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### EDITORIAL

#### DEMOCRATIC DUTY.

On the front page of this issue will be found the notice of the Democratic County Chairman for the holding of the primaries and the county convention, June 10th and 13th. This is especially important to the local chairman and the assistants who should be on hand, in the various districts, at the proper time for opening the primaries. But it is most important for the Democratic party. At the primary election is the place for every man to register his preference of men who should be placed at the head of the ticket, and who generally fill and conduct the county offices.

It not only is important for every democrat to go to the primaries and vote, but he should exercise the very best judgment and care. The first consideration is to determine which candidates are best fitted for the offices to which they aspire. Qualification is the supreme test—and personal relations and interests should be of minor importance. Many a man is a "good fellow," but at the same time utterly incompetent, and public interests suffer every time when such men succeed. Therefore let merit instead, of personal considerations, guide you in your selection.

Then we should remember that we nominate tickets for the purpose of electing same. Even some men have official capacity but can not or do not enter into a campaign with energy and vigor and often are a drag.

Democrats, time is short until the next primaries, Saturday, June 10th. Give the question of selecting good, competent, clean men your thoughtful consideration. We want a strong ticket this year. We want capable men on it—who can stand on their own merits and are an endorsement in themselves. Give us a ticket that needs no apology, something clean, strong—that every good citizen can uphold, endorse and approve. Nominate such a ticket and victory will follow. Any other course can only invite disaster.

Think seriously, go to the primaries and vote intelligently.

#### THREE PEACE PLANS.

The Peace Congress which contains representatives from all the leading nations of the world, now in session at the Hague, in Europe, will consider three arbitration schemes—the Russian, the English and the American.

All three contemplate the establishment of a permanent international court of arbitration. The very existence of such a court would go far to abolish war.

All three propose mediation and arbitration in every case not involving national honor or the right to suppress insurrection. The effect of such a rule, once well established, would be to render international armed conflict extremely improbable.

All three propose the minimizing of the sufferings incident to war, the American plan including a fixed, common standard for the treatment and exchange of prisoners.

Russia asks for a stop in the increase of armies and navies. England and the United States demand the exemption of private property from capture at sea—that is to say, that robbery shall be stopped.

#### A BACK NUMBER.

Four times in less than a month Governor Stone has swept aside the mandate of the fundamental law in order to defeat the will of the people.

He vetoed the Woodruff constitutional amendment resolution.

He appointed Quay to the Senate after the Legislature refused to elect him.

He has vetoed a part of the appropriation for supporting the public schools.

Each of these acts is in derogation of the organic law, and is an usurpation.

It is obvious that the people must go into their courts for aid if they want their constitutional right respected during Governor Stone's term. The constitution is as much a "back number" as the decalogue with the Quay machine. So says the Philadelphia North American and they are about right.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY gave civil service a blow by taking several thousand positions off that list so that politicians can be rewarded.

THE farmers are anxiously waiting for McKinley wheat.

### REPUBLICANS MUST GO.

It will be remembered that a few weeks ago, before the adjournment of the legislature, the republican papers of the state kept up a warning cry that if the session should pass without the election of a senator it would be equivalent to sounding the death knell of the republican party. They have let up on the cry since adjournment, but the conditions that were deemed disastrous exist, the breach between the party factions has been continually widening, and there is at this time no probability of their getting together. It is therefore reasonable to accept the predictions of the party press of a few weeks ago and to conclude as to the state organization—as the Doylestown Democrat does concerning the national—that it will be strange if the coming two political campaigns do not witness the utter demoralization of the republican party, perhaps its total annihilation. Republicanism has come to stand for everything that is odious to the common people of America. It must indeed be a blind workingman who cannot see that his interests lie in eliminating from our body politic everything tainted with republicanism. The party has completely faced about since Lincoln's time. Then it stood for human rights; now it condones human wrong. Then it, nominally, at least, championed human liberty; now it is accomplishing human subjugation—coercing an alien race. But that is not its greatest sin.

The republican party was from its inception a party of spoils, principles being a secondary consideration. Principles in its policy have been made to subserve spoils, until its principles are merely nominal, and patronage, coercion and bribery are used as whips to keep it in power. Trusts are protected by the administration, because corporate influence has money, and money makes the political mare go. Upon the great movements already started to better humanity the party, as now constituted, looks with coldness. Its embodiment of political virtue is a Hanna; its highest conception of public good is the connection of shrewd schemes to build up subservient monopolies of money and industry, to strengthen its hold upon the government.

