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PARTY REORGANIZATION.

the Democracy Needs Any, It Should
 Come From the Inside.

If any change in the present organization of the Democratic party is necessary, it can be made by the voters in the regular way and at the proper time. If in the meantime any member of the organization dies, resigns, or is replaced, the new member ought to be in harmony with the people who select him, for as a member of the organization he acts in a representative capacity.

The only way to insure this harmony is to insist that the candidate shall be frank and candid in making known his views to those to whom he appeals, and every honest Democrat seeking party prominence with a sincere desire to aid the party will be willing to make known his views on every disputed question. Beware of the man who boasts of his Democracy, but refuses to define it.

The so-called Democrats who voted the Republican ticket showed by so doing that they were nearer to the Republican position than they were to the Democratic position. In order to regain their confidence they must undergo a change or the Democratic party must move over toward the Republican position. As the reorganizers have manifested no change of heart the effort to reorganize might more properly be called an effort to Republicanize the Democratic party. To make the effort a success the Democrat must either be converted to Republican ideas or be deceived into the support of men who wear the livery of Democracy, but lean toward Republican doctrines.

Commoner.

Justices' and Constables Fees.

The constables and justices of the peace throughout the state are somewhat wrothy at present, their tempers having been aroused by the introduction of a bill in the State Legislature, which, if it passes, will materially cut down their fees.

The bill now pending in the legislature was introduced by Mr. Haag, of Schuylkill county. It authorizes grand and petit jurors to disallow the costs of constables, justices of the peace, magistrates or aldermen in cases of misdemeanor, and in all cases of larceny where the value of the goods alleged to be stolen is less than \$10 authorizing the district attorney, with the consent of the court, to disallow the cost of constables, justices of the peace, magistrates or aldermen in cases of misdemeanor and larceny where the value of the goods alleged to be stolen is less than \$10.

As will be readily seen the constables will be unable to derive any revenue from cases of misdemeanor and larceny unless they were over \$10. Therefore if a man steals something worth \$9 and he is arrested by the constable and tried before a justice these officers will get nothing for their work. This bill seems to be rather a discriminating one, and as stated above, the justices and constables are wrothy.

For Campaign Purposes Only.

Prosperity does not seem to be quite so widely diffused among the mill hands as they were led to expect before the election. So many mills are shutting down just now as to leave something to be explained. Of course, we shall be told of the temporary trade conditions that necessitate that action. But then we were told last fall that it was not trade conditions but McKinley that made prosperity and that if we re-elected him we should all have good wages for at least four years more. The full dinner pail, it would seem, was for campaign use only.—Phila. Times.

THE PEOPLE'S MONEY GOES.

A Proposition to Increase the Salaries of Judges in Largo Districts.

A bill has been presented in the Legislature increasing the salaries of the judges of the court of common pleas of the several districts composed of counties whose population is over 150,000 and not less than 500,000. The proposed new law includes Berks, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Schuylkill and Westmoreland counties and increases the salaries of the judges in these counties from \$4,000 to \$6,000 a year.

Traiters to Democracy.

The gang at Harrisburg have started upon a course of the most reckless and infamous partisan legislation known in the history of Pennsylvania. Measures intended to perpetuate Republican domination in the State under the control of the gang, to restrict the liberties of the people, to silence the press, to disfranchise Democrats, and to plunder the public Treasury, are to be put through by fair means or foul.

In what they have been able to accomplish thus far, the gang owe their success to a handful of men who were elected as Democrats, but who have chosen to desert their party and betray the people they represent. No one of the obnoxious anti-Democratic measures of the gang could be passed without this so-called Democratic aid. If these men were loyal to their party, the Democrats in the Legislature would be in a position to defend the Commonwealth from the gang and to compel respect for popular rights.

The infamy these men have won makes more conspicuous the fidelity of the Democratic members in general and of those independent men who refuse to bow to the orders of the gang. From these we can look for a united and persistent opposition to bandit legislation, and if those who have basely deserted their comrades do not return to their allegiance, a fearful accountability will be theirs.

