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EDITORIAL.

A Roosevelt follower who can endorse a Taft candidate is not consistent. It is an unprincipled compromise.

Roosevelt said last week that any one who wears a Taft button has a "yellow streak" in him. Sounds little severe.

The last Democratic congress took good care of the old soldiers. They know it. It is up to them to show their appreciation. One good turn deserves another.

Roosevelt has tried to put Wilson in his Ananias club several times of late, but the gentleman from New Jersey never pays any attention to the wild rantings of the third-termer.

Governor Wilson may only be a schoolmaster, as Roosevelt says, nevertheless he gave New Jersey a good cleaning up in the short time he was on the job. Wilson has a record of doing things, and keeps his pledges with the people.

If elected Hon. R. M. Foster would not support Penrose or any part of his program. If elected what would Cephas Gramley do? Ask Mr. Gramley when he solicits your vote. He has a right to tell the people where he stands.

The cost of living continues to creep higher and higher, and all comes about after years of Republican rule. Wages only bring a scant living and there is distress in more than one home on that account. Do you want a change? You can get it, if you vote for it.

If Gramley should be elected to the next legislature he would naturally vote for the Penrose candidate for speaker of the house. Such an election would unhorse Flinn and put Penrose in charge again, and his reelection to the United States Senate would follow.

Enormous crops throughout the country are the foundation for all prosperity. This is a banner year for booster crops, only the Republican politicians are trying to rob a kind Providence, who sent the rains and the sunshine, of all the credit. It is a bumper, and Wilson will win.

The old soldiers of Pennsylvania were refused a pension by their state. A Republican governor vetoed the measure because he did not favor it. The excuse was a lack of funds, but there was ample to create new offices and raise salaries. It was a Democratic congress that gave their demand recognition.

Every sensible man who reviews the present political situation admits that Taft's chances of election are hopeless. Roosevelt will lead him by a strong vote, in every state, and the vote in November promises to be a most humiliating defeat for the administration. The people want a new deal and are tired of corporations and boss rule. Wilson will give them that.

According to the last report of government experts, which was compiled from exhaustive inquiry in all sections, the cost of living has been rapidly going up until now it is at the highest notch. War time prices prevail during a long period of peace and it is almost impossible for an honest man to make a decent living for himself and family. Do you want a change?

Roosevelt says that any man who wears a Taft badge has a "yellow streak" in him, and is dishonest. That is what he said in a speech in Missouri the past week. Republicans who are supporting Taft will not appreciate this from the man they elected president but a few years ago and who now wants to be a third-termer. How do you like that, from an ex-president?

For the past week Roosevelt has been traveling in the far west, and one of the astounding declarations he makes daily is that Woodrow Wilson's nomination at Baltimore was made by the bosses and the trusts. If ever there was a deliberate upruth, this is one. Every intelligent man who reads the proceedings of the Baltimore convention, in the papers of all parties, will admit that Wilson's nomination was made in spite of the efforts of the bosses. That was the striking feature of that convention. If any boss accomplished Wilson's nomination, the name of that boss then is William Jennings Bryan. And if Bryan is a boss he has proven himself a mighty good boss, and just the kind of a boss that the people admire. Long ago we

made up our mind that Roosevelt is a deliberate prevaricator. In this instance he has proven himself guilty of all that.

A VICTORY FOR WILSON.

On Tuesday the Democratic voters of New Jersey went to the state-wide primaries and expressed their choice for United States Senator. There were two candidates. Former U. S. Senator James Smith is the man who opposed the nomination of Wilson for President and is known as Boss Smith. He is a gangster and in all his career stood for everything that was undemocratic, but with his boogie he managed to keep a certain hold on the voters. Wilson always had to contend with this man, and at every turn managed to unhorse him. Smith was one of the few New Jersey delegates who went to Baltimore and opposed the nomination of Wilson for President. Smith stood in with the Republicans in the U. S. Senate and opposed every effort for tariff reform. He was a political rooster who used the Democratic party for his own selfish ends. Wilson boldly advised the Democrats of New Jersey against this man. As a result of the primaries on Tuesday Smith was completely overwhelmed by the vote at the primary election. This is a great vindication for Woodrow Wilson, and shows that the plain voters of New Jersey stand by their fearless Governor who has given that state a remarkably clean administration in the few years that he has been in the executive chair.

