

BUTLER CITIZEN.

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Republican State Nominations.

FOR JUDGE SUPREME COURT. Hon. Henry Green.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL. Hon. John A. Lemon.

DIABETES floods have visited several of the Southern States within the last two weeks, swelling the streams and creating much alarm.

REMONSTRANCES are being circulated all over the State against pardoning Keable and Company recently convicted of corrupt solicitation of members of the last Legislature.

HON. EDWARD McPHERSON, late editor-in-chief of the Philadelphia Press, has accepted the Secretaryship of the Republican Congressional Committee, at Washington city, which was recently tendered him.

THE committee appointed by the Crawford county mass meeting, held at Meadville some weeks ago, to interview Gordon and Robinson as to their intended action at Chicago, addressed their interrogatories to those gentlemen last week, but up to yesterday morning had received no reply.

The above we clip from the Mercer Index of last week, and is the first statement we have seen that the committee appointed by the Crawford county meeting had addressed the delegates on the subject of their appointment.

Rhode Island for Blaine. The State of Rhode Island, in convention last week, appointed and instructed her delegates to the Chicago Convention to vote for Hon. James G. Blaine as her choice for the Presidency.

Death of Rev. J. G. Barnes. By the Mercer county papers of last week, we are informed of the death of Rev. J. G. Barnes, who formerly lived and preached in the lower end of this county, being familiarly known as Rev. Gibson Barnes.

The National Bank. In answer to inquiries from depositors as to when another dividend will be made from the assets of the late National Bank of this place, we give the below as the only information we have on the subject:

THE BUTLER BANK. (Special to the Commercial Gazette.) WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—The latest information from Receiver Purviance, of the Butler National Bank, states that whilst the affairs of that institution are progressing satisfactorily towards a settlement some embarrassment and delays are experienced through litigations.

Saint Patrick. Last Wednesday, 17th inst., was what is known as "Saint Patrick's Day," being the birth day of the Patron Saint of Ireland, and was again duly celebrated in this country by the sons of the Emerald Isle.

LEGENDARY HISTORY. There are various claims as to the birthplace of Saint Patrick, but it is generally conceded that the saint was born in 372 and when he was only 16 years of age was carried off by pirates, as history relates, and sold into slavery in Ireland, where his master employed him as a swineherd on the well-known mountain of Sleemish, in the county of Antrim.

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of the venerated saint that at one time he commanded his disciples to abstain from drinks in the daytime until the bell rang for repose in the evening. Saint Patrick's day always brings with it the memory of the shamrock, the connection which it bears to the anniversary of the patron saint is that when he preached the doctrine of the Trinity to the Pagans, he used this plant, bearing three leaves upon one stem, as an illustration of the great mystery.

Blaine Feeling Growing.

Elsewhere in this issue will be seen that the Republicans of other counties in this State are doing on the Presidential question. In some of these counties the action of the Republican masses had been similar to that of our own county previous to the meeting of the State Convention and in appointing their delegates thereto. In other counties no action was taken as to their district delegates to the Chicago Convention, both for want of time and the not dreaming that the State Convention would usurp their rights in the matter. Hence they are now meeting and acting, as they have a right to do any time before the Chicago Convention meets—June 2nd. And all this arises from the "snap judgment," as it was well termed, which was attempted to be taken by the early call for and meeting of the State Convention, on February 4, now almost two months ago and at least three months earlier than what it should or need have been. The result has been to arouse the Republicans of the State to an assertion of their inherent and inalienable right to choose and instruct their own district delegates to a National Convention. If the sentiment of the great majority of them in the State is respected, Senator Blaine will have the vote of Pennsylvania at Chicago.

Our Delegates to Chicago—County Convention Proposed.

