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### EDITORIAL.

#### THE DEFEAT OF ARNOLD.

The defeat of Wm. C. Arnold, for reelection to congress from this district, is one of the most gratifying results of Tuesday's election. It was not a purely party victory, although a straight out democrat in J. K. P. Hall was elected. There was a universal revolt throughout the district that came from every element. Democrats were solid for their nominee, who is a fit representative. At the same time they could not approve Arnold and his political career. Leading republicans were disgusted with him, for the various reasons heretofore explained. The manner in which he made appointments was also a strong factor against him. No one can betray his friends, deceive them and violate his word and honor without injury to himself. The people despise such methods, and disinterested parties turned against him. There is honor in politics, and this is an instance where the people insist upon it. In this county, some of the republicans went far out of their road to jump on Clem Dale, Esq., who was the local republican candidate for that nomination. In his own ward certain republicans took delight in securing his defeat, not willing to concede the usual courtesy in politics which common decency demands, and a decent man is entitled to. Tuesday's revolt in the North Ward showed that those things had not been forgotten. Arnold's double dealing in regard to the Bellefonte postoffice caused many good republicans to desert him, and justly so. The distribution of postoffices will weaken anyone, but the abuses by Arnold were beyond endurance. The defeat of Arnold is a creditable act to the district. A good, clean and far abler man will take his place. It also has a good effect on a community, when the people openly rebuke and depose such men from public positions. It also is a pointer that a certain class of republicans in Bellefonte are not, yet, dictators. Their authority in party councils has been of brief duration.

#### HUMILIATING DEFEAT.

Some persons will be reasonable, fair and courteous—others selfish, stubborn and defiant. When you have exhausted honorable means to deal with this latter class, of asinine proclivities, the last resort is to lick them into line. That is the situation among some of our republican brethren, in Centre county, who have been smashing things in that party to gain control and be its dictators. With a big heap of selfishness they endeavored to supplant old party workers and run the machine themselves, as was illustrated so forcibly in the last republican county convention when the Love, Chambers, Dale element overrode everything by the aid of Arnold's post-office patronage. They achieved a temporary success which was heralded abroad by a flare of trumpets to belittle Gov. Hastings and his friends before the public. That was the first victory of these political apprentices. With full sway, they were given undisputed charge of the party organization, its defeat was to be their humiliation and its success their laurels. With that understanding the campaign progressed and concluded to the complete humiliation of the gang. Wounded, rebuked, and some even disgraced, they now are on the repentant bench. They are suing for peace. They realize their incompetency. On Wednesday morning they sought peace by personal interviews. They want peace, political peace—these party wreckers, at any price. They have been completely licked into line. Great has been the reign of this political dynasty. Great is the dictator, and greatly to be praised.

#### SMART POLITICS.

Two years ago Ed. Chambers, who wants to pose as a republican leader, was at the head of a movement that contested Sheriff Cronister's election. Resulted in a farce and a failure. That put a big expense on the taxpayers. Leading citizens and the best element of his party became disgusted with his conduct. This campaign he introduced a new style of politics in spreading over Centre county a list of Candidate Heinle's obligations, as found on the record. It was a brilliant move, the like of which was never seen before in this community. The people passed judgment on it in a manner that was emphatic. Come again, Edward. You are a blooming success, only your efforts are not appreciated.

### PREACHERS IN POLITICS.

This election has demonstrated one good thing—preachers in politics are a dead failure. The much-lauded Dr. Swallow went into this campaign with a great flurry of trumpets, but emerged badly singed and only a remnant of his former vote left. He started in as a reformer and some following he had. These prospects of becoming governor of this state was too much for the parson. He next became a politician and resorted to methods that were even questionable. Unfounded heresy matters were freely used by him in his attacks upon both parties until he became ridiculous, public laughing stock. The accusation that the Dr. was guilty of "bearing false witness" was frequently demonstrated and good meaning people became disgusted and voted with their former parties. Preachers in politics are, as a rule, a failure. That has frequently been demonstrated, and was forcibly proven by Tuesday's election both in our local and state politics. Let the ministry follow its proper work, educate and lead the public to higher ideals of private and public life and they will be abundantly employed. That is where they belong—there they are most needed, appreciated and respected.

BREAKING DOWN MEN'S CREDIT is not a wise undertaking. That little circular was a wonder.

#### FOR PUBLIC GOOD.

In our county we believe the moral sense of our voters is awake and is a potent power in politics. If the balance of the state is willing to put up with Quayism, Centre county has risen and in unmistakable terms put her seal of condemnation upon such methods by the defeat of Messrs John A. Daley and Eli Townsend for legislature. Both these men were on the republican ticket, but refused to define to the people where they stood on this issue. On the other hand, the democrats were fair, many and honest and clearly told the public what they would do if elected.

Daley and Townsend went down with a crash and are buried deep under an avalanche of votes. They proved themselves unworthy of confidence in this matter and got their just deserts. By this time it must have dawned upon these gentlemen that the people have a right to know all about the qualifications of public servants and their positions on public questions. The people still rule, and officials must be their servants.

