

## CLEVELAND'S POSITION.

It Is Defined to the Country in His Letter of Acceptance.

### TARIFF REFORM THE GREAT ISSUE.

The Democratic Candidate for the Presidency Says That Free Trade Is Impossible—His Views on the Elections Bill, Pension and Money Questions.

**BULLARD'S BAY, Mass., Sept. 27.**—Grover Cleveland's letter accepting the Democratic nomination for president of the United States has been given out for publication. Mr. Cleveland handed the document to ex-Postmaster Dickinson, who in turn gave it to the printer for transmission to the press. The letter is as follows:

#### Cleveland's Letter of Acceptance.

**GRAY GABLES, Sept. 28.**  
To Hon. William L. Wilson and Others, Committee:  
Gentlemen—In responding to your formal notification of my nomination for the presidency by the national Democracy, I hope I may be permitted to say at the outset that candid reflection and observation have confirmed me in the opinion that the course which I have heretofore plied and publicly declared, touching the questions involved in the canvass.

This is a time above all others when these questions should be considered in the light of a sober apprehension of the principles upon which our government is based and a clear understanding of the relation it bears to the people for whose benefit it was created. We shall thus be supplied with a test by which the value of any proposition relating to the maintenance and administration of our government can be ascertained, and by which the justice and honesty of every political question can be judged. If doctrines or theories are presented which do not satisfy this test, loyal Americans must pronounce them false and mischievous.

The protection of the people in the exclusive use and enjoyment of their property and earnings constitutes the special purpose and mission of our free government. This design is so interwoven with the structure of our plan of rule that failure to protect the citizen in such use and enjoyment, or their unjustifiable deprivation by the government itself, is a betrayal of the people's trust.

We have, however, undertaken to build a great nation upon a plan especially our own. To maintain it and to furnish through its agency the means of accomplishing the national objects the American people are willing through federal taxation to surrender a part of their earnings and income.

Tariff legislation presents a familiar form of federal taxation. Such legislation results as surely in a tax upon the daily life of our people as the tribute paid directly into the hand of the tax gatherer. We feel the burden of these tariff taxes too palpably to be persuaded by any sophistry that they do not exist or are paid by foreigners.

Such taxes, representing a diminution of the property rights of the people, are levied in the manner laid and collected for the purpose of maintaining our government and furnishing the means for the accomplishment of its legitimate purposes. This is taxation under the operation of a tariff for revenue, and accords with the professions of American free institutions, and its justice and honesty answer the test supplied by a correct appreciation of the principles upon which these institutions rest.

**Protection.**  
This theory of tariff legislation manifestly enjoins strict economy in public expenditures and their limitation to legitimate uses, inasmuch as it exhibits as absolute extortion any exaction, by way of taxation, from the substance of the people beyond the necessities of a careful and proper administration of government.

Opposed to this theory the dogma is now boldly presented that tariff taxation is justifiable for the export of goods, and intent of thereby promoting special interests and enterprises. Such a proposition is so clearly contrary to the spirit of our constitution and so directly encourages the disturbance by selfishness and greed of patriotic sentiment, that its statement would rudely shock our people if they had not already been insidiously allured from the safe landmarks of principle. Never have honest desires for national growth, patriotic devotion to country and sincere regard for those who toil been so betrayed to the support of a pernicious doctrine.

In its policy the plea that our infant industries should be fostered until they are able to stand on their own feet, and to follow the exigencies of a torrid war which made our people heedless of the opportunities for ulterior schemes of selfishness, and to the patriotic payment of unprecedented tribute; and now, after a long period of peace, when our overburdened countrymen ask for relief and a restoration of the full enjoyment of their incomes and earnings, that they should be claim that tariff taxation for the sake of protection is an American system, the continuance of which is necessary in order that high wages may be paid to our workmen, and a home market be provided for our farm products. These pretenses should no longer deceive.

The truth is that such a system is directly antagonized by every principle of justice and fairness of which Americans are pre-eminently proud. It is also true that while our workmen and farmers can, the least of all our people, defend themselves against the duties of life which such tariff taxation decrees, the workingman suffering from the importation and employment of pauper labor instigated by his professed friends, and seeking security for his interests in organized co-operation, still waits for a division of the advantages secured to his employer under cover of a generous solicitude for his wages, while the farmer in the remote regions of the country, where he suffers from a competition invited and built up by the system he is asked to support.

