

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

Judge of Supreme Court, Christopher Heydrick, Venango County Congressman-at-Large, George Allen, Erie County, Thomas P. Merritt, Berks County

The great coal combination, through subsidy and intimidation, is quietly but effectively muzzling the press of the anthracite region.

The coal trust is rapidly perfecting its organization and extending itself in every possible direction.

Any person wishing to procure a copy of Henry George's great work, "Protection or Free Trade," can do so by writing to Tom L. Johnson, Washington, D. C.

PRESIDENT McLEOD, of the Reading, contributed \$500 to defray the debt of the Ninth Regiment Army at Wilkes-Barre, and, of course, was applauded all along the line for his generous donation.

It is more than probable that the coming presidential campaign will be free from the personalities and attacks generally made upon the candidate's private lives.

THERE are twenty well-built towns in Kansas without a single inhabitant. Saratoga has a \$30,000 opera house, a large brick hotel, a \$20,000 school-house and a number of fine business houses.

The value of the fire alarm drill in large schools was practically illustrated during the burning of a church in New York last week.

Childs-Drexel Home.

A few years ago George W. Childs, proprietor of the Philadelphia Ledger, donated \$5000 to the International Typographical Union, to be used as a nucleus for the establishment of a home for aged and infirm members of that excellent organization.

The home was located at Colorado Springs, Colorado, on a plot of ground consisting of seventy acres, which was given to the union by the citizens of Colorado Springs.

The programme for the dedication of the home has been arranged as follows: The dedication prayer will be made by the Rev. J. B. Gregg, pastor of the First Congregational Church, of Colorado Springs.

Addresses are also to be made by Mr. George W. Childs, who will be present at the dedication, and by several members of the National Editorial Association.

This work of the union printers of America is worthy of imitation by other labor and benevolent organizations. The aged and worn-out members of the craft, when unable to hold up their end at the case and are turned out upon the world, can look toward the Printers' Home as a haven where they will find comfort and rest the remainder of their lives.

Cleveland and Harrison.

The proceedings of recent Republican State Conventions leave scarcely any doubt that Harrison will be renominated at Minneapolis by an overwhelming vote, in spite of the intrigues against him.

Most of these Republican Conventions have not only instructed for President Harrison, but have taken care to choose delegates who will cheerfully obey their instructions.

The platforms of these Republican State Conventions present a curious jumble of contradictions.

political organization, they betray how great is the discord in its ranks on so important a question as the currency. The Connecticut Convention, while indirectly declaring against free silver coinage, "asserts" that to the Republican party "alone" the people must look for the preservation of the good faith of the nation in all matters of finance.

Turning to the Democratic side, the results of the conventions of Wisconsin and Michigan show that this has not been a good week for the promoters of the anti-Cleveland movement.

There is no mistaking the genuine and spontaneous character of the Cleveland movement in Wisconsin and Michigan. Nor can there be any doubt concerning its influence upon the deliberations of the Democratic National Convention.

To sum up the results of the conventions: On the Republican side the tendency is more decidedly to Harrison, and on the Democratic side to Cleveland, the more nearly we approach to the great party assemblages at Minneapolis and Chicago.

Man Against Shark. A desperate fight between a man and a shark occurred recently in Manukau harbor. Mr. Henry Jacobson, who is employed at the North Manukau Heads as beacon light keeper, was out in his boat about six miles down the harbor when it was struck by a small and swamped and the occupant left in the water.

Carl Schurz, in a recent speech before the Massachusetts Reform Club, declared that the republic is in danger of becoming rich and rotten, says the New York Herald. It has already become rich through the force of circumstances, the sober industry of its working classes, the inventive genius which characterizes this branch of the Anglo-Saxon race, the general thrift, keen-eyed ambition, and the adventurous spirit of the people.

Mr. V. N. Edwards, of the United States fish commission, has obtained from Cuttyhunk pond a very singular eel. The eyes are entirely concealed under the skin and the color is uniformly dark, almost black.

