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EDITORIAL.

The Pennsylvania Democrats have denounced the new libel law and nominated candidates who voted against it. The Republican Convention praised its authors and nominated men who had supported it. It is now "up to" the Republican newspapers of the state to take their choice, and incidentally to show whether they are a force to be respected or scarecrows so feebly padded that the crows will roost on their wabby heads.—World.

It is reported in National Guard circles at Harrisburg, that a project is on foot to have the National Guard organizations of Pennsylvania and Ohio hold a joint encampment on the battlefield of Gettysburg next year. The idea was mooted at the encampment of the Ohio National Guard recently, which was visited by a number of officers of the Pennsylvania Guard residing in the western part of the State, who were there by invitation of the Adjutant General of Ohio.

In these days of costly and ostentatious funerals, especially by people who are least able to bear the expense, what a splendid lesson was forced on the English people by their late prime minister, Lord Salisbury! By his will the cost of his funeral was limited to \$100, and actually cost only \$70. He was one of the great men of his generation, of vast resources in a financial way, yet many a poor widow squanders twice or thrice as much money upon the burial of her husband, though she may face want and hardship for the rest of her life.

PENNSYLVANIA has a generous share of the pensioners of the United States. Out of 991,836 pensioners on the rolls on June 30, as shown by the report of Commissioners of Pensions Ware, 101,164 make their home in Pennsylvania. Out of a total payment of \$136,992,181 for the past year, \$13,330,201 went to Pennsylvania. High water mark on the pension roll was reached July 31, 1902, when there were 1,001,494 pensioners. Commissioner Ware expressed the opinion that the figures then reached will stand as the record for all time. During the year 40,907 pensioners were dropped from the rolls.

The democratic state convention held at Harrisburg last week, nominated a most excellent ticket, naming men of good character and fitness. This has been the habit of the democracy of Pennsylvania, without exception, for many years. The people of this state have suffered disgrace and many wrongs in failing to elect the men placed in nomination for state officers by the democrats. The Quay machine has sought out the most notorious of its henchmen for honorable positions under whose administration, stealing of the public funds, stealing of franchises worth many millions, and shielding the bribers and bootlickers by corrupting the courts and packing juries, has been the rule. No flaw can be picked among the gentlemen placed upon the democratic state ticket last week. They are not the creatures and tools of a machine boss—public sentiment pointed to them long before the convention was held. The democracy of old Centre can be relied upon to give the State ticket a hearty endorsement by a handsome majority. The platform adopted by the convention, will be found in another column of the Centre Democrat. Any honest citizen can endorse it for its sound, straight-forward and clear-cut declarations—meaning all it says, without promises made to deceive as has been the case with the platforms of the corrupt machine, from year to year for many years. Honest men, honest government, honest elections—has been the battle cry of the democracy in years past and continues to be; while fair promises by the machine have been grossly violated in every instance.

Physic beats the faith cure because it has the inside track.

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

The Following is the Full Text of the Platform Adopted by the Pennsylvania State Democratic Convention, at Harrisburg, on Wednesday of Last Week.

The organized democracy of Pennsylvania, addressing Pennsylvanians of all political parties again calls upon them to unite with it in a supreme effort to rid our Commonwealth of that selfish, corrupt, extravagant and debasing rule which still controls its affairs.

We repeat the charge elaborated in the platform of our last State Convention and reaffirm with the emphasis of recent demonstration that to the pledges and to the candidates of the democratic party alone can the people of our State turn for deliverance from the evils under which they suffer.

No one pledge made by the Republican machine as a condition of its continuance in power has been kept, but in reckless disregard of public opinion the last Legislature was but a repetition of its disgraceful predecessors. The hope and assurance held out by the so-called "better class" of republicans, that in the personal character, independence and integrity of their candidate for Governor, the people might safely rest for protection from machine misrule, has proven a delusion and a snare. This law they charge was deliberately intended by its authors and promoters as an assault upon the freedom of the press, and yet was eagerly approved by the executive. As if to emphasize its disregard of public opinion as reflected in their party papers, the recent republican state convention not only failed to denounce the measure but proclaimed its defiance by unanimously nominating for Auditor General, a State Senator who had been a most active and prominent advocate of the law.

