

—Not a Democrat in Centre county should be away from the polls on the 6th.

—It is only a short time now until the election. See to it that every vote in your district is out.

—BRYAN's triumphant tour continues and every day it looks more and more like BRYAN's election.

—Thompson is a chronic office hunter. He will be out for treasurer again in two years. Some people want everything in sight.

—Vote for your independence and manhood on the 6th. Vote to show that no one man dare set himself up as the absolute dictator of thousands.

—There are deals and rumors of deals, and some people even go so far as to say that THOMPSON has played fast and loose with HASTINGS—already.

—J. W. KEPLER is a very successful farmer. He knows what the farmers need and will be a representative from their ranks, when he goes to Harrisburg.

—Professor LADD, the famous Yale psychologist, has come out for BRYAN. Now watch the Prof. Smarties all over the county showing where it jars them.

—Poor old KRUGER, he is finding out that the heads that wear the crowns are not the only uneasy ones. The Belgium government has issued orders to the effect that he dare not tarry long in that country.

—Whether successful or not this fall THOMPSON will again be a candidate for county treasurer in two years. He has the office itch and wants the Republicans of the county to be scratching him all the time.

—MARK HANNA, the great boob-bab of the McKINLEY administration said: "There are no such things as trusts." TEDDY ROOSEVELT, the principle horse-fiddle of MARK's outfit, called a man "a hood-lum and a hobo" for even saying "down with the trusts."

—President McKINLEY did not hesitate to use part of his secret instructions to the Paris commissioners in 1899 to further his own interests in his letter of acceptance, yet he refuses to make public any more of the instructions, when called upon to do so by those who have every right to know.

—At the meeting of the Presbyterian Synod in Harrisburg the good brethren voted down a proposition petitioning Congress and President McKINLEY to pass an anti-canteen law and another one asking members of the church to decline to rent buildings to liquor sellers or sign their license applications.

—There hasn't been near so much CLEARWATER talk around here since "the boys" found out that the Republican nominee for Congress hasn't a "bar!" at all. Some one told them that he was a very rich man and they all had bung starters ready when he appeared at the fair here last week, but they were of no use.

—THOMPSON seems to be able to get any thing he wants from the Republican party of Centre county, while such old war horses as JOHN A. DALEY, SAMMY DIEHL and JOHN MURRAY are relegated to the rear to make room for him. Who is this man THOMPSON, anyhow? And how long has he lived in Centre county?

—Conservative, reliable, straight-forward, conscientious are the expressions we hear every day about HENRY WETZEL, the Democratic nominee for Legislature. You make no mistake in voting for such a man. He is not the creature of any person or clique and he was not put upon the ticket merely because one man said so.

—What do ALLISON or THOMPSON care about the farmers? The one is a wealthy mill owner and the other is a traveling salesman, whom some people call a political carpet-bagger. If the farmers want representation at Harrisburg they should vote for a farmer for the Legislature. J. W. KEPLER is a farmer and the only one on the ticket.

—KEPLER's hands are horny from the plow and other farm implements and his head is keen and bright with a fund of knowledge that equips him admirably for legislative duties. He is young, active, and alert; just the kind of a man to send to Harrisburg. Rally to his support, farmers, if you would have one of your own class represent you.

—If THOMPSON happens to be elected to the Legislature he will not be a candidate for re-election in two years. He intends running for county treasurer again, so he could not be a candidate for both offices at the same time. JOHN wants everything in sight and while waiting for a chance for the treasurership plan he has pushed himself into this campaign, where SAM DIEHL, JOHN A. DALEY or JOHN E. MURRAY had more right to be.

—Our neighbor of the Republican, Mr. W. F. HARRIS, received this week a very high compliment from the Philadelphia Press for the intelligent manner in which he is conducting his paper, and the political vim he is putting into its columns. Under Mr. HARRIS' control the Republican has greatly improved, but we imagine that it will be a very long time before it, as the special organ of ex-Governor HASTINGS, will be able to tear Centre county from its Democratic moorings, as the Press, hopes it will.

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Vote for Yourself and Your Own.

When Republicans tell you that the country is prosperous under the rule of McKINLEY and for that reason you should vote to continue him as President just think of your own condition and you will understand exactly how prosperous it is.

