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## PROHIBITIONISTS OPPOSE HIM

They Will Not Support Herman  
for Sheriff

### BRUNGART HIGHLY ENDORSED

The Preacher's Certificate Don't Cover Sufficient Ground—A Republican-Prohibition Paper Against "Jolly Jake"—They Know What They Are Doing Too.

One of the new features in politics, in this county, is the effort of some of our short-sighted republican friends to endeavor to wring in certificates of character from preachers and thereby arouse denominational sentiment and also, in one instance, to arouse the religious prejudice of a certain sect against Cyrus Brungart, our candidate for sheriff. No doubt all of our readers have heard of a preacher, at Lemont, furnishing for campaign literature a certificate of character to Jacob Herman, the republican candidate for sheriff. This has been the political joke of the season and everybody you meet seems to have something ridiculous to say of the imprudence of this Minister of the Gospel dabbling in politics, who seems to have made a second Burchard of the whole affair. Rev. W. W. Rhoads lives at Centre Hall, and is a pastor of the Evangelical church, and one of his appointments is at Lemont, Pa., where he generally meets his congregation on Sundays. It is safe to say that he has a Sunday acquaintance with Jacob Herman, and the balance of the week he has little or no knowledge of where Jacob is or what he is doing, but nevertheless the preacher comes out of his pulpit to issue the edict "that Jacob Herman is a man of good moral standing." This is done evidently at the solicitation of Jacob, and we have no reason to doubt that the Rev. was acting to the best of his knowledge. For many years Jacob Herman has been a huckster who gathered up produce in the western portion of this county and drove to Phillipsburg, where he disposed of same. That has been his business for many years. And not upon a single occasion did this Rev. accompany Jacob on these trips, or is it quite likely that he ever met Jacob at Phillipsburg or in that vicinity. There Jacob spends much of his time, there he meets many of his friends and there is a better place to learn something about Jacob Herman's real character and habits than anywhere else.

We wish to call the readers' attention one point. We believe that in Phillipsburg the people know more about Mr. Herman's character and general disposition than the preacher who occasionally sees Jacob on a Sunday. The "Phillipsburg Journal" for many years was a pronounced republican paper, and Editor Bair is a man who in that community takes an intense interest in all forms of religious work. Of late his paper has been advocating prohibition principles and he is a pronounced prohibitionist. For years he has had the opportunity of seeing Jacob Herman at that place, and has personal acquaintance with the gentleman. On the other hand Cyrus Brungart is more of a stranger to Editor Bair. What is the result? The Phillipsburg Journal is opposed to the election of Jacob Herman and is urging the citizens of that community to support Cyrus Brungart instead. That shows you what a prohibition paper and a prohibition editor think of Jacob Herman, after having had an opportunity to observe and judge the man on these points.

The above is simply a pointer from which you can easily draw a safe conclusion. It is not our intention to review Jacob Herman's life and throw up before the public everything that can be found that is detrimental. We would be justified in doing it, since the gentleman has been so injudicious as to cast his character before the people as a point for public consideration. We will spare the gentleman. The public is pretty well informed in this direction; most every man has formed in his mind a conclusion as to what candidates are worthy of his support.

### Probably a New Catholic Diocese.

The subject of erecting a new Catholic diocese from portions of the dioceses of Harrisburg, Erie and Pittsburg in this State is now being agitated. If the new diocese is formed it will probably be the Altoona diocese. It is stated that in a recent conference Archbishop Ryan and the bishops of the dioceses named had decided that the counties of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Huntingdon, Centre, Clinton, Clearfield, Cameron and Elk should form the new diocese. It is also stated that the report asking for the change has already been sent to Rome and is now awaiting the approval of the pope.

CYRUS BRUNGART needs no certificate of character.

### 60 CENT WHEAT.

Soon after the election of President McKinley there was a famine abroad, especially in India, while this country alone seemed to have an immense crop of wheat. The result of that famine, and the speculation of young Leiter, in Chicago, was that wheat rose in price from 60 cents to \$1.00 for a short time. Do you remember how the republicans claimed that wheat had been advanced by McKinley. \$1.00 wheat and McKinley was their cry. It was too preposterous for a sensible man to think about, but they claimed it all the same.

How is it now? McKinley has been president for over three years and if there was any good in his election to the farmer, wheat by this time should be selling at about \$2.00 per bushel? Instead, it has been hanging around the 60 cent mark for the past year or more, and the worst feature about the whole affair is that the farmers have only a half crop, and some not even that.

