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WHAT'S THE USE?

What's the use of all this fuss and feathers about who shall succeed Chief Justice Mitchell on the Supreme Bench of the state? Of course, every reputable lawyer, and every self-respecting citizen of the commonwealth is in favor of a man who possesses honesty, ability, integrity, and the judicial temperament, and who is not owned or controlled by any gang or corporation.

But that is not the kind of a man we are likely to get. That is not the sort of a man that will suit the machine that controls every Republican state convention, and dictates every nomination that is made for any state office.

The man to be nominated by the Republicans will be selected by Senator Penrose and his aids. The Republican convention will nominate him in spite of any opposition that may appear within the party, and on election day the voters of that party will march up to the polls like little lambs and vote for him.

What matters it that leading lawyers express their views as to the kind of a man that should be selected, or that the people generally desire a judiciary that they can trust and honor? The "right kind of a man" is the man whom the bosses shall select for the place. That's the way things are done in Pennsylvania.

Should it prove otherwise in this case, it will be an agreeable surprise.

Oliver Succeeds Knox.

United States Senator P. C. Knox having resigned from the Senate in order to accept the office of Secretary of State in President Taft's cabinet, George T. Oliver of Pittsburg, was on Tuesday nominated for United States Senator by the Republican legislative caucus, a choice that will be ratified by each house separately next Tuesday, and by joint convention on Wednesday, when Mr. Oliver will be commissioned and take his seat in the United States senate.

James Scarlet of Danville, was also placed in nomination and received three votes.

Let the Farmer Alone.

The report of the commission appointed by the President to look into farming conditions is valuable in giving a great deal of information as to the general farm life—its improvements, drawbacks, necessities, and so on. But it is not likely all this will lead to any supposed remedial legislation. Better let that alone. The farmer, like every one else, will work out his salvation better after his own fashion than by the aid of laws framed by men who know nothing about farming and liable to do more harm than good. Everlasting meddling by legislatures and congresses in the past has been the parent of ills innumerable. In consequence, we are forever passing new laws to correct the evils created by old ones. Let the farmer alone and he will come out all right.—Ex.

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Who He Is to Be.

Word has been sent out during the past week by the gang in Philadelphia that Judge Von Moschziker, of that city, is the individual who is to have the Republican nomination for Supreme court Judge says the Bellefonte *Watchman*. The followers of the machine will of course fall in line for him at once, and if possible prevent other aspirants from starting in the race. There are many of these and the news, that the nominations for this high and important position are already closed, will be bitter word for the many who had hoped that this streak of judicial lightning would strike the pole they have had up for many years.

Just who Von Moschziker is will be the query with most people, outside of the few who hang around the courts of Philadelphia. As a lawyer he was unknown until the Philadelphia machine decided that he would suit its purposes on the bench and he was put there. Since donning the judicial toga he has done nothing to show that he is either versed in the law or blessed with the characteristics that make a passable judge. He has done what the power that put him on the bench told him to do and that is about all, if we except the notorious decision that he and another machine made judge handed down in the judicial salary grab case, that declared the constitution unconstitutional when it stood in the way of an increase in judicial salaries during the term for which the official was elected.

His service to the machine and this salary decision will have to serve as the principal reasons for his election and we presume they will be sufficient. Such is the indifference of the people, or the rottenness of the voter, when you come to politics in Pennsylvania.

Where Common Sense Would come In Good.

Figures given out by those in charge of the postoffice department, show that the postal service of the country is costing the government something like \$20,000,000 a year more than the postal receipts amount to. And with this deficit increasing yearly, the Third Assistant Postmaster General is weighing down the mails sending to every business house, industrial concern, professional office, and we presume, to as many private individuals as he can secure the address of, a circular letter in which one of the paragraphs reads as follows: "Government Stamped Envelopes will be furnished in lots of 500 with your name and address printed in the upper left hand corner without extra charge."

It is possible that this kind of fool business has much to do with the deficiency in the postal service, and the government official who insists on doing the printing for business houses or individuals, free of cost, when his department is behind, ought to be kicked out of office, without waiting for excuse or explanation.

The government sells its envelopes, stamp value deducted, at less than the ordinary dealer can procure them at wholesale, thus giving the purchaser the benefit of manufacturers rates and getting nothing in return for the cost of handling, shipping or waste. Why it should do more, and add the printing for nothing that is a matter that is hard to understand.

Possibly if a little common sense were exercised in the postal department, in cases of this kind, there would be less of a deficit when settlement time comes round, and less need to fear that postal rates will have to be increased, or the postal service curtailed in some lines.—*Watchman.*

Many a man thinks the world is all wrong when it is really his liver.

Extra Session for Congress.

Other Legislation Besides Tariff-Postal Savings Bank, Census, Etc.

When congress meets on March 15, upon the call of the president to consider a revision of the tariff, there will be no constitutional restriction upon the nature of the business that may be transacted. It is generally conceded that at least two months will be required for the house of representatives to conclude consideration of all the schedules involved in this legislation.

