

Democratic Watchman

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Ink Sings.

Politics 's lookin' up a little. The firemen have come and went. What's next? It is merely a matter of coin—the queen of the Midway. The weather man certainly made it hot enough for the firemen in Bellefonte on Wednesday.

TAYLOR: Tax collector, Sheriff, Congressman. Then what? Governor or President. Hurrah for the Colonel.

The Mid-way has been separating the people of Bellefonte from a good bit of their money but it all goes for a good cause.

Valparaiso has been suffering a little from those seismic sensations lately. Science tells us that San Francisco inoculated her.

We hope the visiting firemen had a good time while they were our guests, because we certainly enjoyed having them here.

The Cuban revolution is said to be spreading rapidly, but up to this time no one has been able to learn just what the revolution is about.

A gentleman has been arrested and locked up for kissing his wife on the streets of Philadelphia. If it had been somebody else's wife, what then?

The Standard oil company has acknowledged that it has been and offers to pay fines aggregating \$25,000. Order another halo for JOHN D.

Chili has suffered to the extent of fifty million dollars from the earthquake. She will have more than the sympathy of the States because relief funds are already pouring in.

The poor railroad people, how that wonderful rate bill has clipped their wings! The Union Pacific crowd only cleaned up twenty-five million dollars in a stock gamble last week.

Capt. CHARLEY FRYBERGER was running for Legislature in Huntingdon county at the Baileyville picnic, but that was probably because he thinks there is no use of trying to run in Centre.

Another Cuban revolution is threatened and who are we going to make war on for the sake of the poor Cubans. Guess we'll have to fight ourselves this time, since we are sort of owners of them now.

President ROOSEVELT advises Pennsylvania Republicans to be for him, but how in the world are they going to do it without being for PENROSE and much as they admire the President they can't be for the notorious "Boy."

The President is standing pat with one leg and dancing a tariff revision jig with the other. If he had a centipede's legs to stand on he wouldn't have enough to meet all the difficulties he will have in trying to save the next Congress.

The Cuban Insurgents must really be in earnest this time. They captured an entire city on Tuesday. In the days of the old revolution a Spanish mule was good for a big sore head and several columns in our metropolitan dailies.

Since district attorney JEROME, of New York, has called CHARLES F. MURPHY or WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST persons "intellectually sterile, socially vulgar and morally obtuse" we wonder whether they will need any further endorsement for the fall's campaign.

Monday's Daily News gives us the shocking information that "five hundred women employed in the beet sugar culture in Bremer county, Iowa, have struck because the church people invoked a State law in order to keep them from wearing pants in the fields." Shades of EVE's fig leaf! What in the world is expected of these poor women? Must they all be Cascares poster?

Councilman SHUEY is out for some of ANTHONY COMSTOCK's laurels. At council Monday night he introduced a resolution to have the rather artistic but decidedly nude Cascares ladies wiped off the bill-boards of the town. Mr. SHUEY is the last man we would have expected to take such a stand against the working people. This proves that he is against them because Cascares are for working people.

The Daily News of this place and the Express of Lock Haven have declared war over the base ball game at Hecla Park on business men's picnic day. While there is danger of trouble when two such industrious guns open fire we think it can all be fixed up nicely at The Hague if GEORGE W. A. MACDONALD and J. WILLIAM CONLEY each get out "the big stick" and brandish it a little before their respective home guns.

The Hon. HARRY ALVAN HALL, of Ridgway, was unanimously nominated for President Judge by the Democrats of the Cameron, Clinton, Elk district on Tuesday. The choice is a splendid one and after Mr. HALL has been elected to the office we are certain he will do exactly as he stated in his speech of acceptance. Divorce politics from the bench and administer justice without fear or favor. He is one of the really able attorneys of the State and having been a life-long Democrat is entitled to every Democratic vote in the district.

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The President Falsifies.

