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BEER AND CIGARS BOTH ILLEGAL

Candidates Cannot Treat While Seeking Votes Says Erie County Court.

In a sweeping opinion handed down by Judge Walling, of the court of common pleas, at Erie, it is declared that Mayor Michael Liepbel, Jr., of that city, is serving illegally in office, and application will be made to the attorney general to have him ousted—all for election cigars and beer.

The case is a peculiar one, as a feature of the opinion is that the court holds the giving of cigars or giving of drinks by the candidates or his representatives for campaign purposes, is violating the corrupt practices act.

The matter has been in litigation for some time and created interest throughout the State. Mr. Liepbel was accused of securing his election through fraud, and charges to this effect were made against him by a number of leading citizens.

During the trial the Mayor bitterly fought the proceedings and it looked for a time as if the opinion would be in his favor; but, contrary to expectations, the decision confirmed the allegations set forth by the complainant.

Stuart Up Against It.

It is now ten days since the Capitol Investigating Commission made its final report recommending the criminal and civil prosecution of all the guilty. The Commission named several men as guilty.

What action has the Governor or the Attorney General taken since they received the report of the Commission to prevent the men accused by the Commission from escaping to foreign countries from which they could not be brought back or from placing all their tangible property beyond the hope of recovery by the State? Meantime the statute of limitations is running and soon the criminals will be immune unless prosecutions are begun.

It is true that it is said bills of indictment are being prepared, but it is not customary to postpone the arrest of an accused criminal until after he is indicted. Why should it be done in the case of the Capitol grafters? Are they entitled to more tender consideration than the petty and poverty-stricken thief who gets away with a pair of shoes or a piece of lead pipe?—Harrisburg Patriot.

Whenever a man seeks for and accepts the nomination of the unscrupulous and corrupt Penrose Machine for a State office he expects to comply with its purposes or to betray them. This is the dilemma in which John O. Sheatz has placed himself in accepting the Machine nomination for State Treasurer, no matter how good were his original intentions. Why, then, not elect a man to this office who, like William H. Berry, will have no divided allegiance to divert him from watchful care of the public interests? Such a man is John G. Harman; the Democratic candidate for State Treasurer.—Phila. Record.

Tour State With Traveling Schools.

Deputy Secretary Martin Has Completed Arrangements for Remarkable Agricultural Instruction.

Deputy Secretaries of Agriculture Martin has announced that he has completed his arrangements to put into operation his plan for the creation of traveling schools for the instruction of farmers in horticulture, arbor culture, poultry, farming and dairy work. He hopes to place one in every congressional district in the State.

These schools will be large vans which will travel from place to place, equipped with maps, books, diagrams, pamphlets for distribution and chemical apparatus for demonstration. They will be modeled upon the New York State plan, the work being done under the farmers' institute division, it being, in fact, farmers' school on wheels. The first four wagons are almost ready and will be placed in the congressional district comprising Montgomery, Chester, Adams and Bradford counties. As rapidly as other wagons are equipped they will be placed. The addresses will be delivered at separate meetings from the wagons their routes being announced and advertised before hand.

A complete corps of instructors has been selected for the first wagons among whom are some of the most learned men in the country. If the plans of Secretary Martin are realized there will be a tour through this and adjacent valleys, as well as every other agricultural section of the State, next spring.

NOTIFICATION MEETING.

Arrangements for the notification meeting to be held in Bloomsburg, have been made. This will be the opening of the active campaign that is to be waged in behalf of John G. Harman in his candidacy for the office of State Treasurer.

The formal notification will take place in Bloomsburg, September 11th. The meeting will be held in the opera house at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The speakers will include Mr. Harman, State Treasurer Wm. H. Berry, Jeremiah Black, the former Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and LaRue Munson or Senator Dewalt.

Visiting cards and Wedding invitations at the COLUMBIAN office. tf

William R. Hearst, the congressman and multi-millionaire newspaper man of New York, Chicago and San Francisco, is to deliver the Labor day oration at Scranton on September 2. Mr. Hearst was secured by S. J. McDonald, president of the Central Labor Union of Scranton.

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WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C. Aug. 22, 1907.
 Democratic politicians in Washington are finding a good deal of quiet enjoyment in the difficulties which their friends, the Republicans are experiencing with the tariff question. Secretary Taft has come out in the speech which is understood to be the platform on which he will stand for the nomination of his party, for tariff revision to take place after election, or "eighteen months hence," and it is known that President Roosevelt read and approved Mr. Taft's utterance before it was delivered. Moreover, Mr. Taft says that he is convinced that in order to win the Republican party must pledge itself in its next national platform to this programme and the President is known to hold the same view. These views of the party leaders, however, cause unmitigated agony to those staunch old protectionists who have always been the bone and sinew of the party, and "Honest John Dalzell," who is sent to Congress year after year by the Steel Trust, and made a member of the most influential committee of the House, that on Rules, by Speaker Cannon, to please the same corporations, is groaning so loudly that his wail can be heard all the way from Pittsburgh to Washington. Speaker Cannon is also in severe distress because he well realizes that his long record as a "stand pater" naturally unfits him to succeed himself as Speaker of a House elected on such a platform as the President and Secretary Taft propose. Were it not for the fact that the venerable "General" Grosvenor of Ohio had fallen by the wayside, so to speak; in other words failed of reelection, his wail of grief would already be piercing the ambient atmosphere all the way from San Francisco to the Atlantic coast.

