

Port Tobacco Times

PORT TOBACCO: Friday Morning, May 18, 1883.

The motion for re-argument of the Virginia 'coupon killer' case has been refused by the U. S. Supreme Court.

Joe Brady, one of the Phoenix Park murderers, was hanged in Dublin on Monday morning. He made no statement implicating any one else.

A meeting of the Democratic State Central committee has been called at Harum's Hotel in Baltimore city on Wednesday next, the 23rd inst. The chief business of the committee will be to fix a day for the holding of the Democratic convention to nominate State officers.

Mr. Amasa Stone, a Cleveland millionaire, and a gentleman widely known for his benevolence and liberal charities, committed suicide at his residence in that city on Friday last. Over mental work, inducing dyspepsia and insomnia, together with some financial losses are supposed to have been the cause of the deed.

James M. Scovel, of Camden, N. J., recovered a verdict yesterday in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia for \$10,240 against Samuel S. Smoot, of Washington, D. C. Mr. Smoot had agreed to pay Mr. Scovel \$20,000 in bonds or \$10,000 in cash for settlement of a claim against the Southern Maryland Railroad.

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Harmony to be Restored.

The action of the Baltimore city convention last week in appointing a commission consisting of leading citizens of the city to designate the judges of the party to prosecute primary elections, and promptly accepting by those gentlemen of the trust, bids fair to entirely cure the troubles of the Democratic party in that city which during the last year assumed such formidable dimensions as to threaten the Democratic supremacy in the State. In view of the unreasonable spirit at times heretofore manifested by some of the opposition leaders, it may still be too soon to congratulate ourselves on the averted danger; still it is believed that the high and unquestioned character of the gentlemen constituting this recently appointed commission, and their freedom from factional animosities will insure an acquiescence in the fairness of their action, even by the most recalcitrant and unreasonable, and that there will now no longer exist any pretext upon which to justify a boiling faction.

This being the case in Baltimore city, the dangers which have appeared to threaten the success of the party in the State election at once disappear. There are no serious dissensions in the party in any of the counties. Although opposition movements were at one time attempted to be organized in several of the counties, they soon expired in consequence of their own innate weakness. The people of the counties are more deliberate in forming their judgments and more conscientious in obtaining correct information upon political questions than the average voter in large cities. As a consequence it soon became apparent to them that the burden of this opposition was brought about merely for opposition sake, and that the charges upon which it was pretended to be justified were most of them greatly exaggerated and many of them absolutely untrue. While willing and ready to relegate to the rear and curtail the authority of any party leaders who assumed too much or attempted to play the role of "boss," they recognize that this could be most effectually and safely done within the party organization. That the primary elections in the counties are conducted with absolute fairness, the people well know; and that every citizen who participates in the party conventions they have no reason to doubt. They are not willing, therefore, now that the Democratic party of the county is marching on to a grand and final victory in all the States, to jeopardize the success of the great principles of Democracy in this State by giving countenance to factional dissensions, prompted by the personal contentions and hostilities of self-constituted leaders. All good citizens in these counties recognize that there is now a solemn duty incumbent on them of attending the primaries, and thus giving their countenance and support to the party organization; and they feel confident that if this be done, and a representative convention of the people be sent to make the nominations, that there will be no room for the improper manipulations of party politicians.

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We print elsewhere, in full, the last article of the Hagerstown Mail on the sinking fund question. This seems to be an end of the controversy between us on this subject. As our contemporary adduces no further argument to sustain its position upon this question, we construe its article as an admission that in the light of the examination of the little controversy between us has led to make, it is now convinced that the wrongs and excesses" it was inclined to charge upon the treasury officers and the Legislature in connection with the defense loan-sinking fund have "turned out to be imaginary;" and that it was unjust to the treasurer and to the Democratic party when it so recklessly denied the statement of that officer that "whatever mistakes might have been made, the balance sheet is clean."

