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EDITORIAL

RESPONSIBILITY WHERE IT BELONGS.

The following is from the Philipsburg Ledger, Nov. 7: In the defeat of part of the Republican county ticket and especially in the defeat of the Republican candidate for the legislature, it will be nothing but fair, at this time in closing up the campaign, to show to the people the situation of affairs just before the election day in order that it may be made clear to them why the result stands as it does.

On September 12 1896, Mr. Womelsdorff, one of the candidates for the assembly had practically the following proposition submitted to him through a strong friend of Governor Hastings.

"If you will agree to pledge yourself to vote for D. H. Hastings for the United States senator, if you are elected, then he and all his friends will do all they can to elect you and the county ticket. But if you will not agree to this proposition then he and all his friends will do nothing, and by their actions and influence tend to defeat the same."

Mr. Womelsdorff refused to pledge himself and after waiting a certain length of time the battle was started by those people, who, instead of confining themselves to the main issue, circulated all sorts of outrageous stories amongst these who could not refute them in preference to combinations with democrats, State College appropriations, etc., until the friends of Mr. Womelsdorff were compelled to fight vigorously on the defensive, and the unfortunate result is that both the republican members are defeated.

Now that this result has been accomplished, the next fight will be the U. S. senatorship, and it will be well for the friends of Governor Hastings to note carefully the trend of affairs on this matter, in order to see how far wrong our representatives was and to see where the fruits of their victory will come in, and it is clearly demonstrated that no matter how carefully a man may endeavor to do his plain duty as a servant of the people, no matter how closely he may endeavor to stand by the best interests of those who are trusting in him as their chosen representative in defiance of the bosses, or the powers that be, the time will come when the people, misled by the same powers into believing their false statements, will, without taking time to look the stories up for themselves, and forgetting all that their representative had tried to do for them even when it required great moral courage to do it, defeat him to the great delight of his enemies.

WM. J. BRYAN is to-day recognized by all leading republicans and their journals as one of the ablest and strongest adversaries, and whom they fear in the future.

CURIOSITIES OF THE ELECTION.

Assuming that Wyoming and Kentucky have gone for McKinley, and they are undecided as yet and claimed by both parties, the McKinley electoral vote will stand at 280, and the Bryan vote at 167. It shows the peculiarities of our electoral system that a change of a little less than 26,000 votes distributed among the nine states of California, Delaware, Indiana, Kentucky, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, West Virginia and Wyoming, which gave McKinley an aggregate of 50,000 majority, would have made the electoral vote stand 227 for Bryan and 220 for McKinley. This would have elected Bryan by a majority of 7 votes in the electoral college, while there would have been a popular majority against him of probably 800,000. But this would not have been an anomaly, as Tilden, defeated on the 8-to-7 commission count out, in 1876, by one vote, had 260,000 popular majority over Hayes, and Cleveland, defeated on the electoral vote by Harrison in 1888 by a majority of 75, had a popular majority of 98,000.

These occurrences and the possibilities of the future in the way of a president defeated by a great popular majority, and yet chosen by the vote of the electors, should make for the adoption of the constitutional amendment, now pending in congress, by which the electoral vote of each state would be divided in the proportion of the popular vote of such state received by each candidate. This is an entirely feasible plan, and would enable the people to vote directly for president, without the intervention of the electoral college. The distribution of the popular vote among the presidential candidates in each state, and the proportion of the electoral or presidential vote to which each candidate would be entitled, would be a simple matter of mathematics, easily and correctly determined. This amendment has been advocated by some of our wisest statesmen, but will probably never be adopted unless some political cataclysm enforces the necessity of a change of methods of president making.

THERE are about a dozen applicants for the position of county Commissioners clerk, with more to follow.

A GOOD VOTE.

There are few men in Centre county who have more warm personal friends among the people than J. C. Harper, the newly elected Recorder. The returns show that in every district and precinct Mr. Harper made large gains and ran ahead of his ticket. As we predicted, at the time of his nomination, he has proven a popular candidate and was stronger than most men calculated.

Mr. Harper came to Bellefonte when quite a young man. Although always an enthusiastic and active democrat, he never was a bitter partisan, and always won the good will of those who differed with him in political views.

As a public officer he was always known as obliging and agreeable, and ever ready to give any assistance or help to those who had occasion to transact business in his department. He was the same man after an election as when a candidate and all who knew him considered him a friend. Possessed of a kind heart and a generosity that almost became a fault, he made friends where others would fail.

These are some of the reasons why he received such a handsome vote for Recorder. When he once takes charge of his new department he will be found the same efficient and accommodating public servant as of old.

