY ELKINS has accepted the invitation to deliver the address at the annual Grant banquet in New York, April 27. The present Secretary of War was one of General Grant's most intimate friends in the later years of his life, and it was upon the judgment of Secretary Elkins Grant relied when overtaken by financial disaster. Elkins assured the Old Commander that his integrity could not be impeached, and was a great comfort to him. It is very appropriate that Secretary Elkins should deliver the address in New York when they propose to grant the building of the monument to Grant's memory.

WHEN Gen'l A. H. Coffroth stepped off the early train Thursday morning, on his arrival home on the late Democratic State Convention, he had blood in his eye while a long-headed horn protruded several inches from his coat sleeve. The managers of the Convention not only sat upon the General and his friend Green, of Blair, but they jumped on them with both feet and afterwards used their limp bodies to mop up the floor. Hence the blood in the eye and the half-concealed razor. The General's razor is a tried one with a keen blade, as some of his Democratic opponents who are now planning themselves on downing him will discover to their dismay, when the time for using it comes around.

If any honest Democrat or Mugwump is so foolish as to believe that the postponement of the fraudulent silver bill by this Congress means that the thing is dead, we counsel him to read the platform of the Democratic Party in the pronounced Democratic States this year.

He will discover that free silver is still championed by the Democracy wherever it is in authority, and that it has been set aside only for fear that at present, it endangers Democratic success in the six Eastern States. The facts are so apparent that it seems useless to dwell upon them.

Every intelligent man knows that a free silver bill would be more strongly supported than ever if a Democratic President should be elected next fall, and it makes no difference who the candidate may be.

Important Lessons From the Senatorial Elections.

From the Philadelphia Tropic.

The Republicans of Topeka county, like the Republicans of Armstrong, Snyder, Union, Lawrence, Mercer, Butler, Erie, Lancaster, and Crawford counties, will vote directly for United States Senator.

In Armstrong county 5502 votes were cast for Harrison in the Presidential election of 1888. On March 28, 1892, 9295 Republicans voted for Senator. Of these 9295 they received 9306 and Dalsell 1293.

In Snyder county 2900 votes were cast for Harrison. 1896 Snyder county Republicans voted on the Senatorial question. They received 1008 votes and Dalsell 288, and Harrison was supported by the votes of 1469 Republicans for a re-nomination.

In Union county 2448 Republican votes were cast for Harrison for President in 1888. On March 28, 1892, 9295 Republicans voted for Senator, of whom 371 cast their ballots for Quay and 252 for Ditzell, the rest of the votes being divided between Robinson, Beaver and Stone.

In Lawrence county 4342 votes were cast for Harrison in 1888. This year 2700 Republicans voted for Quay and 1300 for Dalsell, and 493 to Dalsell, a total of 3210 votes cast.

Erie county gave 9572 votes for Harrison. Quay got 4890 votes and Dalsell 250, making a total of 4245 votes.

Lancaster cast 21,976 Republican votes at the last Presidential election. On the 9th of this month she cast 11,269 votes for Quay and 9084 for Dalsell, making a total of 14,953 Republican votes voted at the Senatorial election.

Crawford county gave 8610 votes to Harrison. This year she gave 4340 votes for Quay and 1016 to Dalsell, a total of 5356 votes.

It is interesting to note these figures, for the Dalsell followers are fond of raising the cry of machine influence. A primary vote which approaches as near to a Presidential vote that of any other vote in the State is that of Harrison can not be created or controlled by machine influence any more than it can be explained away by the defeated candidate.

This voting directly for United States Senator is a new thing in Pennsylvania and the United States. A mere party loss or a machine could have prevented it, and would have done so.

Quay might with reason have avoided the issue by refusing to accept the nomination of Charles S. Wolfe, though the party fully of faction, or in Crawford county, where the personal opposition to Delamater has been kept alive by lawsuits, or in Erie county or Lancaster county, where the local quarrels have been of the most bitter character, or in Topeka county, the home of ex-Senator John I. Mitchell and other independent Republicans whose followers have despised his ability, and are crying aloud constantly and senselessly without a cause.

