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### The People were "Boss."

It is up-hill work for the Republican press of the state, but still they work at it with an earnestness becoming a better cause, to have the public believe that the action of the Democratic state convention was the work of a "boss" and that its proceedings are simply the registered will of a factional dictator.

To people who are bent on deceiving themselves, as well as others, it would be a waste of time to call their attention to the fact that a large majority of the delegates, comprising that convention, acted under absolute and positive instructions from the counties and districts they represented, and that under the circumstances, with three-fourths of the members of that body, tied up by the plainest and most unequivocal instructions, it would have been an utter impossibility for any one, or any faction, to have controlled its sentiment, bossed its actions, or dictated its doings.

Some of these papers, aided by the personal organ of a few disgruntled Democrats, have been giving to Mr. HARRIS, a greater prominence, and ascribing to him a much more effective influence in shaping the work of the convention, than facts warrant or his efforts justify. In place of being credited with the power of dictating its actions, or of being entitled to the honor its satisfactory proceedings must bring, Mr. HARRIS is simply to be commended for having the good sense to see, and the good judgment to recognize, the Democratic sentiment of the state, and in stead of attempting to change or stem it, to fall in "with the current and swim with the crowd."

All of the Mr. HARRIS's in the state combined, working together and doing their utmost, could not have changed the general results of that convention in a single instance.

A bossed convention is a convention wherein the will of the people, it is called to represent, is set aside and the dictum of a leader substituted: where public sentiment is treated as naught and the wishes of a ring or leader becomes its controlling power.

Was this the case in the convention of the 13th? What did the Democratic voters of the state ask that they did not get? What did they desire that was not conceded them?

The Democratic sentiment of the state demanded that GROVER CLEVELAND be recognized as its first choice for nominee for President,—this was done most earnestly and unanimously. It demanded the indorsement of the conservative and careful administration of Governor PATTISON, and the convention heeded its desires and spoke in no uncertain tones in commendation of it.

It required of its representatives a renewal of its faith in the Democratic doctrine of tariff reform, and this was done.

It demanded that responsible and representative Democrats, who recognized the sentiment of the Democratic voters, be named as delegates at large to voice their wishes at Chicago, and these were given them.

What wish of the party was not heeded? What purpose was not recognized? What intent was not carried out?

And if the Democratic people, through their own representatives, secured what they wanted and demanded, where is the evidence of "bossism" or the ignominy that requires the will of the people to become subservient to the dictates of an individual?

Had the convention refused to recognize the well known and practically unanimous feeling of the Democratic people of the state, as did the Republican convention of three years ago, when at the dictates of a "boss" GEORGE W. DELAMATER was made his party's nominee, in spite of the fact that nine-tenths of that party demanded another, it would have been evidence of "bossism." But it did not: It simply obeyed the will of the Democratic people and it doing this is "wearing a collar" or submitting to a "boss," the Democratic voters will sustain such action, at all times, and will have reason to be proud of the result.

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### An Object Lesson.

We do not know whether, in addition to putting up his thousands for the benefit of the Republican party and the continuation of the "protective" doctrines of that organization, Mr. ANDREW CARNEGIE will take the stamp for it or not, in the coming campaign. He should, however, for if there is one living man outside of a fat office, or a solitary firm not favored with a government contract, who is reaping the benefits of the success of that party, it is ANDREW CARNEGIE, and partners.

It has not been very many years since that firm started in business, with less capital than its income in a day now figures up. Under our system of class protection, it has flourished, until the head of the firm can build castles in Scotland, by country residences in the suburbs of London, own his brown stone front on fifth avenue, N. Y., a palatial residence in Pittsburg, and the Lord only knows how many other homes and places of resort, build and endow libraries, parade his charities and roll in the luxuries that riches secure; while other members of the firm retire from business at the age of forty-five, loaded down with wealth and seek the quiet of old English castles, in which to while away the time and spend the money, our system of protection has secured them, at the expense of those whose labor has produced what they had to sell, as well as of those who were compelled to purchase the output of their mills and shops.

If any object lesson would teach people the wrong, and unfairness of the system of protection to which the Republican party is so closely wedded, that of the condition of the CARNEGIE proprietors, and of the CARNEGIE workmen, should.

With the head of their firm enjoying the luxuries of four residences, either one of which cost a greater sum of money and contains more comforts and luxuries than the combined cost and comforts of all the homes, owned or occupied by his thousands of employees; with an other member of the firm—Mr. PHIPPS—able to purchase and occupy one of the most expensive suburban residences in the neighborhood of London; and an other retiring from business at the age of forty-five, with a competency that promises all the ease and luxuries that money can secure, for the balance of life; compared with the condition of their workmen, with their comfortless homes, coarse living, and want of every luxury and many of the necessities of life, shows the blistering wrong that somewhere exists in our system of government, as interpreted and enforced by the Republican party.

