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RECENTLY the army worm took possession of a Kentucky railroad in such numbers that it was necessary to stop the train to remove them, before it could safely proceed.

HON. CHARLES E. BOYLE, of Fayette county, has received the unanimous nomination as the Democratic candidate for Congress in the twenty-first district. This is the district which has been discreditably represented by Morgan S. Wire.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR, who could not appoint a "half-breed" or Independent Republican, and did not care to be guilty of so marked a discourtesy as the appointment of a stalwart postmaster in Senator Mitchell's town of Wellsboro, got over the difficulty by appointing a woman.

THE 150th anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania, is to be celebrated in Philadelphia, on Saturday next. The procession under command of Gen. Hartranft, will be on Broad street, and the addresses and ceremonies at the Academy of Music.

THE Democracy of Adams County present the name of the Hon. William McClean, of Gettysburg, as a candidate for supreme Judge on the Democratic ticket. Judge McClain has a distinguished reputation as a Common Pleas Judge, for legal ability and integrity of character. He will not discredit the choice of the Convention if it should fall upon him.

THE President has approved the sentence passed by the Court Marshal, dismissing Flipper, the negro lieutenant from the army. He was treated with great leniency in the trial and every means used to save him, but without effect. The proof against him of stealing and lying was too plain. If he had been a white man he would have been dismissed a year ago.

THE raid made by the Republican Congressional campaign assessment committee upon the page boys and other employees of the capital for two per cent. of their wages, has been supplanted by a similar raid upon the printers employed in the Government printing office at Washington. They must all "stand and deliver." Guiteau's President authorizes the robbery.

SECRETARY FOLGER is having a general overhauling of the Treasury Department, with a view to ascertain the efficiency and capacity of the force employed in the various bureaus and divisions. It is supposed a large number of changes will be the result of his investigations about the 1st of July. There are, no doubt, a number of "half-breeds" who will have to surrender to the stalwart column.

"UNCLE JAKE ZEIGLER" to the front! The Democracy of Butler county, have nominated the Hon. Jacob Zeigler, of the Butler Democrat, for the Legislature, and they did well. He is not only the best parliamentarian in the State, but has the ability, the vim and experience to take a high rank as a member of the next House of Representatives. His election is a foregone conclusion.

THE President has appointed the Utah commission. He has probably improved some on his tariff commission. He names Alexander Ramsey, of Minnesota; Algernon S. Paddock, of Nebraska; G. F. Godfrey, of Iowa; Ambrose B. Carleton, of Indiana, and James R. Pittenger of Arkansas, as the party to reconstruct the polygamous government of Mormondom and prepare the way to introduce it as a Republican State of the Union. The commission is composed of three Republicans and two Democrats. Salary \$5,000, the job to last until Utah is admitted.

The Campaign of Morality and Purity.

In his speech at Harrisburg, General Beaver, the Cameron Republican candidate for Governor of this great Commonwealth, said, "There is to be no defense in this campaign, if you please. It means morality, purity. It means victory." Just what the General meant by this campaign meaning "morality, purity," is not by any means clear. If he means "because I, General Beaver, am the candidate, and that in the campaign I represent nothing but myself," the declaration, while it runs high with egotism, is within ordinary bounds. But the General is the standard bearer of the Cameron wing of the Republican party, whatever it is he represents. If this party means morality and purity, then the General represents these commendable traits of political, as well as private character. If, on the other hand, it means corruption of the public service as well as of the people; if it means the prostitution of public office to base personal ends; if it means the subjugation of a great political party to the will and control of one man, and he the great arch-corruptionist of the age; if it means the establishment and perpetuation of the boss system and its rule, with all the evil consequences that must sooner or later follow, then the General is their representative, and whatever assaults they bring he must bear. To try to escape the consequences of their evils as he did in his speech at Towanda on Thursday of last week by declaring "that in this campaign no man shall question my manhood," is worse than nonsense. The General having thus put himself on the record, we may properly enquire what Cameronism is in this State. For full half a century it has been a stench in one form or another in the nostrils of the people of the Commonwealth. When the elder Cameron was entrusted with a commission to the Winnebago Indians, his transactions were so covered over with fraud and corruption that the department of war would in no wise recognize what he did. Every time he has been a Senator in Congress, his way to the Senate was the result of the purchase of some members of the Legislature. Daniel Dougherty in his Lancaster speech in 1878, details how in 1845, by securing a combination of Whigs, native Americans, and the purchase of a few others, he succeeded in defeating George W. Woodward, the Democratic candidate for the U. S. Senate; how in 1854, after Bigler's defeat, he became a Know Nothing, and as such, tried to obtain the nomination of that party as a candidate for the U. S. Senate; how twenty-eight members of that party refused to support him, and in giving to the public their reasons for refusing to do so, declared that he was a man whose whole history was but the history of intrigue; a man who has defied all party obligations; a man in whom there is not character enough to impose on credulity itself; a fit representative of nothing good, and as a fit representative of no honorable principle." How in 1857, by the purchase of Lebo, Wagoner and Maneer, he again became a Senator; how as Secretary of War, he was dismissed by President Lincoln and censured by a Republican House of Representatives, for his corruption in office in the dread hour of our country's history, and how again in 1863, he had, after much negotiation, arranged for the purchase of the vote of T. J. Boyer for the purpose of again securing his election to the United States Senate. This is only an outline of the beginning of the Cameron Republican party in this State. When the younger Cameron came on the stage, as Secretary of War, under Grant, in 1876, this power and policy and party was greatly increased in strength. The new Secretary of War was a delegate to the Cincinnati convention; he there sought to enforce the unit rule and by its means and the arbitrary use of power, the Plumed Knight of Republican-