The county at large can draw an important lesson from Senator Quay's submission of the Senatorial question directly to the people, and that is that State Legislatures do represent the people. His great majority are not more an endorsement of himself than they are an endorsement of the Constitution of the United States and of the wisdom of its founders.

Train Robbers Again.

NEW ORLEANS, April 15. Passenger train No. 2 of the Illinois Central was held up and robbed last night near Independence. It is believed that not more than \$5,000 was obtained.

There were three of the robbers. One of them got aboard the engine at Hammond and held up the engineer and fireman with a revolver and compelled them to obey his orders. The train went on a side track and the robbers made their escape. Soon after leaving Arcola the man on the engine ordered the engineer to stop. Several robbers were waiting the train at this point; then the masked men forced the engineer and fireman to get out of the train and ordered the messenger to open the doors. The messenger did not do so and was affected with a bullet wound in the chest. The robbers kept every one inside of the coaches and sleepers until their work was completed. Neither the passenger nor mail cars were disturbed. After the highwaymen were through with the robbery they made their escape over the hills and back down about 200 yards, when they ordered him to go ahead. The robbers were apparently young men; two of them had full beards; all were very poorly dressed. Several possess an revolver.

3,000 Families are Homeless.

JACKSON, Miss., April 15.—Information from the flooded district of northern Mississippi in the counties of Monroe, Clay and Leflore, is that the water, though falling, is still over the country and is filling with logs, and barns and farm implements, and that a large number of negroes, with now and then a few dead negroes, government aid is not wanted, but 300 negroes would be gladly received as shelter for the homeless.

The Road Engine Again.

We are given some more facts on this subject by the Standard Count. Certain parties operating a stone quarry employed a traction engine to haul a train of wagons over the quarry and the railroad station, over a public highway, were indicted for maintaining a public nuisance and convicted. The indictment contained two counts—one alleging a hindrance and obstruction to ordinary travel; the other, that by reason of the weight of the engine and its load, the highway was injured and the safety of the public thereby endangered. The verdict was affirmed. The Court says: "The running of a traction engine over a public highway upon a single occasion would not constitute a public nuisance. That may be necessary in the case of a steam reaping engine, pulled from one farm to another. The act of June 23, 1885, seems to recognize such necessity, and prescribes the conditions and manner under which it may be done. This we regard as restrictive legislation. It was not intended to license the unregulated use of steam engines on public highways, considering the second count of the Court says: "As a general rule, highways and bridges are constructed for ordinary use in an ordinary manner, and not for an unusual or extraordinary use, either by crossing at great speed, or by the passing of a very large and unusual weight. A township is not bound to provide more than so construct its bridges as to protect the public safety against injury by a reasonable, proper and probable use thereof, in view of the surrounding circumstances, such as the extent, kind and nature of the travel and business over them." Therefore, under the ordinary, reasonable, proper and probable use of highways and bridges is to be drawn over them at the tail of a traction engine, loaded with a heavy load, is not to be regarded as a very large and unusual weight, as the jury of justice, as they ought to be so held.

General Fiske, aged 70 years, was married at Freetown, Mass., to Miss Ida Estelle Gardner, aged 67, in a happy ceremony on Wednesday. He married just 27 years on Wednesday. General Fiske lost an arm in the army of Richmond.

Heydrick for Supreme Judge.

The Democratic State Convention was held in Harrisburg, Pa., on Wednesday.

Wright called the Convention to order. Congressman Bittschover was chosen Temporary Chairman. The report of the Committee on Credentials stated all the candidates of the Convention, ignoring the claims of the "main body" of the Convention, were presented, but the majority report was adopted. Senator Rice was made permanent chairman.