If the "protection" that has been given to ANDREW CARNEGIE and partners, as well as to other firms and special industries, and that has made them millionaires and enabled them to live like nabobs, benefited the masses, who are their employees, why is the condition of this latter class worse to-day, than it was years ago?

Surely we have had protection long enough to show to the working people, that it is a system, that in no way betters their condition. To-day, while Mr. CARNEGIE and his partners, who started in life as poor as any of them—but not as workmen—are rolling in wealth, and enjoy more of this world's goods than they can use or know what to do with, those who have toiled and sweat, ached and worried 'neath the unending labors of an ordinary life time, are as poor if not poorer, than when they began.

And it is the doctrine of "protection" that has done it. It has protected the employer at the expense of the employee, and as a result the one to-day is the possessor of fabulous wealth while the other is but little better than a pauper or slave. And so it will go on as long as we tax one class of our people for the benefit of another.

The Republicans of Tioga county honored themselves by nominating for representative, at Harrisburg, the Hon. JEROME B. NILES and discredited their motives, in Mr. NILES's selection, by virtually instructing him to vote for QUAY, for United States Senator. It is not honest purposes that secure such results.

### Doing Its Work.

The McKINLEY bill seems to be getting in its work in good style. Which seems to be to increase the prices of all the necessities of life, and to reduce the wages of those compelled to pay for these necessities out of the earnings of their reduced wages.

Since that bill went into operation we have not had the pleasure of recording a single instance in which the wages paid to laborers has been increased. Scarcely a week that we have not noticed the stoppage of some industry that threw men out of employment, or the order of some employer to further reduce the prices paid to workmen. This week is no exception to the rule.

From Phoenixville the word comes that the Phoenix Iron Company's works has suspended operation in all departments excepting two, throwing over 1,000 men out of employment.

The papers on Monday tell us that SEYFERT Bros., rolling mills at Seyfert, and Gibraltar, Berks county, employing 350 men will shut down indefinitely, after this week, owing to the depression in the iron business.

A telegram, from Reading, under date of the 18th, states, that "the Reading iron works' large mill and puddling department will resume operations tomorrow. Two hundred men will go to work. The puddlers who received \$3.75 per ton heretofore will resume at \$3.40. The mill had stopped for repairs."

And so it goes. In one column of Republican papers we read their rejoicing over an increase of population, mostly imported cheap labor, since the McKINLEY bill went into effect, averaging a million and a half a year. In another the news of suspensions of industries or the reduction of wages. In an other, that CARNEGIE, PHIPPS or some other tariff protected nabob, is buying baronial castles in Scotland, or suburban residences near London, and spending American money in Europe as though it grew on trees and was to be had for the gathering.

And the McKINLEY bill is still in operation. O, ye laborers! Open your eyes and see.

It is not often that a party gets more than it wants, but when the Republican convention tops out the load that its organization is to carry, with BENJAMIN HARRISON, its going to take humping all round to keep the rickety-screaming old machine from sticking in the political mire. If ever a party was sure of getting what it didn't want, it is the Republican party with the certainty it has of being compelled to accept HARRISON as its candidate.

### Nothing To Boast Of.

The Philadelphia Press boastfully asserts that "the United States has added 3,000,000 people—a pretty sizable nation—to its consumers since the McKINLEY tariff was passed."

Possibly it has. If so, two of these three millions of people, are workmen, who have come from European governments, to further cheapen the price of labor or add to the great army of unemployed men who are to be found in every section of our country. The balance are women and children.

Just why an increase of population of this kind should be a matter to rejoice over or boast of, no one but protected employers who know that it will lessen the rate of wages they must pay, can understand. Surely the wage-earner who was induced to vote for HARRISON because he favored a protective tariff such as the McKINLEY bill secures, will see nothing to gladden his heart, or brighten his future prospects, in the fact, that in addition to increasing the price of every necessary of life, it has, in the two years, brought three millions of cheap laborers to our shores, to crowd him out of employment, or to still further reduce the pittance he receives for his day's toil.

Gen. ALGER, it is stated, has concluded not to be a candidate for nomination for President, and will so announce to his friends in a short time. This news would reach all his supporters, if made some morning while at the glass arranging his toilet.