The Congressional apportionment bill is framed deliberately to disfranchise Democratic constituencies. No Democrat can vote for it—even though his own personal interests have been taken care of—without branding himself a traitor. The Senatorial and Representative apportionments are to be framed on the same plan, as partisan gerrymanders of the most violent sort. No honest member ought to sustain them; no honest Democrat can.

The outrageous bill taking the government of the three great cities of the State outside of Philadelphia from the hands of the citizens and putting it into the actual control of the gang is something worse than a party measure. It is an extension of corrupt despotism that defies all right principles of government, and it is simply impossible for any one to vote for it and maintain even the pretense of allegiance to Democracy. All of these measures are intended to exclude the Democratic masses from any representation in the government, whether local or general, and make the Democratic party in Pennsylvania helpless by anything short of revolution; yet if they are consummated it can only be by the votes of some men who pretend that they are Democrats.

The Democratic party and its representatives will not be responsible for the work of this session, but the safety of the party, which is the safety of the Commonwealth, requires every possible effort to secure fair representation and an honest ballot law and the defeat of the revolutionary schemes of the gang. These things can be secured if the Democrats all stand united, as most of them have done, and they cannot be secured otherwise. The people of Pennsylvania will understand this, and they will know how to deal with those who betray them.—Phila. Times.

Carnival of Profligacy.

No session of the Legislature in the history of the State has ever made such raids on the Treasury as the present one is likely to do. Aside from the capital construction bill, which will carry an appropriation of \$6,000,000, other bills have been introduced involving appropriations of three or four millions, and the Legislature has only been in actual session eighteen days. After the spring elections are over the looting will begin in real earnest and the bosses will indulge in a carnival of spoils. The money will flow from the Treasury in a golden flood-tide and the rate of taxation will be multiplied in proportion.

Thus far bills have been introduced creating new offices, the salaries of which will aggregate nearly half a million dollars. The new court bill in Philadelphia provides for three judges, two clerks, five tip-staffs and half a dozen criers and other hangers on. The bill providing for commissions to issue licenses creates five or six new offices in every county of the State, and from ten to two dozen in some of them. The bill to create a bureau of building and loan associations in the Banking Department makes room for half a dozen new and high-salaried officers, and other bills add to the number of new places.

How are the people to escape from the burdens of this omnivorous Legislature? It is said that "Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad," and the wild

plunges into the pool of profligacy which have been and will be made by the Legislature indicates that the Quay machine is in a paroxysm of rabies. But the people will have to pay the bills they contract. For the next dozen years the burdens will be heavy to bear. The people brought the burdens upon themselves, however, and have themselves to blame if they are heavy. There was warning enough to admonish them, but they wanted Quayism it appears.—Bellefonte Watchman.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, Feb. 18, 1901.

Senator Hanna is the maddest man in Washington. He knows that the Ship Subsidy bill is dead for this session, but refuses to allow the corpse to be buried, and is indulging in all sorts of threats of what he is going to do to get even with those Republican Senators who declined to help him jam the bill down the throats of the minority. Senator Spooner, who has been classed as one of the Republicans who would prefer seeing the Subsidy bill fail, but would vote for it if a vote was reached, publicly put himself on record last week by saying: "I am against this bill, but as it is in no danger of becoming a law, I see no need in working up useless fears," and Senator Elkins, who has been classed as a supporter of the bill, said: "The Subsidy bill is dead. There can be no question about it now. I might say that it died burning." Senator Jones, of Arkansas, to whom no little of the credit for killing the vicious bill is due, said of its present status: "The Republicans know themselves that it would be impossible to get the measure through at this session, and hence their indifference. The bill is dead." One of Hanna's threats is that the River and Harbor bill shall fail, but whether he can make it stick remains to be seen.

Representative Bell, of Colorado, a member of the committee on Appropriations, made a telling speech against the unprecedented extravagance of the present Congress, in which he said it was time for the people to become alarmed at the rapid increase in public expenditures, which had grown in a single decade from \$4.75 per capita to more than \$10.00 per capita. He said that Congress had become so callous to vast increases in appropriations that it was considered almost disreputable to call attention to the extravagance of the government. Representative Cochran, of Missouri, made a speech along similar lines.

