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TIME FOR REGISTRATION.

To the Democratic Voters of Centre County: The law requires the Assessors, whose duty it is to register all the voters of their respective districts, to be at the polling places on September 5th, and 6th, for the purpose of correcting the registration list and adding any names of persons who are entitled to vote but have not been registered theretofore.

Mr. Bryan is not going to enter the ministry, and thus another pretty story is spoiled.

Politicians are startled by an article in the "Outlook" favorable to Woodrow Wilson. Explanations may come later.

"Parasites" are in season, in fact there is no law to prohibit you from going gunning after them any old time.

Surely the United States government is a wise and wonderful government; its machinery runs right along whilst its President is running all over the country electioneering.

Jager Schmidt got \$10,000 for girdling the globe in 29 days and Aviator Atwood raked in twice as much for flying from St. Louis to New York in 30 hours. That's going some.

With the tariff reduced on wool, many a poor child would have had better and warmer clothes this winter, but Taft stood in their way by vetoing the bill sent to him by congress.

The latest sensation in state politics is the interview given out on Saturday by Senator Bois Penrose, in Philadelphia. He was asked a few questions regarding the fight in the republican party for mayor in that city and according to his statements he stands for a better condition of things in that city than he has championed heretofore.

Even the critical Mr. Hearst, who had lost faith in the Democratic party to the extent of becoming an Independent in politics and running as such for high office against regularly nominated Democratic candidates, in his "New York American" recently declared, in bold-faced type, that "not in sixty years has the Democratic party presented so united and conquering a front as it does to-day; its executive efficiency in the House of Representatives has been an inspiring spectacle in the whole length and breadth of the picture."

According to the late dispatches Taft stirred up a lot of trouble for himself by his first speech on his present campaigning tour, when he unnecessarily and bitterly denounced the insurgent Republicans, as well as the Democrats who framed the revision of certain schedules of the tariff. Since then there has been an uprising in the west among the progressive Republicans and they have organized a movement to nominate LaFollette in opposition. It really looks as though Taft was committing political suicide.

Senator Penrose has announced to the people of Philadelphia that he henceforth intends to be good and will oppose the political evil doers, the senator being schooled by Quay, and since his death has been wearing the shoes of the departed receptor, is very late getting to the anxious bench. His declaration to be good hereafter will be taken with great doubts by the public. Penrose for over a decade has captained the craft that kept on board the grasping trusts, greedy tariff robbers, monopolies and all that sort of political cattle, and trampled under foot the interests of the great masses. He sees the great new Lucania coming defying the rough waves and on board of which are the democrats and progressive republicans, and that the rotten ship of special interest is fast sinking and makes good promises that he may get aboard the great liner, with the hope of duping the masses from that deck with bunches of good promises to deceive the people. It is too late. Great sinners, such as he, will have to take a back seat. That's the reading of the signs of the times.

TO THE RESCUE OF PRIVILEGE.

By his veto of the Wool bill Mr. Taft has deliberately put himself on the side of the extreme protectionists of his party.

The schedule of the Payne-Aldrich tariff which he denounced as "intolerable" he himself now defends against amendment by Congress. The very duties which he declared "should have been lowered" he alone now prevents Congress from lowering.

The taxes which he asserted were not lowered "because a combination of representatives from the manufacturing and wool-growing sections of the East and West had a majority in Congress that was overwhelming" are again not to be lowered, not because a majority in Congress opposes it but because Mr. Taft opposes it. His veto serves the same purpose as the combination of representatives from the manufacturing and wool-growing sections served in retaining oppressive taxes.

Mr. Taft's veto of the Wool bill makes waste paper of the pledge in his message of Dec. 3, 1910 to the Chicago Association of Trade: "We are bound to promote the PROMPT elimination of instances of injustice in the tariff law." By his own act he has postponed indefinitely the elimination of a glaring instance of injustice which he had himself singled out for special condemnation. He repeats that he shares in the "widespread belief that many rates in the present schedule are too high and are in excess of any needed protection for the wool-grower or manufacturer; yet he alone renders impossible the reduction of excessive and unnecessary taxes in accordance with the decision of Congress and in response to the will of the people.

In a few months the Tariff Board, a body without power or influence, the body held in absolute contempt by the high protectionists with whom Mr. Taft has taken sides, will report. Therefore nothing must be done. Therefore the abuses of the tariff must be maintained and injustice perpetuated. "There is no public exigency," says Mr. Taft in his message, "requiring the revision of schedule K in August without adequate information, rather than in December next with such information." But there is such an "exigency" requiring "prompt elimination." Mr. Taft himself has told us so. We have "adequate information" that the wool schedule is "intolerable." That statement has the high authority of the President of the United States.

ITS STEWARDSHIP.

A complete reformation of the House rules. Passed the Canadian reciprocity trade agreement. A bill requiring publicity of campaign funds before elections.

