

Disturbance Breeders' Complaints.

The handful of disturbance breeders in the Democratic party of Pennsylvania who are always clamoring for what they call a reorganization of the party, but actually mean to turn out tried, efficient and unselfish leaders in order to give less experienced and less capable men opportunity to control the organization, in order to renew the threadbare agitation have seized upon the fact that the vote this fall was comparatively light.

As a matter of fact, though, they are babbling without understanding the subjects of their complaints. That they are complaining of a falling off in the vote this year and making that an excuse for animadversions on Colonel GUFFEY and Senator HALL when the falling off in other "off years" was almost if not altogether as marked.

Besides with its postmasters in every election precinct of the State; its revenue collectors in every district; its scores of bank examiners; its army of factory inspectors; its hundreds of other officials actively engaged in getting out the vote of that party the falling off in the McKINLEY vote this year from that of the McKINLEY vote in 1900 was greater than the decrease of the Democratic vote as compared with the BRYAN vote of the last Presidential election.

But no figures that could be furnished or no facts that might be given would shame into silence the few malcontents within the party who seize every opportunity to dishearten and discourage the rank and file and to discredit those who are laboring earnest and honestly to build it up.

They know of themselves they have done nothing for the party since they betrayed it in '96. They have not even attended its conventions, or advised or counseled as to candidates or platforms; they have not contributed a cent to bear the burdens of campaigns; they have not devoted a moment of their time in conference with others as to party necessities or the party good; they have made no effort to encourage or strengthen or make more effective the party organization.

In fact these very men—few though they be—who are making the outcry about nothing having been done, are the very people who did nothing either to increase or get out the Democratic vote. In fact every effort they have made has been to sow seeds of dissatisfaction; to create divisions and dissensions; to belittle and make ineffective such efforts as were being made for the party good; to discourage the masses and insure defeat for the sole purpose of discrediting the work of those who were giving unstintingly of their means, their energies and their time to build up the party and to have it crowned with success.

To expect of these people—and thank God they are few and far between—any other course than that which they are pursuing, would be useless.

They care nothing for their party or they would show it by doing something for it. They do not want it to succeed or they would contribute of their means, their time and their efforts to bring this about. What they want is opportunity to complain, even though they must make it themselves. And this the people understand.

And this is why their criticisms fall on unheeding ears. It is why their efforts to assist the Republican machine, by discouraging and attempting to divide the Democracy must fail. It is why the work they are doing to lessen the respect the Democratic masses have for those who are faithfully and unselfishly doing their whole duty to the party—whether they be Col. GUFFEY and Chairman HALL or other worthy and trusted members of the party—will prove unavailing.

The Democratic people know these malcontents and understand their purposes, and this should be sufficient.

Please know this number of the WATCHMAN to be a purely woman's edition as the managing editor is taking his annually hopeless hunt for deer in the Alleghenies and the editor-in-chief is incapacitated by trouble with his eyes—due possibly to his looking for Democratic majorities that did not materialize. We only advertise this fact because the last woman's edition contained matter for an expensive and widely known libel suit and if there is anyone with a chip about this number please settle it with the ladies.

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Another Rotten Corporation.

The Steel trust is rapidly following in the footsteps of the rotten Ship building trust and though the manner of its organization has not as yet become the subject of judicial inquiry, it is practically certain to come to that point in the end.

On an actual investment of less than \$100,000,000, MORGAN, SCHWAB and CARNEGIE capitalized the Steel trust at \$1,250,000,000 and sold to the public a billion dollars worth of those bogus securities, retaining sufficient of the bonds to make certain a return of the original investment when the inevitable bankruptcy has developed.

Thus that vast amount is taken from the earnings of the public in a few years and used to feed the insatiable rapacity of these money changers and an economic system which not only makes such outrages possible but actually invites them is fostered by a party kept in power by ballot pollution and debauching the citizenship of the country.

Pursue the Subject to the End.

We sincerely hope that the resolution introduced into the House of Representatives in Washington the other day by General DICK of Ohio providing for an investigation of the charge that the negro suffrage amendments to the federal constitution are being violated in some of the southern states will be pressed to the full extent of its possibilities.

For example it is universally admitted now that the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments to the constitution of the United States were never legally adopted. During the period of reconstruction when partisan passions and sectional prejudice were running mad and people were blind to every principle of justice, those amendments were declared passed though every man concerned in the operation knew that they had never been honestly adopted by Congress or been ratified by the requisite number of the States.

Has General DICK counted the consequences of such an issue of the question he has raised? We imagine not, for if it should happen that the truth with respect to the adoption of those amendments should be judicially declared, the Republican party would not carry a State in the Union at the subsequent election or any other election.

The Mormon Comedy.

There is nothing more amusing in the political life of the country at this time than the comedy now under rehearsal at Washington, in relation to the seat in the United States Senate recently bestowed on the Mormon church by the Republican party.

that they didn't know anything about the matter.

