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THE BATTLE FOR REFORM

Democratic State Chairman's Final Appeal to the Voters.

An Opportunity That All Patriotic Citizens Should Improve—What the Election of Yerkes and Coray Will Mean.

Harrisburg, Oct. 24.—The following address has been issued by Chairman Creasy, of the Democratic state committee:

To the voters of Pennsylvania:

An extraordinary chapter in the history of Pennsylvania politics has just been recorded, one which should arrest the thoughtful attention of every citizen and arouse him to a sense of his bounden duty toward the commonwealth. In the conflict which has been waged with the persistent foes of honest government all efforts to protect the ballot box from pollution have been either openly and bitterly opposed, or sinister attempts made to nullify the fruits of intelligent and earnest work for ballot reform. At every step, obstacles have been put in the way of the free and independent exercise of the right suffrage. Needless and vexatious requirements have been insisted upon, with the sole object of preventing the success at the polls of those non-partisan movements absolutely necessary at times to overcome the combined power of evil forces in public life.

THE TREASURY RING TERRIFIED.

Face to face at last with the swelling tide of patriotic revolt against intolerable conditions, it was determined to break down, if possible, this inspiring union of honest citizenship through an eleventh hour appeal to the courts. This action was not based upon even a fragment of justice—for any alleged trespass upon personal rights could have been fully considered at any other time—but the bare technicality of procedure. The purpose was so plain that none could be deceived and as unjustifiable as it was significant. It was hoped to prevent a half million Democratic voters from having the opportunity to strike a direct and effective blow at the blighting and doomed cause of Quayism. Such a transparent scheme of unprincipled and desperate political leaders clearly shows the fear which possesses them. The possibility and growing certainty that a trustworthy representative of the people will be commissioned to take charge of the state treasury fills the ring with alarm. This one fact should serve as an unerring finger-board showing the honest voters of Pennsylvania their duty in this crisis. Never before has such a plan to defeat the manifest public will been resorted to. Never before have baffled political conspirators dared to snatch the ballot of his choice from the citizen's hands. Never before have political highwaymen thus attempted to hold up the patriotic freemen of our great state.

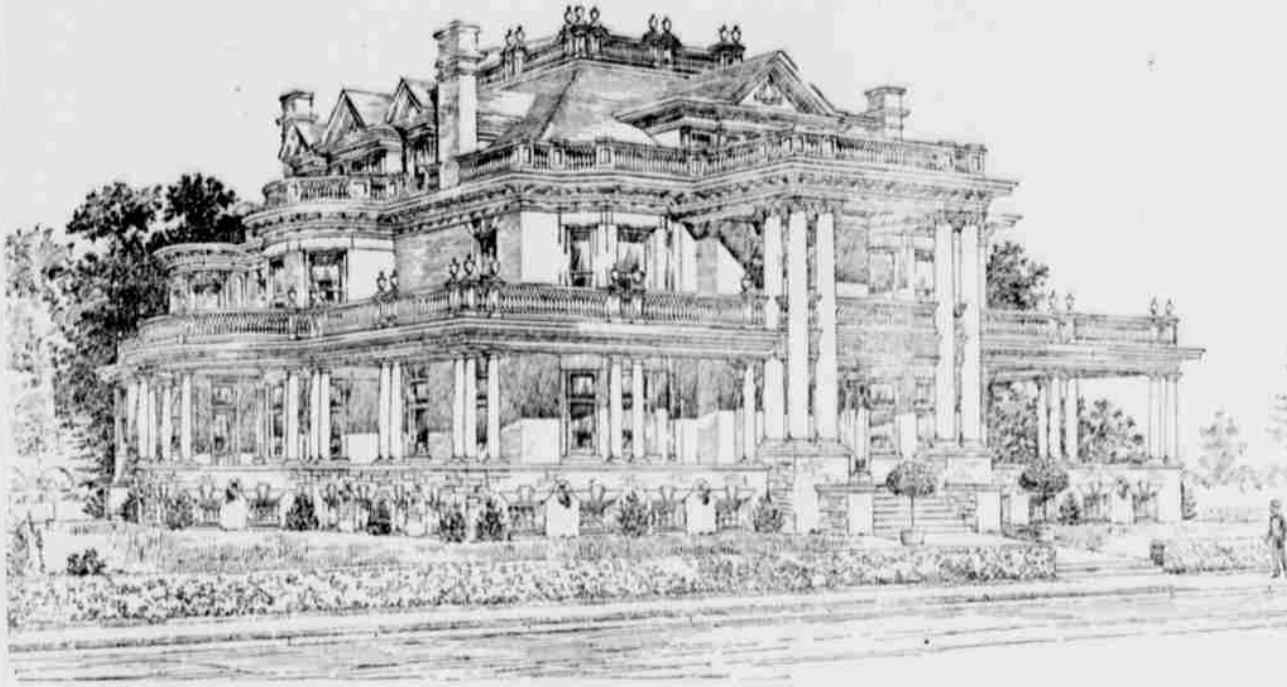
EARNEST WORK ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Happily, this despicable device to save an imperiled machine has utterly failed. The utmost demands of party rectitude have been swiftly and completely complied with. The reform banner is still aloft, bearing the honored names that every honest Democrat in Pennsylvania, and every honest Republican as well, should be proud to endorse at the polls. We, therefore, in the name of a Democracy that means the very highest form of political purity and personal and official integrity, appeal to you to gird on the armor for an immediately and triumphant assault upon the citadel of Quayism. Let the remaining days of the campaign be zealously devoted to bringing every voter into line for Yerkes and Coray. The signs of victory are most encouraging on every hand. An earnest union of good citizenship in every county, in every city and town and in every election district, will surely mean the utter rout of the enemies of the people.

