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"I'll call-out-the-army" CARSON is possibly in training for a gubernatorial nomination in Colorado.

—At \$250 a case small-pox comes high, but we haven't heard many people declaring "we must have it."

—Will February repeat her record of last year and the year before? If so reinforce the bottom of your thermometer.

—Tomorrow the canons will be held. Every good Democrat should help make the ticket and then help elect it.

—Strawberries at a dollar a box are not worrying the men who are working in the mines in Centre county at a dollar a day.

—The "wild and woolly west" may be growing better but it couldn't prove it by the kind of Senators it is sending to Washington.

—If you have a flea in your bonnet we can give you a good recipe for killing it. Get on the wrong ticket for the election in February.

—It is appropriate that "big meetin's" should be held in the cold weather for then both the saint and sinner needs warm'n' up the most.

—After all, if it is true that a method to make light out of rubbish has been discovered, there is hope of finding some use to which the Legislative Record can be put.

—Yes, it is great luck that is sticking to Mr. ROOSEVELT. Even when his own party turns in to lick him on his tariff-revision recommendations, it does it by CANONIZING him.

—And now the query is, and will be for the future, was it the Pennsylvania Legislature or that note for a half million dollars that made a United States Senator last Tuesday?

—There is a Mr. and Mrs. PIGG living in Missouri and what we would like to know is whether when the little PIGGS grow up they will be any relation to the HOGG family of Texas.

—If that SMOOT investigation committee only keeps investigating a little longer, it will convince the country that about all the Mormons do is to break the law and vote the Republican ticket.

—CASSIE CHADWICK is showing many signs of wishing to hold her position as the only lady on the carpet. She says it will take months to tell her story, but that is only because she is a woman.

—Name only good men for the local offices to be filled next month. And, understand, the taxpayer often finds out that there is a vast difference between a good man and "a good fellow."

—ROSEAU, the dynamiter who tried to blow up the new statue of Frederick the Great in Washington, might be given a cabinet position at Harrisburg. He would, undoubtedly, prove PENNY's long felt want.

—We presume that only the unfavorable season deterred Governor PENNY from holding a reception in Wetzel's swamp in honor of the presence in Harrisburg, on Tuesday, of the Editorial Association of Pennsylvania.

—The Machine majority in the House at Harrisburg may be what they call it, overwhelming, but from the trouble the managers seem to have had in finding one, the fellows fitted to be bell-wether must be discouragingly few.

—Ground-hog day is only ten days off, but it doesn't matter much if his shadow does scare him back into his hole for six weeks more there still will be enough ground hog in the land to keep company with the buckwheat cakes at breakfast time.

—The nomination of Mr. WILSON KISTLER for Mayor of Lock Haven should result in his election. It is not often that men of his type can be persuaded to accept such an onerous and thankless task and of all the towns we know of that needs a good Mayor Lock Haven is one of the most notable.

—No, my boy, it is neither an algebraic nor a question to be solved by arithmetic. "If one Judge constitutes the Supreme court, what is the use for the other six?" is rather a problem in economics, that possibly our Granger friends might be able to elucidate for you.

—There is a belief in the country districts that the smallpox is bad in Bellefonte and that is the probable reason that so few strangers have been seen in town recently. We can assure our readers that there is no danger, whatever, all the cases are properly quarantined and most of the stores are disinfected every night as a precaution.

—Since ANDREW CARNEGIE has started to reimburse those who suffered financial loss through the failure of the Oberlin bank there are many who will believe that he really is CASSIE CHADWICK's papa. However that may be it must be admitted that CASSIE was the wise child who knew who she would like to have had as her papa, any way.

—It has been figured out that the number of women who are doing men's work has increased forty per cent within the last ten years. At this rate the next decade or so will see a race of men destined to knit, hold afternoon tea parties and keep the prayer meetings going. But when the latter will have come to pass the millennium will be here and there will be no more work for any one.

Mayor Weaver of Philadelphia.

