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### DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

CONGRESSMAN-AT-LARGE,  
GEN. W. H. H. DAVIS.

THE Democratic Convention, of West Virginia, have instructed their Delegates to the National Convention, to vote for Samuel J. Tilden, for the Presidential nominee.

THE New York *Herald*, says the strife in that state is open and squarley between Arthur and Blaine and that it is to Arthur's credit that he is not booming himself, nor using patronage or influence in his own behalf.

MAJ. GEN. HARTMAN has selected the site of the Gettysburg battleground, for the encampment of the National Guards, in August next. The encampment will be in a two hundred acre field, about a mile south of the town.

THE Hon. S. R. Peale, of Lock Haven, is named by the Lock Haven *Democrat* as a candidate for Congress, in this district. If a change in the representative of the district is to be made, it would be very difficult to find one more competent and deserving than ex-Senator Peale.

COL. R. G. INGERSOLL, of Washington, who was so unmercifully beaten by the negro, Turner, for delegate to the Chicago Republican Convention from that city, is now hailing from Chicago and seeking elections from the Western Metropolis, where great piety, and sound principles are perhaps more highly appreciated.

THE fact may in due time become apparent to the friends of the "Plumed Knight," that instead of capturing the machine in the late convention, the machine, by its quiet and adroit movements, captured the "Knight" with all his forces. Matt Quay is an experienced engineer and works to win, while allowing his opponents to do the blowing.

THE rules of the Republican party in Tioga county, requires that all candidates for office shall be announced in the public papers at least ten days before the primary elections, and all votes given for candidates not thus announced, shall not be counted by the county convention. This is bringing it to fine points, probably in the interests of the publishers.

SENATOR MILAN, of Lancaster, one of the ring of the last session, who defied the constitution and refused to apportion the State in accordance with the directions of that instrument, has been nominated for re-election. Milan in the Senate is a mere tool of the ring, without ability to be anything but a slave to the mandates of the boss, whether that means corruption or official perjury.

THE filibusters are again at work in Cuba. Agurro, their leader, is said to be steadily gaining ground, having had several successful encounters with the Spanish troops. The insurgents number a respectable force and sustain themselves by levying contribution upon the farmers and planters. Filibusters from the United States are under surveillance of U. S. vessels from Key West and New Orleans.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR'S boom for the succession, is gone up. The majority of delegates from his own state of New York, to the National Convention is against him. The delegates chosen, are divided between Blaine, Arthur and Edmunds, the latter probably holding the balance of power between the President and Blaine.

THE New York *Herald* of the 21st inst., however, publishes an authentic statement of the delegates thus far chosen in the different states, which places Arthur in the lead of Blaine 113, and claims that the latter is losing ground in the New England states.

THE appointment by President Arthur of Mr. Charles E. Coon as assistant Secretary of the Treasury is commended in all quarters, as well for the ripe experience, good character and capabilities, the appointed brings to the service, as for the tribute it affords to the civil service reform. Mr. Coon was an employe of the Department, and steps up upon his merits, and not upon his efficiency in the slums of party drill.

THE State Republican press takes different views of the effect of the late State Convention, but the majority seem to reach the conclusion that it was a very weak boom for Blaine, and not the satisfactory and harmonious gathering desired by his friends. The Stalwart bosses were present and managed adroitly to satisfy the friends of the "Plumed Knight" with the shell, while they took the kernel. Mr. Blaine will not be called from his literary pursuits.

A DISPATCH from Washington says that Mr. Blaine is very much embarrassed by reports from his canvassers that the sale of his books is largely injured by the engraving it contains of Rutherford B. Hayes. This would certainly be a serious objection to a book unless purposely designed to illustrate a fraud or exhibit a "phis," for the rogues gallery. The same dispatch also says Mr. Blaine is seriously contemplating leaving the picture out of the future editions. Well, such is life.

THE election of the Hon. Wm. A. Wallace, who was not present at the late State Convention, as a delegate-at-large to the Democratic National Convention, was a compliment well merited and shows the unflinching confidence in which he is deservedly held by the Democracy of Pennsylvania. Choosing integrity and ability and fidelity as represented by this distinguished favorite of the people, the members of the Convention did themselves honor. Indeed the whole delegation selected, is one of unrivaled excellence and ability.

