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**EDITORIAL.**

SINCE Hearst is no candidate for the Presidency his enemies will not be able to criticize his political conduct.

TRUST products are costly to the citizens and cheap to the foreigners. Why not revise the tariff that protects the trusts, and even things up?

THE annual appropriation by Congress for the state militia was double and hereafter \$2,000,000 will be spent from the federal treasury for the purpose of keeping the state military organizations in touch with the regular army.

THE accommodations of the United States Supreme Court are the poorest in the country. If Congress will not provide better quarters, the court might very properly ask Mr. Cassatt for a decent room in his magnificent new Union Station at Washington, which is being built mostly at public expense.

BEFORE President Roosevelt denounced the Standard Oil Company he summoned Lewis Emery, Jr., to the White House for a consultation. Roosevelt evidently had confidence in Emery then, and a high estimate of the man's integrity. Why then should not the Roosevelt republicans in this state place the same confidence in Emery instead of the Penrose gang?

AS THE Lewistown Gazette is supporting Emery, the Machine Republicans have no organ in the town, and as the Republicans are reported to be pretty generally drifting over to the fusion ticket there is perhaps no support for a Machine organ, though plenty of need of its services from the organization point of view. Clearfield county papers are doing the same. Many republican papers in the State are deserting the Penrose gang.

IF we assume that a family consists on the average of five persons, it will cost every family in the United States \$51.10 to pay the debts contracted by the last session of Congress. Congress appropriated a sum equal to \$11.02 per capita on the 80,000,000 people in this country. It was not a property tax, but an indirect, insidious, dishonest tariff and internal revenue tax, equivalent in its operation and effect to a poll of about \$33 on every adult in the country.

CANDIDATE Stuart insisted that Wesley R. Andrews should be removed from the State Chairmanship, but he was content to take the promise of the bosses that this should be done at a convenient season, when no one was looking, after the quadruple notification ceremonies were over. Candidate Young knew the men with whom he was dealing, and he would not trust promises. Now the Machine is assuring the public that protests against the removal of Andrews are so numerous that it seems best to retain him, even if it should be necessary to dispense with Young. The indications are that Stuart accepted a box of sawdust which he thought contained greenbacks, but Young refused to be buncoed. Young, of course, would lose nothing by getting off the ticket, because the Machine cannot possibly win; and he has saved his self-respect, says the Record.

**DEALING WISELY WITH TRUSTS.**

Why did the Republican Congress defeat the Tillman bill which provided for exposing and punishing contributions by corporations to party campaign funds? Well, let us see. If the Sugar Trust should produce its sweet donation, or the Steel Trust some of its tariff plunder, or the Coal Trust, through Baer or some other God-entrusted coal-baron, should "come down with the dust," it might be awkward to publish such things to the vulgar world, or to punish such "benefactors" of the G. O. P. As Pharaoh said about the Hebrews, so the Republican party said about the trusts: "Let us deal wisely with them."

**PENROSE GIVEN NOTICE.**

Notice has been served on Senator Penrose that he must not attempt to interfere in the contest between Joseph Alexander, of Clearfield, and Henry C. Quigley, of Bellefonte, for the Republican nomination for Senator in the Centre-Clearfield district. Quigley is known to be Penrose's choice. The Senator is anxious that Quigley shall represent the district the next four years, because he believes he will vote for him if he is again a candidate for the United States senatorship in 1909.

**THE TRUST FAVORED**

Again the Midvale Steel company is done out of a bid for furnishing armor plate for United States battleships. When the bids for armor for the Michigan and South Carolina were opened it was found that the Midvale company was the lowest responsible bidder. Under the law the contract for all the material should have gone to that company, but the armor plate trust had been gouging the government so long that it wanted another chance to get at the crib. It protested against giving the contract to the Midvale company, on the ground that that company could not furnish the armor within the time limit, and that if the trust did not get at least part of this contract its armor plants would have to close down and the workmen would be discharged and scattered.