We recall with more than ordinary satisfaction the fact when District Attorney JOHN WEAVER, of Philadelphia, was selected by the machine for promotion to the office of Mayor of that city in consideration of the violation of his oath of office in the trial and acquittal of SAMUEL SALTER for stuffing ballot boxes, that we were not deceived. Other reformers heralded the event as a distinct triumph of honesty in office. Stupid or venal CLINTON ROGERS WOODRUFF, head of the so-called Municipal League, called his stupid or venal organization to the support of the new Moses of reform and some real workers for official improvement declared that they were satisfied that the machine had really changed its methods of official life. But this paper was not deceived. We declared then that the promotion was a reward for sinister service for the machine and that JOHN WEAVER would serve that atrocious organization as well as any of its slaves and better because he would be elected and they couldn't.

The experience since his election has completely vindicated our estimate of JOHN WEAVER. The machine has never had a more obedient follower and the city couldn't possibly get a more corrupt executive. There is not a crime that prevailed during the notorious administration of the vulgar and beastly ASHRIDGE that has not been fostered by the even more iniquitous WEAVER. The very men who helped him to secure the acquittal of SALTER and some of those indicted with SALTER have since been appointed to places on the police force in order that they might the better serve the purveyors of vice and the promoters of crime. In all the history of civilization there is no record of a government as vile as that of the city of Philadelphia under the administration of JOHN WEAVER. He has done that which no intelligent man believed to be possible. He has made the administration of ASHRIDGE, redoubt as it was with crime, positively respectable when compared with his. He has even made decent men wish that ASHRIDGE was back in the office.

In the esteemed Philadelphia Public Ledger of last Sunday there is a complete record of the iniquities of the municipal administration of JOHN WEAVER, Mayor of Philadelphia, and the methods he has pursued in promoting vice. It reads like a romance of the criminal life of the Middle Ages. No man could have believed that such things were possible at this period of Christian civilization and in this enlightened country. But there it is in minute and disgusting detail. A criminal elevated to office for meretricious purposes appalls even the vilest of his associates by the daring of his operations and yet through it all he is making the false pretense of reform and inviting the clergy and other decent citizens to support him in his hypocrisy. There is no parallel to this record of infamy and iniquity. We pray Heaven that there will never be another like it. It compels well meaning men to lose faith in humanity and believe that there is no justice on this earth. It forces just men to believe in total depravity.

In all that long list of Philadelphians who ate themselves full and drank themselves fuller at the Bellevue-Stratford on Saturday night last, in remembrance that that city has a Congressman named BINGHAM, we fail to find the name of that distinguished Republican statesman, Honorable SAMUEL SALTER. But then it takes a dinner or a drunk to recall the fact to Philadelphia that it has a Congressman named BINGHAM, while Mr. SALTER's ability in his line brings him into grateful remembrance every time its highly moral people need a ballot box stuffed or an election return tampered with.

"Speaker CANNON'S efforts to decrease public expenditure is not meeting any noticeable responsive approval from his party," says an exchange. No, the way for Speaker CANNON to raise a shout in the Amen corner of his congregation is to declare for more post offices. That appears to be the blessing our Republican brethren are anxiously waiting to have showered down upon them.

Well, after thinking it over seriously, we really can't understand why the Republican press, after wearing their Machine collar for so many years, without chafing under it, should kick now like sore necked steers when their Governor proposes furnishing them with a new one. Surely they are used to being stall-tied by this time.

In being so ready to buck up another time against the Supreme court and all the greedy Judges there are in the State, in that matter of the judicial salary take-off, Lawyer NEWLIN don't seem to know when he has been kicked a bit more than "Call-out-the-army" CARSON does when he is making an ass of himself.

Capital Park Extension.

We cannot refrain from commending Governor PENNYPACKER for recommending in his otherwise absurd message to the Legislature the appropriation of sufficient funds to enlarge the capital park at Harrisburg. Even on this obviously sensible proposition he is preposterous, however, for he recommends an enlargement of the grounds by the purchase of a tract of land finely built up with expensive properties including the mansion in which he lives as Governor, on the west front of the splendid new building. There is an ample lawn at that front of the building already, at least two ordinary city blocks wide and four in length. The removal of the valuable and expensive buildings on it would not add an atom, moreover, to the value of the State property or to the comfort of anybody except those in the building who might find pleasure during leisure in watching the river.