The history of the case may be briefly stated. During the campaign of 1900 the Republican managers were almost panic stricken by the ominous signs of defeat which they saw in every direction and set about to capture every electoral vote accessible and by every means, fair or foul, available.

Of course Gentile sentiment in Utah was greatly outraged by the incident and the christian people there appealed to the christian churches of all denominations in all parts of the country to join in a protest against the consummation of the bargain.

Roosevelt's Obvious Purpose.

It appears to be fairly well established that the administration at Washington not only fomented the rebellion of the people of the Isthmus of Panama against the rightful sovereignty of the government of the Republic of Columbia, but that the President actually participated in the conspiracy.

Under existing treaties between the governments of the United States and the Republic of Columbia, our government could not honorably encourage any part of the people of Columbia to resist the exercise of governmental authority in any part of that poorly provided and ill-equipped country.

What was the purpose of this obvious outrage? Clearly it was to promote the ambitious plans of the clown who through a National calamity was accidentally elevated to the high office of President of the United States and would sacrifice every moral and material interest of the country to prolong his tenure of office.

The Clover Club, of Philadelphia, gave a most unique Anti-Thanksgiving dinner Thursday evening, in that it was in honor of the clergy—for semi-religious functions are not the usual indulgences of the Clover Club.

Why American Schools Excel.

From the Pittsburgh Post. Alfred Moseley, the Englishman who is conducting the party of British educators through the United States at his own expense, is a gentleman who knows a good thing when he sees it, and is honest and frank enough to acknowledge that fact.

He came here to study the condition that brought about such excellent results. He seemed to see two reasons for this. First, our great resources, and secondly our system, for he reasoned that resources without proper methods and system would be worthless.

This is the second commission that Mr. Moseley has conducted through this country. The former was an industrial one, and on its return made a report which in substance said there was nothing new in this country or any methods in vogue here that could be made use of in Great Britain.

While American schools, public and private, are being nurtured and supported, they are compelled to beg and borrow along on inadequate appropriations, because it is recognized that within recent years financial aid to these institutions has fallen off to a wonderful degree.

Republicans Must Explain.

From the Johnstown Democrat. The disturbed condition of business, outside of Wall street, must be faced by the Republicans in the coming presidential campaign.

When a like disturbance of business existed in 1893, they placed the blame on the Democrats and the passage of a tariff bill that reduced the tariff. Now there is no fear of tariff reduction for at least two years and they assure us that President Roosevelt and a Republican congress will be elected in 1904; and yet the business depression has commenced under their auspices.

To "stand pat" does not answer the question and it is up to the Republican party to define the cause of the business troubles that have already occurred and the greater ones that seem to impend.

Will Save the Making of School Teachers.

From the Philadelphia Record. With such a producer as Henry C. Frick in the capacity of a candidate for United States Senator the Machine ought not to be reduced to the necessity of levying blackmail upon the school teachers and the policemen and firemen of Philadelphia.

Tenant May Vitalize Insurance.

From the Hartford Courant. An interesting and far reaching decision has recently been rendered by the Supreme Court, of Illinois, affecting fire insurance on real property.

No Settlement Yet.

Status of Affairs Relative to Street Car Employees' Strike in Chicago. Company Making Gains. Busy Scenes Around Mayor Harrison's Office Yesterday When the Various Committees Met. A Sympathy Strike Possible.

CHICAGO, November 18.—It was decided to-night by the Chicago City Railway company to start cars to-morrow on the Halsted street line. This will make the fourth line in operation, the cars having been successfully run on the Wentworth avenue, Cottage Grove avenue and Indiana avenue lines.

While it was quiet out doors, around the mayor's office it was exceedingly busy. The council committee appointed Monday night, with the objects of securing arbitration, if possible, was in session the greater part of the day and evening.

Following this there was a conference between President Mahon of the National organization of street car men and the council committee. At its conclusion President Mahon declared that he considered the prospects for the settlement of the strike better than at any time before.

Enforce What We Have Too.

From the Pittsburgh Post. The brutal and uncalculated murder of Andrew H. Green, one of the foremost men of New York city, by a crazy negro is another strong and unanswerable argument in opposition to the carrying of concealed weapons, and police authorities should start a crusade against the practice and put a stop to it as soon as possible.

Needs to Be Converted Anew.

From the Huntingdon News. "One of the leading official churchmen of Huntingdon recently expressed himself very forcibly in regard to that class of church members who do not support the church to the effect that they should no longer be considered members of the church.

Missing Girl Found slain in a Pasture.

PEORIA, Ill., Nov. 17.—Miss May Heneger, who was supposed to have eloped, was found murdered today in a pasture near her home at Bishop. Her body was horribly mutilated and half buried.

Spawls from the Keystone.

The annual Central Pennsylvania M. E. conference will be held at Harrisburg, commencing on March 16th. Bishop McCabe will preside.