**Tariff Reform.**  
The struggle for unequal advantage at the doors of the government tramples on the rights of those who patiently rely upon assurance of American equality. Every governmental concession to clamorous favorites invites corruption in political affairs, by encouraging the expenditure of money to obtain advantage in support of a policy directly favorable to private and selfish gain. This in the end must strangle patriotism and weaken popular confidence in the rectitude of republican institutions.

Though the subject of tariff legislation involves a question of morals, it also involves a question of justice. We cannot with impunity permit injustice to be done to the people, and equity which is the life of our republic, and we shall fail to reach our national destiny if greed and selfishness lead the way.

Recognizing these truths, the national Democracy will seek by its efforts to bring sound principles to equalize to our people the blessings due them from the government they support, to promote among our countrymen a closer communion of interests cemented by patriotism and national pride, and to point out a fair field where prosperous and diversified American enterprise may grow and thrive in the wholesome atmosphere of American industry, integrity and intelligence.

Tariff reform is still our purpose. Though we oppose the theory that tariff laws may be

## SCHUYLKILL ASSESSMENTS.

The Commissioners of That County Trying to Equalize the Rate.

Schuykill county, like Luzerne, has been stirred up for the past few months by its assessments. The valuation of the former county under the 1891 assessment was \$32,000,000. A dispatch from Pottsville says the commissioners at this triennial assessment raised it \$75,000,000. The method they pursued was to raise the farm properties 50 per cent., the town properties 100 per cent. and the coal properties 240 per cent.

The commissioners started with their appeals on August 8 at Orwigsburg and have devoted every day since in some part of the county toward revising the values. Special counsel was employed to assist in the appeals. The method pursued was to have the citizens of each town and township in the county select a committee from each of their respective districts to take up each property in its respective township, or borough, and place a value upon it. The committees were to have the citizens of each town and township in the county select a committee from each of their respective districts to take up each property in its respective township, or borough, and place a value upon it. The committees were to have the citizens of each town and township in the county select a committee from each of their respective districts to take up each property in its respective township, or borough, and place a value upon it.

The commissioners adopted the figures of the committees as the basis of the assessment. Those taking exception to the figures placed by the committees could then appeal. The entire county, except the boroughs of Pottsville and Port Carbon, has been finally passed upon.

This work, it is believed, will begin about the first fair and equitable assessment that has ever been made in the county. The assessment of the coal lands is on a fair way to a settlement. The commissioners had fixed the maximum figure for the best coal located in Mahanoy valley at \$700 per acre and the minimum figure for the poorest coal land in the Pottsville district at \$140 per acre. Both the property owners and the commissioners have been preparing for months for a legal contest in the courts over these coal valuations.

More conservative tax payers have suggested that the proposed contest over the coal lands might be avoided by the commissioners modifying their original figures by permitting those who were interested in coal properties to appoint a committee to act on coal lands. A meeting of representatives of all the coal interests was held a few days ago. The result of the meeting was to accept the modified figures and a committee was appointed to revise the valuation in accordance with the figures given. Each tract will be valued according to the number of acres it has in each respective basin.

The result of this important outcome between the commissioners and the coal companies, of which the Philadelphia & Reading is the heaviest, will bring thousands of dollars to the treasury of the county. The many inequalities that have existed in the valuation of coal lands in that county heretofore will be a matter of the past.

### Paying for Their Jobs.

The *New Yorker* is authority for the statement that Charles Lloyd, a well known boss at breaker No. 3 of the D. & H. Company at Plymouth, has been compelling the little slate pickers in his charge to pay him from 25 to 50 cents per month in order to hold their jobs.

It is said to have been demanded of the American boys and hired such Poles and Hungarians as would agree to pay him for giving them work. A couple of days ago a boy was found crying at the foot of the breaker steps, and when questioned said he did not have his 25 cents to pay the boss for his job.

