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ALLEGHENY'S CELEBRATION.

To-morrow the Northside municipality will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its organization as a city. Taken simply as an independent city, without any connection with the larger member of the same municipal family, the record of progress from the date when Allegheny was advanced from the rank of a borough to that of city is interesting and important. Special articles giving the local history and abounding with anecdotes concerning the early days of Allegheny City, which are the prominent features of to-day's DISPATCH, fully set forth that phase of the celebration. The contrast between the days when the unkempt "commons" formed the outskirts of the town of 10,000 people to the present day when the parks form the beautiful setting for the public edifices and the handsome dwellings of a city of 105,000 population is a very great one. The contrast, if intelligently analyzed, will be found to comprise a record of all the great advances in industry and science for the past half century. The railroad, the electric telegraph and the application of steam power in the earlier part of the decade and the telephone, electric lighting and electric railway, together with the local factor of natural gas in later years, each has taken its part and marked an epoch in the ten-fold increase of population.

But there is really a broader view of the growth and progress which this anniversary will celebrate, in the recognition of Allegheny as an integral and important part of the great community which is located on both sides of the river. It is as a part of Pittsburg that Allegheny has grown in magnitude and wealth. During the greater part of the half century she has furnished homes for the increase of the population of the whole community, and it was only until the plain on the Northside was thickly occupied back to the hills, that the population of Pittsburg overflowed her own hills to the valleys on the eastern side. The real interest of the occasion is one in which the resident of Pittsburg can share as well as the Alleghenian, namely, as typical of the progress, growth and enrichment of the industrial and mercantile interests which have made Allegheny populous because Pittsburg was prosperous.

All the history, reminiscences and reflections produced by to-morrow's event will emphasize this one fact: that the growth, interests and prosperity of Allegheny are indissolubly and inevitably bound up with and a part of the growth and prosperity of Pittsburg. If Pittsburg is active, enterprising and expansive, Allegheny must share the benefits; if the business interests are burdened and depressed Allegheny must languish and decay. Whatever has conduced to the benefit of Pittsburg, Allegheny has shared in; whenever commercial or public misfortune has fallen on the greater municipality, the younger member of the family has not escaped its share of the injury. Separate in name and political organization, the north side city is in feeling, commercial and industrial interests, social connections and local pride as much a part of Pittsburg as either the East End or the Southside.

With this unity of the two cities brought out by every detail of the celebration, as a matter of fact, why should not the views of the future, which are necessary part of such an occasion, extend to the unity that exists in fact, the recognition? Why should not the glorification of the day be stimulated by the recognition of the possibility that such a unity would be accomplished not by letting Pittsburg absorb Allegheny, but by letting Allegheny absorb Pittsburg, and creating a new and greater community, to be known as Allegheny? THE DISPATCH has already shown how this can be done, without prejudicing any local interests, by preserving the autonomy of the two districts as to finance, taxation and all other matters of administration in which independence will be to the advantage of either. Is it not a proper part of the reflections of the day that Allegheny should extend the unity which has made her progress possible in such a manner that she can take her proper place before the country as a leading part in wealth, population and influence of a city of 400,000 inhabitants?

WHAT ARE THE FACTS?

"We believe that the numbered ballot feature, which was put into the Constitution as a safeguard against fraud and with the best intentions, is subject to abuse and should be removed," remarks the Philadelphia *Press* in an article concerning the attitude of the two parties on the subject of ballot reform. This declaration warrants two inquiries of our esteemed cotemporary:

First, what well-authenticated instance of the abuse of the constitutional provision is there in which the abuse would not have been prevented by a law requiring the poll lists of voters as numbered to be sealed up before the ballot-box is opened and to be kept sealed unless by order of Court they were opened to determine a contest or to furnish evidence as to the honesty of the count?

Second, what instances of the abuse of this provision are there equal in danger to the practice of substituting fraudulent ballots, which cannot be detected unless there are some means of identifying the ballots cast by the voters?

Third, at what time prior to the adoption of the Republican plank in favor of the constitutional amendment did the *Press* express this belief in the existence of the abuses?

When these questions are answered by the production of actual cases there may be some foundation for the campaign against the Constitution. As long as they remain unanswered the demand for the constitutional amendment by the Republican organs is simply shallow partisanship.

MR. BLAINE'S MISTAKE.

Secretary Blaine's letter on the subject of reciprocity is written in support of a policy which has often been indorsed in these columns, and against which, in the main, no words can be said. But in his anxiety to secure the universal application of his policy, the Secretary proposes to urge it upon some details of the present tariff enactment in a way which would subordinate the interests of the people simply to an ideality of reciprocal policy.

