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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

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

PENNSYLVANIA will do a good deal of voting this fall. It will elect a state supreme judge, 30 congressmen, including two congressmen-at-large, 25 state senators and 204 members of assembly. In addition to these every county will have important purely local offices to fill. These, with the presidential election, will make this year an exceedingly important one politically.

The New Jersey Democrats have instructed their delegates to vote for Cleveland as long as his name is before the convention. Hill's midwinter convention in New York was a failure as an example to other states. Cleveland may have had the brass band's and Hill the delegates in February, as the overconfident senator said, but as convention day approaches Cleveland's band wagon seems to be at the head of the procession of delegates and Hill is out of sight.

COUNTY politicians are lying low this year, and although a number of names have been suggested for the several offices to be filled none of the aspirants have commenced a systematic canvass. It is more than likely that there will be very little stir until the national conventions are held, but after that the public may expect to be treated to such a campaign of politics as has seldom been before. From the president down to the legislative candidate the contest has every indication of being the greatest in the history of the country, and nothing seems more certain than a clean Democratic sweep from top to bottom, providing the several conventions nominate the proper men.

NEVADA, says the Philadelphia *Ledger*, runs the risk of having her delegates excluded from the Democratic national convention. The foolish resolutions passed by the state convention absolving the nominees of the state convention from all obligation to support the candidates of the national convention, unless the latter are unequivocally in favor of free silver and on a free silver platform, furnishes just ground for a refusal by the national convention to recognize their delegates as Democrats at all. The sublime impudence of a little pocket state dictating in such a peremptory manner the policy and candidate of a great national party, especially one which is a hopeless minority in the state, did not seem to strike the members of the "silver or split" convention.

"The Reading Combine" is the name applied to a combination formed by the Reading Railroad and the anthracite coal concerns and a number of minor coal carrying roads of Pennsylvania. The Reading syndicate is an octopus whose tentacles are around every community east of the Rocky Mountains. It pays starvation wages to its miners, demoralizes legislators, intimidates competing railroads, throttles competition. It is a law unto itself, and exists by ignoring the laws made by a sovereign people. Wholesale dealers in fuel are compelled to sell anthracite coal at the prices fixed by the combination. A refusal to comply means ruin to the offender, as he can buy not an ounce of coal after having been convicted of a violation of the combine's rules.—*Chicago Graphic*.

ONE of the many great injustices which this government carries on is the business of printing the return address of any person on stamped envelopes, and then selling them at the rate of the latter, charging nothing for the work of printing. This can be profitably done, owing to the immense number the government disposes of, but it is, nevertheless, an outrage against which every printer in the land should protest. A bill is now before congress to repeal this power of the postoffice department, and if it can overcome the violent opposition of Wanamaker it will pass. If the government intends competing with private enterprises, why not enter the field on a broader scale? If it is constitutional to do printing it is also constitutional to open stores for the sale of groceries, provisions, dry goods, boots and shoes, etc. There is not the slightest difference, and Uncle Sam should either compete with everybody or cease the work of running down one trade.

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THE SENATE LEADER.

SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF HON. ARTHUR PUE GORMAN.

A Friend Details the Rapid Rise in Politics of the Senator from Maryland Who Defeated the Iniquitous Force Bill—A Thoroughly Domestic Man.

Hon. Arthur Pue Gorman, leader of the Maryland Democracy and one of the possibilities for the Democratic presidential nomination, is a self-made man. He was born in Howard county, Md., in March, 1839, the son of respectable parents possessed of moderate means, and received only such limited education in his youth as to be gained in a country school. When a boy he was made a page in the house of representatives at the instance of Judge Hammond, who then represented the Fifth congressional district of Maryland. After a time he was transferred to a subordinate position in the senate through the friendship of the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, with whom—as indeed with all the leading Democrats then in Washington—he became a favorite. From one position to another he raised himself by his conscientious discharge of duty, his ability and urbanity, until he was made postmaster of the senate, in which capacity he served until the time of the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson. It was believed by those impelling the prosecution of the president that they would be able to carry the impeachment by a vote in the absence of Senator Grimes, of Iowa, who was so ill that his attendance in the senate chamber was deemed impossible, and a day and hour were fixed for forcing the issue. While the roll was being called on the question, to the consternation of the advocates of impeachment, Senator Grimes walked in leaning upon Postmaster Gorman's arm, and his vote saved Gorman's arm, and his vote saved Gorman's arm. That very night in a Republican caucus Senator Sumner moved Mr. Gorman's removal as a measure of revenge, and the Republicans effected it.

