

Doubtful DANIEL is getting busy. Watch him.

It is surprising how many farmers go into the wild turkey raising business on Oct. 15th.

What about STROHM and Milesburg. Wait and see?—The Republican. Yes, wait and see.

With the coal strike about over, the warm, delightful Indian summer will be putting in its appearance.

Have you seen "Me Too" whispering in people's ears lately? He's electioneering for PATTON, but PATTON won't go here.

The breath of winter is supposed to be in the air these cold mornings, but it is not so much the breath of winter as of the rye field.

The KEPLER and WETZEL movement is growing. Both men are meeting with encouragement on all sides and their election is sure to be in the nature of a landslide.

What has Col. ALEXANDER EASY-STREET PATTON ever done to merit your vote when a man like Senator HEINLE, who has served you faithfully and well, needs it.

Birdie WARREN, one of the most notorious agents of the gang was in Centre county "snookin'" around on Wednesday. Now what kind of a job do you imagine that political hustler was peddling up this way?

There was an eclipse of the moon last night, but a greater phenomena will occur on November 4th when the entire Republican ticket, from PENNYPACKER down to Dr. HUFF, of Milesburg, will be totally eclipsed.

"Old Nick" SCHOONOVER isn't the kind of a man Centre county wants to send to the Legislature. We had one fellow there recently who acted so much like the "old Nick" that it wouldn't be safe to take any more chances.

There is nothing the matter at Pleasant Gap, so far as KEPLER is concerned. Two years ago several gentlemen out there could not support him, but they have changed since then and are now among his warmest supporters.

It has been the practice of the county treasurer in the past to divide the county deposits among the various banks, but elect FOSTER and every cent will be put into the HASTINGS institution. Do you think it wise to keep all your eggs in one basket?

During the last three years of Democratic administration of the Commissioner's office only \$10.80 was paid for outside clerk hire. During the three years previous, when the Republicans were in control, it cost the county \$817.80 for work done by others than the regular office force.

The miners will have to be very wary lest, after five months of trying fighting for their rights, they do not find themselves caught in a trap set by the operators. When it comes down to submitting their grievances to a commission they had better be very certain about who constitutes the commission.

Turn your mind back on the past three years and see if ALEX ARCHER hasn't done some kindness or other for you. The chances are that he has done more than one, for that is his nature. You have an opportunity to return the compliment now. Are you doing it? Are you helping along the ARCHER movement?

DRESSER and PATTON were in Phillipsburg last Friday night and if the would-be Republican bosses over there had worked half as hard in preparation for the reception for them as they have been doing since, in trying to make people believe it was a success, it would have come nearer being one and they would not be forced to organize fabrications in order to make the public believe that there was a crowd present. Some of the older Republicans of Phillipsburg are standing back watching the juveniles run things and the sight is amusing enough.

When HUMPTON began to collect taxes in Snow Shoe township that district had a poor debt of \$2,000, with a 10 mills levy and a large school debt besides. He reorganized the entire scheme, kept tab on the floating population and made it bear its share of taxation, with the result that today both the poor and school districts of Snow Shoe township are out of debt and only 5 mills have to be levied for poor purposes. That is the kind of a business man Mr. HUMPTON is and he is just the kind you ought to have in the office of Commissioner.

If there was any logic at all in the argument set up by CHARLES EMORY SMITH and Judge PENNYPACKER, upon the occasion of their visit to the Granger's picnic at Centre Hall, when they insisted that because the county is so prosperous now nothing should be done that would disturb present conditions; therefore the Republican administration of national affairs should be endorsed and of state affairs unchanged, why not apply the same doctrine to Centre county. The affairs of the Commissioner's office have never been more economically administered, the county is out of debt and when all conditions are so favorable, according to these two great Republican apostles, it would be unwise to change. Vote for MEYER and HUMPTON.

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The Strike Situation.

There is comparatively little of promise to the operators in the proposition made by the operators on Monday night, at the White house, and still it is not easy to see how president MITCHELL of the mine workers' organization can avoid acceptance of it. In the conference at the same place two weeks ago Mr. MITCHELL, himself, proposed to accept the arbitration of any commission the President might propose. The proposition of the operators is precisely that with the reservation that in the selection of arbitrators the President is restricted to men fit for the place. MITCHELL probably thought that he would appoint politicians who would take into consideration the voting strength of the organization in making the award, and MITCHELL was probably right. The operators simply took precautions against such a misuse of power.

