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—Asher D. Updegraff, the treasurer

elect of Lycoming county, was born under a lucky star. In the Democratic county convention he and W. G. Miller were tied. A silver dollar was flipped to settle the tie, and Updegraff won. When the official count was completed it was found that Updegraff was elected over Buck, his Republican competitor, by 20 votes.

Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., Nov. 20, 1896.

Injuring the Churches.

An Expensive Child.

Little Dorothea Crouse Should Have Golden Toys.

The political preachers on the Sunday after the election gave what it is to be reverently hoped were farewell performances. Most of them returned fervent thanks for the election of Major McKinley, and seemed to think that Heaven, with themselves, felt immensely relieved by the defeat of Bryan. On the other hand, a Democratic clergyman at Perth Amboy was so disgusted at the Republican victory that he declared the American people to be no longer capable of self-government, and expressed a desire for a monarchy. This brother, of course, has as much right to share General Palmer's wish for a king as the opposing pulpitaires have for their opinion that a proposal to restore bimetallism and temperate criticism of courts mean repudiation, anarchy and a fitful yearning for free riot. But why should preachers on either side thus offend sense?

The campaign being over, the congregations of the political preachers, if not the preachers themselves, should calm down sufficiently to think with some seriousness on the effect which partisanship in the pulpit has upon the interests of religion. Christianity is neither Republicanism nor Democracy, neither the gold standard nor bimetallism, and however much the politicians and a partisau press may encourage preachers to convert their pulpits into stumps, all people of judgment and good taste regret these exhibitions. Every preacher who has remained for McKinley has alienated from the church to some degree the adherents of Bryan, and every has ranged for the latter has embittered the followers of McKinley.

Preachers who turn politicians mislead their proper functions and misconceive their position in the community. They take advantage of the deference paid their holy calling to utter sentiments that should come only from lay lips, and then expect the same exemption from criticism as if they were speaking of spiritual things with all the authority of their sacred office. When a preacher pronounces for one party another the politicians who are advantaged care nothing about the strength of his argument. What they count on is the influence which he has acquired over minds that are prone to construe any criticism of a pastor as an assault upon the church itself.

Outside of their theological sphere clergymen are no wiser than other men. The Almighty's designs in secular affairs are as dark to them as to the humblest peewheller. There never yet was a war, for profit, in which either side did not have the assurance from its ergy that its cause was just and under the special protection of Providence.

It is not to be contended that in a republic a clergymen shall lose his right as a citizen to hold and express political opinions. But when the preacher becomes a citizen he should for the moment cease to be a clergymen. Propriety ought to suggest to him that he would do much better to hire a hall and reserve the altar for worship. Whatever is spoken from the pulpit inevitably carries with it some of the authority of the pulpit, and when the theme is partisanship the pulpit is prostrated.

The churches especially the Methodist throughout the United States have been damaged by their political pastores. These zealots—not for religion, but for party—have made wounds that will rankle, and laid up for their churches a store of exasperated contempt which will not tend to the spread of the Gospel or the increase of sweetness and light.—New York Journal.

Where They Came From.

The Origin of Queer Words We Hear Every Day.

O, dear is equivalent to "Odo mio," or, Oh my God! Rotten Row, the famous drive in London, was originally called La route du roi, or the King's passageway.

Pope was originally "papa" and "Czar" and "Kaiser" are both Caesar.

"Thimble" was originally "thumb-bell," as the finger was first worn on the thumb.

"Dandelion" was dent de leon, or the lion's tooth.

Vinegar is taken from the French, vinaigre, sour wine.

Villau was simply the name given to a laborer on the villa of a Roman country gentleman.

Dominie, the old name used for a preacher, is derived from Dominus.

Lord in the old Anglo-Saxon was hiaford, or loaf distributor.

Sir was originally the Latin senior.

Madame is "my lady."

Slav was originally a person of noble lineage; not the slave as now applied.

Jinny is a reminiscence of the classical adjunction, Ogemine, used by the ancient Romans when they called upon the twins, Castor and Pollux to assist them.

We Heard It.

Some considerate friend sent us a postal with this inquiry: "Did you hear something drop?" We regret exceedingly that he neglected to add his name. We always like to know who is firing at us. Guerrilla warfare is not to our fancy. We never creep behind a tree from which to safely assault our enemies.

Did we hear something drop? Yes, and we have seen faces that dropped. But we are not grieved any more now than we were when the news came that Labor had been shackled at Homestead, nor when the strike of the men on the Lehigh Valley railroad came to an end by the domination of the bosses, nor when the strikers at the Sergeant-Ingersoll works were replaced by scabs.