But on the east side there is positively need of an extension of the public grounds. The east front of the capital is flush with a street and on either side of the east entrance there is a high terrace. The buildings on that side are poor and the property of comparatively little value. By the purchase of that land to the railroad right of way every passenger on the trains passing through the capital city could have an admirable view of the handsome and imposing structure and get such an impression of the beauty of the city and wealth and resources of the State as would cling in his mind for all time. If there were no other reasons for the purchase of the property and the improvement of the public grounds than that it would be ample. The advertisement of the State would generously compensate for the expense, though that is only one of many reasons for the improvement.

We believe that the improvement should be made and learn with satisfaction that most of our contemporaries are of the same opinion. But as we have previously observed, the operation should be made entirely and absolutely free from "grat" or "rake-off" of any description. In other words, the Legislature should exercise its right of eminent domain in acquiring the property and the appraisers have no interest in the business whatever. That is to say, no man associated with the proceeding in condemnation should be a resident of Harrisburg, a real estate speculator of any section, or a relative of any property holder.

The State of Pennsylvania don't want to rob anybody, citizen or alien, who owns property within her borders, but neither does she want to be robbed. Therefore the acquisition of the property for the enlargement of the capital park at Harrisburg should be on the soundest business basis.

Roosevelt Covets Power.

President ROOSEVELT wants complete control of the building of the Isthmian canal. The Fathers of the Republic wisely determined that the control of the purse of the nation should be left in Congress. No one of them, probably, doubted the integrity or patriotism of WASHINGTON, ADAMS, JEFFERSON, MADISON or MONROE, all presidential "material" at the time the plan was devised. They knew that those simple-minded patriots didn't covet power and served the public not for their own aggrandizement, but for the public good. Nevertheless they placed in the hands of Congress the authority to control the purse and define the duties and privileges of officials.

From that day until within a week no President has publicly expressed a desire to usurp that peculiar prerogative of Congress. The House of Representatives and the Senate have fixed the compensation, defined the duties and set the tenure of all officials, including the President. But ROOSEVELT isn't satisfied with that. He wants to covet around with a vast fund behind him and the right to employ whom he likes and for as long a time as he thinks proper, in connection with the construction and regulation of the Isthmian canal. Without authority of law he has appointed Fourth Assistant Postmaster General BRISTOW postal agent in the "canal sphere," fixed his compensation at \$20 a day and expenses and defined his duties.

But that was a trifle. He has also asked Congress to pass a law authorizing him to appoint the commissioners, engineers and other employees engaged in the construction of the big ditch, fix their compensation, regulate their tenure and define their duties. This would give him vast power over the enterprise. It is estimated that the cost of the canal may run as high as \$250,000,000 and the privilege of disbursing so vast a sum without restraint of any sort would involve a power which would be dangerous even if exercised by a sane and honest man. What ROOSEVELT might do under such circumstances no man can conjecture, but it will be wise for Congress to refuse his request.

Knox in a Tainted Seat.

When the Pittsburg Times' story to the effect that the Senatorial commission to succeed Mr. QUAY was encumbered to the extent of half a million dollars representing notes given by Mr. QUAY to raise money to purchase the nomination of Governor PENNYPACKER was denied, we felt inclined to let it pass. The story was rich in detail and admirably supported by corroborative evidence. But it involved the political integrity of so many distinguished men, that our impulse was to let it go. The Pittsburg Times is a Republican paper and the story implied some sort of a Republican actional dispute for which we cared nothing and had no inclination to probe. But later developments radically change the face of the affair.

To make the matter clear it is well to review the details. It was alleged that during the sharp contest for the nomination of PENNYPACKER over ELKIN, QUAY borrowed from the late HENRY OLIVER, of Pittsburg, half a million dollars, the nomination and election of OLIVER to the Senate to operate as payment of the note. Before the maturity of the paper, however, Mr. OLIVER died and his executors demanded payment of QUAY first and then his sureties, RICHARD R. QUAY, BOIS PENROSE and ISRAEL DURHAM. PENROSE and DURHAM were unable or unwilling to make good and they began a systematic auction of the Senatorship to any one who would pay the note. The first offer was to RICHARD QUAY, who declined. Ex-Senator DON CAMERON was next given a chance and after a visit to QUAY on his death bed he dropped it. GEORGE OLIVER was the next man thought of and he didn't care to invest. Finally, it was offered to JOHN P. ELKIN. He thought well of the proposition but couldn't accept it. At this stage of the game HENRY C. FRICK of the Steel Trust, JOHN D. ARCHBOLD, of the Standard Oil company and A. J. CASSATT, of the Pennsylvania railroad were consulted. They offered to pay the note in consideration of the privilege of naming the Senator. They wanted to get PHILANDER C. KNOX out of the office of Attorney General and offered the Senatorship to him. He jumped at the chance.