ism, James G. Blaine, was slaughtered and Hayes, afterwards known as the unparalleled fraud, was given to the country as the Republican candidate for President. Afterwards, for the purpose of overawing the people at the polls, he quartered the army in the South, and was chief among the conspirators who defrauded the people out of their regularly and lawfully elected President. At Chicago in 1880, the Cincinnati performance was repeated, but, if possible, it was made more obnoxious to the people, by the efforts of Cameron and others to violate the unwritten law of the land, and make Grant President for a third term. And now in order that he may be strengthened in his hold upon the people, daily, almost hourly, we hear of faithful public officers, at his instance, being removed, and his henchmen put in their places. Does any one stand in the way of his supreme party control? He goes to the President, and the obstacle is removed. Is a legislature to be influenced, his agents are ready—his inducements are overwhelming. A judge is in the way, the pardon board must release his friends—no one needs to know the transaction which a moment will finish.

This is substantially what General Beaver represents as the Cameron Republican candidate for Governor, Cameron's example moulds directly and indirectly thousands of dependents, if he robs, they will pilfer and steal. If the monarch be a plunderer the subjects will follow the ways of the court and the example of the crown.

Beaver denies that he is a subject of Cameron. The evidence against him is very strong, and if belonging to Cameron were a crime cognizable in our courts, Beaver would surely be convicted. The manner in which he became a candidate for the United States Senate is yet fresh in the minds of the people. The manner in which he was made the machine candidate for Governor is equally familiar to all. From Washington he was announced as Cameron's choice. He never denied it, but to an interviewer just a week before the Harrisburg ratification meeting, the General said "before I determined to be a candidate I went to Cameron, and said to him that if he would not oppose me I would be a candidate;" that is to say "by your grace, Donald, not otherwise."

How UNKIND! The Philadelphia Times last week revived the terrible arraignment of the "Cameron dynasty" by Daniel Dougherty. This week the Times brings out a speech made by the distinguished Attorney General of the United States, Mr. Benj. F. Brewster, which is far from being complimentary to Senator Don Cameron and his methods and claims to bossship of the Republicans of Pennsylvania. This is the "unkindest cut of all." Brewster is now a high official in the stalwart administration, in condition to be in high favor with the boss who is a first lieutenant of the Presidential boss, and it is not pleasant to have these forgotten memories revived. The honest utterances of an indignant lawyer are not the literature to suit the wily counselor of a stalwart President.

THE rumor comes from Washington that the Pennsylvania boss is beginning to weaken, and has promised the stalwart President to make an effort to compromise with the Independents. This he can doubtless do by "stepping down and out," acknowledge the infamy of the boss rule, pledge present reform and withdraw his ticket. Any other course seems to be hedged by difficulties. To save himself and his ticket, he will have to induce the Independents to eat "crowd" the balance of the year, to acknowledge that they are not Independents after all; that they did not mean what they said in their late convention; that the whole was a mere piece of innocent strategy to compel the bosses

THE Washington Post, speaking of the recent assessments of the Congressional campaign committee, and the partisan arguments used to justify this system of raising campaign funds, says very truthfully: "In all but this narrow partisan sense, however, the system is dangerous and depraved. It robs the government employe of that perfect sense of independence which every American citizen ought to have. It reduces him to a condition bordering upon serfdom. It is demoralizing to all his instincts of manhood and self-assertion. It is a species of intimidation and terrorism—of the very essence of despotism—and all the power which the Republican party has gathered from this source during the long period of its supremacy, has been won at some expense to the honor and dignity of the government, and to the deterioration of the wholesome public sentiment of the country."

