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—What will Senator PENROSE think? —It pays to present a ticket that doesn't have to be apologized for. —From the jail to the monument there isn't a fly in our dumplin'.

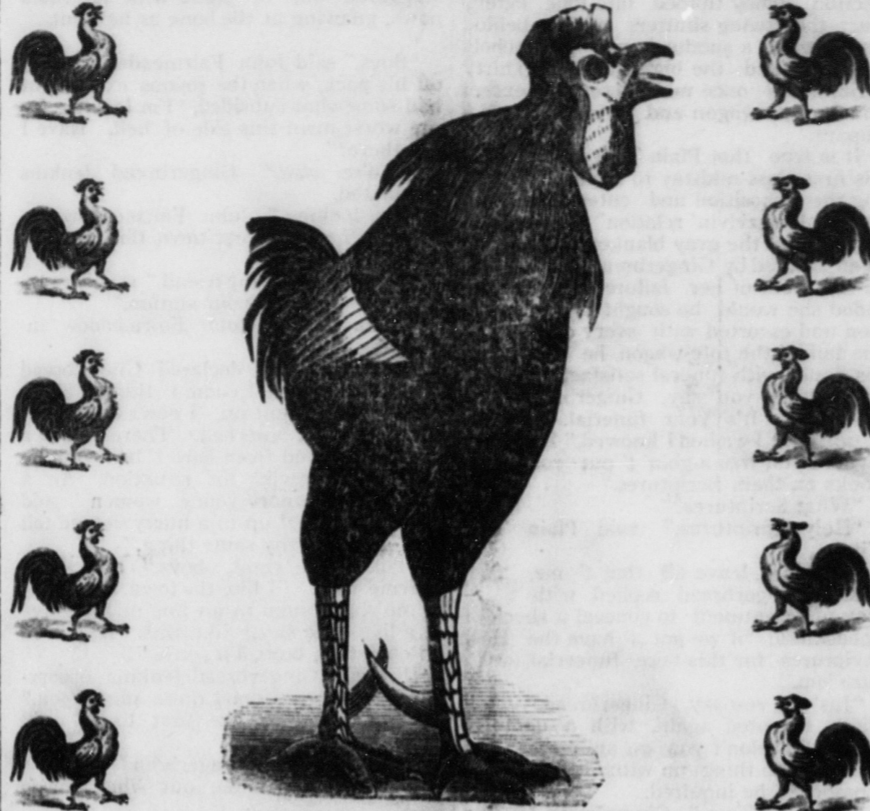
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Mr. Blankenburg Elected.

Authentic though unofficial returns of the vote of Tuesday show that Mr. RUDOLPH BLANKENBURG has been elected Mayor of Philadelphia by a small but safe majority. This result was achieved by the fusion of the Democrat and Keystone voters of the city and the help of all other earnest reform elements.



A Great Upheaval in Centre County.

An Avalanche of Votes Carries the Nominees of the Democracy Into Every Office for the First Time in Twenty-one Years.

IT WAS NOT SO MUCH A DEFEAT OF MEN AS OF METHODS.

Centre County Will Not Stand for Handling a Public Dollar Less Carefully Than a Private One.

For the first time in twenty-one years every majority office in Centre county has been voted to the Democrats. Not so much because they are Democrats as because of their collective superiority over the men named by the opposition and because of the general disapproval of the way the little machine in control of the Republican party in Centre county has led its officials in the management of the county business.

The election on Tuesday was not a rebuke to the personality of a single holding officer, it was not an expression of suspicion as to their official integrity or worthiness. But it was the blasting, withering repudiation of the methods, the system, whereby county officials are but the pawns of men who are playing for political aggrandizement at the expense of the tax payers.

In every precinct in the county there is evidence of disapproval. It cannot be said that the result was due to apathy that kept voters at home for the total vote polled was only 303 less than the combined party votes on treasurer three years ago. And this in face of the fact that it was not a general election nor were voters temporarily out of the county brought home by either party.

As to what was the cause there is only one answer. The Court house and the general trend towards the Democracy that is going on all over the country. It was not the remodeling of the building but the manner in which the financing of it was done. Centre county will not stand for any business methods that makes a public dollar less valuable than a private dollar.

Little did the Keystone Gazette dream when it revealed the plan of the Commissioner's bond issue, in its edition of Oct. 6th. that it was releasing the storm that was to sweep its party to defeat. After the WATCHMAN had shown what a loss it would mean to the county the dissatisfaction that was to be found only here and there before became a perfect torrent of indignation that swept every other element before it.

It was a glorious victory for the Democracy. Not because there was any politics in it, but because the party presented a ticket so admirable that it inspired the public confidence. It worked as it has never worked before, in an harmonious, united effort to re-establish itself in the county. The Democratic strongholds of Pennsvalley sent up returns such as haven't been recorded for a quarter of a century and added to these were the votes of many Republicans, who being more of business men than partisans, voted to put back into the county offices men who are nobody's creatures and men who represent a party that has always given Centre county an economical and prudent government.

Busting the Steel Trust.

From the Johnstown Democrat. The reflection that the Beef trust was busted more than eight years ago and is still flourishing quite as though nothing whatever had happened should serve to moderate either the joy or the fear which the suit for the dissolution of the Steel trust may excite. No remarkable results will follow this equity proceeding; and although it were pressed as no similar proceeding has been and although the dissolution were actually to follow like a transformation scene, there is not the least reason for believing that the country would get greater relief than it has obtained from the Beef trust fines or Standard oil and tobacco outlawry.

The proceedings begun at Trenton by Attorney General Wickersham late Thursday afternoon of last week should raise no false hopes nor should they occasion any violent alarms. The country will wag on just the same. The stock market may throw a few fits and some timid people may think the end of the world has come. But just the same the demand for iron and steel will persist; the furnaces will continue to roar and the wheels of commerce will revolve as of old.

President Taft's Bill-of-Fare. From the Pittsburg Sun. Besides making a record in presidential touring, covering about 17,000 miles by the time he returns to the White House, President Taft is traveling through an impressive and awe-inspiring bill-of-fare ranging over a dazzling variety, from the traditional baked bean at Boston, with the sacred codfish on the side, to the piscatorial number at Denver where he fished in a miniature pool in the dining room and caught his own mess of mountain trout.

Youth Wobbles Right. From Lippincott's Magazine. Every now and then some one with more head for figures than heart for humor discovers that some hundreds or thousands or millions of our youngsters "go wrong" every year. The numbers vary, but they are always appalling—almost as appalling as the rhetoric which always accompanies them. Youth is healthy at bottom. It is full of vagaries, empty of caution—else it would not be youth. But basically it is sound, with a store of moral health that the Jeremiahs of the lecture room never dream of. It may, and does, wobble sadly at times; but, and does, it tends to wobble right.

Another Blow at Capital. From the Philadelphia North American. The Reading railway has been indicted for selling rotten eggs for food purposes. How can business be expected to flourish in a community that puts such outrageous restrictions on capital? It Was a Mean Trick. TOM BEAVER said "the Democrats had an election and forgot to notify the Republicans to go to it."

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—In one section of Lancaster there are twenty-six cases of diphtheria and the disease is spreading from day to day. —The oil field in Venango county which was supposed to be exhausted is disappointing prophets of evil and still turning out good oil. —Mrs. Anna McGilvery Kates, aged 91, is one of Meadville's most energetic residents. She recently celebrated her birthday by walking a mile without showing the least sign of fatigue.