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The anti-QUAY Republican element in this State, whose representatives met in conference at Philadelphia since the election

Last year those Republicans who profess to abominate the Boss and his methods, had a chance to help elect to the Governor's office one of the ablest and purest public men in the State against a candidate who was put up by QUAY, and is content to act as his pimp in the gubernatorial position.

This year the issue in the State contest distinctly involved the corruption of the Boss and the misuse of the machine. To what extent was assistance given to the right side of this year's contention by that class of Republican anti-QUAYites who always find a reason to defer, to some other year, the blow that is required to knock out QUAYISM and its numerous abuses?

The mistake made by these Republican anti-QUAYites is in believing that they can effect anything by fighting QUAYISM inside the party enclosure. They are conscious that there is something wretchedly wrong, but they allow themselves to remain blind to the fact that the party itself is the real culprit.

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HOW THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY WAS MADE IN PHILADELPHIA.

STARTLING CONFESSION OF A HIRE-LING OF THE STATE RING.

Stuffing Ballot Boxes.—Impersonating Election Officers, Repeating and Other Crimes Against the Ballot Resorted to.

The confession of George Kirkland, one of the five men arrested for ballot frauds in Philadelphia on Tuesday, is the most startling story of bogus election work ever presented in Pennsylvania. The confession was made in Magistrate Eisenbrown's court in the presence of the other defendants.

The other four defendants are John F. Sheehan, 1348 E. street, N. W., Washington, D. C.; William H. Cook, 929 H street, N. W., Washington, D. C.; Harry McCabe and R. M. Drinkert, also of Washington. These men were arrested Tuesday night on warrants issued by reporters of the North American, who had been following them and keeping watch on their actions during the entire election day.

Kirkland's statement is in substance as follows: Under the leadership of Joseph G. Rodgers, lieutenant of the police at Washington, a gang of repeaters was brought to Pennsylvania on Monday last; that they were housed at the Hotel Scott, under an arrangement previously made by Charles Seger, a member of the Philadelphia Building commission and a political lieutenant of Insurance commissioner Israel Durham. Seger paid the hotel bill for the gang.

Seeger, a year ago, paid the bills of a similar gang, under the leadership of Lieutenant of Police Rodgers, of Washington, at the same hotel. The gang brought from Washington by Rodgers on Monday last received \$10 each and all expenses for the day's work at the polls.

The gang left the Hotel Scott early on Tuesday morning, some going forth to serve as repeaters, and others as election officers. Kirkland, who acted as agent for the North American in maneuvering the work of the gang, and William H. Cook, an employe of the mailbag repair section of the Postoffice Department, at Washington, acted as election officers in the Thirteenth division of the Seventh ward, Cook as judge of election and Kirkland as minority inspector.

Kirkland and Cook were directed by Lieutenant Rodgers to go to 525 South Sixteenth street, the home of the Hon. Samuel Salter, ex-member of the Legislature, one of the "stalwarts" who voted every time last winter for the return of M. S. Quay to the Senate.

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WHO THE DEFENDANTS ARE.

Rodgers' reputation as a colonizer of voters has long been established. He boasts of his ability to round up more floaters and repeaters for work in Philadelphia every election than any of his comrades.

After reviewing the evidence already brought forth in the hearing the North American said editorially: "All this is but a beginning. The case, as it develops in the courts, will take a wider range. The larger soundrels of the machine are not to escape."

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A Republican Confession.

The Debauchery of the Ballot Box. "Not an Honest Election for Many Years." Needed Reforms in Our Voting Methods.

The New York World of Tuesday printed an interesting interview with ex-Postmaster General John Wanamaker on the frauds in the recent elections in Philadelphia and in Pennsylvania politics generally. We give the principal points of the interview.

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A Taste of Real War.

Furious Fighting in the Philippines. Major John A. Logan and Seven Other American Soldiers Killed.

MANILA, Nov. 14, 10 p. m.—The death of Major John A. Logan Jr., was the culmination of two hard days of fighting on the part of the Thirty-third Infantry, under Colonel Howe.

The enemy was in full retreat when the Major was killed. The trenches had been stormed and the enemy driven out. The excited men of Logan's battalion followed the Major being near the head of the pursuing column. All at once he threw up his hands and fell. There was no time for his men to stop, and they pressed on without him. The enemy was routed and many insurgents were left in the trenches.

