

—It isn't so nice to be the ice man in Toledo.

—Mr. HEARST has announced that he is not a candidate. He hasn't denied that he is a trouble maker, however.

—The EMERY tide is setting in so strong that already bets are being made that he will carry Pennsylvania by 150,000.

—Mayor JOHN WEAVER, of Philadelphia, has volunteered to take the stump for EMERY and the entire fusion ticket.

—The Fourth of July is over but the grass has not started to grow on the graves of its victims, who numbered hundreds.

—The Republicans of the South were, of course, tickled to death when Secretary TART told them they were "time servers."

—King EDWARD is to quit horse racing, but for Heaven's sake don't let us hear that he has also decided to stop rolling up his pants.

—Wasn't it nice in young Mr. WALDOFF A-TOR not to let us build any false hopes about his becoming a citizen of the United States.

—Secretary SHAW has announced that we don't have enough five dollar bills. Of course he don't. Nobody ever heard us say we did, either.

—Since BONI CASTELLANE hit the tohoggan France has felt herself falling behind in sensations so the DREYFUSS case has been hauled up for another airing.

—The end of the bituminous miner's troubles will be good news to Snow Shoe and Phillipsburg both of which places have suffered serious business depression for months.

—Secretary WILSON says the Chicago packing houses "are" clean from block to can. Secretary ALGER once said the contents of the cans were not embalmed, didn't he?

—If they continue hunting for "the only man who can beat BRYAN" the other side will soon have so many presidential candidates in the field that they will never be able to make a choice.

—The HARTIES may not have as much money as the TRAVES and the COREYS, but they are making just as many people in Pittsburg sit up and take notice that all is not gold that glitters.

—EDWIN S. STUART has finally consented to lead the machine's forlorn hopes in Pennsylvania. What a martyr to the cause of "a corrupt and criminal combination masquerading as Republicans."

—Now Pittsburg and New York are threatening to wash their dirty social linens in the public gaze. Such exhibitions of moral rotteness are outrageous and should not be tolerated for a moment.

—Secretary TART has started to "break the Solid South" and WALTER WELLMAN has started in a balloon to find the north pole. What fool missions. We thought Simple SIMONS lived only in nursery rhymes.

—President CASSATT, of the Pennsylvania railroad, says that all the petty officers must dispose of the stock they hold in corporations operating in sections under their jurisdiction. He hasn't issued an order yet compelling himself to dispose of his Pennsylvania steel holdings.

—The reconvicted LINCOLN party convention on Tuesday, nominated the entire fusion ticket named by the Democrats. Now if the prohibitionists are really sincere in their desire to give Pennsylvania a clean administration there is nothing left for them to do, but the same thing.

—Mr. BRYAN's apiary has been assessed at \$555. A pretty snug value for a few scraps of bees, but then Mr. BRYAN has been raising the kind of bees that have King and Queen been skinned a mile. His are presidential bees, and he has a fine specimen right in his bonnet now.

—Naturally enough President ROOSEVELT has found it impossible to be present at the BRYAN reception and welcome home, to be held at New York. It is just possible that if they both live the President will be welcoming Mr. BRYAN on another occasion two years hence.

—The drunken gypsy who undertook to shoot the roof out of the borough lock-up found a policeman with a billy waiting for him when he had made the hole large enough to start to escape through. Now the question will be asked: Where was the policeman while the shooting was in progress?

—The CARNegie and BETHLEHEM plate mills got a real jolt on Tuesday when the new government contract for armor plate was given to the Midvale plant at Philadelphia. It was the first time such a thing has ever happened and you may rest assured that it would not have been so if the time had there been a presidential campaign a little nearer at hand.

—If what the Philadelphia Public Ledger says is true Mr. A. E. VAN VALKENBURG, JOHN WANAMAKER's former political FRIDAY and present president of the North American Publishing company, hasn't enough shoulders on which to balance all the water he would like to carry. He tried to boss—and succeeded in a measure—the nominations of the regular Republicans, the Lincolnites and the Democrats, but his work has made of itself a boomerang. He doesn't know which crowd to support now, because he fears he might accidentally tie up to the one he can use the least.

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What's the Use?