Frequently, since the Harrisburg State Convention, we have been asked and written to as to a meeting or convention in this county, similar to what has been held in other counties, relative to further instructions to our delegates to the Chicago National Convention. In reply we have invariably stated, first, that in our opinion the delegates from this Congressional district were already instructed by the highest authority they possibly could be, that of the Republicans themselves of the whole three counties of Butler, Mercer and Crawford, acting through their County Committees, and that if the delegates named by them were honorable and honest men they would regard and obey the sentiments of their constituents, the attempt of the State Convention to give them other instructions to the contrary notwithstanding. And this for the reason that the State Convention had no right or power ever given it to instruct district delegates differently from their district instructions. This doctrine is so sound, just, reasonable and right, that we have yet to read or see the first Republican paper that has dared to deny it. We say, then, our delegates are fully instructed, and will carry out our will if they are trustworthy men. But the Republicans of the district are fearful and uneasy on the subject, and not without reason. And to this we have said, in the second place, that so far as this, our own county of Butler was concerned, we had yet another remedy in the fact that there had to be another meeting of our County Committee, and that soon, for the purpose of fixing the time for holding our next Primary election, and that if any further instructions were deemed advisable they could be given at that meeting. And then, in the third place, the Republicans in Crawford county had appointed a committee to address our delegates on the question as to how they viewed the question and intended to act in the Chicago Convention. This committee, we see it stated, has acted, but we hear of no responses from Messrs. Robinson and Gordon as yet. If none are not soon heard from them, and if there is not soon called a meeting of our County Committee, of which Mr. Robinson is Chairman, and can call any time he chooses, then we agree with the movement suggested by the writer of the following, for a County Convention. The following extracts are from his letter, and the sentiments are those of nine-tenths of the Republicans of this county. The letter is dated Parker township, March 15, and among other things it says:

"The stand you have taken on the Harrisburg and Chicago Conventions question meets with my approval, and, so far as I know, with every Republican voter in the county. We are anxiously awaiting the reply of our delegates to Chicago to the Meadville committee. But I think no time should be lost in making a move in this county to the same end. Gentlemen in this part of the county have commenced an effort which will result in a thorough canvass of the county. They are going to make a call for a County Convention, to be held prior to the Chicago Convention, so that the delegates to the County Convention can have an opportunity to instruct the delegates to Chicago. It is the desire to make the instructions so plain that the delegates themselves will do as we wish. The writer speaks of the feeling in Fairview, Parker and Allegheny townships, but it is no stronger there than in other parts of the county, and the silence of our delegates so far is only adding to this feeling. If Messrs. Robinson and Gordon are supposing

There are signs of revolt in York county. The chairman of the County Committee has called a Convention of delegates to "obtain the prevailing sentiment among the Republicans of York as to their choice for presidential nominee," with a view to the election, by Chicago Convention, of Henry Ward Beecher for President. This is in the line of the action proposed to be taken in Lancaster county, and if responded to will result in two sets of delegates—one set named through the State Convention by the district delegates in it from those counties, and the other chosen through delegate Convention or otherwise, by the counties. Certain it is, that the Republicans of Pennsylvania are in a condition of great unrest at the situation in which they find themselves placed. And this because they feel that there is a relentless purpose on the part of a set of leading politicians to drag the delegates from this State up to the support of a candidate to whose nomination they are opposed, and to compel those delegates to acquiesce in the nomination of the candidate whom our Republicans are proud to consider their great and gallant leader.—Pres.

A noteworthy phase of the Blaine movement in northern Ohio is the organization of a club at Cleveland with a numerous and influential membership and with a President in the person of Mr. Edwin Cowles, proprietor of the Leader. Mr. Cowles was a Grant enthusiast a very few months ago, and advocated the ex-President with much vigor in his journal. Becoming convinced that the masses of his party favored Senator Blaine, and that many German Republicans will oppose Grant, while the Third Term idea seems to place a damper on the Grant movement generally, he has decided that party interests, which so affect the interests of the country, demand that the ex-President be left out of the list of candidates.—Ex.

A word to the wise. Now is a very good time for newspaper subscribers to pay a long while in advance. If the price of white paper holds its present rate (and the manufacturers say it must go higher) publishers will have to add to their price. The right season. A receipted bill for a first-class newspaper a year or two ahead is a pretty good thing to have.—Buffalo Express.

This feeling will die out, or pass away, they are laboring under a delusion. The people are for Blaine now more than ever, and it will not be well to betray them. All matters in this district could have been set to rest before this. We look to hear of something definite soon.

No Action in the Bribery Cases.

HARRISBURG, March 17.—It was expected that the Board of Pardons before adjourning to-day would decide whether a meeting would be held on the 29th to consider the application for pardons of the parties recently convicted before bribery. The board yesterday before transacting its business concluded on the subject, but came to no conclusion beyond agreeing to settle the matter before adjournment sine die to-day. But it adjourned without making any decision, and although it was supposed that the matter would be arranged that evening, yet up to midnight no call for a meeting on the 29th had been decided on. Lieutenant Governor Stone left for home to-night, and he says that although the subject of an extra session was broached, yet it was not decided upon. He is reported to be opposed to the extra session. Counsel for the applicants have been making a strong effort to have the board meet on the 29th, but they are not likely to succeed, as the members to agree while at home as to what they will do.

