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Did Commissioner Fisher Tell on Him?

The effect of the exposure of commissioner RIDDLE's overdrawn salary has been so disastrous to the present official's hope of re-election that he has been leaving no stone unturned in the effort to find the hole through which his secret leaked out of the commissioner's office.

In looking around for a channel through which his secret might have escaped Mr. RIDDLE will certainly not fail in a proper analysis of his case. First he must find a cause and it is our opinion that after he has found that cause his search need be carried no further.

While we have nothing to say regarding it there is a rumor afloat that it was Mr. FISHER who whispered about that RIDDLE had overdrawn his account. For some time FISHER had been made the scapegoat of the office and after the renomination of himself and RIDDLE it was openly stated that "FISHER would have to go down, if anyone did."

It is now stated that in order to save himself he let a few of his friends hear of RIDDLE's short accounts and the secret, once out, has been working like a charm. FISHER is probably very happy over the coup, for it looks as though he will be the minority commissioner, as RIDDLE is in such a hole now that the administration friends will hardly be able to pull him out.

If Mr. FISHER did betray his colleague in this way he has a right to the fruits of his duplicity, but RIDDLE's friends swear that they will see to it that the fruit is of the Dea Sea variety.

Lying About Good Democrats.

The efforts of the Republican county papers to aid JAKE HERMAN's frantic effort to get into the sheriff's office, by trying to cast a doubt on the Democracy of such men as Mr. ELLIS SHAFER, of Miles township, will fall far short of their expectations. There is no more loyal Democrat in Centre county than ELLIS SHAFER, and there is no one anywhere who is, and will continue giving Mr. BRUNGART a more earnest and zealous support than he will.

He is not one of the kind who can beajoled into doing a treacherous act, and he is the last man in the county who would think of putting himself in the position of being discriminated a sore head. Evidently these papers do not know the man or intentionally attempting to do him an injury because they cannot use him. Mr. SHAFER is not only for the whole Democratic ticket, but he is working for it from top to bottom, and the returns from Miles township will show how little of truth there is in the charges of the Republican organs.

The Commissioners apologist is out this morning with a startling (?) expose of the manner in which the WATCHMAN robbed the county in the ticket printing several years ago, all about which the WATCHMAN has already told the people several times.

The apologist, seeing the futility of trying to defend its crib any longer with that little target rifle, has brought a whole package of penny crackers and is shooting off in every direction. Its course reminds us very much of the old judge BURNSIDE story of the bear and the sapling, which you need only to hear to appreciate the point. We haven't heard whether the distinguished editor of the Pennsylvania Dutch book ran over town with this article in his pocket, reading it to everyone, as evidence of his brilliancy, or not.

Republican Business Men Declare for Creasy!

STINGING REBUKE TO QUAY AND QUAYISM.—ADAMS DENOUNCED AS UNFIT FOR ANY PUBLIC OFFICE.

The following address to the voters of Pennsylvania has been sent out by the Philadelphia branch of the Business Men's Republican League of Pennsylvania:

"The unwavering efforts of the Business Men's Republican League, since its organization in 1896, has been to improve the character of our state government by opposing within party lines the selection of improper candidates by the Republican party for state offices.

"It has never embarrassed its party by attempting to dictate nominees and has not urged the selection of particular individuals for office, but has restricted itself to suggesting types of men, always Republicans, fit to be standard bearers of their great party.

"The league has invariably, actively, or by its silence, aided the election of Republican nominees, firmly believing that the rising sentiment against the abuses in the management of state affairs by the corrupt Quay machine would become strong enough within the party to overpower the machine, in spite of its high-handed methods and the frauds through which it has maintained control.

"Notwithstanding the machine's great power, the trend toward better government has given such promise of speedy triumph that, in a last desperate effort to avert its overthrow it has taken away from the Republican voters the only remaining means by which it was possible to remedy existing evils by action within the party.

It has destroyed the power of the citizens ballot at the primary elections by the adoption of Rule No. 7, which practically disfranchises anti-machine Republicans in congressional, senatorial and judicial districts.

"In the past this league has suffered unfit candidates to go unopposed for the sake of party regularity. But the time for such compliance is gone.