He naturally appreciates the kindness of his many friends, throughout Centre county, and assures all that their interest in his behalf will not be forgotten.

Who will be the dispenser of republican patronage in Centre county during the next four years? There are several leaders posing.

DIRTY POLITICS

The Hornet has heretofore held John Wanamaker in high esteem both as a statesman and a Christian gentleman, but this idol like many former ones has been shattered.

It is a well known fact that Gov. Hastings and Wanamaker are aspirants for a seat in the United States Senate which is perfectly proper. What the Hornet objects to is the sending of money into this county for the purpose of beating Hastings by beating a portion of our county ticket. In doing so Womelsdorff acted as a medium to accomplish that purpose along with other republicans.

Gov. Hastings is an able and popular statesman, held in high honor in his own state and nearly every other state in the Union, but for some cause, presumably enviousness of his success, and personal grudges, he has men in his own party, in this county, who would resort to most any means to dishonor him in his own county. This is the dirtiest kind of politics and the whole matter is traced to holy John Wanamaker, merchant and pretended Christian.

At this writing, election day, we don't know the result produced by the free circulation of Mr. Wanamaker's money among the booblers of this county, but it is known it will have a demoralizing effect both to-day and in the future, on the party in this county.—From Howard Hornet, Republican.

THERE is considerable scrapping for the position of county commissioners clerk, under the republican board. There are about a half dozen aspirants in the field pressing their claims.

WHERE WERE THEY?

There are many republicans in Centre county who for years strongly advocated the free silver cause. They did this when the issue had no political bearing and was free from party platforms or declarations. A large number of republican farmers who saw their farm land depreciate in value, price of all farm products decline while expenses kept increasing, after some study and careful research, attributed it to a bad monetary system—the single gold standard. They plainly saw the course of events and the injustice it was doing to the producers. They saw the hardships it imposed upon their fellowmen, and benefited the capitalists.

How different when they came to vote? When politics became an issue, when the question of leaving their former political associations arose, most of them faltered. They were more closely wedded to their idols than what they believed was for the welfare of the people.

There were many such instances that came under observation during the last campaign. The trouble with such men is their prejudices are stronger than their convictions. Their stock of moral courage dwindles in the face of party and politics.

ONE year ago comparatively few people knew what free silver meant, in this part of the country. 16 to 1 was an enigma. People generally were ignorant of our financial system, knew very little about the meaning of a dollar, or how their interests were effected by coinage laws. The battle for free silver was vigorously fought in the East. It was a new question, time was short, and all the corporate influences were arrayed in opposition. Under these circumstances a great work was accomplished, a great stride forward was made in the direction of accomplishing this reform. The free silver people should not be discouraged. Great reforms cannot be brought about in an instant.

RUBBING IT IN.

The following shows how the republicans are having sport at our expense over the recent election:

Below is a political train order said to be the invention of an old engineer running out of Washington:

Headquarters G. O. P. Ry., Washington System, March 1, 1897.

Westbound mixed special No. 24 will pull out of the White House station at 12 m. sharp, March 4th, to consist of a sixteen wheeler to one smoker, "Tariff Reform," buffet "Grover," sleeper "Stevenson," and pusher "Democrat," dead. At Buffalo send buffet "Grover" into flying switch; pick up wrecking car "Bryan," with smashed platform and busted air chamber, at Gold Cross, and leave it in front of Chicago platform at Evanston, where it will be picked up by the Lincoln limited cattle train and left at Saline river, Neb.

Leave the dead pusher "Democrat" at the Coliseum scrap heap, Chicago. The east bound Green Mountain accommodation will leave the refrigerator car "Sewall" at Maine bath tank to have barrel taps repaired. The Salt Creek limited will take up Smoker "Watson" at Columbus, and leave sleeper "Stevenson" at Free Trade which will be picked up by Wilson's wrecking train. Close and lock all switches on G. O. P. railway main line and wait on siding for No. 25 regular Washington limited McKinley and Hobart, Mark Hanna conductor which has absolute right of track over all trains from Canton to Washington.

HON. ESTDOLLAR, Gen. Manager, PROS. PRITTY, Gen. Superintendent.

WM. J. BRYAN'S address to the free silver people of the United States is one of the ablest articles produced by him. It is worthy the attention of every democrat.

ADVERTISING AND ADVERTISERS.

To give publicity to an article of merchandise—and that kind of publicity that will create or increase the demand for it—is engaging the best newspaper and business talent. These conditions are also increasing the necessity for advertising, and at the same time making it a profession. To excel, the best business methods of the profession must be in conjunction. The tendency is towards centralizing advertising in newspapers and making every inch of space count in attracting attention and telling the story in a readable interesting way.