Perhaps Secretary Taft did make a mistake in thus committing himself so far in advance of the nominating convention, as in addition to the railroads and the trusts he will now have the protected industries, which have long been the special pets of the Republican party, and in return have furnished the "sinews of war" for each campaign fund against him, and it is not impossible that the combined interests may accomplish his defeat.

To hear the good old-fashioned Republicans, men of the stamp of Vice-President Fairbanks, Senator Aldrich, Senator Foraker, Senator Crane, Senator Knox, Governor Hughes and others, talk among themselves about Theodore Roosevelt and the Republican party, one is reminded of that story once famous in popular fiction, of the scientist who so far perfected his science that he created a man, although he was unable to endow it with a soul. His creation dogged his footsteps all his life, proved a veritable nemesis, and when he finally, in desperation, took the life he had created, he committed suicide from remorse. So, say these Republican leaders, the Republican party created Roosevelt, but he has proved to be a man without a Republican soul, at least. His policies are Democratic, not Republican. He has not hesitated to borrow from Mr. Bryan, or from any other source, anything he regarded as good and he has so far had the people with him as to compel his Republican brethren in Congress to support measures which were in the last degree repugnant to all that has hitherto stood for Republicanism. And now, to augment and refine the agony of the old-fashioned Republicans, Mr. Roosevelt seems bound to inflict the party with another man of his own stripe in William Howard Taft. Truly, in these days of progression, the way of the Republican is hard.

Democrats in the national capital are greatly interested in the obvious fact that the President and Secretary Taft have come to the conclusion that William J. Bryan will again be the Democratic standard bearer, and they assert that the attention which Mr. Taft paid to Mr. Bryan in his keynote speech demonstrates that they regard the "Peerless Leader" as truly a formidable opponent. Mr. Taft devoted a goodly portion of his speech at Columbus to an attempt to show that Rooseveltism was not Bryanism, although he was compelled to admit that many of his and Mr. Roosevelt's policies sounded singularly like the scheme originally propounded by the brilliant Nebraskan.

It is a bit of inside history, that while in Mr. Taft's speech as print-

ed he declared that the scheme of licenses for all corporations doing an interstate business originated with Secretary Garfield when he was Commissioner of Corporations and afterwards was adopted by Mr. Bryan. Mr. Taft did not say that at Columbus. He so wrote when he prepared the advance copies of his speech, but at the eleventh hour he found that Mr. Garfield did not originate the scheme and he notified the papers to change the text of his speech, but in most instances it was too late, as it was already in type.

The Standard Oil Company directors have just issued a statement in which they appeal for sympathy against the "persecution" which they are suffering at the hands of the present administration, which is the first Republican administration which ever had the nerve to prosecute the great octopus. Among other things, their statement, although it does not actually state a falsehood, is so worded as to convey the impression that the report of the Commissioner of Corporations on the Standard was issued in order to increase the fine imposed by Judge Landis. The facts are that the report of the Commissioner, although ready before, was withheld from publication until after Judge Landis had pronounced sentence, in order that there might be no appearance of trying to influence the court improperly. The intimation of the Standard directors is characteristic of the work of the high-priced press bureau which this corporation is now maintaining and which has tried so sedulously to deceive the people into the belief that to the unselfish effort of the Standard is due the reduction in the price of oil which has taken place within the memory of present day consumers. It does not seem likely, however, that the most clever press work can arouse much sympathy for the Standard Oil Company.

A Magazine Worth Getting Acquainted With

The publishers of *Lippincott's Magazine* report a most gratifying increase in its circulation during the past summer—though the summer months are a season when the circulation of periodicals usually shows a falling off. *Lippincott's* good showing is probably due to the exceptional quality of the fiction which has appeared in it of late. The September number shows no let-up in the efforts its publishers are making to please the public. It opens with a novelette which is sure to attract attention both for its own intrinsic merit and on account of the author, Carolyn Wells. Miss Wells has won an enviable reputation for her humorous work, and now proves that she can write serious fiction just as well as that of a more frivolous type. The novelette is entitled "A Chain of Evidence," and the plot is based on murder mystery which we believe to be unique in fiction, although scientists affirm that the possibilities thereof are by no means exaggerated. How the mystery is solved and the criminal entrapped forms a narrative that is so absorbingly interesting that the reader will feel genuine regret when he comes to the end.

A notable contribution among the shorter stories is Elsie Singmaster's "The Long Courting of Henry Kumerant," a Pennsylvania-German story in which humor and pathos are adroitly commingled. Captain Lloyd Buchanan's offering is a tragic sketch of the Boer War, entitled "The Reporter Who Made a Story." "You," by Prince Vladimir Vaniatsky, is a love story of singular sweetness and charm. "The Passing," by Jane Belfield, is an emotional monotone of rare beauty. Of its kind, it is perfect. "The Girl from Tres Posos," by Elliott Flower, is a tale of love and adventure in the Southwest. May Harris's "The Sophisticated Mr. Lettredge" is fresh, dainty, and mirth-provoking.

Two essays of exceptional quality are "Queen Dolly," by La Salle Corbell Pickett, and "Shelley," by George L. Knapp.

Other brief essays are "As to Child Labor Agitation," by George Allan England; "Pessimism in Modern Fiction," by Sarah D. Upham; and "The Animal Story," by E. L. Sabin.

Some tuneful verse and the usual complement of jests, jingles, and anecdotes, complete the number.

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