IT seems to be determined that the Hungarian miners in the Anthracite coal regions must go. Riots have occurred, and more serious ones are apprehended, that may demand the services of the Home Guards. It does not appear that the Hungarians are objected to because they are Hungarians, but because they work for less pay than other laborers can afford to do, who desire to live and keep their families like human beings, and not like animals. The high protectionists, who import this kind of cheap labor to compete with the labor of the country, may see the day when its cheapness may not be so desirable.

THE CARAVANS MOVING! The Indiana Democratic Association held a meeting in Washington, last week to receive the boom, and bring the Hon. Joseph E. McDonald more prominently to the front as a candidate for President. They passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we recognized in the Hon. Joseph E. McDonald a patriot, a statesman and a Democrat who has ever been faithful to his party and his country.

Resolved, That, in the judgement of this association, the nomination of Mr. McDonald for the Presidency by the Democratic National convention would establish harmony in the party throughout the country, and would result in the success of the Democratic principles at the approaching Presidential election.

Upon these Senator Voorhes made an exhaustive and eloquent argument to the country in favor of the nomination of Mr. McDonald and the importance of harmony and success, to rescue the government from the corrupt and oppressive oligarchy which has so long dominated it.

At the Republican primary in Crawford county, Blaine had 4,750 votes against 80 for Arthur, as the Presidential choice.

### The Wet-Dog in Politics.

THE proverbial wet-dog is obnoxious mostly because he comes unbidden into decent company and contaminates it, by shaking from himself foul humidity. The element of this canine unpopularity may be summed up in these facts: that he comes unbidden to where he is not wanted; that he is foul with stagnant moisture; that he is particular to shake himself when he can befool the largest number at one and the same time. The effect of this propensity is to disgust the dog's temporary society. It relieves the dog, but it scatters the crowd.

Such animals there are in politics. They lack the shaggy coat, but they scatter the filth all the same. They relieve the itching in their own diseased political skins, by wallowing in the purlieus of personal vituperation and scandal; they find relief and pleasure, of a peculiar sort, in shaking from themselves, showers of invective and abuse, upon those who have been their and the party's benefactors.

They are the breeders of disorganization; they are the festering sores; they are the kickers; they say "we cannot, and you shall not;" they must be continually placated, consulted, temporized with, coaxed, caajoed, patted on the back,—but they always, inevitably, play the "wet-dog."

One of the most striking traits of the meanest of these little politicians, is always to bring their personal quarrels with neighbors into politics, and instead of fighting them out in a courageous, manly and open manner, call upon every one subservient to them, for favors as customers, etc., to take sides against neighbors with whom they have no quarrel and thus engender strife, animosities and jealousies, and break up otherwise happy and contented neighborhoods.

They are disturbers, never leaders. They have no party fealty. They give their party no financial support; moral support or influence they generally have none. Those whom the party look to for leadership, are generally the objects of their vituperation.

Luckily our good party in this county, at the present time, is not much cursed with the wet-dog class. They appear to be confined mostly to the Republican party in Centre county. For a party that has been, and promises for many years to be, in a hopeless minority, there would seem to be small use for leaders or disturbers. But they do exist. Every year the Republican party makes its nominations, and its feeble efforts towards success. Every year they get left by the wayside, and the Democratic majority increases. Whenever a Republican assumes to be a leader, to take an active part, to give of his time or of his money, either of principle or personal advancement, he is set upon by the class we have described, and he generally retires disgusted.

There are a few small Republican plums to be handed around each year, such as chairman of the county committee, delegate to the State convention, member of the State committee, delegate to the National convention, and the like. For these there is generally a scramble. Sensible men recognize the right of the hard workers and influential men in the party, to these positions, but here is always the wet-dog's opportunity. The deserving man is set upon, abused, and vilified; and if he gets away with the honor, he gets his share of the mud.

We are not wanting for illustrations. Take the case of Chairman Keller, the late Republican delegate to the Harrisburg convention. It was sought to defeat him on the ground that he could not be trusted to represent his party as a delegate. A public meeting was called ostensibly in the interest of Blaine, but really for the purpose of beating Keller. A committee of ten was selected; it held secret meetings; it called caucuses out

side of the party organization; it set up a candidate, attacked Keller's character,—and (all the same) Keller was triumphantly elected, went to Harrisburg, offered the resolution instructing for Blaine, did the square thing all 'round, and came home in time to see the same clique act the wet-dog again, in another way, viz: by refusing to pay Brother Tuten for the handbills they had printed when they were acting the part of the wet-dog with Keller. Tuten got his pay, because he started a subscription paper, and the regulars helped him out; nevertheless he knows what a damp canine is when he sees it.

