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ON TO VICTORY.

Send in Your Dollars to Aid the Democratic Congressional Committee to Elect Anti-graft Congressmen.

The following letter is being sent to Democratic voters throughout the country with the hope of securing sufficient funds to conduct a vigorous campaign against graft. Any of the Reporter readers who believe in the efficiency of the Democratic party as a political renovator, should mail the chairman of the committee the sum requested.

The letter appended is from the chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee, Washington, D. C., and no one need fear that the contribution will not be effective.

To ALL DEMOCRATIC VOTERS: If there ever was a time in the history of the Democratic party for the manifestation of loyalty and patriotism on the part of its members, it is right now.

If we are to win a victory and elect a President two years hence, we must first elect a House of Representatives this fall. A Democratic House can and will investigate every department of the Government. With all of them honeycombed by "graft," the edges of which, only, have been touched by recent exposure and prosecutions, there will be a revelation of rottenness that will astound the country and create a demand for a Democratic administration to clean the Government workshop.

To win the House we need money to defray legitimate expenses and get out our vote. We have no protected monopolies from which to draw to fill our coffers, as do those of the Republican party. We must, therefore, appeal to loyal Democrats for contributions.

Will you send us \$1.00 at once, and in return for this we will send you copies of our campaign literature as issued by the committee. You will have the thanks of the entire Democratic party for your favorable response to our request.

Address all remittances to J. M. GRIGGS, Chairman, Democratic Congressional Committee, Munsey Building, Washington, D. C.

Picnic at Rhoneyville.

Rhoneyville, the beautiful country home of Hon. Leonard Rhone, located west of Centre Hall, was the place selected by Branch Company No. 7 and 8 of The Patrons Rural Telephone Company, to hold a picnic. The day was Saturday, an ideal picnic day. About one hundred persons assembled to enjoy the pleasures of a day. There was no program, no speeches—everybody was out for a good time, and that they had.

In the afternoon the Centre Hall base ball team played against a picked nine, several of whom are connected with the Linden Hall club.

Bankers to Meet.

The twelfth annual convention of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association will be held at the Bellevue-Stratford, Philadelphia, Thursday and Friday, September 27 and 28. Among those who will address the convention are Hon. William B. Ridgely, comptroller of currency, Washington, D. C.; Hon. John Dalzell, member of Congress, Pittsburg; L. P. Hillyer, vice president of the American National Bank, Macon, Ga.; Hon. William H. Berry, state treasurer, Harrisburg, and others.

LOCALS.

Postal cards—all kinds, local scenery, churches, etc.—on sale at the Reporter office.

Mrs. Mary Bearick and daughter, Miss Savilla, are in Cleveland, Ohio, at present, where they are visiting the former's daughter.

Rev. W. M. Bearick filled an appointment in the Lutheran church at Millburg Sunday, the charge being without a pastor.

The delineator for September is packed with good reading matter for everyone. The woman of fashion will find much of interest in the many pages devoted to dress, millinery and neckwear; and those who are otherwise inclined may derive a great deal of pleasure and entertainment from the literary features provided in this number.

In a small town like Centre Hall the vice of rash judgment is altogether too common. Where people know nearly all their fellow citizens there are some who are so ungracious and so un-Christian as to attribute an evil motive when the actions are prompted by the best of motives, and they are rather disposed to relish a rumor that reflects discredit. Everybody commits indiscretions, either willfully or through ignorance or weakness; but harsh criticism and rash judgments do not help the offender, but shove him down. The golden rule should be applied in such cases.

ELECTION EXPENSES.

The "Friends" of a Candidate Cannot Do Hoodie Act for Him—The New Law Strikes a Straight Blow at the Campaign Cheat.

Below are given abstracts from the Robert's Corrupt Practices Act, showing what constitutes legitimate election expenses, according to the provisions of said act:

The term "election expenses," as used in this act, shall include all expenditures of money or other valuable things in furtherance of the nomination of any person or persons as candidates for public office or in furtherance of the election of any person or persons to public office or to defeat the nomination or election to public office of any person or persons.

A treasurer shall handle all the moneys which may be collected or received by the committee of a party or by any of the members of that committee. None of the money shall be disbursed for election expenses by the committee or its members unless such moneys shall have passed through the hands of the treasurer.