It is nothing to you if great corporations and combinations of capital are making money hand over fist; it is nothing to you if exports exceed imports or if statistics show that business is booming in this place or that unless it betters your condition. It is due to yourself to judge of the amount of prosperity there is for you, and you alone should know better than any one else how it is.

It has been but a few days since a Republican came into this office to borrow a dollar to help pay for a suit of clothes for his boy. The child had not been able to attend school because of the shabbiness of his outfit, and this effort on the part of the father was to fit him out so that he could have the opportunities other children are enjoying. In the course of conversation he proceeded to tell us how prosperous the country was under McKINLEY and how wages had been raised from \$1.00 to \$1.10 per day for labor. We asked him how much better off he was to-day than this time four years ago. He hadn't thought of measuring his share of prosperity in that way, and began to think about it. When he called up the past he remembered that he had never had to ask neighbors to lend him money to buy clothes so his children could go to school; that never before since he attempted to have a home of his own had he been compelled to draw on the future by borrowing from any one; that he had had steady work for the entire year and that the advance in his wages had amounted to \$31.30 during that time, but that the increase in the price of his groceries, his clothing, his shoes, medicine, etc., had eaten it all up, and he was in worse condition than when he was paid less wages and could procure his necessities at less prices. He had been unable to add a single comfort to his home, to lay by a single penny, and, frankly admitted, after measuring his own prosperity in this way, that no matter what Republican professions of prosperity might be, it had not benefited him.

And it is the same with nine tenths of the laboring men, farmers and mechanics of the country. There is not one in ten of them, to-day, who, when he looks about himself, considers the condition of his home and the deprivations of his family, can honestly say that he is better off, or more prosperous, than he was before Mr. McKINLEY was known as a President, or MARK HANNA and the trusts became the power that rules.

It is not so, however, with trusts and corporations and combined capital. They are prospering, and because they are making money faster than money was ever before made Mr. HANNA and the Republican party claim that the country is prosperous and that the people should be happy.

It is Mr. HANNA's idea that the few who own the wealth of the country are entitled to all the prosperity that is going. That when they are satisfied and content, others should not complain; that while the HAVEMEYERS, CARBONIS, ROCKEFELLERS and others of the kind are rolling in luxury and adding to their already enormous wealth, millions of dollars monthly, the great mass of people should be content with the barest kind of homes and the commonest kind of living. In fact a tin pail of cold victuals per day for the workingman, as against an income of tens of thousands of dollars and all the luxuries that money can buy for the head of a trust, is the Republican's idea of prosperity.

If, after you think about your own welfare, you conclude that you are getting your share, and deserve nothing better for yourself or family, it will be the right thing for you to do to go and vote for a continuation of the power of trusts and a prolongation of the times of high prices.

If, on the other hand, you conclude that the country's prosperity should be more generally enjoyed, and believe you and your family are entitled to some little of the good things that the few are surfeiting on, you know exactly what to do—VOTE FOR A CHANGE AND A CHANCE FOR YOURSELF.

While MARK HANNA is around denying the existence of trusts, the Philadelphia Press is proving him a liar of the first water by disclosing the fact that, under the administration of Mr. McKINLEY, one of the most profitable businesses that is carried on anywhere is that of a company over in Delaware whose only function is to organize and start trusts. Evidently there is need for a better understanding between Mr. HANNA and his organs, if they would keep one lie from tripping up another.

What Claims or Qualifications?

If anyone has seen anything in any Republican paper given as a reason why a vote should be cast for ALLISON or THOMPSON, except that they claim to be Republicans, we would be pleased if they would point it out.

It is not claimed for either one of them that he has any special qualifications for the place.

It is not alleged that either one of them has ever done anything that entitles him to public commendation.

It is not asserted that they desire election in order to assist in correcting public abuses, or to prevent vicious legislation.

It is not pretended that they will work for ballot reform, for constitutional apportionments, for an equalization of taxation, for retrenchment in public expenditures, for the defeat of rotten ring measures, or, in fact, for anything the people of this county demand.

The only reason so far given, and that we have seen in the Republican papers, why they should be elected, is that "they are Republicans."