A resolution providing for the election of the United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

A resolution authorizing the admission to the Union of Arizona and New Mexico.

The farmers' free list bill. A wool bill that reduces the average ad valorem duty on manufactured woolsens from 90 per cent. to 29 1-2 per cent.

Preparing a bill that will make a very decided reduction on cotton goods.

The foregoing is a condensed statement of House achievements under Democratic control. These particular items are mentioned in a formal announcement from Hon. Oscar W. Underwood, a representative in Congress from Alabama, and the brilliant, accomplished floor leader of Democracy in the popular branch of Congress. In addition, the House has carefully attended with exceptional care and efficiency to routine work of Congress. Diligent, also, have been the investigating bodies, and, as we understand it, twelve probing committees are now busily engaged in killing official evils which extend from the Government lands of Alaska to the stockyards of Chicago. No task of minor importance is that.

The extraordinary session now drawing to a close has been a Democratic triumph from beginning to end. We have had occasion repeatedly to call the attention of the people to the vast contrast existing between this

Congress and the Republican Congresses that preceded it. Nothing has occurred in the history of the Democratic party for a quarter of a century which can begin to compare in party value and importance with the work of this extra session of Congress. The House of Representatives has given the country an idea of what might be looked for under a Democratic administration in all branches of government, and has won the support, confidence and admiration of the country.

This publication takes a great pride in the work of the House of Representatives. We promised much for Mr. Clark and his associates, and they have accomplished so much more than we promised or had anticipated that we are at the session draws to a close it is but fair to say that the best traditions of the Democracy, its noblest purposes and its immense value is exemplified in the sixty-second Congress.

No one can deny the value of the able party leaders who have in the rapidly to the front in the various Democratic State administrations throughout the country. The party has now a brilliant array of Presidential possibilities, more seasoned and substantial timber than it has been the good fortune of any party to have available for so important a contest in many years. Democracy has been building up both men and issues. Given the opportunity, its representatives have quickly demonstrated their fitness for high executive and legislative office, so much so that they now approach the Presidential year rich in the candidates of splendid attainments. We do not take away from these State achievements, however, when we say the party's greatest boon of the present is written in the Congressional Record. Democracy, in State and Nation together, formed an indestructible document, a record of splendid accomplishment which inevitably will become the slogan of the next campaign.—National Monthly.

THE END IN SIGHT.

The House of Representatives passed, as the Senate had previously done, the conference Rucker bill. It next went to the President. He has signed it.

Within less than three years after the unexampled corruption by corporation cash at the polls in 1904, Congress had passed an act forbidding corporation contributions to campaign funds at all Federal elections.

Within seven years since the Perkins contribution, the Morgan-Stokesbury contribution, the Standard Oil and Beef Trust contributions, and many others that have not yet come to light, were concealed from public knowledge during the Roosevelt campaign. Congress has required full publicity of campaign funds and disbursements before and after election.

Within two years after the details became public of how a \$100,000 Republican "slush fund" was a slush fund away from a \$25,000 Republican "slush fund" in Illinois, by Democratic funds drawn from a candidate who had no such fund, Congress has limited the amount that may legally be spent for a seat in either house. While these acts are not perfect. Penalties are still inadequate. But the measures can be strengthened. That they have passed Congress at all is a great tribute to the power of Public Opinion and a crowning proof of the determination of the American people that their elections shall be clean.

For some years the Democrats have loudly protested against the great evil of the corporations controlling elections by the use of a slush fund. Last fall there was a great revolt, the people went to the polls and repudiated the Republican party. A Democratic majority was sent to Congress, and the senate is now almost evenly balanced, and as a result more good, honest, progressive legislation has been enacted in the past few months for the benefit of the people, than in a score of years. The Rucker bill is simply one of the many good measures enacted, and is another proof that the Democracy is true to the people; it is keeping its pledges with rare fidelity.

CORPORATIONS AFTER CASH.

Dr. Wiley Makes Sensational Charges to Sen. Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, created a sensation on Thursday at Washington before the House Investigating Committee when he charged that three cabinet officers, sitting as a Board of Review, had reversed the government's ruling in a corporation case after the corporation had offered money to chemists to endorse its food product. The case was that of the Corn Products Company, whose right to apply the name of "corn syrup" to glucose the Bureau of Chemistry and the Board of Food and Drug Inspection had denied.

Dr. Wiley testified that when the bureau and the board had agreed that the name was a misapplication, the corporation had offered money to chemists to make affidavits that "corn syrup" was a proper description. Shortly afterward, he declared, the board of three cabinet officers, Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou, Secretary of Commerce and Labor Straus, and Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, set aside the decision and sustained the contention of the corporation. The ruling he added, still stands.

