

THIRTEENTH YEAR.

HARMONY AND HIGH TARIFF, With a Sprinkling of "Genuine, Deep- Reaching Civil Service Reform."

Platform Points to Which the Democracy of Pennsylvania Lie—Proceedings of the State Convention.

HARRISBURG, Pa., August 1.—The democratic convention assembled at 10.15 this morning, and was called to order by Chairman Hensel in a few remarks. The list of delegates was called, and for the first time in many years no contested seats were announced.

The convention reassembled and Robt. E. James was elected permanent president. The customary vice-presidents and secretaries were elected.

The nomination for auditor-general were as follows: W. Hayes Grier, of Lancaster; John Swan, Allegheny; Geo. R. Guss, Chester; Jacob Seigher, Butler; Robert McCochran, Cumberland; Robert Taggart, Warren; J. K. Duff, Allegheny; J. L. Brown, Elk; Robert J. Nicholson, Jefferson; William N. Hunt, Philadelphia; J. F. McKernan, Armstrong. On the third ballot Robert Taggart, of Warren, was nominated by a vote of 163 to 77.

The nominees for state treasurer were Thos. McKeown, of Bucks county; Joseph Powell, Bradford; McCool, of Schuylkill. On the second ballot Powell was nominated, receiving 275 votes.

The nominees were presented to the convention and accepted the nomination in short speeches.

The report of the committee on platform was read and adopted.

It reaffirms the faith of the democracy of Pennsylvania in the true principles of the constitution; in the maintenance of personal liberty and rights of local self-government; favors genuine deep-reaching civil service reform; advocates such taxation of the people as is requisite for the necessities of the government economically administered; that import duties should be readjusted in their application as to prevent unequal burdens; encourage productive industries at home and afford just compensation to labor, but not create or foster monopoly; denounces the proposition of the republican party that the people should be taxed to raise surplus funds for the federal government to distribute among the states; the existing surplus in the treasury should be faithfully applied to the payment of the public debt, and the money not needed for the expenses of the government should remain in the pockets of the people.

THE REFORMERS.

NEWPORT, August 1.—The civil service reform association met in annual convention this morning at the Channing memorial church. A large concourse of distinguished people were in attendance.

POLITICAL NOTES.

BUFALO COUNTY POLITICS. Special dispatch to the Bee. KEARNEY, Neb., August 1.—The republican judicial committee for the Tenth district met here to-day and issued a call for a convention at Kearney, September 11th.

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONTEST. CONCORD, N. H., August 1.—In the 39th ballot for United States senator to-day, Pike gained 9 over yesterday's vote, Burns 10, Marston 2, Chandler lost 9.

A COMBINATION. WASHINGTON, August 1.—A prominent treasury officer to-day received a telegram from Concord reporting a combina-

tion was being formed with a view to electing Col. A. F. Howard senator.

THE IRISH LEAGUE.

ANTHONY METTING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. NEW YORK, August 1.—The executive council of the Irish National League of America met to-day.

Among the subjects considered was that of the so-called land grabbing in southern and western states and in the territories by English aristocrats and corporations. A committee was appointed to secure a complete report in each state and territory of the quantity of land purchased, the names of the purchasers, and statements showing whether such purchasers are citizens of the United States.

RAILROAD MATTERS.

RECEIVER APPOINTED. CHICAGO, August 1.—In the matter of the application for receiver for the Toledo, Cincinnati & St. Louis railway, made in the federal court yesterday, Judge Drummond today appointed Edward E. Dwight, general manager of the road, receiver.

THE CHICAGO AND ALTON.

CHICAGO, August 1.—The quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Chicago and Alton road was held here to-day. A semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent was declared, payable September 1. Transfer books close August 15.

SPORTING NOTES.