We can imagine nothing more absurd than the talk of purifying the Republican organization by "dumping". Chairman ANDREWS. As a matter of fact ANDREWS is no worse than any of the others. The death of QUAY didn't make a particle of difference in the political morals of the machine. When DURHAM "left his country for his country's good," we failed to notice any surging waves of political morality sweep over the State. The death of QUAY removed the head but not the heart of the combination. The absence of DURHAM deprives the machine of a strong helper but doesn't paralyze its body. The place of a soldier killed in battle is filled before his comrades realize that he is no longer among them.

WESLEY R. ANDREWS impersonated the integrity of an odious machine. But he isn't all or nearly all of the machine or the integrity. He is what his party has made him. Because of his capacity for intrigue he has been chosen for years to perform for EDWIN S. STUART, ROBERT S. MURPHY, ROBERT K. YOUNG, HENRY HOUCK and others the things which they were afraid to perform themselves or were not trusted with the authority to perform. Possibly Mr. STUART wouldn't personally stuff a ballot box. But he has freely given ANDREWS money to pay SALTER and others to stuff the ballot boxes when he knew exactly what the money was used for. "BOB" YOUNG and "BOB" MURPHY are neither better nor worse than ANDREWS, and HENRY HOUCK is a fit companion for the others.

Under the circumstances what is the use of making a "Jonah" out of ANDREWS. Throwing him overboard, a prey to the whales and sharks of the political sea, won't save the ship. It will humiliate ANDREWS, probably, and fool a few of the credulous who want to be fooled, but it won't deceive many or "bring much." Most people will understand and appreciate the situation. If the reverses of last year had not occurred ANDREWS would have been the candidate for Governor, and STUART, MURPHY, YOUNG and HOUCK would have supported him though he would have been as bad as they are now. Therefore what's the use of hypocrisy and false pretenses of political morality? "That hose" eyes is not.

Not a Just Comparison.

We protest against the comparison of THEODORE ROOSEVELT to WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN. The President has appropriated some of Mr. BRYAN's policies and is doing things which six years ago Mr. BRYAN said were essential and Mr. ROOSEVELT with equal emphasis declared ruinous. But there is no similarity of character or temperament. BRYAN is an earnest, thoughtful, conscientious, truthful man, while ROOSEVELT is exactly the antithesis. He appears to have neither conscience, moral courage nor consistency of purpose. He steals another's ideas as a burglar takes property. He falsifies whenever it serves his purpose. As Senator BAILEY declared, he is clay and very common clay at that.

A muck raker of the worst type, he condemns muck raking. After deliberately asking Congress to confiscate fortunes he declares that any one who derives wealth is a demagogue. He entered into a solemn agreement to enact a rate bill without provision for a court review and then joined with the railroad lawyers in the Senate to force a provision for a court review into the measure. He insisted on the adoption of the BEVERIDGE amendment for meat inspection and subsequently urged his friends in Congress to oppose that amendment. In fact he is a demagogue without pride of opinion, consistency of purpose or even moral honesty. He would sacrifice every principle of right and justice to feed his inordinate vanity.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN is a man of different mould. We don't all agree with him in all things, but that makes no difference in his treatment of men and measures. Earnest and honest in his own views he is tolerant of the opinions of others but pursues his own ideas to the end. He is able, sincere and manly. His word is sacred and his obligations are fulfilled to the letter "though the heavens fall." He appropriates to his own use neither the property nor the ideas of others. He is an honest, fair and manly man and liking ROOSEVELT to him is an outrage upon him and a crime against decency. There is no similarity, near or remote. "BAT" MASTERSON is more of the ROOSEVELT sort.

When the inscription tablet on the Curtin statue was put in place it was discovered that a mistake had been made in the time Curtin served in Congress, which was given as "1881-1885," whereas it should have been "1881-1887." Last week an employee of the Van Amringe company came to Bellefonte, on the figure 5 out the bronze place and countersunk a figure 7 in its place, doing the work so neatly that it has the appearance of being cast in the original plate.

Bob Young's Strange Action.