The anti-machine Republicans of Lancaster county scored several big victories on Tuesday, the 23rd inst. The County Committee meeting. First the Committee ordered the primaries to be held May 22nd; second that the voters choose delegates to Chicago; third, that the voters may vote for President, and that they shall be provided with a list of the Republican candidates for U. S. Senator, and have the right to vote on the subject. Grow's friends had thought he would certainly be the choice of the eight Lancaster members to be chosen this fall. Mr. Heistand, the Grant leader, wanted the resolution about Senator to compel the Lancaster members to be bound by the Legislature position, denouncing the caucus "as the caucus which Lancaster county Republicans were shipwrecked every time. The political managers had a long fight and set up the caucus away ahead. They have money for the purchasable, promises for the fools and threats for the cowards. After securing Philadelphia and Allegheny they can always buy up enough votes to capture the caucus, and their right will soon." The resolution was then adopted to read that the members elected should use all honorable means to secure the election as Senator, the choice of Lancaster county Republicans. This is taking the bull by the horns most effectually, and is a precedent which the Republicans of this county might do well to follow.—Crawford Journal, March 18.

When a man's horse is stolen it may be the perfection of kindness, of good sense and of worldly wisdom, to advise him to get a padlock for his stable, but that will disturb the harmony of the community, to make a row about it, and try to catch the thief and recover the horse, and he had better not do it. That seems to be about the size of the advice which is quite frequently given to the Republicans of this district, who waked up one morning to find that the delegates they had chosen and instructed, had been taken in hand by some parties with headquarters at Meadville, and given a new set of instructions. If the Harrisburg gentlemen had not done wrong there wouldn't be any series of rows all over the State, but as it is there is likely to be a lively time for a few weeks—all inside the party ranks. Those who have good advice to give, had best, we think, give it to those who need it, and attempt to rob the Republicans of this and other districts—of the whole State indeed—of their right to an honest representation of their wishes at Chicago, and not upon those Republicans who, believing themselves defrauded, are doing their best to right the wrong.—Meadville Republican.

The Census Takers.

A Washington special is as follows: The Superintendent of the Census has prepared the commissions and instructions for the supervisors in those States in which the entire list has been confirmed, and preparations will be made at once to organize the force of enumerators and prepare for the taking of the census in such States, beginning on June 1st. No commissions will be sent to supervisors in the States where the nominations for supervisors are pending, or where vacancies exist by reason of rejections, and should the Senate persist in these rejections it is probable that some of the States will be omitted in the census of 1880. The entire list of supervisors in Pennsylvania not having been confirmed, no instructions or commissions will be forwarded to that State.

Toxa Next.

The Republicans of Tioga county, have called a mass Convention to meet in Wellsboro next Tuesday evening, to express their unbiased preference for a candidate for the Presidency. The call states that a large majority of the voters of the county are in favor of J. G. Blaine, and that they entertain fears that they will not be fairly represented at Chicago. The Agitator says the call has been circulated only two or three days and has 270 active and decided Republicans to it, and that it could be doubled with very little trouble.—Meadville Republican, Mar. 19.

Henry Ward Beecher Snubbed.

CINCINNATI, March 16.—A Dispatch to the Times from Frankfort, Kentucky, says the lower branch of the Kentucky Legislature this morning, by a vote of 18 to 12, refused to give Henry Ward Beecher the use of the legislative hall for the purpose of making an address at noon today.

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Four Dangerous Counterfeits.

The Treasury Department announces the existence of counterfeit one hundred dollar bills on the following banks: National Revere bank, Boston; Pittsfield National bank, Pittsfield; Merchants National bank, New Bedford; Second National bank, Wilkesbarre; Pittsburgh National Bank of Commerce. The counterfeit notes on the banks mentioned are so admirably executed that the instant they do deceive an expert. The counterfeit on the Pittsburgh Bank of Commerce purports to be of the "series of 1875," having the scolloped seal instead of the old seal with points, and bearing the words "Series 1875" across the face in red ink under the charter number, and the imprint "Printed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, U. S. Treasury Department," in the upper right hand corner. It is printed on an imitation of the fibre paper, and is the first counterfeit which has yet appeared on this series of national bank notes. The printing of the seal is somewhat imperfect, and the figures in the boat in the vignette on the lower left-hand corner are inferior to the former. The most noticeable defect is the face of the standing figure in the boat of the boat, which looks like a death's head in the counterfeit; in the genuine, the features are much more distinct. It bears the signatures of John Allison, Register of the Treasury, and John C. New, Treasury of the United States.

The Plumed Knight.

