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DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL,

Gen. WM. M'CANDLESS,

OF PHILADELPHIA.

FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL,

Capt. JAMES H. COOPER,

OF LAWRENCE COUNTY

For Assembly,
P. Gray Meek, of Bellefonte.

For Associate Judges,
W. W. Love, of Potter,
Henry Dopp, of Howard.

For Treasurer,
James F. Weaver, of Milesburg.

For Commissioner,
Samuel F. Foster, of Potter.

For District Attorney,
John F. Potter, of Bellefonte.

For Auditor,
Rob't. F. Holmes, of Marion.

For County Surveyor,
W. P. Mitchell, of Howard.

The temperance party in Dauphin county have put in nomination a straight county ticket. The nominee for Auditor is a colored man.

The radical party of Centre county is the worst demoralized crew that can be found in any county in the state. The democracy will, so to speak, walk over the course without any opposition. Even the great Bill Brown is demoralized and out of heart and sick; when he could swallow sixteen large apple-dumplings without the least danger, he must have had a strong constitution, but radicalism is shaking him now like the ague, and is too much for the stomach that could digest a peck of dumplings. We would prefer seeing our old political enemy having a little more courage; we should like to have someone to fight, from this on to the 2nd Tuesday of October, and things kept a little lively. It appears to us as though the rads of Centre had laid themselves so as to save us the trouble of knocking them. Their ticket is a weak one, it is true, but they swallowed the nigger and that was a great deal worse.

Well, now, since Brown, in his Republican, was afraid to say a word about the great radical steal of Evans & Co., by which the state looses a quarter million of dollars, let us see whether he will take courage to inform his radical readers, that one Hodge, an army paymaster at Washington, has stolen five hundred thousand dollars from the government. Brown is very modest indeed and his reticence upon those little matters, is only to be accounted for from the fact that his party is the "sick man," and William does not wish further to unstring the poor fellow's nervous system by such news. Modest Brown—keep howling about the county finances.

The great Radical victory in Maine resulted in a loss of 19,000 votes to the administration since Grant's election. We fear greatly that the Radical joy over the election in Maine will be chastened with sorrow—that grief and gayety will have to go hand in hand.

To the People of Centre County.

The issues of the campaign upon which we have entered are of great weight and interest to you. The two great parties have laid their platforms and chosen their leaders. The party in power is distinguished only for the number of promises of retrenchment and reform it has made, to the people of the State, and broken with impunity. It makes the same promises now. And yet in the face of these we have the statement of the hundreds of thousands of dollars stolen by its agent Evans, and no effort made to bring him to justice; but every delay is used as a means to permit the thief and scoundrel to escape, because he is a Republican, and connected with a ring whose chief business it is to rob the Treasury of the State. No man was thus permitted to escape under Democratic rule. He was speedily brought to justice, and the most condign punishment inflicted. The whole issue is briefly summed up in one sentence. It is corruption and public plunder against honesty and the rights of the people. The Republican party have destroyed the rights of the people, the freedom of the ballot; it has burdened you with debt and taxation. It has annually robbed the Treasury of the nation of millions of dollars; hundreds of thousands have been stolen from the Treasury of the State by a corrupt and loathsome ring with which Stanton and Beath, the Republican candidates, are connected. All this is done under the cry of retrenchment and reform. The Democratic party once in power will restore your rights, give you the freedom of the ballot, bring thieves and public plunderers to speedy punishment, pay the debt in the currency in which it was contracted, *break up rings, destroy ring masters*, and preserve the dignity and honor of our Commonwealth.

To all this she presents to you for your suffrages at the coming election men of the highest character and strictest integrity. In General William McCandless we have at once the gentleman, soldier, patriot and statesman. Few men have made so brilliant, honorable and lasting a record, in the annals of their country, so early in life. He comes from among the people; he is one of them; their interests are his. 'He is a son of toil, and whether in the machine shop earning his bread in the sweat of his face; or grasping the throttle of his engine, to guide it with its precious weight of living trusting freight, in safety through its incident danger; or pleading a client's cause with eloquence and minute precision; or leading the brave boys of the Peunsylvania Reserve into the hottest of the battle of Spottsylvania, down the slope of the 'Round Top, at Gettysburg, *fearless* and *undaunted*; or raising the voice of warning or advice in the Legislative Halls of the State, it has all been for the safety, prosperity and welfare of the people.

