

-In just two weeks Thanksgiving will be here.

-The reform fight is not over. It has only stopped to catch its breath.

-The fool behind the gun is what turns so many uneasy hunting camps into morgues.

-The interesting announcement is made that the Centre county teachers' institute took no action in the direction of spelling reform.

-Count BONI will have to get some of his other lady-loves to keep him now that the GOULD millions are to be no longer at his disposal.

-Save up now for Christmas. The time will soon be here when a few small remembrances scattered among your friends will bring great gladness for you.

-Attorney General CARSON is trying hard to emulate President ROOSEVELT as a "muck-raker" in his assumed efforts to uncover the capitol building scandal.

-From the frame of mind we are in now we believe that a riddle of venison left at this office would be good for about one column of write up of some hunting party.

-It took Mr. EMERY several days to recover his speech, but when he did talk it was to say something as encouraging and hopeful for the cause of reform as any utterance that has yet been made.

-If the gentlemen who are now making public expression of their minds as to why it happened had labored a little more zealously before it had a chance to happen it probably never would have happened.

-The announcement that another Rough Rider is to be given a federal appointment is indeed a surprise. We have always believed that the entire body of Rough Riders had been supplied with fat jobs long ago.

-The Republicans in New York are fighting because they were licked and naturally enough, ODELL is calling the other fellows asses. The other fellows have ODELL down so what he says doesn't cut much figure with them.

-Sir THOMAS LIPTON is said to be making goo-goo eyes again at the America's cup. It isn't goo-goes that Sir THOMAS must make, it is a yacht that will sail fast enough and there is where he will probably fall down, just as he has done every time in the past.

-The District Attorney has an excellent chance now to do some clever detective work. The murderers of the AUMAN boy and JOSEPH DALE should be brought to justice and the public naturally looks to the District Attorney's office for the beginning of such work. Neither one of these crimes can be condoned and the public is not safe as long as their perpetrators are at large.

-After all the Hon. NICK LONGWORTH seems to have married a political hoodoo. His wife accompanied him on a campaign tour for five other Congressmen and everyone of them were defeated. Then her help in his own district resulted in cutting the majority he had the last time he ran almost in half. Is this an indication that the people of Ohio don't want women in politics.

-There is no use trying to keep Pittsburg out of the limelight. Partially emerging from her ordeal of smoke she was plunged into the depth of immorality by the doings of quickly-made high-flying millionaires, resulting in scandalous divorce trials, and now the entire police department is unable to check the midnight murders and daylight hold-ups. Verily hers is not a reputation to be envied.

-One of the wisest things President ROOSEVELT has ever done was his final irrevocable determination not to succeed himself. Viewed from the standpoint of the present he could probably be re-elected, but he would have the third term opposition to battle with and the next President of the United States, whoever he may be, will have to bear the odium of having brought the hard times that are due for this country between 1908 and 1912.

-Fifty years ago last Tuesday BRIGHAM YOUNG, the Governor of Utah, preached a sermon in Salt Lake City on "Whining Women." BRIG certainly had enough of them and if they whined like some do today it is a wonder that he didn't do more than preach a sermon. By the way, women are not the only creatures that whine. A great many men have the habit and how unhappy they make themselves and all about them by a practice that brings good to no one. A whiner gets the real sympathy of none and loses the respect and companionship of most people.

-The growth of crime in the land is something that should cause the peaceful law abiding citizen to stop and ponder whither we are drifting. While the cause is most often laid at the door of our large and growing foreign population it is not possible that the laxity of the law's enforcement is more to blame. We are all too ready to condone first offenses, yet it will not be denied that the escape of just punishment for a first offense often paves the way to a commission of a second. Men are shot down nowadays as if human life had no more value than that of an animal. Murderers are going free in the land everywhere and what citizen has an absolute feeling of safety of life and limb.

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Real Results of the Election.

While the result of the election was disappointing in the main it is not without sources of gratification. The results in this county are nothing to boast of but the aggregate is most satisfactory. In Pennsylvania we gain one Senator and forty-two Representatives in the Legislature and five Congressmen. In county offices, moreover, there have been substantial gains in various parts of the State. The moral effect of these gains will be of the greatest value too. The reforms in legislation for which the party has been contending for years will be forced upon an unwilling but frightened majority, so that part of the fruits of victory will be achieved even in the absence of the victory.