To the repeal of this measure the state can safely count upon the vote and effort of every democratic member of the next Legislature. To the defeat of the candidate who stands for the purpose behind it and the methods of its adoption, we pledge the best efforts of our party and invite the aid of republican voters. We had hoped for the support of the republican newspapers of the state which so recently and so fiercely denounced the law and its authors, but nearly all of them have bowed to the mandate of the machine, leaving now, as heretofore, the democratic organization as the sole defender of the people's rights against machine outrages.

We denounce the republican organization for its repeated and persistent disregard of its pledges to give the state a fair ballot law. In platforms through which it could speak, the republican party of the state had pledged itself to enactment of a law that would purify our elections, protect the secrecy of the ballot and facilitate independent voting. So clear were these pledges that the senior United States Senator of Pennsylvania declared in writing that if the republican organization failed to discharge this obligation it would sink into merited infamy.

Yet in disregard of constitutional man-

date, and at the dictation of those who control our great cities through the prostitution of the ballot, effective legislation has been throttled. The legislation of last winter on this subject is the veriest pretense and sham, and exaggerates rather than remedies the evils of the present law. On behalf of the people of the State we demand the enactment of a ballot law which shall provide for personal registration of voters in the cities of the State, insure a free, equal, secret ballot, afford the greatest facility for independent voting and make the appointment of overseers and the opening of ballot boxes obligatory when demanded by citizens charging contemplated or accomplished frauds.

We deplore the continued existence of labor troubles affecting important industries and vast numbers of people, and express earnest hope that through concession, moderation and fair dealing, early adjustments may be reached. While we concede to capital and to employers the utmost protection guaranteed by the Constitution and the laws, we also declare it to be our conviction that labor has the right to that protection which comes through organization and union. Labor unions organized for the betterment of the condition of wage earners, acting within the limits of the law, and not subversive to public order, or individual rights, are not only lawful, but commendable and should be met, recognized and dealt with accordingly. The right of labor to organize within these limitations is as sacred as any other right of person or property.

We are opposed to the present system of taxation and management of the finances of the State. It is burdensome, cumbersome and necessarily breeds extravagance. It selects special classes of property for taxation for certain purposes and remits to other classes of property the burdens of taxation for other purposes. It makes equality of burden impossible, and bickering and complaint inevitable, and violates the spirit of the Constitution in its demand for equality of burden. As at present administered it collects from the people unneeded revenues, passes them through the State Treasury and then returns depleted portions to the localities in which they were collected. It results in the accumulation of a large and unnecessary surplus in the State Treasury for distribution among political, or favored banks, and presents a constant temptation to extravagant appropriations and expenditures. As a partial remedy for these conditions we favor the repeal of all mercantile license taxes, and a return into the local city, county and borough treasuries of all other license taxes collected therein.

Upon all these questions affecting the administration of our state affairs alone, we again invite the co-operation of men of all parties who value the good name of Pennsylvania higher than the triumphs of a discredited party organization.

SERIOUS CONDITION.

The Pittsburg Post makes a startling announcement, given upon reliable authority, that for the coming year, 1904, all great improvements contemplated by capitalists are to be called off, amounting to upwards of a hundred million dollars. In addition to this, it is given out that the fifty million dollars in improvements that the Penn'a Railroad company had planned to make next year, would also be abandoned. The reason given for this is the discontent of the labor classes, and general unrest in channels of industry throughout the country. This is a startling piece of news—following amidst the cry of prosperity—prosperity that only fell to the few and to the corrupt horde that basks in government loot. The discontent among the labor element arises from the feeing prices fastened upon them by the tariff protected trusts which are eating out the substance of the people, and piling up mountains of millions in wealth unjustly drawn from the masses. It was predicted in the Centre Democrat, and all the non-machine ridden press of the country, that sooner or later evil times would fall upon the country because the millionaires, with the assistance of the rogues in high places, were making rapid strides towards covering with their mercenary clutches the entire ownership and control of all the industries and wealth of the country, and that is what is breeding the discontent which the hyenas of "prosperity" see on the distant horizon as a coming storm cloud. The distant mutterings were heard on Wall street only a few weeks ago.