Christopher Heydrick, of Venango, who was appointed by Governor Pattison to succeed the late Justice Clark, was nominated for Judge of the Supreme Court by acclamation. George A. Allen, of Erie, and Mayor Thomas P. Merritt, of Reading, were named as candidates at-large for Congress. The four electors-at-large named were: Mortimer E. DeLoach, of Topeka; John C. Bullitt, Philadelphia; Thomas B. Kennedy, Franklin, and David T. Watson, Allegheny. Much confusion ensued when the naming of the delegates-at-large to the National Convention was begun. There were 8 named candidates, and the names of the delegates-at-large were: W. H. Hensel, Lancaster; W. M. Stinger, Philadelphia; Charles Robinson, Lawrence; Harry Alan Hill, Elk; John L. McKinney, Crawford; Grant Herring, Columbia; and Henry Meyer, Allegheny.

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A corn dealer at Taganrog, a seaport town on the north shore of the Sea of Azov, has been sentenced to a month's imprisonment for selling to the starving peasants corn with which earth had been mixed.

After four months of married life Mrs. Baker, of Stanton, Va., is now hunting her husband, who has eloped with one of her daughters, while Baker's son ran away with the daughter of a millinery manufacturer.

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Governor McKinley visited Roger T. Mills his hearty congratulations on his election to the United States Senate, and received the following reply:

My sincere thanks to the Republican Government for the honor of my election to the Senate. I have long had the highest regard which is possible to a man of his kind and color.

At the first note of the bugler, the signal for entrance, rang out, there was a crack from the cabin of the soldier next to him, which was quickly echoed by one further down the line. As the volley rained down the lines on either side, it was answered by the loud beats of hundreds of horns, spurred on by riders reckless of life or limb in the ride for land. A cloud of alkali dust rose as the middle army charged for the line.

William Mair, the man who coolly lighted a match and shot his wife to death in bed at Wheeling, West Virginia, on the morning of the 10th inst., was executed at 10 o'clock Wednesday evening, after a brief but exciting chase, about three miles east of the city.

A telephone message was received at Pittsburgh police headquarters that a man was acting in a very insane way on the grave of Mrs. Mair and other Stewart family graves. The man was taken to the city jail.

Reminiscences of Prison Life.

The following reminiscences of prison life were written for the Herald by Jas. F. Stanton, late of Co. D, 142d Pa. Vol., who, together with the late Chas. T. Hunter was confined in Salisbury prison and "Castle Thunder," Mr. Stanton being in the latter and the reminiscences are taken from it.

Sergeant Chas. T. Hunter (Co. C, 142d Regt., Pa. Volunteers) and myself were captured near Petersburg, Va., on Oct. 1, 1864, and from that time were in close confinement.

At Richmond, Va., we were placed in boxes like so many cattle and shipped to Salisbury, N. C., where we were told "to make ourselves comfortable under a large oak tree."

I can not describe the suffering of the prisoners, who were not half fed or clothed, and without protection from the weather, and seeing their dead comrades handled like so much rubbish.

Prepared to dig in order to escape and used an old well, making a mine from there to a church, but we discovered one day too late, on Oct. 25, '64, and our sufferings were now beginning. On Nov. 3, 1864, Sergeant Wm. Templeton, of Pittsburgh, died and thirty dead men were heaped from the prison to the grave.

Sergeant Hunter and I cut "logs out of bones and sold them to the "Rebs" for \$1.00 apiece, and on Dec. 7, '64, we were getting so near starvation that we had a dollar apiece for an onion, and on this date thirty-seven men died.

As we were drawing provisions for 100 men in our camp, the "Rebs" supposed something to be wrong as they were hauling out about 35 men every day. They decided to count their prisoners. Sergeant Hunter and I were taken to the "Rebs" and we were told to make out our number and we did so in return. We now, (Dec. 20, 1864), gave up all hope of getting out alive.

From Dec. 20, '64, to the end of the month of January, we were kept in the ground, and dying at the rate of about forty-five per day.

Our Christmas dinner consisted of one Sox loaf of soft bread and about one or two pounds of sugar, and about one or two pounds of a very little piece of meat. The ground was so hard that we were unable to keep our hands warm. Our method of drawing water was to a stone to one side of an old tin can, and a string to the can and draw it out of the wells.

The lowest estimate placed on the loss of life is 250, all of whom are negroes. More than 3,000 families are reported homeless and suffering for the necessities of life.