The Corn Products Company, said Dr. Wiley, charged that he had been "very busy" in creating sentiment against its products. He acknowledged that he had written to every state chemist whose duty it was to enforce the pure food laws. He said he did not receive one answer favorable to "corn syrup."

Dr. Wiley is the man who was "spotted" and to be removed from office by the administration for the simple reason that he was opposing firms engaged in the adulteration of food products. Big corporations wanted him removed and it would have been done had not public sentiment been aroused.

Judges to be Elected. Fifty-five judges of various grades are to be elected at the November election and about ninety petitions are on file. Some candidates have filed as high as three each. From this ruling he added, still stands.

PALMER'S ADMIRABLE SPEECH.

One of the very best speeches delivered in the national capital during the extra session of the Sixty-second Congress, was made by Representative A. Mitchell Palmer, of the Twenty-sixth district of Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Ways and Means Committee, of which he is a conspicuous member.

With admirable clarity and conciseness Mr. Palmer explained the exact meaning of the cotton bill, and the steel, iron and chemical schedule amendments added to the bill by the Senate.

Incidentally he made a scathing arraignment of the President's action in vetoing the farmers' free list bill and the wool bill, in language that lost none of its force because it was dignified and polite. He said he expected that the cotton bill would be vetoed and added:

There have been many veto messages sent into this House in the history of the country, but the one which we received a few days ago was absolutely unique. I assume that the President will base his refusal to approve this bill on the same experts which he refused to sign the wool bill. And never two in the history of the country has any President of the United States preached his refusal to agree to a Congressional act upon his ignorance of the subject matter. You may read the message with cursory glance or careful scrutiny, and you will find that it says only one thing, and that is that the President does not know whether it is a good bill or a bad bill, and he cannot find out until a committee of experts is appointed by himself to tell him to which of these two classes it belongs. The Constitution places upon the members of this House the duty, the responsibility, the power and the right to participate in that legislation after it has passed both Houses of Congress. We have been here during this session of Congress as members of a body charged with the constitutional duty of originating tariff legislation during all the heated term. We have given up our summer, suffering inconveniences, and we have been here to do the work for which we were sent here by the people. The members of this Congress have not been on the beautiful summer afternoons chasing the elusive golf ball around the pretty green of the countryside, nor taking automobile rides across Virginia roads and rivers to historic battlefields or to political meetings. "We have been here on the job," doing what the Constitution requires we should do.

The President should paste this in his hat and study and ponder it at frequent intervals, during his stumping tour of the West in defence of his tariff-legislation vetoes.—Harrisburg Patriot.

MILESBURG.

Miss Ella Wagner has returned from a visit to her piece at Sannan, Cambria county.

Mrs. William Zettle and the Misses Delaney were visitors at the Fisher farm last Thursday. Had a fine time.

Mrs. Powers, of Bellefonte and her cousin, the Misses Keenan, of Alabama and Mrs. Dumont, of New York, were callers at the Delaney residence on Wednesday.

Misses Anna and Hannah Shroyer, Bessie and Madge Orris, Ella Zettle and Nellie Weaver are visiting. Rev. and Mrs. Piper, near Huntingdon.

Mrs. Bertha Cox expects to make her future home at State College. Her daughter Miss Louise will return to Lock Haven Normal.

Miss Joe Kohlsbecker has been entertaining her friend, Miss Mary Mott, of Bellefonte.

Mrs. Annie Thomas, of Osceola, has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. Lee Green, of Centre City.

Harry Quick, of Boggs township, spent Sunday at home, after which he returned to Moshannon where he is erecting one of the finest dwellings for Clyde Quick in that section of the county.

Miss Margaret Miles has returned home after spending the last four weeks with friends and relatives at Unionville.

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RECENT DEATHS.

FREDERICK.—Mrs. Rachael Muschler, aged about 78 years, died at her home at Bousburg on Wednesday at 2 o'clock noon. Funeral services will be held from her late home at 9:30 a. m. on Saturday. A more complete obituary notice will appear next week.

LEAHR.—Thomas Leahr, an old Civil War veteran, died at Benore Wednesday night, 16th, of infirmities of old age, being 77 years old. He was one of the early settlers of that region and was a good citizen and a brave soldier. His wife died suddenly last spring. Burial was made Friday morning in Myers' cemetery, Rev. W. Frain, of the M. E. church officiating.

