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## EDITORIAL.

That \$50,000,000 "for good roads" has gone for good but not for roads.

Every workman is thankful that he has a full dinner pail during these democratic times.

Everyone should be thankful that we have a schoolmaster at Washington who is into his job.

The tariff was reduced, and now every man who wants steady work at good wages can get it—these are real Democratic times.

Every conservative business man and intelligent citizen will give thanks today that the questionable \$50,000,000 road loan was defeated.

Everyone is thankful that the promised democratic panic failed to materialize, even though we have had a radical reduction of the tariff.

There is some satisfaction in knowing that the present Democratic State organization was in close touch with the taxpayers of Pennsylvania, when it openly and boldly denounced the proposed \$50,000,000 road loan. It also was noticeable, that a particular brand of democrats throughout Pennsylvania invariably worked and voted for this scheme, to create a great political corruption fund in the name of "Good Roads," which the bosses hoped to manipulate later.

We have had abundant crops and are enjoying universal industrial prosperity. There is employment for all who seek it, at a good living wage. Our people have been freed from famine and great pestilence. We are at peace with all nations of the civilized world. There is every evidence that this nation is growing greater, happier and better, and will continue so through the succeeding years. Therefore we have occasion to rejoice and be glad on this Thanksgiving Day.

The defeat of the notorious Tammany ring in New York is occasion for general rejoicing. The smashing of the Smith-Nugent corrupt democratic faction in New Jersey was cause for congratulating President Wilson. In both cases these corrupt combinations paraded under the Democratic banner, all of which verifies the conclusion that the label does not always guarantee the quality of the goods. Democracy means the will of the majority shall prevail—the people shall rule, and not the bosses of any party.

What has become of those skeptics who thought President Wilson was bluffing when he set out after the scalps of political bosses? Ask Murphy of New York; Smith and Nugent of New Jersey; the Baltimore bosses of Maryland, and all the little ex-bosses of Pennsylvania, who have been waiting humbly for a word of recognition, which never came. All bosses look alike to him, Republicans and Democrats and Progressives. Did ever a President steer a straighter course to carry out his promises to the people?

Governor Tener has accepted the presidency of a great national baseball league at a salary of \$25,000 per annum, but will not assume the active duties in that profession until his gubernatorial term is completed, one year hence. Governor Tener was a successful baseball player in his younger days, and the new position no doubt will appeal to him and be more congenial. In that capacity he will not be bothered with a Penrose machine, or \$50,000,000 road loans and similar schemes. Under Governor Tener's direction we hope to see the national game increase in popular favor.

Every conservative citizen will give thanks to day that we have a President who places a high estimate on human life. Patient in the extreme, possibly, thus far President Wilson has found no occasion to involve this country in a long and bloody controversy at arms with a sister nation. This course may not appeal to the jingo statesmen and the war lords, but it will meet with the approval of the greater portion of our people. Huerta may have been insolent towards this government, but that does not merit an armed intervention in Mexico's revolution, at a great sacrifice of human life.

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—Advertisement. x47.

## THE MEXICAN PROBLEM.

No fish is fried until it is out of the water. Whether President Wilson has successfully conducted his Mexican policy could not now be decided though Huerta should be out of his power and out of his country. Mexico will be a long problem in the solving, with the final verdict of whether it has been solved correctly or incorrectly.

But it is not too early to say that, so far as President Wilson has gone with his Mexican policy, he has gone with amazing ease. He has confounded the jingoes, who were cocksure that he couldn't be impolite to Huerta, much less make threats against him without splitting peace wide open and driving us into war with Mexico, whether we wanted it or not. American, English, German, and French residents in Mexico supposed to have the very best judgment about the national temper there, he has held speechless with surprise. The chambers of Europe he has converted from dissenters and scoffers into ratifiers and admirers.

Nobody out of Mexico ever doubted that President Wilson could force Huerta to his will if he were resolved to do so. In the beginning pretty nearly everybody did doubt that he could ever do so without getting this country into war on the other side of the Rio Grande. A big majority of the opinions most familiar with men and things Mexican, believed that Mr. Wilson couldn't even try to evict Huerta without an international storm, spreading perhaps as far as from Mexico itself to continental Europe.

But it has come to pass that there has been no storm outside of Mexico; there has scarcely been any excitement. No man can safely predict what will come out of a tense Latin-American situation at any time. But it isn't prophecy, it's a statement of hard fact, it's marking up a cold record of history, that from the day he went into the White House and immediately took up his policy against Huerta to this very day, President Wilson has traveled every foot of his Mexican road brilliantly.—Philadelphia Times, Prog.