The enemy's loss was estimated at 300, and 81 dead were counted in one section of the trenches. The American casualties were seven dead and twelve wounded.

It had been the sharpest two hours' engagement of the war, with an equal force of insurgents, five miles from San Fabian. When it was all over the Americans had captured 29 Filipinos and 100 rifles.

General Wheaton was informed that the enemy was gathering at San Jacinto to prevent the Americans from controlling the road from Dagupan north whereby Aguinaldo might retreat. The Thirty-third, Colonel Howe commanding, and a detachment of the Thirteenth, with a Gatling gun, Howard commanding, were sent to disperse them.

The troops encountered the worst road ever found in the island of Luzon. There was a succession of creeks whose bridges the Americans had to stop to repair, and many ditches, and at certain places men and horses struggled waist-deep in quagmires.

A hundred soldiers had to drag the Gatling gun part of the way, the horses being useless. The insurgents opened the fight two miles from San Jacinto, while the leading American battalion was passing a clump of houses, in the midst of a cocconut grove, knee-deep in mud.

The Filipino sharpshooters, hidden in trees, bushes and a small trench across the road, held the fire until the Americans were close to them. When they began firing other Filipinos opened fire from thickets, right and left, further away. The insurgent sharpshooters picked off the officers first.

The dead and wounded were brought to Manila to-day. The officers who are returning say it is impossible for General Wheaton to attempt to junction with General Young, on account of the roads.

Prisoners say it is reported that Aguinaldo, with an army estimated at 20,000 (probably a great exaggeration), is retiring toward Dagupan, intending to leave by railroad for the northwest.

The regiment then returned to San Fabian, it being impossible to get supplies over the roads.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 14.—A sensation in the Seventh ward ballot fraud case was brought out in court to-day before Judges Sulzberger, Finletter and Audenreid, sitting as election court. The ballot box of the thirteenth division of the Seventh ward, into which 200 ballots were said to have been stuffed, was brought in court at the instance of District Attorney Rothermel, who called the attention of the judges to the fact that the seal on the envelope that held the keys to the box had been broken and the lid of the box was not fitted on.

Though the district attorney did not say so openly, his remarks drew attention to belief that the box had been tampered with. The district attorney asked the court to impound the ballot box, and an order to this effect was given. The box was sealed in the presence of the court with long strings of tape, and was double sealed. It was then placed in the custody of the clerk of the quarter sessions.

There was suspicion of attempts to fix up the ballots in the box to correspond with the tally sheets, if the ballots were improperly put in, and if the box could be opened by any possible arrangement.

Magistrate Eisenbrown to-day made a return of the case of the four alleged repeaters to the district attorney's office. They were W. H. Cooke, Reynolds Drinkard, Harry McCabe and Joseph R. Green. They will come up for trial in the December term of court.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Renewed interest is manifested here over the proposition to bring the remains of John Paul Jones from Paris to the United States for burial. Senator Kyle, of South Dakota, said:

"The proposition meets with my hearty approbation. Too much honor cannot be bestowed upon the man who framed this nation. John Paul Jones was one of them, and great homage is due to his memory."

Admiral Dewey was asked what he thought of the plan of bringing home the body of John Paul Jones, whose tomb was lately discovered in Paris. "I think it is an excellent suggestion," he replied. "The body of our first great naval commander surely should be brought home to rest in the country he helped so nobly to establish."

Senator Hawley, of Connecticut: "I heartily join in any movement in Congress to bring back the remains of John Paul Jones. I have great reverence for him. He was a genuine hero."

Trial of Mollieux.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—The trial of Roland B. Mollieux, charged with the death of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams, was continued to-day. Efforts were directed towards securing a jury, but, notwithstanding the fact that forty-eight talemens were examined, not one jurymen was secured.

Counsel for the defense closely questioned each of the talemens, asking for definitions of terms and propounding hypothetical questions until recorder Goff severely condemned the practice or any attempt whatever to confuse citizens summoned for jury duty.

Of those who failed to qualify, seven objected to the death penalty, about the same number declared their unwillingness to convict on circumstantial evidence, half a score were unable to define the meaning of terms submitted by the counsel, five had an insufficient knowledge of the English language, and the others, except those peremptorily challenged, were excused on the various grounds of general consent, ill-health and old age.

