

# The Advocate.

JOHN F. MOORE, Editor.

SATURDAY:

January, 25th, 1868.

We this week change our day of publication. This change is necessitated by the force of circumstances. We shall send the Kersy mail by hand on Saturday evenings.

## Democratic State Convention.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 8, 1868.  
The Democratic State Committee of Pennsylvania have fixed WEDNESDAY, the FOURTH (14th) DAY OF MARCH, 1868, at 12 o'clock M., as the time, and the Hall of the House of Representatives, at Harrisburg, as the place for holding the annual Convention of the party.

It is ordered that this Convention be composed of one member for each Senator and Representative, who shall be elected in the usual manner and they will meet at the time and place above said, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of Auditor General and Surveyor General, and of selecting delegates to the National Convention for the nomination of candidates for President and Vice-President.

The members and committees of the organization and all conservative citizens who can unite with us in the support of constitutional principles are requested to proceed to the election of the delegates in their respective districts.

By order of the Democratic State Committee

WILLIAM A. WALLACE,  
G. O. DEISE, Sec'y, Chairman.

## Congress and Reconstruction.

Congress talked "finance" retrenchment and a lessening of "taxation" for some weeks, but have concluded that negro Reconstruction is of vastly more importance to them—so they have gone into that business. They have got up a new Reconstruction bill—a copy of which we publish in this week's issue, which wholly ignores all former bills passed by Congress. This act is decidedly more Radical and revolutionary than the former one. It strips every vestige of power from the President and gives to the military command an unlimited power to remove all officers civil or military without any check from the Chief Head of the nation or even Congress itself. So far as legislating power out of the hands of Congress is concerned, we heartily approve of the bill—and if it would continue to legislate itself out of power until it legislated itself out of Congress, it would be a blessing to the country, and save the people the trouble of eating them out.

We announced last week, that the people had little to hope for from this Congress and our convictions are strengthened from day to day. The time which has been spent in discussing the currency question without arriving at any conclusion, is a fair index of the time which will no doubt be wasted on this military despotism bill, to the great detriment of our crippled and depressed finances, and our suspended manufactures.

The great problem of retrenchment is too vast a subject for our national legislators to grapple with. Not a single artery is touched, for fear an outcry would be raised by the party pets who fattened on the stealings.—*Emp. Ind.*

**TRAIN'S LAST SENSATION.**—The irrepressible and eccentric George Francis Train created quite a sensation in England a few years ago by his speeches. Whether his present trip to that country was made with a design of indulging in some more of those queer and disjointed, but very pungent and striking harangues with which he excites the plaudits of those who hear him, is not known. But sure it is that his approach to the British shores has caused a greater sensation than any of his former acts. Train has been arrested on the coast of Ireland, seized upon at a point where the *habitus corporis* has been suspended, and is under duress, if not in prison. The Cable has flashed the news across the Atlantic, and straightway there is a storm of righteous indignation throughout this country. We may not all admire George Francis. Many of us think he is an eccentric nuisance; but we all agree that the person of every American citizen is sacred, wherever he may go, until by the commission of some crime, he renders himself amenable to the law of the land which he visits. We are sensitive upon that point, and rightly so. American honor prompts us to resent any injury done to the meanest citizen as a wrong done to the whole people. We do not apprehend that we will be drawn into any difficulties by the acts of the officious and meddling officers who wrongly laid hands on the notable Nebraskan, but if proper amendments are not made the results might prove very serious indeed.—*Lancaster Intelligence.*

—Since the above was in type, we learn that Train has been released.

—John Hickman evidently thought, the other day, when he proposed to strike the word "white" out of the Constitution of the State of Pennsylvania, that the next best thing to fame is notoriety. Certainly that is about all that one of his stamens and calices can ever hope to reach.

## Court Proceedings.

PRESENT.—HON. R. G. WHITE, President Judge; HON. E. C. SCHULTZ, and JESSIE KYLER, Associate Judges.

### TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

On the meeting of the Court on the 13th instant, Hon. Henry Souther announced the death of Albert Willis, Esq., a member of the Elk County Bar, whereupon the Court called a meeting of the Bar and Court, to convene at 9 o'clock A. M., on the following day.

The members of the Bar met at the Court House at the time appointed, R. G. White was chosen President, and G. A. Rathbun, Secretary. Upon motion, the President appointed a committee of five to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the Court and Bar. The meeting then adjourned until Wednesday evening, January 15th.

At the adjourned meeting Hon. H. Souther, chairman of the committee upon resolutions, moved the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That in the death of our late friend and co-laborer, Albert Willis, Esq., a member of this Bar, we have lost from the profession a valuable and efficient member, one whose works and labors will long be held in our memories, whose society we miss, and while we bow in submission to the dispensation of Providence, which has afflicted us, we may learn the lesson of the great uncertainty of earthly affairs, and that we should be ready and have our house set in order.

