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EDITORIAL.

NEW YORK has two million more inhabitants than Philadelphia; but Philadelphia has the greater number of voters. But Philadelphia has the "stuffers," of whom Samuel "Ballot Salt" was the chief.

THE Democratic State committee will meet at Harrisburg, June 28 to fix a time for the convening of the Democratic State Convention, at which a candidate for state supreme court will be nominated. The formal call was issued through the democratic headquarters by J. K. P. Hall, chairman of the state central committee.

THE uproar and upheaval in Philadelphia continues unabated. The bosses of the republican machine built up under the leadership of Quay, are being deposed and some of them will most likely go to the penitentiary for ballot-box stuffing and robbing the city by wholesale for a long term of years, amassing millions thereby at the expense of the city and trampling law and justice under their feet in the most unheard of manner. Mayor Weaver has come to the rescue of the outraged city. He has lassoed Durham, McColl and a score of other co scoundrels, who constituted this band of "forty thieves" and at last they are to be prosecuted. These republican bosses have been denounced by the democrats for twenty years on account of the wrongs and robberies they committed and in this protest were joined by a few honest republicans, but the public would not take warning until the outrages of stuffing ballot-boxes and wholesale robbing became intolerable and the people became convinced that the democratic complaint was only too well founded and an uprising against the damnable machine has resulted that will end in some of the scoundrels, at the head of the city and state republican machine, going to the penitentiary. Amen!

THE DYING BUCKTAILS.

One by one the famous Bucktails are bivouacking with the dead. Last week at Curwensville, the body of General William Ross Hartshorn, of Company K, Thirteenth Pennsylvania reserves (Bucktails), was laid in the grave. He was but 22 years old when he responded to Governor "Andy" Curtin's call for volunteers from his own state's sons, and he was one of the Bucktails who, armed with their deer rifles, went to Harrisburg on a timber raft, floating down the West Branch from amid the Chinklamoose hills.

The history of the Bucktails is the history of a famous regiment, and the sad part of it all is that time has already run to where most of the men who comprised the command, if they have not already gone, stand on the firing line where the great archer, Death, that invisible, invincible sharpshooter, is picking them off with his silent, unerring quivers. Many a man throughout central Pennsylvania will mourn the death of General Hartshorn.

Wireless Messages on Trains.

As a further protection to their train service the Chicago and Alton railway announced that the company had made all arrangements for the establishment of a wireless telegraph system on all trains running between Chicago and St. Louis and that eventually the scheme would be extended to the entire system. That the wireless telegraph can be used on fast moving trains with entire satisfaction was demonstrated by the Alton road when messages were sent from Chicago to the officers of the road traveling on a limited train running 50 miles an hour, messages were received from President Felton, who was in the general offices in Chicago, and replies sent back from the train without the slightest hitch.

Reformed Synod Disapproves Divorce.

The General Synod of the Reformed church on the 8th took a firm stand on the divorce question. It recommended that its ministers refuse to marry divorced persons except the innocent party, and not then until a year after the decree is granted. The Synod also expressed itself in favor of federal union with Presbyterian bodies and continued a committee to that end. A communication was received asking the Synod to consider a creed suitable for all churches.

PUBLIC CONSCIENCE.

One of the most hopeful signs recently noted is the protest made by a number of the Congregational ministers against the acceptance of the Rockefeller contribution to the work of foreign missions. Attention has been called to the fact that this protest was commended more heartily by the secular than by the religious papers. While this may at first seem surprising, it must be remembered that the editors of the newspapers are human, and that it is a human frailty to criticise more readily those with whom we are not intimately connected than those who are near to us. It is not unaccountable, therefore, that the papers which have no direct responsibility for the advancement of religious work should have been more prompt to point out objections to the receiving of such a donation. It must be remembered also that the ministers and the editors of the church papers are so zealous for the advancement of religious work that they are sometimes prone to allow the end to justify the means—more so than those less anxious for the extension of Christian work. But making all possible allowance for zeal, it is to be regretted that in the Rockefeller controversy the religious papers have set up a lower ethical standard than many of the papers entirely nonreligious in character.

The protests, however, point to a growing revolt against the business methods which are not only defying all moral law, but in some instances ignoring the requirements of statute law. It is evident that a powerful movement is at work when men active in the advancement of every form of Christian work will prefer to risk a pause in the work rather than see the church enter into an unholy alliance with commercialism. It is not only an illustration of the effect of conscience on conduct, but it is an evidence of a growing faith in the efficacy of an appeal to conscience. There was a time not many years ago when Mr. Rockefeller's contributions were gladly received and no questions asked. If the recent protest indicates progress, as it most surely does, then the time is likely to come when those who grow rich by immoral methods will be denied the prestige which some now secure by ostentatious liberality.

Greedy for gain has ragged like a fever but there are signs of abatement. The standard of measurement has too often been wealth—no matter how secured; but there is evidence of a return to higher ideals.—William J. Bryan in Public Opinion.