Henry Frederick Swartz, of Philadelphia, formerly of Lewisburg, Pa., has broken the record for a rapid trip around the world, having accomplished the journey in fifty-four days, seven hours and twenty minutes, nearly six days less than the best previous record, sixty days, made by Charles Fitzmorris, a 17-year-old boy.

New York and New Jersey capitalists are likely to erect an immense brick and tile works along the railroad between Phillipsburg and Osceola.

A couple of peaches sometimes make a handsome pair.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FAIR.

50th Annual Meeting at Brook Park, Lewisburg, to be Big Event.

The Fiftieth Annual Fair of the Union County Agricultural Society will be held at Brook Park, Lewisburg, September 29th and 30th, and October 1st and 2nd, and promises to be the best exhibition ever given by this, one of the oldest fair associations in the state. The grounds and buildings have been improved, the premium list revised and increased, and no expense will be spared to make this semi-centennial meeting a star event. By sending your name and address to C. Dale Wolfe, corresponding secretary, Bucknell, Pa., you will receive pamphlet containing premium list, purses and all information in regard to Union County's Great Fair.

A Most Fiendish Act.

Charles Yocum, of White Deer township, Union county, with a steam threshing machine has been engaged in threshing out the grain crops of the farmers of that section. There seems to be a very decided opposition to Mr. Yocum engaging in the threshing business, as on two previous occasions attempts were made to ruin his machine, one by concealing a large spike in a sheaf of grain and another by placing a large rod and bolt in the grain. On both occasions, fortunately, the obstructions were discovered and removed before they did any damage. A week or so ago he was not so fortunate. Some powerful explosive had been placed in the grain, as it exploded with terrific force, blowing the threshing machine to pieces. One large piece was thrown a hundred feet. It was a miracle that all the crew escaped serious injury. Mr. Yocum within twelve hours had a new machine on its way from the factory. His loss will reach eight hundred dollars. An effort is being made to ferret out the miscreants who committed the outrage, and if they are apprehended they will be severely dealt with.

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A little gum arabic mixed with ordinary starch imparts a gloss to linen.

White cotton goods and linens, wash with warm chlorine water; colored goods and silks, use diluted ammonia.

Hay water, made by pouring boiling water over hay and used in the laundering of linen garments, will preserve their color.

Laundry irons should be washed with soap and water once in awhile to remove the accumulation of starch. Dry them thoroughly and rub with paraffin.

White clothes will look clean and pure white if you always have ready a kettle of boiling water and scald them thoroughly before putting them in the last rinse water.

Irons should always be kept in a dry place. A convenient thing to keep under the set tubs or in some other out of the way corner is a soap box, into which may be placed the flatirons, holders, stand and wax cloth when not in use.

When hanging sheets on the line on windy days, if you will double them together and pin the ends to the line instead of hanging across the line and pinning at the middle you will find that you will have very little trouble with their winding up on the line.

Going In Debt.

There is just one excuse for debt in the household—unsuitable money allowance by the head of the family. They are plenty of men who expect to secure all the comforts and a few luxuries at home without making proper provision for them. Every wife is justified in her request for a money allowance, out of which she is to pay the household expenses and those attending her personal needs. It is absolutely impossible to secure comfort by depending upon erratic gifts of money.

A stipulated sum alone insures permanent home happiness, and that should be on a scale corresponding with the husband's income and the needs of the family. Where the wife handles the family income the question of allowance never comes up. Many wives have only themselves to blame for the straitened circumstances in which they find themselves. Men are creatures of habit and will be likely to stand by whatever arrangements are made in the honeymoon period.

Wasted Energy.

A deal of energy is wasted through the zeal of youth. A dealer in feminine wearing apparel once told me that the stock showed the difference in the ages of the caretakers better than anything else. The young saleswoman would begin the week with splendid energy and finish with a lack of interest that called for reproof, while the older woman, trained to the habit of neatness, put her stock in condition each day and kept it there. When the temper had not been soured by the aggravating whims of patrons he preferred the middle aged to the young employee. There is a point to consider. Is there any need of allowing the petty details of life to fray the disposition and prey upon the nerves? Cannot one take the journey of life in such fashion that the temper mellows, the disposition sweetens and the nature broadens? I have seen a few instances that make me believe the thing is possible for all.—Boston Traveler.

