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WE DENOUNCE PROTECTION AS A FRAUD, A ROBBERY OF THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FEW. - National Democratic Platform.

During this week the Democratic county candidates will tour the fourth district, and they should receive a reception in every town that will express to them the warm feeling which exists in the lower end for the ticket.

A decision of the supreme court, noted elsewhere in this issue, holds that county courts have no power to arbitrarily withhold a retail liquor license when an application for the same is made in proper form and the requirements of the license law have been fulfilled.

The law as it now stands with reference to strikes of the employees of railroads in the hands of receivers is contained in the modification of Judge Jenkins' famous decision in the case of Chief Arthur and others against the Northern Pacific Railroad Company.

Luzerne county has had a record of murders for some years past that cannot be considered creditable. The assassins, in nine cases out of every ten, escape with apparent ease, and even when captured it is almost impossible to convict them.

A correspondent of the Hazleton Standard says: "We would like to know on what theory a man claims to be a sound Democrat, if he gives even passive support to men and principles diametrically opposed to what he himself has held, taught and preached."

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IMPORTANT DECISIONS.

Supreme Court Rulings Upon Corporation Tax and Retail Liquor Licenses. The revenue act of 1891 contains phrasology which Auditor General Gregg construed to require an immovable appraisal of corporate stocks for taxation by capitalizing their net earnings upon a 6 per cent basis.

The Delaware, Susquehanna and Schuylkill Railroad Company was one of the companies which appealed. It appraised its capital stock at \$2,000,000 and the auditor general charged tax upon the basis of \$8,000,000.

In the case of the Alden Coal Company, another Luzerne corporation, the court reached a valuation of the stock somewhat between the company's report and the auditor general's result, the decision being in the main favorable to the company.

There are over 600 appeals from similar cases pending in the Dauphin county courts, but it now seems that each one will have to be tried out upon its merits, for while the courts do not sustain the auditor general's construction of the law they may, nevertheless, find the actual value of the stock to be greater in some cases than the amount returned by the corporation, in which case the state will get the benefit.

Another decision of general interest is embodied in an opinion handed down by Justice McCollum in the appeal of Bartley Kelminski from the refusal of the Northumberland county court to grant him a retail liquor license.

They have a frank way of dealing with office-holding Democrats in New Jersey, who are not loyal to the party and its policy. Congressman Cadmus, who failed to stand up in congress in defense of the tariff bill, was defeated for re-nomination, and the opinion of him held by his constituents is expressed in the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Who Likes to Hear the Truth? Mistress—How can I engage you when it is said that you do not always tell the truth? Servant—My dear madam, who likes to hear the truth? Do you?—Truth.

PICKED UP BY THE WAY.

THINGS SEEN AND HEARD IN THE TOWN AND VICINITY.

Matters of a Local Nature Written Up and Placed Before the Readers of the "Tribune" by the Saunterer—Something Here May Interest You.

The building of the D. S. & S. Railroad Company's round-house at Drifton is now an established fact and as such it is looked upon with favor and general satisfaction by the people who have an interest in Freeland. The location of this structure meant much for or against the town's future, and the rumors of its location elsewhere, which were sent afloat at times during the past two years, created a great deal of uneasiness in business and real estate circles.

Empty dwelling houses were also numerous and many more were to become vacant, because the railroads would find it necessary to move to Roan, where the D. S. & S. Company was about to establish its headquarters. There were not many residents in Freeland who were in love with the Reading combination, but recent events, and shrewd management by the officials of the D. S. & S. Company, established the fact that had the combination continued to the present day, the building of this locomotive house at Roan would have been a certainty, and of all the towns affected along the line of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, Freeland would have received the severest shock.

The disruption of that huge railroad corporation was of the utmost importance to Freeland, and was probably of no small benefit to the D. S. & S. Company. Instead of taking twelve or fifteen crews of railroad men away from the town to locate at Roan—because that number of crews could handle and transfer to the Reading at Roan all the coal of Coxie Bros. & Co.—the fall of the combination compelled the D. S. & S. management to seek a new alliance with the Lehigh Valley, thereby making the headquarters at Drifton, adding largely to their rolling stock and doubling the number of employees, all of whom reside in Freeland or vicinity.

The effect of all this is very plain in Freeland today. The business people look forward to a brighter future, feeling secure that the town is destined to become greater, larger and more progressive. Other things have undoubtedly contributed to make the residents positive in their faith of the town's future, but this move of the D. S. & S. people was the turning point in Freeland's history and no amount of persuasion could induce some folks to believe in the town until they saw that Coxie Bros. & Co. were sincere in their efforts to assist.

When the announcement was made that the railroad company's headquarters would, without further question, be located at Drifton, a change became noticeable immediately—store-rooms and dwellings were tenanted, better and larger buildings commenced to go up, building lots sold at advanced prices and property in general increased in value.

On Thursday William Henry Hines, candidate for congress, dropped into town. He looked much better than when here on some former occasions. Perhaps he is playing in the role of the Thanksgiving turkey—getting in condition for the November slaughter. Mr. Hines had been due in the fourth district for ten days previous, but probably he was unable to dodge the rest of the Democratic candidates and that caused the delay. His record in the last session of congress gives an abundance of proof that he is an artful dodger, but I am afraid he has played the dodging business to extremes, from the fact that the "ayes" and "nays" will not be confined to the walls of congress when the roll is called next month.

It is not my intention to cast any reflection upon Mr. Hines' Democracy. There is not a particle of the party's principles about him large enough to be found with a magnifying glass, therefore, it is safe to say no injury to his health or character will arise from attempting to throw light upon his Democracy. He has none, nor never had. He was always the mine-workers' champion (?), but when he has anything to give them in return, his love for them is like his Democracy—merely a question of dollars and cents. His appearance here last week left the impression that this will be a free-for-all political race on the Democratic side and the man having the most "fences" in each legislative district will corral the largest vote, but the impression is subject to change when the other candidates are heard from.

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