

CHAIRMAN KERR'S PLAIN WORDS.

Ex-Congressman James Kerr, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, when questioned as to the political situation in the State said: "The Democratic party, as represented in the executive department and in the legislative branches of the State government, has been active and anxious during the present session to carry out the promises made to the people in the platform at Scranton and on the hustings during the last campaign. When we declared by resolution and upon the stump throughout the State for ballot reform, the Republicans also insisted that they were for ballot reform. When the Democratic party proclaimed for a Constitutional Convention to enforce ballot reform, the leaders of the Republican party in the late canvass sought to impress the people of this State by flaming posters and loud talk that they also favored a Constitutional Convention. The Democratic party said to agricultural interests: 'You shall have equalization of taxation'; the Republicans, in the face of the fact that they had violated pledges already made to the farmers of Pennsylvania and notwithstanding that they had taken extraordinary measures at the closing hours of the last preceding legislature to defeat revenue legislation passed by both houses, came again boldly to the front and unblushingly proclaimed themselves the friends of revenue reform. "The republican senators and representatives," continued Mr. Kerr, "pledged as they are under the constitution to apportion the state into congressional, legislative and judicial districts at the first session of the legislature immediately after the census, by inaction violate their obligation of office. The efforts on the part of the Democratic party, through its Senators and Representatives in this legislature, to carry out the will of the people, as expressed at polls in the late election, seems to be met with opposition; or, if not direct opposition, with silence and inaction. Every measure of the Democratic party for constitutional, ballot and taxation reform, every honest measure to fulfill promises that were honestly made, every measure tending to relieve the people as we understand the wants and necessities of the diversified interests of the state of Pennsylvania, are in the legislature opposed by the Republican club wielded in the hands of the agents of the boss."

"Three months have come and gone and the legislature is looking forward to an early adjournment. The small coterie that is attempting to boss and control legislation, by means of the republican majority, has made every thing subservient to the return of Mr. Quay, from a fishing excursion. Bills looking to every promised measure of reform have been delayed in committee to await the return of the boss; who, having attempted to white wash himself from the effects of an indictment which was drawn by the people of Pennsylvania and emphasized by their verdict in the late election, believing that a denial of the charges made against him places him in a position to again dictate to and control the legislature of Pennsylvania. He has directed his coterie of sympathizers and willing assistants to come to Harrisburg and, if possible, defeat the efforts of this legislature looking to ballot reform; and relying upon subterfuge and deceit, they are desirous of submitting the question of a constitutional convention to the people at the next election. The Quay element of the Republican party hope to keep themselves in control by injecting into the next election the issue of a constitutional convention and dealing with the corporations for the defeat of the same at the polls; and thereby, if possible, defeat ballot reform and perpetuate the will and the power of the boss."

"I have no idea that the farmers and laborers in the mines and workshops throughout this commonwealth will allow themselves to be deceived by such subterfuge. These leaders, anxious to adopt the same measures which were successfully employed in the submission of the prohibition amendment, hope to win again with the same methods. In the former election, they deceived the temperance people and secured the support of the liquor element of the state. They now hope to deceive the farmers, miners and laborers of the commonwealth and receive the support of the corporations. Costly as the election was to the liquor element of Pennsylvania, if these conditions be brought about, so will this scheme be made expensive to the corporations."

"The methods employed by Mr. Quay and the so-called leaders of the Republican party of the state of Pennsylvania are always expensive. The people who believe in honest politics, honest elections and honest methods in my judgment will not sustain them in their position."

"The business interests of this commonwealth, second to no other, are safe in the hands of the Democratic party. Believing that the people have become weary of Quayism and Quay methods, which seem to control the Republican party in the Senate and House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, I do not hesitate to speak as I do. If they hope to deceive the people again and to perpetuate power and place for themselves in the future they will be badly disappointed at the next election. The people of Pennsylvania should understand that the Democratic party, through its representatives here, is ready and willing to enact proper legislation that will give justice to the farmer, protection to the laborer in his calling and encourage the business interests of every section of the commonwealth; but it is obstructed in that effort and handicapped in its action by men who are subservient to a boss anxious to keep himself in power and continue to dominate his party."

"It is generally conceded," concluded Chairman Kerr, "that there is quite a respectable number of Republican members of the present legislature, of such character and independence as to make these restless and restive under Quay direction and dictation and probably to assert their manhood in support of just measures; but it is likewise believed that Quay combination is so strong as to be able to control its policy and action. "The Democratic party is anxious to carry out its pledges made to the people and will do so unless obstructed in its action by the Republican leaders. In that event we will carry the issue to the people at the next election, confident of the result."

