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MORE REPUBLICAN BROOKEDNESS.

Prominent Party Officials and Leaders Obtain an Advance from the State Treasury to Pay So-called employees of the House and Senate Who Rendered no Service, by Giving the Treasurer an indemnifying Bond.

Another evidence of the corruption of the Republican party has recently come to light. It is not a Democratic campaign story, as it is printed in the leading Republican papers. The Philadelphia Press says:

"It will be remembered that at various times during the legislative session of this year hints were thrown out in the heat of debate regarding the alleged illegal increase of the payrolls of House and Senate. This increase came from placing upon the payrolls the names of political workers, ward heelers and members of that indiscriminate retinue of political hangers-on who are repaid for services done in the manner described. Beyond the mere mutterings of discontent at odd intervals during the session nothing definite was heard concerning this matter until the closing night of the session. Then Representative Coray, of Luzerne County, during the discussion on the general appropriation bill, made the open assertion that the payrolls of both House and Senate had been padded to an alarming degree, and that thousands of dollars of the State's money was to be used to liquidate this illegal indebtedness, that had been piled up in the payments of political debts."

Mr. Coray at this time, when he furnished the proof of his allegations challenged a contradiction from any officer or member present in the House that night. No attempt at denial or evasion of his serious charges was made that night or since. The reason why his detailed charge has never been denied or explained is given in the publication of the facts disclosed here for the first time. The information concerning this piece of political handiwork is derived from authentic sources, and is partially based upon direct statements which cannot be disproved. On the other hand, at least one of the parties interested declares that there has been no secret concerning the matter, and so far as he is concerned were the same circumstances presented again to-morrow he would not alter his line of conduct.

The origin of the story antedates the last election of United States Senator. Its inception was in the old practice of supplying faithful party workers with lucrative situations during a legislative session where there is a maximum of pay and a minimum of work. Whether or not any of these debts, paid in places as the coin of political life, were contracted in connection with the Senatorial contest is not known.

It is reasonably certain, however, that the growth of the payroll complained of by Mr. Coray began shortly after the settlement of that contest. The existence of padded payrolls is admitted. Every effort has been made in the past two months to obtain a copy of these inflated lists, but the reply has been made that "these must be regarded as personal and private property," the idea contained in these stereotyped replies being that it is possible in the State of Pennsylvania, at this time and in these days, when State conventions are pledging the party to reform, for any legislative body to contract debts and incur expenses concerning which the people must remain ignorant, while furnishing the money to pay them.

Shortly after the organization of the Legislature several persons high in party councils and leadership, it is alleged, waited on the Governor and notified him that the force of employees was inadequate; that the work of certain committees had grown so burdensome that permanent and salaried clerks were imperative to the conduct of the State's business. The number of the committees so situated and in need of clerks could be counted upon the fingers of one hand. In view of the representations made to him, Governor Hastings agreed to a certain limited increase and the matter was considered settled. In obtaining this limited consent the parties to the transaction immediately extended its range, and then began the wholesale padding of payrolls, according to Mr. Coray, which ended in disastrous veto and in the present exposure.

Circumstances are not wanting to show that men of unknown antecedents and of doubtful character, according to statements made on the floor of the House of Representatives, had their names placed upon the payrolls at the direct orders of men who

hold the highest offices in the gift of the people. Mr. Coray charged, and it was not denied, that the United States Senator had sent men from up the State with orders that they be given a place on the salary list of the Legislature. On of these "employees" was an alleged detective from Mr. Coray's own district, who admitted to the Luzerne member that he had been placed on the roll by such direction.

At length those irregularities reached a point where it became necessary that definite steps be taken to see that the individuals on the special payroll received their pay for which they had been clamoring. Most of these men had nothing, and were living on borrowed money; or those who did not put in an appearance at Harrisburg to make a pretense of work were growing clamorous for the amounts that had been promised them. The State Treasurer was appealed to, but he refused to pay out the money.

It having been the custom in the past for the State Treasurer to advance money during the session to members and employees, an appeal on behalf of these men was made to State Treasurer Haywood. Mr. Haywood did not feel justified in advancing money, and informed the party leaders to that effect. A request was then made to the governor. In this, it is alleged, those interested enlisted the services of Senators Quay and Penrose, in the hope that their personal influence would lead the Executive to pledge himself not to veto the item in the general appropriation bill in which this list was concealed. Governor Hastings, not only declined to make a pledge, but announced his determination to veto any such item. State Treasurer Haywood was again appealed to and he again declined to advance the money. A point had now been reached where the beneficiaries of the party leaders had to be cared for, and then it was that the extraordinary proposition was made to indemnify the State Treasurer against any loss which he might sustain by the Governor's continued refusal to allow the payment of other than lawful salaries.