In his letter to Representative WATSON, of Indiana, President ROOSEVELT touches the limit of mendacity. When public sentiment was outraged a couple of years ago by the President's demand that an invitation extended to Sir THOMAS LIPTON to a dinner by a boat club, be withdrawn, he put the blame on his sycophantic secretary, which was a falsification. Last winter he denied that through the medium of former Senator CHANDLER he had entered into an agreement with Senators TILLMAN and BAILEY to pass a certain measure, which was a deliberate lie, and Senator BAILEY declared it so in the Senate. In attributing to the Republicans in Congress all the credit for the good legislation enacted during the last session, he is equally guilty of lying.

"With Mr. CANNON as Speaker," the President writes, "the House has accomplished a literally phenomenal amount of good work. It has shown a courage, good sense and patriotism such that it would be a real and serious misfortune for the country to fail to recognize." To change the leadership and organization at this time means to bring confusion upon those who have been successfully engaged in the steady working out of a great and comprehensive scheme for the betterment of our social and industrial conditions. That is a mendacious and malicious aspersion on the patriotism of the Representatives in Congress of a great political party and a falsification of the facts so palpable that every intelligent observer of the events of the last session of Congress must take notice of it.

Every reform measure enacted by Congress during its last session had the unanimous support of the Democratic membership, the only opposition came from the Republican side and it was conceived in the Speaker's room. Speaker CANNON held up the rate bill and tried to sacrifice every meritorious feature to the railroad lobby. He had the meat inspection bill emasculated for the benefit of the beef trust of which he is the paid lobbyist on the floor and he prevented the passage of "the bills to prohibit political contributions by corporations and to lower the duties on imports from the Philippine Islands." Speaker CANNON is a charlatan and in falsifying the records to promote his re-election the President proves himself a bird of the same feather.

Well Done, York and Adams.

The Democrats of the York-Adams congressional district have vindicated their wisdom and patriotism and settled the question of representation in the next Congress for the district by nominating HORACE KEESY for Congress. Mr. KEESY is a business man of the highest character and most unquestioned fitness. He has been for years conspicuously associated with the development of the resources of the city and county in which he lives and enjoys the confidence and respect of the entire community. The party couldn't have made a better choice in the nomination of a candidate.

The present district, composed of York and Adams county appears to have been created for the purpose of serving as an asset for trading operations by a few corrupt Democratic politicians in both counties. Twice excellent candidates were sacrificed to the cupidity of those grafters and the district, substantially Democratic, was given over to a rich and not too conscientious Republican whose trust interests made it worth while to buy the seat even at a stiff price. Mr. LAFEAN probably got the worth of his money but the nomination of Mr. KEESY by the Democrats is notice that it is no longer for sale.

There never was any reason for a Republican Representative in Congress for that district and the people never would have been thus misrepresented but for the venality of a lot of miscreants who had usurped control of the party organization in both counties. The district was created by the late Senator QUAY in consideration of a corrupt bargain which helped him into the Senate on the occasion of his last election. But even at that it is a safe Democratic district if the Democrats are just to themselves in the selection of candidates and this year they have done the very best.

An Appeal to Democrats.

To All Democratic Voters: If there ever was a time in the history of the Democratic party for the manifestation of loyalty and patriotism on the part of its members, it is right now.

If we are to win a victory and elect a President two years hence, we must first elect a House of Representatives this fall. A Democratic House can and will investigate every department of the government. With all of them honeycombed by "graft," the edges of which, only, have been touched by recent exposure and prosecutions, there will be a revelation of rottenness that will astound the country and create a demand for a Democratic administration to clean the government workshop.

To win the House we need money to defray legitimate expenses and to get out our vote. We have no protected monopolies from which to draw to fill our coffers, as they do those of the Republican party. We must, therefore, appeal to loyal Democrats for contributions.

Will you send us \$1.00 at once, and in return for this we will send you copies of our campaign literature as issued by the committee. You will have the thanks of the entire Democratic party for your favorable response to our request.

Address all remittances to J. M. GRIGGS, Chairman, Mansey Building, Washington, D. C.

Speaker Cannon's Boom.