Secretary Bonaparte, unable to decide for himself whether a contract should be given to the lowest bidder who can deliver the goods, sent all the papers to the President, and under his decision the Midvale company gets half the contract and the Carnegie plant and the Bethlehem plant the other half. The trust wins again, as the trusts always win when they appeal to the Chief of the Busters. Nevertheless the Midvale company announces that it is able to furnish armor plate according to specification and at a price much lower than that which has been extorted by the trust, which charged \$500 a ton until the government threatened to erect an armor plate plant of its own. Moreover, it is said for the new plate maker, that it will sell solid steel and not blow holes. And it can deliver the plate as promptly as the trust, which frequently delayed the construction of warships.

It goes without saying that the trusts are safest when they plead with the Trust Buster to aid them in defying all the moral laws. This piece of discrimination would be amazing had it not been expected.

**REVILING THE DEMOCRATS.**

Mr. Taft is disputing with Mr. Roosevelt the championship of the noble profession of diplomacy—hiding the truth. In his speech to the negroes and Federal office-holders of North Carolina, June 9th, he declared that while the Democratic leaders have been for years declaring against corporations, "they have instituted no legislative steps in all this time to restrain the abuses." Taft knew this to be utterly false. He knew, for instance, that the Tillman-Gillespie resolution under which the Standard Oil and the railroads are now being investigated was of Democratic origin. He knew that the Tillman bill to prohibit corporations from contributing to party corruption funds—a bill which passed the Senate, but was opposed by Root, Roosevelt, and Taft so that it failed in the House—was of Democratic origin. He knew that the Democrats in Congress have introduced numberless measures designed to curb the trusts by abolishing the tariff duties on trust-made goods. He knew that nearly every Democratic state had established a railroad commission to prevent extortions and discriminations by the railroad companies. In fine, Taft knew that he was evading the truth and gloried in what he was doing. Let him read what Roosevelt has written about liars, and he will probably think less of himself, unless Roosevelt has told him not to believe such things.

**TO PROBE GRAIN BUSINESS.**

An investigation is to be made by the interstate commerce commission by authority of the United States senate of the elevator, grain buying and forwarding business of the country to determine to what extent special favors have been granted to them by railroad companies; the influence which the alleged monopolizing of this branch of business has had upon the market; the injury it has done to grain producers; the extent to which railroads, their officers, directors, stockholders and employes own or control the grain buying and grain forwarding companies and the manner in which such holding, if any, were secured.

The farmers as well as other classes have suffered heavily at the hands of the trusts, who have gambled with the interests of the agriculturists to the great injury of the same. Let justice be done the farmers, says the Centre Democrat.

**Fails to Register.**

The time for registration as candidate for President Judge in the Clinton, Elk-Cameron District expired Friday night in Clinton county. Captain Wm. C. Kress, much talked about as a candidate in opposition to Judge B. W. Green, the present incumbent, failed to register, and Judge Green will have a clear field in Clinton county. Last month the Republican Committee of Elk county indorsed Kress' candidacy in hopes that he would be able to swing Clinton into line and thereby defeat Green for the nomination. What course the Elk conferees will pursue is undetermined.

Major Harry Alvan Hall, of Ridgway, is the avowed candidate of the Democrats, and has been indorsed in Elk and Cameron.

**SHORT STRAWS?**

At the Republican Congressional Conference at DuBois, last Thursday, there were several men anxious for the nomination. Capt. Barclay, a millionaire, from Cameron county, got the long straw. The query now is how long were some of the short straws? Everybody has a guess coming.

**A SKETCH OF EMERY.**

**Brief Resume of the Bradford Man's Active Life.**

Lewis Emery, Jr., was born in Cherry Creek township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., August 10, 1839. His parents early removed to Michigan, where he received a common school education and learned the miller's trade. Subsequently, the family removed to Pennsylvania. Young Emery was elected to the House of Representatives for the session of 1879 and to the State Senate in 1880. He won a second term in the Senate in 1884. Emery is a descendent of Puritan stock, his ancestors having come from England and settled at Emery's Field near Newburyport, Mass., in 1635. Since he entered the oil business in 1865 he has devoted most of his life to fighting the Standard Oil Company and to-day he has the distinction of being the only independent oil refiner who has successfully resisted all the efforts of the trust to crush him. He failed in the panic of 1873 going down \$100,000 to the bad, but afterwards paid it all off with interests and re-established himself in business. He is the father of the independent pipe line and is credited with having conceived the original of the existing inter-State Commerce law, the first draught of which he personally took to Washington in 1872.