President Johnson then appointed Mr. Gorman internal revenue collector for the Fifth internal revenue district of Maryland and sent his appointment to the senate for confirmation. So bitter were the Republicans toward the young man, however, that it was three times successively rejected. Eventually,



A. P. GORMAN.

through the efforts of the Hon. Reverdy Johnson, who as a war Democrat had much influence, Mr. Gorman's appointment was confirmed, and he continued to hold the office until the close of President Johnson's term of office, when he was promptly superseded by a Republican appointed under the succeeding administration. The following autumn Mr. Gorman was elected to the Maryland house of delegates from Howard county. Two years later he was re-elected and made speaker of the house. Upon the expiration of that second term he was elected by his constituents to the state senate and re-elected. During his second term he was nominated and elected to a seat in the United States senate. He is now serving his second term, which expires in 1895, in the highest legislative body of the nation, where he has made for himself an undying reputation as a leader of the party from which his fealty has never wavered.

For ten years he was chairman of the Democratic state central committee, and during an equal length of time was president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company, elected to that position by the Democratic board of public works of the state of Maryland.

Upon both occasions of his election to the United States senate his candidacy for that position was made a party issue in the legislative elections throughout the state, and it is regarded as significant of his popularity that, upon those occasions, the Democratic ticket was carried by the largest majorities the party has scored in this state since the negroes were enfranchised. Today he is without opposition, and were his re-election a matter of present issue there is scarcely a possibility of any rival entering the field.

Mr. Gorman is infinitely more ambitious for his party than for his individual success. He is a modest man and has never failed to decline acceptance of the credit, universally accorded to him, for having won the fight against the force bill. By the common consent of the Democratic senators, to whom his good judgment and capacity for leadership were well known, he was selected to lead in that fight, and the event demonstrated the wisdom of their choice.

That was not the first time Mr. Gorman achieved prominence in leading Democratic resistance to Republican aggression in the senate. Early in his senatorial career, immediately after the senate passed from Democratic control into the hands of the Republican party, the attempt was made by the latter to make a clean sweep of all Democrats installed in positions about the senate when the Democracy had power. That was regarded by the Democrats as making an injurious precedent in violation of established usage, and they resisted it by a parliamentary fight, blocking the wheels of legislation for the time being. Mr. Gorman is practically self-ed-

ucated, having never attended any institution of learning above the grade of a primary school, but he has read and studied much and has absorbed his knowledge by personal and intimate association with great men. He is quick to comprehend, acutely logical in drawing his conclusions, has the most correct, safe judgment of any man I ever knew, and possesses a wonderful memory, literally forgetting nothing, either a fact or a man. One of his most distinguishing characteristics is his perfect self control, coolness and poise under all circumstances, even the most trying, and in times of the greatest excitement. He never loses his head, never is in doubt as to the best course to pursue in any contingencies that arise and never could be capable of considering his personal ambitions or interests as paramount to loyalty to party and country. Highly as I esteem Mr. Gorman's talent—and my appreciation of his worth is the outcome of an intimate acquaintance that covers his entire career—there is no particular phase of his character which more commands my admiration than his domesticity, his demonstration of the most exemplary virtues as a perfect son, husband and father. His family consists of a wife, five daughters and a son, a lad of seventeen years. Mr. Gorman is not a rich man, but owns a good farm in Howard county, the one upon which he was born. His fine country house was destroyed by fire four or five months ago, and the family home is at present in Washington.

Mr. Gorman has a robust but not stout figure, with well developed shoulders and chest, and is about 5 feet 8 inches in height. He is always cleanly shaven and dresses neatly. His manner is urbane, courteous, and those who know him well value that he is a charming conversationalist.