It would probably be safe to say that limited as he is President ROOSEVELT will name a commission of such character as to guarantee fairness and justice. Unlimited there is no telling what he might do, for the greater part of his concern about the strike grew out of his anxiety to help QUAY. He knows that if QUAY is defeated or to speak more exactly, if QUAY'S cousin is not elected Governor, ROOSEVELT'S cake is dough. In other words if the QUAY ticket is unsuccessful at the coming election QUAY will be retired from the leadership, ELKIN will take his place in command and then TEDDY would be brought to an accounting for the transaction by which he allowed QUAY to use the federal patronage to buy votes which had been pledged to vote for ELKIN and cast them for PENNYPACKER. The operators probably knew the lay of the land and as they have no particular interest in QUAY they were unwilling to make sacrifices to promote his interests.

Presuming, therefore, that Mr. MITCHELL has no other concern in the matter than the interest of the miners it would seem to the average mind that he ought to accept the terms of settlement offered. An officer of the army or navy, an expert mining engineer with no interests or prejudices, a judge of the United States court, a prominent sociologist and a man familiar with the physical and commercial features of the coal business brought together under such conditions could be depended on to render a just and intelligent verdict and such a verdict will necessarily involve at least part of the demands of the miners. Under the circumstances it would appear the part of wisdom to accept the terms. Though it is not all that is wanted or as much as might have been expected it is something and it will secure public sympathy for the miners in any event.

If HENRY LOWERY tells you that he is "only a poor carpenter" while Capt. TAYLOR is a rich lawyer ask him how much property he owns and also how much the "rich lawyer" owns.

OdeLL's Mock Heroics.

It is not to be expected that so grave a matter as the miners' strike would prove a prolific source of humor and still there is a funny incident developed in connection with it now and then. One of these was the episode which is said to have occurred between Governor ODELL of New York, and president GEO. F. BAER, of the Reading road, the other day. Mr. BAER, according to the story, is said to have declared that the interference of politicians in the affairs of the coal companies would not be tolerated, whereupon Governor ODELL flew into a fine frenzy and "did a stunt" in mock heroics that was marvellously fine, though somewhat absurd.

"I want you and all the other operators to understand," said the Governor, "that I am Governor of New York, the chosen representative of 7,000,000 people, and that I am here solely in that capacity and to relieve, if possible an intolerable situation." If the galleries had been crowded he could hardly have been more dramatic. But he wasted his sweetness on the desert air, so to speak. That is the only publicity which his heroics received was through the newspapers and ninety per cent of the readers of newspapers know that he is a sordid politician, chosen for the office of Governor by boss PLATT because of his complete subservience to the machine.

If Governor ODELL was acting solely in the interest of the people he was a trifle tardy in getting a move on himself. The strike had been going on for more than five months and there had been no time since it began that the Governor of New York could not have stopped it within a month if he had been disposed to enforce the law against trusts either in the state courts or those of the United States. But he made no effort to bring relief to the people until he discovered that the interests of his party were imperiled and his own re-election put in jeopardy. Then he danced around like a clown and made himself believe that he was frightening the life out of somebody.

Who is Capt. Taylor? Who is Henry Lowery?

The persistent stories that HENRY LOWERY is permitting to be circulated about HUGH S. TAYLOR are anything but creditable to that gentleman's idea of what is fair and honorable in the contest they have on hand. Whether he originated them or not he knows that they are being used to further his interests and if he is the "honest, poor man" that he professes to be he will promptly deny them. We refer to the story that is going the rounds to the effect that while TAYLOR is a rich man he, LOWERY, is only "a poor carpenter." As a matter of fact HENRY LOWERY can buy and sell Capt. TAYLOR at any moment he wants to. He owns a fine brick home in Belleville and a farm beside and is one of the kind of "poor carpenters" who has a gang of thirty or forty men working for him all the time, thus reaping the product of their labor without doing a stroke himself.