The result of the election reveals in full measure the credulity of the people, however. Panic-stricken over the defeat of last fall the machine Governor was forced by the machine managers to call the machine Legislature into extraordinary session for the purpose of making a pretense of reform. Certain vicious legislation which had been enacted at the regular session was repealed and some bogus reform legislation was enacted. But in the entire list of laws enacted by the special session, other than the repeal bills, there was not a genuine reform measure. The personal registration law is partisan in the extreme and the apportionment bills are gerrymanders. Even the corrupt practices act is so abominably defective that the machine can drive a coach and four through it whenever the exigencies require that operation.

And so on throughout the list. On the day the session closed one of the ablest lawyers in the Senate declared openly that not more than two of the laws passed would stand the test of judicial inquiry into their constitutionality. The primary election law was made ineffective until after the machine had got its work in for the elections of this year and yet the people were fooled into the belief that the machine has reformed. There is nothing further from the facts. Governor STUART, who is a clean man personally, may carry out his pledges in so far as possible. But if he does so he will quarrel with the machine during the first year of his administration and remain in hostility to the end.

Violating Unwritten Laws.

President ROOSEVELT has broken one of the unwritten laws of the country and probably his purpose was to "pave the way" so to speak, for smashing another. Twice during President McKinley's term of service in the office of President he declined invitations to go beyond the borders of the Republic and gave as a reason that none of his predecessors had done so and the tradition that the President should not do so had assumed the importance of law just as the unwritten law against the third term had become binding. But ROOSEVELT has brushed one of these traditions aside by his visit to Panama and it will therefore be easier for him to ignore the other in the event that he has a chance for re-election to the Presidency.

A Point Not Well Taken.

There is little or nothing to be gained by aspersing the wisdom of the nomination of LEWIS EMERY, Jr., by the Democratic state convention. Before that event the WATCHMAN consistently and with such force as it could command advocated a fusion ticket with a capable Democrat at its head. There were plenty such who would have been acceptable to the LINCOLN party and all other elements in the electorate who stood for improvement in the public service. But the Democratic state convention was of a different mind and believing that "in the multitude of counselors there is wisdom," we cheerfully acquiesced and see no reason to regret the action.

Mr. EMERY proved a splendid leader in the extraordinary campaign which culminated in his defeat. He was courageous, energetic and capable. He was assailed with a venom and vehemence rarely equalled and never exceeded, but never swerved from his course or stopped in his progress. Conscious of the rectitude of his purpose and entrenched in an impregnable character for integrity, he pursued the path of duty as he understood it. No man could have done better. Few would have done as well. There is no cause for complaint against either Mr. EMERY or his associates on the ticket. They comprised a force which it was an honor to support and a leadership which it was a pleasure to follow.

There were Democrats here and there who refused to vote for EMERY for the ostensible reason that he is a Republican and voted for STUART who is also a Republican. The recreant Democratic members of the Legislature of 1901 who voted for MARSHALL for Speaker instead of for General KOONTZ pleaded the same subterfuge. But KOONTZ on that occasion and EMERY on this represented that for which Democracy stands, government "of the people, for the people and by the people," while their opponents stood for the iniquities of the atrocious machine. We would probably have been beaten this year, however our candidate might have been, and we don't see how another candidate could have made a better fight.

A five foot, six inch vein of coal has been found on the land of John P. Harris and others near Beaver Mills, where parties have been prospecting the past three months. The above is in addition to the valuable deposits found some time ago.

On the fourth page of today's WATCHMAN will be found the official election returns for Centre county. In the district Dimeling had 1112 of a majority over Quigley for State Senator and Barlow had 4600 over Taylor for Congress.

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Carson Growing Jealous.

The second letter of Attorney General CARSON to JOHN E. SANDESON, head of the favored firm which furnished the \$13,000,000 capitol with chairs and desks by the feet and chandeliers by the pound, is practically an admission of all the charges made by State Treasurer BERRY. In fact he not only expresses his entire belief in the charges but indicates a suspicion that some of the officials concerned in the distribution of the favors may have participated in the loot. In other words, after demanding explanations of all the questionable operations he asks finally whether or not SANDESON had partners and significantly adds, "please give the names of the parties and state the extent of their interest."

Attorney General CARSON was rather tardy in the matter but it's better late than never. If he had been prompt as the interests of the Commonwealth and his oath of office required, the majority of Governor-elect STUART might have been greatly diminished if not entirely wiped out, but Mr. CARSON cares more for party victory than for personal integrity or official fidelity. He is peculiarly a creature of the machine and influenced by hope of rewards to come rather than by gratitude for favors heretofore enjoyed. He is no zealot because he imagines that Mr. STUART really means to be honest.

Mr. CARSON has had a taste of the pleasures of official life and desires to prolong the enjoyment. With that idea in mind he is trying to please STUART even at the expense of his former friends.