JOHN W. POSTAGE.

Republicans Are to Blame.
The people will know where to attach the blame for the failure of the present congress to pass any tariff legislation at this session. Senator Allison, as spokesman for the Republican party, says none will be permitted by the senate. The tariff bills will not even be reported in the senate for fear of embarrassing some Republican senators from the west. Next November the people will have an opportunity to say whether or not they will suffer the personal ambitions of a half dozen politicians to stand between them and cheap clothing and other cheap necessities of life which the Democrats have endeavored to give them.—*Savannah News*.

They Won't Tell, Though.
Mr. Harrison is peering through the doors ajar of the White House to catch a glimpse of Thomas C. Platt, who stopped at Washington on his way to Tennessee and had a quiet little talk with Quay and Clarkson. The "present incumbent" would give a month's salary to know what those gentlemen said to each other, but he doesn't want that fact made public.—*New York Herald*.

Cannon, the Obscene.
Now that Mr. Cannon has been forgiven by his constituents and once more nominated for congress, let him be more careful what he loads up his mouth with when he talks. The obscene statesman was never fashionable in this country, and very few of them are ever given an opportunity to repent.—*St. Paul Pioneer-Press*.

Jerry's Bugs Unappreciated.
The Wisconsin Republican convention said a good word for Uncle Jerry Rusk, but did not instruct for him. Is it possible that Uncle Jerry's own people do not sufficiently appreciate his bug investigations?—*Louisville Courier-Journal*.

It Would Make Rome Howl.
Italy's ministry resigns because of a deficit of \$3,000,000 in the annual budget. If that government had an occasional billion dollar congress to deal with, wonder if it wouldn't "make Rome howl."—*Columbus (O.) Post*.

A Baseless Rumor.
There is no truth in the rumor that Whitelaw Reid is taking lessons in parliamentary law from the celebrated Husted in anticipation of the possibility that he may have to preside over the senate.—*New York Advertiser*.

Serving Its Purpose.
The McKinley bill is said to be justifying itself to its framers. The statement cannot be contradicted. It is doubtless serving its intended purpose of making the rich richer and poor poorer.—*St. Louis Republic*.

An Interesting Show.
Several of the southern states will have two sets of delegates at Minneapolis. It is the only chance they have to figure in the fight, and as they mix the colors they help to make the show interesting.—*St. Paul Globe*.

All Serene in Alabama.
The political situation in Alabama, so far as Democratic harmony is concerned, is much better than it was a few weeks ago. The danger of a split no longer exists.—*New Orleans States*.

A Simple Matter.
When an Alabama Republican wants to hold a state convention he just goes and holds it, and if anybody else wants to hold another he is perfectly at liberty to do so.—*Detroit Tribune*.

Good Boating for Benny.
News comes from Missouri that Salt river is four feet higher than ever before. President Harrison will find the boating excellent.—*Chicago Times*.

The Brakes Are Broken.
The president has made the startling discovery that the air brakes of his toboggan are working badly.—*Columbus (O.) Post*.

He Knows How to Do It.
Hon. Warner Miller has consented to fall outside the breastworks at Minneapolis.—*Omaha World-Herald*.

IS THERE A SECOND TERM IN THAT?



Congenial Occupation.
"And you say my son is a failure here at the university, and I might as well take him away?"
"Yes, it is not worth while to waste a \$5,000 education on a five dollar boy."
"What seems to be the trouble with him?"
"I do not wish to pain you, sir, but he lacks mind. He has neither memory nor reasoning power. It is impossible for him to collect his thoughts and to either speak or to write logically."
"What, then, can I do with him? Will you not help me with your advice?"
"You are aware, sir, that there are few things for which such a lad is fit, but I would suggest that you might put him to writing tariff editorials for a Republican newspaper."—*Louisville Courier-Journal*.