Is this a sufficient reason to induce intelligent and well meaning voters to cast their ballots for them? We rather think not, and particularly when, as Republicans, they seek election under a pledge to ex-Governor HASTINGS, that they will not abide by the action of a Republican caucus, or submit their judgment to the will of a majority of their own party associates.

AS REPUBLICANS, under the conditions that bind them, they can scarcely be called glib editors. Men who are pledged to be the creatures and puppets of one man have little right to claim to be representatives of a party.

When a man is afraid or ashamed to tell you what he will do in case of his election, you can make up your mind very quickly that somebody is to be deceived or sold out. When he goes about the county leaving one man under one impression and another under a different one you can be sure that he is unworthy of confidence, and willing to betray those whom he asks for support.

And this is what JOHN K. THOMPSON is doing. Ask him frankly what he purposes doing in the matter of the election of a United States Senator and he will refuse to tell you. If, however, he knows your predilections are for QUAY he will attempt to leave you under the impression that he feels exactly as you do, and that you need have no fear that he will refuse to abide by what his party caucuses do. If you are an anti-QUAY Republican he will tell you how much he admires ex-Governor HASTINGS, how anxious he is to do as he wishes, and that no one need fear that he will go back on any understanding they have. In no case will he give you a frank, manly answer to such questions as you may ask him as to what he will do, if elected, on matters in which you are interested.

Is this the kind of a man who is worthy your support? Is a representative who goes to Harrisburg bound to deceive a large class of voters who assist in electing him, the kind of a candidate you feel like voting for?

And this is exactly the kind of a candidate you will be voting for in casting your ballot for JOHN K. THOMPSON.

The Public Owes Him Nothing.

Mr. WILLIAM ALLISON has had opportunity after opportunity to show that he was a man fitted to take the lead in public affairs. The fair sized fortune that he engrossed came to him through his father's estate; he lived at a time when his home valley was struggling to secure a railroad; he was given an opportunity to represent the people of the county at Harrisburg; there has been public enterprise after public enterprise started in the county, but has any one heard of BILLY ALLISON doing anything for the public or for the public's good?

True it is that he is a good citizen, a good citizen is measured. He pays his taxes, he minds his own business, he does no one harm. But is this all that is to be expected of a citizen who has had the opportunities to be of use to the public, which Mr. ALLISON has had?

He was sent to the Legislature once. Does anyone know of anything noteworthy he did while there, except to sit and vote as the Republican state ring told him? He made no attempt to do anything for the people he represented. He put forth no effort to secure honest legislation. He took no part in any movement intended to better things about the State Capital. In fact, he did nothing but draw his salary. And if this is all that men are to be sent to Harrisburg for, Mr. ALLISON is one of the last men in the county who should be selected. He don't need the salary, and there are thousands of poor men who have done just as much for the public as he has, who do.

For Representatives you want men who will do something—who will be active and take an interest in matters that interest the people of the county; who can be of use to you, or the county, or the public, as may be needed.

You know Mr. ALLISON is not that man.

How It Goes.

The ordinary day laborer who, four years ago, was receiving \$1.00 per day, is now told that he is prosperous because he may be receiving \$1.10 for the same kind and amount of work.

Say he gets this increase, how does it sum up for him by the end of the year? If he is fortunate and able to work every day the total increase of his income for the year would be \$31.30. If he uses hard coal, and can get along with five tons a year—the increased cost of this single product of a trust—will eat up over one third of the increase he gets in wages.

On the 26th of October, 1896, stove coal was selling in the eastern markets at \$4.75 per ton. For the same coal in the same market \$7.00 per ton is the price paid today,—an increase of \$2.25 per ton, or a total increase on the amount a laborer would have to buy of \$11.25.

Into this goes over one third of his increased pay.

Then his house rent is twenty per cent. higher than it was then. If he had been paying \$75.00 per year \$15.00 more, out of the little increase he gets, goes to pay this difference.

During the year he uses 20 sacks of flour. These, through the manipulation of trusts, cost him 20 cents a sack more than before trust prices became the rule. Here are \$4.00 more of his increased pay gone.