Dainty Freshness.

Girls, take this to mind: The girl with an air of dainty freshness is sure to be admired. She may not have many changes of gowns, she may have few hats, but if she has always the air of being just spick and span she will never lack charm. Of course she must be almost perfection in details—the edges of her skirts fresh, her shoes carefully polished, and handkerchiefs, neckwear and all her modest attempts at finery must be crisply fresh. This means the strictest attention. Brushing and pressing will take time, and once one establishes a reputation for this sort of spotlessness it must be kept up, because what would not be noticed about a careless woman would seem dreadful untidiness. She is likely to take to unelaborate clothes and simple ways of wearing her hair. Furberows and frizzes are not easy to keep spick and span.

The Oven Is Baking.

If you would be very particular about little things, giving the closest attention to details when baking, you would be much more certain of success. The temperature of the oven, for instance, is very essential. Women often wonder why, when they use the same recipe, their pastry is so inferior to that turned out by other cooks—why their own is not always the same. Sometimes bread crust will be hard and tough, and again made in the same way it will be softer and more tender. The temperature of the oven has much to do with this. For bread the oven should be quite hot for the first five minutes, then cooled very gradually, and the last thirty minutes it should be much cooler than at first. For layer cakes or cookies the oven should be very hot throughout the process of baking, while for loaf cake it should be the opposite.

Lamp Chimneys Breaking.

Cold lamp chimneys sometimes crack if the wick is turned up too high when the lamp is first lighted. The chimney should fit loosely, as the metal expands when heated and will crack the glass if it fits too tightly. Lamp chimneys last longer if annealed, which may be done by putting them into a vessel of cold water and heating to the boiling point, when the vessel should be taken from the fire and the chimneys left in until it is cold. One can generally buy the annealed chimneys. They cost a little more, but last longer.

BRYAN says he approves the election of a gold democrat in Ohio. He says that while he differed with the candidate on the money question he finds him sound on all other fundamental principles, and is a great deal better than a man who upholds a rotten tariff and trusts that rob the toilers of the land. That is good sense.

In the labor parade in Philadelphia, on Monday a carriage contained a goat, an effigy of Gov. Pennypacker. On its blanket was "Press Muzzler" and it evoked great applause, even in corrupt Philadelphia.

An Animal Story For Little Folks

The Fish That Was Unselfish

"What a wonderful piece of good fortune it was that that fisherman dropped his bait box overboard!" said Mr. Sunfish to Mr. Minnow.

"Yes, indeed," replied Mr. Minnow. "I always did relish nice fresh bread crumbs and crusts, and I understand that this box was filed with both."

"And so it was," said Mr. Sunfish. "I have made all arrangements to have it carried over to my house."

"But it doesn't belong to you!" exclaimed Mr. Minnow, half angrily. "It is mine."

Mr. Sunfish bit his lips thoughtfully.



MR. SUNFISH AND MR. MINNOW.

"Very well," he said finally; "you may have it. I shall not be selfish."

"I guess you are jealous of me now, aren't you?" inquired the minnow, with a broad smile.

"No, indeed," answered the sunfish cheerily.

"Well, why aren't you?" asked the minnow.

"Simply because I have already got out of the box all the best that it contained."

Mr. Minnow's countenance fell, and he hurried off to inspect the box. Sure enough, the very best that had been in it was gone, and the sunfish had taken it.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

OUR HISTORICAL REVIEW

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night of the surprise at Paoli, and in the midst of the British were, 'Halt, boys, give these assassins one fire!' He was instantly cut down by the enemy. Shall he not be remembered by a grateful country? He shall. In honor of this martyr and the cause of his country we named the within township Lamar."

Maj. Marion Lamar, of the Fourth Pennsylvania Line, fell at Paoli, Sept. 20, 1777, and but for Judge Walker his name would have gone down in utter forgetfulness. The utmost historical research has developed nothing to his antecedents or family. He had served as captain in Col. DeHaas' battalion during the year 1776 in Canada, after which he was promoted major in the Fourth.

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