The Republicans of Speaker CANNON'S district have formally launched his boom for the Presidency and in a speech which followed he appealed to take the matter seriously. But it couldn't have been meant to be so regarded by the public. It was probably intended only as a help for him in his congressional fight. The labor interests have declared against him and his friends feel that his election is in jeopardy. To minimize the danger, therefore, they suggested him for the higher office. Even talking of a man for President invests him with an importance he couldn't otherwise hope for. It gets him votes for a lesser place that he couldn't under other conditions secure.

But naming a man like Speaker CANNON for President is a melancholy joke. He has served seventeen terms in Congress and has never sincerely cherished a principle. He has been on every side of every question. A Greenbacker, a silver man, a gold standard advocate in turn, he probably never cared for either. His district is Republican and he has been a Republican in order to hold his job. That is the sum and substance of his political record. He might have been something else and the chances are that he would have been anything else if the other thing would the better have served his purpose. He is simply a charlatan and appears to feel a pride in the infamy.

But Speaker CANNON has been consistent in one thing. He has always been a corporation man. It involves no principle and binds him to no policy. But it is business. It brings him money. Almost from the beginning of his congressional service he has been a paid lobbyist. He has been a recreant to duty, treacherous to the public and contemptible in the eyes of decent men. But it has brought him wealth and power and that is the purpose of his life. It never ought to have made him a presidential candidate. As a matter of fact, the idea of such a man for that office implies a low standard of political morality. The office ought to keep above such things.

Olmsted and Young.

We regret to say that Mr. OLMSTED, chairman of the late Republican State convention, and Mr. ROBERT K. YOUNG, the nominee of the convention for Auditor General, have not been able to connect as yet for the purpose of notification. Probably Mr. YOUNG doesn't want to be notified and possibly Mr. OLMSTED doesn't want to notify or vice versa. Obviously they are not dodging each other for according to the newspapers they were together quite awhile last week. But they were not there in official capacity, and being polite gentlemen, they wouldn't take advantage of each other.

Assuming that OLMSTED really wants to notify YOUNG we have in mind various expedients that might help him to the achievement. He might give a dinner to a select few, mostly reformers, at one of the swell hotels in Philadelphia or Harrisburg. Mr. YOUNG is a "valiant trencherman" with a keen appetite for luxuries and an invitation to such a function, supposing VANVALKENBURG were also invited, would be certain to bring him within the range of the notification voice. Or he might be rounded up like a bunch of steers in a corral or looked into a room. There are various ways of killing a cat besides choking it with butter.

There is a possibility, of course, that Mr. OLMSTED doesn't want to notify Mr. YOUNG and that he rather than YOUNG has the pickets out to prevent an official meeting. OLMSTED has a lot to do with the office of Auditor General, professionally, and knows exactly how inconvenient it might be to put that post in charge of a man who considered the interests of the people rather than those of the corporations. It is said that the machine has one of the kind that would suit OLMSTED exactly, in the person of Senator CUMMINGS, of Warren county, ready to take the place in the event that YOUNG is not notified. Under the circumstances it may be that OLMSTED ought to be tied.

J. M. Young has moved his family from this place to Monument where he has secured a good position in the brick works.

An Outrage and the Remedy.

The capitol building commission has finally consented to the mutilation of the bronze doors of the new capitol by allowing the heads of discredited politicians to remain. The press and public have remonstrated earnestly and frequently. The inappropriateness of such a defacement has been pointed out. The injustice to the people of the State has been referred to. But protests have been to no purpose. The infamous machine is still sufficiently potent in the affairs of the Commonwealth to compass this iniquity. Vice and crime are canonized and ballot box stuffers, bribers and grafters are held up to posterity as representatives of the virtue and manhood of Pennsylvania.

We had hoped that former Governor STONE would fulfill his voluntary promise to prevent this great outrage. He realized the evil of it. He understands that a grafter who escaped the penitentiary by pleading the statute of limitation is not a representative of the best impulses and loftiest purposes of the people. He knows that DAVE LANE and IZ DURHAM are fitter specimens for the rogues' gallery than effigies to inspire noble thoughts and virtuous purposes. But he hadn't the force of character to put his good impulses into execution. The power of the machine was too strong for him and the great bronze doors of the capitol which should have been monuments of vastness in wealth and achievement are evidences of our moral degeneracy.