James Milliken, Esq., was treated in much the same way. The Republican press through the state was pretty unanimously in favor of sending him as a delegate-at-large to the Chicago convention. Milliken was in New York when the county convention took place. He is a wheel-horse; he gives time, money and valuable assistance in every campaign. He is honorable, able and willing. He never kicks, never wants office, and altogether is a valuable piece of timber to have lying around the Republican kitchen, when the Republican kettle is put on and expected to boil. Fearing that he might have this empty honor of delegate-at-large thrust upon him, a resolution was sprung in the county convention, at its close, instructing the delegates to vote for W. P. Duncan for said office. Of course it went through, because nobody saw whom it aimed at until it was passed. Mr. Duncan is a very good man, but his efforts at statesmanship in Bellefonte were confined exclusively to the passage of the obnoxious "cow ordinance" when a member of council, and that hardly entitles him to go to Chicago; but he was used to wipe up the Milliken floor, all the same, at the Harrisburg convention. Milliken was nominated and actually elected a delegate-at-large, having more votes than Lee, but Secretary Pearson and Boss Quay counted him out, and Lee was declared elected. Probably Mr. Milliken thinks the wet-dogs are not all in Centre county. As a political factor, the wet-dog is a non-essential, but who will say how he may be exterminated?

The Philadelphia *Record*, believes that "when the protective tariff resolution was concocted at Harrisburg it was probably written with a pencil. That part of it which declares that protection has "guaranteed a just and adequate scale of wages" to workmen is such a frigid lie that the ink would have turned to ice on the pen of the writer."

Bad as juries get to be, the Philadelphia *Record* thinks none of them ever made a more outrageous decision than the eight "judges" of the Electoral commission, selected from the Supreme court and Congress, and on this account our contemporary is willing to put up with juries longer. The impression made by that outrageous decision has not been effaced, and will not be in the minds of this generation at least.

A DEMOCRATIC contemporary says Mr. Blaine speaks in his book of "Mr. Polk's superb blundering in Mexican affairs." That "blundering," as he calls it, secured to the Union the States of Texas, California, Nevada, Colorado and the Territories of New Mexico, Utah and Arizona. After Jefferson's purchase of Louisiana it was the grandest achievement in our national history.—*Daily Sun*.

With such specimens of Blaine's literary labors, it is not out of place to pronounce his book a fraud, a mere Mulligan affair after all.

It is announced that Judge David Davis, has determined to maintain his old position and sit upon the fence as a passive observer of political events; that he sees no advantage at least in identifying himself, with the active work of the G. O. P. of questionable methods.

CONGRESSMAN BAYNE, of Pittsburgh, although appearing in the Republican Convention with a delegation elected by a majority of citizens, was no match for Chris. Magee and Matt. Quay. They had the machine. It wheels were well greased, and when in working order in Republican Convention, is invincible. Bayne and his delegation of citizens found it so on this occasion, and stepped to the rear, like "little men."

A MASSACHUSETTS woman, remarks a contemporary, who when in that State favored woman suffrage, changed her mind after becoming a resident and voter in Wyoming. According to her observation the only effect of women suffrage in that Territory is to give a married man two votes instead of one and an additional vote for each grown up daughter. Women will not attend primaries, and at regular elections the married women take their tickets from their husbands and vote them without scratching. But the most interesting feature is that the women of Wyoming generally think voting a bore and do not want to have anything to do with it. The witness herself is a Republican, and frankly says she votes only to offset a Democratic woman's ballot. When the women of the country want to vote it will be difficult resisting their demands, but there are millions of miles yet between the present and that stage.

"In our own country the Government, instead of standing as an impartial arbiter amid conflicts of maturing opinion and contending interests has itself descended into the arena, equipped with all the weapons of partisanship. Its myriads of officeholders, its alliances with or against vast pecuniary interests, its unlimited command of money levied from its dependents, and contractors, have sufficed to determine the majority in every case but one. In that case it collected military forces around the Capitol, and by this and other methods intimidated Congressional representatives of the majority of the people to relinquish the fruits of their victory and to surrender the Government to the control of the minority. No reform of administration is possible so long as the Government is directed by a party which is under the dominion of false doctrines, and animated by pecuniary interests in the perpetration of existing abuses."  
—S. J. TILDEN.