To John Daley we say "Ta! ta!" You received your just deserts. To Mr. Townsend the same. We believe the next legislature will profit by your absence.

THE public "Weighed Ed. Chambers in the Balance" after he circulated that brutal attack on Heinle. Chambers got left—Heinle didn't.

#### AFTER CONSOLATION.

The disconcerted, disconsolate, distracted, dejected, downcast, defeated republican roosters of Centre county, for the past two days have been employing a sort of a philosophical-mathematical process of extracting a bit of consolation from the election returns. Facts are facts and figures can't lie, if politicians will, therefore they always come to an unsatisfactory conclusion. It is like extracting sunbeams from cucumbers. The bellyache remains all the same. There is no Balm in all Gilead for their gaping wounds. One candidate may have gained here, or another there, but the awful slump, an avalanche, like Banquo's ghost, stares them in the face and haunts their dreams by night.

Several made complete jackasses of themselves, and would cheerfully pay the price to have some able-bodied man to fan their rear anatomy, if that would bring relief; they would cheerfully bear the pain. Look at them, with gaunt, troubled countenances, they have been shuffling to and fro, the past few days, pitiful and sad.

SINCE the election is over Love and Harter would better take to the woods. Chambers can look after all the political assets left by that combination.

#### POSTOFFICE SITUATION.

The next sensation, in the political field, will be the appointment of the Bellefonte postmaster, to succeed D. F. Fortney, Esq., the present democratic incumbent whose term of four years expired last April. Matters have been on a deadlock since then. W. C. Arnold had endorsed W. W. Montgomery and Gov. Hastings asked the department at Washington to extend him the usual courtesy of naming the postmaster in his home, and recommended S. H. Williams. There it hangs fire.

The result of the election has revived much speculation on this point. Arnold has been defeated badly in the district. That will militate somewhat against his prestige and influence, but then he remains in office, we believe, until next March, and Gov. Hastings retires after next January. This raises other conjectures.

It will be interesting to see who wins out on this appointment.

THE democrats should send Chambers a vote of thanks for that little Heinle circular.

### "TRADE AND THE FLAG."

In reply to the absurd claim of the "expansionists" that we need the Philippines for a market, Carl Schurz asks:

But can we not get the markets of those countries unless we annex them? Do we not sell nearly a thousand millions' worth of goods a year to countries we have not annexed? And is not one European customer worth more than twenty Asiatics?

This is the showing of the official export statistics for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898:

Total exports from United States...

Total exports to Philippines, 1897-'98 \$1,210,291,913 Total imports into the Philippines from all countries in 1896 were valued at only some \$10,000,000—not one-third of the annual cost of maintaining the army and navy force necessary to subdue and govern them.

If the trade were ten times as much we could get it without annexation, if at all. And if it were a hundred times as much we could, as Senator Hale suggests, better afford to pay Spain \$40,000,000 to keep them than to get them for nothing.—World.

#### SURPRISED THEM.

When Geo. A. Jenks was nominated for governor his enemies and the Gordonites began shouting that he was a feeble old man, and some believed it. For two months Mr. Jenks traveled the state holding receptions and making speeches every day. He wound up at DuBois on Monday evening apparently fresher and stronger than when he started. He startled the enemy and surprised his friends.

#### A LETTER FROM ALASKA.

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widow without the expense of lawyer, judge or jury. I never knew a place in my life as free from crime as Rampart. Cabins and store houses are left open and no theft perpetrated.

The penalty for stealing is to give the victim 3 hours to vacate the town forever, at the expiration of which time, if still in reach, he is sent down the river on a log. But since the arrival of the boys in blue justice will be served with less haste, more expense and perhaps, no better results. I, for my part, never felt such a sense of safety and protection as I do here. All men, even the most uncouth, treat ladies as if they were superior beings and a man who would offer the slightest offense to a lady would not escape violence at the hands of an enraged and indignant people. I can also truly contradict all statements I have ever heard of the selfishness of Alaska people. I never met such generous, big-hearted people in my life. They are generous to a fault. A hospital is being built now in which the sick will be cared for at the nominal price of \$100 per month. The rest to be paid by city appropriation. There is very little sickness here, only 3 deaths recorded in the whole history of Rampart, and 2 of these from violence, the other from typhoid fever. The drainage and sanitary conditions of the place are very good. The climate is healthful and invigorating and the old timers claim that the winter weather is by far the best and most enjoyable even though mercury goes to 50° or 60° below. We have had snow since the 15th of September, but not enough for sleighing yet. As soon as the river freezes up, prospectors and miners will begin work on their claims, and then the permanency of this camp will be established; although, even now, the wealth of the mines already developed promises to rival if not surpass the Klondike. The claims on Little Munook Creek, 6 miles from Rampart, have panned out of following:

- Claim No. 5—\$1,000. Claim No. 6—\$30,000. to \$40,000. Claim No. 7—\$25,000. Claim No. 8—\$30,000. Claim No. 9—\$35,000. to \$40,000. Claim No. 10—\$15,000. Claim No. 12—\$450.00, panned from waste dump.

