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-The snow, the snow, the Let us give FREDERICK ROBB every Democratic vote in the county.

-It is the duty of every good citizen to attend the election next Tuesday.

-If this is a Republican off year it is a good one for Democrats to catch on.

-What vegetable does the new Bellefonte fish hatchery most resemble. An egg plant.

-If you believe in a free and untrammeled press vote against those who tried to muzzle it, when the opportunity comes next Tuesday.

-Tom JOHNSON may not be elected Governor of Ohio next Tuesday, but up to this time there is every appearance of Mr. MARCUS AURELIUS HANNA having "too much JOHNSON."

-There are two billion, three hundred and eighty-two million dollars in circulation in this country. There is a chance for you to get it all and you can start in whenever it suits you.

-Next Tuesday will be election day and election day in Centre and Clearfield counties means very different conditions. Here all is quiet and peaceful. Over there all is run and turmoil.

-There are said to be ninety-eight thousand six hundred and twenty-six holders of United States steel stock. If such is the case there are just that many persons on the anxious bench.

-Senator FOCHT's construction of the ballot law is strictly in harmony with the idea of the Legislature that passed it. When it does not meet the requirements of the machine why—make it meet them.

-Don't imagine that the election next Tuesday is not important enough to demand your attention. Any election is that, for the right of franchise is the freeman's richest inheritance, harring the right of worship, and he should never fail to exercise it properly.

-The report on the Post-office Department scandal, which President ROOSEVELT has decided to withhold from the public until after the election, is said to contain more than one million words. It must either be something awful or else it takes some awful explaining to demonstrate that there is no scandal at all.

-The inexorable decree of death is witnessed in the hopelessness of the fight that three of the country's greatest scientists are making to save the Life of WILLIAM L. ELKINS, the Philadelphia millionaire. With everything that medicine, science and wealth can procure at his command he must die, just as any one of God's humblest creatures.

-Suppose the machine in Pennsylvania were to pass a law under which you would not be allowed to vote. Why, you would be marching out to the polls next Tuesday with a gun on your shoulder to see who would dare keep you from it. Wouldn't you? Now, just because there is no such a law, the chances are you won't think about going at all until it is too late.

-It now turns out that the New Yorkers are mad at DOWIE because he won't put them "next" to his process of separating people from their money. How foolish. Poor old fake ELLIJAH III isn't the only keeper of this secret. For instance, there is CHARLEY SCHWAB and that ship building trust, and that consolidated Lake Superior and that U. S. Steel common and a few other past master separators that the New Yorkers ought to know all about.

-Practical business men are observing that there is a falling off in trade. Naturally they talk about it with one another and discuss the probable causes. This is only the result of good business training that prompts such men to get to the bottom of things. It is all right now, but next fall, if trade conditions remain unchanged, men who divulge such curious interest in their own welfare will be called calamity howlers.

-The contract for the armor for the five new battleships authorized by the last Congress has just been awarded and discloses that sixteen thousand tons of it will cost the government something over six million dollars. This is a mere bagatelle in the total cost of these new boats which will hardly be completed ere their models and armament will have been made obsolete by some new discovery in the building of battleships. It is sinful to waste money in this way. Especially when it has to be taken from the masses who could use it to much better advantage than in building up a world defying navy for which there is no need.

-The machine is noising abroad that there are \$17,000,000 in the treasury; the largest sum ever stored up by the State before. The day this item was given publicity the Philadelphia papers published an account of how seriously the Cottage state hospital in that place was embarrassed because the appropriation made to it by the last Legislature was not forthcoming. That's machine practices for you. Keeping the money due the hospitals and schools as long as possible in favorite political banks and then trying to make the people believe the State is exceptionally well off because this balance is shown. Will you vote to endorse such practices when you go to the polls next Tuesday?

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Our Excellent Ticket.

The Democratic party never in its long and illustrious history appealed to the people with greater reason than it does this year. Its candidates are admirable in every respect.