BASE BALL. CLEVELAND, August 1.—Boston 12, Cleveland 3. CHICAGO, August 1.—New York 5, Chicago 0. BUFFALO, August 1.—Buffalo 3, Providence 1. DETROIT, August 1.—Detroit 7, Philadelphia 2. SARATOGA RACES. SARATOGA, August 1.—First race, mile, for three-year-old fillies, was won by Inogene, Princess Louise second, Sallie McCoy third; time, 1:46.

MINNEAPOLIS, August 2.—Five thousand people gathered at Lake Minnetonka yesterday afternoon to witness the rowing race between Hanlan, Hosmer, Fenner, Lee, Plaisted and Riley. Race course one and one-half miles and turn. Hanlan won in 21 minutes 38½ seconds. Hosmer second, Riley did not finish.

THE GERMAN TEACHERS' CONVENTION.

CHICAGO, August 1.—At the second day's session of the German-American teachers' association a lecture was given by Prof. H. H. Fick, superintendent of drawing in the public schools of Cincinnati, on poetry in German and American schools. The speaker argued that one of the chief defects of the American school system is the neglect of nothing but practical knowledge to the entire exclusion of cultivation of the beautiful.

BAY CITY, August 1.—This morning the bodies of five dead infants were found in a privy vault in the rear of McCormick's block. The matter will be thoroughly investigated.

SUICIDE OF AN ARMY OFFICER.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 1.—B. F. Senig, assistant surgeon U. S. Army, was found dead this morning in his room in the Occidental hotel. The deceased was lying on the bed, a bottle labeled "poison" by his side. Army officers reject the theory of suicide and say that death resulted from heart disease.

CONVENTION OF TOTAL ABSTAINERS.

NEW YORK, August 1.—The thirtieth annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union was held in Brooklyn to-day, 580 delegates being present.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Huge Vaults of the Nation Overflowing with the "Dollars of the Dads."

The Public Debt Reduced a Trifle—Imported Cattle to be Quarantined—Pension Points and Other Matters.

CAPITAL NOTES.

WASHINGTON, August 1.—The Star says the accumulation of silver dollars has become so great it is now quite a serious question how to dispose of them.

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THE RESERVATION COMMISSION.

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AMATEUR FLUGGERS.

CHICAGO, August 1.—A large representation of the sporting fraternity took back at 3 o'clock this morning to witness a prize fight between two ambitious litters, named O'Connor and McClure, and a ring was pitched alongside the tracks of the Panhandle railway, sixteen miles from the city.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., August 1.—Eight operators of the Chicago and Alton railroad at Bloomington were discharged yesterday for refusing to handle commercial business. Their places were filled with non-Brotherhood operators.

PREPARING FOR THE PRESIDENT.

CHICAGO, August 1.—President Arthur and party are expected to arrive here to-morrow forenoon. A committee of citizens will meet the presidential party outside the city, and a reception will be tendered the president at the rooms of the Union club in the evening.

MILITIA ORDERED INTO CAMP.

CHICAGO, August 1.—Adjutant General Elliott announces the Third regiment of Illinois National Guard will go into camp at Geneva Lake, Wis., August 3d, and will be discharged on the 10th of August.

EDITORS ON A JUNKET.

CHICAGO, August 1.—The Associated press excursionists to the Yellowstone had a handsome send-off on the Chicago & North-western railroad this morning.

PRISON REFORMERS.

NEW YORK, August 1.—Ex-President Rutherford B. Hayes, Howard Potter, Theodore W. Dwight and Morris K. Jessup, of New York; Charles F. Coffin, of Richmond, Ind.; and Fred H. Wines, of Springfield, Ill., unite in a call for all corporate members of the National Prison association, and others interested in prison reform, to meet in Saratoga, September 7th, to reorganize.

CLOSING THE MILLS.

CHICAGO, August 1.—It is stated this morning, as a result of the strike of the workmen in the rolling mills at South Chicago, where 1,800 men are usually employed, the management has decided to shut down for an indefinite period.

MELTED BUTTER.

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