Section 3 forbids any one who is not a candidate for the treasurer of a political committee from paying, giving or lending or agreeing so to do, any money or other valuable thing, whether contributed by himself or by any other person, for any election expenses whatever, excepting to a candidate or to a political committee; and an officer of any corporation, whether incorporated under the laws of this or any other state or any foreign country except corporations formed for political purposes, shall pay, lend or give, or authorize it to be done, any money or any valuable thing belonging to such corporation to any candidate or to any political committee for the payment of any election expenses whatever.

According to section 6 "it shall be unlawful for any candidate or treasurer of a political committee, or person acting as such treasurer, to disburse any money received from any such source."

The violation of any provision of Robert's Corrupt Practices Act is a misdemeanor. Upon conviction there is a fine of not less than fifty dollars or more than one thousand dollars, or an imprisonment for not less than one month or more than two years, either or both shall be imposed. The court to have discretion.

Section 4 defines the lawful expenses to be:

First—For printing and traveling expenses and personal expenses incident thereto, stationery, advertising, postage, expressage, freight, telegraph, telephone and public messenger service.

Second—For dissemination of information to the public.

Third—For political meetings, demonstrations and conventions, and for the pay and transportation of speakers.

Fourth—For the rent, maintenance and furnishing of offices.

Fifth—For the payment of officers, type writers, stenographers, janitors and messengers actually employed.

Sixth—For the employment of watchers at primary meetings and elections, to the number allowed by law.

Seventh—For the transportation of voters to and from the polls.

Eighth—For legal expenses, bona fide included, in connection with any nomination or election.

Transfer of Real Estate.

J. L. Harkin, et. ux., to James Zindle, Aug. 2, 1902; lot No. 22, Cassanova, Rush twp. \$700.

Daniel Sutenberger, et. ux., to Andrew D. Confer, April 30, 1906; premises in Liberty twp. \$300.

Thomas G. McCausland, et. al., attys. in fact, to Peter Luckasavage, July 16, 1906; four lots in Rush twp. \$1250.

Robt. H. Kreamer, et. ux., to Mary A. Hugg, Aug. 1906; house and lot in Millburg. \$550.

Susanna Kelley to Jos. H. Goss, June 10, 1906; premises in Taylor twp. \$175.

Thomas M. Hoeterman, et. ux., to Samuel Greninger, March 24, 1882; 80 perches in Penn twp. \$800.

J. N. Strayer, et. ux., to Tillie A. Risk, Aug. 7, 1906; premises in Bellefonte. \$1000.

Kate M. Long to Wm. Thompson, Aug. 9, 1906; 15 acres, 39 perches in Howard twp. \$500.

Wm. Boal to Jennie Lindsay, June 21, 1906; 65 acres in Potter twp. \$1100.

Geo. D. Frank, admr., of Emma Stonebreaker, to A. L. Auman, May 15, 1906; 1.8 acre in Penn twp. \$540.

A. Y. Williams, et. ux., to J. W. Williams, June 15, 1906; 12 acres, 74 perches in Port Matilda. \$8000.

New Vice President.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of State College, Dr. Judson P. Welsh, principal of the Bloomsburg State Normal School, was elected vice president, registrar, business manager and director of summer schools. He has accepted.

ELECTRIC FREIGHT RAILROAD THROUGH PENNS VALLEY

Open Door to Competition—Will Bring to Tidewater Hard and Soft Coal Now Shut Out by Railroads—Plans of Projectors.

Joseph Ramsey, Jr., confirmed in an interview in New York the fact that he intends to build a double-track air-line railway, operated by electricity, from that city to Pittsburg first and to Chicago ultimately. Mr. Ramsey's idea is not for a passenger road, but for a freight line to handle soft and hard coal, iron, steel, etc., which cannot be brought east by present railroads because of lack of transportation facilities. It is also declared that an effort will be made to secure a good share of the Steel Trust tonnage.

TO PITTSBURG AT PRESENT.

When asked if the new line would be extended to Chicago, Mr. Ramsey said: "In the estimation of a railroad builder, no road is ever completed. The proof of this theory is seen in the Pennsylvania system, which grows from year to year. Our future plans do contemplate an extension from Pittsburg to Chicago, but at present we are working on the Pittsburg-New York line. We have already incorporated three lines in Pennsylvania, which marks the beginning of the work. The companies are incorporated, surveys have been made, franchises and rights of way have been obtained. The next step is the consolidation of the lines. We know pretty well how we are to get into both Pittsburg and New York, but we do not care to divulge our plans."

