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THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1901.

A meeting of the Democratic State Committee will be held in Harrisburg to-day, to fix the time and place of the next State convention. Erie will probably be the place.

The work of the Republican convention of Northumberland county which was held at Sunbury Monday, is said to be a clean cut victory for the anti-Quavites. The ticket nominated is as follows: For Judge, C. B. Whitmer, Sunbury; Sheriff, Samuel Deitrick, Mt. Carmel; District Attorney, Clarence F. Huth, Shamokin; Delegates to State Convention, C. C. Lark, Shamokin, M. Bettleson, Lower Mahoning, C. G. Hartman, Sunbury, and W. H. Schuyler, Milton.

The political corruption that has characterized Philadelphia for many years is responsible more than any other one thing, for the political condition today in Pennsylvania. Ballot frauds in that city have more than once kept the Republican party in power in the state, when by a fair count they were defeated. Now they are reaping the whirlwind. The gang that has been kept in power by frauds in Philadelphia have robbed that city of railway franchises worth millions of dollars, for which they have paid not one red cent. If the people of Philadelphia will stand this, they ought to have the roofs stolen from over their heads.

The Pennsylvania Legislature will adjourn to-day. If we had a Governor who was not standing in with the machine he would probably issue a thanksgiving proclamation. No such high handed jobbery ever disgraced a state in the entire union. Our members, Creasy and Ikeler, were foremost among those who attempted to stop the iniquitous legislation, but the minority party had not the power to do it. The most aggravating thing about the whole business is the fact that the Quay machine was enabled to control all legislation by the assistance of several renegade Democratic traitors, whose names should sink into oblivion.

If at the next election a majority of the people of this state shall uphold the party that has shown itself so regardless of the rights of the people, they will stand anything, and there is no hope that Pennsylvania will ever be redeemed from the clutches of corruptionists. To-day we are held up to the scorn of the whole world. What are we going to do about it?

#### Hawking and Peddling Bill.

A bill has passed both houses at Harrisburg permitting county treasurers to issue a license to any person or persons to hawk, peddle or sell within the county where such license is granted, such goods and wares of merchandise of any nature and character other than their own manufacture or product for the sum of \$10 per year for each person so engaged, where the same is done on foot; or traveling with a conveyance, \$25 where a horse and vehicle is used. It does not apply to counties having special laws nor to boroughs and townships having laws regulating the same.

#### Democracy Vindicated.

It is one of the strange political changes wrought as a result of the new policy of expansion that an administration headed by a statesman so prominently identified with protection as was Mr. McKinley should now be organizing an effort to break down the tariff walls for the purpose of opening new markets to the products of the islands of the sea. It is a situation which Democratic tariff reformers are justified in regarding with much satisfaction, since it vindicates the principles for which the Democracy battled for years.—*Buffalo Courier.*

#### What Will The Harvest Be?

The defiant, profligate and revolutionary legislative riot will end at Harrisburg at noon this Thursday, when there will be voluntary thanksgiving from every honest heart in the State. Many Legislatures of the past have made records which brought the blush of shame upon every patriotic cheek in the Commonwealth, but the violent and revolutionary profligacy and robbery displayed by the present Legislature have never been approached in all the varied annals of Pennsylvania disgrace.

Officers from judges down to tideswaiters have been created or multiplied solely to meet political necessities and reward men who have betrayed the trust of the people. Charities, some without actual existence and others which could have no claim upon the public treasury, have been voted hundreds of thousands of dollars as rewards for profligate Democrats and perfidious insurgents as the ornamental part of the price paid for their treachery, while institutions founded by the State, writing the most lustrous records in educational and charitable advancement, have been denied appropriations because they are useless or hostile as political factors.

Even the improvement of our great water highway to the sea was rejected because profligate expenditures of the immense public revenues for purely partisan ends left no money available for that most indispensable work. Franchises worth untold millions were given away under special laws cunningly framed to permit no competition in acquiring these valuable grants, and when the desired franchises were obtained the same Legislature closed the doors against all competitors by a prohibitive legislative enactment. No such record of consuming shame has ever been written, or even approached, by a former Pennsylvania Legislature.

The people of Pennsylvania have been refused all hearing and the consideration of their rights in the reckless and profligate record of the present Legislature. The first experiment made was a revolutionary statute summarily dismissing from authority officers chosen by the people in the second class cities of the State, and that accomplished, the revolutionists halted for the judicial approval of their action. It came haltingly from the Supreme Court, in an opinion that deplored the necessity of judicial sanction for legislative wrongs, and that opinion was sustained by a bare majority of the court. With this judgment in their favor they assumed that their legislative authority was practically unrestrained, and drunk to madness with the power they possessed, they have outraged every principle of public interest and public decency, and carefully planned and consummated robbery to enrich themselves.

The men who have thus prostituted their official power for their personal gain, the two United States Senators, a Representative of Pennsylvania in the Congress of the United States, the Governor and members of his cabinet, State Senators, Councilmen and the Mayor of Philadelphia—are guilty of a public crime that at a former period would have caused their exclusion from any public trust if not from human

society. Entrusted with the guardianship of the public interests they have wantonly sacrificed them to their own aggrandizement. Always and everywhere this has been recognized as high crime.

It is more than doubtful if this franchise robbery can stand the scrutiny of honest courts. Judicial supervision of the disposal of public rights has always been maintained as a principle of law, and the corrupt abuse of official power vitiates the stolen privileges. The great franchise robbery, consummated as far as the Legislature and City Councils can do it by the desperate political leaders who have made Pennsylvania a theatre of public plunder, gives them franchises of immense value without requiring them to exercise the privileges conferred upon them, making these franchises a mere auction commodity, which owners and bidders can hold in the market for from five to seven years, without the public receiving any benefit whatever by increased transportation facilities.

