

DEMOCRATIC OPPORTUNITY.

The present situation in Pennsylvania is without precedent in political history. The whole government of the State and of all the chief cities is in the absolute control of a small group of men, with no claim to public confidence, who represent no political principles whatever, but openly and undisguisedly employ their power for private profit at the public expense. The ordinary restraints of law are laughed at. And the people, knowing that they are robbed, are apparently acquiescent, or helplessly submissive.

The recent rape of railway franchises is only a more than usually flagrant evidence of this sordid abuse of political power. The legislative and executive authority of the State and of the municipality are under one control, and those who hold this control have no other aim than to enrich themselves. All public interests, all political principal and official duty are subordinate to this one end.

This is the opportunity and the duty of the true Democracy, not for mere party advancement, but to rescue the municipality and the Commonwealth from the control of selfish speculators, to whom political power is only a means of public plunder. The importance of this seizure of valuable franchises is that it exhibits so conspicuously the end and purpose of the present party domination, that it must arouse all self-respecting citizens to unite and hurl from power the men who prostitute the authority of the people to their own aggrandizement and to drive them to the prison cells where they belong.

MR. WANAMAKER has made another offer for the valuable public franchises that Mayor Ashbridge gave away that must either stop this theft or expose it piteously, in all its enormity, to the common understanding.

Mayor Ashbridge would not consider or even read Mr. Wanamaker's first offer of \$2,500,000 for these railway privileges. He was so anxious to turn them over to Foerderer, Mack & Company that he went to the City Hall at night and signed the ordinance at least a day before he had intended to approve them. The Mayor's grantees now have these franchises. Mr. Foerderer jauntily claims that Mr. Wanamaker's offer was a "bluff" with a string to it. Mr. Wanamaker retorts by renewing his offer to the present owners of the franchises. He will give the city what he said he would, \$2,500,000 with the guarantee of 3-cent fares each morning and evening. If Foerderer, Mack & Company will allow him to do this and will assign him the franchises which the Mayor turned over to them as a free gift last Friday Mr. Wanamaker offers to pay them a cash bonus of \$500,000.

Mr. Wanamaker's offer may be fruitless. Foederers, Mack & Company's franchises are worth much more than half a million to the city, and they are not likely to let go of a good thing for less than its value in order that the city may be benefited. If he does nothing else, Mr. Wanamaker will have demonstrated the executive unfaithfulness of Mayor Ashbridge to the city, which has most unwisely honored and trusted him. Such a mayor is a curse to any city. Better that a millstone were hanged about his neck than that he should have been made chief magistrate of Philadelphia.

THERE WAS A NOVEL enforcement of the law regulating immigration in Philadelphia the other day, when Judge McPherson, of the United States district court, ordered the deportation to Russia of the wife and child of a naturalized American because the wife was the daughter of the husband's brother, such a union being forbidden by the laws of Pennsylvania.

THE CUBAN CONSTITUTIONAL convention, through its electoral commission, is now wrestling with the suffrage question, as it shall be applied at the first election in the fall for president and members of congress. An attempt has been made to secure a report against universal suffrage, but the commission believe this to be impossible as universal suffrage is embodied in the constitution. It is to be said that the race prejudice is not so intense in Cuba as in the United States, either socially or politically.

GOVERNOR STONE was in great haste to appoint an additional law judge in Northumberland County under the special act creating that office, though the Republicans were on the eve of primaries to make the usual nominations. Those primaries were held on Saturday and the Governor's appointee was badly defeated. The Republican leaders of the county very generally advised against an appointment until a nomination was made, and if they had been heeded the Governor would have been saved the defeat he has experienced.

IT IS GOOD NEWS from Cuba that the sugar crop which the planters have lately finished grinding is likely to figure up 60,000 tons and to mean \$30,000,000 for the island. From 1865 to 1890 the crop ranged from about 500,000 to 750,000 tons per year. But from 1891 to 1895 there was a marked increase. The product in 1894 was 1,050,000 tons and that of 1895 was 1,004,000 tons. The war cut down the production in 1896 to 225,000 tons. This year's yield registers an important step, therefore, in a slow recovery. The great thing now desired by the Cubans is the admission of their sugar into the United States free of duty or at very low rates.

THE PRESIDENT HAS ISSUED orders establishing civil government in the Philippines Islands where military government is no longer needed. Where the latter force is still necessary the civil government is in a state of suspended animation. This is rather muddled. The shoulder straps still remain superior to the judge and the civil law. It could hardly be otherwise with 60,000 troops in the field to maintain order. Then the decision of the supreme court in the insular cases calls for the supremacy of the military jurisdiction, unless we want free trade in the Philippines. A military tariff is constitutional; a civil tariff is unconstitutional—unless created by Congress.

MR. EDISON CLAIMS to have developed the long-expected ideal storage battery, and that it will change the methods of the traction companies, and take the place of both the overhead trolley and the underground line. In the first place he claims to have got rid of great weight, and in the second place secured indestructibility. The life of the present, storage battery varies from a few months to a year or two, the longest life being only six or seven years. In his new battery he claims there is absolutely no deterioration. He proposes to establish a factory, and will put the new batteries on the market for his own profit.

THE CENSUS OF CANADA just completed puts the population of the Dominion of Canada at about 5,500,000, which will be an increase of 11.76 per cent since 1891. The increase for the prior decade was 18.97. At that time twenty years ago, Canada had a population of 4,324,810. The total increase in twenty years has been 1,198,000. As against an increase in ten years in Canada of 11.76 per cent the United States increased in the last ten years 21 per cent. A hint of Canada's future possibilities is given by the fact that excluding Alaska it has a continental area as great as the United States with less population than Pennsylvania.

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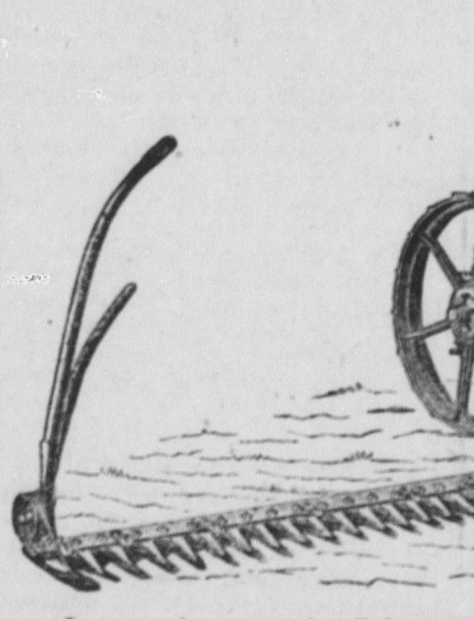
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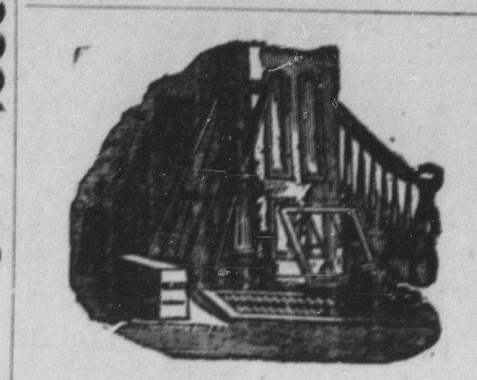
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