"A corrupt candidate for United States Senator, after being repudiated by the chosen representatives of the people, is appointed by a servile governor in violation of the constitution and the party convention is packed to endorse this unconstitutional act.

"Candidates of conspicuous unfitness are thrust upon the ticket. "Members of the Legislature are offered bribes to vote for the notorious McCarrell jury bill in the interest of a criminally indicted Senator.

"Members of the Legislature are offered bribes to vote for the machine candidates for Senator. "The head of the machine is forced to the degrading necessity of pleading the statute of limitation to save himself from the penitentiary.

"In the interest of the tax escaping corporations and the brewers, the appropriations for the public schools are cut down by unconstitutional acts.

"In the interest of the tax escaping corporations and brewers the State's insane wards and hospital patients are cruelly deprived of the money needed for their care.

"In the interest of the tax escaping corporations and the brewers, the tax burdens of all unfavored citizens have been made heavier.

"In the interest of the spoils-hunting machine, the cause of civil service reform, to which the Republican party is committed, is abandoned in the machine-made state platform of Pennsylvania.

"For the maintenance of a system of repeating at the polls, by which in the city of Philadelphia alone more than 50,000 fraudulent votes can be counted, constitutional amendments in the interest of an honest ballot are vetoed in defiance of the constitution.

A state chairman is appointed who is dismissed from office for aiding in an attempted treasury loot, and who is notorious for complicity in the wrecking of a state financial institution—a man who has declared through resolutions prepared by himself and adopted by a county convention under his control, that those who oppose the machine and his shameful acts, are 'cowards and traitors.'

"For these and other crimes against the Republican party and the State, this league refuses to accept the ticket of the Quay machine as a ticket representing the Republican party.

"Therefore, the Business Men's Republican League of Pennsylvania, while declaring anew its faith in the principles and policies of the Republican party, emphatically indorsing the wise and patriotic administration of President McKinley and unequivocally supporting his candidacy for re-election to the Presidency of the United States, and supporting the candidacy of Hon. J. Hay Brown, Republican nominee for the Supreme court of the State, who is believed to be an upright and able man, personally and professionally, does, in defense of Republican honor, appeal to the Republican voters of Pennsylvania to oppose the election of the unfit candidates put forward by this Quay machine. Their election, if accomplished, will be construed as an endorsement of the machine's pledge to aid to its utmost in an effort to elect M. S. Quay to the United States Senate.

"And we further declare that the professional standing of candidate Josiah R. Adams renders him unfit for any public office, especially for a judicial office where learning and integrity are essential qualifications.

"William T. Creasy, Democratic nominee for the Treasuryship, is known as an honest man, beyond the reach of the influences which must necessarily surround any machine chosen candidate. We commend his public record to the consideration of all Republicans.

The time has passed when the defeat of unfit candidates for office can be construed as a defeat of the Republican party."

Business Men's Republican League of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia BRANCH. WILLIAM SELLEERS, President. WILLIAM T. TILDEN, Chairman Executive Committee.

Everything Running Our Way Just Now.

The awful exposure of the connection of JOSIAH R. ADAMS with a lot of most infamous swindling operations, made by the North American, has aroused a feeling among reputable members of the Republican party, hereabouts, that threatens the complete demoralization of the ring forces in Centre county. On every hand we hear disgusted Republicans declare that they cannot vote a ticket with such men upon it and scores of them believe that the proper thing to do is to vote against the whole outfit, from top to bottom. Unless this matter is cleared up, and that very soon, Mr. ADAMS' reputation along with Mr. QUAY'S bossism will lose to the Republican ticket in this county, this fall, hundreds upon hundreds of votes. Every day things are getting worse, and without some intervening Providence or a wonderful presentation of the "real thing," such as was shown at the Republican primaries, there need be no surprise if the Democratic majority in the county is nearly as large as the entire Republican vote.

England is Always Prepared for the Worst.

