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Holds the Record for Depravity.

For besotted depravity, the Pennsylvania Republicans in their convention, as in their State and municipal administration, hold the record. Of course, they express gratitude to Quay, their leader in corruption, and to his man Stone. They even "heartily indorse and commend" Quay's infamous gang of thieves, the late Legislature. All this was to be expected of a party owned outright by Quay.—Louisville (Ky.) Courier Journal.

### Invitation of the Democracy to Honest Men.

Waiving all questions and propositions upon which the people of the nation divide into political parties, we call upon all honest citizens to unite with us for the redemption of our Commonwealth from the political freebooters who now control it.

We make this fight not as a political organization seeking a partisan advantage, but in the interest of all Pennsylvanians, and will welcome a closer union with all political organizations honestly pledged to the same purpose.—Democratic Platform.

### Excites Ridicule and Contempt.

The protest of the machine politicians, in the recent platform adopted, against the newspapers which tell the truth about machine defiance of law and abuses of the public, excites only two feelings or comments; ridicule and contempt. The cowardice of those who cannot endure the telling of the truth is only matched by the un-Americanism of those who desire to throttle free speech. If the newspapers have been slandering the politicians let the latter seek redress through the courts; if the publishers have merely told the facts about public men and affairs, which they ought to do, and their readers have a right to know, the protestations of the spoilsmen only tend to confirm the publications.—Doylston Intelligencer (Rep.)

### THE MACHINE'S PLATFORM.

The Republicans in State Convention at Harrisburg last Wednesday adopted the following platform: The Republican party of Pennsylvania, in convention assembled, makes the following declaration of purposes and principles upon which it invites the support of the people of our Commonwealth:

In 1896, near the close of the last Democratic Administration, the business interests of the country were prostrated, capital remained uninvested and labor was idle and unproductive. The election of McKinley revived our languishing industries and started the nation on an era of prosperity such as it never knew before. We congratulate the American people on the good sense shown in the re-election of President McKinley. His administration has met every question with which it has been confronted in a wise, patriotic and statesmanlike manner. In all the vexed questions growing out of the war with Spain our national Administration has shown itself entirely capable and worthy of the greatest public confidence. Under this Administration great armies and navies were

raised, our flag was carried in honor and triumph to distant parts of the world, and our supremacy on land and sea sustained until now we are recognized as one of the greatest world powers.

We congratulate the people of Pennsylvania on the splendid prosperity which they now enjoy. The farmer, the mechanic, the laborer and the professional man, all either have or may have remunerative employment. We regret that under such prosperous conditions contests should arise between capital and labor, but we hope and believe that these disputes will be finally settled on an equitable basis that will do full justice to the contending parties. The right of capital to make proper and legal combinations has been recognized by legislative enactments in many of the States, and this carries with it the right of labor to organize in proper and legal ways for its protection and advantage; but neither capital nor labor has the right to resort to violence or illegal methods to redress wrongs or obtain rights. The spirit of mediation and concession should prevail in all disputes between capital and labor.

We congratulate the Republicans of Pennsylvania that there is no longer any division in the Republican party; that harmony has been restored; that respect for the will of the majority prevails, and that we present a united front arrayed only against the common enemy, the Democratic party. Our past troubles and dissensions are forgotten in the determination to stand firmly together in the future. Factional disputes only benefit the Democratic party, and our purposes and actions should be to avoid all cause of dissension.

We are amused, rather than concerned, by the declarations of the late Democratic State convention, for we readily recognize, as all the people must, the co-operation of certain newspapers in their preparation, which papers, failing in their attempt to disrupt the Republican party, have crawled under the tents of the Democracy with their stale and false charges and succeeded in having them adopted as a Democratic platform. The platform of the late Democratic State convention will be found in the files of the so-called yellow journals during the past few months.

We believe in surrounding the press with every constitutional guarantee vouchsafed to it since the foundation of our government, but it is a public menace that these constitutional guarantees should be so misused as to have permitted many of our newspapers to have degenerated into a yellow journalism such as is detrimental to any State or country.

We charge the so-called yellow journals with being subsidized by the full-page advertisements which they carry. The advertiser is permitted to dictate their policy and at his behest these newspapers have perverted the news columns and the editorial page from being an honest record of daily events to a labored attempt to misrepresent facts.