On Hunter Creek a rich pay streak was found, after four years work. On Hoosier Creek there are a few paying claims, although the hot springs on Hoosier Gulch makes mining very difficult in this locality. Quail Creek is a new district, but as far as it has been developed it has proved a very rich territory, and the gold is as rich as the Little Munook gold which changes hands at \$19.50.

On Idaho Bar, Russian Creek, in fact in all the creeks around here, deposits of gold have been found in paying quantities, but claims are yet undeveloped. There are also two coal mines near Rampart which, in this country, is worth as much as a gold mine, for coal here is worth \$50 per ton. One of these mines is about twenty-five miles above Rampart and the other a mile below. In the former a four-foot vein has been struck. In my mind there is no question as to the future prosperity of Rampart City if men with determination, energy and capital will but develop the mines surrounding it.

I will now give you a bit of my own personal experience in a mining camp. As I stated in a previous letter, my partner went to Dawson, and I am now free from all encumbrances, such as clubs, corporations, partners, etc., all of which are detriments to the success of anyone in this country. My experience along this line is but a repetition of the experi-

ence of my predecessors to Alaska. I am now doing business strictly for myself and am independent and happy.

As soon as I reached Rampart I visited some real estate agents and learned something of the value of property. I found all the lots had been staked as far back as 5th avenue, and the only prospect of getting property worth anything was to buy it. So I gave my name as a purchaser and in the meantime got all the information I could from disinterested parties at to best location, value, etc., and by the time our boat returned I was the happy possessor of two of the finest properties on 1st avenue, in the very central part of the city, one a corner lot, and on each a very snug warm cabin. In both cases the owner was obliged to return to the states, so I got the properties for \$250 each, which is about half what it costs to build a cabin in this country.

The next morning I rented one of my cabins at \$30 per month and began to move into the other one. I had my outfit stored in the cache and began to drape, decorate and beautify the interior with flags, bunting, pictures, paper flowers, and bric-a-brac and in a short time the little log cabin was transformed into a bower of homelike coziness. How much I would enjoy having you all take tea with me—but not all at once as space would not permit. My furniture consists of two spring beds, one above the other, one table, hammock, steamer chair, two stools, stove, small book case, or in other words, a tier of shelves with curtain draping, and a similar arrangement which I call a cupboard. These little log cabins are very much warmer than our large frame or brick buildings and I feel sure I shall be thoroughly comfortable this winter.

Before I had time to think of looking for a situation the city recorder, whose term had just expired and who was about to open up a new restaurant asked me to take charge as manager and cashier at a salary of \$25. per week and boarded, with the promise of an increased salary soon as business brightened up. My hours are from 8 to 5 which gives me plenty of time for outside work. We have a french cook (colored) from San Francisco and I am living on the fat of the land. Our trade has outgrown our former quarters and a large new building has been erected. We have the interior lined with white canvass, and decorated with Japanese lanterns, pictures, and draped with the scarfs and stripes. September 21st, was opening day in our new quarters and our menu was printed on birch bark cut in the shape of a scroll and was as follows:

- Soup, A-la-Reine. Fish, Salmon-an-Gratin. Beef, Ham and Saurkraut. Entree, Vol-au-vent of chickens, moose fricasse, creme-a-la-reine. Roast, Sirloin of moose, aux-champignon, turkey with cranberry sauce. Vegetables, Mashed potatoes, sugar corn, stewed tomatoes. Pastry, Cabinet pudding, brandy sauce, coconut and mince pie. Dessert, Assorted cakes, tea and coffee, crackers and cheese.

Our regular meals are \$1.00 each, coffee or tea 25 cents. We have had moose meat most all of this month. It is fine, far better than beef steak. We buy it from the Indians at 50 cents per pound. We have had cariboo and bear meat and to-morrow we will have wild duck for dinner. So far I have seen nothing of the hardships or starvation which is reported as existing here.

Soon as the river freezes up I expect to open up my library evenings and sell my stock of goods. I have sold a few things, such as the little patriotic emblems and badges for which I had paid from 5 to 10 cents. They sold readily for \$1.00. The Japanese lanterns for which I paid 50 cents a dozen sold here for 50 cents each. There is nothing less than twenty-five cents, either in silver or dust. The first week I was in Rampart I gave a little musical entertainment with my graphophone, from which I realized the cost of machine and transportation. Have been asked to give another soon.

Last winter there were but two ladies at Rampart. This winter there are about twenty, of the respectable type, and nearly 1000 men to do us homage. We are the Queens of Creation and are treated so royally that I fear we shall never be satisfied to live in a country where less deference is paid to our sex. Proposals of marriage are apt to be sudden and unexpected as well as numerous. I shall not tell you how many I have had already, but am still "heart whole and fancy free," and assure you that you shall hear again from PROVERE HOOVER.

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