But still worse than that. During the past year the farmer has had to face another more serious condition of affairs. The trusts, fostered and created under the present republican administration, have gobbled up almost every leading product on the market and absolutely control the price of all the leading commodities, called the necessities of life. What is the result? In order to satisfy their selfish greed prices have been advanced wonderfully, so as to yield them immense profits, and the consumer must pay the bills. The farmer is the greatest sufferer of all in this state of affairs. This matter is more fully set forth on page 4 of this issue.

Farmers, for you the outlook is not so inviting. To-day your crops will not bring back to you near the same amount of comforts, as in years gone by. Trusts are working your greatest injury. These are things for you to think about, when you vote on Tuesday.

### THE POSTOFFICE BUSINESS.

Many people will be surprised to learn that the postal establishment of the United States is the greatest business concern in the world. Charles Emory Smith says that it handles more pieces, employs more men, spends more money, brings more revenue, uses more agencies, reaches more homes, involves more details, and touches more interests than any other human organization, public or private, governmental, or corporate. The post office department directs 7,357 postoffices, musters an army of 200,000 employes, spends this year \$105,000,000, and counts receipts of nearly the same amount. It handled last year 6,214,447,000 pieces of mail matter, of which 2,825,767,000 were letters, so that every minute confides 12,000 new messages to its hands. It manufactured and delivered postage stamps to the number of 3,623,821,908, and the value of 71,788,333. It carried 2,069,742,000 newspapers.

### GET OUT THE VOTE.

Don't sit around all year talking politics and when the time comes for getting actual results forget to go to the election; or be so indifferent as not to care. Go and vote yourself, and then help to get out other delinquent voters.

### Deer out of Season is Dead.

The Clearfield Game and Fish Protection association mean business, and are after the transgressor of the game laws with a sharp stick. Last Tuesday James Condon, of Girard township, who had recently been arrested by the association for killing a deer last July, appeared before Squire Connelly and pleaded guilty. The penalty is \$100 fine or 100 days in jail and the costs of prosecution, which in this case amounted to only \$6. Condon preferred boarding at the "Hotel Gingery" to paying out the cold cash, but yielded to his wife's entreaties, paid his \$100 returned home, a poorer but wiser man.

### Barn Burned.

The large barn of Budd Thompson located about a hundred yards from the depot at Martha Furnace, was destroyed by fire about midnight Saturday night. Along with the building went its contents consisting of the large crops of Mr. Thompson just gathered from the fields. Railroaders who passed on their trains state that it was a tremendous fire and burned with terrific speed. Some live stock perished in the building. Cause of fire unknown.

### Hunting Accident.

Robert Karstetter, Jr., son of Robert Karstetter, of Loganton, while out hunting Saturday afternoon with a party of boys, shot himself by accident. A revolver he carried was accidentally discharged. The ball struck him in the left leg, inflicting a wound which although not serious is painful. The ball has not yet been extracted. Young Karstetter is aged 15 years.

## LOOK OUT FOR ROORBACKS.

Republicans Preparing to Spring  
Late Charges.

### ELEVENTH HOUR WON'T DO.

The Time Has Come for Democrats to Get to Work—Get Out the Vote on Tuesday—Vote for Good Men—Vote for Men Who Will Guard the Public Funds.

This is the last issue of the Centre Democrat that will reach its readers in the present campaign. We have no late cards to spring on the public, no sensations to bring before the voter's attention, no eleventh-hour charges on opposing candidates, no roorbacks to take advantage of the other opposing candidates, for lack of time to answer; no, there is nothing of the kind, for we do not have any respect for that kind of business. We do not believe that that kind of argument appeals to any sensible man, or has any effect among intelligent voters.

Over a month ago the Centre Democrat came out plainly with its reasons why it thought that the present Republican Board of County Commissioners was not worthy of public confidence. It presented to the public some startling information as to how the finances of this county were being handled by these men. There was ample time for a defense, there was abundant opportunity to furnish any correction of any misunderstanding that might exist on any point. We did not wait until the eleventh hour to present these matters, because we knew they were true. Further, if any mistake was made by us, we promised to correct same, fully and fairly.