From the York Dispatch. Great Britain, it seems, is not to be caught napping by the powers of Europe who are hostile to her. Fearing that they might take advantage of her more or less vulnerable condition because of the Transvaal war, a flying squadron has been formed to protect the "snug little island" from attack. Such precautions may seem ridiculous in the eyes of some, but the tone of the newspapers in Russia and Germany is so rabid in denunciation of England's policy in South Africa that the government wants to be on the safe side, and wants to, at any rate, ally any fears which the people of England may feel.

Dewey Accepts Invitation.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Admiral Dewey today met a select committee of the municipality of Philadelphia, headed by Mayor Samuel H. Asbridge, who tendered him the hospitality of Philadelphia during the latter part of the month. Admiral Dewey accepted the invitation, naming Oct. 31st as the date of his arrival. He will leave Washington at 2 o'clock on that afternoon, returning on the night of Nov. 1st. At the request of Admiral Dewey, his visit will be made to cover the many other invitations that have been extended to him by the Union League, the Clover Club, Five O'clock club, Manufacturers' League and other organizations which were anxious for his presence. The arrangements for his entertainment in Philadelphia include one banquet and a short military parade, during which the admiral will traverse one of the principal thoroughfares. The general reception and handshaking features have been eliminated.

Double Murder Plot Discovered in Pottsville Jail.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Oct. 16.—A timely discovery of a plot to-day prevented a wholesale jail delivery and the murder of George Seiders, assistant warden, and Michael Shoueman, turnkey, at the Schuylkill county prison here. Three prisoners, it was planned, were to assault them in the corridor, take the keys and escape. The plan was concocted by men who are serving long terms of imprisonment.

Soldiers Immersed at Camp Meade.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Oct. 16.—For several weeks evangelistic services have been held at Camp Meade under the auspices of the railroad men's branch of the Y. M. C. A. Yesterday they culminated in the baptism of eighteen soldiers of the Forty-first and Forty-seventh Regiments, which will start for the Philippines on the 1st of November. The banks of the Susquehanna were lined with people to witness the immersions.

May Make Taggart Governor.

Friends Pushing the Mayor, Bright Young Man of Indianapolis Astonishes His Party by Winning a Third Election in a Republican City.

Mayor Taggart is in line for the nomination for Governor of Indiana on the Democratic ticket next year, and his friends say he must also be chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

This comes about as a result of his remarkable success of Tuesday, when for a third time he was elected Mayor of Indianapolis. Indianapolis is Republican on party issues by from 2500 to 4000 plurality. Yet Mr. Taggart was elected for a third term. That he should have been elected at all was a triumph for himself and party.

Mr. Taggart was nominated for Mayor the year after the great Republican landslide of 1894. His candidacy was regarded as a forlorn hope, but the straight-faced Republican administration, the result of the Governor's and his own personal popularity, elected him by 3700 plurality.

He was generally regarded as a "one-term-er," but two years ago, after a bitter contest, he was re-elected by 3514. This year he refused a nomination, but was forced to accept. The campaign was fought on local issues. Republican voters were appealed to on the ground that Taggart's success would make him the Democratic nominee for Governor next year, and the anti-third term sentiment was also fostered. No man has been elected Mayor three times for many years, and only two in the history of the city.

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PROVED TOO POWERFUL FOR THEM. The natural and artificial gas companies, the Indianapolis brewers and the railroad influence combined against him. Every newspaper in the city, except the Sentinel, opposed him vigorously. He was elected by 347 in a total vote of about 42,000.

The result insures Mr. Taggart's nomination for Governor by the Democrats next year, he being conceded at least 10,000 votes stronger than any other man, the Democrats could name.

His personal friends, including both gold and free silver Democrats, have not started a movement to make him chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and the work is to be pushed vigorously.

OUT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE.

Mr. Taggart is a native of Ireland, and therefore not eligible for a place on the Presidential ticket. He is 33 years old, and although of humble origin and entirely self-educated, is a man of exceptional ability, remarkable executive capacity and extraordinary skill as a political organizer and manager.

Opposition to imperialism is very strong all over Indiana, especially among the Germans, who supported McKinley almost to a man in 1896. The antagonism to trusts is also widespread, and upon these issues, with Taggart at the head, Indiana is already being counted upon to give her electoral vote to the Democrats in 1900.

Doctor's Costly Error.