ILLEGAL FISHING.

Violations of the fish laws take place perhaps oftener than is surmised. Out-of-the-county fishermen come into the county for a few days or a week, some of whom fish illegally feeling safe in the mountain sections at night. We were told of a party of fishermen from Berks county, who were in the mountain sections of Paddy mountain and Cherry run and remaining several days did considerable illegal fishing apparently by set-lines in the trout streams and likely by other means. This was about three weeks ago as we were told. The writer also, a week thereafter, saw evidences of such fishing by the markers usually used along the streams when fishing is done by outlines. We have no doubt some persons were guilty of this violation of the law. Our own home fishermen think while they are watched so closely by fishwardens so that there may be no illegal fishing, that the same vigilance is not used when fishermen from outside counties invade this territory, and that there has not yet been any prosecution of these violators of the law—we know that our home fishermen are, as a rule, observers of the law.

GOOD LAW.

The last legislature so amended the law regulating the sale of concentrated commercial feeding stuffs as to add to the feeds that shall not be sold without having affixed thereto in a conspicuous place a legible and plainly printed statement certifying the number of net pounds of the feeding stuff a package contains, the name, brand or trade mark under which the article is sold, the name and address of the manufacturer or importer, and a statement of the percentage it contains of crude fat and protein of the following: Corn, bran, wheat, rye and buckwheat bran and middlings; also hay, straw and corn stover, when the same are mixed with other materials. In other words, the feeds above named have been added to the list of feeds that cannot be sold without the above cited certificate being attached. This, however, does not, under the provisions of the act, interfere with persons engaged within the state of Pennsylvania in manufacturing flours so as to prevent them from selling at the place where made their own manufacture of bran and middlings, without having the above named certificate attached.

Finding is Larceny in this Case.

In the case of the commonwealth vs. Emma Freedline, of New Marysville, convicted of larceny and picking up and appropriating to her own use a pocket-book containing \$59, which W. E. Musser, the prosecutor in the case mentioned had carelessly laid down in the post-office at New Marysville, the defendant was sentenced to restore the property stolen if not already restored, to pay the costs of prosecution and fine of \$15 and to undergo an imprisonment in the county jail for a period of three months.

INCREASED COST OF LIVING.

The labor bureau at Washington has issued a bulletin of the price of commodities, including iron and steel products, clothing, mechanical tools and farm implements, chemicals, lumber, building material and house furnishing. They have all largely increased since 1890. Under the head of clothes and clothing seventy articles of general consumption show an advance since that year of comparatively high prices. This of course tells on the purchasing power of the workingman's wages. It means in reality a decrease in wages, notwithstanding the boasts of prosperity. Lumber and building material have increased nearly 25 per cent and house furnishing over 11 per cent. This is a drawback on the prosperity of this usually busy building season.

While according to this official statement of the labor bureau the clothing of men, women and children have increased in cost their quality is diminished, thus making a double cost on the workingman—both in price and quality of goods consumed. The increased cost of wearing material comes from one of the eccentricities of our precious tariff, consequent on the scarcity and dearth of pure wool, domestic and foreign, and the necessity of mixing with it adulterants of a vicious quality. It is a result of the tariff system which lets in only a limited quantity of foreign wool under heavy protective duties, and diverts the best fleeces of Australia and South America to the free trade countries of England, France and Germany, where employment abounds for the people, and cheap and durable fabrics are provided for those who need them, in the way of comfort and health.

The "standpatters," with Speaker Cannon and Representative John Dalzell, proclaim it a perfect beautiful state of affairs, and not to be touched by profane hands, while the Protective Tariff League is industriously propagating a movement to obstruct any efforts of President Roosevelt to secure such a revision of the Dingley tariff act as will remove the most excessive taxes on the deeds of the people that have ever been known in American history.

It may be of interest to those who have a quantity of silver to care for to know that after silver forks and spoons have been cleaned, if they are put into a glass fruit can and the top put on tightly so as to exclude the air, the silver will not tarnish as long as the can is kept closed. In this way much time is saved, also much hard work.—Ladies' World.

Few of us waste our energy in the praise of others.

—Fewer Gallons; Wears Longer.

THE SEASON'S DELIGHT.

Once more the picnic season dawns when man deserts the city lawn and hies him to the woodland wide where nature sweet and buds abide.

He takes his wife and children now; his best girl if he has no frau; they seek the country far away and sweat and work and call it play.

Around a basket full of lunch they gather in a merry bunch and eat cold tongue and soggy pies, which at their homes they would despise.

While he reclines on grassy banks, the ants crawl up his nervous shanks and down his poor protesting back the insects make a half mile track.

Anon the baby finds a snake; the mother's screams the echo wake; the father stamps it with his heels and like an echo straightway feels.

To cinch the pleasures that they seek, the oldest boy falls in the creek; wild flowers the daughter goes to pull and gets chased by a peevish bull.

A thunder shower then drifts their way—it always rains on picnic day. Umbrellas leak, the rain gets in and wets them to the very skin.