Mr. Hubbell may tell us that these assessments are not in the nature of forced contributions, but he knows better. The employe who declines to respond becomes a marked man at once. There are a hundred hungry men in the corridor waiting for his place, only too ready to discount their salaries at whatever rate Mr. Hubbell may dictate; and the hesitating clerk or messenger, or laborer, or floor-sweeper, or water-boy within, whose bread and butter depends upon his stipend, has but one alternative. There is no use in attempting to deny or disguise these facts. They exist in Washington and their ramifications extend all over the country, leading to one common sewer of corruption.

For this system the Republican party, which as a partisan organization, approaches nearer perfection than any the world has ever seen, is originally responsible. It has grown with the growth of the Republican party; it has become part and parcel of it; it will continue as long as the Republican party exists and will only cease with that process of reform which in the wisdom of Divine Providence must sooner or later decree the Republican party's dissolution.

THE President has filled up the tariff commission by the substitution of Mr. Boteler, of Virginia, for Gov. Phelps, of Missouri, who declined, and Mr. McMahon, of New York, for Mr. Wheeler who also declined to serve. It makes little difference who are members of this commission, or how incapable of performing the work they are supposed to be charged. The whole thing is a fraud—a mere subterfuge on the part of Congress to evade a pressing and important duty in the consideration of a vexed question that ought to have received their prompt and candid attention. If the tariff laws need revision to correct errors and avoid unjust discrimination, rendered necessary by the mutations of time and circumstances, the need was immediate, and Congress the proper tribunal to perform that duty—not to be committed to a roving, incapable committee, such as has been designated, for the purpose of indefinite delay. It is an arrant humbug, and shames the intelligence and efficiency of the American Congress.

THE Philadelphia Record has been removed and is now issued from the magnificent building, 916 Chestnut street, just erected by the enterprise of Mr. Singler, its proprietor and publisher. To keep up with the elegance of its surroundings, this excellent journal is dressed in a new suit of type which makes it presentable in the best circles of journalistic beauty. It needed no adornment, however, to commend it to the public as ranking with the best, as it is the cheapest reliable journal published. The wonderful success of the Record illustrates what well directed enterprise can do to place in possession of every one, from the banker to the beggar, the news and literature of the times on equal terms.

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to divide with them the spoils of office heretofore held by Cameron and his pals to their exclusion. These admissions, we fancy, Don and Arthur will have difficulty in drawing from Mitchell, Stewart and other leaders in the Independent ranks. If their deliverances in the platform given to the public were honest touching civil service reform, and we believe they were, they would compare badly with some of the appointments made by Arthur and Cameron before and since the convention, as well as the assessment circulars sent out under the endorsement of Arthur and the stalwarts to Federal offices, demanding corruption money. These would not be at least encouraging elements of compromise of views so widely at variance. Opposition to assessments and the use of patronage to control party nominations and elections were emphasized in as much force as opposition to boss control, and it would seem that they place the President and the boss in the same boat, and entitle the desire of each to about the same consideration from the Independent Republicans.

OUR old friend, Brother Stahley, of the Gettysburg Compiler, has a habit of uttering the right words at the right time, and is now sound as ever when he says, "Democrats of Pennsylvania should bear in mind that they have nothing whatever to do with the controversies now going on in the ranks of the Republicans. Both their tickets are composed of men who have no sympathy at all with Democratic principles or measures, therefore no honest Democrat can for one instant regard the outbreak in any other light than a fight between factions, both of which agree on general principles. The Democracy have been biding their time, fully convinced that the day would come when the people themselves, disgusted with the tyranny of boss rule and the profligacy of the spoils system which have become a part and parcel of the Republican administrations everywhere, would arise in their majestic wrath and overturn the cormorants who have so long fattened at the public crib to the great detriment of the people's interests and to the absolute danger of liberty itself. The time long anticipated by Democrats has arrived."

THE postmaster at Springer Rancho Texas, acknowledged the receipt of the assessment circular of the Congressional campaign committee making the 2 per cent. demand on his salary. Instead of making a remittance of the amount demanded, he informs the campaign robbers by letter, they are welcome to his office, but he will not contribute a dime to the corruption fund. These demands being made with the endorsement and under the sanction of the assassination President, and the funds much needed in Pennsylvania and other States, few officials will have the independence of the Texas postmaster.