CALDWELL.—James Caldwell, a well known and life long citizen of Bellefonte, died at his home on Ridge street, Monday morning at 4:30 o'clock after a lingering illness due to paralysis. He was aged about 72 years. Surviving are two sons and one daughter, namely: Thomas, John and Mary, the latter two living at home, and caring for their aged father during his sickness. Mr. Caldwell was a son of James and Jane Caldwell, and was born in County Cavan, Ireland. When quite young he came to this country with his parents, who shortly after their arrival settled in Centre county. His father, the late James Caldwell, who lived to be almost a centenarian, and who died some years ago in Bellefonte, was by occupation a teamster, and this the son took up and followed during his entire life time. He was a very industrious and trustworthy man, and was respected by the entire community. In his early years he was employed at the Bauer & Hoffer store in Snow Shoe; later and until 1881 he drove team for the Bellefonte and Snow Shoe Railroad company, afterwards associating himself with his father, who operated a number of teams, and delivered the first, and that time, all the bituminous coal that came to Bellefonte, hauling it from the mines at McCalmont & Co. and the American Lime & Stone Co. In 1865 deceased was united in marriage with Miss Mary Farley, who preceded him to the grave about four years ago. Three years ago, while employed by the American Lime & Stone Co., Mr. Caldwell was holding a team of horses during a severe electrical storm, and received a shock which is thought by his friends to have been the cause for his afterward gradually declining health. He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, and in this office funeral services were held on Wednesday morning by Rev. McArdle, and interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

COBURN. The Reformed and the Lutheran congregations held their annual Harvest Home services last Sunday.

Last Wednesday evening Rev. E. F. Faust, of Howard, gave an interesting talk on "Echoes of the Atlantic City Christian Endeavor Convention" in the United Evangelical church. On Sunday evening in the United Evangelical church Rev. Henry Hackenberg, of Cleveland, who is visiting his sister, Mrs. Thomas Kaler, preached an old-fashioned Holy Ghost sermon. In his home city he is pastor of a religious sect known as "The Assembly of God," and engages in city mission work.

Mrs. Virgie Noll moved from Sunbury to this place, occupying rooms with her mother Mrs. Rachel Stover. Mrs. Cora Hosterman, or to be more proper Mrs. Cora Smith, (as rumor says she was married Sunday evening at Spring Mills by Rev. Lantz to Mr. Smith of near Centre Hall) with her daughter Stella and Mr. Smith left on Monday for a two weeks visit and honeymoon in Ohio where her brothers William and Edward Hazel reside.

Antonio Saso, the fruit man, has rented the A. J. Campbell property and moved into the same last week. The movers of the week are Walter and Ray Campbell, of Shamokin, and Mary and Florence Keefe, of Wilkes-Barre, and Mrs. Ebon Bower of Bellefonte.

Kathryn Kaler is visiting relatives in Cleveland, O. W. C. Krader and J. A. Witzmer with their families spent Sunday in Union county, and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sholter visited relatives at Tusseyville.

SMULLTON.

Reuben Musser and wife, of Scotland, S. D. are spending some time here with their many friends and relatives.

The I. O. O. F. picnic held in Smull's grove was not very well attended owing to the inclemency of the weather. The ball game played between State College and Rebersburg was very interesting and ended with a score of 15-4 in favor of Rebersburg.

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CENTRAL BRUSHVALLEY.

Everything looks fresh and green since the rain, but should have had such a shower two weeks ago as the potato crops would have been some better. Farmers are raising their potatoes and report the yield poor.

Most of the farmers will finish plowing this week.

Anybody wanting any information on the Gang plow, pay a visit to J. W. Beck; they do the work.

James Wert, who has been on the sick list, is very slowly improving. The Sunday school will erect their walk this week.

Talk about air ships at Hecla, and it was all there. But if it is a disgrace to the county to report having a sham battle, by the Sons of Veterans and then not having any.

Do not forget the festival at Murray School house on Saturday evening. There will be all kinds of refreshments served. There will also be about thirteen different races and contests. Everybody is cordially invited. Music will be furnished.

There must surely have been some high winds through this valley on Saturday night, as it took some of our sport's buggy wheels along, which made some of our young men look very down-hearted on Sunday morning.

Some of the folks in this section expect to attend the Williams grove picnic this week.

C. C. Beck, our up-to-date photographer, is now ready for all kinds of work. He has reduced the prices to 50 cents per dozen. Work must be satisfactory or money will be refunded.

LEMONT.

Rev. Shombaugh, a missionary who recently returned from China, will deliver a lecture in the United Evangelical church in this place on Friday evening, September 8th, to which all are invited.

Griffith Lytle and his son, John, are in from the west visiting among relatives and old friends.

Irvin J. Drees and family returned from the sea shore on Sunday.

Abraham Evey was to Altoona last week consulting a physician as to the hopes of curing his arm.

David Y. Wagner has been quite ill this last week.

G. R. Roan is having an artesian well put down on his property near town.

John R. Williams, wife and daughter are taking their autumn visit among friends in Tottenville, N. Y. Mabel Nearhood and sister, Hilda, spent Sunday at the home of their grandparents, C. D. Houtz's.

Scott Albright and sister Anna were called home to the bedside of their mother, Mrs. Samuel Albright, who is quite ill.

This week brought fine rains and warm weather, the thermometer rising as high as 84 degrees, Monday.

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