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CLYDE L. HIRLEMAN,
of Benton Borough,
(Second Term.)

HARRY CREASY,
of Bloomsburg,
(Second Term.)

UGLY COERCION.

From the "Times Dispatch," Richmond
Va., Oct. 21, 1908.

Mr. P. M. Sharpless, president of a West Chester, Pa., factory which employs 1,000 men, has posted a placard about his plant announcing that should the "dire calamity" of Mr. Bryan's election befall the country, in "that hour these works will have to close down." We believe that the Democratic National Committee recently offered \$5,000 for conclusive evidence of an employer's coercion against the candidacy of Mr. Bryan. Difficult as it is to draw the line for the purposes of the court, between legitimate notice concerning present and future trade and deliberate use of force, it would seem that this case is reasonably clear. Mr. Sharpless seems to take refuge behind ambiguous words. He frankly threatens. "Unless you beat Bryan," he says, "you lose your jobs." This sort of bribery is more dangerous than the open barter and sale of votes, because it is subtler and harder to exterminate. The

Democratic party and Mr. Bryan have suffered heavily from it in other campaigns. As a weapon of political warfare, it is peculiarly unfair and contemptible. As an index of commercial sagacity, it is a reflection upon any man's intelligence. The man who thinks that the country will go to the dogs upon Mr. Bryan's election is simply a fool. The man who bases minatory notices to his dependents upon such reasoning should enjoy either a fool's esteem or a bushwhacker's punishment. Mr. Sharpless' concern manufactures separators. His apparent conception that the earth will stop bearing grain when Mr. Bryan steps into the White House is profoundly interesting from the point of view of the alienist.

TAXING THE FARMERS.

Because the farmers pay no direct taxes for the support of the federal government they fancy they go untaxed except for state and local purposes. But they are robbed at every turn in the purchase of their clothing, their implements, their lumber, their fuel, their medicines, their insurance, their transportation, their fencing and their living so far as they do not themselves dig it out of the ground, without recourse and without equity or mercy. They are victims of an iniquitous system. They are blindfolded by partisanship and imagine themselves free agents.

On account of the tariff, for every dollar of value in a pair of shoes he pays \$1.25. For every dollar of value in a pair of trousers he pays \$1.60 and in addition he pays 3 cents for each pound; so for a two-pound pair of trousers worth \$2 he pays \$3.85. For a shirt worth 75 cents he must pay \$1.25. The Dingley tariff duty on his hat is 44 cents a pound and 60 per cent; so if his hat weighs a quarter of a pound and is worth \$1, he must pay \$1.75 for it.

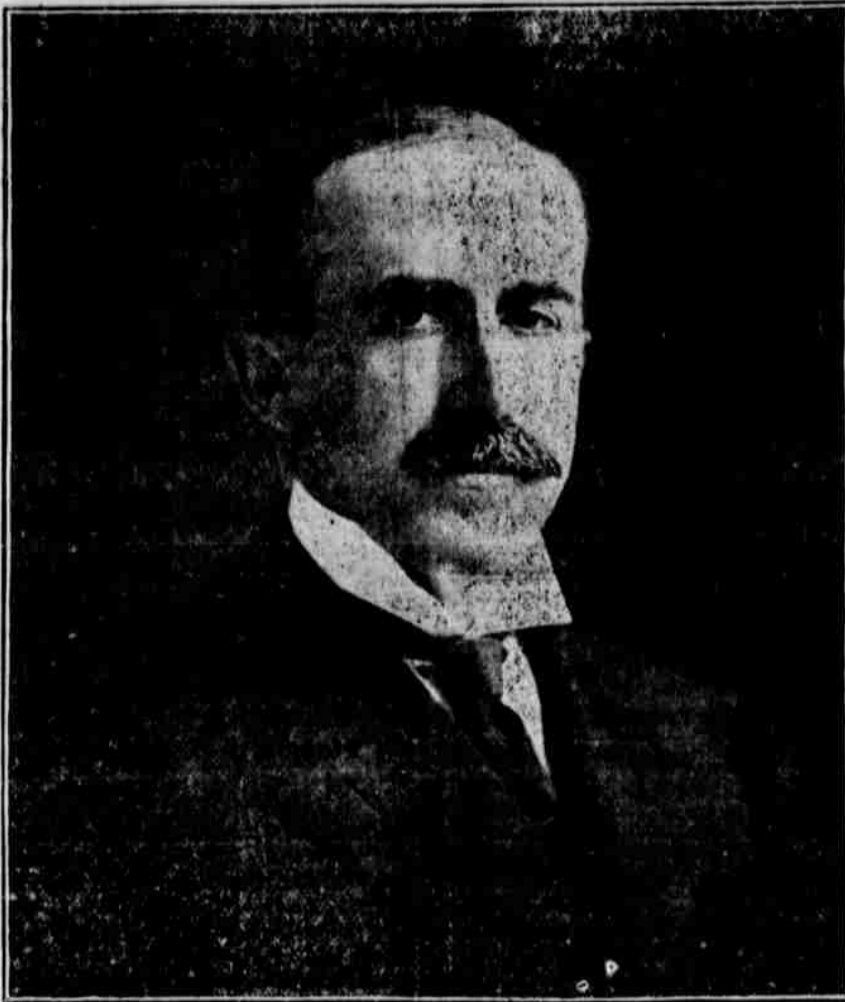
When the farmer and his wife and children dress to go to town, or to church, they are covered with taxes as Job was covered with boils. But Job knew what hurt him.