A CORRESPONDENT in the Harrisburg Patriot, makes a strong appeal in favor of the nomination of Col. A. K. McClure as a candidate for Congressman-at-large on the Democratic ticket. Alec would make a stirring Congressman, capable of great achievements as a Statesman. But would not contact with the "bourbon Democrats" worry the life out of him, and thus deprive the country of the most useful and valuable independent journalist of the age. Barring this danger, we know of no one whose election to Congress would be more creditable and desirable as a public benefit.

WE see it stated in some papers that a caucus of Pennsylvania politicians was held in New York, to formulate and set up a Democratic ticket. We doubt the accuracy of these statements, else the names of the parties would be given. But whether true or not, let the warning be emphasized that the Democracy of Pennsylvania are not in temper to look kindly upon "set-ups," or anything that bears the

appearance of bossing. They expect to have entire confidence in the intelligence sent direct from the people to the State convention to formulate and present for their suffrage, candidates who are not only distinguished for their capabilities, but whose honesty and devotion to the great principles of the Democratic party, and whose record will be a guarantee of economy and reform in every department of the government. We have enough of boss government. Let us try a little plain, honest administration for the sake of the novelty of the thing.

MAHONE, who the Federal administration chose to boss the Republicans of Virginia, like the Pennsylvania boss, is realizing that the bossing business is somewhat heavy and uncertain this year. The straightout or independent Republicans of that State, reinforced, have determined to run straightout Republican candidates for Congress in every district, without regard to any little arrangements of the administration boss.

THE laborers in motion. The demonstration of organized labor in Pittsburgh on Saturday last, was undoubtedly the largest assemblage of the kind ever held in Pennsylvania. Ninety-six assemblies of the Knights of Labor were in line, and the whole procession were supposed to number between thirty and forty thousand—all demanding fair compensation for their toil. Good order prevailed throughout.

A QUESTION of veracity is pending between Senator Don Cameron, the boss, and John Stewart, the Independent candidate for Governor. Cameron, through his henchman, Congressman Barr, charges that Stewart solicited Cameron's interference and aid in obtaining for him the Mexican mission or some other public position. To this claim Mr. Stewart makes the following reply in his Pittsburgh speech:

"Never by myself or any other, by uttered speech or written word, have I asked from (the Camerons) either father or son any favor or service, political or otherwise, and I challenge them and their henchmen, adherents and dependents to prove to the contrary. So that there may be no doubt about this matter, I remove every restriction from private correspondence, if there be any, every restriction from private conversation, if there be any, and ask only that witnesses shall speak the truth. Before that Baal I have never bowed and never will."

The boss has the floor!

Teacher's Association.

THE Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association will hold its next Annual Meeting at Pottsville, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 5, 6, and 7, next. The exercises will be both interesting and instructive, and may be summed up under the following headings:

1. PRIMARY WORK, consisting of paper and discussion on "Manners for little folks," "Organization of Primary Schools," "Primary Teaching," "The Sciences in Elementary Schools," and explanations of work in Language and Arithmetic by a class of pupils.
2. NORMAL SCHOOLS WORK, consisting of papers and discussion on "The Province of our Model Schools," "The Ideal Normal School Course," and "Teachers' Institutes."
3. HIGHER EDUCATION, consisting of paper and discussions on "Education and Culture," "Organization of Colleges," and other subjects.

One of the main features of the session will be on the evening of the sixth, the "EXHIBITION AND CLASS EXERCISES" by a class of Indian pupils from the Training Schools at Carlisle. These exercises have been arranged in such a manner as to illustrate the peculiar character of the pupils, as well as the methods of teaching employed in the Training School.

Two pleasant and cheap excursions have been arranged—one to the seashore, the other to afford those who are not familiar with the subject an opportunity to see how anthracite coal is mined and prepared for market.

Excursion tickets will be sold for all the leading railroads in the State. For "orders" and particulars on this subject apply to J. F. Sichel, Gettysburg, Pa. You are cordially invited to attend. Come, and bring your friends with you. The prospect are for a large attendance.

For further particulars, address
Sam'l A. Barr,
Chairman of Ex. Committee,
Reading, Pa.

The Temperance Amendment Convention, which was to have been held in Norristown on Wednesday, has been postponed until July 6.

The midsummer sessions of the United States Circuit and District Courts began at Williamsport yesterday.