There is one hope left that this disgrace may not be enduring. It lies in the people. The next Legislature can enact a law for the removal of those disreputable effigies. That is the only legal method that is left. But if the people are just to themselves it is a certain one. No right minded citizen of the Commonwealth wants his children to grow up in the belief that QUAY, PENROSE, PENNYPACKER and LANE are models of citizenship. No honest man believes that the canonization of such grafters is setting a good example to the future citizens of the State. Yet that is what the outrage implies and the only way to correct the wrong impression is to elect a Legislature which will promptly legislate for the removal of the effigies.

Corporations Must Cough Up.

The indications are that the dollar subscriptions to the Republican congressional committee, to which the President so ostentatiously contributed, are a fake to cover up the usual payment of vast sums to debase the electorate of the country by the corporations. Even for this purpose it has proven a failure, however. The collections have been so meagre and the dis-appointment so great, that the machine managers have been compelled to appeal to the corporations openly. The intention was to get the trust contributions secretly and account for the abundance of the corruption fund by the statement that it came from the dollar contributions. But the importunate beggars made that impossible.

It has been announced, therefore, that \$6,600,000 must be raised by the corporations to guarantee a Republican majority in the next Congress. There are 112 debatable districts, the statement alleges, and \$50,000 will be needed for each. It is expected that with such a sum in each doubtful district the party will be able to carry them all. There has been a vast change in public sentiment, however, on the subject of purchasing votes. It is neither as certain nor as safe as it used to be. But there are real voters yet in considerable number, the Republican managers assume, and it is worth while trying to line them up. The corporations can well afford the expense, moreover, they reason.

But we don't believe that the result could be achieved even if the money could be collected and we don't believe the corporations will take the risk of contributing the money. President ROOSEVELT and Speaker CANNON succeeded in preventing the passage of a law to prohibit such contributions during the last session of Congress. But public opinion is fairly well crystallized against the crime anyway and the result of the election is so uncertain that the corporations will be cautious. For these reasons we are not worried much about the result if \$6,600,000 are necessary to compass it. It will be impossible to raise that amount and it couldn't be used in any event.

Many Bellefonters as well as Centre countians remember Frank Koob, who at one time was turnkey at the jail in this place and who eight years ago enlisted in the Fourth Infantry, U. S. regular army. For more than four years not a word was heard from him or of his whereabouts by any of his Centre county friends and it was feared he was dead, but last week his mother received a letter from him which stated that he was now stationed in Kentucky. That the last three years he had been in the Philippines and was very glad to get back again on American soil.

What Emery Stands for.

From the St. Mary's Gazette. A fair deal for every man. The people not the corporations and corruptionists shall govern.

The corporations that try to control must be regulated. Penal laws to punish corporation rebating, discrimination and offenses against the public.

Revenue laws must be equalized. Amend election laws so to do away with party square and give a chance to all on their merits.

Apply the merit system to all public service. Give electric roads a right to carry freight and express.

Establish a uniform rate of not more than 2 cents a mile on all railroads, for the man who buys a ticket or mileage book.

Applies on national campaigns. Put honest men in public office and dishonest public servants behind prison bars.

Economy in State expenses and equal taxation on all.

State issues for State campaigns, national issues on national campaigns.

Patriotism as a citizen and not partisanship to control your action when casting your vote.

Free Pennsylvania from the domination of the "Gang." Elect Emery and all this will be brought about.

Expensive Playthings and Who Pays for Them.

From the Johnstown Democrat. The summer months grow dull even for the spoiled children of the White House. There comes a time when even father's pranks cease to amuse. Kermit and little Archie have grown petulant. As a result the navy department has arranged a bull demonstration; in fact, it has arranged about the blindest demonstration that has been pulled off in recent years. As a result the White House children are beginning to sit up and take notice. It appears that about the first of September the strongest fleet that the nation can muster will assemble off Oyster Bay and go through maneuvers until the royal family has tired of the sight. The fleet will consist of 45 vessels, carrying 1,178 guns, commanded by 812 officers, with 15,235 men.