Everybody Was Mad. Nate Cook, of Brownsburg, Ind., purchased an old house, in which was stored a photographer's outfit. People curiously inquired broke into the house and examined the pictures, but carried nothing away.

A Hungry Eagle. One day last week Mr. P. C. Thorp shot a sea gull in the harbor of Southport, N. C., but before the bird could be secured a large bald eagle, hitherto unnoticed, swooped down and carried off the gull, soon disappearing with it in the direction of Fort Caswell.

Paris Libraries. In spite of the pressure of modern life and the abundance of periodical literature, 1,277,436 books from the Paris municipal libraries have been read during the year.—European Herald.

"Now notice; the heavier the load the better the horses draw. There is nothing in this world so good for horses as a big load of bricks."

But, as Carl Schurz says, such a policy will make us rotten. That is the saddest part of this ridiculous policy. When a government by and for the people is changed into a government by and for the monopolist, when politicians sink so low that they legislate for party advantage only, agree to pass certain extortionate measures in exchange for generous donations to the next campaign fund, betray the rights of the people to an oppressive syndicate or trust, as Benedict Arnold sold out to the British officers, it is full time for the people to take alarm, unseat the treacherous party, and inaugurate an era of decency and honesty.

There are two kinds of revolution. One is illustrated by the coup d'etat in which a bold, ambitious knave seizes the government, knocks long established institutions into flinders and with infinite insolence, like that of the third Napoleon, wins his way by the sheer impetus of bribery and corruption.

It is true, we are prosperous as a nation, for nothing can check our vigor and energy, not even misrule at Washington. It is also true that higher taxes and lower wages are making a serious inroad on the general contentment.

So the Coal Iron police of the lower end will not pocket the reward offered for the apprehension of the Kester murders after all. It is unfortunate that the trial costs amounting to seven or eight hundred dollars could not be placed on them to pay, for the men never should have been arrested and tried on such flimsy testimony as the Coal and Iron police worked up.—Newsdealer.

Made Her Left Handed by a Blow. Three years ago a young lady of Fall River, Mass., was hit upon the left side of her head by a falling sign as she was walking along a street in Boston. This was followed by brain fever. After some weeks she was as well in mind and body as ever, but from a right handed person she had become so left handed that she could neither cut, sew nor write with her right hand, but found it easy to do all these things with her left. Her right hand was just about as useful as her left had been before she was hurt. What is strange is that, with so recent a change in the use of her hands, she never makes an awkward motion and is as graceful in the use of her left hand as if she had been born left handed.—Boston Post.

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Fireproof Materials.

At the Berlin exhibition of means and contrivances for the prevention of accidents in industries and otherwise, prizes were awarded for the following processes for fireproofing, respectively diminishing the combustibility of tissues, curtain materials and theatrical scenery: For light tissues, sixteen pounds ammonium sulphate, five pounds ammonium carbonate, four pounds borax, six pounds boric acid, four pounds starch, or one pound dextrine, or one pound gelatine, and twenty-five gallons water, mixed together, heated to 86 degs. Fahrenheit, and the material impregnated with the mixture, centrifugated and dried, and then ironed as usual.

For curtain materials, theatrical decorations, wood and furniture thirty pounds ammonium chloride are mixed with so much floated chalk as to give the mass consistency. It is then heated to 125 to 150 degs. Fahrenheit, and the material given one or two coats of it by means of a brush.

A Terrible Thing in a Battle. The house committee on naval affairs for some days has had under consideration a bill providing for the addition to the navy of a novel craft. The feature of the design is found in an enormous submarine gun carried at the bow below the water line.

According to the design submitted to the committee and explained by General Berdan, a hydraulic buffer projects from the bow of the vessel. This is so adjusted that it will stop the boat a distance of eight feet from the enemy's ship without injury to the boat.

Glad to Get Rid of Him. A few days ago Governor Buchanan was called upon to exercise executive clemency in a very peculiar case. The person concerned was a man held in jail at Jackson till he should produce a \$200 fine.

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