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FOR STATE TREASURER.
WILLIAM B. HART.

Republican County Ticket.
FOR SHERIFF.
OLIVER C. REDD.

FOR PROTHONOTARY.
JOHN D. HARBISON.

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H. ALFRED AYRES.

FOR TREASURER.
AMOS SEIFON.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
A. J. HUTCHISON,
B. M. DUNCAN.

FOR CLERK OF COURTS.
REUBEN McELVAIN.

FOR AUDITORS.
ROBERT A. KINZER,
ISAAC S. P. DOWLF.

FOR COMMISSIONER.
ALEXANDER STOREY.

Mr. Simon B. Chase, of Easton, is the candidate of the Prohibition party for Supreme Judge, and Mr. Dallas C. Irish, of New Castle, Lawrence County, is his candidate for State Treasurer.

Oil shows some signs of increase in market prices. Still it moves slowly and the new wells coming in will likely prevent any great rise per barrel. The Phillips well, Behm farm, Reibold field this county, is now about the largest and best flowing well in the whole State.

Mr. William Moore, sister and daughter of Salisbury, Pa., are at present on a visit to Hon. James Mitchell and family. Mr. Moore, who is 77 years of age, was born and raised near Judge Mitchell's and left this county when a mere boy, perhaps over 70 years ago.

It is always considered complimentary if editorials are copied by other papers, even if the proper credit is not given, as was the case with our article of last week entitled "Going to Syria," and copied same afternoon in a journal here. Still, the professional rule is to give credit to whom credit is due.

Cor. J. Ross Thompson, of Erie, is the Democratic nominee for Judge of the Supreme Court of this State, and Bernard J. McGrann of Lancaster county for that of State Treasurer. Mr. Thompson is a son of the late Chief Justice James Thompson, who was born and raised in Middlesex Twp, this county.

Nathaniel Ewing, Esq., of Fayette county, who has been appointed additional law judge in the Fayette-Greene district by Gov. Beaver, is the Republican nominee for the favorable section of his own county and through the bitter wrangling now going on among the Democracy in both the Counties of the District, is very likely to be elected in November.

One of the most unexpected events in Railroad affairs is the embarrassment of the great Baltimore and Ohio line. It has passed into the hands of a company of monied men, and virtually under the control of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and will no longer be a competing line to the Pennsylvania. Since the death of the elder Garrett, its President, his son, who succeeded him, has been trying to reach New York City over the heads of the Penna. Co., at so great a cost as to finally swamp his head. He is traveling in Europe, and seems to have none of the ability of the father in Railroading.

Under the Ordeal.
A new thing has been going on in the Courts at Pittsburgh this week. Allegheny county for some years past has, by a special law, been granting licenses through a license board, of certain officials. Now, under the new Brooks high license law, Allegheny county licenses have to be granted by the Courts, the same as in this and other counties. And hence the applicants have to undergo the ordeal of passing through the Courts. This process is what has been going on in Pittsburgh this week, with decidedly interesting features. There, as here, the ladies and principal citizens are in the front opposing the granting of licenses, and from present appearances it is thought that Judges Ewing and White will grant no licenses or as few as they possibly can. Nearly all the applicants have had to admit they sold upon Sunday. But the controlling point made against the many saloons and taverns was that they were not necessary for the public. The bondsmen of the applicants were closely scrutinized and many rejected as such. Pittsburgh will not have as many drinking holes hereafter.

Black Diphtheria's Ravages.
PITTSBURGH, Sept. 2.—An epidemic of black diphtheria is raging at Lockport, Pa., a small town of two hundred inhabitants, situated on the miles east of this city. Nearly half of the population are down with the disease and thirteen deaths have occurred within the last five days. Recently an old widow which formed part of the State Normal was destroyed by diphtheria at that point, leaving stagnant pools of water, it is believed caused the epidemic. The victims are seized with black vomit and usually die in two or three days.

Another Tariff 'Straddle.'