For years Smith was the political boss of New Jersey, and it was the use of his money that enabled him to succeed as long as he did. New Jersey shows its appreciation for a good, fearless man, and the vote on Tuesday will be commended by all who stand for clean politics and good government, no matter where it is and in which party the issue is raised.

A YELLOW STREAK.

Tuesday's papers gave accounts of Roosevelt's trip through Missouri. The following is an extract from one of these telegraphic reports:

"In the crowd at Lamar, there was a man with a banner with the words 'We want Taft, let well enough alone.' The banner attracted the Colonel's attention. Bending over the railing of his car he pointed to the banner and said:

"Any man who supports the receiver of stolen goods stands on a level with the receiver of the stolen goods. He is a dishonest man, and is unfit to associate with honest men."

"When the Colonel reached Springfield he found another Taft banner and saw a number of men who were wearing Taft badges."

"I have noticed several Taft badges in your town," he said in his speech, "and they are the appropriate color of yellow. There never was a yellow-roller performance than that of the Republican managers at the Chicago convention and the badges are just the right color. The man who wears one shows that he has a yellow streak somewhere."

Such intemperate language from a man who aspires to be elected the chief magistrate of this nation is sufficient to condemn him in the eyes of all sensible people.

Such language from an ex-President is not excusable under any circumstances, and no matter whether he is a Bull Moose or anything else, and clearly indicates his unfitness to occupy the presidential chair.

BULL MOOSE AGAINST PATTON.

The Progressive of McKean county which is part of the Congressional District, held a convention in Smethport on September 7th, 1912, at which Guy B. Mayo, one of the two National delegates from the Twenty-First Congressional District to both the Taft and Roosevelt conventions in Chicago, presided. Mr. Mayo is one of the most influential Bull Mooses in this district and is a personal friend of Mr. Roosevelt. The McKean County convention was not a hand-picked secret conference held at night in a law office, but was a convention held in the day time in the Court House at Smethport. This convention decided that its choice for Congressional honors in this district was not Mr. Patton but Dr. G. E. Benninghoff, of Bradford, an ardent supporter, an avowed adherent of Teddy. Dr. Benninghoff is one of the most prominent surgeons in Northwestern Pennsylvania and is a man that not only has decided convictions upon political questions, but has the courage, honor and manhood to openly and squarely express them. This convention further went on record that the progressives of McKean county will support no candidate in November who does not come out in the open for Roosevelt for President.

A STRAW VOTE.

Harry Rhule conducts a barber shop in the basement of the First National Bank, Bellefonte. His place is prominently located and his trade is with the general public. Last Saturday Mr. Rhule placed a sealed box in his shop and invited each customer to cast a vote for his choice for president. In the evening the ballots were carefully counted and the vote stood as follows:

Wilson 33
Roosevelt 29
Taft 16
Delba 1
Mr. Rhule, we believe, is classed as a Republican. He personally gave the result of the vote to the publisher with his positive assurance that it was fairly taken among his customers, and only those who are voters were permitted to cast a ballot.

Comment is unnecessary, the figures are eloquent in themselves.

PINE GROVE MILLS.

F. R. Randolph has just returned from a trip to Brookville, where he has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Goss.

Prof. Franklin Paul spent Sunday with his family in Philadelphia.

Rev. Spangler filled the pulpit in the Lutheran church on Sunday.

Norman King and family are now snugly located in the Markle home on Main street.

Messrs. Edward, Hewit and Frank Meyers visited at the home of Fred Meyers last week.

Claud Alkens, of Selinsgrove, spent Sunday with friends at this place and State College.

Among those who attended the Granger picnic were, Maud Rudy, Leoda Decker, Grace Swabb, John Keller, Ernest Trastle and Claud Swabb.

The E. E. Higbee Literary society will hold their literary exercises in the High School room on Friday evening, Oct. 4th. The subject for debate is, "Resolved, that the United States as a nation is advancing." Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

HOW PRICES HAVE ADVANCED.

A Comparative Statement Taken From a Federal Report.

The most marked upward trend of the cost of living is disclosed in the federal bureau of labor's report of an investigation of prices for the last ten years, conducted in the important industrial centers of thirty-two states. Fifteen most important articles of food, as well as coal, comprising two-thirds of a workingman's needs, were investigated. In several cities the investigators gathered statements of merchants on the cost of living, and specimens of these are published in the report.

