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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

- For Governor: DANIEL H. HARTING, OF CENTER. For Lieutenant Governor: WALLACE LYON, OF ALLEGHENY. For Auditor General: AMOS K. MYLIN, OF LANCASTER.

THE NOMINATION of the Republican ticket at Harrisburg on Wednesday was attended with considerable importance, but that was nothing to the deluge that awaits the state Democracy next November.

An Excellent Work. There exists in this state, although little known, an agency which in its particular field is doing excellent auxiliary work in the cultivation of sound political principles among the people. We refer to the Farmers' Protective Tariff League of Pennsylvania, the organization of which has been effected largely through the instrumentality of N. B. Critchfield, of Somerset, the League's present president; John H. Landis, of Lancaster, and J. W. Nesbitt, of Allegheny, its secretaries; and William Hertzler, of Port Royal, Juniata, now its treasurer. The League has been in existence only three years, yet during that time it has distributed millions of pages of protection literature among the farmers, miners and wage-earners of Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Delaware and other states; and has contributed in no small degree to the popular erection now visible toward the Republican faith. This usefulness could be much increased by an increase in its available funds. In a current address the League very aptly says:

There is an imperative duty devolving upon the friends of protection in this country that has long been neglected. They must pay special attention to the education of our young men in the principles and policy of the protective system. The overwhelming importance of this cannot be too strongly enforced. Thousands of young men in the several educational institutions of the country are being trained in the free trade theories of the day, and are being indoctrinated by teachers and professors who are mere theorists, who have never performed manual labor and have had no practical experience in any business which, as a rule, is a sure cure for all free trade nonsense. Here in Pennsylvania alone we have 10,000 young men in the colleges, seminaries and normal schools of the state, many of whom will become teachers of the youth of the land, in whose hands should be placed from time to time sound protection literature which will help to neutralize the free trade theories and low tariff ideas found in most of the books on political economy in libraries of our state at the present time. To put protection literature into the hands of these young men is a work to which the Pennsylvania Tariff League proposes to address itself. It is a work in which every friend of the protective policy should willingly cooperate.

This is indeed a work that cannot be prosecuted too vigorously. There is no greater need today than for a general recognition among our colleges of the fact that this American country of ours is, from its very location, origin, settlement and training, an exception to European standards; that it needs a philosophy of its own, and a political economy of its own; and, above all, that it needs a feeling among its people that what lawful acts they propose to do should not necessarily first be referred to England for gracious approval. The protective system is one item in this needed Americanization of America, and whatever tends to strengthen its hold upon the intelligent young of our country is to be regarded as a patriotic deed, worthy of cordial approval and support.

A JUDGE BROWN up at Newburg has furnished an example of judicial expediency that might be followed with excellent results elsewhere. The magistrate heard the story of a woman who wanted a divorce from her unfaithful husband and the evidence of witnesses and granted the divorce with alimony in the brief space of ten minutes. If divorces must be had it is well that they should be granted with neatness and dispatch.

Convention Details. In the management of conventions although much experienced, Harrisburg has one thing still to learn. It has yet to learn to discriminate between the local ward heeler who may chance to possess passing claim upon the favor of the powers that grant admission to the convention hall, and the hard working newspaper representative who goes to conventions not so much out of personal curiosity or "pull" as because he is one of the few trained eyes through which the people of the entire nation scrutinize the convention's work. The ward ticket peddler is no doubt an excellent and necessary functionary in his place; but his place is not in the beggary space customarily allotted to the active newspaper correspondents, and a system which interposes one genuine reporter among three loaf and boisterous recipients of the doortender's distinguished consideration whose only claim to space in the press quarters is their amazing nerve can never satisfy the wishes of public for adequate printed convention reports.

When it came to arranging the details of last Wednesday's Republican state convention at Harrisburg Chair-Gilkeson delegated the task to Assistant Secretary Petheroff, and in turn, handed the responsibility for stage arrangements over to a subordinate, who, after assigning to the active newspaper workers a space insufficient for a three instrument orchestra, then proceeded further to enmesh upon this miniature reservation by distributing press tickets among men who could not, to save their lives, describe the difference

between a semi-colon and a printer's stick. The consequence was that hundreds of thousands of Republican voters who relied upon their favorite newspapers to picture the convention's work were elbowed out into the darkness because personal favorites of the janitors and cuspidor cleaners at the Harrisburg convention hall were permitted to curp the place and exclude men who had come long distances to Harrisburg specially to chronicle the convention proceedings. This kind of thing is common to all parties and to all managements; but it would not be common long if the newspapers of the state were to insist upon their rights. In behalf of the great reading public, whose interests they represent, the news journals of Pennsylvania ought to demand business-like treatment in the future. They would get it if they did.

