

The Pennsylvania Democratic State Convention is called to meet at the Opera House, in Harrisburg, August 1st, 1883, at 10 o'clock a.m.

That great English statesman, John Bright, says that "high protection" is a curse to every European nation that indulges it. The remark might include the United States.

Mr. McSweeney, a delegate to the recent Columbus Convention, thus concluded his speech before that body:

If anybody asks, "Watchman, what of the night?" say "There is no night." On the misty mountain tops the Jordan day stands on tip-toe and points to a glorio's victory. The old Democratic column around. On! Onward to the contest. There is no such word as "fail."

Indiana Sentinel: The Prohibition Republican member of the last Legislature who was on a very high lonesome in this city during the latter part of the past week, and which finally led to his arrest, was released Saturday evening on condition that he would go home. But gracious heavens, to think of a Republican drinking whisky! How did it happen?

Read this from an old, reliable Republican paper, Harper's Weekly:

The Republican party is smitten with the whisky ring swindles, and the Star Route swindles, and the Belknap swindles, and the salary grab, and the third term plot, and a myriad other similar jobs and thefts and crimes. The argument will be that no reform is possible until such party is turned out, and that it can be turned out only by putting in the Democratic party. That such a plan is absurd and promising is undoubt-able.

The "g. o. p." must go.

#### The Railroad Election.

Railroad election in Marion Township, August 1st, 1883. This election is held for the purpose of deciding whether the legal voters of Marion Township desire the railroad built through Marion Township and the Town of Rensselaer. The amount of aid proposed to be raised will be a sum equal to one per cent. per annum upon the assessed value of property for the year 1882, for two successive years.

The number of acres of land in the Township, exclusive of town lots, are \$1,560, appraised in the year 1882 at \$206,080 or an average of \$6.58 per acre, and the tax proposed to be levied would be on an average 18 cents per acre for the lands in Marion Township. In the Town of Rensselaer in addition are Town Lots valued at \$55,154. The value of improvements on lands in the country, \$99,380. In the Town of Rensselaer, \$151,160. The value of personal property as assessed in the country, \$135,775, and in town, \$211,580. Total amount of taxables in Town, \$432,173, and in country, \$426,821. The amount proposed to be appropriated is \$17,000, of which amount owners of property in the Town of Rensselaer would pay \$8,600, and the owners of property in the country \$8,400. The railroad would be seven miles long in the country, and one-half a mile long in the town.

This decision was rendered in the case of the city of Topeka vs. the Loan Association, as is reported in 20 Wallace's "Other Reports" page 100. It is mentioned with approval in the case of the city of Parkersburg in the last volume of the Supreme Court Reports. There is a principal recognized and declared in this decision of the highest judicial tribunal of the land which is worth the consideration of the legislators who vote for and defeat tax laws for the purpose of enabling a comparatively few persons to enrich themselves at the expense of the people. I am dealing with admitted facts. We have a surplus revenue which is the result of unnecessary taxation. We have collected which these taxes have been collected with heavy loss passed to favor (protect) a limited class of citizens at the expense of the majority. We have a decision of the Supreme Court saying that the legislative power has a right to pass such laws.

Obviously the wise course for Congress to take is to overturn the tariff laws that we shall have no such laws as will repeal such parts of the law as were enacted to promote private interests. The mistake we made last winter was in lowering the tobacco tax and repealing the tax on bank capital and bank deposits, while you retained nearly all the taxes which increase the cost of labor and clothing of the men who work for us. It does not surprise me to see the protection professors trying to devise schemes for disposing of the surplus revenue. Professor Thompson, whose college is situated under the smoke stacks of the Pennsylvania Railroad and steel mills, advocates a distribution of 10 per cent. of the State's remaining property to the Protectionist, with a few cents to the farmer.

This accumulation of surplus revenue has its advantages. It has compelled a discussion of the tariff laws. People are reading and thinking about them, and sooner or later, much sooner than the politicians imagine, there will be a popular demand for the repeal of all laws which tax the whole people for the benefit of the favored few.

#### ANOTHER OPEN LETTER-NO.13.

*The Indianapolis News.*

Hon. Stanton J. Peele:

The surplus revenue is annoying the iron statesmen. If the people can be persuaded that our revenues are derived from foreign manufacturers and are not paid by us, then the foreigner is to pay the bill, and we are comforted in view of the fact that foreigners are paying the expenses of running our Government. But the foreigner who makes goods which are sold here is no fool, and when you put a tax on his imported goods he knows that he is taxed on the price of the goods at the port of entry. Some of our wholesale merchants on South Meridian street are importing crockery and dry goods from foreign countries. In marking up the prices it would be that the goods for sale here are taxed at the port of entry, the Indiana customer pays it. Now it is plain that a surcharge made up of exports from duties is a tax upon the people who use such goods upon which these duties are levied.

In fact this is so plain that it is amazing that any state legislator, and especially a Democrat, would forget that a tariff duty is not a tax, but a homogeneous be- stowed upon our people by foreign manufacturers. It is a mark of progress that some of the ablest advocates of the protection policy characterize all tariff duties as taxes, and that such a mark which was published a few weeks ago, called them taxes. When it is settled that they are taxes, the protectionist must go to the wall. Let us see. The only purpose for which taxes can be levied is the support of the Government. As Col. Collier expressed it, the Government is a "big business," and it is not in the power of the people to do away with it. The only purpose of the candidates amounts to but little in the campaign. It is the Democratic party that is strong, not its candidates.

"Do you regard Mr. Hoadly as the strongest candidate that could have been nominated?"

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*HOW SHE SAVED HER DARLING.* A young man recently sentenced to the penitentiary for one year by Judge Dean, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., can see the home of his parents from his prison. It is said that none of his relatives know that he is in prison.

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*DO YOU WANT TO?* "We almost lost our darling from cholera infantum, but happily heard of Parker's Ginger Tonic in time. A few spoonfuls soon cured baby, and an occasional dose keeps us in good health."—Brooklyn Mother.

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