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THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1901.

The fairness of the Republican congressional apportionment will be better appreciated when it is understood that 675,000 Republicans who cast their ballots for McKinley are given 28 representatives while the 425,000 Democrats who voted for Bryan are allowed but 3. That is, the Republicans take a Congressman for every 24,000 votes and give the Democrats one for every 141,000. Taking six times the representation that they allow their opponents may look all right to the ordinary ringster, but we doubt if there is a decent politician or an honest minded citizen in the Commonwealth who will consider it a fair deal.

There are a few newspapers and a few so-called Democrats that are protesting against a fusion with Independent Republicans on a State ticket this fall. There were a few men elected as Democrats in the last Legislature who declined to fuse with the insurgents, and who followed this up by voting for the machine candidates for President of the Senate and Speaker of the House; who voted for Quay for United States Senator, and who voted for every machine measure that was presented during the session. These men, who could have changed the whole program by joining the Democrats and Insurgents, are now naturally opposed to a movement that will defeat the machine in the State election. They could have taken the control of the Legislature from the hands of the machine, prevented the election of Quay, and saved the State from the mass of iniquitous legislation that characterized the entire session. They were despised and denounced by their fellow members, and their names will sink into oblivion as traitors to their party. Surely the influence of such men can have but little effect on the action of the state organization.

The Democratic party must purge itself of such material. It can do so by joining forces with all men in the state who desire honest government, just legislation, economical administration, a free ballot and an honest count, and a general reform of the many abuses that have crept into our state affairs. There is no national issue in this state this year. Free silver, the tariff, imperialism and the like have no part in Pennsylvania politics at present. It is entirely a matter of state only that we have to deal with, and all outside issues should be avoided. The burning question of the hour is whether the conduct of public affairs in this Commonwealth shall be wrested from the spoilsmen who are enriching themselves at the expense of the people.

What harm can come to the Democracy by fusion with that branch of the Republican party that is desirous of throwing off the yoke that has burdened their party for years, and who are willing to join forces with us to redeem the state? Certainly none whatever.

The good that could be accomplished by such a fusion is incalculable. It would mean the end of Quay domination, the overthrow of the gang that now holds Pennsylvania in its iron grasp, the beginning of a new political era for our grand old state.

THE COLUMBIAN has never swerved from Democratic principles, and it yields to none in allegiance to the party of the people; but it believes that a refusal to unite with those who have not hitherto acted with us and who are now willing to join their forces with ours for the accomplishment of great good to all the people of the state, is neither sound Democracy nor good politics. The delegates to the State Convention from this county will secure the approval of their constituents by voting for any fusion that may result in the overthrow of the Quay dynasty.

Advice From the Enemy.
 It is a good rule in politics as in war to find out what the enemy wants you to do and then do the other thing. It is a fact whose significance cannot be overlooked by the Democrats of Pennsylvania that the principal newspaper which represents the Quay-Durham interest is most concerned for the nomination of a "straight" Democratic ticket this fall; that Republican partisans generally are of this same view, and that protests against "fusion" are coming simultaneously from persons recognized throughout the State as Quay Democrats. All the bogus Democrats who went over openly to Quay in the late Legislature are earnestly against fusion with the Independents. All the machine leaders insist that it would be a great mistake.

Sincere Democrats who wish to accomplish results, for the Commonwealth and for the party will ponder these facts, and observing that all the forces of the enemy and his allies are earnestly opposed to fusion, they will conclude that fusion is what the enemy most dreads, and that it is, therefore, the wisest plan to follow.

The Democratic party is not in a position at this time to carry an election in Pennsylvania unaided. We need not stop now to discuss the reasons why. We have simply to consider facts, and it is a fact that it cannot command, on mere party lines, a majority of the voters. By putting itself at the head of the movement for the reform of the State government and inviting the co-operation of the independent Republicans, it can enter into the campaign with every hope of success. Out of such success will be developed without effort a strong and confident party organization that will become again a forceful factor in the State. That is what the Republican machine does not want. It is what the Democrats ought especially to strive for.

This year's election in no possible way involves any question of national policy. It concerns only the rescue of Pennsylvania from the organized band of political plunderers who have fastened their control upon every branch of public authority. To this essential end the Democratic party should both invite and seek the cordial union and co-operation of all good citizens, and as cordially unite with every organized effort to regain the political liberties of the Commonwealth. This is the opportunity not to be thrown away, as the opportunities of the legislative session were sacrificed by so-called Democrats, who made their own private "fusion" with the Quay machine. The fear of an independent fusion that the machine now manifests is sufficient evidence that it is the right policy for Democrats to support.—Philadelphia Times.

Compulsory Education Law Repealed.

A New Act Supplants It—Heavy Penalties for its Violation.

The Ford Compulsory education bill, which has just been signed by Governor Stone, repeals the present compulsory education act and is regarded as one of the most important school measures since the enactment of the law establishing public schools. It provides that children between 8 and 16 years shall be sent to a day school in which the

common English branches are taught continually during the entire time in which the public schools in their district are in session, unless excused by the board of the school district.