WILL OPEN WAY TO COMPETITION.

In discussing the proposed new trunk line a dispatch from Pittsburg says:

"Coal from the Pittsburg district, which has heretofore been denied a market east of Turtle Creek, will now be able to reach the Atlantic seaboard. This will be one result of the new New York, Pittsburg and Chicago air line projected by Ramsey. The Pennsylvania has heretofore made an arbitrary division of freight, especially coal, and has reserved to the companies in which its officials have held stock the right to send tonnage to Philadelphia, New York and other important markets on the Atlantic seaboard. An entirely independent trunk line under the management of Mr. Ramsey and his foreign associates will assure to the independents of the Pittsburg district which have not Pennsylvania Railroad officials as their stockholders a square deal in the marketing of their product."

TO DEVELOP COAL FIELDS.

"The New York, Pittsburg and Chicago Air Line, backed by foreign capital, will in no way be influenced by the community of interest roads which have held the coal business in central Pennsylvania for years within their control. It will develop along the independent lines not only the rich coal fields of central Pennsylvania and the anthracite fields of eastern Pennsylvania, but it will give a broad, liberal outlet to the rich coal fields in and about Pittsburg, which for many years have suffered because of the rank discrimination of the Pennsylvania Railroad."

ROUTE OF PROPOSED ROAD.

"The Indiana, Clearfield and Eastern

and Allentown, Tamaqua and Ashland Railroad form the main system in Pennsylvania. The Indiana, Clearfield and Eastern begins at Pittsburg and follows the Allegheny river up to a junction of that stream with the Kiskiminetas, opposite Freeport, and traces the Kiskiminetas up several miles to a point near Leechburg, where it crosses Crooked Creek, running up that stream through South Bend, Chelcocta and Creekside. Thence it crosses the Divide to the west branch of the Susquehanna river, which stream it spans at Cherry Tree. From there it passes through Westover near Ironia on the Bell's Gap division of the Pennsylvania, through Becaria, crossing the main Allegheny Mountains near Sandy Ridge.

The elevation of the Keystone Air Line at the summit is 400 feet lower than the elevation of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Galitzin. This summit is pierced by a tunnel 5200 feet long, and the road then descends the eastern slope of the mountains, crossing the Bald Eagle Valley near Dix Station, which is a short distance from Tyrone. It thence passes through Loveville, Gatesburg, Pine Grove Mills, Shingletown, Tusseyville, crossing the Lewistown pike about three miles south of Centre Hall, and from that point extends through Georges Valley to south of Spring Mills to Coburn and Cherry Run, crossing Paddy Mountain near where the Lewisburg and Tyrone road passes through the tunnel. At New Berlin a branch road nine miles long will be built to Sunbury and Northumberland, where connection will be made with the Philadelphia and Reading and Delaware, Lackawanna and Western.

"The main line continues by way of Selingsgrove, crossing the valley of the Susquehanna at that point. It thence strikes into the valley of Mahanoy Creek, and follows that stream through Ashland and Mahanoy and tunnels Black Mountain for a distance of 3000 feet. It then reaches Lizard Creek by way of Tamaqua, and the Blue Ridge is pierced by a tunnel 5000 feet long to Jordan's Valley, which is traced on to Allentown on the Lehigh River. The road continues to Easton on the Delaware, the extreme eastern point in the State."

The announcement of the route of the proposed Keystone Air Line, which will traverse this State about on a line with Allentown, Sunbury and Leechburg, solves, it is said, the mystery surrounding the big purchases of land which have been in progress in Snyder county for the last year. These have given rise to all kinds of rumors, as the hundreds of acres bought about Shamokin Dam are for a great classification yard for the new system. This yard, which will be located on the west bank of the Susquehanna river, will be between Selingsgrove and Shamokin Dam, extending almost from Penn's Creek to the bank of the river. The yard will be one of the largest in the country, exceeding, on the plans as now drawn, the yards in Harrisburg and at Enola.

LOCALS.

Millburg Bank stock sold at public sale at the rate of \$148 per share. The par value is \$50.