The tariff question, since our earliest recollection, has been a disturbing and perplexing one in the Democratic party. In slavery times the South was opposed to a protective tariff, as not needed to protect its slave labor. The South dominated in the party in those days. But Pennsylvania has always been a protective tariff State, and hence her Democracy has often come in conflict with not only the South but with the Democracy generally of the other States. The same may be said with nearly the same truth at this day, as witness the recent struggle on the question in their party last week, in State Convention at Allentown. The same old question, protection, is still at the bottom. And the contest was as to which should control, the Cleveland-Carlisle faction, or the Randall one. Mr. Randall is a leading Democrat of Pennsylvania. He has been kept in Congress mainly by Republicans providing a district for him in which he could be elected. This because of his tariff views being similar generally with those of the Republicans. He has opposed his party in Congress and aided to defeat it in lowering the present tariff rates upon foreign imports. He prefers to lower or take off the tariff or tax on whiskey and tobacco, rather than on foreign goods, in order to reduce the growing surplus in the Treasury. But the party outside of Pennsylvania say no, and that the reduction of the surplus must be brought about by a reduction of the rates upon foreign imports. This was the issue between the two wings of the party in this State at their recent Convention, Randall heading one and Congressman Scott heading the other and speaking for Cleveland's Administration. How was the matter settled? Precisely as of old. A compromise and a "straddle." They agreed to reduce on both internal revenue (whiskey and tobacco) and on imports. This is what they say in effect: "beyond the current needs of the Government the surplus should be reduced by a reduction of internal taxation and of duties on imports." Now these propositions are in direct conflict. For if we reduce the revenues by reducing "internal taxes," then we need not reduce the taxes on "imports." And one wing, Randall & Co., have been urging the reduction of internal taxes in order to prevent the other, that of "imports." And the other wing, Scott & Co., have been opposing a reduction of internal taxes in order to make necessary a reduction on "foreign imports." So here is where the "straddle" becomes necessary. Both were inserted in their platform and mean nothing. And it will be observed that only "the needs of the Government" is referred to. The idea of protection to labor, or to our industries, does not come in at all, and the revenues to be reduced only reduce the revenues to "the needs of the Government." Thus the party in this State is clearly outside of the protective principle. They care nothing for it. They are looking only to the surplus in the Treasury, and are willing to what to cut down the most to reduce said alleged surplus, which can well be applied to public buildings, pensions and other National objects.

As far back as the Presidential election of 1844 the Democratic campaign song in Pennsylvania was, "Polk, Dallas, Shunk and the Tariff of 1842." The "tariff of 1842," was a Republican or Whig law passed then, and passed to raise the country from the deep depression and hard times that brought about the overthrow of the Democrats and the election of General Harrison as President in the celebrated campaign of 1840. Polk and Dallas were their candidates for President and Vice President in 1844, and Shunk for that of Governor. The country had so suffered from low tariffs as to produce a revolution in politics, in 1840, and put the Whigs in power, the result of which was the passage of the tariff of 1842. It was popular and working well, doing great good. Hence the Democrats dared not oppose it in Pennsylvania in 1844. But outside of Pennsylvania they did—and when they came back to power through the election of 1844, they repealed the tariff of 1842, Dallas, Vice President and Shunk, Governor. This action, more than anything else, caused them to lose Pennsylvania, and the confidence of her people. And ever since they have been playing "fast and loose" with the tariff, and the other trunk lines; also avoid the construction of expensive parallel lines north and east of Philadelphia.

The houses interested on this side are Drexel, Morgan & Co., Drexel & Co., Brown Bros. & Kidder, Peabody & Co.

Smith Reunion.
The ninth reunion of the Smith family was held at the residence of John Smith, Esq., near Gomersal, Butler county, Pa., on Wednesday, Aug. 31st.