Doubtless the reason why some of the Republican Senators are not actively supporting the Ship Subsidy bill is that they have heard from some of their constituents and that they wrote something like the editor of a Michigan Republican paper did to his Washington correspondent who had sent him some favorable comment on the attempt to pass the bill: "We don't want any more such gush. We are not running an administration paper, but a Republican paper from an honorable standpoint. There is no more damnable steal before Congress than the Subsidy bill, and we will bet you a new suit of clothes that it will never become a law."

Just before the House passed the Army appropriation bill, carrying a little less than \$118,000,000, Representative McClellan, of New York, in a short speech presented some figures that are worthy of the country's most thoughtful consideration. He stated that the annual cost of each soldier to the United States, excluding pensions, would be \$1,288, and including pensions, \$2,828, while the annual cost of each German soldier, including pensions and the expense of past wars, was only \$227, and that of each French soldier, including pensions and the cost of the Franco-Prussian war, was only \$232. He said the total cost of our army would soon reach \$300,000,000 a year, to say nothing of the expense of the navy, which is now more than \$100,000,000.

Perry Heath has not attempted to reply to the challenge of Representative Sulzer, of N. Y., in connection with the anonymous letter Mr. Sulzer had read as part of his speech, which charged Heath with guilty knowledge of Neely's stealing and other crookedness. Mr. Sulzer said on the floor of the House: "I am responsible for every word in that letter. If Mr. Heath thinks there is anything libelous or scandalous in that letter I will plead the truth of the statements. But I serve notice that I am going to say everything in that letter, and I want Perry S. Heath to answer. If he does truthfully he will be fit for the penitentiary. I want him to understand that I am responsible in damages for what I say. The

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House has no compunctions of conscience when he attacks me, but when I attack him he squeals like a pig under a gate. I got that letter in the Record. That was what I was after. I am now content to have it stricken out." The House without a division ordered the letter expunged from the Record, out it had already been printed in the Record as well as in newspapers throughout the country.

When Mr. McKinley saw that the opposition to the nominations of Wood, Bell and Grant to be brigadier generals in the regular army was strong enough to be serious, he made a shrewd move by sending the nominations of Fitz Lee and J. H. Wilson to be brigadiers to the Senate, thus giving his friends a chance toicker for the confirmation of the whole bunch—a chance that was at once taken advantage of. It is expected that Gen. Lee and Wilson will both be retired at once, now that their nominations have been confirmed, as they have both passed the age limit for active duty.

The sugar trust scored another profitable triumph when Secretary Gage ordered a retaliatory duty of nearly one cent a pound placed on Russian sugar, that, too, in the face of the rather clearly implied threat of the Russian government that it would meet such action on the part of this government by putting the maximum tariff on all American goods. The short-sightedness of this policy on the part of the administration is made plain by the figures of our trade with Russia. Russia sells us annually about \$300,000 worth of sugar, while American exports to Russia are nearly \$30,000,000. Protests from great business interests are pouring into Washington against Secretary Gage's action.

Legislators Getting Rich Quick.

Some of the so-called Democrats who assisted the Quay machine in organizing the Legislature are already wearing diamonds on their shirts and fingers as big as door-knobs. Likewise some of the previously pledged insurgents. Several have bought good properties since that eventful 15th day of January.—Clearfield Republican.

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NOTICE.

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Now, February 4, 1901, it is ordered that the time for the holding of the regular fall term of the several courts, in and for the County of Columbia, be changed, and that hereafter the time for the holding of the said term of said courts be fixed for the first Monday of September of each year. It is further ordered that a certified copy of this order be published in the *Columbia County Republican*, *The Columbian* and the *Democratic Sentinel*, three newspapers in the county, at least thirty days from this date. BY THE COURT.
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 ESTATE OF THOMAS W. MCHENRY, DECEASED.
 Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Thomas W. McHenry, late of Greenwood township, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to Amos Neyhard, of the Borough of Orangeville, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to AMOS NEYHARD, Administrator.
 CLINTON HERRING, Atty.
 Bloomsburg, Pa., Feb. 14th, 1901. (97)