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Political.

Democratic State Ticket.

FOR STATE TREASURER, JOHN G. HARMAN, of Bloomsburg.

Democratic County Ticket.

FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE, WILLIAM KRICKBAUM, of Bloomsburg.

HARMAN'S CAMPAIGN OPENED.

Gov. John G. Harman opened a campaign as Democratic candidate for State Treasurer, in Pottsville last Saturday night. An audience of over four thousand filled the building to overflowing. Speeches were made by State Treasurer Berry, who was warmly greeted, and others.

But it wasn't all a Berry meeting, this opening rally of the Democratic State campaign. One of the features of the gathering was the tremendous ovation tendered Candidate John G. Harman as he entered the hall with Berry, escorted by William J. Brennen, city chairman and candidate for Judge of Common Pleas Court, No. 4. The crowd cheered for 20 minutes.

The Carlisle Club, of Pittsburg, escorted the speakers from the Monongahela House, where Berry and Harman had held a reception all day. They were visited by hundreds of voters, many Republicans being among the number.

The rally was the most enthusiastic held in that city since Candidate Bryan made his famous appearance. The other speakers were Mayor Guthrie, of Pittsburg; John H. Fow, of Philadelphia; W. J. Brennen and John B. Larkin, of Pittsburg.

HARMAN'S MAGNETIC SPEECH.

In the audience were many independent voters who took a keen interest in the Democratic candidate for State Treasurer, Mr. Harman. His remarks on the sins committed by the Republican administration, and its supporters, together with his promises, to be fulfilled if elected, created deep interest.

It does not look as though it were necessary to have a joint debate between Harman and Sheatz in order that the Democrats can draw a crowd at their meetings, as some of the Republican organs are so absurdly claiming.

The ancient myth that oysters were eatable only in the months with an R in them was dispelled long ago, though many persons still hold to the practice it inculcated. It has had one good result, however, and that is to greatly reduce the consumption of oysters during four months of the year. With September the tabooed letter reappears, and now this famous food will be plentiful all over this part of the world, as the reports seem to indicate that the harvest will be equal to the demand. The number of oysters eaten is almost beyond comprehension. In the height of the season Philadelphia receives about 160,000 bushels per week, Baltimore still more.

WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C. Sept. 26, 1907.

President Roosevelt and Secretary Root almost passed each other in the depot here this week, the one coming back to Washington from his summer vacation at Oyster Bay and the other leaving the city for a long trip through Mexico. The President had finished the regular summer vacation that keeps the White House vacant for three months each summer, and was making a flying trip to Washington before starting on his tour of the west. He will leave here about the end of this month for Canton, Ohio, where he will take part in the dedication of the McKinley Monument. Thence he will go to Keokuk and meet the Inland Waterways Commission for a trip down the Mississippi as far as Memphis. There he will address the Lake to Gulf Waterways Convention in what ought to be a talk of national moment. The convention is planning for the long projected ship channel from the Lakes to the Gulf, down the Mississippi. It is hoped that this dream will become a reality before the Panama Canal is finished. With these two arteries of trade, the United States will be in a position to make a bid for world traffic such as she has never made before, and such as all-water routes would make cheap freights to foreign countries for practically all of the United States, putting the states of the Mississippi Valley on a level in this regard with the states of either the Atlantic or Pacific seaboard.

President Roosevelt will not remain in Washington long on this visit, but he will have a chance to meet at the White House the bishop of London, Bishop Ingram, who is here for the great Episcopal convention. It happens that the Bishop though a much older man than the President, is also an ardent tennis player, and the two have arranged a match on the White House court to be played during the visit of the Bishop to the White House. It will be a contest of church and state sure enough and the President will have a chance to win back for America some of the tennis laurels that have been lost by the American teams in England of late years.

Secretary Root's visit to Mexico is partly for pleasure and partly for business. There were a number of good results from his recent trip around South America. He was received everywhere in his official capacity as the representative of the United States and his presence did much to cement the ties of international friendship and make possible the understanding with the Central American states and Mexico averting the recent threatened war. His present visit to Mexico has some connection with a better understanding with Mexico over the almost constant problem of keeping quiet the turbulent states to the south of her. The good feeling between Mexico and the United States has been growing of recent years and the visit of Secretary Root will do much to increase it.

Word has come from that indefatigable globe trotter, Secretary Taft who is now on the eve of reaching Japan. Preparations are being made for his extensive entertainment in the land of the Mikado, but dispatches from Russia indicate that his coming is awaited there with even more eagerness. Some of the Russian papers believe that his visit to St. Petersburg will mark the consummation of a definite alliance between Russia and the United States. This of course is not so, as there are no offensive or defensive alliances of the United States with any foreign nations, and the only regularly recognized treaties are made by the President and approved by the Senate. But in Russia the wish is father to the thought, and as the Land of the Czar has a standing grudge to pay off against the Land of the Mikado, the idea is welcomed in Russia that some sort of understanding may be reached with the United States in virtue of which the two countries will eventually join forces against Japan. Russia is firmly convinced that this country will have Japan to fight sooner or later, and would greatly like to be in on the job when the clash occurs. The Russian papers have been hailing the advent of the American battleship squadron to the Pacific as the first sign of this conflict and think that the journey of Secretary Taft to St. Petersburg is directly connected with an international understanding.