Advertising is eminently a practical art. And yet, like all practical arts, it is founded on a basis of theory. The man who would succeed in advertising must take account of the theoretical foundation, for theories are the moulding force of all intelligent effort in advertising.—Printer's Ink.

The ability to put a complete distinct idea in the smallest number of words is necessary to every ad writer.

In spite of all the talk about hard times, dull seasons and business stagnation, it often happens that individual enterprise is quickly emulated by others until the whole business world is in active motion again. One bold advertiser can start a crowd of other advertisers, because they have to, in order to protect their trade.—John Chester.

Some people say that advertising is all a matter of luck; that you cannot tell what advertising is going to do, or whether or not it is going to pay. This may be true, but it is very strange that the man who gives careful thought to his advertising and does it in an intelligent and straightforward way usually has the luck on his side.—Art in Advertising.

A refreshing change to pick up our daily papers and read about something else than money. 16 to 1 has no attractions for the public. They want to hear about something else.

Not only will "Silver Dick" Bland reappear in the next house, but Judge Holman, of Indiana, the "treasury watch dog," will be welcomed back. He has been elected in the Indiana district where he was defeated two years ago, his majority being about 500. This election gives Judge Holman a distinction possessed by no other American statesman, living or dead. It makes his sixteenth election to the house, and if he lives through his term he will have served 32 years in the house of representatives. During his public career he has been defeated three times at the polls and once for the nomination. Judge Kelley and Charles O'Neill, of Philadelphia, were each elected to 15 terms in the house, but died in the midst of their last terms. It has long been a tradition in Washington that no representative will live to serve more than 30 years. Judge Holman is now 74 years of age, of reasonable vigor and lives on the old farm of a hundred acres on the banks of the Ohio where he was born. He is a poor man—has never made money out politics or office, and his public and private life has been clear and pure, and during his congressional career his "I object" has saved many millions to the taxpayers.

SINCE the election we are hearing more about the war in Cuba. At present Spain has massed a splendid army of 200,000 strong on that island. It is supplied with all necessary equipments and arms. General Weyler will prosecute a more vigorous campaign from this on. On the other hand the Cubans have secured large supplies of arms and will be better fortified than ever. Many think that the freedom of Cuba will be accomplished in a short time.

On page 8 a corrected table is published that gives the vote in Centre county last week. Cronister's majority of 16, was a dangerously close call.

HUNGRY REPUBLICANS.

Now the busy office-seeker Round the town doth madly chase, Begging every friend and stranger To support him for a place. And to hear him tell his story, As petition he unrolls, One would think he saved the party From a licking at the polls, Up and down the streets he wanders, Every hour of every day, Getting names until he's thinking Things will surely come his way. He is confident of winning, As he sees his list increase, And then proudly tells his neighbors That he's got it slick as grease. But when everything looks rosy, Then there comes a trouble sore, For he runs against more seekers, Till he finds at least a score. Everyone of them is hopeful, All indulge in sweeping claims, Show their lists, and then discover Each contains the same good names. It's too late for further effort, For there's not an hour to waste, So they roll up their petitions And all file them in haste. Then comes days of weary waiting, Hopes and fears that fluctuate, And each visit of the postman Causes hearts to palpitate. But at last suspense is ended, The appointment is announced, And the score of office-seekers Find that they have all been bounced; For the man who gets the office That each thought would be his own Is a chap they never heard of, And he played his game alone.—Ex.

THERE is little prospect of the republicans attempting to open up a contest on Cronister's election. The majority of 16 was quite small, but that does not indicate that anything was wrong. If a contest should be demanded the democrats will be on hand with some surprise packages. A contest would give an opportunity of investigating and exposing some of the methods employed at the last election.

Old Timers Fight.

Last Friday 20 of Bellefonte's oldest citizens got in an altercation that wound up in an ugly fight. Benj. Housel built a small house on a piece of land owned by John Caldwell. On Friday Mr. Caldwell was to see Mr. Housel and they were talking about various matters and finally while discussing the appointment of mail carriers they became excited and called each other ugly names and a fight ensued. They clinched and rolled, pounded and slugged each other until outside parties interfered and parted the two men. On Tuesday they were given a hearing before Justice Keichline who discharged them for want of sufficient evidence as to which party was at fault.

The peculiar point about the quarrel is the age of the combatants. Mr. Caldwell stated that he was 90 years while Mr. Housel gave his age at 70. They would be the last persons anyone would expect to see in a fight, but they had a real lively one in which black eyes were given.