In objecting to the removal of duty on sugar, except in exchange for a removal of the duty on American flour at Havana, the Secretary shows his inability to perceive that the removal of the sugar duty is urged solely for the benefit of American consumers. The object aimed at is to take away an unnecessary burden of about $60,000,000 per annum on an article of universal consumption, in which the object of protection has been wholly defeated by a Trust, and the only result of which has been the yielding of no revenue which it is the interest of the country to cut off. It would, of course, be an advantage to American interests to have the Cuban market opened to American flour; and as the duties imposed by Spain are plainly retaliatory for our sugar duties, perhaps that object may be gained by the reduction of the latter. But the total amount of our sales of flour to Cuba is not over 20 per cent of the unnecessary cost of the sugar of this country. The retention of the sugar duties will cost the farmers alone more than the loss of the Havana market for their flour.

The Secretary's error is evident with regard to his illustration taken from our coffee trade with Brazil. It is worth noticing that the unsatisfactory balance of trade with Brazil under the removal of the coffee duty is not worse than the equally unsatisfactory balance with Cuba under the retention of the sugar duties. But the point is that the removal of the coffee duties was done for the benefit of American consumers. It was a staple of general consumption; its production could not be developed at home; and therefore the repeal of the duty in 1872 meant the removal of an unnecessary tax from every breakfast table in the land.

Of the question of reciprocal trade, it is necessary to say that if after the sugar duties have been removed Spain continues her barbarous policy of making flour dear to the Cubans, it may be necessary to impose a retaliatory duty, not on sugar as a staple, but on Cuban sugar. That would be retaliation which Spain would feel. With the duty removed on other sugars, Spain might see that it was necessary to permit our flour to be sold in exchange for her sugars. But with the duties kept up on all sugars, Spain has no inducement to make concessions. These considerations are clearly decisive in favor of repealing the sugar duties and letting the consumers of the nation have cheapened sugars.

A CITY HOSPITAL.

The reason advanced by Chief Elliot, of the Department of Charities, for the establishment of a city hospital, are weighty and well considered. Mr. Elliot's argument, which is printed in another column, should be read. He makes out a very powerful plea for a city hospital.

It is true, as Mr. Elliot says, that Pittsburg stands in particular need of such an institution, by reason of the dangerous avocations of so many of her inhabitants. The hospitals in the city, admirable as they are, cannot and should not be expected to exceed their present sphere of action. The overcrowding of the City Farm is alone sufficient reason for the agitation of this question. THE DISPATCH will be glad to aid Mr. Elliot in his efforts to improve the city. By getting the plans well outlined at this early day, the Legislature's assistance may the more readily be obtained.

FALSE VIEWS ON CORRUPTION.

Reports from Beaver county are to the effect that there is no especial popular demand for the punishment of the bribery at the New Castle convention. The most remarkable theory presented is that "for the good of the party" the matter should be quieted up.

In the first place it should not be necessary to await any popular demand for the punishment of crimes against the public. The idea, that if a man has committed robbery, bribery or other theft, either of political or material merchandise, the officers of the law must await a popular demand before proceeding against him, is destructive of the enforcement of the law and the prevention of crime. The offense of purchasing votes is as great against the public welfare as the offense of picking pockets; and when the charge is made of that offense the public officials who do not take steps at once to have it investigated by the legal instrumentalities must be false to their duties.

Even more unique is the idea advanced by some of the Beaver county Republicans that the matter should be dropped for the "good of the party." A party which will be benefited by hushing up and condoning bribery must be in a remarkable condition of morality. Any party which stands for the cause of honest popular representation and decent politics will have its good best subserved by the exposure and punishment of dishonesty and bribery, and the retirement of corruptionists to private life. If crimes against honest politics like this are to be ignored for party good, it identifies the party in which this is done, with corruption.

Finally, a rather remarkable state of affairs is alleged, to the effect that the law against bribery at nominating conventions and primaries is so formed that the parties most active in the bribing cannot be reached. If that is so there is need for new planks in the party platforms much more urgent than that which produced the declarations concerning ballot reform.

"THE confessor who sold out Congressman Townsend are 'honest farmers' who consented to enter politics for purification purposes," says the Washington *Post*. The dislike of that paper, which seems to be about equally divided between farmers and reformers, leads it to draw on its imagination for its facts. As it could have found out by reading the reports, only one man out of the four implicated is a farmer. Of the others, one is a mechanic, one a grocer and the other a justice of the peace. Honesty is not the exclusive possession of any especial class; but the farmers certainly cannot be particularly charged with this violation of it.