Such legislation always has been held to be against public policy and subversive of the highest rights of the sovereign power of the people. It was attempted in New York, in the Broadway franchise steal, on a small scale compared with the Philadelphia robbery, and there were judges ready to sustain the theft; yet within a few months these judges were deposed or sought escape in suicide, and the Aldermen who had bartered public rights for their gain and the corruptionists who bought them, were behind prison bars or were fugitives from justice. The courts, aroused to a sense of their duty to the people, held the scales of justice in even balance against crime.

This issue is now remanded to the courts and to the people. The people will resolutely and sternly perform their duty. What will the courts do?—*Philadelphia Times.*

## WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, June 24, 1901.

The same interests—the sugar and tobacco trusts—which made President McKinley turn such a sudden somersault on the Porto Rican question are now working to make him nullify whenever the legislature of Porto Rico notifies the President of the United States that a system of internal taxation has been put into effect that would meet the expenses of the government of the islands, the President should issue a proclamation declaring free trade with Porto Rico, and that in any event the tariff on the Porto Rican products should cease to exist March 1, 1902. An extra session of the Porto Rican legislature has been called to meet July 4, for the purpose of giving the President the notification provided for in the Forsaker act and requesting him to issue a proclamation declaring free trade. This the trust interests are working to prevent on the pretended ground that system of internal taxation provided by the legislature of Porto Rico will not provide the necessary revenue, but in reality because they intend to prevent free trade between Porto Rico and the United States, if they can. Their plan is to compel President McKinley to decline to issue a free trade proclamation, and then to get Congress to amend the Forsaker act, extending the tariff on Porto Rican products, before it expires by limitation. It is difficult to say what the result will be. President McKinley wants free trade with Porto Rico, as he did when he sent his annual message to the last Congress, but the trust compelled him to eat his words and do their bidding then and they may be able to do so again.

Russia is hitting back at this government, which the short-sighted policy of the administration has involved in a tariff war. First, the Russian duty on American machinery was raised and now the duty on American rosin and bicycles goes up a notch or two. When it is remembered that what we buy of Russia is a not a drop in the bucket compared with what we sell her, the silliness of a system of tariff retaliation between the two countries is apparent. It is quite certain that this sort of policy will not result in extending our foreign markets, an object that President McKinley constantly professes to keep in view. Secretary Gage has just ordered a countervailing duty placed on sugar from Italy.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, was in Washington all last week. He talked freely of the political outlook, but said he wished it understood that he made no pretense of representing anybody but himself in the opinions expressed. He thinks that the next session of Congress will de-

## Impaired Digestion

May not be all that is meant by dyspepsia now, but it will be if neglected.

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vote a great deal of time to the Philippine question, with which the Supreme Court has said Congress alone has power to deal, and that out of the discussion will grow the principal issue of next year's Congressional campaign—"Ought the Constitution Follow the Flag?" Senator Jones thinks the Democrats will take the stand that we should not control any people who are not considered good enough to enjoy all the rights and privileges of American citizens; that we should assist the Filipinos to set up an independent government, notify the powers that we will brook no interference with it, and then withdraw our flag from the Philippines, but believes that a majority of Republicans will stand by the programme of holding the islands for the money that can be made out of them. He said that the Democrats would fight the Ship Subsidy bill, which he expects to see pushed to the front again, just as hard as ever; that he doubted whether Babcock's much talked of anti-tariff bill would ever get out of the House Ways and Means Committee, and rather expected the order of the trans-continental railroad bosses, to another Nicaragua Canal legislation, to be obeyed by the Republican leaders.

Representative Clayton, of Alabama, who has just returned from a visit to the Constitutional Convention, now sitting in that state, says the elimination of the negro vote is certain. As to its effect upon the state he said: "I have seen it suggested that with the elimination of the negro vote some of the states in the South will go Republican. This is certainly not true of Alabama. It has not been true of Mississippi, Louisiana, or South Carolina. Alabama will remain a Democratic state." Of the Republican threat to reduce Southern representation in Congress and the Electoral College Mr. Clayton said he had no fear. He called attention to the fact that Massachusetts had had a limited suffrage for many years, and no suggestion had ever been made to reduce its representation.

#### A NOBLE METAL.

After some little time during which the patience of some men became somewhat weary, the Pennsylvania Copper and Mining Co. has placed in their plant all the heavy machinery necessary for the successful running of same. And the time is very close when the wheels of their large plant will begin to revolve. Its success is assured, and those men who one year ago did not understand the nature of the copper in Pennsylvania's rock are now putting their shoulders to the wheel for fear they will leave an opportunity pass which they cannot again recall.

Copper is found in deposit in eighteen counties of the state of Pennsylvania. Native copper is not an uncommon thing in some of the South Eastern counties. The report of the state chemist is in some instances quite flattering, reaching more than 60 per cent. copper.

Dr. Dana cites his students almost wholly to Pennsylvania for their specimens of copper ores. Dr. Foote, of Philadelphia in his magnificent collection of these later times exhibits many copper specimens from the old Keystone state. Peters, in his advice to the copper trust people states that the best deposits of copper glance found in the world, is found in Blue Ridge mountains. The Wall Street men say when shown our copper ore, which outwardly looks weak, "If you have plenty of that ore that is all we want."

The Atlantic mines in the Lake Superior region for more than ten years have produced an ore yielding less than 1 per cent. copper and yet have paid dividends all these years.

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