The only prosperity known by the selfish cabal of politicians banded together under the name of republicans, is the prosperity of the money bags. In that prosperity which makes men better, happier and more intelligent, irrespective of a money prosperity, they have no part. They would see nine-tenths of the people in chains that the other tenth may revel in wealth. That is the whole and the sole tendency of the republican party today. It is a dangerous tendency and thoughtful men should ponder long the question whether they are willing to take the risk of prolonging it beyond 1900.

To-day the wealth and industries of the country are centralizing with rapidity that makes one who takes a retrospect of the last fifty years shudder.

The field of individual enterprise is narrowing down to a very small area, and the number of individuals who are crowded out by the trusts and great corporations and in return become dependent upon their giant rivals for means of livelihood are multiplying very fast. The end of this centralizing tendency should come in a peaceful revolution at the ballot box in 1900. And if it does not? Well, the longer the remedy is postponed, the more drastic it will be. The history of nations teaches us this, and this nation can be no exception in the transgression of a universal law.

#### NATIONAL POLITICS.

Gradually public attention is drifting towards presidential nominations and the framing of national issues. Thus far the drift among republicans is for the renomination of McKinley, with little or no real opposition. Candidates are being groomed, but only for a later entry. The republican platform will embody an endorsement of the present administration's course on all leading questions.

Among the democrats there have been numerous consultations of leaders. The indications are that a platform opposing trusts, imperialism—forcible annexation of territory, high tariffs, as the main features, with an endorsement of the Chicago platform, will be adopted. In the campaign the democratic fight will be directed against trusts and imperialism, leaving the money question for consideration at some future day. As to candidates, Wm. J. Bryan is a central figure, although, owing to his pronounced views on the money question, some new man may be named to lead the ticket. The money question was fully considered in the last campaign. The country called for the single gold standard and are entitled to have it. That problem four years from now may be ready for direct attention from the people.

The democratic party always was against imperial ideas. Forcible annexation they believe to be criminal. Military display and great standing armies they believe a curse to a liberty-loving people. On these issues we can go before the people with convictions that are safe and sound.

LAST week the Bellefonte Republican put its political harpoon into some of the local Quay leaders and twisted them up badly.

THE anti-Quay republicans are keeping up their organizations in all parts of the state. Centre county is no exception.

### CORRUPT POLITICS.

Last week a statement was published in these columns from the Philadelphia Press to the effect that at least 80,000 fraudulent votes are cast each year in that city. There is little doubt about the gross corruption practiced at the polls in that city which rolls up such immense republican majorities. Here is another illustration from the Record:

Political rotteness and moral rotteness are near relations. We are not sure that they are not twins. Here are some specimen election figures from division polls in the Seventh and Eighth wards, where it is not safe for an unprotected woman to walk the streets, or for an owner to leave his house untenanted for a night and a day:

SEVENTH WARD.

Division	Stone	Jenks	Swallow
1	246	5	9
2	233	9	8
3	271	5	1
13	304	11	2

EIGHTH WARD.

Division	Stone	Jenks	Swallow
1	254	13	11
2	342	24	28
4	303	19	11
7	216	9	8

In the Seventh ward (according to the count) there was a total vote for governor of 4,797 for Stone, 617 for Jenks and 401 for Swallow. In the Eighth ward the vote stood: Stone, 2,609; Jenks, 370; Swallow, 411. In the localities where this voting was done, to quote from our esteemed and careful contemporary, the "Public Ledger," "there is security to neither life nor property."

#### STONE'S CONSISTENCY.

An instance of the sincerity of Governor Stone's high-sounding professions is furnished by the Philadelphia "North American." The governor vetoed a proper appropriation of \$1,500 to the widow of a stenographer for services rendered by her husband to the Legislature at the session of 1897. This appropriation the governor vetoed upon the ground that the unpaid accounts of the Legislature of two years ago ought not to be paid for by the Legislature of this year. The widow, therefore, was refused the money due her husband. Subsequently the governor, who thus filed his caveat against the widow's payment, attached his signature to a bill appropriating \$5,000 to the machine henchman, T. Larry Eyre, of Chester county, for services rendered by that politician as sergeant-at-arms of the legislative committees at the session of 1897, the extravagant bills for which were vetoed by Governor Hastings. The reasoning that struck down the widow's appropriation would have been fatal to the \$5,000 voted the Quay beeler.

#### CUBAN DIFFICULTIES.

Our dusky Cuban brethren are not in the most placable mood. Uncle Sam tendered them an advance of \$3,000,000, or \$75 apiece to each Cuban soldier in the late war, upon the condition that they surrender their arms and return to their homes and resume some peaceful vocation. Thus far only a few have accepted Uncle Sam's gift thinking they will receive more by hesitating. There are malcontents and agitators among the native element who for years to come will be a source of annoyance. Time and firmness will finally bring this element to a better appreciation of American methods. It is wrong to censure these people, who have grown up under centuries of Spanish misrule and oppression. It is but natural that they should be distrustful. It will take years of American influence to broaden and develop them to higher plane of thinking. We must not expect too much, all at once, of our Cuban brethren.

