

DEMOCRACY MUST BE HONEST.

There is political revolution in the air, and it promises much for an honest Democracy. It promises nothing to a Democracy that is faithless to its own integrity. The people of the city and of Pennsylvania are ready for revolutionary action to rescue both city and State from the most corrupt and despotic political domination that ever disgraced the annals of the Commonwealth, but they will not overthrow a corrupt and profligate Republican control to inaugurate a corrupt and profligate Democratic authority. The Democracy of Pennsylvania, to meet the present earnest demand of the people, and to achieve the triumph of honest government, must be thoroughly clean-handed and free from all complications with Republican abuse of power.

The mongrel Democrats sold out not only a United States Senatorship that they could have controlled in the interest of honest government. State and national, but they sold out Congressional, judicial, Senatorial and Representative apportionments; they sold out an honest ballot law, and they sold out honest legislation in every channel in which the jobber and the spoilsman came for political rewards. More than all this, they have sold out the reputation of the Democracy of Pennsylvania for integrity, and there can be no hope of Democratic success under the banner of reform, while the Democratic organization of the State shall permit the fellowship of the Senators and Representatives who have bartered their integrity for personal gain.

No man who could claim the right to live outside of a lunatic asylum will believe for a moment that the so-called Democratic Senators and Representatives who gave the Republican machine the power in both branches to pass the most reckless and revolutionary legislation of our history, will not support the Republican machine ticket at the polls when necessary for its safety. To assume that they will act with the honest Democracy in the effort to revolutionize the State in the interest of the people, is to assume that figs may be grown from thistles and that the thief will become his own accuser. There is but one line of safety for the democracy of Pennsylvania, and that is to be so clearly honest as to command the confidence and co-operation of the many scores of thousands of honest Republicans who are ready for revolution with any honest organization to give to Pennsylvania a government for which the honest citizen need not wear the blush of shame.

BE FAIR TO THE COMMON SCHOOLS.

It is evident that there is a general opinion that the \$1,000,000 appropriated for school purposes is to be paid over this year. This is not the fact. Under the bill as it passed the House it is proposed to spread the payment over four years.

As it passed the Senate nearly two months ago the measure was all right. It would have been possible under its provisions for the schools to have received all their money this year, as ought to be done if it is intended honestly to make up what was lost by Governor Stone's veto. But while the bill was in the hands of the House Committee the enemies of the appropriation got in some work. It is plain from the attitude of Chairman Bliss that if he could have had his way the bill would never have got out of the committee, but as that could not be worked the next best thing its enemies could think of was to change it so that the payments should be at the rate of \$250,000 a year for four years. That is the form in which it passed the House.

All this has been done to make up for needless extravagance in other directions. Many tens of thousands of dollars have been added to the Treasury burdens on account of the increase in the number of officeholders, and particularly in the judiciary establishment, extra judges whose salaries the State has to pay, having been forced upon many counties against every protest. Money was wanted for the new Capitol, and it seemed to be a good way to get some of it by making the schools wait four years to get what they have all the time been led to believe they would get this year.

It is no restoration in a proper sense of the amount withheld by Governor Stone to dribble it out in the way proposed. There is objection to it in the Senate which ought to bring the bill back to its original shape. It will not do to be unfair with the schools.

BY ACCEPTING THE PLATT AMENDMENT the Cuban Constitutional Convention has not demonstrated its faith in the United States. It has bowed to the superior strength of the United States. There is a wide difference. However we may view the Cubans' decision to submit, there is no occasion for us to delude ourselves into believing that they think us more honest and trustworthy than they did a month ago. Our pride will be better flattered if we dismiss entirely the question of the righteousness of our policy and rest our success upon the plain effectiveness of brute force.

To have persisted in rejecting Secretary Root's ultimatum meant the indefinite continuance of military rule—the most hateful government that can be imposed upon a liberty-loving people. We left the Cubans no choice but to fight or surrender. Under the circumstances, most wisely, they preferred such conditional freedom as we were willing to grant them.

