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ALTGELD ROASTS ROOSEVELT

Political "Mountebank" and a "Tin-Plate Hero."

THE CANDIDATE OF TRUSTS

"First Brave Man to Shoot an Enemy in the Back"—Declared a Tax Dodger and Unwilling to Believe His Own Affidavit.

John P. Altgeld gave Roosevelt the roasting of his life. He did it publicly in Toledo. As a manipulator of the spit Altgeld is unequalled. He arrives at the well-done stage by artistic turns. Here is a part of his work:

"Recently a gentleman in New York, who had become famous for having been alone in Cuba—a gentleman who has adopted as his life motto or coat-of-arms two 'p's' and a double 's,' which four letters signify 'pompous posing' and 'strenuous strutting,' left the capital of New York and went to St. Paul and delivered a speech to an association of Republican clubs. The speech has not from beginning to end a single argument or a single accurate historical reference; it is made up of invective, misrepresentation and vituperation.

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"Ordinarily the speech would not be noticed even in a country newspaper, but inasmuch as it was made by a man whom Tom Platt has permitted to be governor of New York, as it was made by a man whom the trusts have selected to preside over the Senate in order that their interests may be secured, inasmuch as it was made by a man who is a candidate for the suffrages of the American people, a man who is relied on to secure the perpetuation of the regime of hypocrisy and revolution in the White House, who is relied on to help make the grasp and control of British influence over our people still more complete, I will notice this speech to see the kind of misrepresentation that the Republican party feels compelled to resort to.

"Referring to the Democrats he said: 'They stand for lawlessness and disorder, for dishonesty and dishonor, for license and disaster at home and cowardly shrinking from duty abroad.'

After saying this is a personal insult to the 6,500,000 men who supported Mr. Bryan in 1896 and to the 11,000,000 who are going to support him in 1900, ex-Gov. Altgeld continues:

"The question arises: Is this the language of a sincere and discreet man, and therefore worthy of notice, or is it simply the hysterical rant of a political mountebank and therefore to be treated with contempt?"

ROOSEVELT'S CAREER.

Altgeld then asks who Roosevelt is and continues:

"I will notice only a few of the incidents of his public career which throw light on the question of his sincerity and discretion. I find it recorded that some years ago he was a member of the New York Legislature, and on one occasion he roused the hopes of the country by making a speech against a class which he called the criminal rich. But he at once dashed these hopes by turning around and voting with and for these very criminal rich whom he had denounced.

AS TO TAX-DODGING.

"In the years 1897-98 he held a Federal office in Washington, and in order to escape paying his taxes in New York he signed an affidavit and swore before the ever-living God that he was not a citizen of New York. If this was true, then under the constitution of New York he would not have been eligible for the governorship of that State. But, subsequently accepting a nomination and election to that office, he showed that he did not believe his own affidavit. This being so, may it not be that he does not believe the charge that he has made against us?"

"TIN-PLATE HERO."

"It is next recorded that he entered the Spanish war in Cuba, and, although his regiment was commanded by another man, he succeeded by means of that modern weapon of warfare known as a newspaper bureau in winning more renown in a week than Gen. Grant did in four years of hard fighting, and he seems to be the only man on this continent who boasts of having with his own hand shot down and killed a Spaniard who was fleeing from the battle-field. In his book he says: 'As they turned to run I closed in and fired twice, missing the first and killing the second.' He then boasts that he had considered his feat unique, and so it is. He is the first brave man to shoot an enemy in the back.

"Again, the modern historians tell us that it was he who first demonstrated to mankind that however useful the camera may be to science, to art and to industry, its true mission is to develop tin-plate heroes.

FRANCHISE TAX LAW.

"The records at Albany show that the

governor got the Legislature to pass a law taxing the franchises of corporations—a most righteous law. But the records also show that at the demand of Tom Platt and the corporations he reconvened the Legislature in extra session and had it change this law as the corporations dictated.

"The casual fund of New York had been robbed of about \$9,000,000 by Republican politicians, and, although he talked loudly of prosecution, the governor has not brought one of these men to justice.

"History records the fact that the governor has never lost an opportunity, when standing in the temple or the market place, to make loud protestations of heroic virtue, but the historian has searched in vain for any evidence of performance. The volume of profession is full, but the page of performance is blank.