JOEL G. HILL, the candidate of the party for State Treasurer, has his training in business pursuits. A native of New York State he came to Pennsylvania with his parents, in infancy and located in Wayne county where he has since resided except during the period between 1863 and the close of the civil war when his residence was on the front line of the Union army and his employment the most hazardous service in defense of his country.

Our candidates for Judge of the Superior court are worthy associates on the ticket of the gentlemen above named. CALVIN RAYBURN has served a term on the Common Pleas bench in his native county, Armstrong, with the highest distinction.

With such a ticket the Democrats can come to the people with absolute confidence and ask their support. There are abundant reasons, moreover, why the political majority in the State should be reversed this year. The Republican machine is entirely discredited. It has betrayed every pledge and violated public confidence in every conceivable way.

Get out the Vote. Get out the vote. There are enough Democrats in Pennsylvania to elect the ticket by an overwhelming majority.

The proselyting is ended. Voters have made up their minds how they will vote. If they vote at all, except such in the cities as are purchasable. But there are voters in every election district who have not determined to go to the polls.

Every Democrat in Pennsylvania ought to take upon himself the duty of urging his neighbor to vote. The presidential election next year is practically certain to result in a Democratic victory.

The young Democrats of the county should be especially active and vigilant. The honor of victory and the value of triumph will be for them if they deserve the favor. They are strong, active and can endure no such penalties.

The Last Words.

The last words in a campaign are always the most serious and they ought to be the most sincere. There is nothing to be gained at such a time by misrepresentation or falsification.

The most important office to be filled this year is that of Auditor General. The Auditor General is virtually the arbiter of the relations between the corporations and the people. He levies the taxes on the corporations and determines the proportion which they shall pay and the ratio which shall fall upon the people.

While we don't claim that Pennsylvania is Democratic we do say in the sober and thoughtful moments of the close of the campaign that with a reasonably full vote the Democratic candidate for Auditor General can and will be elected, and we say that such a result would be more a triumph of the people, as against the corporations and favored classes, than the election of a President of and for the people.

There is some very interesting reading on state issues and the new ballot, that is to be voted next Tuesday, on page 2 of this issue that every tax-payer should read.

The Steel Trust Bunco Game.

The most interesting disclosures of recent years are those in relation to the ship building trust, in which Mr. SCHWAB was the principal figure. A more complete bunco game was never organized by professional crooks.

We have, heretofore, referred to the watering of \$300,000 worth of Bethlehem Steel and Iron company stock until it had been swelled to the proportions of \$30,000,000, but according to the evidence brought out in the investigation that wasn't the worst of it.

The average bunco steerer beguiles some innocent backwoodsman into the purchase of counterfeit money or deludes him into a game in which he is mercilessly robbed. But when he is caught he is tried, convicted and sentenced to a long term of imprisonment, as he ought to be.

The election will be held next Tuesday. It is your duty as a good citizen to be there.

County Fairs.

Success has come to so many people and to so many enterprises and undertakings in Centre county in time past that perhaps we, as a people, now overestimate our ability to make anything go and lose sight of the fact that other places and people, through indefatigable perseverance and progressiveness, are pressing us hard for first place in things that have been ours naturally or by assumption, rather than really earned.

Years ago we had a county fair which everyone attended and where everyone tried for first honors in displaying good exhibits. Gradually interest waned, for we are a county people easily sated and always desirous of something new, until finally the fair was abandoned and one of the finest natural amphitheatres in the country was given over to become a slag dump. Then we regretted and exclaimed, "If we only had a Fair!"

In contrast to our pride and loyalty is that of Columbia county to the fair held two weeks ago in Bloomsburg. This has been an annual celebration there for forty-nine years and each year gets bigger and better. All manufacturers in Bloomsburg are closed for one or two days and business practically suspended not only there but in adjacent towns while everyone goes to the great Bloomsburg Fair—for it is great—to hear the bands, the orchestra, the hurdy gurdy and, everything else that can, play and see all of the numberless attractions, native and foreign, as competition is not confined to Columbia county but includes this and every other State.