#### NOT FOR ASSIMILATION.

The situation in the Philippine Islands is not the most flattering. Many of the volunteer troops whose time has expired are not anxious to enlist again and want to come home. The rainy season has set in and that will make operations more difficult and impair the health of our soldiers. While the insurgents have been routed time and time again, they still exist in great numbers and are by no means subdued. Fresh troops will likely be sent to Manila soon to continue the operations against the natives. No terms have thus far been accepted by the insurgents for a cessation of hostilities. The Philippine problem has proven a greater difficulty than was at first anticipated. The Philippines can't understand President McKinley's benevolent assimilation and don't seem to want it. They are thoroughly imbued with the American doctrine of Freedom and Independence.

#### REPUBLICAN ASPIRANTS.

The following are anxious to get on the Republican County Ticket this year and have announced their candidacy:

**Sheriff**—David H. Rhule, Spring Mills; Jacob S. Herman, Lemont; Henry Lowry, Bellefonte.

**County Treasurer**—John Thompson, Phillipsburg; R. T. Conley, Union township.

**County Commissioner**—George W. Scholl, Houserville; Thos. W. Fisher, Union township; M. F. Riddle, Spring township; Jacob Yarnell, Boggs township.

**Recorder**—John C. Miller, Benner township.

**Register**—J. E. Rickard, Rush township.

### PITTSBURG'S HEAVY STORM.

#### A Ten-Year-Old School Girl Narrowly Escaped Electrocuting.

Pittsburg, May 30.—A terrific wind and rain storm passed over this section yesterday, doing considerable money damage, but no fatalities resulted. The most serious effect of the storm was the almost electrocution of Annie Sullivan, a 10-year-old girl who was on her way home from school. She was struck by a live telephone wire heavily charged by a cross with electric light wires. The wire caught her across the throat and burned into the flesh from ear to ear. The physicians say she has a chance of recovery.

The Miller street school house, in Minersville, was unroofed and several children were supposed to be pinned under the debris. This fortunately proved untrue, and no one was seriously injured. The roof of A. Warmcastle's livery stable, in the east end, was blown off and the entire system of telephone, telegraph and trolley circuits were prostrated, delaying the street car traffic for three hours. The East End electric light plant was practically wrecked, resulting in the machinery being stopped for the night, leaving the entire east end in almost total darkness.

The damage throughout the city to trees, fences, roofs, etc., is heavy. Reports from surrounding towns give the damage as considerable, but no fatalities resulted.

#### ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Allentown, Pa., May 30.—Fred Reppert, who choked his wife to death on Saturday, and afterward cut his throat with a razor, died yesterday from his wounds.

Reading, Pa., May 30.—At a meeting of the directors of the Reading Iron company it was agreed to make a further advance in the wages of the employees, to take effect June 15. This is the third increase in the past six months, and the total increase is from 15 to 25 per cent.

Allentown, Pa., May 29.—Preston Everett, aged 18 years, of Egypt, Pa., was waylaid at the bridge at White Hall midnight Saturday by seven men, who attempted to rob him. Everett fired on the men and killed one of them, James Howard, of Scranton. He subsequently surrendered to the authorities.

Somerset, Pa., May 29.—After remaining locked up from 8 o'clock Saturday evening until 7 o'clock yesterday morning the jury in the Peter Meyers case came into court with a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. The case against Meyers for the murder of Constable John Lenhart is proceeding this morning.

Pittsburg, May 30.—The American Steel and Wire company has concluded a deal for the purchase of all the stock of the Shoemaker Hoeshoe company, recently formed, to make and export hoeshoes. The proposed plant at Glassport will be abandoned, and the property purchased will probably be sold. The output of the Shoemaker Hoeshoe plant of the American Steel and Wire company will be increased to almost 1,000,000 kegs of hoeshoes a year, and it will be made by far the largest hoeshoe plant in the world.

Reading, Pa., May 27.—As a result of the recent investigation into the railroad wreck at Exeter County Detective Kersher last Thursday swore out information, at the instance of the district attorney, against Engineers Orrell and Wildermuth, Conductors Magee and Brommer and Train Dispatcher Rourke on the charge of misdemeanor. The five men were arrested at Norristown last evening, where they had gone to testify at the Norristown inquest. They each furnished bail in the sum of \$1,000 for their appearance at the court of quarter sessions of Berks county on June 12. The coroner's jury at Norristown places the entire blame on the railroad company.