"I wish to avoid the appearance of severity, and, as I have not the language to properly characterize this man's career, I shall not attempt it. He is the right man to defend 'criminal aggression' and the abandonment of 'plain duty' by the President. He is the right man to defend a war of conquest, the burning of towns, the slaughter of people and the assassination of liberty. But the Democratic party will pay no attention to his vulgar assaults."

Altgeld quotes Roosevelt and then answers him thus:

ON EXPANSION.

ROOSEVELT—"When, through Jefferson, the great West beyond the Mississippi was acquired, when largely through the instrumentality of Jackson Florida was added to the Union, the new provinces, with their Indian populations, were governed precisely and exactly on the theory under which the Philippines are now governed."

ALTGELD—"When we acquired Louisiana and when we acquired Florida, not only did the treaties provide that the new territory should be an integral part of our republic and that the inhabitants of the new territory should be citizens of our republic, to which they did not object, but the territory in each case was at once made a part of the republic and the inhabitants at once became citizens of the republic. And the same is true in the case of Texas, in the case of New Mexico and in the case of California. But in negotiating the treaty with Spain the administration carefully omitted from the treaty the provision that the new territory should become an integral part of our republic, and that the inhabitants of the territory should become citizens of the republic. The policy which the administration adopted toward the Philippines is exactly the opposite of that adopted by Jefferson, by Jackson and by later Democratic administrations in acquiring new territory."

PHILIPPINE WAR.

ROOSEVELT—"To give independence (to the Filipinos) now would be like giving independence to the wildest tribe of Apaches in Arizona."

ALTGELD—"If this is correct, then when Admiral Dewey furnished arms and ammunition to Aguinaldo and his associates he was arming savages and doing an act that is condemned by all civilized nations; an act that is considered infamous. And when he co-operated with them as allies against Spain he was co-operating with savages, an act which would be a blot never to be wiped out. If the governor's description is correct, then, when Gen. Anderson in command of our land forces, wrote to Aguinaldo and asked his friendly co-operation against the common enemy he made an ally of savages and was guilty of a crime for which the civilized world will not forgive him. If the governor is not correct then we are murdering and plundering our allies."

ON MILITARISM.

ROOSEVELT—"Of all idle chatter, the talk of danger of militarism is the idiest."

ALTGELD—"Heretofore our regular standing army has generally consisted of from 22,000 to 25,000 men. But in December, 1898, about the time that the President issued his order to Gen. Otis to begin the war of conquest, when the Spanish war was over, when we were at peace with the world, when nobody was threatening us, when all that the Philippine people asked of us was that we should treat them the same as the Cubans, the President sent a message to Congress asking to have the regular army increased to 100,000 men."

What for? If we were in danger, why not call for volunteers? Volunteers fought the Revolutionary War and founded this Republic; volunteers drove the English off our shores in 1812; volunteers planted the Stars and Stripes all over Mexico; volunteers fought the greatest war for liberty ever waged, struck down slavery and cemented this union, and in 1898 volunteers came to the front and struck down the last vestige of ancient despotism on this hemisphere.

And if, in times of peace, with no trouble even threatening, you can jump a military establishment from 22,000 to

JAMES K. P. HALL RENOMINATED

Congressional Conference Held At Ridgway Last Week.

THE CHOICE WAS UNANIMOUS

Prominent Democrats of the District Attended the Gathering—Will carry the district by an Increased Majority.

Congressman James K. P. Hall, of Elk county, was unanimously nominated for a second term Wednesday, August 1st, at Ridgway, by the conferees representing the democratic party of Centre, Clearfield, Clarion, Forest and Elk counties, the Twenty-eighth congressional district of Pennsylvania. Two other counties, Clarion and Forest, had candidates, but they withdrew before the conference and Mr. Hall was chosen by acclamation.

The conference convened at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening in the Elk county Court House. Centre county was represented by the following conferees: A. J. Graham, Philipsburg; Hon. Robert M. Foster, State College and S. A. McQuiston, Bellefonte. Col. J. L. Spangler, Senator W. C. Heinle, Capt. Hugh S. Taylor and J. K. Johnston also attended the conference.

W. L. Sampson, of Clearfield nominated Hall and Hon. R. M. Foster made a telling speech seconding it. Then a general speech-making followed and the nomination was made unanimous.