Elected as a Republican to the General Assembly in 1879 he made the first speech in his life in favor of the railroad anti-discrimination bill. He opposed the riot bill, which sought to filch from the Treasury of the State \$4,000,000 to repay the Pennsylvania railroad for damage suffered in the riots of 1877. Finding that William H. Kemble and others were offering \$1000 for a vote, or \$1,500 for a vote and speech in favor of the bill, he induced several friends to join him in raising a fund to employ detectives, and the evidence secured was sufficient to cause the arrests trial and conviction of Kemble and two associates, whose pardon was promptly wrung by the Republican machine from the reluctant hand of Governor Henry M. Hoyt.

In the season of 1881 he supported Galusha A. Grow for United States Senator against Henry W. Oliver, who was Cameron's candidate. In 1882 he stumped the State against General Beaver, the Republican machine candidate, and thus assisted in the election of Robert E. Pattison. In 1883 the House was Democratic, and the Senate had but six of a Republican majority. Emery was one of the few independent Republican Senators who voted the free pipe bill—the Humes measure. During his Senatorial career he opposed the election of M. S. Quay to the Senate, and stumped the State for Charles S. Wolfe for State Treasurer against Bailey, the candidate for the Republican machine. In 1890 he stumped the State for Robert E. Pattison for Governor against George W. Delamater.

In 1900 he ran for Congress on the Democratic ticket against Joseph C. Sibley. In 1902 he stumped the State for Pattison for Governor against Pennypacker. Again in 1905 he stumped the State for Berry, Democratic candidate for State Treasurer.

**MUST PAY POLL TAX.**

The purchase of poll tax receipts by political organizations constitutes a crime under the new Roberts corrupt practices act according to the interpretation of the law by a special committee of the Civil Service Reform association of Philadelphia. Secretary Samuel B. Scott, for the reform association, has issued the following statement:

The paying of the poll tax for another is now clearly forbidden by law, and under the terms of the new "corrupt practice act" the person or committee who attempts it will be liable to a heavy penalty. The act defines "election expenses," including "all expenditures of money or other valuable things in furtherance of the nomination of any person or persons as candidates for public office, or in furtherance of the election of any person or persons to public office, or to defeat the nomination or election to public office of any person or persons." Since the purchase of tax receipts for others is done for no other purpose than in furtherance of the election of some person to public office, any money spent in this way comes clearly under the head of election expenses.

The act provides no one shall spend any money for election expenses except a candidate or a political committee, and then only for a certain number of designated purposes, of which the purchase of poll tax receipts is not one. As the act further provides that all candidates and political committees must file accounts, it will be easy to trace this kind of expenditure if the accountants are honest.

This will put an end to an infamous abuse of our election laws. Each year in this state both parties spent thousands of dollars in paying the taxes of indifferent persons who knew that politicians would do it for them. It means that the man who won't pay his poll tax personally can't vote; and such a man is not fit to have a vote.

**MINGOVILLE.**

Donald Peters had a Thomas cat. He didn't want it at home! He put it in a sack And lashed it several miles up the track. But the third night the cat came back. He also took a turtle to the same spot And the same night the critter came 100

**NOTICE.**

At a meeting of the stockholder of the Centre Building & Loan Association it was decided to issue a new series of stock. Subscriptions to same will be issued by A. C. Mingle, Dr. E. B. Dorworth, C. K. Hicklin, or Charles T. Cook.

**ADJOINING COUNTIES.**

The plans and specifications for the new silk mill buildings at Tyrone have been prepared.