On the other hand Capt. TAYLOR'S sole income is derived from his work as superintendent of the Belleville Gas and Steam Heating Co's plant and from the office of tax collector of Belleville, a trust he has kept with signal ability. It is true that he is a lawyer, but what little time he has devoted to the practice of that profession has been entirely unprofitable, as his practice has been largely gratuitous and followed only for the sake of his poor friends who have been unable to pay.

If ever there was a man asking for the support of the people of Centre county, who deserves it, Capt. TAYLOR is that one. Sprung from the humblest of homes he was inspired by a loving mother to make more of himself than his natural environments would have suggested. Working as a steam fitter, when only a boy, he saved enough money to get a fair education and read law at odd times, thus being admitted to the bar.

Through all of those dark days of unceasing toil to improve HUGH TAYLOR was the main support of a large family of brothers and sisters, whose father had died just when his care was needed most. The ambitious example he set was such an inspiration as to have attracted the attention of this entire community and we challenge any man to contradict the assertion that the position of honor Capt. TAYLOR occupies in Belleville today is solely the result of his own manly exertions.

We know that this statement will be distasteful to Capt. TAYLOR, whose modesty precludes personal allusion to such matters, but since Mr. LOWERY'S one claim seems to be based on his being "a poor carpenter" we think it but right that you should know exactly who Capt. TAYLOR is.

People who appreciate merit and grit in young men cannot withhold their support from Capt. TAYLOR, nor should they, for what is more fitting than that honor should be its own reward.

The Democratic Campaign.

The Democratic candidates and associate campaigners will complete the fifth week of constant labor with a night meeting in Philadelphia to-morrow evening. During that time they have visited forty-three counties and made nearly 170 speeches. This week, with the exception of to-day was spent in Philadelphia where two speeches were made each day. It was a sort of recuperation week for compared with the burden of travel and brief stops it was an easy week. To-day the party is under a pretty severe strain, for they were scheduled to leave Philadelphia at midnight last night and hold three meetings during the day in Westmoreland county, making the return trip to-night.

The Democratic campaigners have not had ideal weather all the time, for the temperature was hot at one place and cold at another and the weather wet here and dry there. But the temper of the people was the same all the time. That is from the beginning of the tour until the close of the last meeting reported the most generous enthusiasm was revealed at every point. It was not alone that the Democrats are thoroughly aroused, but as a matter of fact it has been ascertained during the progress of the tour that the Republicans of the better sort are about as deeply interested in the success of the candidates, as are the Democrats. Probably less demonstrative it can hardly be said that they are less earnest.

This method of campaigning was inaugurated during Governor PATTON'S first canvass and repeated in his second, so that he is now making his third tour of the State. Each of the others aroused considerable enthusiasm and terminated in victory. But neither of the others was attended by such evidences of popular support as has been shown during the present tour. In fact the outpouring of the people and the generous welcome extended to Governor PATTON and his associates during his present trip through the State exceeds that which has ever been known before. It presents a striking contrast, moreover, with the meagre crowds and chilly atmosphere which has been the rule at PENNYPACKER'S meetings.

An Unworthy Candidate.

The Republicans of this Congressional district were little if any less impudent in making their nomination for Representative in Congress than QUAY was in selecting their candidate for Governor. That is to say they nominated a man for the office who is so manifestly unfit, morally and mentally, that his selection cannot be regarded in any light other than that of an insult to the decency and character of the district. If he had lacked in intelligence or fallen below the standard in ability complaint might have been silenced, if his character for integrity was above reproach. But when it is remembered that wealth is his only recommendation and the wealth was acquired by methods which are condemned by the statutes as well as by the moral senses it is a public duty to protest against his election.

SOLOMON R. DRESSER, of Bradford, McKean county, was nominated as the Republican candidate for Congress for no other reason than that he owns a "bar." We say this without fear of contradiction, for the reason that it is known to every one in McKean and the adjoining counties that no living man is sufficiently attached to him to support him for any consideration except money. He is known among his neighbors as a selfish, sordid and avaricious man who never thought of doing a kindness to a fellow being. For example, it is told of him that once having stored dynamite in violation of law an employee who had a invalid wife was killed. The woman was left homeless and penniless and not until after he was made the Republican candidate for Congress, did he find heart or conscience enough to even send her a word of sympathy, although the accident had occurred months and months prior to his nomination.