On several occasions the republican papers in this county have filled the columns of their last issues with a lot of assaults upon different candidates, that could not be answered for want of time. We do not know whether they will resort to those tactics this year or not, but the same disposition prevails in men. For that reason we caution our readers not to take any stock in any new sensations that may appear in any of the papers of this county this week. Such warfare is not honorable, it is cowardly; it reminds one of bushwacking and the work of the guerrilla. Any man of good sense will not pay any attention therefore to any new charges, made at the eleventh hour of any campaign.

We have tried to lay before you, in due time, the merits of the different candidates on the Democratic ticket. We have pointed out wherein these men were especially fitted for the various offices to which they aspire. We have also given reasons why certain candidates were hardly worthy of your support, and in doing so have held up for your consideration what their official careers have been in the past three years, which truly is the measure by which every candidate should be estimated who asks for your support who never held office. In such cases it is your duty to inquire into the character of each to find if there is anything about them that is undesirable; what are their dispositions and inclinations, are they sober and sprightly, are they clean and honorable, have they the necessary qualifications? These are matters that should be considered by every careful voter. It is out of place to call up in print and cast before the world all the shortcomings of candidates, but there has been enough said in this direction for one and all to understand the situation, before you vote.

The campaign is practically over. The harvest is ripe and the remaining few days should be devoted to getting out the vote. We have been talking politics for the last three months, and some even more than that. The time for discussion is practically over. Now we want work, actual work. Every democrat in this county can do some effective work. First, see that you manage to come to the polls yourself and vote, and do it early. Next, see that your neighbor comes to the election likewise. Go and see him now, at once. On Tuesday morning, next, make it your business to see that he does vote.

Let us stop talking politics and get down to active work. We want a good, old-time democratic majority in this county this year. We can do it, too, but only by the individual effort of the voters.

Stop talking, stop arguing and get to work—that is the point.

If we want to win, we must get out the vote.

### How to Keep Apples.

An exchange tells us that the proper method to keep apples in winter is to wrap them in old newspapers so as to exclude the air. The newspaper, however, must be one on which the subscription has been paid, otherwise dampness resulting from what is "dew" may cause the fruit to spoil.

### A PROTEST AGAINST WAR.

Michael Davitt's Resignation From House of Commons.

Michael Davitt, the Irish patriot, dropped a thunderbolt in the English House of Commons when, after a powerful indictment of the war to subjugate the Boers, he declared amid intense silence that he would resign his seat in the House as a protest against the Transvaal war. Mr. Davitt denounced the jingo press and said that the war for the meanest and most mercenary aim would be known as the greatest crime of the century. He declared that if he had been offered home rule and an Irish republic he would not accept them if accompanied by the condition that he vote for the war. As a protest he would ask to be relieved from attendance in the House. He had been in the House for five years trying to obtain justice for Ireland, and he left it convinced that "no cause of justice and right would have the support of the House unless backed by force."

It is understood that Mr. Davitt will return to Ireland and devote himself to literary and journalistic work.

This action by Davitt, following closely the forcible expulsion of William Redmond from the House, and the suspension of Patrick O'Brien for saying that Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's "hands were dyed as red with blood as those of the worst murderer that ever mounted a scaffold," mark the deep feeling of the Irish for the Boers. It is said many Liberals also are dissatisfied.

### STRONG SENTIMENTS.

A prominent figure in Republican politics a few years ago was Mr. Patrick Egan, who was held to be an important factor influencing the Irish vote. Whether that was so or not we need not argue. The Republicans sent Mr. Egan as minister to a South American state and otherwise honored him. This gives some importance to a terrific blast he has thundered along the lines of imperialism. It is addressed to the voters of Ohio, and after declaring he has been a Republican since he cast his first vote for Blaine in 1854, he rakes McKinley's imperialism fore and aft. We have only space for this extract. Says Mr. Egan: Every principle upon which this republic was founded is being ruthlessly trampled under foot, the immortal Declaration of Independence is being scoffed at as "antiquated," the great charter of our liberties is being cast aside, because "we have outgrown the Constitution;" and it is no unusual thing to hear prominent blue-blooded Republicans, who rail loudly at Governor Boutwell, Senator Hoar and others as traitors, exclaim, when cornered by unpalatable quotations, "Oh, d—n the Constitution, it's out of date," or "D—n George Washington, he's dead a hundred years."