Benny's "Dark Horse" Nightmare.
President Harrison would be willing to see some of the Republican conventions do a little less in the indorsing way of his administration if they would instruct more delegates to vote for him at Minneapolis. The New England states and about all the larger and more influential ones will come without any assurance that they will stand by Benjamin. The bosses will all be there looking eagerly for a dark horse. The president may well suspect that there is danger for him in the situation.—*St. Paul Globe*.

It Pleases Democrats.
The Connecticut Republicans point with pride to the administration of their holdover governor, and put him at the head of their delegation to Minneapolis. The Democrats should not object to these proceedings. It ought to butter their parsnips in November.—*Boston Herald*.

Somersaultist Cullom.
Shelby M. Cullom is the political Paul of Illinois. On his way to Tarsus to persecute Harrison he saw a light whose name was Tanner, and the result was a change of heart that bears all the outward marks and signs of a complete somersault.—*Chicago Mail*.

But He Hasn't Many Inches.
In the Wisconsin convention President Harrison was described as being "every inch a man." The same description might with equal propriety apply to the late Colonel Tom Thumb, who was not conspicuous for the number of his inches.—*New York World*.

A Trio of Schemers.
There is some scheming to defeat Harrison's nomination. His re-election will be easily prevented without any special scheming. It would take from them all interest in the game of politics if Quay, Platt and Clarkson could not scheme.—*Kansas City Times*.

An "Admission" from Shepard.
You see funny things in the press dispatches sometimes. Just now they are making Colonel Elliott Shepard's "Wail in Distress" "admit" Harrison's renomination on the first ballot after an examination of Lige Halford's figures.—*St. Louis Republic*.

Beauties of the Tariff.
How beautifully the McKinley tariff adjusts itself to the luxurious tendency of the times! There is, for example, an 11 per cent. tax on diamonds and an 80 per cent. tax on clothing.—*Philadelphia Record*.

Try the Force Bill.
Powell Clayton says a good many of the negroes in Arkansas are voting with the Democrats. All the more need of a force bill to compel them to vote the Republican ticket.—*St. Paul Globe*.

"Iceberg and Defeat," the Slogan.
What if all the uninstructed delegates to Minneapolis were to suddenly rise from the benches and say John Sherman is the man to be next president?—*Louisville Courier-Journal*.

It Reads Queerly.
Reed and Reid is one of the Republican tickets suggested, merely suggested—that's all. The ticket, of course, will be Harrison and Somebody.—*St. Paul Pioneer-Press*.

The Democrats Will Dance.
Fifer may make the music, but the Democrats will dance when the returns come in from Illinois next November.—*St. Louis Republic*.

Sarcely.
Chauncey Mitchell Depew goes to Minneapolis as a delegate at large. Will Colonel Elliott boom him again as the "farmer's friend"?—*Omaha World-Herald*.

Two Eyes to the Future.
The two Republican congressmen from South Dakota had an eye to the future in bolting their party to vote for free twine.—*St. Paul Pioneer-Press*.

The Election Will Sicken Him.
If the Blaine craze continues to spread it will be President Harrison's turn to be troubled with nausea.—*Chicago Mail*.

Shouting for the Wrong Man.
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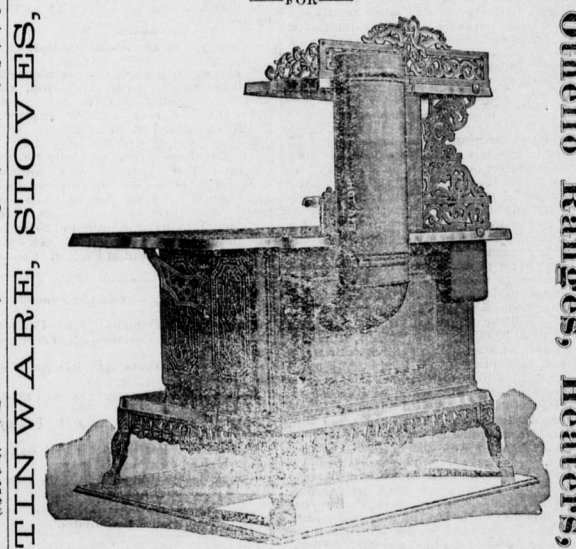
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