There is nothing stingy about a Columbia county crowd. It will pay fifty cents for an advertised turkey dinner and good naturedly be put off with baked beans and cold ham. Spend money it will, just for the fun, whether there is any return or not! Exhibits of all sorts are in profusion and excellence beyond description—embroideries, laces, drawn work, drawings and paintings alone well worth a trip there. Two hundred sheep, one hundred hogs etc.!

If the present rate of slumping in business is kept up in Pittsburgh the next national Republican convention will want to get far enough away from that city.

Next Tuesday will be a strenuous day in Clearfield county.

According to a news dispatch sent out from Lewistown the Mann Edge Tool Co., of that place, has secured an option on the trust ax works at Mill Hall and on January 1st will take over the property. According to the stories that have been current for some time the Lewistown concern, which is practically Mr. Joseph R. Mann, who is outside the trust, intends building a new factory at Mill Hall and the trust, seeing his determination to do so and knowing how successfully he is competing with them at Lewistown, has agreed to sell out to him; rather than have the labor announces that rival factories in the same small town would occasion.

The next President of the United States will be a Democrat.

Land Scandal Begins to Give Grave Concern.

Huge Frauds in the West are Alleged to Have Been Committed by Congressmen and Railroad. Trade Poor Lands For Good.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—The Washington correspondent of the "Tribune" sends the following: "There is grave concern in the Department of the Interior over certain evidence just reached Washington relating to land frauds of gigantic proportion in the western country."

"It is worthy of note that the lien land act never came up for open discussion by Congress, having been introduced by Senator Stewart as an amendment to an appropriation bill, and so enacted."

City of Allegheny Not yet Locked Up.

PITTSBURGH, October 28.—Dr. Wilmer R. Batt, quarantine officer-at-large, of the State Board of Health, did not return from the East to-day, and there is some doubt as to whether the proposed quarantine of the city of Allegheny has been ordered.

Allegheny city officials declare the quarantine talk is a political dodge and insist that there are not over a score of smallpox cases in the town.

Mines Closed Down.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 27.—The eleven collieries of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company in the Shamokin district, employing about 7,000 men and boys, shut down tonight and will remain closed until the day after the election. The remaining collieries of the Reading company, all the mines of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company and some of the operations of the other companies will close to-morrow for the week.

Pope gets an Ovation.

ROME, Oct. 25.—The Pope appeared before 2,000 Venetians resident in Rome in the court of San Damasco to-day and was enthusiastically received. He took to the Venetians most affably, saying he enjoyed hearing the Venetian dialect spoken around him, as it made him feel younger, and reminded him of his entire life from childhood to the Patriarchate in Venice.

The Pope sent his apostolic benediction to a woman 104 years old, who lives in a small village in the department of Venetia, who is supposed to be the only person in Italy who has seen three centuries.

Common and Preferred Stock of the Steel Combine is Held by 98,626 Persons.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—The tenth quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on the preferred stock of the United States Steel corporation will go to 40,128 shareholders of record, as against 24,938 preferred shareholders three months ago. Of the new shareholders, 34,360 are employees who bought stock under the profit-sharing plan and who have paid for it outright.

Spawls from the Keystone.

John Taylor, of Muncy valley, Lycoming county, died of cancer of the stomach. That he lived as long as he did was due entirely to his wonderful vitality, no food having passed his lips for forty-nine days.

The judges of the superior court have made an order changing the time of the sitting of the court in Williamsport from the second Monday in February to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March at 10 a. m.

George Scott, the young man who was so seriously injured in the Dickinson Seminary-Treverton A. C. foot ball game at Williamsport a month ago, will probably be insane for the balance of his life, as a result of the injury.

The ministers and delegates of the United Brethren church in session at Chambersburg last week resolved that the conference set the minimum salary at \$500 per annum and use of parsonage. They say that the ministers are paid entirely too little.