I regard the entire administration policy in the Philippines as one of perfidy and piracy against our former loyal allies; a cold-blooded, cruel, political and mercenary war, under which all the horrors of carnage and sacrilege are being wantonly inflicted upon a people whom Mr. Paxton, army secretary of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, of which Bishop Doane, of Albany, is chairman, has, just a few days ago, upon his return from the Philippines, described as follows: "Without any qualifying exceptions the Tagalos are the most moral and the most religious people I ever saw or read of." From the part that I have taken in battling against British oppression in Ireland, as well as from my experiences among the people of the southern hemisphere, I can clearly see that this McKinley policy and this McKinley war, under the canting pretense of civilization, Christianity and benevolent assimilation, has already laid the solid foundation and built up an imperishable structure of race hatred which will make it utterly impossible that American rule in the Philippines can ever, within the next hundred years, rest upon the contest of the governed; and as a loyal American I deeply deplore seeing our glorious flag used to lead on the brave young manhood of our country in an "unnecessary, uncalled for and unjust war" for the subjugation of a gallant people who for over a century have manfully battled for their national independence.

### A Close Shave.

The Chappell orchestra, of Williamsport, composed of eight members, had a very narrow escape while walking from Selingsgrove to Selingsgrove Junction, last Thursday morning. They had been playing for the Masonic anniversary, and being anxious to get home, decided to walk across the railroad bridges to Selingsgrove Junction. While on one of the trestles they were terrified by the sound of an approaching train and the entire orchestra with their guide were obliged to crowd on a platform 46 feet, used for holding a water barrel and on which a semaphore was located. Two of the men hung to the upright ladder while the others pressed against them. In breathless horror they clung to their scanty support while an engine and twenty cars passed slowly by, scraping one of the party on the shoulder, bruising him badly. The few minutes of peril seemed an eternity to the party, who will not, it is safe to say, soon again use the railroad as an highway.

## SENTIMENT IS GROWING

Republican Senators Denounce  
McKinley's Policy

### "NOT THE WILL OF GOD"

Senator Mason Will Resign If the Republican Party Continues Its Philippine Policy—Our Flag Disgraced by War—Patriotic Sentiment by Fearless Men.

The republican leaders are becoming alarmed over the growing sentiment against President McKinley's Philippine policy. The assembling of the next congress promises to be the occasion for some stormy sessions and the bolting of some of the leading republicans from the party folds on account of the attempt to wipe out the established policy and traditions of the nation during the past century for the purpose of grabbing the Philippine islands to hold and govern them the same as England does her colonies. Men like Tom Reed, Senator Hoar, Chandler and others have broken away, and more are coming. The following significant announcements were given out by two leading Republican U. S. Senators:

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 28.  
I am a Republican, but above that I am an American, and having received so much honor from the Republican party, it will be clearly my duty to resign my seat in the Senate and give the party an opportunity to elect some one else who is in complete harmony with the organization, if that party is in favor of criminal aggression, imperialism, militarism, high taxes, loss of American lives and eventual death to the republic and all of the other accompaniments of a desire to govern a nation without its consent. So far as my seat in the Senate is concerned, I did not receive it from a boss. I hold my commission from the people, and particularly from the rank and file of the Republican party; and I shall wait until they speak, and not listen to any self-appointed syndicate or boss.  
WILLIAM E. MASON.

The above despatch is in reply to an inquiry addressed to Senator Mason by New York World in regard to the report that he is about to resign his seat in the United States Senate, because of his differences with the Republican leaders in regard to the Philippine policy.

### SENATOR PETTIGREW DISGUSTED.

SIOUX FALLS, S. Dak., Oct. 28.—I said in my speech at Woonsocket:

"President McKinley in his speeches in the West said that the Philippine Islands had been delivered into our hands by the will of God, that God had caused our flag to be raised there. In view of this fact that the ex-Secretary of State recently wrote a letter to an Ohio Congressman, evidently intended to be used to affect the election in that State, in which he says that we acquired no title to the Philippine Islands by conquest, that our claim rested solely upon the purchase of the islands of Spain, and in view of the fact that the President has instructed our commissioners at Paris to insist upon the cession of these islands to the United States, if God had anything to do with the transaction he must have come to McKinley in a vision, thus making the President the latest of the prophets. That in this way only could God be responsible under the circumstances for our claim of sovereignty.

That I refused to receive messages from God transmitted through such a source and refused to recognize a God who would use such an implement as a means of making his wishes known to us. That our flag is symbolic of our Declaration of Independence; that it was emblematic of the free and, where raised in violation of the ideas for which it stands and the principles which made it dear to us, it was no longer our flag, and could be only restored to us by pulling it down. That I blushed for shame for my country's honor, and wished I could blot out the recent history we had made. I never said I repudiated my country or my flag."  
R. F. PETTIGREW,  
U. S. Senator from South Dakota.