But our military forces are not yet to be withdrawn from the island, nor is there any certainty when they will be brought away. We have not yet done imposing conditions on the islanders. Our officials in Washington have a perverse ingenuity for changing their definition of freedom. They have no more respect for their former opinions than Justice Brown for inconvenient precedents set up by the Supreme Court. They steer by the exigencies of the occasion. Who dare hazard a guess as to what fresh obstacles to Cuban self-government may be discovered by Secretary Root within the next twelvemonths.

WHETHER INTENTIONAL OR NOT, it looks as though there were a conspiracy among New York Republicans, who visit Washington, to make Teddy feel small by booming somebody else as New York's candidate for the Republican presidential nomination. First, one of the old Conkling leaders introduced the Odell boom to Washington, and in addition to telling what a fine candidate he would make, struck a knife into Teddy by saying of him, "Oh, yes! he's a good man, but his name won't figure with the New York delegation." By the time the Odell boom was sufficiently inflated to be seen at any distance, a Buffalo Republican, E. H. Theobald, who happened to be in Washington, proceeded to swat it vigorously. He declared that Odell would have to do a lot of growing before he reached presidential size and then proceeded to trot out a boom for Secretary Root and to say that his name would be the only one presented to the convention by New York. Republicans who favor candidates from other states, find much pleasure in this early scrapping among New York Republicans, and the Democrats—it's up to them to laugh, and they do.

CUBA WILL SOON be in the excitement of a presidential, and congressional election, and it will be a very different one from the first American experiment in that line. The constitutional convention having accepted the Platt conditions will turn its attention to the creation and organization of a permanent government; the election of a president for six years and of senators and representatives for six and four years. With the electoral law promulgated not a hundred days will elapse until the republic of Cuba appears on the stage. There are three well-defined parties in Cuba. The Nationals are strongest and control the political situation. Next comes the Republicans, who are radical on Cuban rights, and then the Democrats, who hold a moderate position. The negroes are largely Republicans. The names of the Cuban parties do not of course indicate any affinity with political parties in the United States.

THE EXPECTED NEWS at last comes from England of a notable increase of opposition to the Boer war as conducted by the present ministry. Many anti-war meetings are being held. Such meetings were mobbed by the jingoes a few months ago, and free speech suppressed. At the meetings now being held Chamberlain is denounced and the Boers cheered. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the parliamentary leader of the Liberals, has changed from a position of neutrality to one of earnest opposition to the war. This indicates the whole Liberal party, hitherto divided, may become a united anti-war party.

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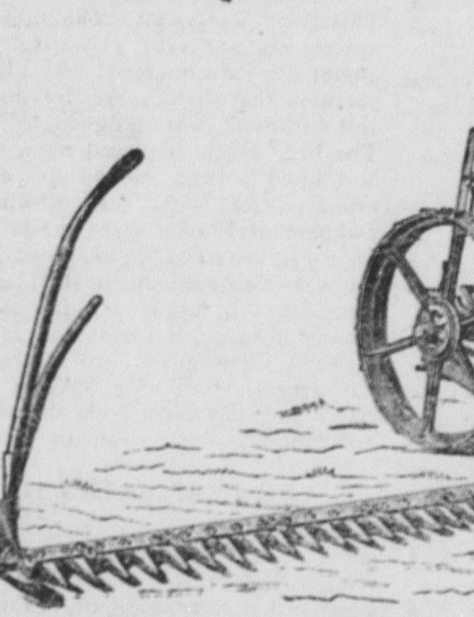
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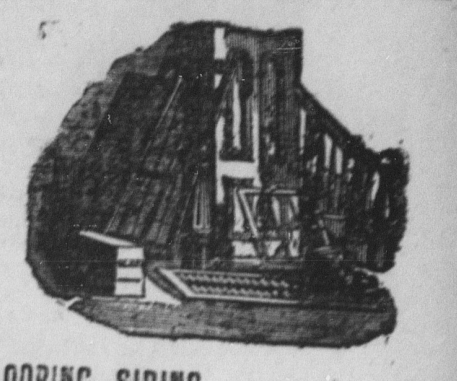
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