The sporty dude of manners shy, sits down upon a custard pie; he must perform this pleasing feat or else the day is not complete.

Space is too small, the list too great, things charming to enumerate; enough to say that glad hours fit in endless joy and pleasure—nit.

They come home from the happy land half soaked and coated with grime but voting it a splendid time.

Young Man Killed.

Wednesday of last week, Frank Stoughton, son of Frank C. Stoughton, of Lewisburg, supervisor of the L. & T. railroad, was killed at Harrisburg. He was an engineer, and while locating a track, near that city stepped in front of Fast Line and was instantly killed. Aboard the same train was his sister Mrs. P. Creighton, of Orange, N. J. The body was taken to his parents home, Lewisburg for interment; age 23 years.

Being Drunk no Excuse.

Judge William W. Hart, in court at Williamsport, applied a practical lesson in temperance. Three men arraigned for separate offenses of theft, endeavored to secure testimony by pleading that they had committed the crime while drunk. Judge Hart, in pronouncing sentence, declared that drunkenness must not be offered in excuse in crime, and the full penalty was pronounced.

A woman in Washington borough, Lancaster county, set a hen with 12 eggs and got 13 chickens, one having been a double-yolked.

Took Eggs From Wild Turkey's Nest.

A farmer residing within a few miles of Williamsport, was reported to the authorities as having taken eggs from a nest of a wild turkey and placed them with a domestic fowl to hatch them.

The law is very specific in its declaration that no person shall rob the nest of any bird unless there is grave danger that the elements or wild beasts may destroy the nest and contents. The officers ascertained that the alleged nest robber took possession of the eggs and divided them among several friends for hatching purposes.

The investigation made by the state officer is said to have established the fact that the nest of a wild turkey had been disturbed and the eggs removed. When questioned regarding the matter, the representative of the state game commission was informed by the suspect beyond a suspicion of doubt that the eggs were taken from the nest to prevent their destruction by wild beasts. Consequently it has been deemed advisable to make no arrests. The penalty for taking eggs from a bird's nest in violation of the provisions of the act of assembly is \$50.

A Watch Blamed.

A wreck caused by the collision of two freight trains occurred on the Philadelphia and Erie railroad near Wilcox, J. W. Andrews, fireman, was killed and Conductor Pierce, Fireman Reilly and Engineer Frank Holliday were badly scaled. The injured were removed to the Kane hospital. The wreckage caught fire and three tank cars filled with petroleum, which were on one of the trains, were destroyed. The body of an unknown man, with both arms burned off, was found in the debris.

The wreck, it is said, was caused by one of the engineer's watches being too slow, in consequence of which he was out on the main track when his train should have been on a siding.

Creating Much Dissatisfaction.

The new schedule of insurance rates promulgated by the supreme council of the Royal Arcanum at its recent annual meeting, held in Atlantic City, has stirred up much dissatisfaction among a large number of members of the order. The new order of things increased the monthly dues for persons over 65 years from \$10.95 to \$16.08, and the dues are likewise increased at ages below 65. There are many Royal Arcanum members in this place, who will be affected by the increase of rates.

Some of Their Money Back.]

Each contributor will receive back nearly a fourth of his subscription to the Knights Templar convolve fund at Williamsport, a surplus remaining after all bills are paid.

Notice to Old Soldiers.

The state is about to publish the report of the Pennsylvania "Shiloh Battlefield Commission." This report will contain a complete history of the 77th regiment Pennsylvania volunteers, also a full description of the "Battle of Shiloh."

It will be for free distribution among the survivors of the 77th regiment Pennsylvania volunteers and families of deceased members of that regiment.

All old soldiers having knowledge of the whereabouts of survivors of the 77th regiment, or the families of deceased members of said regiment, are earnestly requested to promptly send the addresses of such survivors and families to John Obreiter, Chairman, Shiloh Battlefield commission, Lancaster, Pa. The edition will be limited, therefore in order to secure a copy of the book, this matter of sending name and address should be attended to at once.

G. A. R. Posts can secure copies for their libraries from the local representatives in the Legislature of 1905.

Trying to Block Wabash?

Pennsylvania and New York Central Railroad agents are said to be working hard to block the Wabash Railroad from passing through Indiana county with its new line to New York or Philadelphia or some point of tidewater.

Wabash men have been purchasing rights of way during the past ten days, and every farmer between Indiana and Leechburg has been approached by agents desiring to buy a right of way. The Pennsylvania and New York Central are said to have agents among the farmers to get them to refuse to sell the land. The New York Central has also made surveys through this county.

Encouraging Honesty.

Lock Haven council requires city employees to pay their bills. At the last meeting of the council there a grocer sent in a communication stating that William Keller was an employe of the city and that he owed him a bill for groceries, which he refused to pay, which was contrary to a resolution of council passed some time ago, which was to the effect that city employes must pay their bills, etc.

Would be a good idea for Bellefonte town council to treat notorious dead beats the same way.

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