Jury Awards His Victim \$13,000 Damages for Maltreatment.

The largest verdict probably ever awarded in a damage case against a physician was given by a jury at Reading on Saturday against Dr. John Ege. The amount was \$13,000 and the plaintiffs were Charles W. Schaffer and wife.

It was charged that Dr. Ege performed an operation on Mrs. Schaffer, which left her a physical wreck, and the suit was for malpractice. The wife claimed \$25,000 and the husband \$10,000 for loss of her services. The case was on trial five days, and among the witnesses were physicians from Philadelphia and Reading.

While Dr. Ege was on the stand he was asked what medical schools he attended. Under oath he said he was a graduate of the Tuebingen University in Wurtemberg, Germany, graduating in 1876, and he so registered in the Berks county prothonotary's office in 1881. Affidavits were then produced by the plaintiffs from the German university, saying that an examination of the records showed that no person by that name had been a student there since 1836. In addressing the jury Mrs. Schaffer's attorney called district attorney Rothermel's attention to this, saying that a prosecution for perjury would follow.

His Life Was a Failure.

VINCENNES, Ind., Oct. 15.—Leslie D. Sinclair, a suicide here by shooting himself to-day through the temple while sitting in a restaurant. He was worth \$100,000 and belonged to one of the most prominent families in South-Indiana. The coroner found a note Sinclair had written to his sister, in which he said his life was a failure. Sinclair was 28 years of age and unmarried. He was one of the principal heirs to the half million dollar estate of the late William J. Wise.

Special Excursion to Philadelphia, Account National Export Exposition.

Low Rate via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Pennsylvania railroad company has arranged for special excursion rates to Philadelphia on October November 9 and 23, account National Export Exposition. Round-trip tickets good to Philadelphia within ten days, including day of issue, will be sold on above dates from all points on the Pittsburgh Division, Monongahela Division, West Pennsylvania Division, Canbria and Reading Division, Altoona Division, Tyrone Division (except Lock Haven), Middle Division, Bedford Division, and Frederick Division (except York, Hellam, and Wrightsville), and from all points on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad, at rate of single fare for the round trip, plus admission to the exposition (no rate less than one dollar.) For specific rates apply to ticket agent.

The National Export Exposition has surpassed all expectations in the extent and variety of its exhibits, and in its general excellence and attractiveness. The implement building, containing a marvelous display of farm machinery, is particularly interesting to agriculturists. The hand concerts and diverting midway furnish delightful entertainment for all.

Elopers Brought Back.

Couple Who Reached England Must Face Charges at Wilkes-Barre.

John Stephenson and Mrs. Alice Jones, who eloped to Europe some two months ago from Wilkes-Barre were brought back last week.

Previous to their elopement, Stephenson, it is said, impregnated the woman's husband and secured a mortgage on a property. The elopers received \$600 and then fled to Europe. The authorities at Liverpool were called to arrest the runaway, which they did. Governor Stone asked for extradition papers, which were promptly granted by the State Department at Washington. Armed with these papers, County Detective Johnson went to England and took the elopers into custody.

Blaming it on the Almighty.

From the Pittsburg Post.

In a speech in Dakota the other day President McKinley said: "In the Providence of God, who works in mysterious ways, this great catastrophe was put into our lap." Then why did we pay \$20,000,000 for it, with resulting expenditures five times that amount? Is the "Providence of God" or McKinley responsible for over 2,000 dead and the 5,000 in hospitals? The "World" declares that in the President's 46 speeches up to Sunday since increased to 51, his favorite words have been "Providence," used 193 times; "The Flag," used 176 times and "Providence," used 104 times. It urges that he uses them as synonyms, and all three as marks for his own modesty. As for instance: "Disgraced as 'Providence,' Mr. McKinley bought the Philippine war from Spain, disgraced as 'The Flag,' he has been and is 'assimilating' Filipinos, with the soil of their native land. Disgraced as 'Patriotism,' he is shouting for the confounding of all traitors who dare to murmur against his performances as 'Providence' or his deeds as 'The Flag.'"

STAND BY THE PEOPLE.