Speaking of the cruise of the battleships, there will be an immense amount of coal needed for

them, both before leaving the Atlantic coast and after reaching San Francisco. It will amount to almost 100,000 tons altogether. The tenders for the coal were opened at the Navy Department this week, and while they have not yet all been sorted out, the indications are that the foreign tenders for the coal to be delivered on the Atlantic coast are a good deal lower than those of the home producers. The same is true of the coal to be delivered on the Pacific, with the exception of a rather unexpected tender from the Mines in Alaska. They have put in a bid for 30,000 tons of coal to be delivered at San Francisco at a lower rate than any of the other bidders. It only remains to be seen whether the Alaskan coal will come up to the specifications of the Navy Department, and officers are to be sent north to make this inspection at once.

There has just been ratified an agreement entered into by the last meeting of the international Postal Union, of which the United States is a member, in virtue of which foreign letters will cost about half of what they have done up to date. Foreign postage has been at the rate of five cents for half an ounce, and this is cut by the recent agreement to five cents for a whole ounce, and three cents for each additional ounce. The most convenient feature of the new agreement also is that the sender of a foreign letter can purchase a certificate for six cents entitling the holder to a five cent stamp in the country to which the letter is mailed. This will provide for return postage where so desired and will make a cheap and convenient medium such as has never existed before for sending small amounts abroad.

The Twentieth-Century Church.

(From Leslie's Weekly.)

The institutional church is doing splendid work, but is not further development possible? The idea of a costly church building as a place of merely ceremonial worship is a relic of barbarism; splendid edifices devoted solely to such uses are monuments to the old heathenish idea that the worship of God consists in outward pomp and display. Christ Himself preached on the mountains and in the fields; must His disciples of to-day preach in cathedrals? Church members in many of our great cities are weekly solicited for contributions to home and foreign missions and the manifold philanthropies of the church, and it is well that they should give of their abundance. But is it not a pity that less well-to-do worshippers should be called upon for church expenditures which they can ill afford, or perhaps kept out of the churches by reason of their inability to make them, when the interest on the churches' unproductive real-estate investments would go far toward providing funds for these noble purposes? Has not the time come when the churches should either utilize their expensive sites, in part at least, for business purposes, or sell them and devote the larger part of the proceeds to practical Christian uses? Would there be any incongruity in having a modest share of the church property devoted to assembly-rooms, while other portions were put to business purposes? Then the property of our churches, administered on business principles, might yield such returns that church philanthropies would flourish as never before, salaries sufficient to attract and hold the ablest men in the ministry might be paid, and practically and spirituality might go hand in hand in the forward march of the Church of the Twentieth Century.

Great Money in Tree Spraying.

State Pomologist J. H. Funk, of Boyertown, who always has a big fruit crop when hardly anybody else does, attributes his success to the fact that he takes care of his trees scientifically, especially spraying to exterminate the San Jose scale. He is now about to pick 3000 bushels of apples and 200 of pears. The former he will put in cold storage and sell for \$8 and \$9 per barrel, next spring, although he could get \$4 right now. He says it pays to beat the San Jose scale and bad weather.

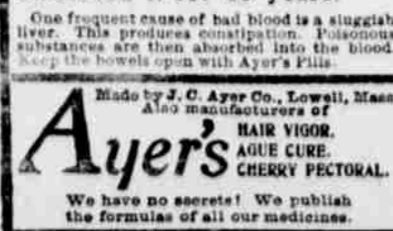
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Advertisement for F. P. Purseel's Thrifty Housewives. Text: 'BUYING TIME FOR Thrifty Housewives. Right at this time when good housewives are buying Furniture and Kitchen Ware, our extra values will make this store the mecca for nearly all of them. Now just a word as to this Furniture. We only ask that you look all around—compare ours with other stock and we feel confident of your verdict—'I CAN DO BETTER AT PURSEL'S.' And the Kitchen Helps—we can only mention a few in the space of course, but if you have a need in that line come here. We will save you money every time. Furniture: Rocking Chairs 1.50 to 15.00, Parlor and Library Tables 1.50 to 22.50, Buffets 20.00 to 39.50, Side Boards 10.00 to 35.00, China Closets 20.00 to 40.00, Extension Tables 5.00 to 35.00, Dining Chairs 4.50 to 25.00 a Set, Couches 6.75 to 39.00, Chiffoniers 6.00 to 22.50, Bed Room Suits 16.50 to \$100, White Enameled and Brass Beds 5.00 to 35.00. Kitchen Helps: Floor Brushes 1.00 to 1.50, Wall Brushes 60c, Stove Brushes 15 to 25c, Washing Machines 7.50 to 9.50, Clothes Wringers 1.75 to 3.50, Carpet Sweepers 1.75 to 2.75, Cedar Wash Tubs, (three sizes) 90c, 1.35 and 1.75, Painted Pine wash tubs 75 to 90c, Galvanized wash tubs 80, 90 and 1.00, Wash Boards 15 to 40c, Wood Scrub Buckets 20c, Galvanized Buckets, 10 qt size 20c, 12 qt. size 25c, Fibre water buckets 35c, Heavy Tin water buckets, 12 qt. size 40c, 14 qt. 50c, Enameled water buckets 38 to 90c, Heavy Tin Wash Boilers (with lid) No. 8 for 1.25 and No. 9 for 1.35, Heavy Tin Wash Boilers, copper bottom, No. 8 for 1.35 and No. 9 for 1.50, All copper Wash Boilers \$3.

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