Resolved, That by his acts as a citizen, while he lived in this community, his devotion to the public interest and welfare, his activity to improve and better those who surrounded him, he won the admiration and esteem of his fellow citizens, and in his loss a place has been made vacant which will long remain unfilled.

Resolved, That we tender to the widow and family of our deceased friend our sincere condolence in this affliction, and while the solace we give upon this occasion is a feeble reparation for the loss sustained, yet we tender it with the assurance that it comes from those who were his daily associates in life, and who had learned to respect and esteem him for his virtues and worth while he lived, and who will ever remember him as one who did his part in life honestly and well.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be ingrossed by the Secretary of this meeting and transmitted to the widow of the deceased, and that the Court be respectfully requested to order a copy of the same transcribed upon the Court minutes of this term, and that the same be published in the newspaper of this county, with the proceedings of this meeting.

Hon. R. Brown, in seconding the motion, remarked at some length upon the character of the deceased, mentioning his well established reputation for probity, uprightness, and devotion to the interests of his clients, and the community at large. Mr. Brown was followed by L. J. Blakely, Esq., and Judge White. The resolutions were then adopted unanimously, and the Court ordered that they be spread upon the minutes of this Term. R. G. WHITE, Pres't.  
G. A. RATHBUN, Secretary.

Russ for use vs Coyne. Rule to show cause why satisfaction of judgment should not be stricken off. Made absolute. Blakely for the rule.

Commonwealth ex. rel. vs Aldrich. Writ of Quo Warranto issued. Blakely for relator, Souther, contra.

Benzinger & Eschbach vs William C. Black, and others. Rule to show cause why judgment should not be opened. Rule discharged. Souther against motion.

English vs Walker. Rule to set aside service. Return amended. Rule discharged. Souther for motion, Hall, contra.

Weis for use vs Gerg. Sci. Pa. Discontinued, and judgment in favor of defendant for costs. Blakely for plaintiff, Hall for defendant.

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Coxe's Executors vs England and Brown. Verdict for defendant. Souther and Brown for plaintiff. Armstrong, Parsons and Hall for defendants.

Messenger vs Barrett. Verdict for plaintiff of \$87 23. Souther for plaintiff, Blakely for defendant.

Hoebner vs Scott. Continued. Hamilton and Hall for plaintiff. Souther for defendant.

Hill vs Bredin and others. P. H. takes nonsuit. Souther for plaintiff, Hall for defendant.

Viers & Elliott vs Braniff. Verdict for defendant. Blakely for plaintiff, Hall for defendant.

Loomis vs Elk County. Plaintiff takes nonsuit. Souther for plaintiff, Hall for defendant.

Rathbun vs West Creek Mining and Manufacturing Company. Continued. Souther for plaintiff, Hall for defendant.

Finton vs Maloe and others. Nonsuit. Hall for plaintiff, Souther for defendant.

Dill vs Barrett. Judgment for p. H. Hall for plaintiff, Blakely for defendant.

Weis vs Lloyd and others. Settled. Souther for plaintiff, Hall for defence.

Devereaux vs Jones township. Verdict of \$319 40 for plaintiff. Souther for plaintiff, Hall and Blakely for defendant.

Benzinger & Eschbach vs Funk. Continued. Souther for plaintiff, Hall for defendant.

Weis for use, vs Gerg. Plaintiff takes nonsuit. Blakely for plaintiff, Hall for defendant.

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### QUARTER SESSIONS

Commonwealth vs Jerome and Louisa H. Woodbury. Adultery. Guilty. J. Woodbury fined \$300 and costs—L. H. Woodbury, \$10 and costs. District Attorney Hall, John G. Hall and L. J. Blakely, for Commonwealth, Souther for defendant.

Commonwealth vs Fiely. Assault and battery. Bill ignored. Prosecutor to pay costs.

Commonwealth vs Thos. Griffin and James Guilford. Riot, &c. Guilty. Griffin sentenced to 6 months in county jail, and \$50 fine. Guilford to 3 months jail, and \$50 fine. Hall & Brother for Commonwealth, Souther for defendants.

Commonwealth vs Wasson. Indicted on return of constable of Ridgway for selling liquor without license. Recognizance taken and continued to next term.