TERRIBLE accidents of all sorts are the freight of this July. The gunpowder explosion at Loveland, Ohio, added horribly to the list of violent deaths which this week has furnished.

"AT Asbury Park there is one bathing place on the beach for white people and another for colored people. They all, however, bathe in the same ocean. Asbury Park is in New Jersey; not in South Carolina," remarks the esteemed Philadelphia *Record* in a fit of extreme and deplorable dough facedness. Is the esteemed *Record* prepared to affirm that in South Carolina the colored people are allowed to bathe at all?

FOR apparently the last time the plans for the building of the Duquesne Theater are signed, sealed and delivered. This will delight the theater-going public.

THE pipe manufactories in Pittsburg are for once either too busy or otherwise unable to accept a big order from the West. The order in question is for three hundred miles of natural gas pipe. This is to be used to connect Chicago with the natural gas fields of Indiana. This should act as a lever to open up the great tube works now closed down.

SECRETARY BLAINE is showing no signs of decay. He is quite able to stand up and strike out still. Some of his colleagues are sorry to realize it.

THE Marquis de Leuville's earnest attempt to get Mrs. Frank Leslie to marry him has failed again; but it is observed that after the international sensation produced by that alleged noble's peculiar prank, Mrs. Leslie is open to lecture engagements. There are more successful advertising schemes than stolen diamonds.

THE hot wave's pernicious activity continues with a vigor that will render any abatement of it most grateful to a sweltering public.

EVEN the cyclones were unable to blow away the fight of Minneapolis and St. Paul over their respective census returns. In the West no greater insult can be offered to a city than to diminish its population; while Pittsburg turns its cold shoulder upon enterprises calculated to increase its population too rashly.

THUNDER storms circled about Pittsburg until this morning, but none came to temper the torrid heat piled up yesterday.

STANLEY'S illness is said to be serious. It is wonderful that his constitution has not given way before under the tremendous strain put upon it in Africa. Nearly sixty per cent of the Europeans who have ventured within the forests of equatorial Africa have never come out alive.

THE sum total of the Beaver disclosures can be stated to the effect that politics there have become entirely too practical.

FRANCE'S claim to a slice of Africa causes the statesmen of Germany and England to smile. The fellow who is late at the distribution of the plunder will have to fight in order to get his share of other people's property.

ANY sort of a storm would be welcome.

PROMINENT MEN AND WOMEN.

MRS. THOMAS A. HENDRICKS and her sister and niece have gone to the White Mountains.

GOVERNOR JAMES E. CAMPBELL and Judge Stevenson Burke, of Ohio, are at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York.

FIZZER is the name of a candidate for Governor in Arkansas. It is a sort of soda water name, but it may have a stick in it.

ONE of the heaviest wagers ever laid was that of the Marquis of Hastings, who bet $500,000 on a single horse race—and lost.

SIR EDWIN ARNOLD will write some articles on Japan for *Scribner*. They will be illustrated by sketches made by Robert Blum, who was sent to Japan for the purpose.

PROF. DANIEL WILLARD FISKE, who won the $2,500,000 law suit brought by Cornell University, is abroad at present. He is noted for his Icelandic scholarship and his big law suit.

THE new Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, M. B. Daly, was sworn into office by Chief Justice McDonald at Halifax Monday. The Legislative council chamber, where the ceremony took place, was crowded.

MRS. TENNANT and her daughter, who has now become Mrs. Stanley, were house hunting in London a fortnight ago, and among the dwellings inspected by them was the one just vacated by Mrs. Mary Anderson Navarro.

MR. BENJAMIN P. SHILLABER (Mrs. Partington) has passed his 76 birthday; but though somewhat feeble, he is in full possession of his faculties, and still has that keen sense of the ludicrous that enters so largely in all his writings.

ANOTHER woman who has made her mark as a lawyer is Mrs. Ada Bittenbender of Osceola, Neb. She has tried many cases before the Supreme Court of Nebraska and has not lost one. Mary L. McGindly, of Detroit, was also admitted recently to practice law.

THE Princess Louise has more skill than an Indian in handling a canoe, and often lands without assistance a salmon weighing as much as 30 pounds. When she kills a particularly fine fish she carefully packs it in ice and sends it to her royal mother, the Queen.

A BOILING LAKE.

One of Nevada's Curious Natural Phenomena Described.

From the Virginia (Nev.) Enterprise.]