The failure of ROBERT K. YOUNG, the Republican candidate for Auditor General, to attend the notification meeting on Saturday is not a matter of grave consequence. It doesn't mean, as some superficial observers appear to imagine, that Mr. YOUNG's conscience has revolted against the iniquities of the machine. Mr. YOUNG's conscience isn't that inflexible sort that refuses to yield a trifle to accommodate contingencies. On the contrary it is an exceedingly accommodating affair which permits him to take all he can get or accept whatever is offered to him. It was on account of that conscience that he was nominated by the Republican convention at the instance of Senator PENROSE under an agreement with Mr. VAN VALKENBURG.

No doubt Mr. YOUNG wanted to force the dismissal of Chairman ANDREWS in the most summary manner. Between Mr. ANDREWS and Mr. VAN VALKENBURG there is an irreconcilable quarrel and in putting ANDREWS at the head of the campaign committee Senator PENROSE violated his agreement with VAN VALKENBURG as interpreted by Mr. VAN VALKENBURG. Mr. YOUNG's present mission is to make VAN VALKENBURG potential in politics and the refusal of PENROSE and STUART to humiliate ANDREWS was no doubt a great disappointment and may have influenced him to run away from the notification meeting. But it won't move him to decline the nomination. So far from that it may be set down as a certainty that he will accept the nomination just as soon as he is personally notified of it.

The incident may develop into some importance later on, beyond question, but thus far it is without significance. Mr. YOUNG is looking after the main chance, and may have conceived the notion that he will stand a better chance of election alone than in company with his colleagues on the ticket. His friend VAN VALKENBURG has little if any interest in the other candidates and would finely slaughter them to promote the interests of Young. But it is not safe to draw conclusions from those facts either. VAN VALKENBURG hates ANDREWS and it is not certain that he would be willing to sacrifice the entire outfit, including Mr. YOUNG, to satisfy his antipathy against ANDREWS. It is a condition that will justify watching.

President Cassatt's Order.

President CASSATT, of the Pennsylvania railroad, has issued an order directing "all officers and employees" of that company to dispose of their holdings in coal corporations along the line of the road. The order is in pursuance of a recommendation of the committee of the board of directors appointed some time ago to investigate charges that by reason of such ownership there has been discrimination in the service of the company. It is not admitted that such discrimination did exist, but Mr. Cassatt wants the corporation of which he is the executive head, to be like Caesar's wife, "above suspicion."

There can be little doubt of the wisdom of the order so far as it applies to officers of the corporation who have power or opportunity to exercise discrimination. It might be equally just in so far as it concerns officers or employees of the corporation who acquired their ownership in a questionable manner. Probably there would have been no injustice in requiring them to return their shares to the original donors on the same terms that they were obtained. But we can't see why men who purchased property on a business basis, with money honestly earned, should not be allowed to retain it, if it doesn't improperly influence them.

Besides there are other abuses which were revealed during the recent investigation. It was shown that Mr. CASSATT owns a large interest in the Pennsylvania steel company and that as president of the railroad company he buys large quantities of supplies from the steel company at exorbitant prices. Nothing was said in the report concerning the ownership of such property though obviously it affords great opportunity for evil. The excess of ten dollars a ton, on say five million dollars worth of steel rails, would take a good deal of money out of the pockets of the shareholders and it is surprising that it should be forgotten.

The Phillipsburg shirt factory resumed operations in its new location, last Thursday morning, with a force of forty girls. It is the intention of the owners to gradually increase the number of employees to one hundred and fifty or two hundred; unless they meet with the same difficulty now experienced in Bellefonte by both the shirt factory and the Pennsylvania match company, an inability to secure the help desired.

Don't forget that beginning next Monday the middle of the day train to State College and return, on the Bellefonte Central railroad, will be run only on Saturdays.

The Notification Meeting.

The Republican notification meeting at the residence of EDWIN S. STUART, nominee of the party for Governor, on Saturday, was of all recent events the most grotesque. In order to give it the appearance of freedom from machine domination most of the party leaders were kept away. Senator PENROSE was absent, and DAVE MARTIN, DAVE LANE and Senator MCNICHOE who took so conspicuous a part in the nominating convention were purposely left out of the list of guests. In fact only two of the Philadelphia delegates to the convention were invited and they were so inconspicuous in the political life of the community that their presence couldn't do any harm.