An order is being run out at the Duquesne works of the Carnegie Steel company for 100,000 tons of tin plate bars which are to be exported to Wales, where they will be rolled into black plates for tinning.

The Altoona Iron company's works at Allegheny Furnace closed down Monday and the whole force of several hundred men is idle. The suspension in operation is due to the depression in the iron and steel trade.

Gramplan, Clearfield county, is having a serious time with typhoid fever and diphtheria. More than twenty cases of the diseases are reported. Some rigid and extensive quarantine restrictions may be established.

The body of 6-year-old Danko Stanko, a Hungarian boy, was found floating in the reservoir at Phoenixville, Tuesday afternoon. The lad has been missing since Monday. Death is supposed to have been accidental.

At 5 o'clock Tuesday morning a train on the Goodyear Lumber road, near Bailey Run, at twelve miles from Austin, struck a landslide and the engine and cars tumbled into the stream, burying the engineer, M. G. Walters, of Austin, under the wreckage.

Boyd Johnson, 17 years old, son of Harvey Johnson, of Muncy valley, Saturday morning, slipped from a stump while watching his dog run a rabbit, about two miles from his home, and discharged his gun, the load entering his right side and causing his death in a few minutes.

A bill for \$834, approved by the Dauphin county court, was received last week by the county commissioners of Lycoming county for the cost of the inspection of the state bridge at Field's station. The commissioners have an idea that this bill is rather steep, and there is likely to be a legal battle before it is paid.

Lieutenant Fred B. Kerr, who is just home from the Philippines, and his father, ex-Congressman James Kerr, were in Lock Haven over Sunday visiting George S. Good. Monday morning they went gunning on the Otzinmound preserve and in a very short time the Lieutenant had brought down a big three pronged buck.

David Hurley, at work for Theodore West, near Newville, Cumberland county, has lost one of his eyes. He was husking corn Friday, when a long, jagged blade protruding from one of the stalks pitched around in such shape as to be drawn quickly across his eye. The corn blade cut deep into the pupil and blinded Hurley.

A peculiar business transaction was recorded at Lebanon Friday when grocer John Light transferred to baker William A. Garrett a 15 acre farm in Berks county for a consideration of 7000 loaves of bread. The bread is to be delivered in quantities such as may be needed to supply the daily demand of patrons at Light's grocery store.

W. T. Stabley, 70 years old, of Watsonstown, died Saturday morning from scalds sustained in C. C. Follmer's flour mill, in which he was visiting when a large pipe of the boiler in the engine room burst. The steam enveloped his head and the upper part of the body, causing the fatal burns. Engineer John Derrick was slightly burned.

While walking through the woods hunting for game in Eldred township, Jefferson county, Heenan Stahlman's gun was discharged by the trigger catching on the branches of a tree, he having failed to put the hammer down after previously cocking it to shoot a rabbit. The load struck his son who was walking behind, almost tearing his entire head from his shoulders.

Harry Thomas, of Emporium, son of ex-county treasurer Charles M. Thomas, of Cameron county, went to his bed room Thursday afternoon to get his gun, intending to go hunting. While pulling the weapon from behind a chest it was discharged, the load entering his body near the heart. His mother, who heard the report, ran to the room and found the unfortunate young man dead.

Daniel F. Yocum, of New Columbia, employed at Kline's lumber camp in the Sugar Valley narrows met with a painful accident on Friday, while out in the mountains chopping. His axe caught in a bush and turned the blade in such a manner that it struck his foot. Three of his toes were completely severed and one other one so badly cut that it was amputated. He is a young man aged about 21.

The Philadelphia chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the yearly convention in Pittsburgh last week reported having collected \$10,000, with which a club house will be erected in Manila for the American soldiers, and to be maintained by the government. The house will bear the inscription: "Work of the Pennsylvania D. A. R. and their friends, through the Philadelphia chapter."

William Dickson, of Proctor, and Mrs. Elizabeth Gardner, of Lynchburg, Va., were married Friday morning at Montoursville, by Justice of the Peace Fackenthal. Up to Thursday they had never seen each other having arranged the match by correspondence. The happy groom is 66 years of age while the bride is 50. After the ceremony they left for Proctor, where Mr. Dickson is the owner of a nice farm and where they will spend their honeymoon.

The Prohibitionists of Philadelphia will hold their county convention on Monday, Dec. 21st. The committee has recommended that in each of the forty-two wards, three women be nominated for school directors and the Women's Christian Temperance Union and church organizations will be invited to co-operate in an effort to elect them. It is likely that an auxiliary committee of 500 women will be formed to assist in this campaign for the election of school directors.

The butcher business has always seemed one that man could hold intact against the inroads of the feminine sex but even this has been invaded, for at Miner's Mills, near Wilkesbarre, Miss Ne Barrett has lately proved that a young woman can make a success of the business. She had a little money to invest and in looking about for a good investment found a butcher shop for sale. Although a novice in this particular business and much against the advice of friends she purchased the meat shop and has made her investment good and built up a large trade.