A Mean Practical Joke.

"Say!" an acquaintance called out to me, "you talk about your mean tricks and cruel practical jokes—I've just had one played on me that's the meanest and cruelest that a man ever thought of."

"What was it?" I inquired. "I'll tell you. It was like this. I goes into the Wellington this noon to lunch. Just as I'm sitting down in comes Jack Austin. You know Jack? He's the closest old skinfint in six counties. Well, he sits down at my table and says he'll tell me a funny story. I size it up that he is getting into me for the lunch, but I says nothing, for I know there's no help for it, see? I only have about \$3.50 in my clothes, see? "I let him order first, and he goes and orders woodcock and things like that up to \$3.25. This kind of freezes me, and so I tell him I'm feeling sick all of a sudden, and all I want is a cup of coffee and some crackers. That costs a quarter and makes the bill up to the limit of my pile, see? Well, we eat our lunch and Jack tells two or three funny stories, and pretty soon the waiter comes around and makes out two checks with a total of \$3.50. "Here says Jack to me, 'give me your check. I'll pay for the lunch.' "Now I call that one of the most dastardly of practical jokes. If I had suspected that he was going to do anything like that I would have eaten about \$6 worth, as I was nearly starved. The worst of it was he saw through it all and it tickled him immensely."

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One of our Bishops told the following story. He had gone down into the country to visit a charitable institution, into which poor lads had been drafted from the East End of London, and in addressing them, he congratulated them on the delights of their new residence. The boys looked unaccountably gloomy and downcast, and the Bishop kindly asked— "Are you not comfortable? Have you any complaints to make?"

At last the leader raised his hand. "The milk, my lord." "Why, what on earth do you mean? The milk here is tenfold better than ever you had in London!"

"No, indeed, it ain't!" cried the boy. "In London they always buy our milk out of a nice clean shop, and here—why they squeeze it out of a beastly cow!"—From the Sheffield Telegram.

A "Foxy" Story.

The Allentown Chronicle is responsible for the following: A Pennsylvania gentleman, whose barn was formerly overrun with rats, is no longer troubled with them and he used neither traps nor dogs in driving them out. About a year ago he purchased a fox somewhere in the West. The fox was given the freedom of the barn and in a short time after its arrival all the rats found it convenient to depart, and none of them seems to have believed it expedient to return. Reynard catches rats after the manner of a terrier and when not engaged is frequently seen following his master about like a well-behaved canine, to which he bears no little resemblance. He is perfectly tame and goes about the streets of the town without being molested by the dogs that roam around ready to attack any animal not of their own tribe.

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Railroad Across The Atlantic.

A FRENCH ENGINEER THINKS IT IS PRACTICABLE WITH SUBMERGED TUBES.

A railroad across the Atlantic is on the list of possibilities for future achievement of science. Many years ago a civil engineer read a paper before the French Academy suggesting a submarine railway. His theory was that a certain depth of the ocean—a hundred fathoms or more—far below any agitation from surface storms, the water is of such a density that nothing in tubular form, whatever the weight, can possibly sink!

Having thus made a foundation in the very bowels of old Neptune, he proposed to sink a continuous line of immense iron tubes—after the manner of cable laying—in which a double track could be laid between Cape Clear, Ireland and Cape Race, Newfoundland, and thus send trains booming through the tube to the consternation of the sea serpent and the mortal terror of the big and little fishes.

The only serious objection this learned academician could see to the successful termination of this wildest of all deep-sea schemes was the suffocating effects of the smoke from engines used in a submarine railway tube; if this could be overcome, he said, then the grand oceanic railroad only required the necessary construction capital.

In the light of present day science, when electricity is looked upon as the handiest as well as the most unique of all motive force, why may we not reasonably expect the French Academy to demonstrate the practicability of their learned fellow's views?

Then again, the Keely motor lacks only one turn of being a success, to say nothing of the perpetual motion machines now incubating in this and other cities of the United States. All of his scientific objections in regard to smoke having been overcome, let us call on the French to build their water-suspended oceanic railway in time for the great World's Fair of 1893. For downright "airiness" of conception this Atlantic railway scheme beats M. Verard's St. Anne's Bridge across the English Channel all hollow, and for visionary musing commend us to a French savant every time.



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