But the absence of the machine managers from the meeting was no less hypocritical than the things which actually happened. For example the spokesman on the part of the convention was congressman MARTIN E. OLMSTED, of Harrisburg, whose theme was praise of the President for his magnificent and successful efforts in the investigation, publicity and correction of evils arising from the improper and unlawful exercise of corporate power. Mr. OLMSTED has made a vast fortune in helping the corporations to exercise "improper and unlawful" powers and if he thought STUART as Governor would interfere with corporate lawlessness he would support a yellow dog for the office rather than him.

Mr. STUART also took a plunge into the pool of hypocrisy that was anything but creditable to him. "He declared that he doesn't desire an election that has any other meaning than the triumph of the principles of good government." Does he imagine that the people are verdant enough to be fooled by such platitudes? His nomination was for the purpose of preventing "the triumph of the principles of good government," and if he doesn't know it he is too stupid to fill that or any other office. Four years ago Judge PENNYPACKER was nominated for the same reason. His reputation for integrity and intelligence was quite as good as STUART'S. But he has prostituted the office to an extent far beyond the iniquities of his predecessors and will leave it at the expiration of his term deposed and dishonored.

An Absent Enology.

In his notification address to HENRY HOUCK the Republican candidate for Secretary of Internal Affairs, on Saturday, Congressman OLMSTED said "his untiring zeal, indomitable energy, persevering industry, true nobility of character and unflinching wit and humor would insure his active, faithful, impartial and successful performance of the duties of the exceedingly important office of Secretary of Internal Affairs." What a travesty on truth and decency and manhood. In thus fulsomely eulogizing such a worn out party hack, Mr. OLMSTED insulted the intelligence of the State.

HENRY HOUCK was nominated for the office of Secretary of Internal Affairs because he is the most servile instrument of the machine within the limits of the broad Commonwealth. The convention refused to nominate Major ISAAC B. BROWN for re-election for the reason that he has conducted the office in that way. He has been faithful, efficient, courageous and intelligent in the performance of his duty. He aspired to a re-election because it has been the custom to give the incumbent two terms. But he was defeated for the nomination because the machine could neither coerce or cajole him into doing evil and they want a man in that office who can be thus controlled.

And if there were a shadow of a chance of election they have chosen wisely in the selection of HENRY HOUCK. He has always been ready for any service of the machine and would not hesitate to perpetrate any trick to serve the corporations. Happily there is no danger of his election, however. The people have determined to eliminate the odious machine from the political life of the State. The work began last year and the reform expressed in the election of WILLIAM H. BERRY last fall will be continued and completed this year by the overwhelming defeat of the entire Republican ticket.

The State College Alumni association of Central Pennsylvania was organized at Harrisburg Wednesday night. A. Wert, '03, of Carlisle, was elected president, and Norman G. Miller, '04, assistant state economic zoologist, secretary and treasurer. Steps were taken to have the new association secure a voice in the selection of a successor to Dr. George W. Atherton, president of State College.

The annual Bellefonte picnic will be held in the park at that place on Saturday, August 4th, at which time and place the surviving members of Company E, 45th regiment, will hold their forty-fifth annual reunion. Gen. Beaver and other prominent speakers will be present. All old soldiers are invited to attend.

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Sensible Hot Shot from a Veteran Republican.

JOHN A. DALEY, Esq., of Curtin town, ship, who is in a better position to know what political bossism means than any other fellow in the county, has been telling his fellow Republicans a few things through the columns of the Howard Hustler. In none of his articles, however, has he stated the case as tersely nor driven straight to the point than in the one of June 23rd, which he concludes with the following trenchant paragraphs:

We argue that it is better to suffer temporary defeat than to build up and forever maintain a political oligarchy the sole aim of which is to fatten itself and its cohorts at the expense of the mass of honest and patriotic members of the organization. Ring and boss rule must go sooner or later and this year is just as opportune as any other to forever wipe off the face of the earth any one and every one who is in any way tainted with boss rule, graft and misgovernment of local, State or national affairs.

The writer is not alone in this determination, he knows hundreds in Centre county who feel the same way, and who will act the same way at the fall election in November next.

When the Burden Will Fall.

From the Johnstown Democrat.

The nation today stands face to face with a Two Billion Dollar Congress. It has not been twenty years since it was started by the fact of a Billion Dollar Congress; and so telling was the effect on the popular imagination that at the ensuing election the party which had boastfully made itself responsible for the extravagance was swept from power and an era of comparative economy inaugurated.

