

Judge of the Supreme Court, Hon. JAMES T. MITCHELL, Philadelphia.

Republican State Convention. The Republican State Convention met in the Opera House at Harrisburg, on Wednesday morning last, at 11 o'clock, and was called to order by Chairman Cooper.

The wrangle over the chairmanship of the State Committee had given promise of some lively work for the convention, but that contest was settled the evening before in caucus. It was agreed that Senator Cooper should be elected to serve out the balance of a year, conducting the ensuing campaign, when he should relinquish his seat to Mr. Andrews on January 1st, '89.

This arrangement seemed to satisfy everybody, and did much to making the work of the convention easy and harmonious. The matter was settled there and but one real contest—the election of a Supreme Judge candidate—Judges Mitchell, Gordon, Stowe and Wickham were named, and the first ballot stood, Mitchell 64, Gordon 56, Sadler 44, Stowe 28, Wickham 12; necessary to a choice 102.

The fourth and last ballot stood Mitchell 107, Gordon 59, Sadler 37, and James T. Mitchell of Philadelphia, was declared duly nominated.

Delegates at-large to the National Convention, Gen. D. H. Hastings, M. R. Leeds, Henry W. Oliver Jr., and Senator Quay were elected. Thomas Dolan of Philadelphia, and Lewis W. Pugh of Lackawanna, were named as electors at-large.

Jon. J. B. Agnew represented Forest in the convention, Mr. Shawkey being obliged to leave before it was called to order. Mr. Agnew's vote from first to last was for Judge Jordan, thus carrying out the practically unanimous wish of the people of his county.

THE PLATFORM. Adopted has the right ring, and is outspoken on all subjects of national and state importance. Here it is in full: First, We assert the simple proposition that a free vote according to law and to have the vote counted is the foundation of American representative government.

Second, We declare that the object of the American system of tariff legislation, besides securing revenue, is the protection of American industry. The wonderful prosperity of this country is the best evidence of the success of this policy, and the most conservative care should be taken in distributing the many industrial interests which have grown up under this system.

Republican Senate, by which it was intended to repay to the loyal States, without interest, the money paid by them at the beginning of the war to aid in suppressing the rebellion, and to cancel the unpaid balance, principal and interest, due from the rebel States upon said taxes, and we denounce as treacherous and cowardly the surrender of the Northern Democrats in Congress to the small majority of the ex-Confederates and their allies, and the abandonment of the bill, which, if passed, would have contributed over one and a half million dollars to the relief of the tax-payers of Pennsylvania.

Seventh, We, as a party, as rapidly as practical enacted legislation looking to a pure business administration of the Government and a system of civil service in deference to a strong recognized public sentiment against the abuses of the spoils system. A Democratic President was elected largely on the issue of civil service reform, upon pledges which guaranteed an immediate remedy of existing abuses. These pledges have been noticeably violated.

Eighth, We recognize the strength of the sentiment in this Commonwealth relative to the evils and abuses of the sale of liquor; and we favor all laws looking in this respect to the elevation of the moral condition of the people. We, therefore, repeat our pledge to submit the question of prohibition to a vote of the people.

Ninth, We earnestly protest against the passage by Congress of the "Dunn Free Ship Bill" which has been reported to the House by the Democratic majority of the Committee on Merchant Marine, or any other similar measure, as calculated to work an injustice to American labor by impeding the livelihood of the large number of workers in wood, metals and other materials, who are engaged in American shipbuilding industries and who should have home protection the same as other wage workers.

Tenth, We favor the enactment of a law that will allow the laborer an exemption to the amount of \$300 from levy and sale upon execution, so as to secure this privilege absolutely to him and his family.

Eleventh, We recommend such a revision of the revenue laws of the State as will impose upon corporations taxation equal in amount to that from which they have been exempted by judicial decisions recently rendered.

Twelfth, We endorse the high personal integrity, lofty aims, executive ability and faithful enforcement of the laws by Governor Beaver, which have won the praise of all good citizens.

THE REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL CONFERENCE of the counties composed of Venango, Warren, McKean and Cameron, will be held in Warren day after tomorrow, Friday, Col. Watson of Warren, Ed. W. Smiley of Venango, and Senator Emery of McKean, will be the contestants, and while the convention will doubtless be lively, there is going to be no wrangling.

SOME newspapers are foolish enough to believe that President Cleveland is seriously considering the propriety of appointing Solicitor General Jenks to the position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Not a bit of it. While it is admitted that Mr. Jenks is a master of the law, he does not come from a State that can do anything for Mr. Cleveland. Cleveland just now is going to put that plum where it will do him the most good, and Pennsylvania is not that place.

preservation, even in disregard to the law of the land. He seized the penny loaf from the grocer's window, and returning to that wretched home, spread the unexpected morsel before his hungry brothers, and bade them "eat and live." He did not eat himself. No, Conscience of the crime, and fears of detection furnished a more engrossing feeling than that of hunger. The fast morsel was scarcely swallowed before the officer of justice entered the door. The little thief was pointed out by the grocer, and he was conducted before the public tribunal. In the midst of such misery as this, says the kind hearted lawyer, with the motive of this little criminal before us, there is something to soften the heart of man, though I deny not that the act is a penal offense. But the tale is by no means told. This little circle, now utterly fallen and forlorn, is the wreck of a family once prosperous, temperate, frugal, industrious and happy. The father, strange as it may appear, was once a professor of religion. The very first drop of that accursed tincture of destruction which conducted him through the path of corruption to the grave, was handed him by this very grocer, who now pursues the starving child of his former victim for stealing a penny loaf. The farm became encumbered; the community turned its back upon the miserable victim of intemperance; the Church expelled him from its communion; the wife sought in the same tremendous remedy for all distracting care, an oblivion of her domestic misery. Home became a hell, whose only outlet was the grave.

All this aggregate of human wretchedness, says the lawyer, was produced by this very grocer. He has murdered the father; he has brutalized the children; he has taken possession of the farm, and now prosecutes the child for stealing a loaf of bread to keep his brothers from starving!

But all this is lawful and right; that is, it is according to law. He has stood upon his license. The theft of a penny loaf by a starving boy, where his father laid down his last farthing for rum, is a penal offense!—Gospel Light.

He never thought of it.—It was between the acts and he had just come from the outside. "I've been out to get some fresh air," he said. "Indeed," she queried, "why didn't you bring some in to use for breath?" He sat down crushed and chewed his clothes in stern silence.—Omaha Republican.

Dr. Crothers, editor of the Journal of Inebriety, recently delivered two lectures on the "Disease of Inebriety" before the Albany Medical College. This is the first time lectures on this subject have been delivered in America before a medical body by a medical man, treating the subject from a purely scientific standpoint.

An exchange says: "A beautiful example of 'force of habit' is to see a disciple of Murphy fill his glass with water, and dreamily blow froth from the innocent water before drinking."

Bad habits are the thistles of the heart, and every indulgence of them is a seed from which will come forth a new crop of rank weeds.

Do not lose courage by considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them.

Confirmation Notice. Notice is hereby given that the first and final account of Orion Siggins and A. J. Siggins, Executors of the last Will and Testament of Isaac P. Siggins, late of Harmony township, deceased, has been filed in my office and will be presented at next term of Court for confirmation. Clerk Orphan's Court of Forest County, Tionesta, Pa., April 29, 1888.

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