### Indications of Minneapolis.

From the Chicago Times. The indications are that the Republican National Convention is going to see what it doesn't want and take it for lack of anything else.

### Sensible Views.

From the Boston Globe. "I don't believe in attacking our own people," says Ex-Secretary Whitney, "when they differ from you as to individuals and candidates." These are wise words and should be taken to heart by the Democratic party just at this time. Let us fight our enemies and not our friends.

### He Was Only Fooling.

From the Westmoreland Democrat. A number of astute Republican organs are overhauling Senator Walcott, of Colorado, for referring to Mr. Harrison as "a great statesman," in his recent free silver speech. The organs suspect that Walcott was speaking ironically, and they are no doubt right. No sane man would entertain the idea for a moment of applying that term, to Benjamin Harrison, in dead earnest.

### It Can Stand It if the People Can.

From the Williamsport Sun. The facts brought out in the investigation of the conduct of Pension Commissioner Raum are so scandalous that the entire country stands amazed that a man of his calibre should be allowed to retain his office. But it must be remembered that an administration that can stand a Dudley and an Elkins cannot be squeamish when it comes to keeping a Raum in one of the most important offices of the government. The present investigation has brought forth enough facts in relation to the mismanagement of the pension bureau to condemn Raum and the administration that upholds him in the eyes of all honest people.

### In Good Shape for Good Work.

From the Pittsburg Post. It is observable that no Democratic State convention has so far given its Chicago delegates cast iron instructions. In Massachusetts, Minnesota, South Dakota, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Nebraska, sending 144 delegates to the Chicago convention, there have been strong expressions in favor of Mr. Cleveland, and in New York, sending 72 delegates, Senator Hill has been endorsed, but there is a general concurrence that the delegates should not be instructed. Hence the Chicago convention will be a deliberative body, with probably two-thirds of its membership in favor of Cleveland's nomination. They will take counsel of each other and determine what is for the best.

### Hoggishness Intensified.

From an unknown Exchange. At the State election in November last the Democratic candidate for Governor in New York had a plurality of 50,000; the Republican candidate in Ohio had a plurality of 22,000. The Democrats elected a majority of the members of the Legislature in the former State and the Republicans in the latter. A Congressional apportionment bill has been prepared by the Democratic members of the New York General Assembly. Under its provisions 16 districts will be Democratic, 15 Republican and 3 doubtful. The Republican members of the Ohio Legislature have likewise framed a Congressional apportionment bill. It makes 16 of the districts of that State Republican and 5 Democratic. The student of current politics has in the action of the leading parties in these two great States a very clear insight as to where the swine is to be found in public affairs. The proposed New York apportionment is not only a fair but a very liberal one. That in Ohio is both a disgrace and an outrage.

### Did Good Work.

From the N. Y. World. The Pennsylvania Democratic State Convention acted wisely. Most of its members preferred the nomination of Grover Cleveland, and expressed that preference plainly in a resolution. But they declined to bind their delegates by instructions, leaving them free to consult and deliberate in the National Convention with their fellow-delegates from other States.

This is the proper attitude to be taken by all Democrats. It is particularly appropriate for the Democrats of Pennsylvania, who realize that in Gov. Pattison the party has a candidate who would make an admirable leader in case the National Convention should find it unwise to nominate any citizen of the State of New York. The platform adopted is sound. It favors the "gold and silver coinage of the Constitution" and "a currency convertible with such coinage without loss," and it also asserts that tariff reform is the paramount issue, and that the country should be "relieved from unnecessary and unjust taxation and enjoy the benefit of free raw materials." This is a long step away from the old traditions of Pennsylvania and is most encouraging. The Democracy of Pennsylvania is evidently under wise leadership.

### Spawls from the Keystone.

—A stocking factory is building at Tower City.

—The Columbia County Jail does not contain a prisoner.

—Burglars looted the safe of the Vulcan Iron Company, at Wilkesbarre.

—Patrick Kenney fell upon the street at Williamsport and is now insane.

—A new bridge 390 feet long is to span the Lehigh River at Hokendauqua.

—In a runaway John S. Metzger, of Lancaster, received injuries that may be fatal.

—Mayor Nichols, of Wilkesbarre, is making a war on the speak-easies of his town.

—The April criminal docket of the Lancaster Court is the smallest in nineteen years.

—Michael O'Toole, of Pittsburg, jumped in to the Monongahela River and drowned himself.

—A drug in the medicine she was taking for rheumatism killed Mrs. Mary Teufel, of Altoona.

—A golden wedding was celebrated on Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. William Cooner, at Watonsontown.

—Allentown has begun suit against the Western Union Telegraph Company for the tax on poles.

