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Democratic Nominating Convention.

The Democratic Nominating Convention, to nominate a candidate for Poor Director and a candidate for Auditor will be held at Mauch Chunk in the Jefferson Club Rooms on Wednesday January 28, 1891, at 1 p. m.

The electors of the several election districts in the Poor District will assemble at the place of holding the general election in their respective districts on Saturday, January 24, 1891, and elect a many delegates as their district is entitled to in their respective County Conventions. These delegates so elected will assemble as follows: Those of the Luzerne portion of the district in the Borough of Hazleton in Mauch's Hall on Monday, January 26, 1891, at 1 p. m. and there elect several conferees to represent them in the general convention at Mauch Chunk on January 28, 1891, and those of the Middle or Weatherly district will meet at the Gilbert House in Weatherly on January 26, 1891, at 1 p. m. and there elect five conferees to represent them in the general convention.

J. J. Boyle, E. G. Rouse, Secretary, Chairman.

Democratic State Central Committee.

HEADQUARTERS
DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
OF PENNSYLVANIA,
PHILADELPHIA, JAN. 1, 1891.

The Democratic State Central Committee of Pennsylvania will meet at the Bolton House, Harrisburg, Pa., on Wednesday, January 21, 1891, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a chairman and a permanent secretary and to transact such other business as may properly be brought before it.

BENJAMIN M. SEAD, JAMES KERR,
Secretary, Chairman.

The *Plain Speaker* made its appearance this morning in a new dress and presents a neat make-up. Its owners are sparing neither money nor labor to make it a success.

To the average citizen it seems as if the life of the United States soldier is worth more than a barrel of bacon or a bag of flour, but the Government evidently prefers to sacrifice soldiers instead of provisions in settling the Indian difficulty.

During the year 1890 nearly 5800 miles of railway have been completed in this country, an excess of nearly 700 miles over the operations of the previous year. There are now 167,172 miles of railway in the United States, of which 36,912 miles have been constructed within the last five years. We are the greatest railroad-building, railroad-owning, railroad-governed nation in the world.

The pet trusts to which the radicals of the Republican party have sacrificed the rights and interests of every other class are consistently pursuing the policy they outlined in their McKinley bill. This is their day. Their sun is shining and they are making hay while it does shine for they know well enough that the American people cannot be long oppressed this way without the employment of actual force to keep them down.

Among employers the word is combination. Trusts, combines, associations are everywhere springing into existence among them. Primarily, the object is increased profit, by fixing prices of manufacturers and by forcing down prices of raw material; but many of these combinations are banding together for the control of labor, and what are the workers doing? The greater number of them nothing, and, of those who organize, too many are engaged in fighting each other in stead of the enemy.

A NOVEL case has just been tried under the Australian Ballot law in Massachusetts, Alderman Hunnewell, of Somerville, having been found guilty of circulating at election time anonymous circulars reflecting injuriously upon another candidate. An onymous political weapons are the means that can be employed, and it is satisfactory to know that Massachusetts does not mean to deal lightly with the offenders. By the terms of the law it is not necessary to establish the authorship of such attacks; the circulation of them is all that must be proved. Such a law cannot fail to yield good fruit.

As the time for holding the municipal election draws near the eyes of all good citizens are turned towards those who are aspiring for office, and as a consequence they are more or less sought after to assist them to obtain the nomination for this, that or the other office. So far as Freeland is concerned very little is being done, any of our citizens in that line. Can it be possible that we are to have no applicants for the several offices at the disposal of the people of the borough this year? With one or two exceptions we have not heard of any person wanting office. Are we to soon in our anticipation or are the politicians becoming too modest. Come, let us hear from you soon.

Carnegie's Workmen.

The Edgar Thompson Steel Works, of which Mr. Carnegie is the principal owner, afford an admirable illustration of the boasted advantages of Protection to the wage-earners, and the sincerity of the assertion made by protected monopolists, that they demand higher duties merely that they may pay high wages.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie is not only one of the chief apostles of Protection, but he is an ardent admirer of Democracy. He certainly ought to be, for "triumphant Democracy" has made him rich at the expense of a good many thousands of his fellow beings.

