

W. R. DUNN - - - - EDITOR. WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 1, 1875.

The Cannetown correspondent of the Lanesville Leader "speaks out in meeting" in regard to the pardon of Williams, as follows: "The news of the pardon of D. D. Williams who was convicted one year ago of embezzling the funds of the First National Bank of this place, was a surprise to many of our citizens. They feel that the interests of society have been trifled with and the general remark was, that the greater the crime the less the punishment, and insist if he had stolen a steer from his neighbor worth thirty dollars, he would have been sentenced nineteen years to the penitentiary, and served his full time. But when he had stolen from the Bank and special depositors seventy-five thousand dollars, he is sentenced for five years, and pardoned in one. Our people looked upon it as a mockery of justice and construe it as a notice to all bank officers and all others in position of trust, or responsibility, that they must make no small steals, but they must take from fifty to one hundred thousand dollars, and then, if caught and proven guilty their sentence will be light, and their pardon early.

The last political utterances of Vice President Wilson were made on Saturday preceding his death. The elections in Ohio and Pennsylvania, in his opinion, determined the question of the next Presidency. That a Republican succession could only be defeated by the most utter folly of the Republican party itself; that everywhere there was evidence of the return to the party of those who went off in the Liberal movement; of this fact he had sufficient evidence in the numerous letters he had received during the past year from leading Liberals. He expected in the next campaign to see the party thoroughly united. He said the people would never be willing to intrust the administration of the executive of the Government to one who had been arrayed against it by voice or service, and that this was the record of every person named for the Democratic nomination. He said that the security and perpetuation of the Union were the paramount issues in the minds of the people, and that this would override questions of currency, Church and State, public schools, and all else.

The people of McKean county had a red-hot contest for Sheriff at the late election to fill the vacancy as they supposed caused by the death of Sheriff Powell. The Republican candidate, C. S. King, won it, but another man named Thomas King, had already been appointed by the Governor and commissioned under the new Constitution to hold the office till January 1877 instead of 1876, as they supposed. The vacancy occurred within three calendar months of the election, in which case the constitution says "the election for said office shall be held at the second succeeding general election." For Prothonotary there was a tie, so the old Prothonotary, a Republican, holds over until his successor is duly elected next year. Verily, the ambitious patriots of McKean have lots of trouble in going where "me country calls." - Venango Citizen.

Seventy acres of land at Fair Point, Chautauque Lake, have recently been purchased by the Sunday School Association, which makes one hundred and twenty acres now belonging to them. A new auditorium will be prepared at the ravine on the eastern side; it will be in the form of an amphitheatre, the stage being at the base of a circular hill, which will enable a larger number to hear than by any previous arrangement. The old auditorium will remain as heretofore. Arrangements are now perfected so that parties wishing to erect permanent summer residences at Fair Point will be able to obtain enough ground to make their surroundings as comfortable and elaborate as they choose. The Association are to erect greenhouses and make improvements of a permanent character in all parts of the grounds.

The Southern Democracy propose to run things to suit themselves, or they will bolt. The following extract from the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle and Sentinel sounds like old times: "The Northern Democrats may plan what they please, but unless their schemes prove acceptable to the South they cannot execute anything. In the next Presidential campaign it takes 184 electoral votes to put a Democrat in the White House, and of these 125 will be furnished by the Southern States and Missouri."

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