Think of having that to play with! Talk about shingle boats with cheese cloth sails and duck ponds for an ocean! That's all right for you, Johnnie. Your dad pays the taxes, votes for protection, swears by Boss Penrose and waves his arms and hollers for the grand old party. He doesn't know any more about politics than you do about naval parades. So don't cry, Johnnie. Sail your boat and dad will see that Archibald and Kermit are not robbed of their summer show.

School Fund Payments.

From the Harrisburg Patriot. Some one whose zeal to serve the corrupt Republican organization got the better of his judgment has started a report that the taxpayers of the State are out of pocket because State Treasurer Berry has paid promptly, as the law requires him to do, the public school appropriations. The argument is that because the schools are not in session at the present time the various school boards have no need for money, and that if the \$5,000,000 involved had been permitted to remain in the banks for another three months the State would have benefited to the extent of \$25,000 in interest.

This is straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel. Because Machine State Treasurers withheld State appropriations the districts had to go to the banks and borrow money to tide over and pay the commercial rate for it, while the State gets only 2 per cent from the banks. Moreover, it is not true that school boards have no need for money while the schools are closed. Let any man who is inclined to believe such a tale investigate the local situation. A careful study of the matter would show that State Treasurer Berry's prompt payment of the public school appropriations has resulted in a splendid net saving to the taxpayers of Pennsylvania.

Wise to Decline.

From the Pittsburgh Post. Robert K. Young is still hesitating about accepting the Penrose machine's nomination for auditor general. He is to be formally notified in a day or two of his nomination, but it is said to be undecided as to what his answer will be. If he is wise he will decline an empty honor which under the circumstances is not even an honor. For not only is the defeat of the whole machine State ticket assured, but he is entirely out of harmony with his colleagues on that ticket and with the machine which nominated it. State Chairman Andrews, against whose retention he strongly objected, is also evidently going to remain. Under the circumstances, therefore, the only wise thing for Mr. Young to do is to refuse to be identified with a losing and utterly discredited cause.

Two of a Kind.

From the Reading Telegram. The plain people cannot be said to have gained much by the election of Col. duPont as Senator from Delaware and A. W. Benson as Senator from Kansas. The first named is head of the powder trust. Benson is reputed to be honest, but as a member of the last Legislature attracted attention by his support of the Standard oil interests.

How it Will End

From the New York Herald, (Ind.) An Iowa contemporary asks: "What will happen to the stand-patter?" What happens to the cow in front of the locomotive or the pedestrian who disputes the right of way with an automobile?

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Spawls from the Keystone.

—Wm. Westenberg, of Wyoac, Luzerne county, husked 2,000 ears from fifteen rows of corn nine rods long each.

—Two strangers under assumed names robbed a York boarding house of goods and money to the amount of \$400.

—The eligible men in Berks county for military service number 27,559, an increase of nearly 1,000 over last year.

—The topnotch price for real estate in Waynesboro was reached when Dr. J. H. Koons bought a farm, paying \$114 an acre.

—The capital stock for a new national bank at Mount Carmel has been oversubscribed, making the proposed institution a certainty.

—Gate receipts at baseball games at Milton are so small that the team is meeting its expenses by taking up weekly collections among the people of the town.

—The steamer New York brought from Europe Saturday Mrs. F. W. and Miss Anna E. Koch, of Allentown, who were injured in the railroad wreck at Salisbury, England.

—The commissioners of Berks county will erect a 340-foot four arch concrete bridge across Willow creek near Berkeley, in place of the one recently damaged by the flood.

—Adam Lightner, probably the oldest resident of Huntingdon county, died at Grafon last week, aged 96 years. His remains were interred near Petersburg on Saturday.