During this month, (Dec. 64), men suffered dreadfully as it was snowing and sleeting during the greater part of the time and they were kept in the ground, and without any protection, except muslin tents, which were of no use. Many were the tears shed on this account.

We were taken from prison on Feb. 22, '65. Chas. T. Hunter and I made a solemn promise to send nothing to the "Rebs" of the others in case of anything happening to either of us, also to befriend each other during life.

He notified his wife to write me in case of death so that I might be able to attend his funeral, which was held on March 27, 1862. He was buried by the G. A. R. Post of Somerset.

In his death I lost my trusty friend and comrade; his wife and family a true husband and father; the stars and stripes a loyal friend; the church a pillar; but all lost low to the Supreme Ruler.

Jas. F. Stanton, Sergeant of Co. D, 142d Regt., Pa. Vol.

A New Council of the J. O. U. A. M. J. O. U. A. M. Scullion Council No. 517, was instituted on Saturday evening, April 9, 1892, by A. Markle, D. S. C., and W. C. Nickles, Recording Secretary, J. O. U. A. M. The following officers were nominated, elected and installed:

J. Past Counselor, J. V. Edmister; Councilor, A. S. Snyder; Vice Councilor, F. E. Yankin; Assistant Recording Secretary, W. C. Nickles; Recording Secretary, J. O. U. A. M.; Financial Secretary, D. J. Henry; Treasurer, W. C. Baker; Conductor, J. F. Henry; Warden, James Henry; Inside Sentinel, W. S. King; Outside Sentinel, F. K. Bangard; Trustee, E. G. Henry; J. P. Henry; and F. J. Frantz.

Regularly held every two weeks, the prospects are very bright for a good council at Scullion.

Buried at the Ae of 110.

SHARON, Pa., April 15.—Mrs. Catharine Golden, was buried at the age of 110 years this morning. Sixty years ago, on leaving Ireland, she brought her funeral shroud along. Her husband served under Napoleon I, and she well remembered the time the Emperor sent out his last ill-fated expedition.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

THE Baking Powder

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Local Farmers.

Secretary Edge, of the State Board of Agriculture, reports the season for local farmers.

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By Pension Frauds.

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In one case they made an attempt to gain possession of a \$10,000 pension which the Government allowed their mother, Mrs. Fiecke Taylor. Among the persons whose names were forced to several papers were Pruthonary Titworth and Clerk of Courts Rran, of Montrose County; County Commissioner Stephen, of Springtown; A. F. Surver, Justice of the Peace, of Grant Bend, and the signatories of the deceased's father—William F. Halstead—General Manager of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Road, and others. The prisoners were taken from Montrose to Scranton last night, where they were committed to jail in default of bail.

Judge Ewing to Re-sign.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 18.—It was announced here to-day that Judge Nathaniel Ewing, of the Fayette-Grove Judicial District, will shortly resign from the bench to accept the appointment of solicitor general for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at a salary of \$10,000.

A Horse Thief Met by 1000.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 18.—Edward Thomas, a horse thief, was met by a broad daylight, stole a team of horses from George M. Samsman, of this borough, was captured at Samsman and brought here this morning. A crowd of 1000 curious persons awaited his arrival at the depot, but the prisoner evaded them by quickly leading the prisoner on an ice wagon, in which he was conveyed to the lock-up. Later he was taken to Northtown to await trial.

Good News!

No one, who is willing to adopt the right course, need be long afflicted with such a disease as this. It is afflicted with a skin disease that did not yield to any remedy until a friend advised me to try Ayer's Sarsaparilla. With the use of this medicine the complaint disappeared. It is my belief that no other blood medicine could have effected so rapid and complete a cure."—Andrew D. Green, C. Victoria, Tasmania, Corvallis, Ore.

My wife, for years, was afflicted with rheumatism, and she was unable to walk. I bought Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and after using it a few bottles, she was able to walk again. I can testify to the fact that it effected a thorough cure. I can testify to the fact that it effected a thorough cure. I can testify to the fact that it effected a thorough cure.

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