The state department at Harrisburg, Friday last, issued a charter to the Sugar Valley Telephone company, of Clinton county. The capital stock is \$6,000.

The members of the Warriorsmark Grange, No. 974, will hold their annual basket picnic, Saturday, August 11th, in the Funk grove, near Warriorsmark.

Fishermen report some unusually large catches of fine bass in the West Branch of the Susquehanna at Muncy. The glowing stories are attracting hundreds of anglers to that locality.

Williamsport's Centennial Commission spent \$7000 for the recent celebration, and it is estimated that \$20,000 more was expended by citizens for decorations, floats and the entertainment of visitors.

Altoona's Board of Public Works has awarded contracts for \$300,000 worth of street paving, at \$1.74 a square yard. All will be of brick with asphalt grouting. The bids ranged from \$1.74 to \$2.40 a yard.

The republicans of Clinton county will hold their county convention on July 31, and the Democrats on August 7th, 1906, for the purpose of electing conferees, to nominate a candidate for president judge of the 25th judicial district.

About 4 o'clock Monday afternoon the large barn on the Bellhomestead property at Mary Ann Forge, about a mile from Bellefonte, owned by W. S. Bell, was struck by lightning and entirely consumed by fire with its contents.

At a meeting of the Lock Haven School Board Prof. S. M. Morrison, of Towanda, was elected city superintendent to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Prof. John A. Robb, who served in that capacity over thirty-five years.

Although 75 years old, D. T. McCloskey, of Chatham's Run, follows the cradle in the wheat field of his Clinton county farm with the agility of a man of only two score. He boasts that he can make a day in the fields count for as much as a man in his prime.

On Tuesday 10, at 3 pm., the Presbyterian church and received the Rev. Geo. M. Whiteneck, Jr., into the Presbyterian and placed in his hands the call extended to him by the State College church. The call was accepted by him.

George A. Brown, Esq., of Lock Haven, is a candidate for president judge of the twenty-fifth judicial district. Mr. Brown, as is well known, is a member of the law firm of Brown & Stevenson, and is regarded as one of the most learned legal practitioners at the bar of Clinton county.

Northumberland county's murder record has ceased to lead in the blood stained annals of the commonwealth. Her one hundred and seven killings and one hanging in nineteen years is distanced by Schuylkill county, who comes to the front with forty-five unavenged murders in four years.

A. L. Carothers, who resides on the Noble farm, near Orbisonia, is the owner of a hen which is 17 years old. She has raised and done the scratching for at least two settings a year for sixteen years, averaging about twenty-six chicks each year. She is now taking care of thirty-two chickens. Can't some reader

of the Democrat write up a Centre county hen to beat this Orbisonia cluck?

Some unknown person or persons made an attempt last Saturday night to burn the residence of Joseph Rupert, at Hyser, Clinton county. Mr. Rupert, his wife and several children were awakened from their sleep by the vivid glare of flames that swept over the house. All made their escape but did so in their night clothing. The flames were promptly extinguished and the property loss is small. One end of the house was ablaze from the ground to the roof. An empty four-quart tin bucket was found near the building and it was strongly impregnated with the odor of kerosene.

A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mrs. J. A. Weaver, No. 500, 3 ave. Altoona. The contracting parties were Miss Mary Weaver, third daughter of Mrs. Weaver, and Warren Conrad, son of J. S. Conrad, of Warriorsmark. The bridal party entered the parlor to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Miss Esther Campbell, of State College. The bridesmaids were Misses Pearl Weaver and Verna Conrad; and groomsmen, W. L. Musser and Edward L. Weaver. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad departed amid a shower of rice for a two weeks' trip to Buffalo and Niagara. On their return they will take up housekeeping in Altoona.

**Quarterly Meeting.**

The 4th quarterly meeting of the Free Methodist church, Bellefonte circuit, will be held in the Forge church, commencing Friday evening, 20th, continuing over the Sabbath. Rev. J. J. Zanhsior, District elder will preside. All are invited. J. K. Mumau, P. C.

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