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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 23, 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 as 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 Smalley's Hall on Monday, January 25, 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 29, 1891, at 1 p. m. and there elect five conferees to represent them in the general convention, and those of the Lower or Mauch Chunk District will meet at the Jefferson Club Rooms in Mauch Chunk on January 29, 1891, at 1 p. m. and elect five conferees to represent them in the general convention.
J. J. Boyle, Secretary.
E. G. Rouse, Chairman.

The great unfettered were in full possession of the City of Harrisburg on Tuesday night.

JAMES B. STRANAHAN, of Mercer County, was yesterday appointed Deputy Attorney General by Secretary Harrity.

HON. JAMES KELL, who was yesterday re-elected Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, has attested his eminent fitness for that responsible post in a conspicuous way, and the committee has acted wisely in recognizing the fact.

COMMITTEES in legislative bodies represent a scheme for the division and specialization of labor. That it has been carried to a high degree of perfection in the Legislature of Pennsylvania may be judged from the fact that there are 36 standing committees in that body, with about 25 members each; or 900 committee places to be filled by 204 members.

The decisive vote by which Senator Cameron carried both branches of the Legislature Tuesday shows the thoroughness and effectiveness of party drill. It was impossible to organize successful revolt, and there is no doubt that the action of the Senate and House in joint session will conform to the separate vote. There was reason enough for opposition to the return of Senator Cameron on the part of overloyal partisans; but, unfortunately for them, the ground of their objection was also the ground for his most conspicuous claim to public favor.

HON. GEORGE BANCROFT, the venerable historian of the United States, died at Washington, D. C., on Saturday last in the ninety-first year of his age. Mr. Bancroft's long life was one of useful labors and well earned honors. From the outset of his career he was a devoted and painstaking student of history and accumulated vast stores of knowledge that were in after years abundantly utilized. But he was not a historian alone. Being at one time a prominent member of the Democratic party he had filled many places of high trust and rendered conspicuous good service to the Government in every one of them.

There are over 2000 vessels in the lake fleet of the United States, with a carrying capacity of 825,000 tons and a value of \$58,000,000. More than one-half of these vessels are propelled by steam, and their freight capacity has been trebled in the last ten years. This is the fruit of unrestricted trade between the States, and it is also a guarantee of cheap transportation between the West and the seaboard. When our Government and the Canadian Government shall get tired of quarreling about fish, and of playing the fool by establishing hostile tariffs, a very advantageous trade for Pennsylvania will immediately result. We want the Canadian lumber, ore and barley; they want our coal, coke and manufactured products. It only needs to pull down the fence.

The gist of Australian ballot bills that has gone into the legislative hopper this month is something to make the advocates of that method of voting smile all over. There is probably not a Legislature now in session which has not got this subject before it in some shape or other. In States where two years ago bills enacting the system were allowed to lie on the table with scarcely any notice, it is now the most interesting subject. Men who were formerly opposed to it are found heartily in favor of it to-day. The result will be that an Australian ballot law will be in force in nearly every Northern State before the next Presidential election. In States where the method has already been adopted amendments are being considered so as to simplify and render it more practical.

The Indian Policy.
This threatened Indian war should be the last. Sixty-two millions of people should be able to compel peace with less than 50,000 hostiles. But it is said that if the Indians make war upon the whites, the whites must make war upon them. That is true, if all means to conciliate have been exhausted, but so long as peace with the Indians is possible—war with them should be impossible.

But something always precedes Indian wars, and something disgraceful preceded the present one, if the testimony of a cloud of witnesses, among them being Governor Foster and the seriously wounded Catholic Missionary of the late battle, can be relied upon. These many witnesses all testify to the same effect—to the effect that the Indians went to war because they, their wives and their children were starving, and because they preferred quick death by the sword rather than slow death by hunger.