—Johnstown Democrat.

THE BUSINESS BRIBE.

The promise of plutocratic manufacturers to raise the wages of their employes, if Tait carries the election, is both criminal and mean. It is as clearly a bribe as was ever a two-dollar bill at the polls. It is besides as certainly a fraud as was ever a three card monte game at a county fair. If manufacturers can be sure of raising wages after election they can raise wages now. If they cannot raise wages now, they cannot be certain of raising them after election. What they are at is trying to influence hard working and poorly paid voters to vote against labor interests by offering them bribes that are never to be paid.

—Chicago Public.



JOHN G. McHENRY,
Candidate for Second Congressional Term.

MINERS INSURANCE BILL ENDORSED.

United Mine Workers Commend the McHenry Bill for the Relief of Injured Mine Workers.

At the Nineteenth Annual Convention of the United Mine Workers of America, held in Tomlinson Hall, Indianapolis, Delegate W. D. Ryan of District No. 12, on January 31st, reported from the Committee on Resolutions the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The large number of accidents occurring in the coal mines is causing the death of thousands of men annually, leaving their families without means of support, and

Whereas, The cost of life and limb required in the production of coal should be added to the cost of production in order that all who enjoy the benefits of it may bear their share of the burdens incident to the production of coal rather than have them borne entirely by the unfortunate men who meet with accidents in the performance of their duties; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we are thoroughly in accord with the principles embodied in the McHenry Bill providing for a bureau of mines and a tax of 1 cent per ton upon all coal produced in the United States and territories, for the relief of those who meet with accidents in mines, and suggest that it be revised to conform to our constitution and its passage urged upon Congress.

Amazing Drift to Bryan All Over the West.

Veteran Campaigner Declares This is Surely a Democratic Year.

A Washington, D. C. dispatch says: "Judge Clayton, of Alabama who has been campaigning for Bryan and the Democratic Congressional candidates in the Middle West, returned to Washington today full of enthusiasm over the outlook for the Democrats in that region.

"In every part of the West that I visited," Judge Clayton said, "I found a drift to Bryan that was simply amazing. I would not have believed the conditions would have been so favorable to the Democrats if I had not gone over the ground and investigated for myself. I regard it as absolutely settled that we will make such gains in Congressmen in the Middle West that we will have control of the next House of Representatives, even if we should lose the Presidency; but I firmly believe Bryan will be elected.

"There isn't a doubt in my mind that today both Indiana and Ohio are safely Democratic, and we have an excellent chance of getting Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska are also in the Democratic column, and there is even hope that we will capture Iowa. I believe that Colonel Pete Hepburn, of Iowa, will be defeated for re-election to Congress, and several others of the Republican wheel-horses of the House are in danger. I tell you it is a Democratic year, and I don't believe the Republican managers can do anything to stem the tide that has set in for Bryan."

Conflicting School Laws.

In the first section of his annual report sent to Governor Stuart, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Schaeffer announces that that the State Educational Commission will recommend laws to straighten out conflicting statutes.

He comments extensively on the increasing work of schools, and states that the State now has 2580 districts with 33,171 schools, an increase of 579; 7,488 male teachers; 26,525 female teachers; 1,231,299 pupils, an increase of 5,812. The average number in daily attendance is 951,670.

CASTORIA.
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Winter Courses in Agriculture.

Two hundred and twenty-five students are enrolled in the four and two years' courses in agriculture at The Pennsylvania State College. Their education is part of the work of our state school of agriculture, but there are other young men needing service. Many persons do not have the time for a college education, but they can give the winter to study. For this reason winter courses in agriculture were established at the college last year, and ninety men were enrolled.

They found the lectures and practical exercises adapted to the need of men who want to increase their earning power. Underlying principles were studied, and practical methods of dealing with crops, soils, orchards, animals and dairy products were given these young men. They returned to their homes with a desire to encourage others to come to the college next winter for study under its practical scientists. The enrollment will be large. The courses begin December 1st and close February 24th. The association with hundreds of students in agriculture and the study of problems arising in the every-day life of the farmer makes these winter courses an opportunity that a bright young man cannot afford to miss.

The free illustrated bulletin describing the five winter courses in agriculture is ready for distribution. Address School of Agriculture, State College, Pa.

William T. Creasy has done great service to his party, and to the state at large by his fearless advocacy of the right in the legislature. He will be returned by a large majority, as he should be. His long service has made him thoroughly familiar with parliamentary practice, and his quick perception has enabled him to detect the schemes of the opposition, and his courage has led him to denounce them openly.

Vote for Creasy.

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