The conference then adjourned and all conferees and the visiting democrats were escorted to the New Hyde where a delightful banquet awaited, by courtesy of Mr. Hall, the nominee.

When the several courses, consisting of everything palatable imaginable, had been served and discussed, Mr. Hall, who acted as toastmaster, called for remarks and short speeches were made by prominent Democrats present.

CLINTON DEMOCRATS.

Tuesday the Clinton county democrats held their convention in the Court House at Lock Haven. For Congress Hon. J. Henry Cochrane, of Williamsport, was nominator by acclamation.

For assembly the names of W. T. Young, of Ferrandville, and Hon. J. W. Smith, of Renovo, were presented.

Mr. McMahon withdrew the name of Mr. Smith, and moved that the nomination of Mr. Young be made unanimous. The motion was agreed to.

For associate judges, J. W. Cole nominated R. C. Quiggle, of Pine; P. P. Rittman named J. W. Bridges, of Lock Haven, and J. W. Merrey presented the name of W. C. Weaver, of Chapman.

The roll was called when Leidy township was reached, Mr. Honlehan moved that as no election was held, Leidy township have no vote or voice in this convention. The motion was agreed to.

The ballot on associate judges resulted: Bridges.....71 Quiggle.....53 Weaver.....29 Messrs. Bridges and Quiggle were declared nominated.

H. T. Jarret was nominated for register and recorder; J. D. Earon secured the jury commissionership, and George A. Brown was re-elected county chairman.

Burglars Made a Good Haul.

A gang of burglars looted three residences in Tyrone early last Thursday morning, escaping with a large amount of booty. The heaviest haul was made at the home of P. C. Page, where diamonds and jewelry worth \$200 were taken. One hundred dollars in money and jewelry were secured at the residence of J. C. McMinimin, where one of the burglars carried long enough to array himself in Mr. McMinimin's clothing.

Woods Meeting.

A woods meeting will be held at Egg Hill by the United Evangelical church commencing Friday evening, August 10th, and continue over the following Sabbath. Rev. H. T. Searl, of Clinton, and Rev. H. W. Buck, of Millheim, will assist the pastor, Rev. W. W. Rhoads.

Record Breaker.

Ex-Sheriff Dodson, of Hopewell, Bedford county, has made a record as a snake killer that is hard to beat. He is taking the timber from a 150 acre tract of land near Hopewell and from the 25th of April to July 24th he killed 195 copperheads, 52 rattlesnakes and 100 black-snakes.

Evaporating Plant.

Messrs. D. A. Booser, B. D. Brisbin and W. B. Mingle will erect an evaporating plant at Coburn, east of the station, which will be ready for operation for the coming crop.

TORE OFF RIVAL'S DRESS.

Then Hung Out a Flag in Celebration of Her Victory.

People who passed the house of Detective John Feger, in the Fifth ward, Reading, Pa., on Monday, saw a large American flag floating from a staff which was fastened from a second-story window. Mrs. Feger came out, and viewed the national colors with satisfaction. She was asked the purpose of the demonstration, when she replied:

"Laid in wait for her rival. 'Didn't the Americans put out flags when they whipped the Spaniards? Asked for an explanation, she said that the flag was put out in honor of her own victory the night before.

This referred to an unmerciful beating Mrs. Feger administered to a certain Miss Hart, whom she accuses of being the destroyer of her family happiness.

Mrs. Feger is a woman of great strength. She laid in wait for Miss Hart, disguised as a beggar. She was attired in an old dress and wore green goggles.

STRIPPED HER NEARLY NAKED.

As Miss Hart approached she approached her for alms and then set upon and beat her with a hickory stick, and tore her clothes from her back until she was nude to below the waist. Neighbors took her in and gave her a dress in which to go home. After celebrating her victory for several hours Mrs. Feger took in the flag. Miss Hart is a mass of welts and bruises.

THE GRANGE ENCAMPMENT.

Opens Saturday, Sept. 15th. Continues Until Friday 21st.

The Grange Encampment will open September 15 and close the following Friday, at Grange park, Centre Hall. A few of the features are given below:

The Committee of Grange Encampment will erect 150 tents for the accommodation of parties desiring to camp. 150 new trees were planted on the ground this year.