In 1866, General McCandless was the Democratic nominee of the first senatorial district. Notwithstanding the district usually gave over 1600 Republican majority, so popular is he among his immediate fellow citizens, that he carried the district by over 1700 majority; and for three years served the party and people most faithfully in the State Senate. His integrity and just popularity extends throughout our broad Commonwealth. He was the unanimous choice of the Democratic party for the position it asks the people to give him standing on a most righteous platform. If you would have a man for Auditor General who is not in any way or manner by affinity, consanguinity or otherwise connected with the ring that robs the people of their money, plunders the Treasury of the State, and steals the State securities, give your suffrage to General William McCandless.

In Captain James H. Cooper, we have a young man of great moral worth, and political strength. The Captain is a native of Allegheny county, but now resides in Lawrence county. In very early life, at the country's call, he was among the first to respond. During that long and bloody conflict he commanded 'Battery B' more generally known as 'Cooper's Battery' of the first Pennsylvania Reserve Corps. Cooper's Battery took an active part in every battle from 'Mechanicsville to Spottsylvania, North Anna River, and the battles in front of Petersburg.' General Reynolds says of him, 'Captain Cooper is one of the coolest and most efficient officers under fire I ever saw. Since the close of the war Captain Cooper has devoted his energies to the developement of the mineral, lumber, and mechanical interest of the Beaver and Chenango Valleys. He is as sincere, earnest and honest in politics as in every department of life. So justly popular is Captain Cooper that Mr. Allen, Republican Senator from Mercer county, says of him. 'I know the gentleman well, and know that he was a true and faithful soldier in the war, following all its successes and misfortunes, and is one of the best young men in the State. No Democrat can do himself injustice—no Republican can do himself injustice by voting for so deserving a young man as this.' Thus we have both Democrats and Republicans testifying to the worth of Captain Cooper as a man and a Democrat. He is a special favorite in the western part of the State, and at the very home of one of the Republican candidates will run far ahead of his ticket. It remains for us in the central and eastern part of the State, to up roll for him such a majority as will scatter the broken and shattered ranks of Republicanism, rotten as it is in its own corruption.

HON. P. GRAY MEEK.

As to our canidate, for the legislature, scarcely anything can be said that you do not know. His record is before you. To receive the endorsement of the Democratic party in convention assembled, twice by acclamation, and twice by goodly majorities, should be sufficient to satisfy the most scrupulous democrat. If more is needed, we have it in the fact of his overwhelming vote at the polls last fall. But, even that, is not all. His whole legislative career is before us, as one who was earnest, honest, and labored continually for the welfare of his constituents. The character of legislation introduced and passed by him, was such as to benefit and protect the laboring classes, and of his record in standing by the toiling tax-payers of the county, he, as well as the party that he represents, may well be proud. In every contest where the interests of the Democratic party were at stake, Mr. Meek was never found wanting, always at his post, ready to do battle for the Democracy.

The Democratic press from all parts of the State hails his re-nomination with such a degree of satisfaction as should make the Democracy of Centre county proud of their nominee.

COL. JAMES F. WEAVER,

the candidate chosen for the office of Treasurer, is so well known to the people of the county, that it will be difficult to mention him in a way that has not already passed through the minds of the people. He enlisted as a soldier in the 148th P. V. For three years he served with distinction and honor, leading the boys under him, of that far-famed regiment through many of the bloody conflicts it passed through, serving his country so well, that time and again he was promoted, till he reached the high position of a colonel. The people of the county need not be afraid to trust him with the position the Democratic party have chosen him to fill. The treasury will not be robbed and plundered, like in days of Republican rule. Their interest will be zealously guarded. Col. Weaver is an honest, upright, temperate, christian gentleman, worthy the suffrages of every honest man in the conuty, be he Democrat or Republican.