No investigation of the corruption in Harrisburg will be complete, however, that doesn't include PENNYPACKER's culpability. That he knew all about it admits of no doubt. When he was cutting off the necessary appropriations for charities in order to leave ample funds for the graft operations he moved understandingly. Possibly PENNYPACKER got no share of the loot. It is even fair to assume that he didn't get a nickel out of it. But his abnormal and absurd vanity was flattered by the conspirators and his head was turned. It was misfeasance in office, nevertheless, and he is amenable to the law quite as much as if he had shared in the plunder. Besides he has violated the constitution frequently and in various ways in connection with the affair.

Roosevelt Repudiates the President.

President ROOSEVELT has given public notice that he will not be responsible for what he says in private conversation. Anything he says in a public speech, or gives out in an authorized interview, or that LOEB or LATA or ROOT or TAPPAN is coming from him, he will stand for, but nothing else. Especially nothing that he says in private conversation. He is sometimes candid enough, in private conversation, to say what he thinks and it doesn't sound well in print to some of the persons concerned. Therefore he gives notice that he reserves the right, in future, to deny in public anything that he says in private. In other words he only promises to be truthful when speaking officially.

We take it from this that LOEB has turned, like the worm trodden, and will no longer be responsible for the presidential burdens. For a couple of years, at least, LOEB was a safe and patient bearer of the weight of the President's blunders and prevarications which turned out bad. It was LOEB, came from the White House and the meek LOEB would "own the soft impeachment." It was hard on LOEB at times but he stood it. He was alternately made absurd, immoral and dishonest. But he never complained. It is the duty of a secretary to imitate himself and LOEB was a model secretary. But something has happened, obviously, and LOEB has rebelled. Therefore the President has given notice that he is "not to be believed in private conversation."

We are sorry that the President has adopted that course. There are only two inferences to be drawn from it, one of which is uncomplimentary to the President and the other to the public. In other words it means either that the President is himself a prevaricator or else that everybody else is a liar. We should be sorry to think that the President is wanting in veracity and still more reluctant to believe that all others are liars. But what alternative is there?

The President says he will repudiate all statements ascribed to him in private conversation. Why should he do that unless he has been indulging in fiction? Of course he might imagine it necessary to protect himself from the public.

Mr. Berry is Vindicated.

Those machine Republicans who were vehemently declaring that Mr. BERRY's charges were purely political before the election have an opportunity now to express their views as to what motives are moving Attorney General CARSON to a precisely similar course. They will disclose that political or otherwise the accusations of State Treasurer BERRY were founded on fact and that a thorough investigation will reveal the greatest conspiracy to rob the treasury of modern times. More than four millions of dollars were actually stolen by the architect, favored contractors and public officials.

As a matter of fact the new capitol has proved the greatest fountain of graft in the history of the entire country. In the case of the capitol at Albany, the building of which required several years, there was no concealment of graft. It was indulged in the open. In the construction of the municipal building in Philadelphia, also covering a period of several years there was an immense amount of corruption. But both together wouldn't afford the aggregate of graft which was drawn from the new capitol at Harrisburg within a period of four years, for the actual operations didn't begin until after the inauguration of PENNYPACKER.

Before the election Mr. BERRY was roundly abused by the thieves and those in sympathy with them but he has suffered little if any in reputation or public esteem on account of that fact. He told the truth as soon as it was possible for him to ascertain the facts and in time to save the State a good deal of money which would have been stolen in the course of time. In fact it may be assumed that the grafting would have gone on for an indefinite time if Mr. BERRY had not discovered and exposed it. It is a pity that he was not given the help of CREESE and EMERY to complete the investigations.

There is yet a bare possibility that a number of Bellefonters may become millionaires. Several months ago the Pennsylvania Mining and Smelting company struck a large pocket of zinc on one of their properties at Joplin, Mo., which assays ninety per cent. They have now about completed a shaft to the pocket and in the near future will be in the midst of the richest operation they have ever had.

The American Lime and Stone company has booked several additional large orders for their various plants in this place and are now having some trouble getting workmen. David J. Kelly, the manager, spent two days last week traveling from place to place hunting men and, although he secured a number of workmen, he has not yet got nearly as many as he wants.

Where Prohibition Lost.

It will perhaps never be known to what extent the liquor interests in this State influenced the recent State election. That the men who are engaged in the manufacture and sale of intoxicants opposed Emery almost to a man is, however, well known. Even in this county men who have been identified with Democratic campaigns for years worked either directly or indirectly or under cover for the election of Stuart. Emery was caught between two fires. On the one side the Prohibitionists bombarded him because of his brewery interests, while on the other the liquor interests fought him all along the line.