DRESSER acquired the greater portion of his wealth by robbing a poor foreigner, if the current reports in the neighborhood of his home are true. That is to say a young Swede who came to the neighborhood in which he lived made an important discovery in mechanism which greatly improved the machinery used in the development of oil. Uninformed as to the processes of procuring patents, he applied to DRESSER to assist him and he usurped the invention. Though it proved to be of great value he never paid the inventor anything, according to the stories of the neighborhood, even after the use of the property had made him wealthy. It is not likely that the people of this congressional district will elect a man of such reputation to represent them in Congress. It is not likely that the great labor vote of the district will endure such a candidate.

The Phillipsburg Bituminous Record says "if you want to be represented by an honest, industrious, sober, competent man, you will make no mistake in supporting SCHOONOVER." Now tell us candidly, Mr. PLATT, knowing as much as you do, is SCHOONOVER the kind of a man you would feel proud of as a representative in the Legislature?

Mr. Mitchell's Mistake.

We believe that Mr. JOHN MITCHELL is an earnest and intelligent labor leader. He has conducted the strike on behalf of the miners with singular ability and obvious unselfishness. He has used every available expedient to keep the strikers within the law and retain for them the sympathy of the public, and his efforts in that direction have been marvellously successful. There is no just reason for the presence of any soldiers in the region. There was at no time any disorder which the civil authorities could not have controlled if they had been efficient.

But Mr. MITCHELL make a grave mistake in placing his expectations on such politicians as QUAY and PENROSE in this State and PLATT and ODELL in New York. Two years ago he made a strike settlement with Senator HANNA to save McKINLEY from defeat, when he would better have accepted defeat and thus helped to defeat McKINLEY who was the promoter of trusts. Experience has amply proved that the settlement worked harm, rather than good to the miners, for the reason that as soon as the election was over the operators began cheating them. If McKINLEY had been defeated they could not have done that.

In the present negotiations for settlement the politicians are trying to give him a gold brick. That is to say they are promising things which they know they can never deliver. Moreover, after the election they won't even try to make good. They will have achieved the result they aim at and QUAY will go to Florida while PLATT and the others will go about their business and leave the miners at the mercy of the coal trusts. If MITCHELL is wise he will let the politicians alone when it comes to settling labor troubles satisfactorily to labor.

Has STROHM been down to Milesburg yet?

Dresser's Agents Buying Certificates of Character for Him.

August Holmberg says Fred Miller and Carl Engstrom Paid Him \$100 to Sign the Letter and Fred Anderson a Like Amount, With \$50 Each Additional After the Election.

The following article, taken from the Mt. Jewett, McKean Co. Herald, seems to indicate that Solomon R. Dresser, who declared to the farmer's at Centre Hall, a few weeks ago: "I am an inventor," has been getting his inventions from other people's brains. And the trouble he has gone to in explanation of the one in question suggests the idea that the would-be Congressman has not been dealing fairly with his fellows. The details follow:

Bradford, Pa., Sept. 22nd, 1902.—Since Mr. S. R. Dresser was nominated on the Republican ticket for Congressman in the 21st Congressional District, of McKean, Cameron, Centre and Clearfield counties, his political opponents have endeavored to circulate reports detrimental to his candidacy, based upon the claim that he has in some manner procured from August Holmberg and Frederick Anderson, of Lantz, Pa., a patent of their invention.