After the publication of the story, several of the gentlemen denied it in a perfunctory sort of way though most people remembered the qualified promise of QUAY to OLIVER, and the subsequent visit of CAMERON to QUAY, the gossip connecting RICHARD QUAY, GEORGE OLIVER and ELKIN, and the ultimate selection of KNOX by FRICK, ARCHBOLD and CASSATT. But if the matter had ended there the story would probably have been discredited by the public. It didn't end there, however. On Tuesday last, Senator GRIMM, of Bucks county, introduced a resolution reciting the scandalous facts and demanding an investigation. But the Republican majority of the Senate would take no chance of proving the charge. They voted the resolution down and defeated the inquiry. Public opinion naturally interprets this as an acknowledgment of the accuracy of the statement, and Senator KNOX occupies a seat in the Senate which is tainted with fraud.

Democratic Mettle Revealed.

The meagre Democratic force in the Pennsylvania Senate is already proving its mettle. On Monday evening Senator HERBST, of Berks Co., introduced a resolution declaring the appointment of Senator KNOX to a vacancy in the United States Senate during a recess between sessions of the Legislature as a subversion of the constitution and a usurpation by the executive of a prerogative of the Legislature. The resolution deplored the usurpation and protested against the violation of the constitution.

There were thirty-five Republican Senators in their seats at the time the resolution was read, each of whom had taken a solemn oath to "support, obey and defend" the fundamental law. But Senator SPROUL, of Delaware county, moved to table the resolution, which was seconded by Senator SCOTT, of Philadelphia, and every Republican voted for the motion. Not only that, but they refused to allow the mover of the resolution to debate the question. He begged permission to simply give the reasons which influenced him, but the Republicans turned a deaf ear to his request.

Greater courages couldn't have been shown. The forty Republican Senators ought not to have been afraid to debate a question of constitutional interpretation and Legislative prerogative with the ten Democrats on the floor. But the vote to table the resolution shows that they were afraid to put the matter to the test of discussion. The tabling of the resolution was a temporary victory, but one which means ultimate defeat. Moreover, the attitude of the Democrats is encouraging, for it proves courage, intelligence and integrity.

The Ridgway Democrat has become the property of the Elk County Democrat printing company, a corporation that promises to make that heretofore good paper better than ever—a matter that will take active and intelligent work to accomplish.

Free, Alas too Free.

The United States congress is losing its ancient claim to honor and honesty. The highest legislative body in the United States, is long stood for integrity and uprighteousness, but within the last few years several of the members have been accused of crimes that would speedily place criminals of lesser influence behind the bars. But these men, because they occupy high places, seem to be exempt from the law as applied to the man whose hand is not on the lever of a political machine.

The feeling that it would be a disgrace for a United States senator or representative to be found guilty of crime is a most unnatural and illogical feeling. The disgrace lies alone in the fact that it is a disgrace not to find a United States senator or representative guilty if he has committed a crime.

It is guilt in high places that threatens the extermination of honesty everywhere. Senator Mitchell of Oregon is, even now, hastening home from Washington to defend himself against charges of complicity in the gigantic land frauds, engineered in his state, and which have kept the land office busy for the past several months. With him goes Congressman Hermann, also in a hurry to defend his character and keep himself out of jail.

These two men may not be guilty, indeed the fact that they are hastening to face the charges against them would look as if they were not. The man who generally avoids going to trial may generally be counted a guilty man.