We are pleased at this frank admission on the part of our esteemed contemporary, and hope that in future it will keep these facts in view. With regard to the question which it indirectly propounds, as to whether we "object to the faithful execution of the law under which the loan was made, whenever required to maintain the substance of what was promised," without regard to any constitutional obligation, we beg to say that we never sanction the slightest violation of the obligations of contracts on the part of individuals or States; and that if any former Legislature should have within its constitutional powers provided for the sinking fund, that it would be the duty of all subsequent Legislatures to fulfill it to the letter. We will simply remark, however, that if there had been any contract with the defense loan creditors made by the Legislature of 1872 violated, then it would have been entirely competent for the defense loan creditors to have filed their complaint and asserted their rights through the courts; for by the Federal constitution a State is expressly prohibited from passing any law impairing the obligations of existing contracts. It would have been much more becoming for an alleged Democratic Governor and a professed Democratic journal to have waited for the defense loan creditors to be heard from in a legal and proper manner, than to have arraigned their party through a series of published articles and a public harangue, at the risk of exciting discontent and disaffection in the minds of those incompetent to judge upon charges which the merest investigation have "turned out to be imaginary." The fact that the defense loan creditors have not been heard to complain is explainable upon one of two hypotheses; either that they have been convinced that the act abolishing the sinking fund was not in conflict with either the State or Federal constitution, or that, as the comptroller has said, they regard the State's financial assets as at any time adequate, and available to meet any outstanding debt, and are satisfied with that security.

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We would remind the party too that we are upon the preliminary contest this year will largely depend on our success. The North and West would have a Republican majority of 100,000. Last fall there was an untimely line of Democratic voters from ocean to ocean. This year the latest elections indicate that the high tide of Democratic success has risen still higher, and bids fair to drown out every vestige of Republicanism. While triumph was being won everywhere, the party in Maryland, the Maryland Democracy also faltered. Shall we again be lagged in the battle for deliverance from Republicanism? Shall we take our backs in the hour of Democratic success on the party which we have adhered to in its time of adversity, and condemn Maryland to be perpetually in a minority? In conclusion we say to disagreeing leaders, cease your strife. The Democrat who is not willing to forego personal and professional selfishness for the party's good, is unworthy the one and of any confidence from the party. To the party, we would say be vigilant and watchful. Forget not the past; remember the present. We would earnestly recommend, to each and every county and free and untrammelled delegates to the State convention in order that it may be a deliberative body capable of exercising unbiased judgment as to the propriety of the proposed sinking fund throughout the State as a whole; and in the accomplishment of the objects set forth in the foregoing, we unanimously pledge our best efforts from the present hour to the close of the canvass.

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Wheat crop authorities in California now say that the harvest will be the greatest ever known in this State. It is calculated that 11,500,000 tons will be exported next year. A heavy shock, supposed to be an earthquake, was felt in Kentucky on Saturday. A similar shock is said to have been felt in Kent county, Md., earlier in the week. At Paris, Ky., on Saturday, two brothers, named Reeves, quarreled about the proper depth to plant corn and one shot at the other near the farm. The wound is believed to be fatal. Rev. Charles T. Steck, late pastor of a Lutheran church at Pittsburg, made a successful debut on the stage at Indiana, Pa., on Saturday night at Hazlet and Richfield. The hall was crowded with the best people of the town. Miss Morris, colored, of Amherst, county, Va., is just 27 years old and has thirteen children. She gave birth to three of that number on the 21. The little ones weighed twenty-seven pounds in the aggregate. The youngest telegraph operator in the world is probably a little girl ten years old, named Hattie Hutchinson, who lives in Texas, and has charge of the telegraph office at the railway station at which she resides. The dinner to be given by the English bar to Judge P. B. Reid, retired associate justice of the Southern Confederacy, will take place early in June. He has made a fortune at the Emperor's court as Queen's counsel, and retires at the age of 71. Sullivan, the pugilist, offers to fight Mitchell for \$2,500 a side, Mitchell to use his bare fists while Sullivan will use gloves. Mitchell was not "knocked out" and expressed a desire to again meet the Boston champion. At Cornwell Friday Timothy Carroll, a West Shore Railroad laborer, crawled under a car loaded with iron, and was struck by the engine, which crushed his skull, killing him instantly. The latest plant of the new house for New York, has been ordered by the city of New York. The site being 122 feet above the New York harbor, above this will be a capital about 41 feet high, to cost \$550,000, and if completed will be located near Central Park. Mrs. Maria S. Lott, wife of the pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church at Jersey City, N. J., is said to be the only woman in the world who has been married by a priest in the adjoining town to the post office at the door and was divorced. The priest entered the church and the woman was married and divorced. She was 35 years old and beautiful. Edwin L. Moore, of Brentwood, Pa., who undertakes to swallow live glass eggs daily for forty days, has packed the stomach without completing his task. The supply of glass eggs ran out, and as they could not be provided on the fourth day by Dr. Funk, with whom he was in the habit of ordering, he remains the plumpiest glass egg eater.

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