Altoona, Pa., May 31.—Nearly all the coal mining companies in the second bituminous district, which includes Cambria, Bedford, Somerset, Centre, Clearfield, Jefferson, Indiana, Elk, Cameron, Clinton, Blair and Huntingdon counties, posted notices yesterday informing the miners that the wages for pick mining would be advanced on June 1 from 45 to 50 cents a ton. Machine mining will be increased 2 1/2 cents a ton. Twenty thousand miners will get the benefit of this voluntary increase. In view of this action of the operators yesterday's convention of miners at Clearfield had no business to transact. It was probable that a strike would have been inaugurated if the increase had not been made voluntarily.

Philadelphia, May 31.—The state convention of the People's party of Pennsylvania was held in Dental Hall here yesterday, and the following ticket was nominated: For judge of the supreme court, John H. Stevenson of Allegheny; judge of supreme court, N. L. Atwood of Erie county; state treasurer, Justice Watkins of Tioga county. The following were elected delegates-at-large to the next national convention—L. W. Olds of Erie, Dr. C. F. Taylor of Philadelphia, T. P. Rynder of Erie, W. M. Deisher of Berks, Abraham Mattis of Dauphin, J. P. Correll of Northampton, Justice Watkins of Tioga and J. H. Stevenson of Allegheny. An executive committee of six to fill vacancies and to assist the chairman in conducting the campaign was elected.

**The Speakership Contest.**  
Toledo, O., May 31.—Congressman J. H. Southard today, in giving an estimate of the speakership situation, denied that Henderson would get a solid delegation from Ohio, although he said he was his personal preference as against Sherman of New York. He believes the fight is between Sherman and Henderson. He understands that Congressman Grosvenor is a candidate for the place.

**Chief Justice Fuller Sails For Europe.**  
New York, May 31.—Among those who sailed from this port on the Majestic today are Chief Justice Fuller and Justice D. J. Brewer, of the United States supreme court, Mrs. Fuller, Colonel J. J. McCook and family and A. F. De Navarro and Mrs. De Navarro (Mary Anderson).



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#### Memorial Day Ceremonies.

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young life to his country in the latter war; these flowers, the solemn dirge and the voices of the little children with flags in their hands are the loving links, connecting the present with the past; the living with the glorious dead. Proceed with your ceremonies! Strew flowers with your flowers. Bedew them with your tears. The great heart of the nation sympathizes with the solemn impulse of the day and hour.

"In this land we are not content alone with rearing monuments of enduring brass and stone; not satisfied merely to inscribe their names and deeds upon the shining pages of our history. No; we crave a further boon, the right to pay this personal tribute at the very mound consecrated by the ashes of the fallen soldier.

"Let us strengthen our fidelity and renew our love for the good Commonwealth in which we live, and which we call our own. Let the true interests of one be the cause of all. Let education develop and stimulate a loftier purpose and a higher conception of individual life. Let our laws be for the general good and forever free from the taint of corruption. Let ability and integrity be the prerequisite for official preferment. Let the fountains of our governmental existences be kept forever pure and let us highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

THE president of the Filipino commission that was in Manila last week in consultation with General Otis was Gracio Gonzaga. He is accredited as possessing marked ability. One proof of this is in his parting address to the American peace commissioners, in which he propounded a searching interrogatory, for which no answer has yet been found. Said the Filipino statesman:

We greatly appreciate the courtesy shown us. We have spent some time with your commissioners, incidentally considering the American constitution. Its principles impress us profoundly. The plan of government offered to the Philippines seems, in theory, a good colonial system. But why should a Nation with your constitution seek to make a colony of a distant people who have been so long fighting against Spain to secure the same rights that your constitution gives? You fought the same battle in America when you fought against England.

This would not discredit the ablest statesmen of to-day in its knowledge of history and the logic of the situation.

#### Catholic School Commencement Exercises.

The Catholic school exercises will be held in Garman's opera house Wednesday evening, June 21st, 1899. The exercises will consist of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, Indian club drills by the boys, military drills by little girls, etc. Admission 35, 50 and 75 cents. Doors open at 7 o'clock, exercises at 8. The following week an exhibition of the pupils work will take place in the school building to which everybody is cordially invited. Admission free.

#### First-Class Townships.

Among the new laws approved by Governor Stone is one dividing townships into two classes. To be a township of the first class it must have a population of over 300 people per square mile; all the others are townships of the second class. There are some very radical changes in the officers who are to govern townships of the second class.

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