There is now no chance to doubt that there were insufficient rations doled out to the Indians; that in their desperate, suffering state they became ready victims to the religious mania craftily inspired by their leaders, and that preparations for war were the sequence. The Indian officials at first stated that the rations issued were ample; then, when it was proved they were not, that the appropriations were inadequate, but to this latter charge Senator Allison, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, replies by showing that the appropriations were entirely sufficient. Between the appropriations made and the money spent there is a great distance, and even between the Indian Bureau and the Indian Agents there is a vast distance. The money for feeding the Indians was appropriated by Congress, was paid under the order of the Indian Bureau, but the food did not reach the Indians. Nobody with authority to speak knows where it went, though the Indian Agents should be required to testify to their knowledge regarding it. It is possible, if not probable, that their testimony, if it presented the whole truth, would settle the question of where the money went. That is a question which it will greatly behoove Congress, that appropriated the money, and the Indian Bureau, that disbursed it among its agents, to have satisfactorily answered. The country expects it to be answered.

Behind all Indian wars will be found some impelling cause, but it has rarely happened that behind any there has been a cause so disgraceful to the country as that which had its bloody sequence at Wounded Knee. The time has gone by, if it ever was, when the country believed that the only good Indian was a dead Indian.

The Government has had a good many reminders lately to the effect that its Indian policy—that of surrendering its control and responsibility for the Indians over to agents, who are too often selected for mere political reasons—does not meet with the entire and cordial sympathy of the country. The Wounded Knee affair should be the cause of such universal indignation and protest as to render impossible a continuance of the old policy, and to usher in one based upon humanity, justice and peace.—*Phila. Ledger.*

Tom Rivers.
Tom Rivers killed by a railway train?
I suppose it had to be;
Tom wasn't of any great account
Since the day that General Lee
Threw over the fight and surrendered
And turned Grant's army adrift
To struggle to the North again.
Ah, well, there's many a rift
In the rock of hardy persistence
Before a success is made;
Tom came back with a shattered arm
And his left eye in a shade.
Yet I remember the night that Tom,
Together with Brown and me,
Was stretched out on a Southern cot—
'Twas in eighteen sixty-three.

I think it was after Port Hudson;
Young Brown was crazy and daft;
He cried for "mother" and "sister,"
And shouted and yelled and laughed.
Until Rivers and I would rather
Have been in the battle's range
Than to hear his mournful raving
That stopped at the word "Exchange."
In less than an hour, when the surgeon
Had picked us by choice and lot,
Brown was passed, but a ticket fell
On the sheet of Rivers' cot.
And Rivers stepped on the broken floor,
With his left arm hanging down,
Took the ticket and turned it once,
Then fastened it right on Brown!

We all got back. But young Brown and I
Were carried on fortune's prow,
While Tom went down—but who can say
That he is not higher now?
John J. Mehan in Frank Leslie's Illustrated.

Pattison's Inauguration.
HARRISBURG, Jan. 20, 1891.
Robert E. Pattison was inaugurated as Governor of this Commonwealth to-day in the presence of a large concourse of people from all parts of the State.
At an early hour the streets of the city presented a lively appearance. Delegations from nearly every Democratic Club in the State were present, and the parade was the principal feature of the day. Only one military organization was in line.

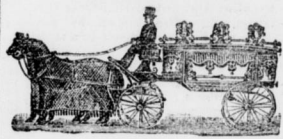
The oath of office was administered to the Governor by Chief Justice Paxson and immediately signed, whereupon Lieutenant Governor Davies declared Robert E. Pattison Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The announcement was received with a great cheer by the thousands of people present.
The Governor then read his inaugural address. In it he dwelt mainly upon four points, namely, constitutional enforcement, ballot reform, taxation and municipal government.

Governor Pattison sent to the Senate the names of William F. Harrity, for Secretary of State; William U. Hensel, for Attorney General; and William McClelland, for Adjutant General. The nominations were promptly confirmed.

HOSPITAL DIRECTORS CONFIRMED.
The Directors of the Hazleton Hospital were confirmed in the Senate to-day, but not without a vehement protest from Senator Hines against what he termed a partisan board, there being but one workingman on it.

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