### OUR DUTY TOWARD FILIPINOS.

Sherman Says We Are Bound to Help Them Form Their Own Government.

In response to an inquiry as to his views on the Philippine question addressed to former Secretary of State John Sherman he telegraphed the following report Saturday from Washington:

"I am strongly opposed to the enforced annexation of the Philippine Islands. We co-operated with the Filipinos in driving Spain out, and should now help them to form a republican government of their own. The seizure of any part of the Philippines against their will is a gross violation of the laws of nations."

In an interview with Mr. Sherman he said further:

"I should hate to see President McKinley defeated because of his foreign policy, but nevertheless I fear that he will be. It cannot be sustained in morals and is in contravention to the American Declaration of Independence and the teachings of the brave men who signed that instrument. I have felt all along the assurance that it might—nay, it would—lead to Mr. McKinley's defeat. I will be sorry if it does, but I think it will."

THE duty of every Democrat is to vote on Tuesday next. If others lack the interest to attend the polls without persuasion urge them to go. If Democrats do their duty victory is assured.

### FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

Venison is dear.  
Every store has its counterpart.  
A mark at which we all aim—\$.  
The common lot of man—the cemetery.  
A fetching costume—the postman's.  
The tight-rope walker has a steady job.

Isn't it extravagant to wear point lace shoes?  
Even the black pickpocket is light-fingered.

Reduced circumstances are the kind that alter cases.  
The bartender greets his customers with a "smile."

The ordinary woman is either in fashion or in misery.  
"Boys will be boys," and if they live, boys will be men.

A patch of woods is generally sown with pine needles.  
The poet never writes verse without putting his foot in it.

Some of these cheap perfumes are not worth even a scent.

The man who can really afford to burn money never does it.  
If a man has enthusiasm he can get along without ability.

Wealthy relatives sometimes enable a man to deal in futures.

Unlike people, the best fruit trees are the most over-bearing.

The baker wouldn't knead bread if others didn't need it too.

Adam was the first man, and Cain was also of the original brand.  
Some men speak their minds and some women speak a lot more.

A receipted bill is always considered a good certificate of honesty.

When the cow is in the yard, there are more than three-feet in it.

The hands of a clock may stop working, but they never strike.

When a play isn't well done, of course the critics proceed to roast it.

One might naturally think that garden hose went with a lawn dress.

The iceman doesn't have much trouble in breaking up a hard cold.

Even at a foot ball game the dramatic critic appreciates a good play.

A man isn't like an apple, for he is not seedy if he has a good coat.

"The cat scratches," is a sentence in which there is no doubt of the claws.

There isn't enough meat on some arguments to make an intellectual bite.

A man with but one idea is sometimes worse off than a man with no idea at all.

Some men have never been in the push since they left their baby carriages.

Nothing is more apt to make some people lose their way than getting married.

Anybody ought to be able to regulate a watch. It is merely a question of time.

A temperance farmer doesn't object to roosters because they will have cock-tails.

It takes cheek for a woman to grow a beard and place herself on exhibition as a freak.

The more successful some people are the more cause they have for being ashamed of it.

Probably the grass-widow who is fond of dancing would object to being called a grasshopper.

Woman is a creature of moods and after she gets married it is usually the imperative mood.

If man is only clay, why should he get mad when some one tells him that his name is "Mud"?

The person who is addicted to too flowery speech is in danger of being called a blooming idiot.

The amateur photographer takes people as they are while the professional takes them as they would like to be.

"Walk into my parlor," said the spider. "No, thank you," replied the fly. "That isn't a parlor. It's a drawing-room."

England is fortunate that she has no Boston to worry over. If Boston were located in England she would be demanding protection from the Boer navy.

WHEREVER you find a prohibitionist you are sure to have a man who will vote for Brungart.

60-CENT wheat, and very little of that, is what makes our farmers kick when you talk to them about prosperity.

ABOUT three months ago the republicans in this county were having a big tussle among themselves as to whether they should encourage the corruption in political circles at Harrisburg. You know how the people voted that time. The republican state ticket this year is filled up with men who were opposed to anything that the Hastings administration ever attempted in this line. It is swallowing a great deal for a man who believes that Hastings was right, to go to the polls on Tuesday and support men for office who represent directly the opposite.