If this humidity continues much longer Scranton can have a flood, too.

PROFESSOR GARNER, the student of monkey lingo, has published several articles upon his work in Africa where in a steel cage he claims to have studied the Siamese dialect and conversed with numerous specimens of the missing link of high and low degree. Professor Garner's articles read well and entitle him to membership in the Ananias club without further recommendation.

Wholesome indications. It is indicative of healthy political sentiment when thousands of men, foremost in their respective communities, are willing to brave the perils of flood and storm and endure the inconveniences of interrupted travel merely to be present at a Republican state convention, the work of which, achieved without exciting incident, had generally been foreseen. It is indicative of healthy political sentiment when these men, whose collective superiority over the average convention throng was so distinct and conspicuous as to occasion repeated remark, become imbued with genuine party feeling that the oratory in which this emotion found voice is admitted to have been the most eloquent, earnest and effective since the stirring days of emancipation and civil war. Such incidents are not mere accidents. They have a profound and a hopeful significance, that bodes ill for the future of Democratic partisanship in this country.

It is likewise indicative of a wholesome state of public opinion when the proposition at Harrisburg to offer a sop to the Populistic zealots of the day in the form of a quasi-increment of unlimited silver coinage, instead of encountering favor, met with such distinct and overwhelming repudiation that the suggestion was not even repeated. Among the membership of all great organizations having in charge the dissemination of certain political principles there are naturally two distinct classes that sometimes clash. One class believe in principle because it is principle; the other, because it is a convenient means to coveted personal ends. The former will not bend their real convictions to the false god of expediency, whereas the latter stand ready to change principles as they would coats, with each variation in the fickle temperature of popular favor. It is indicative of a wholesome stage in the progress of revived Republicanism in this commonwealth that the trieksters and demagogues, who sometimes disport themselves on its surface, have been properly subordinated; and that the battle of the immediate future is to be a fearless one, for principle, like those of earlier days that form at once the party's glory and the nation's pride.

Among those who two years ago were misled into the Grover Cleveland wilderness were thousands who, born of Republican parents and reared among the elevating influences of Republicanism in its formative period, had of late years, as they believed, missed the true ring of sincere conviction in many Republican platforms and fancied they heard, instead, the piping treble of expediency. They may be wrong in this fancy. They certainly were wrong in losing even momentary faith in the only American party of modern times which has represented a real and creative aim in our politics further than the making of new offices added to the seizure of the old ones. They certainly were wrong in arguing that because Republicanism showed, as they supposed, momentary and superficial signs of moral deterioration it lay within their power, or within the power of any man or men, to galvanize the old, state-rights, slave-labor, secession-loving Democracy into even the semblance of moral regeneration. But right or wrong, they made their choice and began the experiment with results of familiar disastrousness. We invite the attention of these sincere citizens to the indications we have just described. Now, it seems to us, is an excellent time to begin their atonement for past errors; an excellent time to get once more into the old homestead, among old friends and in the old and wholesome Republican atmosphere.

The present revival in the Republican party means an end to Mugwumpery as a formidable political possibility. In an encounter with white caps in Arkansas recently the officers killed several of the best citizens of St. Francis county who were among the caps. If this opposition to white cap fun is kept up for any length of time there is danger that the "best citizens" of the south-west will be exterminated.

A SUGGESTION is offered to science in the recent vaccination of Coxey, Browne and Jones. The learned individual who could discover a cure for

populism and Coxeyism by inoculation or injection would be entitled to rank with Pasteur, Koch and Keesley as a benefactor of humanity.

Mr. CROWWRIGHT, the husband of Olive Schreiner, has taken his wife's maiden name and now calls himself Mr. Crowwright Schreiner. Under existing conditions it would also be in good taste for Mr. Crowwright Schreiner to array himself in bloomers.

Memorial Day. The approach of Memorial day never fails to arouse feelings of reverence for our honored dead in the hearts of the truly patriotic, and to those of riper years the occasion is one of significance. To them the ceremonies, which are regarded with delight or unconcern by the rising generation, have a double meaning in awakening memories of the past. As the processions move to the sound of the drum burdened with the blossoms that beautify the last resting places of the slumbering heroes, the pages of memory are vivid with scenes of other years when the marching hosts moved southward in response to a call from the heads of a tottering nation, when brave men in the prime of manhood left home, loved ones and all, and marched away to death that the Union might be preserved and that we of today might enjoy the blessings of freedom and prosperity.