The house itself will not receive the new tariff bill for some weeks as the committee on ways and means will require considerable time to report the measure. During this long period the senate will have nothing to do in respect to the tariff and even after the bill leaves the house it will be in the hands of the committee on finance for some time before the senate actually gets possession of it and the debate begins. Then will begin a long wait by the house until the senate amendments can be known and conferees appointed to bring about an agreement upon them.

This procedure will result in each house having to remain in session with nothing to do in relation to the tariff covering a period of a couple of months. Three days is the extent of a recess that may be taken by either body.

In view of the extended period of inactivity that would face each house should nothing be considered except the tariff, many senators are considering the advisability of entering upon other legislation which they believe ought to be passed in time to send it over to the house when that body has disposed of its bill and will only have to wait senate action on the tariff. The advocates of postal savings banks have talked of the possibility of such a policy being adopted ever since they became aware of their inability to secure legislation in the last session of congress.

The president's veto of the census bill makes mandatory some action to provide for the enumeration of the thirteenth census and while legislation might be delayed until early next winter, some of those who are interested in this subject believe that the extra session would give an admirable opportunity to dispose of it.

The extra session is sure to bring forth a deluge of bills in both houses and as senate committees are organized for business, there need be no delay in getting to work if the prevailing sentiment favors action on special matters.

Prosperity Depends on Crops.

An exchange says: According to leading financiers, the return to prosperity, to better business conditions will depend more largely upon the outlook of the crops this spring, than any other one thing. If the season is favorable, if grain and grass has wintered well, if seeding can be done under favorable circumstances, and a good growth started, we will see business revive rapidly. Under present conditions, with the outlook of poor crops, there would be such a discouraging outlook that capital would become timid, for after all this nation depends more upon agriculture than any other industry for its wealth.

But this is a great nation, its climate and soil so varied and area so great, that if crops or one of the leading cereal crops fails in one section, we may be assured of good crops in another.

In some sections of the wheat belt, there has not been snow or moisture sufficient to protect and cause growth, while in the main, reports from the west show winter wheat is in fine condition, having wintered well, and as a whole in better shape than for many years.

Nebraska's wheat has been well covered by snow, and alternate thaws and freezes did no harm. The next matter of interest will be ploughing and sowing the spring grain, and the indications favor a big area devoted to the purpose. With wheat ranging far above the dollar mark, the conditions, even if produced by speculative manipulation, hold out many inducements to farmers. The world, including the United States, is consuming more wheat than ever before and

grain growers have reasonable certainty of disposing of their crops at remunerative figures.

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Revenues Less Than Appropriation Wanted.

"How can we make both ends meet" was the burden of a speech of ex-Speaker Frank B. McClain to the house appropriations committee. His remarks will probably cause deep thought not only over pending appropriation bills for hospitals and charities, but also those for the governor's cross-state road, the soldiers' pension measure, etc. Mr. McClain shows that in the past 30 years the growth of "private" appropriations has been "fifty-fold, while the revenues have increased only three-fold. He said:

As a matter of information, some days ago I undertook to ascertain exactly how much the State appropriated to purely local institutions, hospitals, homes, colleges, etc., at the session of 1907. This led me to go back 30 years, to 1877 and trace the growth of such appropriations from that date in 10-year periods. The result was as follows:

In 1877 appropriations were made to three hospitals and four homes—Home for Friendless, Erie, \$2000; Northern Home, Philadelphia, \$6000; Industrial Home for Blind Men, Philadelphia, \$5000; Industrial Home for Blind Women, Philadelphia, \$2000; Lackawanna General Hospital, Scranton, \$10,000; Wilkes-Barre Hospital, \$10,000; Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, \$100,000. Total \$135,000. The \$100,000 item to the Jefferson hospital was a special appropriation conditioned upon that institution maintaining absolutely free 100 beds for a period of two years.

In 1887 this class of appropriations amounted to \$578,275; in 1897 to \$1,302,541, and 1907 investigation discloses that the State's benefactions to institutions not under its control and purely local in character amounted to the enormous sum of \$6,500,000, practically 50 times as much as was appropriated in 1877. Of the annual appropriations in 1907 \$4,400,000 was for maintenance and \$2,100,000 was for buildings.

FROM LIMITED RESOURCES.

The result of the investigation of appropriations prompted me to ascertain what the revenues of the State during the different periods quoted and what the percentage of increase was in them. In 1877-78 net State revenues were about \$13,000,000; 1887-88, \$17,500,000; 1897-98, \$27,000,000; 1907-08, \$44,000,000. From this it will be seen that the State revenues in 30 years, from 1877 to 1907, multiplied a trifle over three-fold and appropriations to institutions with which the State has no direct concern, have multiplied in the corresponding time virtually 50-fold.

These facts suggest that the time is approaching, if it has not already arrived, when revenues must be increased or this class of appropriations reduced.

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