It was a pleasant day, long to be remembered for its large, good and stand had been erected near the family mansion. An organ was on the stand and Prof. Cyrus Harper and the Smith ladies furnished music for the occasion. A table, seventy-five feet long, bore up the costly products of the Smith kitchen. At this table were seated about five hundred of the Smith family and their friends. Nearly two hundred horses were fed and cared for. The genial hospitality and kindness were large enough to embrace all humanity. Friend and foe were alike bidden to eat, drink and be merry, for this is the Smith family. Mr. Hutchison being absent at the funeral of Mr. McDevitt, the address of welcome was delivered by Simon Nixon, who said he was always ready and proud to eat of the best cake at a family reunion, it was his hallored bread. The family meeting is not an artificial affair, and is held for the purpose of detaching for social purposes, but it is a meeting that has its origin in nature. It is the product of the highest and noblest emotions and affections of our nature. And to such meetings as these, we should be glad to have individual honor, we look for a reformation in our civil government. Give me Gold and I can buy the Legislature, the Governor, the judge in the box and the Judge on the bench. I can buy everything, but the bond of the mother's breast, and on that mother's knee we must teach that family pride and individual honor that will neither do wrong nor submit to wrong. The good mothers of the Smith family are here, the hostesses, and their motto is: "Better be poor than to be mean." Their flag of family honor still floats above this table. The delicacies that cover it are the fruits of many toils. In behalf of the Smith family the cordially welcomed all to eat of the bread of honest labor, human kindness and family affection. After blessing by Rev. Fish, the multitude were fed and the fragments packed for the laborers' picnic next day. Wm. G. Smith, historian, gave the history of the family. The first Smith was a blacksmith, and made a hoe for his son John. In the year 1734 John came to Butler county and settled on the farm near Gomersal, and afterward to Slipperyrock. He brought the old hoe along. The land on which we stand has always belonged to John Smith from generation to generation. One Smith tried to keep his father's distress here, but the wolves drove him away. In union there is strength as we meet from year to year to honor our fathers and mothers. Let us be true to the right and true to each other. An essay was read by Miss McCoy, "Brother be kind to Sister." It was in place and very good. John T. Smith, of Mercer county, made a good speech. Rev. Fish made a few appropriate remarks in reply to addresses of welcome. The best performance of the day was a recitation by Miss Annie Thompson, "Labor for Others." "Keep on the Road" and "A Kiss Over the Garden Wall" were well rendered by Prof. Harper, Class Kerr, the best of the other roads. The John Smith had always been a friend to the poor, and in his case he had been a father to the fatherless.

The officers of the next reunion and the time and place of meeting, to advance the interests of certain political candidates, and because there was nothing of that kind to be done, Gov. Beaver did not attend the Soldier reunion recently held at Oil City, Pa. Now, generally, the senior editor of the Herald is in his element, and he was away last week.

Re-union at the "Eight Square" School House.
As is customary on occasion of this kind a good dinner was prepared and blessed by Rev. L. F. Merritt. The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Muller appeared to be of one mind and partook freely of the feast, without any feeling as to being welcome. The dinner was got up, one and after it our friends were called to order and Mr. Robert S. Grant chosen Pres. and John Thomas, Esq., Sec'y. Rev. Merritt was called on; and made a very appropriate speech; at the close of which he presented Mr. and Mrs. Muller with some very fine and valuable presents, which were given by the donors as tokens of their friendship. The meeting was closed with Prayer and Benediction by Rev. Merritt. We highly appreciated the opportunity afforded us of meeting with the citizens of Venango Twp. this county, Aug. 29th inst., at the

Evans City Items.
EVANS CITY, Pa., Sept. 5, 1887.
PHILIPS No. 1, on the Stokely farm west of Evansburg, in Jackson Twp., about a half-mile from town, struck the third sand on Sunday afternoon. She has a little gas, five feet of sand and no oil gas.

Prospect—in and Out.
EVANS CITY, Pa., Sept. 5, 1887.
The Academy is prospering finely with 40 students. Hard study is their watchword.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Birth-day Party.
Messrs. EDITORS.—It was the writer's great pleasure to be present at one of those social gatherings of the good people (becoming so general in our county) to celebrate the 64th anniversary of the birth of one of their number, viz: Mr. Isaac Donaldson, of West Senary, on last Saturday, Sept. 3. The citizens and neighbors convened to quite a large number with well filled baskets, from which a long table was well supplied with the good things of the land, which, by the way, were honorably discharged from the service." With these two questions answered satisfactorily, a bond of friendship at once exists between them only known to those who shared the hardships, privations and horrors of the battle, and no soldier worthy to belong to the Grand Army, when he takes a comrade by the hand, thinks of asking are you a Democrat? or Republican, Greenbacker? or "Prohibitionist?" All he wants to know is, "did he do his duty well and was he honorably discharged from the service?" 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