HARRISBURG, Nov. 14.—Governor Stone, to-day, appointed a commission, consisting of A. J. Cassatt, of Philadelphia, Judge Cyrus Gordon, of Clearfield; H. M. Bracke, of Natrona; H. C. Snavely, of Lebanon; Judge James A. Beaver, of Bellefonte, and Hibbard B. Worrell, of Philadelphia, to prepare a road bill for presentation to the next Legislature.

Milheim now seems in a fair way of having a co-operative shirt factory that will give employment to about sixty people and pay out in wages from \$800 to \$1,000 per month.

THE Y. M. C. A. will hold a union gospel meeting in the Lutheran church at Shiloh, next Sunday. Everybody far and near are cordially invited to attend.

A three foot deposit of the B vein of coal was, last Friday, discovered on the Jake Swires Ophir property, near Philipsburg. Mr. Swires will develop the discovery by opening one or more mines at once.

About half-past nine o'clock Wednesday evening a 600 pound stone fell from the top of McCalmont & Co's. limestone quarries to the bottom, striking one of the Italian workmen on the head and killing him instantly.

The nerves of the Bellefonte disciples of Izaak Walton were made to tingle on Wednesday by a sight of a monster trout, described as being two feet in length, sporting itself in the waters of Spring Creek opposite the Bush house.

The sale of seats for the engagement of Bert Coote, in "A Battle Scared Hero," at Garman's opera house, Monday night, Nov. 20, has opened very auspiciously, and from present indication, the engagement will be one of the most successful of the season.

The flag carried by the Fifth regiment during the Spanish-American war will be sent to Harrisburg and placed in the flag room at the capitol, side by side with the battle riddled emblems of the Rebellion, and a new flag will be issued to the regiment.

D. F. Fortney, Esq., was in New York state this week taking testimony in the suit of John Potter against a life insurance company to recover the amount of a policy held by his son, George, who is supposed to have been murdered in Potter county, this State, several years ago.

Thus far Bellefontes have not been favored with even a glimpse of that promised meteoric shower. Even if they had been whirling through space the heavens have been too densely covered with clouds all of this week to see anything upward. Mayor Naginay has put forth an edict that if anything of the kind does occur residents of Bellefonte will be notified at the time by the blowing of the fire alarm whistle and ringing of court house bell.

SKULL CRUSHED BY WINDLASS CRANK.—Last Friday, while Roy Hummel was weighing and dumping clay, by means of a block and tackle arrangement connected to a windlass, at the Woodland brick works, he met with an accident which resulted in instant death. The crank arm of the windlass is about 18 inches long. Hummel, by means of the windlass, had pulled a car of clay to a proper angle to dump, and fastened the crank down with a pin run through the post of the windlass frame. He had just turned away when the crank slipped, the pin having been insecurely fastened. The crank came around with terrible force, striking the unfortunate man on the head. His skull was crushed, the bone being broken into fragments. Hummel was aged about 24 years. He was married and leaves two small children.

WILL WE CELEBRATE?—The year 1900 marks the centennial anniversary of the organization of Centre county and the WATCHMAN asks the question, will the residents of the county join in a proper celebration of the event at some convenient time during the year? In 1895 when Bellefonte celebrated its hundredth anniversary the matter of a county centennial in 1900 was duly discussed and approved quite generally as the proper thing. Now that the time is drawing near it would not be out of place to not only revive the discussion but take some preliminary action. No mean display would do. Centre county ought to celebrate, but it should be done on a scale commensurate with her reputation and greatness. To do this will require some work and push on the part of those who may be placed in charge, and that ample time be given for the completion of any arrangement and the performance of any and all plans or work that may be outlined, a start should be made soon.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 15.—The University of Pennsylvania has just fitted out another expedition to Babylonia to complete the excavation of the ancient city of Nippur. The work is under the direct control of Dr. Hermann V. Hilprecht, Ph. D., LL. D., of the university, the most famous Assyriologist in the world. The University has been conducting these excavations for the last ten years at a total expense of over \$100,000. The cost of the present expedition will be about \$35,000. The party will proceed to Aden on the Persian gulf, and thence up the Tigris to Bagdad, from which the journey will be for several days through the Arabian desert. The expedition will reach Nippur about the latter part of January. The work is done by authority of a special firman issued by the sultan of Turkey to the University of Pennsylvania.