Rev. James W. Boal, D. D., held services in the Lutheran church, Bellefonte, Sunday.

Rev. M. S. Derstine filled the appointment in the United Evangelical church Sunday evening. His efforts were greatly appreciated by his hearers.

Rev. and Mrs. M. Shaffer Derstine and daughter, Miss Marguerite, of McElhattan, drove to Centre Hall last week, where they are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Sarah Derstine.

Will Garman, manager of the Garman opera house, Bellefonte, was in Centre Hall last week. The opera house is being repaired by Mr. Garman, and arrangements have been made to secure a number of first-class operas, etc.

Miss May Rhone, of Harrisburg, was home over Sunday. The office of Pure Food Commissioner Warren has been moved into the new Capitol, and Miss Rhone, who is one of the clerks in that department, is greatly pleased with the new surroundings.

There are two little words, simple enough in themselves, that introduce untold trouble in the world and are responsible for more gossip, scandal and harm than any other two words in the English language. These two words are nothing more than, "They say." They have done more to ruin reputations than all other things. If you never quote what "they say" you may be quite certain you are not a gossip.

BUSINESS MEN'S PICNIC.

14,000 Persons Enjoy a Perfect Picnic Day at Hecla Park—The Games and Contests.

Thursday of last week was a perfect day for picnicking, and consequently persons estimated to number fourteen thousand gathered at Hecla Park on the occasion of the Business Men's Picnic. The pleasure seekers embraced persons in all walks of life from the two great counties—Centre and Clinton—of Central Pennsylvania.

The Coleville band and Germania orchestra furnished abundant music.

The Clinton county shooters won the prize, a \$20 hammerless shot gun, by killing one more clay bird than the team from Centre. The team, with the number of birds each shooter hit out of the 25 was as follows: Harry Schroat 19, George Shade 23, Harry Wilson 17, P. S. Kift 9, James N. Keller 20, Shuman Furst 21, total 108. The record made by the Centre county shooters was: D. Chambers 20, George Uzzle 19, C. H. Watson 22, S. Hines 17, Frank Warfield 17, James Uzzle 12, total 107.

The game of ball was won by the Milton team by scoring five runs, the Autos failing to make a score.

The game of water ball on the lake between teams of five boys each, who took their positions on bobbing rafts, afforded much amusement for the crowd.

The display of pyrotechnics while not as elaborate as is put off in the big cities on the Fourth of July, was well worth seeing, and those who remained for this feature were highly pleased.

Williams' Grove Picnic.

The thirty-third Annual Great Grangers' Picnic Exhibition will be held at Williams' Grove, August 27 to September 1, 1906. This is undoubtedly the largest and finest display of farm machinery held in the United States. The beauty of the exhibit is that so much of it is running. Saw Mills, Shingle Mills, Threshing Machinery, Tractor Engines and Ensilage Cutters galore are all shown in operation. Several herds of Prize Cattle will be on exhibition. The auditorium will be attractive, as usual. During the day addresses by leading Grangers and Agriculturists. The gubernatorial candidates are expected on Wednesday and Thursday. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, illustrated lectures by Frank R. Roberson; Thursday and Friday evenings, musical and literary entertainments by the best of Chautauqua talent. Everything first class. Tickets good from August 22nd to September 6th, at low rates on all railroads. Consult your nearest ticket agent.

Mr. Voter, Note This.

If voters have not paid a state or county tax within two years preceding the sixth day of November next they should call upon the assessor of their proper ward and have themselves assessed on their occupation so that they may qualify themselves to vote. They should do this not later than Wednesday, September 5th—two months before the election. The payment of a tax to qualify as a voter must be made one month before the election, or not later than Saturday, October 6th. Under the "Corrupt Practices Act," no tax can be paid for the voter by a political party, candidate or any individual, nor can a tax receipt be given the voter as a gift. The penalty for the violation of this law is fine and imprisonment.

Roads at \$8663.87 Per Mile.

Figures showing the work of the State Highway Department for 1906, either completed or under way, are a significant commentary on the vast job the State has undertaken.

Appropriation for road purposes, made by the Legislature of 1903, to be expended under the direction of the State Highway Department, is \$6,500,000, distributed throughout a period of six years.

Roads completed August 10 amounted to 457,363 feet, and cost \$750,464.77. This is equal to 86.62 miles, and the average cost per mile was \$8663.87.