Sensors Deitrich and Burton and Representative Driggs, together with a federal judge from Florida, and high officials from the departments at Washington, make quite a colony of men in high places who are at present accused of some crime against the country. It might not be going too far to claim that if the ghastly exposures continue the people will find that they have been supporting a government which is gangrened to the core. There can be no doubt that American public life is being eaten by the cancer of dishonesty.

When a quarter of a century ago, the Tweed ring was exposed in New York, the indignation of the people from one end of the country to the other was aroused. But, do the people realize that the dishonesty of the Tweed ring is no longer confined to New York, but has spread over the entire land, until public graft of one kind or another, stands ready to put its hand into the public treasuries everywhere and the taxpayer has come to feel that the probabilities are strong that the large proportion of every dollar he pays will never be expended for the public good?

What an Awful Condition We are in!

From the Lincoln (Neb.) Commoner. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat, doubtless having a better knowledge of the intelligence of its readers than anybody else could have, asserts that the recent order of a western railroad for one hundred new locomotives would not have been given if the Parkers had been elected. Western railroads, known in stock market quotations as "grangers," depend largely upon the grain and cattle haul for their revenues. According to the Globe-Democrat the wheat would refuse to head out, corn would refuse to silk, oats would lodge, alfalfa would rot, barley succumb to rust, the hogs would be open, steers refuse to fatten and hogs refuse to grow unless a republican were elected president. The Globe-Democrat's readers may believe that sort of thing. As remarked in the beginning, doubtless the Globe-Democrat has a better knowledge of the intelligence of its readers than the mere outsider could possibly have.

Possibly a Promise to All They Deserve.

From the Western Press. Notice has been served on the little men of the Legislature that there may be something coming to them at the end of the session "if they go along with the boss" and make no attempt to do business on their own account.

In the meantime they must be content with their railroad passes and the few other trifles that come to the men supposed to make the laws for the Commonwealth. Just what will be "doing" in the way of reform in the realm at the end of the session will depend upon the willingness of the members to do what they are told and the completeness of their subservience to the self-constituted dictator of legislation.

Pennsylvania Triumvirate.

From the Binghamton Leader. It is now said, on good Republican authority, that the political destinies of Pennsylvania are in the hands of a millionaire triumvirate—Cassatt, Archbald and Frick—and that to this new political force the Hon. Philander C. Knox owes his membership in the United States Senate. The people of Pennsylvania seem to be about donee high and glad of it.

Yes, Brother but You Forget There Was a Bargain in the Smoot Case.

From the Campaign (Ill.) Democrat. It took just one day for a republican congress to get rid of Congressman Roberts, a democratic Mormon. A republican senate has been investigating Senator Smoot, a republican Mormon, for over a year. In the meantime Smoot is a full-fledged senator while Roberts was not even permitted to be sworn in.

Educates Himself to be a Rascal if Would Seem.

From the Baltimore Sun. Mitchell of Oregon; Deitrich of Nebraska; Burton of Kansas; Smoot of Utah—what has a man to do West before he is sentenced to the United States Senate.

—Anyhow it can't be much worse than the Machine muzzle they have been wearing these many years. This fact at least should be some consolation to our Republican newspaper friends.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Marklesburg, Huntingdon county, is promised a boom this year with new limestone and sand quarries and new glass works.

—The \$400,000 round house of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, at New Castle Junction, was damaged by fire to the extent of \$40,000 at an early hour Sunday.

—J. W. Parks, an Altoona poultryman, recently sold ten Plymouth rock chickens for the sum of ninety dollars. The birds go to T. M. Lewis, of Bronsgrove, England.

—The woolen mills of C. S. Caswell & Co., at Bloomsburg, were partially destroyed by fire last Thursday morning. The first and second floors were entirely gutted. The loss is \$60,000; insurance, \$30,000.

—Thompson Conser, who was killed in a railroad wreck at Shamokin Tuesday of last week, was a brother of Wm. Conser, ticket agent at Sandy Ridge, and Harry Conser, of Ocoala. Both brothers attended the funeral, which took place Thursday.

—On account of a disagreement among the stockholders a receiver has been appointed for the Drake & Stratton construction company, one of the largest concerns in the country. John Wainwright, of Philadelphia, has been appointed receiver.