It is unfortunate for his pretention that higher duties mean for him only higher wages, that there is always trouble with the workmen at the Edgar Thompson Steel Works. Three years ago there was an uprising against the wages paid at that establishment, and Mr. Carnegie, with great shrewdness and ability, reduced wages and bound his people by a three years' agreement. No sooner have the three years ended than the men strike. They demand higher wages and shorter hours. Moreover the strikers are not American workmen. They are from that part of Europe where labor is cheapest, and from which he iron and coal barons of Pennsylvania have been importing labor in order to keep down its price. This friend of the American workman, this prophet of a "triumphant Democracy" that enriches him, is not paying wages that are satisfactory to men who are brought here to underbid American workmen.

Mr. Carnegie has enjoyed for many years a bounty on some of his materials that more than pays the cost of their reduction. He has professed that his bounty was for the benefit of labor. Some of his bounties have been reduced, but if he would give to his labor the whole of the smallest bounty labor in the Edgar Thompson Steel Works would be much better paid than that of any handicraft in the world. But the pretense that Mr. Carnegie divides his labor's exploded. He has no use for high-priced Americans. He procures his labor from the poorest peasantry of Europe, and he pays such wages that even the imported pauper strikes for more and resorts to violence to enforce his demands.—*N. Y. World.*

Stupendous Project.

A great steel bridge across the English channel is projected. The bridge will stretch over the shallowest and narrowest part of the channel between Cape Gris Nez and Folkstone and will be supported by columns resting on the bottom of the sea. The amount of metal and machinery to be provided would represent an aggregate weight of about 1,000,000 tons, the assumption being that each country will have to supply one-half of this amount. Regarding the cost of the work a rough calculation gives, with reasonable certainty, 380,000,000 francs for masonry supports and 480,000,000 francs for the metallic superstructure—in all 860,000,000 francs, or \$21,000,000. The time required for the undertaking may be fixed at about ten years.

The whole of the pillars will occupy a little over one-twelfth of the section of the channel. The distance between the piers, fixed at 500 and 300 meters for the larger spans, will not be less than 200 and 100 meters, respectively, for the small ones, and will be sufficient to prevent their proving an obstacle to the free navigation of sailing vessels. As for the metallic superstructure, the metal columns firmly set upon the platforms of the supporting piers, of many are of a distinctly cylindrical shape, and vary in height between 40 and 42.78 meters, and on them will be placed the main girders of the bridge. There will thus be between the lower part of the beams and the level of the sea at low water a free space varying in height between 61 and 63.78 meters, with height at high water will be reduced to 54 and 56.78 meters, respectively. This height is amply sufficient for the passage of vessels of whatsoever description or tonnage. By placing the flooring upon vertical cylindrical columns the minimum height of 54 meters is kept throughout the whole width of the span, a result not achieved in the bridge over the Forth. The girders are to be simple, unadorned, and trussed, so as to insure the proper distribution of all stresses. The level of the permanent way is 72 meters above the low-water level. There will be a double set of rails, and the width of the flooring proper will be 8 meters.

The width of the bridge is variable, the greatest distance being between the axes of the main girders, 25 meters—a space necessary to insure the stability of the structure under the action of violent gusts of wind. The roadway are of the ordinary width of 15 meters between the axes and the rails, the latter set in grooves to obviate accident. The floor, made of ribbed sheet-iron, is to cover the bridge throughout its length, so as to make every part accessible to the men appointed for its supervision. Between and outside the roadway pavements are provided for the men to stand on, and thus keep out of the way of passing trains. On the flooring may be set up refuges, stations for the guards, signal-boxes, switches, etc. All these arrangements can be multiplied according to the requirements of the traffic, and scattered over convenient points and spans on the piers. Light-houses may be erected to indicate obstacles to be avoided. The various kinds of lights used in light-houses may also serve to indicate to skippers the distance from the Colbart and Varne banks. To meet military objections arrangements could be made for marking the span at either end of the bridge unit for use; the two end spans, notably, which are in contact with the abutments, might be removable or revolve.

Dentists and Chewing Gum.

"When cheming-gum was invented," said a prominent specialist an inestimable boon was conferred on dentists. The gum does clean the teeth, it is true, but it pulls the plugs out of them. That is why the dentists like it so. The Brooklyn man who has made a fortune out of chewing-gum was trying to discover in the juice of the Mexican tree he now uses for this gum a substitute of India rubber. His substitute was a failure. Somebody gave him the idea of providing little jaws with something to chew on, and lo! it all turned to gold.—*N. Y. Herald.*

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