Recently an item has been going the rounds in regard to a boiling lake near Lassen's Peak, California. It is not generally known, but we have in Nevada a similar boiling lake. It is situated at the eastern base of the first large mountain range east of the Sink of the Carson. It lies on the edge of an immense desert—a desert so large and scorching that in summer the Indians never attempt to cross it except at night, and even then they always go provided with a large supply of water. On three sides of the lake are rocks two or three hundred feet high, which are perfectly bare and are burned to a deep brick-red. The area of the lake is about two acres. Though steam is constantly rising from the water the whole surface of the lake does not boil. The agitation—boiling—is confined to the great springs which burst up at several points. These springs force columns of water from a foot to two or three feet in diameter to a height of over 20 inches above the general surface of the lake, causing a loud, rippling sound and considerable local commotion. The water of the whole lake is doubtless boiling hot, though not seen to boil, for a brook flowing from it down into the sands of the desert sends up a cloud of steam for a distance of several hundred yards. About a mile from the lake is a great deposit of sulphur, running through which are streaks of pure alum from two to six inches wide.

QUAY ADDS A HUNDRED

To the List of Donations for the Fayette County Sufferers.

R. D. Layton, who is receiving contributions for the Dunbar mine disaster sufferers, received a letter yesterday from Dr. J. J. Mullin, of the Committee on Distribution. He says money is what they most need, as the Ladies' Aid Society of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church and Mrs. Gusky have contributed all the clothing that will be required for some time, except bed clothing, which could be put to good use.

Dr. Mullin says they want from $12,000 to to $15,000 in money. The donations yesterday were: J. W. Drape & Co., $25; Campbell & Dick, $10; David Hollender, $5; William A. Demmler, $10; Stockdale Coal Company, $10; Prentice & Hacket, $25; A Friend, $2, Charles E. Pope, $5; M. S. Quay, $100; Henry M. Long, $5. Previously reported, $156.

THE TOPICAL TALKER.

Gossip About the Stage—Carmencita's Career—Mr. File's New Play—Sylvia's Girdle—The Duquesne Theater.

From six months past hardly a man that I have met fresh from New York but has sung the praise of Carmencita, the Spanish dancer who has conquered all sorts and conditions of men and women in New York since her arrival early last season. She is still dancing away at Koster and Bial's, where she has signed a contract to remain another year. A tour of the summer resorts was planned for her, but it has been given up.

It is unfortunate but there doesn't appear to be the slightest chance of Carmencita appearing in Pittsburg this season. But the dark-haired agile dancer will not have the field of Spanish dances all to herself. Others in her line are already making preparations for a visit to this country the coming season, and a number of imitators are now at work on cotemporaneous stages.

MR. FRANKLIN FILE, whose writings are familiar enough to THE DISPATCH'S readers, is the author of a play of which much is expected. Mr. File is one of the ablest dramatic critics in New York, and the honesty of the *Sun's* reviews of the stage has, through Mr. File's agency, become famous. The play is called "Overlook," and it is described as a Western drama devoid of miners, cowboys, Indians, gunpowder and bowie knives. Anna Boyd, whose charms of person make her popular in burlesque and musical comedy, is to be the heroine of "Overlook." Its realism is to be ambitious, and one of the scenic features, employing electricity, is being prepared at the Metropolitan Opera House, in New York.

ASSISTANT Manager Dawson, of the Bijou Theater, arrived in the city last night. The indications are that the theatrical season here will be in full swing by the end of August. That is to say that the Grand Opera House, the Bijou Theater, the Academy, and Harris' Theater will be open by that date. The Duquesne Theater is to be opened early in October. If the summer temperature is to be modeled upon what we have already had, there will be several managers regretting their departure from the old rule of beginning the year in the second week of September.

Only one new play will July see in New York. It is positively arranged that the Bijou will reopen on Monday evening, July 28, when McKee Rankin will present for the first time in New York a play called "The Canuck," which will be given with a strong supporting cast. Manager Rosenquest considers this production of so much importance that he is having entirely new scenery painted for it. Rankin will then be seen for the first time as *Jean Baptiste Cadeaux*, a French Canadian, a part said to afford him ample opportunity to display his ability as a character actor.

SYLVIA'S GIRDLE.

My Sylvia, shy and seventeen,
Come tell me why you wear a frown?
Hath Mr. B—— another queen?
Or Miss Marie a finer gown?

She will not tell, the little rogue;
She feigns a headache, if you please;
Her belt's so tight—it's the vogue—
She'd not survive a sudden sneeze.

H. J.

THE Duquesne Theater has emerged finally, it may be believed, from the fogs of doubt and disturbing rumors. Manager David Henderson stopped for a few hours yesterday in this city *en route* from New York to Chicago. He