—The ecclesiastical court of inquiry called to consider the charges against Bishop Talbot, of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Central Pennsylvania, met in Reading, last Friday, and adjourned sine die, having decided that it was unconstitutionally constituted. The affair should be allowed to drop out of sight now.

—The ganister stone quarry, a short distance west of Barre, operated by E. R. Baldrige & Co., of Hollidaysburg, have larger orders this winter than they ever had during a winter. They have been running out thirty to thirty-five cars a week, but owing to the inclement weather are unable to fill the orders.

—James Smith, an aged resident of Newport, and employed as a lamp-lighter by the Pennsylvania railroad company, was run down and instantly killed by Pittsburg accommodation at Newport Thursday afternoon. He was in the act of lighting a switch lamp when the unfortunate accident occurred. He leaves a wife and family.

—Game warden Hummelbaugh in his report to the State warden, states that in Clearfield county during the past hunting season there were killed forty-one bucks, fifty-three does, eight fawns and twelve bears. This report does not include the Medix and Three run districts, where probably fifty more deer were killed. The number of hunters on the mountains at different times he places at 1,300.

—It was announced Friday at the general offices of the Pan Handle railroad that the company had placed an order for 4,000 steel cars with the Cambria steel company and Standard car company for delivery in February and March, 1905. The order entails an expenditure of \$4,500,000. There will be 1,500 all-steel, self-cleaning, hopper cars; 1,500 drop-bottom cars and 1,000 straight gondola cars.

—Charter applications have been filed in the State Department by eighteen water companies, with a capital of \$5,000 each, for the water rights along the Juniata river in the counties of Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata and Perry. The incorporators of all these companies are Howard Watkins, Wm. H. Roth and George M. Bunting, of Philadelphia, and it is believed such action was taken in the interest of the Pennsylvania railroad company.

—The Taylor-Moore folding crate, the manufacture of which was discontinued in Huntingdon a few years ago, is to be revived, a new company having been formed by capitalists from Johnstown. The works will be located in part of the silk mill property, in West Huntingdon, and they will have abundant capital. The machinery is now being placed in position and by the first of February or soon thereafter the manufacture of crates will begin.

—The Pennsylvania railroad company have let the contract for the big terminal freight station at East Pittsburg to the Drake & Stratton company, and work will be started at once. It is expected that the foundations will be completed in six months. They will cost \$375,000. The structure will be four stories high and 880 feet long. The buildings will take 2,000 tons of steel and the foundations 40,000 tons of concrete.

—A bold robbery was committed in the central part of Altoona at noon last Friday. L. R. Gates, a farmer of Elizabeth Furnace, was enticed into an alley by two strangers on the pretense of being escorted to the home of his son who the men claimed had been injured in a freight wreck on the Pittsburg division. He was knocked down and relieved of \$25. However, the robbers overlooked a wallet containing several hundred dollars and a gold watch.

—A large representation of the Lutheran clergy of this State and Maryland attended the obsequies at Gettysburg last Friday, of the late Rev. Dr. Edmund J. Wolf, president of the General Synod of the Lutheran church of America and professor in the Lutheran Seminary here since 1874. The services were held in Christ church, Rev. Dr. E. D. Wright, of Mechanicsburg, conducting the exercises, with addresses by Rev. Dr. J. A. Singmaster, chairman of the Seminary faculty, and Rev. Dr. William H. Dunbar, of Baltimore. The faculties and students of the Seminary and College attended.

—For each and every dozen bugs captured and delivered, dead or alive, by the inmates of this home to the superintendent's office a bounty of 3 cents will be paid. Delivery must be made before 9 a. m. on the day of capture." This message was posted Saturday morning in the Westmoreland county almshouse, at Greensburg, and is signed by Sup't. Evans. The hundred inmates spent a very busy and profitable Saturday night and Sunday, though they lost sleep. It was a bad Saturday night for the festive bedbug, as several scores of "scalps" were laid on the table that morning. The county home has been over-run with bugs that bite early, late and often, and there were not a few complaints from the inmates. Sup't. Evans, instead of spending the county funds in buying powder, decided to offer a bounty on bug "scalps." Success of his plan has exceeded expectations and the bounty will be continued.