In these three articles alone \$30.25 of his \$31.30 are absorbed and he has left \$1.05 to meet the additional prices he has to pay for his sugar and coffee, his meats and vegetables, his tobacco and matches, his clothing, shoes, medicines, etc.

You are a working man. You know if we are right in these figures. If we are, where is your share of the prosperity that the Republican party boasts so loudly of? Where or how has it bettered your condition?

True, if you work every day in the year you get \$31.30 more as wages than you did before, but when this is all taken up in extra prices that go to enrich the great trusts that fix the rates on everything you buy, how are you benefited?

If the country is prosperous is it not right that you and your family should have a share of it?

Aren't you having it? That is the question for you.

A Record That Stands the Daylight.

It is not always best to be too inquisitive. At least our Republican friends in this Congressional district have about come to that conclusion. Some time ago, in order to have reason for an attack on the official acts of Congressman HALL they wrote to Washington for a certified copy of his record on the important bills considered during the time he has served, and here is the substance of what they learned:

He voted "no" on the Currency bill—a measure intended for the benefit of money sharks and calculated to fasten a single standard upon us for all time.

He voted "no" on the proposition to allow trusts unlimited sway and to go on, uncurbed or unrestrained, until a constitutional amendment could be adopted regulating them.

He voted "no" on that most iniquitous of all measures, the Porto Rican tariff bill.

He voted "yes" on the measures to build a Nicaraguan Canal, independent of English supervision.

He secured more pensions for old soldiers and put in more time attending to matters for the people of his district than any member who preceded him.

These are the facts that the Record show and Republicans who were so anxious to have some tangible reasons to give why he should not be voted for, are now kicking themselves all around because they have hunted them up. It is a record that ten tenths of the voters in the district will endorse, and Mr. HALL has reason to thank the fellows who have gone to the trouble of hunting it up.

Hopeful Signs.

If there is any one thing more than another that should encourage Democrats, it is the bad temper shown by both MARK HANNA and TEDDY ROOSEVELT. For the past ten days they have quit arguing the political issues, and have gone to calling names, abusing everybody and insulting half the crowd that attends their meetings. Men don't get sour and cross when things are running their way. A little guying don't destroy their temper, nor does an occasional interruption tempt them to abusive language. It is when matters begin to look hopeless and they do not know who to blame for it; when they feel that they are being left and know of no means to save themselves; when the hoped for is vanishing and there is no way to retrieve lost ground, that they lose their tempers and show their desperation by their denunciation of everybody and everything.

Both HANNA and ROOSEVELT are in this condition now. They see defeat and are mad because they cannot prevent it. This is exactly what their ugly, abusive speeches mean. Their actions are sure signs of Democratic hope.

Irish Republicans for Bryan.

Great Meeting of Men Who Heretofore Voted the Republican Ticket, But Who Are Opposed to McKINLEY and Imperialism.

Cooper Union, New York, on Tuesday night last, furnished an exhibition of the way the political current is running in this campaign. It is one of the biggest halls in the city and it was chucked full of people. The occasion was a mass meeting and the auspices of the Irish American Union, an organization composed largely of Irishmen who supported McKINLEY in 1896, but who are this year earnestly advocating the election of William Jennings Bryan.

The big hall was jammed as early as 7:45 o'clock, a half hour before the meeting was announced to be called to order. Not only every seat, but all the available standing room was occupied. For the sake of hundreds who could not be accommodated in the auditorium, overflow meetings were held outside.

Enthusiasm fairly ran riot from the opening of the meeting to its close. Every time the name of Democracy's standard bearer was mentioned there were cheers—cheers that seemed to make the very walls, the pillars and the chairs vibrate.

Lawyer Samuel F. Cohan called the indoor meeting to order. Then he introduced Patrick Egan, who was this country's Minister to Chili under the Republican Administration of 1899. Mr. Egan received a rousing reception. He spoke in part as follows:

"Under the auspices of the Irish American Union we meet here tonight in the discharge of a solemn duty to raise our voices in protest and to pledge our votes at the approaching presidential election against the candidates and the party who have abandoned the most sacred principles upon which this Republic was founded; who are struggling to enslave a people that are and of right ought to be free and independent; who have treasonably handed over to Canada and land that had passed under United States territory in Alaska, and whom we know to have surreptitiously involved this country in an entangling alliance with America's hereditary enemy—England."