All of the facts in connection with the campaign have not as yet been fully developed. It may require the next session of the Legislature to furnish the final evidence as to why the liquor interests were afraid of Emery and why they were afraid of Democratic candidates for the Legislature. There are, however, two policies to which Emery has apparently given his sanction that may have had much to do with his defeat. Emery is reported to favor not only woman suffrage but the initiative and referendum as well. The question of woman suffrage has not as yet entered into politics in any definite form, but the initiative and referendum has. It is quite likely that the men who watch affairs for the breweries and liquor concerns of the State have fully realized the possibilities of an initiative and referendum. For years there has not been a popular vote on the liquor question in this State. A prohibitory law would be without standing or support in the Legislature. Nor has it been possible for the last decade to force consideration of a local option law.

It is evident that the liquor interests of the State have been sharp enough to catch the point the Prohibitionists missed. The liquor interests realized that if the initiative and referendum ever became operative in this State the Prohibitionists could not only force a vote upon Prohibition at almost any time but they could with each returning year force the question of local option to become an issue. At present the liquor interests fail to get a hearing. He docks by himself and never gets his questions before the House. Were there an initiative and referendum in the State he would be in a position to push his campaign with vigor.

The liquor people realized all of this. The poor, deluded Prohibitionist, however, saw no further than the end of his nose. Emery was said to own brewery stock. This fact was apparently all that the average Prohibitionist saw in the whole campaign. The result was that the following of Homer Castle literally joined hands with the State Liquor Dealers' association in defeating the man who stood for the only principle that will ever give local option or prohibition a hearing.

Roosevelt Did It.

Once more the "Dutch have taken Holland" and Pennsylvania has become a thoroughly Republican State again. This result was secured through the election of Edwin S. Stuart, Republican machine candidate for governor, over Lewis Emery, candidate of the Independent Republicans, endorsed by the Democrats. Also, by the triumphant election of Samuel P. Rotan, machine Republican, as district attorney of Philadelphia over D. Clarence Gibbons, Fusion nominee. In each case the triumph was of great proportions.

The unfortunate political result was largely due to President Roosevelt. At the time when the Gang had been struck a most terrific blow by the exposure of its more than \$2,000,000 graft in the furnishing of the state capitol at Harrisburg, President Roosevelt came to its relief. Notwithstanding that his secretary of state, Mr. Root accurately described this machine as a "corrupt and criminal combination masquerading under the name of Republicans," President Roosevelt, in his address at the capitol dedication, gave Root the lie and insulted public intelligence by giving the machine a certificate of character. He treated the agents of the machine who had the capitol construction in charge for having "conserved the public interests" and honestly expended the money of the people. And even as he spoke the State was ringing with the still denied charges of graft to the extent of over \$2,000,000. To President Roosevelt therefore, the Gang owes its salvation from the wrath of a plundered people. He came to its rescue at the hour of its most critical peril and gave it a character for an honesty which it did not possess, and a defence against charges of criminal graft which it could not deny. Immediately after the President's address, the then defeated Gang took courage, and most hopefully its leaders began to link their cause with the name of the President. "A vote against the Republican ticket," it was immediately insisted by all their organs and orators, "will be a vote against President Roosevelt." This cry was shouted from the homesteps all over Pennsylvania and it proved a winning slogan.

And thus the disgraced and discredited Republican machine in Pennsylvania owes its complete rehabilitation to President Roosevelt.

"Stand Patners" Hard Hit.

General Grosvener was defeated for re-nomination. McCleary of Minnesota, the loudest and most persistent shouter of all the "standpat" hosts was beaten at the polls by a tariff revisionist. Lacey of Iowa, who was handsomely done up by Rainey of Illinois in the exposure of the watch trust, and Landis of Indiana, who are close seconds to Grosvener and McCleary, were also fallen outside the breastworks. The extreme protectionists will have to hunt for new leaders.

Can anybody answer the question why the schoolmarm of today are so much younger and prettier than they were years ago when we were a boy, and had to recite readin' and 'rithmetic to a be-speckled old maid?

Spawns from the Keystone.

-Contracts have been let for the sinking of four shaft mines and the construction of 1,000 coke ovens in Greene county, where the Brier Hill Coal and Coke company will start a new town.

-John Owens, of Bloomington, near Curtwensville, one of Clearfield county's oldest residents, died on Wednesday, aged 91 years. He was the father of 21 children, 11 of whom still survive.

-Mrs. Hausman, of Upper Millford, lost a gold ring while transshipping cabbage plants in the spring and her hired man the other day pulled up a cabbage with the lost ring around one of its roots.