An investigation was inaugurated and a number of the boys acknowledged that they were paying Lloyd a monthly sum to hold their positions. He was then discharged. It is reported that a number of other bosses are and have been for some time accepting bribes from workmen to whom the gave employment. Their cases are being investigated quietly.

### Fell and Broke Her Neck.

While descending a flight of steps at her home in Seybertville on Sunday night, Mrs. Mary Seiwel, wife of William Seiwel, fell and broke her neck. She was on her way to open the front door of her home to admit her daughter who had been attending evening services, when she tripped, falling headlong to the floor below, a distance of eight feet.

### Dr. Neale in Philadelphia.

Dr. H. M. Neale, formerly surgeon on the American liner *Indiana*, now in lucrative practice in Upper Lehigh, is in the city on Saturday. By marriage he is a member of the potential Leisenring family and he came to Philadelphia to consult with General Manager Pugh concerning some prospective coal developments in which he and the Leisenrings are interested.—*Phila. Times*.

### ECKLEY CLIPPINGS.

John Brennan will leave here on Saturday for Pittsburgh, where he intends making his future home. The reporter wishes him success.

Joseph Logan, who has been a resident of this town for a number of years, left on Friday last for Silver Brook, where he has secured work.

Michael Burns has removed his family from the upper end of Main street to the house lately occupied by Daniel Munday.

To-day will be pay day here and will be welcomed by all.

John Craig, Patrick O'Donnell, James Shearon, John Gallagher and John O'Donnell have been elected as delegates to represent St. Mary's T. A. B. Society at the fourth district quarterly convention to be held at White Haven on October 30.

## BRIEF ITEMS OF NEWS.

PARAGRAPHS GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE REGION.

### Little Ones of Interest About People You Know and Things You Wish to Hear About—What the Folks of This and Other Towns Are Doing.

The last picnic of the season will be held at the park on Saturday evening.

Messrs. Adams & Belsford are engaged painting St. John's Hungarian church.

J. Balsic Donop is preparing to erect a double dwelling on Ridge street near Walnut.

Washburn's celebrated flour is the finest in the world. You can buy it at B. F. Davis' store.

An Italian Presbyterian church, the first of its kind in this county, is being erected at Hazleton.

The Allentown fair is going on this week. It is usually attended by several persons from this vicinity.

The Young Men's T. A. B. Society is preparing for a large attendance at its fifth annual ball at the opera house on October 10.

The Jeddo Progressive Literary Club will hold its third annual ball at the opera house on Thanksgiving Eve, November 23.

Billy Jones, of Freeland, who defeated Landmesser recently, will give a boxing tournament at Germania Hall, Wilkes-Barre, on October 21.

The firm of Jacobs & Barnash will close their store on Friday evening at 5 o'clock and it will remain closed until Saturday evening at 6.35 o'clock.

John Broderick is removing his family from Freeland to Sandy Run to-day, and William Higgins and family, of Plymouth, are removing to this place.

Charles Johnson, of Ebervale, and Miss Ida M. Seiwel, of Jeddo, were married at the M. E. parsonage, Jeddo, on Saturday, by Rev. E. M. Chilcoat, of Freeland.

Owano Council, No. 47, Degree of Poochontas, has passed a vote of thanks to the P. O. S. of A. band and all who took an active part in its entertainment on Saturday evening.

A four-year-old Italian child strayed away from its home in Harleigh on Friday, and was found near Ebervale. It was away three days, but was alive and feeling good when found.

Two thousand Lehigh county people have signed a protest to the board of pardons against the commutation of Murderer Keck's death sentence. They want him hanged, and say they will do it if the authorities refuse.

Lewis Giamvena, a miner working in No. 2 Drifton, had a close call yesterday afternoon while at work. He had a dangerous piece of top coal in the breast, and after trying to pull it down several times, and failing, he went under it, when the piece fell on him, injuring his leg and back seriously.

### A Poll for Hazle Brook.

John M. Carr, John P. Evans and Richard Probert have been appointed by the court to inquire into the necessity of giving the voters of Hazle Brook a polling place. They are now compelling to walk to Eckley if they wish to vote.