HANNA WOULD PERPETUATE.

"President McKINLEY, whom Mark Hanna wants, to use his own words, to 'perpetuate' in the White House, has during the past twenty-one months, carried on, without any sanction from Congress, a cruel and bloody war for the purpose, as casting hypocrite put it, of christianizing and civilizing the people of Luzon—a people who have been good christians for the past four hundred years, who have their schools, convents and universities, of whom the secretary of Bishop Doane's Episcopal Missionary Society reported a few months ago, upon his return from the Philippines, that almost every child among them from ten years upward, could read and write, that they were the most moral people he had ever encountered, or even read of, and that before our civilizing army invaded their country, there were in Manila less than half a dozen saloons, while now there are five hundred."

"We Irish-Americans are determined that we will not be made parties to the policy of the subjugation and spoliation of the weaker people, and the dishonor with which McKINLEYISM would tarnish the nation's flag."

"Like a large number of those I see around me at this great meeting, I have always been a straight Republican, and it has been my privilege to have held the office of United States Minister under the Administration of President Harrison and Secretary of State Blaine."

"But the party of Lincoln, of Harrison and of Blaine has shamefully abandoned its founding principles; it has become the party of all that is typified by Mark Hanna, clad in Davenport's dollar mark suit."

PEOPLE ARE AROUSED.

"Our people shall not be found wanting in this struggle, they feel that the perpetuation in the White House for even four years more of McKINLEYISM would mean the absolute perpetuation of imperialism in the form of syndicate rule, which would, in course of time, drive the working masses of the country into excesses before which the horrors of the French revolution would pale."

"We prefer ballots to bullets, we believe that, in the words of a countryman of ours, 'The way to shun danger is to meet it half way,' and 'his we shall do by electing a genuine typical American—William Jennings Bryan—the next President of the United States.'"

Not Afraid that Bryan's Election Will Injure Business.

From Taggart Times.

President Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania, and the authorities of the Baltimore and Ohio and the Chesapeake and Ohio railroads, have administered a blow in the face of the calamity howlers who are predicting all sorts of business disasters and convulsions of nature in the event of Bryan's election, from which they will be slow to recover.

The Pennsylvania railroad is a level-headed institution that is not influenced by threats, predictions or dreams. In conjunction with the great corporations named, it has placed an order with the Steel Trust for 240,000 tons of steel rails, being the largest contract for rails that has ever been given out in this country. Will the calamity howler please take notice and forever after hold his peace.

Mr. Bryan's Enduring Popularity.

From the Springfield Republican (Ind.).

Notwithstanding that Mr. Bryan has in the past four years become the most familiar figure upon the political platform in America, he is drawing as large crowds, if not larger ones, on the present tour as he did in 1896, when popular curiosity in his personality was at the highest point. General Roosevelt, comparatively a new figure, is not proving more of a popular attraction than the Democratic candidate. This fact is not mentioned as having any political significance, yet it is not without interest in view of the feeling, even in Democratic quarters before the campaign, that Mr. Bryan had lost some of his drawing power on the stump.

Spawis from the Keystone.

—The Springs Hotel, located at the famous Sizerville Springs, near Emporium, was totally destroyed by fire Friday. Loss \$4,000.

—The Harbison-Walker fire brick plant, at Clearfield, closed down their night shift last Saturday, making it necessary to discharge about fifty men.

—Bishop Shanahan, of Harrisburg, will go to Renovo Sunday, where he will confirm a class of 150 children and adults in St. Joseph's Catholic church.

—Everet Werts' barn at Cook's Run was destroyed by fire Friday night. Only the horses were saved. The remainder of the live stock and the season's crops were burned.

—Penn township, Westmoreland county, in the vicinity of Claridge, is scourged with diphtheria, and as a consequence two of the schools, Level Green and Claridge, are closed.

—While Mrs. Albert Chapman was absent from her room at her boarding house on Market street, Williamsport, Friday, a thief entered and made away with jewelry valued at \$1,000.

—On last Saturday a week James Weaverling accidentally fell from the roof of Congressman Thropp's stable, at Earlston, Bedford county, while engaged in putting up a stovepipe, and broke his wrist.