On June 15, 1912, the report shows, fourteen of the fifteen articles of food were higher than a year before, and ten had advanced in the last ten years more than fifty per cent over the average retail prices for the ten years prior—1890-1899.

In the last year bacon was the only food to show a decrease in price, which was one-tenth of one per cent, while other foods advanced. The following table shows the percentage of increase in prices for the last ten years and the last year:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Percentage Increase. Items include Fresh milk, Smoked ham, Eggs, etc.

This is only a portion of the story. There are other necessities of life, such as wool and cotton goods, boots and shoes, and in fact all kinds of clothing, that are higher than ever. Everybody must buy hardware of all kinds, tools, implements, furniture, stoves and housefurnishings. All these are higher in price in almost every instance, and that adds to the general distress of the wage worker, who does not derive the same comforts of life from his earnings as formerly.

Wages have not kept pace with the increased cost of living. It is not possible to compile statistics on this point as the housewife knows that she often returns home with a meagre portion in her market basket, after her allowance is spent for the family's food supplies. In plain words labor does not receive its just reward these days and our economic and industrial systems need re-adjustment.

That the rich are growing richer and the poor poorer is evident. A change is sadly needed.

12th Regt. Reunion at Lewisburg.

The Lewisburg members of the Twelfth Regiment Spanish-American War Veterans Association are making big preparation for the annual reunion which will be held in Lewisburg on Tuesday, October 29th, at which time the muster out of the Regiment will be celebrated.

Trate's Twelfth Regiment band has been engaged to furnish music at the business session to be held in the afternoon, to head the parade in the evening and to play several selections during the camp fire. They will also give a street concert between sessions.

U. B. APPOINTMENTS.

Made During Closing Session of Conference at Winber.

A successful conference of the Allegheny district, United Brethren church, came to a close at Winber on Sunday. Space will only permit publishing a brief synopsis of the business transacted together with a list of appointments made that affect churches in Centre county. Bishop Mills, of Los Angeles, Cal., presided at the various sessions, and addressed the conference on the "Necessary Place of Religion in Human Development." Committee on candidates and credentials reported granting W. W. Williamson a transfer to Southeast Ohio conference and G. W. Shires an honorable dismissal from the church and conference. I. H. Dean, of Runville, and C. W. Winey, of Bellefonte, were recommended for ordination, the services being held in connection with Sunday morning services.

Committee on finance reported, granting appropriations as follows: Allegheny Third church, \$200; Beaver Falls, \$250; Bellefonte, \$125; Greenwood and Juniata, \$200; Huntingdon, \$200; Industry, \$150; Jeannette, \$400; Latrobe, \$250; McKeesport, First, \$150; McKeesport, Faucett avenue, \$500; Milton, \$100; Punxsutawney, \$200; Rockwood, \$200; S. Williamsport, \$50; Trafford, \$250; Windber, \$100; Youngwood, \$150.

The budget entire to be \$1,100. Salary of conference superintendent was raised to \$2,200.

In an appropriate address Bishop Hill presented licenses to H. B. Ritter, E. C. Richmond and Henry Shifler. W. H. Blackburn, a former Bellefonte pastor, was granted a transfer to California conference, where he goes to fill the appointment of the Riverside church. The conference of next year goes to Greensburg. The following appointments were made to Centre county churches: Bellefonte—C. W. Winey; Houserville—R. H. C. Richmond; Philipsburg—W. H. Spangler; Port Matilda—W. H. Artz; Runville—E. B. Sommers.

Save Penalty on School Tax.

All taxpayers should bear in mind that school tax not paid before October 1 will be subject to a penalty of five per cent. This is strictly enforced by the new school code. Therefore, if you would save yourself having five cents added to every dollar of your school tax, you will settle up before next Tuesday.

See the "Girl from Bectors" at the opera house to-morrow night.

SALE REGISTER.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28.—On Nittany Mountain, about 2 1/2 miles from Pleasant Gap, John Houser will sell: Horse, cow, 2 wagons, buggy, harness, sleigh, and large line of household goods.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18.—Andrew Moyer, one mile north of Woodward, will sell: 2 horses, 3 milch cows, 1 heifer, and full line of farm implements and vehicles. Sale at 12:30 p. m. H. H. Miller, auct.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19.—Joel Tressler, 1 1/4 miles southwest of Nittany station, will sell: 1 mare, 3 cows, 2 hogs, farm implements and household goods. Sale at 12 o'clock sharp. Clark McClintick, auct.

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