After submitting the question to the judgment of friends the State Treasurer finally agreed to accept a bond signed by party leaders, officials and others most interested in the transaction. On the night that this decision of Mr. Haywood was announced, six weeks prior to the close of the Legislature, a meeting was held at the residence of Speaker Boyer. Among those present and participating in the discussion were General Frank Reeder, Secretary of the Commonwealth; Deputy Attorney General John P. Elkin, chairman of the State Republican Committee; Senators Quay and Penrose, Speaker Boyer and several other party leaders. After a discussion of the situation it was decided to prepare a bond indemnifying State Treasurer Haywood against loss in the event of the Governor's refusal to yield to importunities and insistence on a veto of the item for salaries in the general appropriation bill, or any part of it.

The bond so prepared was signed that night and turned over to Mr. Haywood. Not all of the gentlemen, however, attached their signatures to the document. The bond was for \$20,000 and was of such a character that the State Treasurer could hold each signer individually responsible. Thus protected, the desired cash was advanced."

Then the Governor vetoed that portion of the appropriation bill covering an enormous increase of salaries, and the men who signed the bond will have to pay back into the treasury the money paid out to political heelers for work which they never performed.

In the face of this disclosure, coupled with the numerous charges of corruption and fraud made by republicans against republicans, in the last session of the legislature, how long will the people of Pennsylvania continue to keep in power by large majorities, a party with such leaders, and with such a record?

Minor's Can't Have Post-office Boxes.

Postmaster General Gary has issued an order announcing that the attention of the department has been called to instances of call and lock boxes to minors. The order says such boxes shall not be so rented without the written consent of the parents or guardians of such minors.

The date for paying town taxes has been extended to October 2. After that 5 per cent. will be added.

THE NEW M. E. ORGAN.

When Mrs. Sarah J. Brown died a few months ago, she left, among numerous other charitable bequests, the sum of \$2500 to the Methodist Episcopal Church of Bloomsburg, for the purchase of a pipe organ. A committee was appointed, and after obtaining schemes and bids from a dozen or more organ builders, and an investigation into the merits of their instruments, the contract was awarded to R. Midmer & Son, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The organ arrived here on August 20th, and the work of setting it up in the church was completed last Friday.

The organ is tubular pneumatic action throughout, which is a great improvement over the old style tracker action. The workmanship is first class in every particular, and the voicing of the pipes is exquisite. The scheme is as follows:

GREAT ORGAN.
Open Diapason, Flute d'amour
Viola di Gamba, Octave quint
Dulciana, Super octave
Octave, Doppel Flute
Flute harmonique.

SWELL ORGAN.
Bourdon treble, Violina
" bass, Flageolet
Open diapason, Oboe
Salicional, Bassoon
Aeoline, Stopped diapason

PEDAL ORGAN.
Bourdon Violoncello

MECHANICAL REGISTERS.
Great to pedal coupler,
Swell " "
Swell to great
Swell tremulant
Wind indicator.

PEDAL MOVEMENTS.
Great forte combination
Great piano "
Swell forte "
Swell piano "
Great to pedal, reversible, Balanced swell pedal.

The bellows is worked by a Ross water motor. It has been tried by a number of local musicians, and is pronounced by all who have heard it to be a magnificent instrument. Its tones range from the very sweet and almost indistinguishable Aeoline, to the rich resounding notes of the full organ whose melody fills the lofty arches of the great auditorium to their fullest capacity.

The builders, R. Midmer & Son, have been making organs for more than forty years, and have attained the highest perfection in the art. In Brooklyn alone, where their large factory is located, they have supplied over seventy organs, one of them costing nearly \$30,000. So large a patronage at home speaks volumes for their skill and reputation. Besides this, they have placed hundreds of organs all over the country. The son, who now conducts the business alone, the father having died a few years ago, personally superintended the erection of the organ. He is a gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet either in a business way or socially, and he has certainly given our Methodist friends the full worth of their money.

Mrs. Fred Holmes, the organist of the church, will continue to conduct the music, and as she is a thoroughly trained musician, she will undoubtedly master the intricacies of this splendid instrument in a very short time.

Smull's in the Public Schools.

Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, superintendent of public instruction, has written the following interesting letter to Hon. M. J. Leanon, author of the law to supply schools with Smull's Hand Book and the school laws: "We are at work on Smull's hand books and school laws. They will appear in time for use in the public schools at the next session in accordance with your bill."