Daniel Keller will have charge of the boarding house. The following are some of the leading exhibits for this year:

The Weaver Organ Co., of York, Pa., organs and pianos; W. U. Huber, of Mechanicsburg, variety of novelties; Thornton Barnes, of Philadelphia, display of groceries; Garitee & Son, of Philadelphia, clothing; John Deltzer, of Lebanon, Pa., harness and other outfits for horsemen.

Tents are already being engaged by Subordinate Granges and individuals. From present indications there will be the largest and finest display of poultry and live stock including horses, cattle and swine, ever exhibited at the Grange Fair.

The Pure Butter Protective Association of Philadelphia, has engaged the auditorium for a day at the Grange encampment and will have some of the ablest speakers of that association to address the farmers upon the dairy interests. The program for the daily meetings in the auditorium has not been made up. An opera company will be engaged for the evening entertainments which will be free to the public.

It is proposed to organize a large torch light brigade to give parades every evening during the exhibition.

A Fine Peach Crop.

Dr. J. M. Dumm, of Mackeyville, is one of the largest peach growers in Nittany valley. A few early peaches are being gathered in his orchard now, but the picking and marketing of the regular crop will not begin for three or four weeks yet. The prospects are that Dr. Dumm will market 4,000 baskets or about 2,000 bushels. The drought has been bad, but the indications are that the peaches will be of fine flavor and will be sold at prices within the reach of all.

There are a number of peach orchards in Nittany valley besides that of Dr. Dumm. The total yield in the valley is estimated at from 7,000 to 8,000 baskets. The crop in most of the orchards is not near as large as it was three years ago.

Milton to Have Mountain Water.

Some time ago citizens of Milton organized the Mountain Water Company secured a charter and made a contract to supply the people of that place with White Deer Mountain water taken from the same pipes now supplying Lewisburg. The necessary privileges for laying the pipes in the streets were unanimously granted by the burgess and town council.

To Double Track the Beech Creek.

The Beech Creek railroad will replace within a comparatively short time the bridge across the Bald Eagle creek, two miles east of Beech Creek and also the high and expensive structure at the viaduct, both bridges being condemned. The new structures will be much heavier and built for the double track which the N. Y. C. has in contemplation.

TIME TO BUILD

THE MONUMENT

Aggressive and United Action Needed At Once

MORE SUBSCRIPTIONS NEEDED

The Old Soldiers Should Start the Ball a Rolling—Centre County Has Been Indifferent in this Matter for Some Time.

The recent centennial anniversary of Centre county celebrated indicates one thing, and that is that when our people decide to do anything they have the capacity to carry it through to a successful termination. The centennial reflected great credit upon our people for the elaborate preparations that were made. That is good, and we are glad that everybody was so well pleased with the effort.

Now we have another job on hands. Our people have decided that Centre county should erect a soldier's monument as well as many other counties in the state have done long ago. Centre county figured conspicuously in the two last wars and the acting governors of this commonwealth were from the town of Bellefonte, and both acquitted themselves in a creditable manner, as did her soldiery bearing arms in the front of the conflict. We are not delinquent in this respect, and the time has come for our people to do something that, in a substantial way and for all time, will commemorate their deeds of daring and sacrifices.

Getting right down to the point, with out any more superfluous words, the monument committee should get down to business in a thorough and systematic manner. There are a great many people who have not been asked to contribute to the fund, who certainly would do so if solicited in a direct and earnest manner. Every old soldier in the county should take the matter home to himself and find out how he can do something in this direction. Every old soldier should be urged to make a personal contribution himself to show that he has a hearty interest in the project, and then can consistently go to his neighbor and ask him to put his name aside of his. It means an effort to build this monument and it must be made. In affairs of this kind there are a whole lot of people who sit back and say the monument should be built and then expect that the contributions from men of large means should cover the same. This always puts the burden on this one class of people. In this case, the principal men of large means in this community have contributed very generously to the monument fund; and there are some who have failed to respond, but that will always occur in such projects.

The next step to be taken is for a canvass to be made of the men of moderate means and have them contribute accordingly. Then there are a great many people of ordinary circumstances who would cheerfully contribute their small portions to the monument. To get this money means that there must be a systematic canvass. Some persons must make sacrifices in time and labor to accomplish this end. This can be accomplished, if the committee in charge will only systemize their plans to get some effective results. The committee should show that they are active and want to get the monument completed before the present generation passes away. Let us get to work on this project, and build a monument of which Centre county truly can feel proud. It will take time, effort and cash to do it. We should generously contribute all of these, and do it promptly.

