

FELLOW DEMOCRATS: The importance of the campaign upon which we shall soon enter calls for greater vigilance and activity on our part than any for years past.

This is not a state campaign merely. It has a national importance, and the outcome will be closely watched throughout the country. In addition to the election of general state and local officers, a legislature is to be chosen that will be charged with the usual duty of electing two United States Senators. These prizes will be hotly contested for by the Republican party, and the national committee of that party will doubtless lend a strong hand to the local organization.

The Democrats of Maryland cannot afford, by apathy, factional differences, or dissensions, to lose the election. The loss of the Legislature means more than the loss of two United States Senators. It means, in addition, the election of a Republican State Treasurer and a Republican Police Commissioner for Baltimore city. It means still more. It would give the Republicans opportunity to prolong party ascendancy through registration and election laws and make its dislodgment difficult.

Republican success this year would be far reaching in its influence. It would make the upper house of Congress safely Republican for a decade more, if not longer. Defeat is demoralizing and disorganizing, and if we lose the next election, which is preliminary to the great quadrennial contest of 1892, our party would be at a great disadvantage, and the moral effect of a Democratic defeat in this heretofore reliably Democratic state would be deeply depressing upon the party everywhere. It would be heralded by the Republican press as an endorsement of the high handed acts of the late Congress, of its profligacy and wastefulness, of its subsidy shipping bill and other raids upon the treasury, and as a rebuke to a Maryland Senator for his masterly and matchless leadership against the Force bill.

The importance of the contest cannot be too highly regarded by the party. The Republican party has a solid vote of forty thousand unwarrening negroes to cast against us, and it will be liberally supplied with means and captivating orators should there appear any chance of success. Maryland is Democratic, but in order to preserve ascendancy the party must have cowed ranks and poll its full vote.

The chief matters of state concern are a primary election law, a new assessment law, the perfection and extension of the new ballot law, the preservation of the oyster interests and the proposed constitutional amendments. A new assessment law is needed, for great inequalities have grown up since the last general valuation: Farming lands have depreciated in earning capacity and selling value, and not only is a new assessment needed, but new sources of revenue should be discovered and a true valuation of personal property of all kinds be made. In this connection we should not fall into the error of supposing that agriculture can be wholly relieved by state legislation. It is not state and local taxation that has reduced agriculture to the verge of bankruptcy, but the Republican policy of Protection, enforced by the Federal Government. That policy not only restricts the markets for the products of agriculture, but it places the monopolies and trusts, which are daily eating out his substance.

Here, again, the national importance of the approaching campaign is apparent. Maryland ought to send tariff reformers to the United States Senate to aid in the struggle for tax reduction in the interest of agriculture, the mainstay of the country, the basis of all wealth. Most of the ills that afflict the farmer can be

abated by economy in public expenditures and a lessening of taxation, with consequent freer trade and widening of the markets for the products of the farm.

The condition of the valuable oyster industry of the state calls for prompt action. It is unnecessary to discuss the cause of the decline of this important interest. We must recognize its condition and deal efficiently with the question. An intelligent comprehension of the subject will result in the restoration of the beds, a revival of the oyster interest in all its ramifications, and, at the same time, add greatly to the revenues of the state. The recent discussion of the question has aroused public interest, and we have no doubt that the next Legislature will be able to deal with the matter satisfactorily. The Democratic State Convention should take this subject in hand and appoint a committee to draft a law for submission to the next Legislature, and the same should be done with reference to a new assessment law.

Upon these matters there are no serious differences among Democrats, and it only remains for the party to place capable and popular candidates in the field to insure a sweeping victory. Attend the primaries. Select representative men to local and state conventions—men who value party success above personal ambitions, and who will come together to consult for the promotion of the general welfare. After the nominations bow to the will of the majority, be vigilant and active and lend your best energies to the success of the state and local tickets.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

From the Baltimore Sun.

WEDNESDAY, April 29.

The Czar's officers are driving hundreds of Hebrews daily from Russia. In Roanoke, Va., Nick Flood shot and killed Charles Ross. Flood was also wounded.

Five girls were killed and fifty persons wounded by an explosion in a dynamite factory, near Genoa, Italy. The estimated loss at the Harrisville (Lewis county) New York fire Monday aggregated \$100,000, with an insurance of about one-half.

Fire destroyed the country home of Mr. B. N. Baker, at the junction of Old Frederick road and Ingleside avenue, a mile and a-half north of Catonsville.

The Chinese government has notified the United States government that it is unwilling to receive ex-Senator Henry W. Blair as United States minister to China.

Captain Bennett, of the schooner Addie M. Anderson, found a capsized schooner in Chesapeake Bay with two dead men in her rigging, and one living man, who died while attempts to rescue him were being made.

At Burlington, N. C., Sunday morning, while Rev. R. A. Ricks, a minister of the Christian Church, was preaching a sermon to his congregation at that place, he suddenly fell dead in his pulpit with a stroke of apoplexy.

By an accident on the Metropolitan Branch on the B. and O. Railroad yesterday, a few miles from Rockville, Md., four men were killed and three injured. No passengers were hurt. The damage to the company's property is estimated at \$15,000.

Sunday evening George Reifstock, a saloon-keeper, of Neptune, Iowa, engaged in a quarrel with F. A. Hanson, a prosperous farmer, at a social gathering on the farm of Stephen Boren, in Hungerford township, Iowa, which resulted in Hanson being fatally shot.