We arraign the Democratic party as incompetent, incapable, insincere and untrustworthy. The citizens of our State, within a very few days, have witnessed a spectacle seldom seen in the history of a political party asking the suffrages of the people. The Democratic party, ashamed of its record in the past and afraid to name a single issue of a national character on which to appeal for support, asks the people to forget that in the past, when entrusted with the administration of public affairs, it has ruined our business enterprises, shut down our mills, closed our factories, put in idleness our great laboring classes, ruined credit of the State and nation, and now appeals to the public on what it chooses to call local issues. We condemn it in administration of our State affairs as much as in the incompetency shown in its administration of our

national affairs. When the Democracy went out of power in our State it left to the Republican party a legacy of almost \$40,000,000 of debt. This debt, by wise administration under Republican rule, has been almost entirely paid. We have increased the appropriations to the common schools until we stand at the head of the American States in support of popular education. Under Republican administration there has been paid each year for educational purposes more than was appropriated by the Democratic party in their quarter of a century of misrule.

We have increased our appropriations to charitable and eleemosynary institutions until we can make the boast that no State between the two oceans supports these institutions as well as does our own.

Our 7,000,000 of people are industrious, honest, law-abiding and happy, yet, surrounded as we are on every side with prosperous business conditions, with people happy, employed and contented, with every avenue of business and trade fully occupied, and with the prospect of the future brightening and growing more hopeful, the old historic party of obstruction and negation sets up a hysterical cry of false pretense, hypocrisy and insincerity for the purpose of misleading the people and regaining lost power.

We commend the wise, patriotic, courageous and statesmanlike administration of Governor William A. Stoue. He inherited from the preceding administration a deficit of more than \$3,000,000 in the State treasury, but by his courage in reducing extravagant appropriations, by compelling the collection of delinquent taxes and by administering every department of the State government on an economic basis, this deficit has been wiped out, the floating debt of the State has all been paid, the public institutions receive their money as soon as it is due and payable, and the special appropriations are paid more promptly than ever before, and the credit of the Commonwealth is fully restored.

We heartily commend and endorse the wise and beneficent laws enacted by the late Legislature and firmly believe that as the people of the State investigate and consider the many important acts passed by that body they will cordially approve of its labors.

We are deeply sensible of the great debt which the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania owes to its representatives in the United States Senate, Hon. M. S. Quay and Hon. Boies Penrose, for the watchful care which they have ever given to the interests of the State, its material enterprises and the welfare of its citizens.

### GOOD GROWING WEATHER.

Corn, Buckwheat and Late Potatoes Greatly Benefited by the Recent Rains.

The weather bureau gave out the following report on Saturday: The temperature was quite uniform and slightly above the normal throughout the greater portion of the state. Rains were frequent and general; over the eastern part of the state the fall was heavy (except in a few scattered sections), while in the western half the showers were lighter but usually sufficient for crop needs.

Corn, buckwheat and late potatoes appear to have been especially favored by the prevailing conditions and made very good progress; the corn and buckwheat crops bid fair to be unusually good; the return from the late potato crop is still, to a great extent, a matter of speculation, but the progress and improvement during the last week, if continued for a short while longer, will insure a fair yield in most counties.

The wet weather prevented farmers housing the small portion of the oats crop still out. Late threshing continues, but shows no change in the results previously obtained—a good return from rye, wheat below the average, and oats poor. Good progress has been made with the preparation of ground for fall seeding.

The tobacco crop continued to make a highly encouraging advance and its prospects are now very promising. The outlook for the apple crop is still unfavorable, in fact, the defective quality of the apples in most sections and the long continued dropping render a poor return inevitable. Other fruits are fair to good, although in various localities some small fruits are rotting. Late peaches promise to be better than the early ones. Vegetables are generally good.

### Lycoming Co. Fair.

On account of the Lycoming Fair the Philadelphia & Reading Railway will sell excursion tickets at the low rate of single fare for the round trip, with a minimum of 25 cents, to Williamsport and return, from Mt. Carmel, Shamokin, Catawissa, Bloomsburg and intermediate ticket stations. Tickets will be good going September 3 to 6, inclusive, and good for return until September 7, inclusive.