The comrades who accompanied the fallen patriots and returned to tell the stories of the wars are now gray haired men. Year by year the number is diminished as the patriots drop from the ranks here and there and a few seasons hence the last veteran will have joined his comrades at the great review and the work of decoration on Memorial Day will be left to other hands. The universal observance of Memorial Day each year is a pleasing indication that our heroes did not fight in vain. A nation's reverence for its defenders is one of the highest evidences of its patriotism. May the spirit that prompted the heroes of '76 and '91 to offer their lives for their country never grow cold. With each returning season of buds and blossoms when all nature smiles anew in the garb of youthfulness as we pay tribute to the memory of the departed, let us take anew the pledge that the trust reposed in following generations by the slumbering patriots shall be guarded by eternal vigilance.

AMONG THE extensionists who accompany the New York retail coal dealers to this city there is probably none more popular than Frederick E. Seward, publisher of the Coal Trade Journal. Mr. Seward is of genial temperament and is invariably one of the wits of the party. Upon the former visit of the coal dealers to Scranton, Mr. Seward was the life of the reception given the visitors, and by his bright speeches and lively manner created the impression that he would be more at home as the editor of a humorous publication than in directing the destinies of the staid Trade Journal where the suspicion of a joke is never allowed.

AND NOW comes the Pittsburg Times to the "Want My Lover Said" poetical pit, and fills in most awkwardly retarding the crediting of that gem to Richard Raaf, who, it explains, "was a brilliant genius, but decidedly erratic." If Richard Raaf was one-half as erratic as the exchange editors who would rich from Homer Groene his well-son laurels, we do not wonder that he was not successful in life.

OHIO'S FEMALE pleader, Nellie G. Robinson, lost her first case in court. She defended a fellow who had been arrested for burglary. Wait until she tackles a breach of promise case.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. L. MOLLOY, the song writer, is an English baritone, who divides his time between his profession and music, which he considers a recreation.

LORD WOLESELEY is said to have written most of his memoirs of the Duke of Marlborough standing at a desk in his dressing gown before breakfast.

THE HON. JOHN L. BLAIR, the venerable railroad magnate, continues quite ill at his residence in Blairtown, N. J. He has nearly completed his ninety-second year. PROF. BELL firmly believes that it will be possible some day to see from Washington to New York as easily as one can convey the sound of the voice that distance.

Mrs. SATOLLI has been so pleased with his reception in New England that he has said he will always stand up for New Englanders when they are accused of religious intolerance. OSCAR H. O. SWEDEN is not only the handsomest man with the exception of the czar the tallest but in many respects the cleverest of European monarchs. He is a poet, composer and scientist, and the result is seen not only in his own personal achievements but in the furtherance, by every royal protection, of the arts and sciences in Sweden.

"THE title of doctor, which we have conferred upon Dr. Zola," says a writer in the Gil Blas, whose article is headed "Doctor Zola," is not a mere empty title; for not only had the great novelist depicted moral and social misery in his works with unrivaled skill, but in many passages he has described the outward symptoms of disease in a masterly way."

DR. F. T. HILPRECHT, of the University of Pennsylvania, last week sailed for Constantinople, where he will assume charge, under the Turkish government, of the curatorship of the imperial museum. In the course of his work of arranging specimens last year Dr. Hilprecht secured for the archeological museum of the University of Pennsylvania a number of casts of the imperial collections and expects this year to increase the museum in the same way.

CHARLES HARRIS, the Milwaukee man, who wrote "After the Ball," is a favorite nephew, it seems, of Joel Chandler Harris (Uncle Remus). The Georgia uncle provided for the education of the boy, who now that the fame of his song has brought him a fortune, has repaid a part of his debt to his more famous relative by presenting him with a charming little lakeside property near Oconomowoc, the loveliest of the Wisconsin watering places. This property was once owned by Sidney Lanier, the southern poet.

Know the Symptoms. Burlington (Vt.) Gazette. "My man," said the woman who was leaning across the fence, "is one of these here leeches."

"And what's that?" asked the other woman. "Why, one of these here fellows that is always sure his hat is coming to him, and is mighty surprised when it comes."

The Difference. New York Journal. "I hate a high hat when I'm at the theater," said he. "But when I'm in a church, why, then, that's different, you see. For at the playhouse then the hat shuts out the stage's view, but in the church it gets a chance for me to take a snooze."



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