The Pennsylvania railroad company has decided to eliminate the summer vacation among a large percentage of their employes, says the Renovo News, and hereafter they will be given a day off each month and during the summer will be expected to continue their work without interruption.

Ralph Erb, an 11-year-old lad residing in Johnstown, died on Wednesday last of a disease which the attending physician, Dr. W. J. George, pronounced gangrene of the lungs. While gangrene of the limbs is not an uncommon disease, frequently attacking aged persons, gangrene of the lungs is said to be very rare.

The Pennsylvania railroad company's new telegraph pole line, built between Trenton and Pittsburg, a distance of nearly 400 miles, to replace the destroyed Western Union line, is nearly completed. The Postal company is stringing wires on the new poles on a fifteen year contract. It will string thirty wires between Philadelphia and New York and twelve between Philadelphia and Pittsburg.

M. A. Kindt, a traveling salesman, on Monday called on business at the home of Oliver Mosser, in Washington township, Lycoming county, hitching his horse to a crib forty feet long and nine feet high, that was partly filled with corn. While in the house the corn crib blew over, completely covering the horse, and smashing the buggy. The horse, however, was miraculously saved and only slightly injured.

A large new bank barn on the farm of Joseph Gantner, near St. Augustine, Cambria county, was destroyed by fire, Sunday, together with all the contents, including fifty tons of hay. All out buildings near the barn, including a pen of seven fat hogs, were destroyed. A number of calves were also burned to death. The fire originated from a hot journal on a windmill, used for pumping water and other work. The loss will be about \$5,000.

The Potter county Enterprise says: "Some days ago Justice Calkins of Cross Fork went to Clinton county, and read the words of a marriage ceremony. The principals of the affair were C. M. Stebbins, a respected young man of Wellburo, and Miss Hattie Karhan, an estimable young woman of Cross Fork. After the young couple had departed on their wedding trip the justice learned that he could not legally perform a marriage ceremony outside of his jurisdiction, and it will be necessary on the return of the young couple to have the ceremony performed again."

A cow that was attracted to the kitchen of the O'Brien home at Janesville, near Hazleton, the other day by the odor of newly baked bread, during the temporary absence of Mrs. O'Brien, committed as much havoc as the proverbial bull in the china shop. When Mrs. O'Brien returned to her home she found the kitchen in ruins. The cow had eaten nine loaves of bread, overturned a cupboard, smashed all the dishes it contained, and was starting in to devour the tablecloth. It took Mrs. O'Brien and a dozen of her neighbors nearly an hour to force the bovine to quit the premises.

On Saturday night at about eleven o'clock in an alley near McCarthy's livery stable in Huntingdon, Jonathan Hoffer was assaulted by George Ballantyne and George Lagle taking from him a double barrel, hammerless shot gun, a pair of new shoes, and a valise containing various articles. Mr. Hoffer was on his way to the livery stable to procure a team to take him to his home at Williamsburg. These men were accompanied by another who took no part in the robbery. The two men were arrested on Monday. They were placed under \$500 bail each for their appearance at the next term of court.

At 2 o'clock on Sunday morning a destructive fire occurred in the business portion of McVeystown, four buildings being totally ruined and several others damaged. The fire originated from some unknown cause in a general merchandise store, conducted by S. E. Rhine, which was entirely destroyed, together with McCallan's tin shop, McWilliams' implement house and Wooding's blacksmith shop. The residence of Dr. B. C. Steel, Gottlieb Sides and Miss Mollie Horning were more or less damaged by the flames. The total loss is estimated at about \$10,000, part of which is covered by insurance.

There are ten Cuban students at the Normal school at Lock Haven who are as much interested in seeing and experiencing a northern winter as they are in their studies. The snow squalls of the past day or two have been a great curiosity to them, but they will be awe-stricken when they find themselves up against the earth covered with snow in the Warriors-mark valley as he arose from his bed one morning in the winter of 1888 he expressed his surprise by crying, "O, the salt, the salt!"

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