Good Showing.

The annual report of State Secretary Weand, of the P. O. S. of A., showed 646 active camps on the roll in this state with a membership of 54,782. During the year twenty-four new camps were instituted. The number of new members elected were 9385, and 402 propositions were rejected. The receipts of the year were \$397,007.25, and the expenditures, \$354,402.25. The sum of \$42,605.00 was paid out in benefits. The value of property held by subordinate camps is \$955,407.35, an increase in value during the year of \$52,881.72.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

A special meeting of the Town Council was held Monday night with President Kocher and members Gorrey, Supplee, Hower, Rishton and Kelly present.

The matter of the payment of town taxes was taken up and on motion of Gorrey and Supplee the time is extended thirty days from September 2d.

Town Engineer Brown presented a profile of the proposed sewer on Fifth and Railroad streets to Fourth to connect with Leonard street sewer.

After a short discussion, on motion of Gorrey and Rishton it was decided to receive bids for the digging and filling for said sewer on Fifth and Railroad streets.

W. U. Jury asked that a sewer be put in on Jefferson street from the alley between Second and Third street leading to Second street, inasmuch as they proposed erecting two double houses on the Mrs. M. E. Creasy lot. Referred to proper committee.

A request was made by citizens to finish opening West Fourth street. President Kocher stated that the loading, hauling and dumping of cinder could be contracted for at 65 cents per load of a ton and a half, whereupon after a short talk, Rishton and Gorrey moved that the said portion of Fourth street be cindered as per the President's suggestion, and that he be authorized to make contract at price named. Carried, Hower and Kelly voting no.

Building permits were granted to John R. Townsend to make repairs to his home on East Second street, and to H. J. Clark for repairs to his property on Fourth street.

Rishton moved that a crossing be put over Market street from Jno. L. Moyer's to the walk in front of Wilson's tobacco store. Seconded by Gorrey and carried by all the votes except that of Kelly.

R. H. Ringler complained of the unsafe condition of Blackberry alley leading into Third street, saying that the large stones work loose and are washed down on the crossing, making it dangerous to pedestrians. The Street Commissioner is hereby authorized to fix it.

Geo. Yost sent in complaint regarding the grade of his payment on West Second street, saying that about a year or so ago he put down a new pavement in accordance with a grade given him by the Town Engineer, and that since his neighbors have laid their walks as per grade given by town, and that his walk is five inches higher at one end and three inches at the other, making it unsafe for travel, and asks that something be done. The President is authorized to look into the matter and act.

The crossing at the P. & R. railroad on Fifth street was talked over, and it was suggested that the Railroad Company put in brick.

D. W. Armstrong asked that a fire plug be put in the Armstrong addition on East First street. Inasmuch, however, as there are no water mains that far up, the council can do nothing. Adjourned.

BARN DESTROYED.

A barn belonging to J. E. Bolig, beyond First Street, in the Armstrong addition was totally destroyed by fire a little before noon on Friday. The building contained some hay, straw, lot of two or three different kinds of grain, two sewing machines and a sleigh, all of which went up in smoke. Mr. Bolig, is the local agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Company, and at the time of the fire was out of town on business. His wife was at home, a few steps from the barn, but knows nothing of the origin of the fire. The fire companies were on the scene immediately after the alarm was sounded but were unable to render any aid, owing to their inability to obtain sufficient quantity of water. From what we have learned there was no insurance on the property. The loss is about \$800.

K. G. E. REUNION, LOOK HAVEN.

For the K. G. E. Reunion at Lock Haven, Labor Day, Monday September 6th 1897. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from Renovo, Nescopeck, Millinburg, Mt. Carmel, Herndon and intermediate stations to Lock Haven and return, good only on day of issue, at single fare for the round trip. No rate less than 25 cents.

The Pennsylvania State Firemen's Convention will be held at Wilkesbarre on October 5, 6, 7 and 8. Arrangements are being made for the largest convention the organization has ever held.

School Clothes for Boys.

Mothers, we've made extremely good preparations for your boy who is ready to start to school. We've gathered together from the leading makers of the Best Clothing Manufacturing Centers in the Union, [New York, Rochester, Philadelphia,] what we consider is unquestionably the strongest line of Boys' Suits in north eastern Pennsylvania. As strong as this statement, we're ready and willing to back it up if you but give us the opportunity. Cloth and labor, as you well know, have been and are advancing rapidly. Fortunately for you, and as we placed our orders early in the summer at the old prices, hence are able to sell to you the same way while the first shipments last. We've already been notified that later duplicates will not be filled at old prices. The Boys' Suits are here, at least first shipments of certain lots, and it'll surprise you what little money can do in the way of boys' Suit buying.