## HONORS FOR PENNSYLVANIA.

It seems assured that Oscar Underwood of Alabama will be promoted from the House of Representatives to the United States Senate. This will mean a vacancy in the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee in the House, the most important and influential position at Washington outside of the White House.

If current news reports from the National Capitol are reliable it is quite probable that the chairmanship of this committee will be awarded to one of Pennsylvania's distinguished democratic leaders, the Hon. A. Mitchell Palmer. It is announced that he has the support of the administration for this advancement as he enjoys the high regard and confidence of President Wilson, with whom he has been closely identified since the Baltimore convention. Chairman Underwood, who has had Mr. Palmer as one of his valued co-workers in the framing of the tariff bill and who appreciates his worth as a legislator, is desirous of seeing Mr. Palmer succeed him. In addition to this Mr. Palmer enjoys the highest esteem of his fellow congressmen, and they seem ready to accord the distinguished Pennsylvanian the recognition he merits. The position of Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee is a higher honor than that of being Governor of Pennsylvania, or a United States Senator from the Keystone State. These are reasons why Mr. Palmer will not give ear to the many appeals from his friends in Pennsylvania that he enter the race for either of these latter positions. He prefers to remain in congress where a wider field of usefulness awaits him.

## A CURE-ALL THAT FAILS.

Throughgoing followers of Adam Smith held that competition would cure everything. Give competition free sway and goods would be sold at the lowest possible price because manufacturers would bid against one another for customers; wages would be as high as possible because manufacturers would bid against one another for labor; goods would be of the best quality because such goods would attract the most buyers.

Nobody, we suppose, believes that now. Experience contradicts it on every hand. Everyone who reads the newspapers sees that competition, instead of curing all evils, creates many. The Standard Oil Company was a perfect fruit of unlimited competition—being simply the competitor that survived and beat all others in a completely untrammelled field.

Banks, railroads, insurance companies, meat packers, food manufacturers, and others, are restrained by law from competing in certain ways. It is said now that we want fair competition—which always means limited and restrained competition.

The big thing before the forthcoming session of Congress will be the Administration's trust policy; and the big question concerning that policy is as to how much it will insist merely on competition.

President Wilson has already signed a bill containing an exemption which implies that monopolistic cooperation may be very beneficial for labor and for agricultural products, even with no supervision on behalf of the public. That is a pretty plain acknowledgement that competition is no cure-all.—Saturday Evening Post.

## To Reach the Inner Circle.

We may be expelled for making public the secrets of the profession, but here goes: Parties wishing to enter this office at this season should be governed by the following rules: Advance to the inner door and give three distinct raps or kick the door down. The "devil" will attend to the alarm. You will then give him your name, post office address, and the number of years you are owing the paper. He will admit you. You will advance to the centre of the room and address the editor with the following courtesies: Extend the right hand about two feet from the body, with the thumb and index finger pointing to the ten dollar bill, which drop into the extended hand of the editor, at the same time saying: "Were you looking for me?" The editor will grasp your hand and the bill and pressing it will say, "you bet." After giving the news of your locality you will be permitted to retire with a receipt for an obligation properly discharged.

"That old idea of using the terms 'port' and 'starboard' on ships is about obsolete." "Yes" replied Farmer Cornsweat, "but I don't think you gave us agriculturists proper recognition. In pointing out the right and left sides of a ship they ought to use something short and simple, like 'gee' and 'haw'."—Washington Star.

## DEMOCRACY'S TRIUMPH.

How sad is the fall of those party-blind folk who have eagerly awaited the returns of the 1913 elections as the beginning of the end of the Democratic tide in Pennsylvania any through the land. Newspaper organs of the Penrose Machine have been trying ever since those returns came in to sidestep the story they told and have groped madly about for some little peg on which they could hang their tales—up in advance—of the "downfall of the Wilson Administration," the disintegration of the Democratic Party, the return of Progressives to the "fold," and all the rest of the hopeful imaginings of gang press agents.

Surely they are to be pitied for having let their enthusiasm and their optimism run away full tilt with their judgement. It is only another case where the wish was father to the thought, and the thought proves to have been still-born.

The story the election figures tell is exactly the opposite of this rosy vision. The tide of Democracy is still at flood, and the Party, under honest progressive leadership without entangling alliances with any Republican faction, is satisfying the highest expectations of its friends and confounding its enemies by steadfast adherence to sound principles.