But unhappily the people did not long remember. They speedily forgot the occasion for the change they had decreed and in a few short years the party that had given us the Billion Dollar Congress was restored to power.

How it has used this power is revealed in a growing public expenditure which now mounts well toward the Two Billion mark. The old extravagance now seems to be no thought of the morrow. No question is asked as to the man who is to foot these appalling bills in the end. The burden is piled higher than ever on the shoulders of the taxpayer and all thought of economy is banished.

Yet this burden must make itself felt eventually. It is making itself felt even now in an enhanced cost of living that is almost without precedent and is wholly without moral justification. The housewife who finds today that it is more difficult to make ten dollars go as far as six months formerly went in keeping up her home can find the explanation in the fact that we have progressed in prodigality from a Billion to a Two Billion basis.

When the gods would destroy their first make mad. Perhaps there is comfort in this thought. Possibly it has been the madness which presages destruction that has carried the Roosevelt administration to the lengths it has gone in wasting the people's substance. There has been no honest effort to subvert the ends of economy. Riotous and reckless profligacy has marked the whole tenor of the administration. It has poured scores and hundreds of millions into military and naval aggrandizement whose end is likely to be troubled and the necessity of pouring out more millions. Very little of the vast increase in expenditures has been for any useful purpose. The great bulk of it has gone into war ships and other forms of armament, into martial development, into everything except productive and useful channels. And the poor man pays the piper. The burden slips back at last upon the shoulders of those least able to bear it. Every dollar of the Two Billions must be paid by the toiler. He may not see the golden stream as it flows from him into the great vortex which extravagance opens, but it runs nevertheless and nevertheless it must drain him dry.

Rooseveltism Comes High.

From the Reading Telegram.

Exclusive of the Panama Canal appropriation, the increase of Uncle Sam's expenditures in 1904 over 1903 was \$35,496,995; in 1905 over 1904, \$40,336,233; in 1906 over 1905, \$17,903,836, an aggregate increase, excluding all expenses in Panama, of \$93,737,064 in three years. The total expenditures of the years 1903, 1904, 1905 and 1906, with Panama not counted, were \$2,866,421,089. The total expenditures of the years 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1901, the four full years of McKinley, were \$2,430,319,390. In other words, the expenditures for the four years of Roosevelt exceeded those of the four years of McKinley, although he conducted the Spanish war, by \$434,104,699. Rooseveltism certainly comes high.

Why Fayette Will be for Emery.

From the Uniontown Genius of Liberty.

Fayette county Republicans will likely give Lewis Emery a big majority in this county in November. The needless indignity put upon Mr. Thompson, the defeat, the lying and the treachery, that encompassed his defeat in the Republican convention of June 6th, the insult to the leading Republican of the county, call for the proper rebuke from the Republicans of this county and no doubt it will be duly and properly administered. Under the conditions which exist now how could the self-respecting Republicans of Fayette do otherwise?

How the Tariff Feels.

From Life.

When you look down from a high place do you have queer, creepy sensations in the abdominal region that make you draw back for fear you will fall over? Do you? Hey? Yes? Well, those are the sensations that are beginning to have.

It will have them worse presently. It is up much too high, either for comfort or for safety. Make room and let it climb down.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—A mile of roadway is being constructed in Chester county as an experiment. The builders claim that it will be dustless and water proof. The cost is to be \$1,200.

—Miss Frances Myers, of Harrisburg, mourns the loss of diamonds valued at \$1,500. It is thought a second story man who had been run out of Williamsport the day before did the job.

—The Ribblett saw mill, located near Cambria Furnace, in West Taylor township, Cambria county, was destroyed by fire early Friday morning, entailing a loss of about \$1,800, with no insurance.

—During the month of June the clerk of the orphan's court of Perry county issued sixteen marriage licenses. The youngest bride and groom were eighteen years of age. Since the law went into effect the number of licenses issued in Perry county totals 3,773.

—A small dog, went mad in one of the department stores of Harrisburg on Saturday and a big excitement was the result. The dog bit one and the trouble was brought to an end by a stranger grabbing the dog by the back of the neck, throwing him into a box and sitting on the lid.