### Found in the River.

An unknown man, 45 or 50 years of age, was found floating in the Susquehanna near Wilkes-Barre. He was dressed in a wide ribbed sack coat, trousers with stripes of yellow and black and a vest of dark brown. In his pockets were found a match box, pipe, comb, knife and tobacco, but no papers to disclose his identity. His hair is nearly blacked, streaked with gray and the mustache of a sandy tinge. One of the front upper teeth is broken off. It is believed to be a case of suicide.

### PERSONALITIES.

Richard Hopkins, assistant barber to Geo. Falte, resigned his position on Monday and left for his home in Philadelphia.

J. V. Alexander, of Williamsport, was in town a few hours yesterday.

Misses Mary and Maggie Ferry are spending the week with friends at Bethlehem and Allentown.

### BASE BALL NOTES.

The Tigers had another offer to play at Berwick next Saturday, but on account of the association holding a picnic and the inability of several players to leave their work that day the game was postponed. It will probably take place on October 8, or some day during the fair week, which begins on Tuesday.

The Philadelphia league club will play a game of ball at Jeaneville about the middle of October.

### DEATHS.

**ZEISTLOT.**—At Drifton, September 27, Ferry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Zeistlot, aged 7 years, 8 months and 3 days. Funeral this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Freeland cemetery. Bachman.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY.

**BETHEL BAPTIST.** (Lindsay's Hall) Front and Washington Streets. Rev. C. A. Spaulding, Pastor. Sunday School..... 10:00 A. M. Gospel Temperance..... 2:30 P. M. Preaching..... 6:00 P. M.

**HEAVENLY REFRIGERITS.** Centre Street, above Chestnut. Rev. Charles Brown, Pastor. Morning Service..... 10:00 A. M. Sunday School..... 2:00 P. M. Love Feast..... 3:15 P. M. Preaching..... 7:30 P. M.

**JEDDO METHODIST EPISCOPAL.** In charge of Rev. E. M. Chilcoat. Preaching..... 10:00 A. M. Sunday School..... 2:00 P. M.

**ST. ANN'S ROMAN CATHOLIC.** Rev. M. J. Fallheer, Pastor; Rev. F. P. McNally, Curate. Low Mass..... 8:00 A. M. High Mass..... 10:30 A. M. Sunday School..... 2:00 P. M. Vespers..... 4:00 P. M. Mass on Weekdays..... 7:00 A. M.

**ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL.** South and Washington Streets. Rev. J. P. Braxton, Pastor. Sunday School..... 1:00 P. M. Prayer and Sermon..... 7:00 P. M.

**ST. JOHN'S REFORMED.** Hirkbeck Street, above Chestnut. Rev. H. A. Benner, Pastor. Sunday School..... 9:00 A. M. German Service..... 10:30 A. M. Praise Meeting..... 7:00 P. M. English Sermon..... 7:30 P. M. Prayer and teachers' meeting every Saturday evening at 7.45 o'clock.

**ST. KASIMIR'S POLISH CATHOLIC.** Ridge Street, above Carbon. Rev. Joseph Mazotas, Pastor. Mass..... 9:00 A. M. Vespers..... 4:00 P. M. Mass on Weekdays..... 7:30 A. M.

**ST. LUKE'S GERMAN LUTHERAN.** Main and Washington Streets. Rev. A. Beumler, Pastor. Sunday School..... 9:00 A. M. German Service..... 10:30 A. M. Catechism Instruction..... 5:00 P. M.

**ST. MARY'S GREEK CATHOLIC.** Front and Fern Streets. Rev. Ciril Gulovich, Pastor. Low Mass..... 8:00 A. M. High Mass..... 10:30 A. M. Vespers..... 2:00 P. M.

**TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL.** Rev. E. M. Chilcoat, South Heberton. Sunday School..... 2:00 P. M. Preaching..... 7:00 P. M. Epworth League meets every Friday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

**WELSH BAPTIST.** (Donop's Hall) Walnut and Ridge Streets. Services by Rev. Allen J. Morton, of Kingston. Sunday School..... 10:30 A. M. Welsh Preaching..... 2:00 P. M. English Preaching..... 6:00 P. M.

## The Delaware, Susquehanna and Schuylkill R. R. Co.

PASSENGER TRAIN TIME TABLE. Taking Effect, September 15, 1892.

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