Mr. Carl Engstrom, of Kane, wrote to Mr. Dresser for information, regarding the matter, to which Mr. Dresser replied as follows:

Bradford, Pa., Sept. 29, 1902. Mr. Carl Engstrom, Kane, Pa. Dear Sir:

In answer to your communication I beg to say, that I am glad to have the opportunity to explain to you my connection with the buying of the clamp patent issued by Frederick Anderson and August Holmberg. Mr. W. E. Henry bought the patent from Anderson and Holmberg, and commenced manufacturing same; not in accordance with the patent purchased, but in a manner that, to a certain extent, infringed upon a patent already held by me. I called his attention to the fact, and after he had investigated he came to the conclusion that I was right, and suggested that I should purchase the patent from him, saying that there were several features of same that would be of advantage in connection with my other patent. I finally purchased the patent of him. A short time thereafter he came to me saying that he had been sued by Anderson and Holmberg for balance he was owing them on patent, or a stock of same, and when I found that an attorney I petitioned the court to be a party to the defense, on the grounds of being an innocent purchaser. My petition was granted, the case was taken before Judge Morrison, who decided that I was an innocent purchaser and had a good title to the patent, and that Anderson and Holmberg must look to W. E. Henry for any balance due them in the matter of the contract. After consulting with me I can with pleasure inform you that Mr. Henry adjusted this matter with them before the case came to trial, and I am confident that neither Mr. Anderson nor Mr. Holmberg will blame me in the least for my part in the transaction. I wish to further inform you that the said clamp proved to be insufficient for the purpose intended, and that I lost \$2,000 on a stock of same, and when I found that I could not sell them as expected, I was compelled to dispose of them at a sacrifice. If these persons think that they have been unjustly dealt with, and still think that the patent is of value, I am perfectly willing to sell same to them for what it cost me, on the condition that they take the stock of clamps I have on hand at the price of the metal therein contained. Hoping that I have made the case clear to you, so you may satisfy and explain to those who address you on the subject, that my connection with this business was honest, and only a business transaction.

I beg to remain yours, very truly, S. R. DRESSER.

The following letter signed by Messrs. Holmberg and Anderson speaks for itself.

Mt. Jewett, Pa., Sept. 10, 1902. Mr. S. R. Dresser, Bradford, Pa. Sir:

We, Frederick Anderson and August Holmberg, who sold patent to W. E. Henry, who afterward sold same to you, do certify that the case was taken before Judge Morrison, and the truth regarding the transaction. And we do not consider that you can in any manner be blamed for this purchase thereof was only a business transaction, for your side. And every attempt to use this in your political campaign would be doing you a great wrong.

We are yours very truly, AUGUST HOLMBERG, FREDERICK ANDERSON.

Witness: FRED A. MILLER, CARL A. ENGSTROM.

"We have had the above letters, and certificate of character, translated as the fairest manner of getting the facts before the community. While Mr. Dresser's statement of the transaction bears every evidence of truth, we do not overlook the fact that there are few disputes that do not have two plausible sides. If it were otherwise there would be little excuse for the existence of courts.

Incidentally, we would be pleased to learn if that certificate of character from Messrs. Holmberg and Anderson is attributable to an outburst of heart-felt gratitude, or the product of another "business transaction."

HOW THE LETTER WAS SECURED. In its issue of October 10th, the Mt. Jewett Herald says:

The Republican press of this congressional district has been busily engaged thus far throughout the present campaign in weaving a halo about the person of S. R. Dresser, Republican candidate for Congress. Halos are all right when evolved in the natural process of things, but when made to order, there is that something about them which, to drop from the sublime to the ridiculous, suggests the proverbial ribbon on a pig's tail.

Spawls from the Keystone.

John, the 4 year old son of Landlord Frank E. Kelly, of Johnstown, was struck by a street car on Friday afternoon and instantly killed.

About 3,000 bass, secured through the efforts of the Huntingdon Rod and Gun club, have been placed in the Juniata river, the Raystown branch and Stone-creek.

The Twelfth regiment, commanded by Colonel C. M. Clement, which is camping on the outskirts of Scranton, was reinforced Friday by a Gatling gun and a detachment of men from Battery C.

Charles Kraft, a Buck's valley, Perry county, farmer has a pumpkin vine in a cornfield on his farm that has produced 44 pumpkins this season. The pumpkins are of various weights, some being a good size.

Mrs. Anna A. McCurdy, a resident of Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, was found dead in her home on Thursday evening last. She is believed to have choked to death on a piece of food while eating supper alone in her room.

Because of resignation and promotions there has been a vacancy created in the office of messenger in the State Librarian's office and State Treasurer Harris has secured the place for Col. Theodore Burdfield, of Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ramsey, of Ramseyville, Lycoming county, recently celebrated the fifty-seventh anniversary of their marriage, and are still in excellent health. Mr. Ramsey is in his 88th year, while his wife is past 80.