MR. HOPKIN'S bill to establish a Bureau of Labor passed the House on Friday last by a vote of 182 to 19. The House has thus emphasized the doctrine of the Democracy to the cause of the working people. The Harrisburg *Patriot*, referring to this bill justly remarks:

While a bureaucratic government is to be deprecated, some sort of official machinery for the collection and publication of labor statistics has become necessary.

The tariff question which is sure to be prominent in politics for some years cannot be intelligently settled unless the relations between capital and labor are accurately ascertained.

The census reports throw much light on the subject of labor, but as they are made up only once in ten years they are not so satisfactory as the investigations of a properly regulated labor bureau would prove.

It is therefore to be hoped that the Hopkins bill will pass the senate and become a law. The workmen should know whether they are helped or hurt by existing laws and there is no way by which they may be so thoroughly and correctly informed as by the system proposed in this bill.

It is entirely safe to venture the prediction that if this bill becomes a law and the bureau organized under it does its whole duty the protection hump will be exploded and Mr. Hopkins will thereafter be elected to congress without proclaiming himself better protectionist than his opponent.

### Items of Interest.

Scarlet fever is raging in Huntingdon. Two deaths occurred recently from the disease.

The repair shops of the Beech Creek railroad company are to be erected at Jersey Shore.

The national convention of the Prohibition Home Protection party will be held July 23rd.

The Philadelphia post office has been removed to its new and handsome building, at Ninth and Chestnut street.

Ossian R. Terbaugh, of Pittsburgh, committed suicide by taking Prussic acid, Friday. He was the son of a wealthy and respected parents. No cause is known for the rash act.

It was decided at a matter of the general passenger agents of all the roads leading into Columbus, Ohio, Friday to fix the rates for persons attending National Convention at Chicago, and the Greenback convention at Indianapolis, at half rates.

The elevated railroad of New York, being inadequate to the demands of the 125,000, people doing business at the southern end of the island, it is now proposed to build an arcade railroad beneath the surface of Broadway.

A powder mill near Sh-moxin containing 60 kegs of powder, exploded recently, killing Superintendent Vocum, and engineer Smith. The fire communicated to an adjoining building containing over 300 kegs of powder blowing the building to atoms.

A pair of sharpers are traveling through some of the eastern counties in this State victimizing the unsuspecting. The Wayneboro *Record* tells how they get in their rascally work:

A couple of men called at the house of a Mr. Kriner with a quantity of old patterns for garments generally, which they insisted on selling him. He had no use for the goods and of course refused to buy. They finally asked permission to leave the goods in care of Mrs. Kriner. She consented to take charge of them until called for. Before leaving they said they would take a few lines in writing stating the facts that the goods had been left in the family's care, which Mr. Kriner signed. It since turned out that he signed a note for \$100, which the villains sold to a Hagerstown broker. Mr. Kriner has taken up the bogus note, and now wants a purchaser for the goods at, we presume, most any price.—*Lewisburg Free Press*.

A Grange of Parsons of Husbandry was organized in Turbett and Fayette townships Juniata county week before last.

Mrs. Carrie B. Kilgore, having failed to gain admission to practice as a lawyer before the courts of Philadelphia, has made applications to the Delaware county court.

It is reported that both silver and copper have been found near Richfield, Juniata county.

Daniel Hawn, one of the three well known Hawn brothers, died in Juniata county last Wednesday. He was the youngest of the brothers, and was aged over 80 years.

John W. Michael, a baggage-master on the Pennsylvania railroad, who had been in the employ of the company for twenty-five years or more, was struck at Columbia by an engine on Thursday, and fatally injured.

It is stated that most of the so called sardines which are eaten in this country are nothing more or less than small herring, preserved in cottonseed oil and made gay with French labels.

Statistics published by the Penna. State Sunday School association give the number of Sunday Schools in the State at 8,147, with 931,735 teachers officers and scholars.

Philadelphia has 522 Sunday Schools and an attendance of 164,782 scholars.

The work of removing the bodies of the entombed miners at Pocahontas, Virginia, has been going on for several days past. Most of the bodies are horribly mutilated and the scenes presented when the bodies are brought out of the mine are horrible and beyond description. The coroners Jury has exonerated the mining Co. from all blame.

A State Labor convention composed of representatives of the labor organizations and granges of Illinois met Wednesday, in Chicago. Resolutions were adopted favoring the passage by Congress of the Foreign Shipping bill for the better protection of American sailors.