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The Democratic national committee met in Washington last week and fixed on Chicago as the place, and the 8th of July, as the time, for the meeting of the next national Democratic convention, to nominate a candidate for President and Vice President.

The Great Southern Cyclone.

A fearful storm passed over the Southern States last week, which uprooted trees, blew down many houses and mills, and killed over a hundred people. In some places the hail was as large as goose eggs and two feet deep.

Two local municipal elections in Pennsylvania took place last Tuesday. In Philadelphia the machine Republican ticket was elected by 10,000 majority, carrying the Democrats, the committee of One Hundred, and the reformers all beneath the rubbish. The Democrats, instead of waging a purely reform campaign, made the fight on the tariff, with Hon. Samuel J. Randall as their candidate for President. On that question they can't hold a candle to the Republicans. The voters very properly thought, if they had to vote for a high protective tariff, they might just as well vote for the Republicans, who are the simon-pure tariffites, and so they voted, the Democrats being defeated in nearly all the towns and cities. These elections put Mr. Randall out of the question as a presidential possibility. If a high tariff had been properly autagonized by tariff reform and a reduction of taxes, the result might have terminated differently. People may very properly say, if there is to be no reduction of the taxes, except the taxes on whiskey and tobacco, why make any change of parties? The result of the Pennsylvania municipal elections conclusively show that the Pennsylvania Democrats have made a serious mistake in opposing Speaker Carlisle's tariff reform.

A Good Idea.

The legislature is going about its duties fairly with the business of the session.

There is no lobby at Annapolis this winter, and nothing for the lobbyists to do.

Gov. McLane made his State and county appointments last week. They appear to give general satisfaction, except to those who wanted a place and failed.

The eight hour labor bill was killed in the House of Delegates last Thursday, by the success of a motion to indefinitely postpone it.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature, authorizing the comptroller to settle the accounts of collectors, sheriffs and other persons indebted to the State for back taxes. There are about $800,000 of these taxes charged on the books of the comptroller, and Mr. Turner intends to collect them, or all that is collectable, in time to make the money available for paying the maturing debt next year, if the legislature will but give him the power.

There is a strong feeling in the legislature in favor of passing a high license law for liquor dealers, with such restrictions as shall prevent drunkenness. Whether the local option counties will be accorded the right to decide between prohibition and high license, we do not advise. However, it is generally admitted that prohibition does not prohibit the traffic in strong drinks.

The "Colts' Ball" at Annapolis took place in the hall of the House of Delegates last night. It was doubtless a grand affair. It has been so long since there was a "Colts' Ball," nearly all of the members of the legislature are colts, so far as the ball is concerned.

Gov. McLane, who has been quite indisposed ever since the day he received the Baltimore labor delegations, when he took a bad cold by exposure, is getting quite well again. After getting through with the fatigue of making his appointments on Wednesday, he made a trip to Washington and Baltimore, to have a few days of rest.

On Thursday afternoon the legislature adjourned to Tuesday. Friday was the 22nd of February, a State holiday, and of course it was not in session. It would have been impossible to get a quorum on Saturday. Monday the hall of the House was granted for the colts' ball, and therefore it could not meet. But Wednesday night it held a night session, to make up for the lost time. In the meantime the several committees are hard at work preparing and considering bills for the House and Senate.

The Board of Visitors of the House of Correction, with Mr. Enoch Pratt at the head, were before the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Delegates at Annapolis last week, in regard to the House of Correction. They stated that the prison is full and cannot accommodate any more prisoners, caused by sending too many convicts there for petty offenses. They asked that the prison be enlarged, or for a change of the laws, curtailing the number of prisoners sent there. As the State at this time, with so much of the bonded debt maturing the coming year, will not be able to spend $100,000 to enlarge the prison, it is likely that the laws will be modified, so as to prevent the House of Correction from being overcrowded. It is not probable, under such circumstances, that the legislature will add to the local option penalties the House of Correction punishment asked for by the temperance reformers of several of the local option counties.

Gov. McLane's Appointments.

On Tuesday and Wednesday last, Gov. McLane sent in to the Senate his State and county appointments. The following are the nominations for the State offices, and the appointments for Baltimore city, and the counties of Talbot, Caroline and Queen Anne's:—

State Librarian—Dr. E. F. Duvall, of Montgomery county.

Coroners for Baltimore City—Dr. Samuel A. Bell, Southern District; Dr. Wm. A. Jones, Western; Dr. Alexander Hill, Middle; Dr. E. Hall Rutledge, Eastern.

State Vaccine Agent—Dr. St. George W. Tenckle.

Directors of Maryland Penitentiary—Wilber Jackson, John T. Ford.

Managers of House of Correction—Thomas R. Hunt, Enoch Pratt, W. T. P. Tunis, Wm. Downey, Henry H. Keedy, Dr. Charles A. Fox, Frank T. Shaw, John Ireland, George P. Thomas.

Inspector of Mines for Allegany and Garrett counties—Dennis Sheridan.

State Board of Education—James T. Williams, Howard county; Rev. Wm. Hale, Worcester; Peter A. Witmer, Washington; James L. Bryan, Dorchester.

Commissioner of Land Office—Thomas Scharf, vice Wm. R. Hayward, resigned, to take effect March 31, 1884.

Weighers of Grain in Baltimore City—Luther Birmingham, weigher general; C. R. Hamilton, John W. Donaldson, Edward Ward, Samuel H. Jarman, G. A. J. Hopkins, assistants.

Supervisors of Elections in Baltimore City—John Gill of R., Samuel J. Harris, James A. L. McClure.

Justice of the Peace Baltimore City—Edward Flaherty; Second ward, H. C. Dening; Third ward, [illegible]; Fourth ward, [illegible]; Sixth ward, James R. Lowndes; Seventh ward, [illegible]; Ninth ward, [illegible]; Tenth ward, Thomas A. Hooper; Eleventh ward, M. Myers; Tenth ward, John [illegible]; Twelfth ward, William Cross; Twelfth ward, [illegible]; Beauty Grell; Thirteenth ward, [illegible]; Fourteenth ward, [illegible]; Fifteenth ward, [illegible]; Sixteenth ward, William H. Hobbs; Seventh ward, [illegible]; Sixteenth ward, Sylvester C. Tall; Eighteenth ward, Thomas J. Talbott; Nineteenth ward, George McCoy; Twentieth ward, John C. Grindall, Jr.; Twenty-first ward, [illegible]; Twenty-second ward, [illegible]; Twenty-third ward, [illegible]; Twenty-fourth ward, [illegible]; Twenty-fifth ward, [illegible]; Twenty-sixth ward, [illegible]; Twenty-seventh ward, [illegible]; Twenty-eighth ward, [illegible]; Twenty-ninth ward, [illegible]