Peter Patterson, of Jordan township, Clearfield county, had his pocket picked between \$50 and \$60 while in the crowd entering the opera house at Clearfield last Monday night, on the occasion of the Pattison meeting at that place.

Mrs. Mary Decker, a resident of Lockport, Mifflin county, on Thursday went to Lewisport to attend the funeral of William McGirk Jr., killed recently on the railroad near Hollidaysburg. While at the residence of an acquaintance she remarked, "Oh, I feel so warm," gave a gasp and two and died.

Burglars wrecked the office of the Webster Coal and Coke company at Ehrenfeld Sunday morning in an attempt to open the vault. The explosion awoke everyone within a radius of a half mile and the burglars fled. Five men were arrested late that night on suspicion, one of whom carried a complete set of burglar's tools.

Easton Lape, a young farmer residing in Upper Turkeyfoot township, Somerset county, while on a hunting expedition recently, accidentally shot himself in the region of the heart, bleeding to death. His prolonged absence excited uneasiness among his friends, and upon search being made his body was found and near it the double barreled shotgun he had with him, one barrel discharging.

Somerset county has within its borders a very remarkable fowl of the turkey family, says the Herald. It is a hen owned by Espey Trostle, who lives near Stoyestown. The bird began laying eggs in April and laid twenty-six. She then hatched and raised a brood of young turkeys. When the little birds were three weeks old the mother resumed laying and has contributed ninety-nine eggs and still continues to produce one egg every day.

A new windler is capturing some of the New York farmers. A man comes around offering a patent wagon tongue. The farmer does not buy but the agent leaves the tongue to be called for in a few days. Shortly another of the gang comes and sees the farmer is very favorably impressed with it and offers \$400 for it. The farmer thinks he sees his chance to make some money, sends the first man \$250 for the right to handle the tongue, and that is the end of the matter. Man No. 2 disappears and seeks new fields to conquer.

Grant Wagner, 16 years old, was working in the brick works at Monument Monday afternoon, when his clothing caught in the machinery. He was whirled around the shaft several times, and when his clothing gave away was thrown with great violence to the floor. Nearly all his clothing was torn from the body. His right leg was broken, a long gash was cut in the back of his head and he was otherwise severely injured. He is at times in a semi-conscious condition and raves continually. Notwithstanding the serious nature of his injuries, his case is not regarded as hopeless.

David Clark, the Altoona man who narrowly escaped death by inhaling gas from a jet in his room at the Hotel Myron in Tyrone Monday, regained consciousness Tuesday evening and acknowledged that he had turned on the gas with suicidal intent. He had turned on the gas when he was first called at 6:30 o'clock in the morning, and soon passed into the stupor in which he was found at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The old man has been separated from his wife, who lives in Altoona, for some time. Poor director H. H. Ponsly came to Tyrone to arrange for Clark's removal to the county almshouse.

Two men were killed in the Altoona yard Monday about the noon hour. W. J. Smith, a structural steel worker on the new tank shop, was the first man to be killed. He was at work at the hoisting machinery when a tie from the track of a traveling crane, dislodged by the workmen moving the crane, fell about 45 feet and hit him squarely on the head. His skull was crushed in and he died in a few minutes. This accident happened about 11:15. The second accident occurred about half an hour later and brakeman Thomas E. Watson was the victim. He was leaning out of an engine cab window and when near the place where Smith was killed his head struck a piece of steel and he was instantly killed.

At the Blair county court last week Albert Robinson was brought up for dynamiting fish in the Juniata river. The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge and threw himself on the mercy of the court. His Honor, in consideration of the defendant's advanced years and other mitigating circumstances, sentenced him to pay the costs aggregating \$41.03 and suspended sentence of imprisonment, at the request of the Blair county branch of the League of American Sportsmen, whose special officers brought the prosecution. His Honor stated that the lenient sentence in this case should not be considered as a precedent, and he gave warning that persons had better observe the game laws, as the league is determined to strictly enforce the laws for the protection of the game and fish by punishing all offenders.

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