The act does not apply to children between 13 to 16 years who can read and write the English language and are regularly employed, or to children who are being taught in English in the common branches of learning by a governess or private teacher in a family. Employers of children are required to furnish annually before the third Monday of the school term and quarterly thereafter to their board in their districts the name, age, residence and name of parent or guardian of every such child under 16 years.

Heavy penalties are prescribed for violation of these features of the law. School boards are clothed with authority to appoint attendance officers to arrest and apprehend truants and others who break its provisions. The compensation of these officers is fixed by the boards appointing them, but in townships shall not exceed \$2.00 a day. Truancy and incorrigibility shall be deemed disorderly conduct, and children convicted of this offense may be sentenced to any special or reformatory school.

Assessors are required to make, at the spring registration of voters, a list of all children in their respective districts, between 6 and 16 years, to be returned to the commissioners, and by them to be furnished the secretary of the school district prior to July 15.

Teachers are required to furnish the attendance officer or superintendent with a list of all children in their school who have been absent three days or their equivalent with an excuse. A superintendent of school, secretary of the board, attendance officer or controller, who neglects to comply with the act is liable to a fine of \$25.00.

LATE STATE NEWS.

—Alex Ecket, of Scranton, went to sleep along the railroad track near Montoursville Friday night. When he awoke Saturday morning several of his toes were missing. They had been cut off by a train.

—Anna Kowalchik, who left Johnstown in March, was arrested in Cleveland, Ohio, on Monday, and confessed that while in Johnstown she killed her babe, one day old, by beating out its brains against a wall.

—A twenty-pound cannon ball, believed to have been used in the attack against Fort at the time of the Wyoming massacre during the Revolution, was found Saturday seven feet below the surface at West Pittston.

—The recent storms damaged York county's wheat crop, estimated at 1,800,000 bushels, so that millers and grain dealers are grading all new wheat as No. 2, for which they pay only 60 cents per bushel. Old No. 1 wheat brings 65 cents.

—David Clay, who murdered his mother, Mrs. Rebecca Clay, at Mt. Aetna, by braing her with a hatchet, was taken to a Harrisburg Asylum Friday afternoon. The Court decided he was not responsible for the crime. Clay said he killed her because she was a witch.

—There are no more cases of smallpox at the Sanitary Hospital. The place will be renovated and closed. One hundred and sixteen small-pox cases were treated there during the past six months without a single death. Half the cases were from Harrisburg, and the others from neighboring towns.

—William J. Hinden, on Friday made application to the Court for a divorce from his wife Elizabeth, on the ground that she was the granddaughter of a negress. Hinden makes affidavit that he was married on March 29, 1901, and that his wife obtained the marriage by fraud, in that before the marriage she alleged she was a white woman, when in fact her grandmother was a negress.

—Kicked by a horse until nearly every bone in his body was broken, Henry Tilberry, 11 years old, of Maple Hill died Monday. The boy was riding on a lay rake, which in descending a hill ran against the horse, causing the animal to kick furiously. The lad was thrown from his seat and became tangled in the rake in such a manner that he became a target for the horse's heels.

Do you want a good second-hand bicycle? If so, go to Mercer's Drug & Book Store. One ladies' wheel, \$9.00, with new tires; one gent's wheel, style, Sentinel, a bargain at \$11.00; one gent's wheel, style, Reading, for \$11.00; one high grade Columbia wheel, gent's, for \$9.50; one Reading Special, with coaster brake, for \$16.50. New last year; one Crescent tandem for \$25.00.

Rheumatism

What is the use of telling the rheumatic that he feels as if his joints were being dislocated?

He knows that his sufferings are very much like the tortures of the rack. What he wants to know is what will permanently cure his disease.

That, according to thousands of grateful testimonials, is

Hood's Sarsaparilla

It promptly neutralizes the acid in the blood on which the disease depends, completely eliminates it, and strengthens the system against its return. Try Hood's.

The Annual Picnic

The Royal Arcanum Picnic Association of this district held its meeting Monday of this week, at the Central Hotel, Sunbury, Pa. The Councils in the district were well represented.

It was decided to hold the annual picnic at Island Park, near Sunbury, Wednesday, August 14th. This beautiful park is well known and centrally located. It is confidently expected that not less than three thousand people will be in attendance. The 12th Regiment Band will furnish the music. It is probable that Supreme Regent Joseph A. Langfitt will be present and give a short address. No lengthy speeches will be tolerated.

An effort will be made to secure the attendance of the Bloomsburg Royal Arcanum Glee Club, that in itself will be an attraction. Provision will also be made for a series of athletic sports, games and contests, which heretofore have proved exciting and interesting.

An excellent dinner can be secured on the grounds for 35 cents.

The Picnic Association is composed of Councils at Muncy, Watsonstown, Milton, Lewisburg, Sunbury, Shamokin, Mt. Carmel, Berwick, Danville and Bloomsburg, and represents the best people of their respective towns. The location of the picnic grounds is especially favorable for a large attendance from this section. The train service is excellent. Further information will be given by posters, &c.

The Pennsylvania Copper and Mining Co.