Death from Paralysis.

Mrs. Ira Robbins, of Sheffield Alabama, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Schreyer, at an early hour Thursday the 5th. Deceased was 61 years of age and had suffered a paralytic stroke just a year ago.

Her husband and two daughters were at her side when she died. The children are Mrs. J. M. Bell, and Miss Claude, of Philadelphia; and Mrs. Harry Schreyer, of this place, and Bertha who lived at home.

Wedding Anniversary.

On Monday evening, November 25th, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Malin, of this place, will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. A large number of invitations were issued for this event.

60 YEARS OLD

and generally played out, when I commenced to use Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy," writes S. I. Young, of Hiram, Ohio. "For years I have suffered with inflammation and constant pain in the bladder and kidneys, and have gradually grown worse and expected at any time that passing urine by nature's effort would cease. Besides I have had rheumatic pain in every muscle and joint, and have suffered intensely, but I must say I have not in five years felt as well as I do now. Have improved daily since I began the use of

DR. DAVID KENNEDY'S FAVORITE REMEDY

About a week ago I gave a man afflicted with bladder trouble, some Favorite Remedy, and to-day he said: "That is a great medicine; I am better already," and he drove eight miles to get a bottle of it.

ORPHANS COURT SALE.

Estate of Rose Ann McCarty, late of Bellefonte borough, deceased: Will be offered at public sale, at the court house, in Bellefonte, on Friday, December 4, 1896, at 1 a. m., the following: A property in Bellefonte borough, fronting on Bishop street, 15 feet and 8 inches and extending back facing Logan street 83 feet. Thereon erected a large two story dwelling house, with store room on Bishop street, also a double frame dwelling fronting on Logan street. This property is located in a desirable portion of the town, and will prove a good investment for any purchaser. TERMS:—One third in cash; deferred payments in one and two years, secured by bond and mortgage on the premises. A. BROCKHOFF, Adm'r.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Henry Showers, late of Walker township deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the above estate have been granted to S. E. Showers, of Zion, Pa. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present them duly authenticated for settlement, without delay. S. E. SHOWERS, Executor.

CEMENT DALE, AIL. 10-12-01

Republican Jubilee.

The republicans of this section have decided to hold a ratification meeting in Bellefonte, on Saturday evening. Committees have been appointed for the various details and they intend to do the thing up in fine style. Everybody aspiring for an appointment will take an active part, that should insure a large attendance and much enthusiasm.

Gov. HASTINGS and Matt Quay had a conflag at Washington about the U. S. senatorship. Some think Quay is not as enthusiastic for the Gov., as was expected.

Another Kick.

That there are some republicans in this borough and Howard township who would sooner see a democrat elected to a county office than a good republican, our election returns will prove it. Furthermore they were known to ask republicans to vote for Cronister and Foster instead of Miller and Womelsdorff. The five republicans who worked this little game that caused part of our county ticket to be defeated. They are all known and will be closely watched in the future, this comes under the head of mean politics and we hope that there will be no more of it.—Hornet.

Sunlight Soap advertisement with text: COMPARE RESULTS. YOU KNOW THE OLD WAY—TRY THE NEW WAY THE SUNLIGHT WAY. WILL DO THE WORK IN HALF THE TIME, DO IT BETTER AND SAVE THE CLOTHES. IT MAKES LACES AS GOOD AS NEW AND DOES NOT SHRINK FLANNELS.

THE LEADING GROCERS Groceries Going At a lively pace. Ours keep step with the time's demands. Price—Quality—Full Measure—all please. No need to ask people to call again. We know they'll do it after once purchasing. Our goods are self-praising. Their innate goodness speaks for itself. You'll agree with our words after a test. We excel in meritorious Groceries. Proper food promotes prosperity. Let ours help you to success. We study your wants with eyes open for all emergencies. Our standard is the highest excellence. SECHLER & CO BUSH HOUSE BLOCK, BELLEFONTE, PA.

LOW PRICES Overcoats ranging in prices from \$5 TO \$18 Please call and examine these garments—the \$5. coat is the best value to be found anywhere for anything like the money. It is one of our specialties. The Clothing line never was so bright and attractive as now. Our stock of underwear must attract your attention. Never so fully prepared to make you comfortable and at such small cost. All the latest styles in HATS Guyer, Dunlap and Knox—all the leading blacks. See what we can do for you in our tailoring department—all the newest cloths and at the lowest prices. MONTGOMERY & Co Bellefonte.