Early yesterday morning, from some unknown cause, fire broke out in the basement of the Centre Block, Franklin, Pa. The local department was unable to cope with the flames, and aid sent from Oil City succeeded in confining the fire to one block. The total loss was \$100,000.

The town of Chilliicothe, Ill., is excited over the action of the teacher in one of the public schools. She tied the hands of two little children to a stovepipe in the school-room and lighted a lot of paper in the stove to punish them. The children's hands were severely burned. The teacher was dismissed.

The match factory of Loeb & Wolf, in North Camden, N. J., was destroyed by fire yesterday morning, together with much of the contents. The loss is estimated at from \$18,000 to \$20,000. The loss to Mr. Segal, the owner of the building, is placed at \$5,000.

The forthcoming encyclical letter of the Pope will, it is said, endeavor to put Catholicism, doctrinally and intellectually, at the head of the social movement. The Pope is convinced, so a Rome ecclesiastical states, that the democracy of America, imported under other forms, will be the mold by which the future society and politics of Europe will be fashioned.

Three robbers boldly entered the Oak Valley Bank, at Valparaiso, Saunders county, Nebraska, Monday morning. One of the robbers drew a revolver, but before he could cover Cashier Chamberlain the cashier had secured what cash was in sight and C. K. Johnson was snatching a revolver at the intruders. One robber fired a shot at Johnson, grazing his neck, and all three robbers ran. Two escaped in a buggy, but the third was captured.

THURSDAY, April 30.

The number of deaths in Washington for the week ended April 25 was 167.

A Dwelling-house and a barn were burned in Frederick county Tuesday night.

The "Tin-Plate Manufacturers of the United States" organized in New York yesterday.

Mrs. Florence L. Biedler, wife of Aahby L. Biedler and daughter of Mr. Francis Demend, shot and killed herself at No. 1016 North Charles street.

Captain Henry Heineke, of the steamship Weimer, was held in \$1,000 bail, charged with neglecting to detain an alien who came to this country unlawfully.

A conference of Farmers' Alliance men, Knights of Labor and others was held yesterday. Resolutions were adopted outlining legislation which they think will be beneficial to the people of Maryland.

Fire early yesterday morning in Washington, Del. destroyed three freight cars and their contents and the freight house of the Wilmington and Northern Railroad. Loss \$5,000, partly insured.

The forest fires in the vicinity of Millville, N. J., are still burning, aided materially by the high wind which prevailed yesterday. About 10,000 acres have been burned over, involving a loss of as many thousand dollars.

One hundred bales of cotton were totally consumed by fire yesterday, about three miles from Raleigh, N. C., on the plantation of Burt Wilder. There was no insurance and the cotton was a total loss, amounting to \$3,500. It is supposed to have caught from sparks from a railroad engine.

Samuel Barrentine and Wesley Lee, both colored, charged with attempting to poison Capt. Henry Barrentine last week at Columbus, Miss., confessed the crime, and also said that they had poisoned Mr. Harry A. West, a prominent and wealthy farmer, who died suddenly two years ago.

The sudden death of two boys at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, occurring simultaneously after excessive smoking led to a post-mortem examination. The result indicated death by phosporic combined with nicotine, and the arsenical solution used in preparing paper wrappers for the ordinary cigarette.

Twenty acres of territory in Chattanooga, Tenn., were burned over yesterday morning by a fire which started in Campbell & Co.'s furniture factory, on King street. The East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroad Freight station was among the property destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$182,000. While this fire was in progress another broke out near the Grand View Hotel. Nine cottages were destroyed, causing a loss of about \$20,000.

Ex-Senator Henry W. Blair, who is in Chicago on his way to San Francisco, whence he is to sail for China as United States minister, said yesterday that he has no official notice of the communication of the Chinese government signifying its unwillingness to receive him as minister. He does not think any reason exists for such action, and unless he hears from the State Department he will continue on his journey. At Washington the right of China to take the action indicated is recognized, and it is not apprehended that any strained diplomatic relations will result.

A man in North Carolina has a horse 40 years old, and he is doing all he can to smooth the animal's pathway to the glue factory.—Texas Siftings.

It is hard usually to convince a woman that she is in the wrong, but it is always a great deal harder still to get her to confess it.—Somerville Journal.

If a man wants to star successfully in the legitimate drama he must howl in the Bowery until some manager hears him on Broadway.—New Orleans Picayune.

Texas Steer—I am going down to Chicago next week. Texas Cow—Be sure to bring me back how those city cows are dressed.—Buffalo Express.

A sarcastic young lady has christened "Ocellie, the washer, don't you know," with a new and altogether complimentary title, "The English Aztec."

Justback—So Miss Vere de Fair is no longer the reigning belle. Athome—How do you know? Justback—I met a society lady today, and she spoke well of her.—N. Y. Herald.

It was Washington Irving that said that "with every exertion the best men can do but a moderate amount of good, but it seems in the power of the most contemptible individual to do incalculable mischief."

Up in the Business—Looon—I'm disgusted—I've a good mind to abandon the stage, and get a job in a dry goods store. Rudyon—H'm! Well, I should think that you might get a place at the lunch counter.

Same Habits.—Mrs. Gay—Your habits have changed since we were married; before, you never left me until midnight; now, you don't get in until that time. Mr. Gay—My hours are just the same; only it used to be my mother who did the kicking!

A strategist Mr. Murphy entered a bar-room and called for a glass of whisky. After drinking he said to the barkeeper: "Charge it." "I don't know you." "My name is Murphy." The barkeeper, turning to the proprietor, inquired: "Is Mr. Murphy good for a drink?" "Has he had it?" "He has." "He is."

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