Take the vote on the \$50,000,000 Road Bond Amendment as an example of what happened. The defeat of that amendment is admitted to have been the work of the Democratic State organization, working in harmony with the sentiments and wishes of anti-gang voters of all parties, who need only a rallying point for their opposition to that notorious political device for perpetuating the power and prestige of a corrupt Republican Machine. The figures show that over eight counties of the State supported that amendment, one of these being Philadelphia, where the Republican gang is still entrenched most solidly.

The history of that amendment is illuminating. It was the special pet of the Tener administration and was paraded before the people as the one great constructive measure of his term, that would life the administration out of the mire of mediocrity. Nothing that was considered by the Legislature at the 1213 session enlisted the forces of the Penrose Machine so unanimously and enthusiastically as the passage of this amendment. Every means at the Governor's command—patronage, private influence, the veto power, the cabinet lobby in committee and on the floor of the house, which operated more shamelessly and unscrupulously than at any time in years—all were used to drive that amendment through the Legislature in a blind stampede.

The bi-partisan organization throughout the State, spurred on by Senator Penrose and Governor Tener on the stump at every opportunity, and supported by an elaborate and expensive advertising campaign, made desperate efforts to secure its adoption at the polls. But they failed, and now they admit that the result was simply a measure of the popular distrust of the Machine that had sponsored the amendment. Under such conditions, is it any wonder that the mouthpieces of the gang are stumped at the task of finding comfort in the election returns in Pennsylvania.

Surely Democrats everywhere can be proud of the part played in this overwhelming rebuke by the reorganized Democracy of this State, and on the strength of that showing can look

forward with confidence to future contests.

Not only in the State-at-large, but a local contests everywhere the people showed that the same distrust extends to all who are supported by the Machine or are willing to represent or help it. They have discovered that what must be done in this state is not only to rebuke and defeat a few conspicuous leaders of the Machine, but absolutely to crush the Machine itself by making clear by their vote on every occasion, that no man, however respectable he himself may be, can expect support so long as he is allied with or under obligations to the crooked Machine crowd or any of their friends or allies. The time has gone past when crooked politicians can shield themselves behind the respectability of a candidate, whose respectability does not go so far as to make crookedness obnoxious in his supporters as well as in his opponents.

There is only one moral of this story. The progressive movement which has transformed party organizations and brought into leadership men who genuinely strive to serve public and not private interests, is not a passing phase of political affairs. It is a well-founded, deep-rooted faith in the hearts of the people, and they never were more determined to maintain the advantage they have gained in the direction of controlling their own affairs than at the present moment.

## A FREE LANCE MELANGE.

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the same pew? "Of course, you know, I'm only foolin'." says the song-writer. Every public man is but human and has his private foibles. It is not necessary to quote biography nor to lie about it. When we choose our public servants, we must take them cum grano salis; we should not make of office a private snap, but take it cum onera.

The people of his county were never better pleased with any judge than the present one, Harvey Whitehead, who educated himself, worked as a lumber jack in the piney woods, and many a night, as he lay down with only a star spanned coverlet over him, pined for the day when he a judge could be. He proves that there is no royal road to dignity and success, in America.

Let it be borne in mind that whenever an issue was presented in a democratic state convention, to purge it of the Donnelly & Ryan rot of Philadelphia, with its gang-furnished hooters and clackens, they brought upon the stage the silver-tongued Michael to paint them angels and save their diabolical hoofs! Witness Altoona and Harrisburg.

It is unnecessary to open up the Alentown Brewery Convention and its cataclysms and polecatisms. "Let the dead past bury its dead." But political state makers want to remember that the Democratic club of Lycoming county gave candidate Grim the greatest reception and feed and liquidation he received anywhere in the state. But the county went for Berry by 2,000. Forget it not. tgd,Hfee un

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## Daugherty-Price.

A very pretty wedding took place at the M. E. parsonage at Snow Shoe on Monday afternoon, Nov. 17th, 1913 the contracting parties being Miss Verina Price, of Snow Shoe and Mr. John Daugherty, of Winslow, Arizona. The bride was attended by Miss Mae Boyce of Clarence, while Mr. C. Hall, of Oncoola, acted as best man. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mrs. Anna Price and for some time has been the very obliging clerk at Budinger's store where she will be greatly missed. After an extended wedding tour, Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty will be at home in Winslow, Arizona, after Feb. 15, 1914. A host of friends extend best wishes and congratulations.

## Meeting of Pomona Grange.

Centre County Pomona Grange will meet in Grange Arcadia, Centre Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, at 7 a. m. It is urged that there be a full attendance. Fourth degree members are invited. The election of officers for the next two years will take place at this meeting. At noon lunch will be served and after that a short time will be given to social intercourse. Leonard Rhone, Master; D. M. Campbell, Secretary.

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