## 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.

## WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, Aug. 26, 1901.

"Make way for the new Caesar!" That is the sort of a shout some rubber-lunged understrapper will be putting up in front of Acting Secretary Hackett, if he is left in sole charge of the Navy Department much longer. His head gets bigger every day and he comes nearer thinking himself the whole thing. He has made it quite plain that he is anti-Schley. In this he has only followed the example of Secretary Long, the difference being that Long has more tact and courtesy than to assume autocratic airs. It is understood that so many complaints about Hackett have been made to President McKinley that he has given Secretary Long a hint by wire that it would be advisable for him to cut his vacation short and return to Washington sometime before the assembling of the Schley Court of Inquiry, and that Mr. Long will resume charge of the Navy Department this week.

The most important happenings of the week in the preparations for the Schley inquiry are all connected with Rear Admiral Howison, whose sitting as a member of the court is now anything but certain. Rear Admiral Schley, through his counsel, requested the Navy Department to forward a copy of an alleged interview with Howison in which Schley was sneered at and Sampson lauded to that officer and request him to say whether he was correctly reported or not. Caesar Hackett has made public his letter to Schley denying the request and defending Howison and giving reasons why he should not be asked about that interview, which is anything but convincing. That is tomfoolery, of course. Schley has the right to absolutely challenge Howison, if he wishes to exercise it. Capt. Parker, who is assisting Schley's counsel in preparing the case, has an affidavit from the reporter who interviewed Rear Admiral Howison, declaring that the interview was absolutely correct as published and expressing his willingness to testify before the Court of Inquiry if his evidence was considered necessary. Should Howison acknowledge the accuracy of the interview he would thereby disqualify himself for sitting on the court, no matter how anxious Caesar Hackett and the anti-Schley naval clique might be to keep him on the court. Should he deny the correctness of the published interview, he will be confronted by the reporter. Admiral Schley will not believe that Howison used the language in that interview until he either acknowledges it or refuses to deny it. Being open and above board in his own likes and dislikes, he cannot understand how a brother officer can be otherwise. Schley spends a good portion of every day working and consulting with his lawyers in the preparation of his case. He smilingly declines all invitations to talk about it for publication, and says, "Wait for the Court."

The joint committee representing the American Anti-Trust League and the Knights of Labor came out ahead in its first round with Attorney General Knox. The committee asked Mr. Knox to furnish any information in his possession concerning the formation of the steel trust. He replied denying that he had any information about the trust or that he had anything to do with its formation; admitting that he was legal counsel for the Carnegie Steel Co. for some time previous to the formation of the trust, and asserting that the duty and object of the Department of Justice was to enforce the Federal statutes. The committee replied to his letter with a public statement in which it pointed out the evasive nature of his denial, and issued the following challenge to him: "Will Attorney General Knox offer a reward for the production of the incriminating evidence against the trusts for which we asked, and which he says he does not possess? Will he announce that the Department of Justice will pay a substantial reward to any person or persons who will produce evidence that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or corporation guilty of violating the Federal statute against trusts? Let him do this, and institute vigorous proceedings against trust law-breakers, and the people will no longer have doubts as to his faithfulness of his oath of office, and he will no longer be the target for criticism, innuendo, and invective on the part of the press because of the fact that while the trusts ride roughshod over the people, the Attorney General,

# Townsend's CLOTHING HOUSE.

The last drawing was held on Thursday, August 1st.

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WE ARE OFFERING

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# Too Busy!

Getting Our New Store arranged to write ads. See this space next week.

## F. P. PURSEL.

who is the sole officer under the Federal law who is vested with authority to prosecute them, refuses to take any action."

A well known Texas, Mr. John T. Cammins, of Austin, has been telling tales in Washington about the ambitious young legislators of his State. He said: "The legislature is seeking to redistrict the State for members of Congress. The ambitious young men in the legislature, who think they are qualified to come to Congress, are seeking to fix up the reapportionment

so that as many as possible of the present Representatives shall not be able to receive reelection. Half the delegation in Congress are hovering around the State Capitol to protect their personal interests, but it looks as though the legislature would be unable to do anything."

The State Association of County Commissioners will hold its annual convention at Bellefonte September 24, 25 and 26 next. Each board is expected to be present with its chief clerk and attorney.