We have heard more than one drop. We have seen men fall into pits they have safely dug in the hope that others may tumble in.

We are in good health, willing to work, and having the promise of better times, see no reason why personally we should lament. Whether what has been done was done for the better the future will develop.

—It is the estimate of an independent Chicago paper that at least \$1,000,000 was expended in that state for political purposes during the campaign that just closed.

It will ever remain one of the mysteries of history how much was expended in the Union on the goldite side, but if Illinois got a million, and the Democrats had precious little to spend, this presidential election has been the most costly one to the party gaining it all in history. All these debts must be paid some way or the other, and it will probably take the shape of legislation in defense of or to promote corporate interests.—Post.

Bishop Ninde will preside at the Central Pennsylvania Methodist conference at Clearfield, March 17th.

Big Cuban Victory.

Insurgents Take a Town and Capture a Lot of Needed Stores. The Competitor Case.

The siege and capture of Guimara, which has been reported as regarded by local Cubans as being of great importance. The town is said to have been recently invested and taken by General Calixto Garcia. Guimara was formerly a large town situated on the highway from Santiago de Cuba. It was entirely burned during the ten years' war, but was largely reconstructed after the war, fortifications of considerable importance having been thrown up. Three small forts were erected. These fortifications were garrisoned by at least 150 men. An infirmary and a military factory and stores for the Spaniards. These were 18 miles southeast of Casco, and 54 miles from the capital of Puerto Principe, which should have been able to render assistance to the besieged forces.

A battalion recently arrived from Toledo, Spain, has just been ordered to Havana. This shifting of forces reduced the garrison of Puerto Principe, to the same number of men as before the siege and the insurgents were probably aware of this fact and availed themselves of the propitious circumstances. General Calixto Garcia, with a column of 5,000 men, all well armed, came expressly from the vicinity of Las Tunas to attack and besiege the fortifications of Guimara. After a ten days' siege Ft. Rus, commanded by a first sergeant, was surrounded by the Cubans and captured. It was afterward retaken by a Spanish captain. After four days' siege and an incessant bombardment, the ammunition failing, the fortifications partially destroyed, the troops without water, the officers seriously wounded and unable to command, eight of the soldiers dead, and over 20 wounded, the town and the fortifications surrendered to the insurgents.

A rich booty consisting of dry goods, groceries and ammunition fell into the hands of the Cubans. General Calixto Garcia has sent a letter to General Castellanos explaining the situation, and he may send for his wounded, previously taken to Palmarito and thence to Platano.

The case of the Competitor's prisoners continues to drag its slow length along without protests. Consul-General Lee will undoubtedly take advantage of the opportunity afforded by Admiral Navarro of demonstrating that the Competitor's prisoners were proceeding from the United States to Cuba and that naturally they were not registered at the American consulate at Havana. For this reason he is not able to prove from the records that they are really American citizens. But it is asserted that as soon as they prove their American citizenship their case will pass immediately from a military to a civil court, according to the treaty.

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—Not only will "Silver Dick" Bland reappear in the next house, but Judge Holman, of Indiana, the "treasury watch dog," will be welcomed back. He has

been elected in the Indiana district where he was defeated two years ago, his majority being about 500. This election gives Judge Holman a distinction possessed by no other American statesman living or dead. It makes his sixteenth election or dead. It makes his sixteenth election or term will have served 32 years in the house of representatives. During his public career he has been defeated three times at the polls and once for the nomination. Judge Kelley and Charles O'Neill, of Philadelphia, were each elected to 15 terms in the house, but died in the midst of their last terms. It has long been a tradition in Washington that no representative will live to serve more than 30 years. Judge Holman is now 74 years of age, of reasonable vigor and lives on the old farm of a hundred acres on the banks of the Ohio where he was born. He is a poor man—he has never made money out of politics or office, and his public and private life has been clear and pure, and during his congressional career his "object" has saved many millions of the taxpayers.—Post.

—A tired stomach is very much like a sprained ankle. If you suffer from any of the symptoms of dyspepsia, your stomach is tired. It needs a crutch. We must relieve it of all work for a time, or until it is restored to its natural strength. To do this successfully, we must use a food which is already digested outside of the body, and which will aid the digestion of other foods that may be taken with it. Such a product is the Shaker digestive Cordial.

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The First Blow.

—George, have you and Jimmie been fighting again?"

"Well, Jim hit me."

"I didn't either. He hit me first."

"No such a thing. He hit me before I hit him."

"He's telling you a big story, mamma."

" Didn't you hit me first?"

"No, I didn't. You dodged."