Douty Saw Mill.

Wm. Douty, of Loganton, has his saw mill running in full blast. A tract of timber land containing nearly seven hundred acres purchased of Col. James P. Coburn, located about two and one-half miles north of Centre Hall, was purchased by that experienced lumberman and will be turned into lumber of all kinds. It will require several years to finish the job and once removing of the mill in order to reach the heavy timber to the best advantage.

Wholesale Flour-making.

The Minneapolis Times declares that in the year 1899 there were manufactured in the city of Minneapolis 14,290,000 barrels of flour. This would require over 70,000,000 bushels of wheat, or nearly 300,000 bushels for every day in the year.

Huntingdon Fair.

The Huntingdon County Fair association will conduct a fair at Huntingdon, Pa., on August 28, 29, 30 and 31. Those in charge are making an effort to please their patrons.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

Real Good.

"What is the real good?" I asked in a musing mood. "Order," said the law court; "Knowledge," said the school; "Truth," said the wise man; "Pleasure," said the fool; "Love," said the maiden; "Beauty," said the page; "Freedom," said the dreamer; "Home," said the sage; "Fame," said the soldier; "Equity," said the seer. "Spoke my heart full sadly; 'The answer is not here.' Then within my bosom softly this I heard: 'Each heart holds the secret; Kindness is the word.'"

—John Boyle O'Reilly.

A bark that bites—cinnamon. Meals at all hours—at the grist mill. Not every man can ring a society bell. The man who wears well doesn't wear much this weather.

Some summer girls have seen more than sixteen summers.

The chimney sweep may not like his work, but it suits him.

It won't help a man to keep cool to be shadowed by a detective.

It will never be out of style, probably, for barrels to wear hoops.

People, like clocks, show the result of their works on their faces.

No one can talk about his sickness without becoming tiresome.

It might not satisfy a starving sculptor's hunger to carve a turkey.

There isn't much use of a girl's fishing for compliments with a hooked nose.

One of the surest ways to succeed in business is always to mind your own.

Even the trains and boats without dining-rooms are taking summer boarders.

A man never has as much trouble with his mother-in-law as his wife has with hers.

When women admit that a woman they dislike looks pretty they add, "for her."

The burglar isn't satisfied with taking things as they come. He goes after them.

If you loaf around a store or office a great deal remember that you are not welcome.

If you can put a piece of gum in your mouth and not chew it you have strong will power.

Talking of tributes to heroes, there are the Dewey rose, the Schley fox and the Miles stone.

When a girl's marriage is announced it is announced how many times she has been engaged before.

A woman doesn't always know what she is talking about when she is talking about her neighbors.

257 New National Banks.

The records of the office of the comptroller of the currency show that since March 1st last he has approved 426 applications to organize National banks, of which 257 have since been organized and begun business. The amount of bonds deposited to secure circulation is \$4,250,250. The number organized with a capital of less than \$50,000 is 180 and with a capital of \$50,000 or over is 77. The aggregate capital involved is \$13,650,000.

General Armes Sued

Miss Ella M. Platt, an artist of Washington City, has instituted suit for \$50,000 damages for breach of promise against Major George A. Armes, a retired United States army officer. The defendant has gained some notoriety in several ways, once by tweaking the nose of General Beaver, then Governor of Pennsylvania, and another time by a controversy with War Department officials.

Bad News for Distillers.

Newton Hamilton Watchman: Frank Gaff, while plowing for Thomas Sunderland on Tuesday near the Brick church, turned out a copperhead snake. He jumped on it but the snake bit him on the leg just above the ankle. An immediate application of salt and onions drove out the poison and he is none the worse of the bite.

County Institutes.

County Institutes in this section will held on the following dates: Clarion, Clarion, Pa., December 10; Blair, Hollidaysburg, December 17; Centre, Bellefonte, December 17; Clearfield, Clearfield, December, 17th. Other dates have not yet been announced by the department.

An Ugly Accident.

John Vocum, of White Deer, met with a painful accident on Thursday. While chopping in the woods his axe glanced from the tree he was cutting and striking him in the face almost severed his nose