Fatal Use of Oil to Light Fire.

While Mrs. Frank Swanger, nineteen years old, of Lewistown Narrows, was lighting a fire with kerosene the blaze followed the stream of oil to the mouth of the can and exploded it, scattering the burning oil over her body. She was fatally burned, dying an hour later. The house was saved from destruction by the aid of a bucket brigade of the neighbors.

Busted!

The Democratic Watchman. That Bellefonte—State College trolley road scheme which was started so buoyantly a year ago has collapsed as utterly as an inflated balloon would with a dozen cannon balls shot through it.

Visiting cards printed at this office.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The per capita of money in circulation in America at the present time is \$32.33.

A lock for a bolt nut has been perfected by A. P. Malze, of Millheim, who expects to have the same patented.

The descendants of Jonathan Dinges, of Penn township, to the number of sixty, held a reunion the other Sunday.

The members of the Evangelical church held a peanut social at the home of Sidney Poorman, Thursday evening. Something over ten dollars was the net return.

William W. Krape, of Freeport, Illinois, was nominated for state senator by the Republicans of his district. Mr. Krape is a relative of the Krapes in this valley, and a native of Clinton county.

The merchant who uses stationery decorated with gargling oil, axle grease or other cheap, advertising matter is, to the home printer, what the mail order house is to the home merchant.

Miss Carrie Yearick, of Allentown, was in the valley among friends, and also attended the Yearick reunion at Hecla Park. Miss Yearick is the sister of the wife of Dr. Thos. S. Land, president of Allentown College for Women.

A misfortune befell the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Sharer, in Centre Hall, last week. The tot pulled a table cloth, and caused a portion of hot water to be spilled over its body. While the scald was not serious, it was quite painful.

Prof. W. E. Bray, principal of the Mining and Mechanical Institute at Freehold, who, with his wife, has been spending several weeks at the home of J. K. Moyer, of Rebersburg, spent last Tuesday in town as the guest of D. J. Meyer.

The oats crop was harvested last week. The fair weather was put to good use by the farmers. . . . Plowing is said to be a tough proposition, the many heavy rains having beat the soil very solid. . . . Hitching posts were erected along the cemetery.

Heretofore water has been hauled to the saw mill of Brisbin & Company, on the Bartges farm, east of Old Fort, but the firm has decided to have a well drilled. The work will be performed by Al. Krape, using the machinery formerly owned by him, but now the property of Wm. Harnish, Jr.

Mrs. John F. Mullen, of Allegheny, and Mrs. James P. Herring, of Altoona, have been the guests of their brothers and sisters in Centre Hall during the past week. They will remain until the beginning of next week, when Mrs. Mullen and her son James will accompany Mrs. Herring to her home.

Some vagrant set fire to the cold storage buildings on the famous Fisher fruit farm at Unionville, and the buildings and contents were totally consumed. Fisher's is the largest fruit farm in Bald Eagle valley and it was brought to its high degree of cultivation by the well known old Quaker, the late William P. Fisher.

County Commissioners, John L. Dunlap, C. A. Weaver and John G. Bailey with Commissioner's clerk, James P. Corl, are in Lancaster attending the sessions of the twentieth annual convention of the County Commissioners of Pennsylvania which terminates today (Thursday). During their absence the Commissioners' office is closed.

Miss Kathryn Brisbin and her sister, Miss Daisy Brisbin, have returned from a six weeks' course at Chautauqua, N. Y., says the Bellefonte Daily News. Miss Kathryn took the organ course and Miss Daisy a course in teaching. A few Sundays ago Dr. Vincent selected Miss Kathryn Brisbin to preside at the organ in the auditorium where she received the applause of 8000 people for her performance.

The man who pays his debts and his taxes may be a blessing or a curse to the community. It depends on what else he does. In making this statement it is to be understood that by the word "debt" is meant the ordinary cash obligation which a man incurs in the transaction of his business. There are men who appear to believe that so long as they are not indebted to their neighbors for goods purchased, or the municipality or the state for the last tax levy they have discharged their whole duty and nothing more can be asked of them. But in reality a man's duty to his neighbor is limited only by his power to do his neighbor good, and his duty to the community by his ability to be of service to it. The community in which the prevailing statement is "What do I get out of it?" is one which does not and cannot prosper.