—Reading Councils appropriated \$400,000 in one lump, with which to make the city wheels "go round."

—Mrs. Catherine Schlabach, of Easton, after failing to bleed herself to death drank laudanum and died.

—A Pennsylvania train, at Fishback, Schuylkill county, ran over and mortally injured Antonio Little.

—Defended by measels 20 years ago, S. B. M. Slesger, Grothe, of York, has suddenly recovered his hearing.

—Mary Morgan, of Pleasant Hill, Lehigh County, was fined 50 cents and costs for slandering Horatio Bickel.

—Four uniformed Polish guards have for 36 hours watched the "Tomb of Christ" in the Polish Church at Reading.

—All the uniforms to be worn by Lehigh Valley Railroad employees will be made this spring in Allentown.

—Capitalists of Sunbury are combining to build a \$125,000 bridge across the Susquehanna River at that town.

—Two Pottsville men who are yet at large, beat Thomas Griffith, of Port Carbon so badly that he is likely to die.

—The Philadelphia and Reading has begun a new colliery at Preston, Schuylkill county, that will employ 600 men.

—The week just ended, notwithstanding the McKINLEY law, was the dulllest ever known in the iron trade in Pittsburg.

—The Pennsylvania Railroad is looking over a route for a road up the Lehigh Valley from Easton to Mauch Chunk.

—A peddler, Myer Schenich, of Reading, disappeared mysteriously in the Lebanon Valley and foul play is feared.

—The American Club, of Pottsville, will purchase a voting booth to teach the town how to ballot the Baker way.

—A rare Indian poison pot was found by Jonas DeTurk on the Roundbush farm, Curwintownship, Berks County.

—A petition to the Board of Pardons is being circulated in Clinton County, to save the neck of Murderer Cleary, of Wilkes.

—Three children of Wilson Peifer, of Cross Kill Mills, Lebanon county, have died of scarlet fever within two weeks.

—Saturday the Reading began to ship all the Lehigh Valley coal to Easton by rail, thus making idle dozens of canal boats.

—Rev. W. W. Ferris has yielded the pulpit of the Olivet Baptist Church at Pottsville to Rev. J. W. Brambles, of Philadelphia.

—Brakeman Harry Edelman, of Allentown was knocked off a passing train on the Perco' men Railroad and fatally injured.

—After an exciting chase, John and Abraham Welsh, of Mt. Joy, were captured with John Keener's stolen horse in Lancaster.

—During the absence of the family of Dominick Kennedy, at Middleport, a thief entered the house and stole a sewing machine.

—The test case in the Evangelical war, which is to decide 25 similar cases in this State, was begun yesterday in Allentown.

—At the Pettifour-Leavy wedding at Womelsdorf the banquet table was adorned with china, every piece of which is 200 years old.

—Oscar B. Groff was Saturday elected lieutenant-colonel of the Second Regiment, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, at Lancaster.

—Liquor licenses give Schuylkill County this year a revenue of \$80,275, of which Shenandoah gets over \$10,000 and Pottsville over \$7000.

—Three horses hitched to a wagon-load of hay ran away near Allentown during a brisk wind storm, and the hay was entirely blown away.

—W. C. Erskine, a prominent lawyer, of Pittsburg was attacked by footpads Saturday robbed of \$1000 in cash and his valuables are badly beaten.

—The debt created by the erection of Santee Hall, at the Bethany Orphan Home, Womelsdorf, has been canceled by the generosity of woman societies.

—A deep gash across the abdomen and a stab in the arm was the condition in which Harry Frederick, of York, emerged from a fight with a companion.

—At a religious service in the Single Room Church, Harrisburg, a whole family consisting of father, mother and eight children were united with the church.

—Imagining that he and his family were "bewitched," Jefferson Meyer sold his farm at Holtzville, Lehigh County, and moved to Bethlehem to escape the evil spirits.

—A trip around the world on a bicycle that required eleven months has just been completed by George D. Mitchell, son of ex-United States Senator John I. Mitchell, of Tioga County.

—Titus Deltaker and Franklin Doysher, of Boyertown, were Saturday arrested charged with being implicated in the raiding of Professor Zener. All told, nine people have been seized for this offense.

—Although a theatrical manager for four years, during which time 300 performances have been given at his Opera House in Monongahela City, William Lewis has never seen a single act played.

—Major John D. Worman, secretary of the Democratic Societies, of Pennsylvania established headquarters for the campaign will be in Harrisburg on Wednesday, and that President Channery F. Black is preparing literature to send out to the clubs.