LOVE & DOPP,

the candidates for Associate Judges, are men whose reputations are almost as broad as our great commonwealth, citizens of the highest character, men of noble integrity. Of the large number of candidates presented to the convention they were the ones chosen. They, like an aged christain who has gone through many trials of his faith, have gone through many fiery trials for their political faith, and have never been found wanting. They will be an ornament of the bench and an honor to the Democracy of the county.

SAMUEL F. FOSTER,

our candidate for County Commissioner, is well fitted for the position, not only by experience, but also by natural ability. He served out the unexpired term of William Keller. During that time he gave general satisfaction winning the confidence and respect of his associates, as well as of the people of the county. His honesty and integrity never has been and never can be questioned. His highest aim as a servant of the people will be to relieve them of the burdens imposed upon them while the county was under Republican rule some ten years ago.

JOHN F. POTTER,

the candidate for District Attorney, is yet a young men. Mr. Potter spent many of his younger years in institutions of learning. During the first year of his legal studies he was under the tuition of John H. Orvis. Esq., whose legal learning and ability is known everywhere, and in this case the student partakes of the ability and shrewdness of the tutor. Mr. Potter, spent the last year of his course at the Albany Law School, New York, of which he is a graduate. His training in this school, as well as what had gone before, fits him well for the position to which the democracy have called him.

For County Surveyor we present one of the best men and most practical surveyors in the State,

WM. P. MITCHELL, ESQ.,

a man of large experience, and fine education in the science of surveying. Mr Mitchell was the choice of the Democratic party in 1868, and was elected by a large majority, running far ahead of his ticket. This fall we know he will be chosen by a larger majority than ever.

For Auditor we have

R. F. HOLMES, ESQ.,

a good accountant, an honest, upright christian gentleman, who elected, as he will be, will discharge the duties of his office carefully and for the interests of the people.

Such is the ticket we present for your suffrage voters of Centre county. It is a ticket that every honest intelligent whit man of the county may take a just pride in supporting.

D. F. FORTNEY,
Chairman Co. Com.

For the Reporter.

Mr. Editor:—The contrast between the platforms of the democracy of Centre county and that of their opponents in the present campaign is so striking as to be without a parallel. Our platform lays down clearly and unequivocally our adherance to the form of government created by our fathers.

Our denunciation of the party which has betrayed the people, and violated the constitution; our condemnation of the corruption and extravagance of the radical mismanagement of the people's money; the effect of the encroschment of capital on labor; a condemnation of special legislation; the effect of the farming out of city-governments by our state Legislature; a denunciation of the attempt to make the civil subversive to the military power; opposition to negro suffrage; radical unfitness to control our general, state or local governments; our intention to drive the incompetent and corrupt radicals from power, and our support of the democratic state and county nominees.

Here, then, we have a clear, comprehensive declaration of principles, and one which leaves no doubt in the minds of the people as to the course we will pursue, when we obtain control of the reins of government. Upon this platform stand the candidates of the democratic party who are asking the suffrages of the people, and to the maintainance of the principles embodied in it, they are unequivocally pledged. But the Republican party of the county also presents candidates for the people's support, and they have placed them on a platform. Does their proclamation of principles bind, as strongly as ours, their candidates to destroy or abate the great and growing evils that are ruining the country? Is their denunciation of official extravagance and corruption, the subversion of the civil to the military power, the attack of capital on labor, the evil of special legislation, as marked and unmistakable as ours? Their platform we give in full.

"*Resolved*, That the interest of every tax-payer in Centre county demands the repeal of the 'Law Library' act, and we hereby instruct our candidate for Assembly, if elected, to use to his utmost ability all honorable means to have the said bill repealed and to secure the passage of another bill which will provide that all monies now applied as directed in the 'Law Library' act, shall be applied to the free school fund of the townships where the fines are inflicted."