A letter was received at the Washington postoffice on Monday morning, addressed as follows: "The Plumed Knight, United States Senate, Washington, D. C." It was postmarked Knoxville, Tenn. The postmaster claimed that Edmunds was the person addressed, and another that Thurman or Voorhees or Conkling was intended, but it was finally decided to give it to Blaine, so when he came into the Senate Col. Bright handed it to him and very gracefully indicated that public opinion seemed to recognize him as the owner of the letter. Blaine smiled and opened the envelope. It was addressed to James G. Blaine to attend some literary exercises at the University of Tennessee.

Mr. Dennis Kearney gets the snug sentence of six months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$1,000.

This is the nearest approach to justice toward the San Francisco rioter that has been met out, and it is greatly to be hoped the higher Courts to which, it is understood, he proposes to carry his case will be as intelligent regarding their duty as was the San Francisco Police Judge. Kearney was greatly surprised at the magnitude of the sentence, as he had in his unbounded impudence been boasting that a fine of about twenty dollars. The people of San Francisco have for a long time borne in patience the antics of this man, and it is satisfactory to learn that they have at last determined to bear down upon him.

After Pardons.

The Board of Pardons will meet in special session on March 27th, to consider the applications for the pardon of the Legislative rioters and corruptionists. Judge Pearson fixed the time for sentence two days later, March 29th. It looks as if these fellows would have pardons in their pockets when called up for sentence. A remonstrance is being circulated for signatures in different parts of the State, of which the annexed is a copy:

To the Honorable Board of Pardons: A number of persons, to wit: Jesse R. Crawford, Wm. H. Kemble, Emile J. Petroff, Wm. F. Rumberger and Charles E. Salter, have been arranged before the Criminal Court of Dauphin county, for the commission of high crimes against the Constitution and laws of the United States, and are now in custody, and one, after a fair and impartial trial, was convicted; and

Whereas the said persons have advertised and given notice of their intention to apply to your Honorable Board for a remonstrance to His Excellency the Governor, for a pardon of the crimes of which they stand convicted; and

Whereas the violation of the Constitution, the laws, and integrity of the Commonwealth demand the punishment of the aforesaid persons;

Therefore, We, the undersigned citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby demand that your Honorable Board of Pardons should recommend to His Excellency a pardon of the crimes and the remission of the penalties and disabilities, in a remonstrance that the full sentence of the law as pronounced by the court shall be executed.

Remonstrances in this form are now in the hands of prominent citizens of this place, and they are signed by the names of the undersigned. If you will print remonstrances in the above form cannot be had, let the reader cut out this and copy or paste it on a sheet of paper, obtain signatures, and forward it to Alexander Blessing, No. 4 North Third street, Harrisburg. He will receive and present the remonstrances forwarded to him.

What They Say in Their Sleep. Don Cameron—If Grant will not accept I will take it myself, by gracious.

Soey Sherman—Gentlemen your— (snores calmly, but first he says) "My own election would be to that plebeian Sprague!"

Senator Blaine—Mr. Ingersoll is right, I am, indeed, a plumed knight. I am also a stee-horn on wheels.

Gen. Grant—Do I look like a person who would decline a thing after going around the world to the next morning?

Senator Sharon—I am the rose of myself, I am the hilly of the valley. I am, for a fact.

Hendricks—Once for all, I will play second fiddle to nobody. (Kicks Mrs. H. out of bed.)

Mr. Tilden—It is not good for a man to alone. If I cannot marry a wife, I will at least buy a dog.

Prohibit in Iowa.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 16.—In the House of Representatives on constitutional amendments reported in favor of adopting the Senate substitute for the House prohibition constitutional amendment, and it was put on its passage without discussion and adopted by a vote of 66 to 26. The amendment would prohibit the manufacture, sale, or keep for sale as a beverage any intoxicating liquors whatever, including ale, wine and beer. The General Assembly shall by law prescribe regulations for the enforcement of the prohibitions herein contained, and shall thereby provide suitable penalties for the violation of the provisions hereof.

The Philadelphia Evening Star, an independent paper, in speaking of our corrupt legislators, says: "If the publicity given to the vile proceedings of these corrupt legislators, although a reproach on our fair fame, results in awakening the true and honest men of our State to the importance of sending a better class of men to the Legislature, the State will be benefited by all their corruptors, our State will be redeemed from the dishonor entailed upon her by these scoundrels and the dawn of a better day for our Commonwealth will be at hand."

A Novel Marriage Ceremony.

[From the Rome (Ga.) Tribune.] A thousand miles from Rome a few days ago was called on to marry a couple. Not being in the habit of performing the ceremony the Justice became a little confused, but managed to go through the form until he came to the concluding words, when he wound up by saying, "I pronounce you man and wife, and may God have mercy on your souls!"

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