—Andrew Rouen, aged 73 years, died in Renovo Sunday from a complication of diseases. He assisted in erecting the shops in that place, and has been in the continuous employ of the company since that time.

—Children playing about the site of old Fort Augusta, now Sunbury, where many Indian battles occurred previous to the Revolution, unearthed recently an opening to an old powder magazine, the existence of which was not known.

—The venerable Edward Isett, of Spruce Creek, who went to the British Columbia gold fields a couple of months ago, is home again. He brought back with him a number of gold nuggets and declares the field to be rich in deposits of the precious metal.

—Last Thursday John E. Bitting, of Buffalo township, Perry county, was given a hearing before Justice Meminger, charged with carelessly setting fire to timber land in same township, last April. He was proven guilty and directed to pay a fine of \$25, and costs which amounted to \$20.50.

—Barker Brothers, of Ebensburg, have just closed a deal whereby they secured about 3,000 acres of valuable coal and timber land just east of New Florence. The aggregate purchase price is in the neighborhood of \$55,000, most of which has already been paid.

—John, the 10-year-old son of Jerry Smith, ley, of near Harold's postoffice, Westmoreland county, died Sunday from the effects of being bitten by a mad dog five weeks ago. A little daughter of Frank Seaton, of the same place, is dying from wounds received at the time from the same dog.

—John Thomas, originally from Centreville, and a wandering musician, met his death on the Reading railroad in the Silver cut early Tuesday morning the 19th. He was evidently sitting on the end of a tie near Lewisburg when struck by the passing train. He was aged about 54 years.

All indications point to the fact that the Saxton furnaces will be put in blast before many months have passed. The Saxton Herald says the machinery has been put in first-class condition, one furnace is ready for operation as soon as the stock is put in, and brick for repairing the other furnace is on the ground.

—Mrs. S. March, wife of a prominent merchant of Altoona, was perhaps fatally burned Friday morning while burning rubbish. Her dress caught fire and before the flames could be extinguished, her body was badly burned. In attempting to save Mrs. March, her maid, Miss Rosie Zellner, was frightfully burned about the hands and face.

—Surveyors are now at work making measurements of the bridges and culverts along the Beech Creek railroad between Clearfield and Jersey Shore preliminary to double tracking the line. The surveyors were at Mill Hall last week measuring the bridges in that vicinity. A double track is something this busy road cannot much longer do without.

—Clarence Reed, of Powys, Locomotive county, nearly lost his life Saturday, while attempting to kill a catamount. He was taking sight at the animal when he made a mistake and went headlong over a fifteen foot embankment. As he fell the gun was discharged, and the shot tore away a portion of his coat. The catamount, after nearly killing one of the dogs, made its escape.

—Frank Johnson was arrested in Altoona Sunday night for corner loading, and deposited three dollars for his appearance at a hearing next day, but he didn't show up. The Altoona authorities are after the corner loader with the sharpest kind of a stick and the fellow who does not get out of the way will get jabbed to the quick. There is blood in the eyes and business in the minds of the police force of the Mountain city and they are determined that one prevalent nuisance shall subsist.

—In the United States District Court at Pittsburgh, Friday, the jury in the case against James and Laura Wyncoop, C. W. Bigler and Verd Wilson, of Clearfield county, charged with counterfeiting, came into court and announced it had agreed on a verdict. The jury found all the defendants guilty, but recommended Mrs. Laura Wyncoop to the extreme mercy of the court. The case went to the jury Thursday noon and the jury wrestled with it until 9 o'clock that night before a verdict was rendered. The trouble was as to the verdict against Mrs. Wyncoop.

—The old man Ricketts who plead guilty before Judge Buffington of the United States court at Pittsburgh in June last, to the robbing of the postoffice at Blandburg, Cambria county, is now in the Allegheny county almshouse instead of the penitentiary. After he entered his plea, and told of having no home Judge Buffington stated that he would not send him to prison, as he did not want to see the old man die in the penitentiary and, therefore, he sent him to the Allegheny county almshouse. To top the matter off, the lawyers at the bar clipped in and bought the old fellow a suit of clothes, and he was then taken to the almshouse, where he now is.

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