J. B. Newton, of Cameron county and Charles H. Gross, of Philadelphia, were admitted as members of the bar.

Following will be found the list of licenses granted:

### TAVERN LICENSE.

Joseph Koch & Son, Kersy; Chas. H. Volk, St. Marys; Joseph Windfelder, St. Marys; Anthony Fichtman, St. Marys; Leonard Cook, Johnsonburg; John Mann, Jay township; David Thayer, Ridgway; D. C. Oyster, Horton township; M. V. Moore, Ridgway; Bennett & Frost, Kersy; John Halcy, Ridgway.

### EATING HOUSE LICENSE.

Edward Bluzler, St. Marys; Jacob Craus, St. Marys; James McCloskey, Centreville; James Rogan, St. Marys; St. Marys; John Grubel, St. Marys; Thomas Zimmet, St. Marys.

### STORE LICENSE.

Joseph Wilhelm, St. Marys.

The Court ordered a jury to be drawn for April term, 1868, to dispose of the accumulated business.

**BOLD ROBBERY.**—On Thursday the 16th instant, the house of John Benninghoff, on Benninghoff Run, was feloniously entered, at about half past seven, and robbed of \$200,000. He resides in a farm-house about a mile and a half distant from Petroleum Centre. His house stands near an unfrequented road, and the nearest neighbor is a quarter of a mile distant. Mr. B. is a Pennsylvania German, a plain, hard-working farmer, and about sixty years of age. The old gentleman all of a sudden had wealth thrust upon him by the discovery of oil on his sterile acres, and is one of our Petroleum millionaires.

On the night in question the house was entered by four men disguised as landknechts over their faces and robbed of \$200,000, forty thousand in bonds and the rest in currency. They presented revolvers at the heads of the inmates, when they proceeded to tie Mr. John Benninghoff, his wife, two sons, a hired man and girl. Taking the key from Mr. Benninghoff, they entered the safe and extracted the above amount, after which they sat down and waited half an hour for the return of Mr. Jos. Benninghoff, another son, who was absent, who had in the house one of Lillie's Patent Burglar Proof Safes, containing a large amount, but he did not return until the burglars had left, taking with them three horses and a cutter.

Mr. Benninghoff had taken the foolish notion to be his own banker, and to deposit his bonds and greenbacks in his own safe and house. Now he has paid the penalty of his folly.

This robbery we trust, will be a salutary lesson to old John Benninghoff and men like him, who persist in hoarding the wealth which has been conferred upon them, instead of doing what good they can with it. Such men are an injury to the human race, and are little, if any, better than the burglars who would rob them. We do not of course justify burglary or robbery, but we have no sympathy for Benninghoff. The witless Johnny Steele, with all his reckless, extravagant, foolish and corrupt ways, did more real good for the community than many like John Benninghoff. A miser is infinitely worse than a spendthrift, for while the latter may injure himself, he benefits the community by freely circulating his cash. The former, on the contrary, inflicts a positive injury upon his fellow creatures by hoarding up large amounts of money which would otherwise be in circulation, and at the same time he is in no way benefitting himself, but rather making his condition worse, for he is all the time cultivating one of the worst of human passions—avarice.

Why God suffers such men to exist on the earth, is beyond the comprehension of short-sighted mortals. While we hope the perpetrators of this robbery will be caught and have justice meted out to them—that the majesty of the law may be vindicated—we trust that they will get the most of their plunder into circulation, so that some good may result from the evil done.—With about a million dollars in reserve and an income of forty thousand per month, we do not imagine that Mr. Benninghoff will be reduced to want if he never recovers the amount of which he has been robbed, especially as he can content himself with the bare necessities of life, having no desire for the comforts and no taste for the luxuries.

Up to this time the burglars have not been caught.—*Pitohol Record.*

## Died.

On January 11th, 1868, FREDERIC WILLIE, youngest son of Charles R. and Martha M. Kells, of Fox township, aged 9 months and 17 days.

The icy hand of death Has touched this tender flower, And borne away its breath Within a fleeting hour.

We loved this tender little one, And would have wished him stay, But let our Father's will be done, He shines in endless day. P. L. H.

### New Advertisements.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE.

We have found it necessary, in order to keep the financial department of the Advocate on a good basis, to adopt the following rule: Transient Advertisements must be paid for in advance; and all Job Work as soon as completed. B. is made out and presented to yearly advertisers at the beginning of each quarter. Subscriptions to be paid for invariably in advance. novit J. F. MOORE, Publisher.

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### LIVERY STABLE

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

In the Matter of Chauncey L. Moore, Bankrupt. To whom it may concern:

The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of Chauncey L. Moore, of Bennezzett township, in the county of Elk, and State of Pennsylvania, within said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition, by the District Court of said district.

H. F. TAGGART, Dated at Emporium, Pa. Emporium, Pa. January 14th, 1868. jan25th

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