—Judgment for \$40,000 has been entered in the Blair county court in favor of Charles L. Greek, an Altoona contractor, against the Pennsylvania Railroad company, which corporation Greek sued for illegal car discrimination. The company failed to file an affidavit of defence within the required limit.

—Alexander W. Irwin, of Altoona, has secured a patent for an air brake coupler which he claims will save thousands of dollars to the railroads that adopt it. Mr. Irwin is an air brake inspector in the Altoona yards and is quite familiar with the subject of air brakes and the trouble which he believes his device will obviate.

—Seven large hogs belonging to Policeman Cyrus Shiedy, of Lewistown, which were being fattened for an early butchering, have died within the past few days, all of which showed symptoms of cholera. James Clinger also lost several hogs with symptoms of the same disease. Precaution is being taken to prevent the spread of an epidemic of cholera.

—In all probability the days of Company H, National Guard of Pennsylvania, located at Johnstown, are numbered. The company is a part of the Fifth regiment. Adjutant General Stewart has notified Captain Peter Litzel that as the citizens of Johnstown show no disposition to aid in the support of the company he has about decided to place it elsewhere.

—Bishop Berry, of the Methodist Episcopal church, has appointed the Rev. V. T. Rue, of Millburg, to the pastorate of the church at Waynesboro rendered vacant by the death of his brother, Rev. Dr. John W. Rue. Rev. C. W. Karns, of Coalport, goes to Millburg, and Rev. W. A. Lepley, of Market street, Williamsport, to Coalport. The Market street appointment will be filled by a supply.

The damage suit instituted against the Pennsylvania Railroad company by M. C. Waltz, of Cresson, may be taken to the Supreme court of the State, as Attorney H. W. Storey, counsel for the Pennsylvania railroad, has appealed to the highest tribunal, asking that the finding of the Superior court, in which a Cambria county jury affirmed a verdict of \$1,446.50 in damages be set aside. Mr. Waltz's son was killed on the platform at Cresson.

—Recently contractors who are engaged in the work of excavating and filling along the Pennsylvania railroad tracks between New Florence and Seward, made a ghastly find. They exhumed two human skeletons, supposed to be the remains of victims of the great Johnstown flood. The skeletons were in a good state of preservation. They were, of course, beyond identification. They were reinterred near where they were found and the grave was marked.

—William F. Tate, conductor on one of the Goodyear lumber company's log trains in the Hammersley cutting in Clinton county, was killed while loading logs Tuesday of last week. The car had been loaded, and as one log had rolled down against the bankers he was in the act of hooking that one to remove it, when two other logs came rolling down from the bank and pinned him against the loaded car. He was extricated as soon as possible, but his injuries proved fatal.

—Wednesday while Mrs. James Buck, of Cresson, was assisting at the dinner given in the theatre by the ladies of St. Aloysius church, some one entered her house and ransacked the upper floor, taking \$75 and an opal ring. The house, which is near the theatre, was left open for the accommodation of the ladies who were conducting the affair and some time during the afternoon between two and five the burglary was committed. The money was in a jewel box in a dresser drawer. A gold watch and several pins that were lying on the dresser were not touched.

—The entire mining property of the Cresson and Clearfield Coal and Coke company, comprising 7,200 acres of valuable coal lands in Blair and Cambria counties, was purchased last Friday by J. Blair Kennerly, of Philadelphia. By the sale of this large coal tract the Widener-Dolan-Cochran syndicate retires from active operation. There are three mines in operation on the property and they have a total production of 2,500 tons daily. Because of the strike prevailing among the miners of the Central Pennsylvania bituminous district the mines were idle until a few weeks ago, when an amicable adjustment was made with the representatives of the miners and the striking miners returned to work.

—Not in years have rattlesnakes been so plentiful in Clinton county as this season, says the Lock Haven Express. They are especially prolific in the region of Hyner's Run, and some monsters have been slaughtered. A woodsman employed in the J. L. Reitz lumber camp, located on Pine creek fork of Hyner run, four miles from the Susquehanna river, relates a story that seems almost incredible, yet he vouches for its truthfulness. He states that in his camp sixty rattlesnakes have been killed thus far this season and it is no unusual thing to slaughter a half dozen in a single day. As high as seventeen rattles have been found on a single snake, which will give an idea as to the size of some of the venomous reptiles.