WHAT A UNION REFORM VICTORY WILL MEAN.

A vote for Yerkes means the upholding of the highest standard of judicial ability and integrity; the protection of the court of last resort from the contamination of evil influences. Every citizen is vitally interested in the maintenance of the purity of the tribunals of justice. A vote for Coray means an effective protest against the prostitution of public office to base selfish purposes. The state treasury has been the financial fortress within which a conscienceless and corrupt ring has been entrenched for nearly 40 years. To drive them out, open the books and enforce honest administration, is the supreme duty of voters this year. The chance to do this has never been so favorable. Now is the time for a union of the patriotic citizenship of our long enthralled commonwealth which will lead to its speedy release from the iniquities of machine bondage.

WILLIAM T. CREASY,
Chairman Democratic State Committee.



Mr. E. B. Tustin's Residence, as it Will Appear When Completed.

The residence of Edward B. Tustin now being erected on Market street, will be one of the handsomest mansions in this state, when completed. Mr. T. P. Reitmeyer of Williamsport is the architect and has full charge of the work.

The materials for the exterior are Roman shaped, cream tinted bricks, trimmed with Bedford stone of ivory shade. The roofs will be covered with forest green tiles. The porches are 13 feet wide, and have massive columns extending to the roof, of stately and

graceful design. The interior will be fitted up in the finest forms known to architecture. The basement contains Turkish smoking room, billiard room, children's playroom, bowling alley, gymnasium, laundry and boiler rooms. On the first floor are the library, parlor, drawing room, dining room, breakfast room, sun parlor, and conservatory, servants' sitting room, kitchen, pantries, etc. The parlor will be finished in tones of gold and white. The halls and library will be beamed, corniced, and moulded ceilings in San Domingo mahogany. Other rooms in

(By courtesy of Williamsport "Grit.")

quartered white oak finished in Flemish, green, and antique tones. The entire second and third floors in ivory white and French gray enamels. There will be six fully equipped bathrooms finished in dainty tile work in white, gold, blue, pink and green effects. Throughout the whole exterior and interior scheme there is a happy combination of the useful and beautiful, giving every comfort and convenience, and it would be difficult to point to a finer example of a modern American home.