The Only Way to Secure Party Harmony.—No Trimming to Catch Votes.—The Democratic Party Must Stand on Its Own Merits and Not Look for Victory Through the Bad Government of the Republicans.—True Road to Success.

It is well to be harmonious, but where there are conflicting personal interests there can be no harmony. Some principle of universal application is apt to be lost sight of or swamped in an unseemly scramble for local control.

We have two great controlling political parties now standing face to face, and the great mass of the people are aligning themselves with one or the other, according to their conceptions of which will best subserve the private as well as the public good.

It is well enough to plead for harmony in the Democratic party. But why should there be any disharmony? Why is there any disharmony? The plea for harmony is a confession of disharmony. Is it true, as some say, that the great body of Silver Republicans, Populists and others who stood with the Democratic party in 1896, on account of the silver plank in the Chicago platform, are now abandoning their support of that party and returning to their allegiance to the parties they left? If it be true, then there must be something in the management of the Democratic party that is no longer attractive, or, rather, something that repels them.

Of these two great parties the Republicans claim to be the party of progress, and it makes no apology whenever it deems it expedient to ride over the Declaration of Independence or strains the constitution to the breaking point. Its managers know that the drift, the trend, of the whole earth is toward what is called progress, and whether that progress be of any benefit or not is beyond the question. It offers a hope, and, whether any man or people ever realize upon their expectations or not, they always hope to do so, and the sentiment keeps their blood in circulation.

On the contrary, a large part of the Democratic party stood for success in the mistakes, misgovernment, wrong financial policy, imperialism and unconstitutional acts of the Republican party, which, it is openly admitted, is now the Federal party revived, with the royalist, Alexander Hamilton, as its patron saint, and also by clutching the dry bones of Thomas Jefferson, who is a rabid goldbug in Chicago and New York and a silver crank in Colorado.

All this can never bring victory to the Democratic party, although it is the party closest to the hearts of the great mass of the people, for, as in a case of ejection, the plaintiff must recover on the strength of his own title and not on the weakness of the defendant's title. So the Democratic party must stand on its merits. It must show what it can and will do for the people. It cannot survive the blasts of every wind of doctrine which makes it a goldbug, a silver bug, an expansionist, an imperialist or an "anxny" in various localities at one and the same time.

It is all very well to stand upon the principles advocated by Thomas Jefferson, but the question is, What would Thomas Jefferson do now under our changed conditions? He cannot be converted into an insistent, irrepresible crank, blowing both hot and cold, proclaiming the gold standard in one locality and the monetization of silver in another. What he did do is one thing. What he would do is the important thing to be determined. That nobody has yet told us. The Republican party does not shed tears over the remains of George Washington. It goes right along doing whatever it thinks will keep its retainers in office and enable them to control all the money in the country. It rolls its juggernaut of progress over the bones of American citizens, dangles the bauble of prosperity to the few before the eyes of the suffering many and wipes away their tears of despair with a shirt of patriotism. In the meantime the many of the Democratic party are wearing garlands for the grave of Thomas Jefferson.

The people know very well that we have always denounced the demoralization of silver as a "crime," and we either meant what we said or we prevaricated for the sake of a few paltry offices. They (the people) are quick to perceive political inconsistency, and they are perceiving it now, when there are so many who want office of some or any kind and are willing to advocate gold, silver or the devil in order to get it. If we are not "trimmers" and will show by our acts that we are standing by the people and the whole people, the people will stand by us, and we shall have harmony, and not until then. We must drop the proud conceit of a well known Democratic governor who said last July in the city of Chicago, "The question is not what we are going to do for the bimetalists, but what the bimetalists are going to do for the Democratic party." This is pithless local politics and is driving out of the Democratic party a host of thinking men who will not follow after the band wagon of any office seeker, whether he wants to be a senator, governor, mayor or congressman, whose sole idea of harmony is that which will land him in the coveted office.—Charles H. Robinson in Living Issues.

Demand For Silver.

Prosperity has filtered all the way down. The demand for small silver coins has exhausted the treasury's available bullion supply, and the clerks are hunting for some provision of law authorizing purchases of silver with which to make the dime, quarter and half dollars that are clamorously called for from all parts of the country.—New York World.

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