Some Hints are Here.

Boys' suits of neat grey mixed goods, double breasted, sizes 4 to 14, (4 to 8 with large sailor collar) were made regular \$1.50 grade, at

98 cts.

BOYS' SUITS of all wool fancy plaid cloth, strongly made nice fitting, sizes 4 to 14 (4 to 8 with beautifully braided sailor collar) a regular \$2.50 suit at

\$1.98.

A special lot of Boys' Fancy Plaid Suits, ages 4 to 14 (4 to 8 with braided sailor collar) well made, perfect fitting, goods that command \$3.50 at any store, this lot

\$2.50.

Largest, Finest and Best Clothing House in this section. Retailers of Everything to Wear for Men or Boys.

GIDDING & CO.

Nearly Opp. Court House.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

BASE BALL.

Sunbury proved an easy mark on Saturday, they could not hit anything, fielded in loose fashion and had it not been for an error or two by the home team, they would have been shut out. Our boys started the run getting in the first inning. Then with three bases on balls, four solid singles, and a two baser gave us six runs. At this point Tom Lipp, the crack? twirler looked very much down hearted, and his captain seeing that Tom's countenance wore a worried cast, walked over, and whispered something in his ear, and Tom, poor boy, witnessed the remainder of the game from the bench. Punky Ahorn was sent in to try and put a stop to the tremendous hitting, but he fared little better. "Pop" Watts met with a very painful accident in the seventh inning. He was trying to steal third base, and in doing so slipped and fell, sprained his ankle. He was assisted off the ground. He will probably not be able to play any more this season. This accident necessitated some shifting around. Smith was sent to third. Holloway to short and Chamberlin took the latter's place in right field. Score:

R. H. E.
Bloomsburg 6 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 3-13 17 3
Sunbury 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0-2 5 1
Batteries, Hepting and Patchen;
Lipp, Ahorn and Pool. Umpire, Poorman.

Sunbury defeated our boys on Monday in easy fashion. We held the lead up to the seventh, but after that the visitors simply toyed with. Comment on the game is unnecessary. Score:

R. H. E.
Bloomsburg 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 0-3 12 4
Sunbury 0 0 0 0 0 3 3 0-6 11 2
Batteries, Hepting and Patchen;
Lipp and Ritter. Umpire, Fortney.

The two games with Lock Haven, proved a good drawing card, and a large crowd went down to Athletic Park, expecting to see the home team win one game at least, but they were sadly disappointed. The exhibition given by at least five of the locals was a disgrace to any town, and the sooner the management makes a change, the better it will be for the game. Many people left the ground before the first game was over. The scores of the two games were, first, Lock Haven 12 Bloom 10; second, Lock Haven 8, Bloom 5.

NEARLY MURDER.

We take the following from the Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin. It says:

"Murder was committed at Jamison City, Friday night, and the murderer passed through Williamsport on Saturday on his way up into Potter county.

The tragedy was enacted in a bar-room fight. The man in question in the heat of the battle picked up a beer glass and threw it at one of the fighters. The blow dropped the victim and the one who had thrown the glass made himself scarce. He hung around town until late in the evening, when he learned the man was dying, and he then proceeded to give Jamison City lumber camp a wide berth.

He made his way overland all the way to Halls, where he boarded the wagon of a Williamsport man, and made all the way to within a few yards of the city limits, when he jumped off the wagon and started up the Pennsylvania railroad.

The fellow was somewhat drunk and told the story of the crime to the driver.

He told the Williamsport man that he should keep his whereabouts quiet, and further said that he was on his way to Brookside, his old home."

(The above article is incorrect in one particular. The victim is not yet dead, but his condition is considered serious.)

The County W. C. T. U. Convention to be held at Light Street the 8th and 9th of September, promises to be one of unusual interest. Arrangements are now completed for the two gold medal contests, one a musical and the other a matrons. The contestants are from different parts of the county. These contests will both be held the same evening, Sept. 9th. Marianna Gibbons, of Bird-in-Hand, Lancaster Co., and Maria Vaughn, State Supt. of parlor meeting, will be present during the convention. Everybody welcome at all sessions.

George Low, while riding down East Street on his bicycle on Tuesday collided with another bicyclist who was going on Fifth. The former's wheel was broken to pieces, but the latter having a '94 model, and rather heavy, escaped with but little damage. Neither rider was hurt.