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MIGHT NOT BE SO FUNNY.

There are some very funny people living up along the line of the trolley road. Not long ago they fixed up a dummy and laid it on the track, and thought it was a good joke when a car ran over it and nearly frightened a motorman out of his wits. On Saturday evening they tried to be funny again, and laid a piece of hemlock scantling across the track. Several cars ran over it, but fortunately no accident occurred. This sort of senseless sport ought to cease, and we are informed that the company is on the lookout for these funny people, and if they are detected they will have to abide the consequences. It may not be generally known that the law provides for punishment in such cases. The act of 1860, Pamphlet Laws, page 382, section 142 reads as follows:

MALICIOUS MISCHIEF TO RAILROADS: If any person shall wilfully and maliciously put, place, cast or throw upon or across any railroad, any wood, stone or other matter or thing, or shall wilfully and maliciously take up, remove, or displace any rail, sleeper, or other matter or thing belonging to any railroad, or shall wilfully or maliciously turn, move or divert any switch or other machinery belonging to any railroad, or shall wilfully and maliciously make or show, hide or remove, any signal of light upon or near any railroad, or shall wilfully and maliciously do or cause to be done any other matter or thing, with intent, in any of the cases aforesaid, to obstruct, upset, overthrow, injure or destroy any tender, carriage, car or truck used on such road, or to endanger the safety of any person traveling, or being upon such railroad, every such offender shall be guilty of felony, and, being thereof convicted, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of ten thousand dollars, and to undergo an imprisonment, by separate or solitary confinement not exceeding ten years.

Ten years in the penitentiary for a little joke like this, wouldn't be so funny, would it?

The engineer corps started this morning to survey a line for the trolley between Bloomsburg and Millville.

THE MAN IN THE MOON.

On Friday, Saturday and Monday evenings the operetta, "The Man in the Moon," was presented at the Opera House, under the direction of Mr. J. G. Hoffman of New York. It was under the auspices of the Civic Club, and their share of the proceeds will go into the Public Library fund. The operetta is a combination of pretty airs from popular light operas, and the entertainment was a charming one throughout. Mr. Hoffman is an affable gentleman who thoroughly understands his business, and his drilling of so many people, including a large number of children in so short a time was wonderful. He is ably assisted by Miss Vandusen, pianist.

The goblins were one of the best features of the show, and all did their parts well. The Umbrella Dance by Clarissa Peacock and Marguerite Eshleman was very pretty, and very gracefully done by the little ladies. Misses Ora White, Claire Gross and Nellie Swepenhiser made a hit as the London Swells.

The leading parts were filled by Dr. A. K. Aldinger, W. H. Coffman, Edward Lewis, Paul Harman, Frank Colley, Misses Sloan, Rawlings, Hendershot, Albert, Cope, White, Foulke, Girton and Miller. The cake walk by Misses Edna Wilson, Emma Webb, Minnie Deily, Bess Bachman, Aleca Hallbauer, Nellie Wilson, and Messrs. S. H. Harman, J. W. Lee, Silas Riddle; G. Gross, Frank Miller and Ben Carpenter, was also a winner, and received much applause.

The Archer Cadets were Misses Low, Buckalew, Hartman, White, Neal, Address, Ethel Hartman and Hemingway. They looked pretty and marched well.

Harold and Mae Gross as the Komical Koons, were very entertaining. There were a large number in the chorus who deserve equal credit with those who had more prominent parts, but their names are not at hand. One of the most serious drawbacks to the proper presentation of the operetta was the smallness of the stage, and the absence of appropriate scenery and stage properties, but even this

was not sufficient to prevent the entertainment from being a great success. Mr. Hoffman will be welcome here should he ever return.

The thanks of the public are due to the ladies who are working so zealously and unselfishly to establish a free library. May their efforts be crowned with success!

The Wheelmen pool team for the second time triumphed over Capt. Boyd Maize's shooters last night. The victory was even more decisive than before, the Wheelmen this time leading by 35 points.

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