This company is located in the Atlantic Copper Belt, at Central, Pa. Its capital stock is \$2,000,000.

There are 1,000,000 full-paid non-assessable shares.

The business force is: Dr. Thos. H. Carey, President, Central, Pa.; B. F. Fritz, Treasurer, Divide, Pa.; Joseph P. Fritz, Secretary, Central, Pa.; Metallurgist and Chemist: A. S. Fritz, Jamison City, Pa.; Consulting Attorney, A. L. Fritz, Bloomsburg, Pa.

The Atlantic Copper Beds reach from Florida to Labrador. These vary in the amount of copper held in deposit from the rich glance downward. But as the "wet smelting" has now supplanted the hot smelting for all weaker ores, an average 3 per cent copper is a magnificent proposition. According to surveys and from the reports of other scientific men it is no uncommon thing to find in the Atlantic deposits millions of tons of similar ore.

From more than one hundred assays, the ores of The Pennsylvania Copper and Mining Company have given an average above 4 per cent copper. Besides this there are workable quantities of magnesia, aluminum and some iron; traces of silver with now and then a start of gold.

The company has opened 16 mines which gave ores assaying from 30 per cent, down to nine-tenths of one per cent. There is ore enough in sight to keep the plant running from 5 to 10 years. These deposits, which are from a few inches to six feet thick, have benuded by glacial action.

There is now erected a plant capable of handling 150 tons of ore a day. Its machinery is complete and paid for. Its product will need no refiner, being metallic copper. And its management will be in careful hands; those acquainted with the methods which made the low grade "Lake" mines famous. By the method used in this plant 1 per cent copper should pay more than expense of smelting and otherwise handling it.

About 16 million pounds of fine copper are being extracted yearly from the Atlantic beds. Some places ore is brought from 700 feet underground. Here it is found at the surface.

Cost of mining, handling and extraction, will be about \$2.75. This would mean a profit of 25 cents on each ton of a 1 per cent ore.

For any information address the officers of The Pennsylvania Copper and Mining Company.

Girtou Reunion.

There will be a reunion of the Girtou family in Aqueduct Park, Rupert, on Thursday August 30th. All Girtous, relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend. S. J. JOHNSON, Secretary.

Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold. Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price, 50c.

Townsend's

CLOTHING HOUSE.

THE LUCKY NUMBER,

1025,

was held by Mr. Geo. W. Hess, Jeweler, &c., Bloomsburg, who intends to make the trip to the Buffalo Exposition.

We have started another series of tickets and are now giving one with every sale of one dollar or more, and on August 1st another drawing will take place for the last

FREE TRIP

To Buffalo Exposition.

We are offering big reductions in Summer Goods, in

Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing

AT

Townsend's Clothing House.

Our Great Mid-Summer

Clearance Sale!

Will begin Thursday, July 18.

We will not weary you with a long introductory as to the importance of this sale, but simply say to you, now and here, that the sole object of this bi-summer selling is to dispose of all surplus seasonable merchandise, and to that end we have carefully gone through each section and so reduced prices that there can be no mistake about the bargain nature of the occasion. Of course, a week of such selling, at such prices, means a present money loss, but what matters that when we gain a two-fold object: We clear our shelves for the autumn stocks, and at the same time give our public a buying benefit that they will appreciate. Just a short time this sale lasts, and it will make a record for itself if money-saving plays a part in your buying economy.

Muslin.

10 yards of Unbleached Muslin, the kind we have sold at 7c a yard, at 49c.

10 Yds. of Bleached Muslin, not the kind that is full of lime, at 52c.

10 Yds. of Bleached Muslin, same quality as Hill's, at 69c.

Shirt Waists. All our this season colored Shirt Waists, that sold from \$1.00 to \$1.75, reduced to 75c.

A lot of \$1.00 and \$1.25 Shirt Waists reduced to 39c.

Ladies' Muslin Underwear. Odd lots of soiled or mused Underwear, one-fourth to one-third off.

10 per cent. discount off of all the other Ladies' Muslin Underwear.

Ladies' and Misses' Shoes. A lot of Ladies' and Misses' Shoes, not all sizes, most of them 2 1/2 and 3 size, but good goods at 49c a pair.

A lot of Oxford Ties, most of them 2 1/2 and 3 sizes, reduced to 49c.

10 per cent. discount on all our regular shoe stock.

Most Pronounced Reduction

In Stocking Prices. 12 1/2c Misses' Hose reduced to 9c a pair.

Lawns and Dimities. All our Lawns and Dimities at 10c per yard. A great many we sold at 20, 22 and 25c. We don't want to carry any over.

Parasols. Our whole stock of Parasols reduced at least one-fourth in price.

A Lot of Dress Goods At Half Price. 15 pieces of Dress Goods worth 50 to 56c. per yard, reduced to 25c. White Pique Silks at half price.

Light Silks. A lot of Silks most of them sold at 50 and 60c. per yard, but we want to close them out so we cut the price to 25c. per yard.

A Lot of Summer Corsets at 23c.

Remnants. Our stock has been gone through and the remnants have all been taken out and marked at a price to sell and we have not considered cost.

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