—Prof. John W. Scott, geologist, is reported to be in a dying condition at Blandburg, as the result of eating toadstools for mushrooms. Scott is 71 years old, and was formerly editor of the Altoona Times.

—Until a few days ago the Pentz family, of Ellinsport, was equally divided as to sex, the children numbering an even dozen. The latest arrival makes the number of the boys seven. The oldest is a boy 19 years old.

—Returns to the county commissioners of Schuylkill county show that Pine Grove, a town with only 3,000 population, has \$2,000,000 on capitis. This is said to be a larger sum per capita than any other in the United States.

—With 437 prisoners in the Allegheny county Jail, the officials are looking to the grand jury, which will meet in September, as the only measure of relief for the overcrowded building, with new prisoners coming daily.

—Hollidaysburg people are rapping the borough officials for apparent neglect in permitting a plentiful crop of weeds to flourish upon the lawn around the municipal hall, and for allowing the sidewalk at the property to go to ruin.

—A. G. Graham, of Clearfield, succeeded in getting in five rafts to market on the flood of last week from Shawville and Catact. This makes forty-three rafts Mr. Graham has run to market since the first flood of 1906, a remarkable showing for these times of scarcity of timber.

—At a meeting of the Pottsville executive organization, representing the United Labor clubs, societies, churches, etc., who are arranging for the Old Home Week celebration from September 2 to 8, it was reported that \$10,000 would be expended and 100,000 people are expected to attend.

—Thursday afternoon twelve cans of frogs came to Everett by express from the fish hatchery at Erie, to be distributed in the Raystown branch and Clear creek. Plenty of bull frogs for dainty dishes next season. The frogs were got through the application of fish warden Harry E. Goldsmith.

—Miss Bessie Blank, a popular young society lady, was married a short time ago to Samuel Best, also of that place. Her dead body was brought back, death having occurred in Pittsburgh Friday evening, while the couple were on a honeymoon tour. She had been stricken with heart failure.

—During the past week while the section gang of the Pennsylvania railroad have been engaged in clearing the right of way by cutting weeds between Mainville and Scotch Valley, near Bloomsburg, a distance of five miles, they killed twenty-two copperhead snakes, eleven rattlesnakes, two blacksnakes and two other snakes.

—Major James H. Allport, of Barnesboro; Coon Wendroth, of Cresson, Dr. W. H. Moore and Chas. H. Sloan, of Philadelphia, left last Thursday for Emigrant, Mont., from where they will go by trail about 250 miles into Idaho, and spend a couple months hunting grizzlies and other game in the wilds of the Rocky mountains.

—Some three weeks ago, William Styers, a young man of Danville, placed a card containing his name and address in a bottle and sent it adrift on the placid waters of the Susquehanna. The bottle drifted down the stream until it reached Sunbury, where it was found by Miss Hattie Brown, of Sunbury. The young lady has replied to the bottle note and it is expected that a romance may be the ending of the episode.

—Justice Potter, of the Supreme court, has allowed a supercedas upon the appeal of the Pennsylvania Railroad company from a recent decision of the Clearfield county court, ordering it to produce its books and papers in a discrimination suit by John Quinn, who is seeking \$100,000 damages for the company's failure to furnish him with cars for shipping coal and fire clay over the Tyrone and Clearfield division of the railroad. Judge Smith granted the order for the production of the books and papers of the railroad company in advance of trial, but the appeal allowed stays all proceedings.

—By an order recently granted by the United States court for the eastern district, the property of the Saxton Furnace company will be disposed of at a trustees' sale in bankruptcy on September 6, 1906. The sale covers all the assets, real estate and moveable property, including two iron blast furnaces, coal mines, with an estimated deposit of upwards of three million tons; 158 coke ovens, iron ore banks, and about 8,000 acres of mineral rights; 4,600 acres of timber and mineral land, 123 tenement houses, a rolling mill and equipment, etc., located at Saxton, in Bedford county; Ferguson township, Centre county; Liberty township, Bedford county; Warriorsmark, Hopewell and Lincoln townships, Huntingdon county, and Valley township, in Chester county.