"Look upon this picture, and then upon that." "What matters it" they say in effect, if the government is constitutionally administered or not, we must have the Law Library act, repealed." "As to the charge of the democracy that our party leaders have betrayed the people, we answer the 'Law Library act' must be repealed." "Suppose the politicians ofto-day are corrupt and extravagant, that capital is uniting against labor, that special legislation is poisoning the foundations of society, that the military has become superior to the civil power, that negro suffrage is improperly forced on us, and that we have hitherto shown ourselves unfit to manage the general state or local government; suppose all this is true, are we not now about to remove all these evils, by repealing the Law Library act?" "Jim," said a four year urchin to his p'aymate, "our house is going to be nicer than yours, for pa is going to put a cupola on it." "No it won't" answered Jim "for we are going to have a mortgage on ours." In this county then, we have thus arrayed the opposing parties in line for the engagement that will close on the second Tuesday of October. Upon the standard of one is inscribed the great watchwards of constitutional liberty, while on the other is the demagogical clap-trap of the Law Library. The sole question to be decided (as far as the candidates for our county offices are concerned) which every voter is called upon to answer is "shall I support those men who will carry out the sound principles laid down on the democratic platform, or those who ask the repeal of the Law Library bill" And this, we say is the *sole* question. There is no other issue between the parties, and we ask the honest Republicans of the county in answering this question, to look at the position of those, who in past campaigns, led their hosts in the conflicts with the democracy. H. N. McAllister, Adam Beaver, George M. Yocum and Edward Blanchard, so far from advocating the election of the candidate who is pledged to the repeal of the Law Library act, to the State Legislature, are most earnest advocates of the act; indeed all those we mention have labored to secure the veto of an act to repeal it, passed last winter, when there was a remote possibility that the incomprehensible Geary might approve it. These former leaders of Republicanism then will not give Col. McFarland *their* support. They are no longer members of the party whose sole platform is the repeal of this act. All the honest members of the Republican party who admit there is any evil in the National or State Governments that is capable or being remedied, will support the candidates who are pledged to the reform of all the existing evils, rather than those who have but a single imaginary one to combat.

And here, we desire to notice an infamous attack upon our gallant standard bearer, Hon. P. Gray Meek.

A labored effort is being made by cunning and unscrupulous radical politicians, to persuade the people of the county that our candidate for assembly *endorses the wrong sode af principles*, that while he cannot approve of the sixth, seventh and tenth resolutions in the democratic platform, he does assume the same position with reference to the law Library, as Col McFarland.

Now, (without noticing the alledged want of unanimity between the resolutions referred to, and his previous legislative career, which, if true, are of too little importance to answer) we apprehend great injury may be done him if the other insinuation or alegation is permitted to be made without denial.

We deny absolutely that there is anything in Mr. Meek's legislative or editorial record upon which the radical politicians of the county can plausibly base their assertion that he is opposed to the "Law Library" act. At least nothing has as yet been advanced, that cannot be satisfactorily explained. They say that the columns of the Watchman of which he is editor and proprietor, have contained attacks on this act, and that a bill repealing it was prepared and worked through the Legislature by him at its last session.

Now we may admit that he did prepare such a bill; we may even admit he laboured to secure its passage by the Legislature, and yet we do not hesitate to affirm that he is not guilty or opposition to this act. The whole record of Mr. Meek since that bill became a law is a refutation of the slander.

What is generally known as the Centre county Law Library act was approved and became a law on February 14, 1866. *It appeared among the local laws of the county that were printed in the county papers, and was published in the Democratic Watchman of March* 1. 1867.

In the fall of that year, (1867) Mr. Meek was elected to the Legislature, and was a member of that body in 1868. He represented us again in the session of 1867. *In neither of these sessions did he assait this bill.* He knew of its passage; he had published it in his paper; he was for two years in a situation to agitate the repeal of the act, and yet we find him silent. Does this look as if he were opposed to this law.

But he represented us again in the session of 1871; and it was his course in regard to this bill then, as a Legislator and an editor that the injurious reports that his enemies have circulated were based upon. We cannot deny that in apparent inconsistency with his former silence on the matter, he did prepare a bill repealing this much talked of act. Neither can we deny that the columns of his paper asked the repeal of the bill, and bitterly denounced it. "But, mark how plain a tale" can remove from Mr. Meek the stigma his enemis would place on him. *His bill was vetoed by Governor Geary because of the loose way in which it was drawn.* Now can any one asked the repeal of this act