-Guy Rickenbaugh, who has for five years been assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Tyrone, has been elected cashier of the new Farmers and Traders National bank, of Clearfield.

-The Osceola Silica and Fire Brick Co., in which several Phillipsburg capitalists are interested, are running their works to their full capacity, with good orders ahead. At present they are short of men.

-L. C. Shepard, of Antrim, Tioga county, 92 years old, is believed to be the oldest justice of the peace in the State, not only by reason of his 92 years, but in terms of service, having been commissioned in 1846.

-In the Fayette county jail there are at present only sixty-one prisoners, the least number for a long time. The officials feel that they have the county pretty well rid of some of the most troublesome characters.

-With but a very few exceptions every farmer in Perry county had a big corn crop this year. The ears are large and the grains are well developed. The farmers have also been favored with splendid weather which enabled them to make much time in husking the crop.

-Deputy game warden H. H. Aimes on Tuesday evening arrested James Toney and August Youngman, in Saltsburg, Indiana county, for shooting seven song birds. They were taken before a justice of the peace and fined \$70 and the costs, which amounted to \$6, making a total of \$76 for the seven birds.

-The forty-third annual session of the Clearfield county teachers' institute will be held in the opera house at Clearfield, December 17th to 21st, 1906. Prof. W. E. Tobias, the popular county superintendent, has arranged a splendid program, securing the very best talent available in the way of instructors, lecturers, etc.

-To John Campbell and Thomas Norton, of Cascade township, Lycoming county, belongs the distinction of killing three bears within an hour. The slain animals were an old one weighing 310 pounds after being dressed and two cubs, tipping the beam at 130 and 140 pounds respectively, making a total of 580 pounds of bear meat.

-The state organization of the Ladies of the Ancient Order of Hibernians has presented a gold watch chain, studded with diamonds and emeralds to Miss Annie C. Mallis, of Scranton, who retires as state president to assume the presidency of the national society, to which she was elected recently. A banquet will be given in her honor at Scranton November 19.

-Writing a story on a slate because his tongue was so terribly torn and swollen that he couldn't speak, 8-year-old Eddie Schaffer, son of a farmer residing near Muncy, Lycoming county, told of an assault made upon him by a hunter with a club. The boy had ordered the hunter off his father's land and the man knocked him down with the club and kicked him in the face.

-It is estimated that York county farmers will receive between \$2,000,000 and \$2,500,000 for the tobacco they raised during the last summer. The crop was the largest grown in York county for many years. About 12,000 acres were planted, which was an increase over the acreage of the previous season. The income per acre is approximately \$210. The cost of raising the tobacco is from \$55 to \$75 per acre.

-The Philadelphia North American last Friday contained a picture of five Clearfield hunters, Messrs. Wilson, Wallace, Leonard Gearheart, Thomas Connelly, James Connelly and ex-Sheriff Frank Smith, taken at Pich Pine camp with a bear they recently shot hanging in front of the cabin. Wallace has a record of 100 deer and seven bears. He has hunted for fifty-five years.

-Phillip Cassidy, the chief of police of Mt. Union, as will be remembered, some time ago shot and killed Edward Smith, a colored man employed by the Drake & Stratton company, at that place, in an attempt to arrest him. Cassidy was tried by the Mifflin county court on the charge of murder last week and the verdict was rendered last Thursday night of "not guilty of the crime indicted."

-Hereafter clergymen performing marriages cannot "keep it a secret" for a little while when requested to do so by the contracting parties, without violating a new law which went into effect November 1. This law compels every clergyman within 24 hours after performing a marriage to record the names and specified particulars in city or town clerk's office. The law was passed to prevent secret marriages.

-The residence of Augustus Hartje, on Irwin avenue, Pittsburg, has been looted by burglars. Since the filing of his petition for divorce from Mrs. Hartje and during the celebrated trial, Augustus Hartje has been making his home with his brother-in-law. On a date not known thieves entered the mansion, took down the valuable pictures and curtains, carried off costly rugs and most expensive articles of furniture. All this was piled into a wagon, which was full when driven away. They left the piano. The loss is estimated at \$5,000.

-James Ferguson, of Jersey Shore, while out on a hunting trip in Sugar valley met with an accident which almost cost the young man the sight of one of his eyes. Dr. Angol, who was a member of the party, raised his gun and fired at a flying pheasant. The charge did not find its intended mark but struck a small oak and some of the shot glanced. One of them struck the barrel of Ferguson's gun and passed from it and entered his right cheek just below the eye. The shot is still embedded in the fleshy part of his cheek, but no serious results are anticipated.