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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

- For Governor: DANIEL H. HASTINGS, OF CENTER. For Lieutenant Governor: WALTER LYON, OF ALLEGHENY. For Auditor General: AMOS K. MYLIN, OF PHILADELPHIA. For Secretary of Internal Affairs: JAMES W. LATA, OF PHILADELPHIA. For Commissioner of Taxes: GALELIA A. GROW, OF SUSQUEHANNA. For Treasurer: GEORGETT HUFF, OF WESTMORELAND. Election Time, Nov. 6.

THIS PARAGRAPH in the Wilkes-Barre News Dealer is untrue: The "SCRANTON TRIBUNE and Republican want to dictate to the Republicans of Luzerne county, whom they should nominate for Congress. The Scranton Republican can speak for itself and so far as THE TRIBUNE is concerned its only utterance in relation to the Twelfth district was one deploring an effort to rob the Republicans of Luzerne county of their privilege of choosing their own nominee. The effort has since subsided, and we are correspondingly happy.

Yesterday's Parade.

If there is one feature more gratifying than another in connection with the anniversary commemorated so fittingly yesterday, it is the participation of the young in those instructive memorial exercises. It is well, of course, that adult civilians, through their various peace organizations, should pay a public token of respect to the memory of those volunteer soldiers of three decades ago whose practical heroism, on southern battle fields, made possible the happy conditions under which we nowadays flourish. The appearance of these organizations, in the line of parade, occasioned gratification and contributed to the impressiveness of an always impressive observance. Their membership stands as one of the conspicuous pledges of what the loyal citizenship of today would do in defence of the flag should its honor again call for determined volunteers.

Not less gratifying was the creditable showing made by local representatives of the Pennsylvania National Guard, occupying a medial position between men who make war or the possibility of war the basis of an exclusive profession and men who, in the fancied security of untroubled peace, give no thought to dangers as yet unseen, this branch of the militia is not only a prudent precaution, considered philosophically, but it is in downright practice, the very finest and truest expression of this present popular far-sightedness that we have. Its representation in a Memorial Day cortege by the crack companies of the banner militia regiment in the United States, marching with the precision of a perfect machine, imparted a realism to this reminiscence of war time that was singularly in keeping with the tenor of the day's suggestions. "They look like fighters, not like carpet knights," was the compliment which this regiment won from a distinguished spectator during one of its notable parades. And it was in this potentiality as fighters, ready to do their whole duty when required, that these expert militia men fitted most appropriately into an honorable association with those earlier heroes of the great rebellion who, in their day, were the fighters and not the carpet knights of the republic's crucial epoch.

Another division of yesterday's pageantry called up memories of deep significance. We trust we are not guilty of an excess of sentiment when we confess that a detachment of veterans never passes us that we do not look to see those who are in sight uncover their heads in compliment to the nation's defenders. The inexorable decrease wrought these ranks by the relentlessness of the flying years was yesterday again vividly brought into evidence. Where once march hundreds there now march of groups of ten; and even these totter sometimes with infirmity or shake with the palsy of age. It is impossible for men with a true perception of the significance of things to view these annual pilgrimages of our surviving soldiery to the tombs of brother heroes beside which they must all soon take their honored final sleep without experiencing a profound sense of melancholy, and a renewed depth of gratitude and reverential regard.

Amid such inspirations as these it is like passing from the solemnity of the sepulchre out into the glories and joys open to rest the eye and feast the mind on columns of happy children, trooping with chaplets of flowers and tributes of song to the places where their heroic forefathers sleep. We are glad to recognize this, the crowning glory of Memorial Day. It invigorates us to know that in this direction of our young amid the atmosphere of reverence and contagious influences of true patriotism we are building for the future a resource inexhaustible. It is a source of honest pride to realize that in this exhibited relationship between honorable death and hopeful birth we have in miniature the story of our national progress and the resume of our civic vitality. Such an object lesson as this is not on exhibition in any other county on the face of the globe. We alone have made it a possibility and a fact. From it we deduce the success of the republic and gather strength and incentive for the varied battles that are to come.

VIEWED in contemplative mood as a joy of the past, that convention at Harrisburg seems more than ever like a peace congress.

SAYS THE ESTEEMED March Chunk Daily News: "THE SCRANTON TRIBUNE is sound on the Sunday law. It thinks the existing blue law is about one hundred years too old." But while it remains, the law distasteful or not, it should be enforced, and reasonable efforts to en-

force it should not be resisted. It is not the duty of a good citizen to say that because he may not approve this law, he will therefore deny it. There is a proper time and place for urging the law's amendment; but there is no time or place for assuming an attitude of law defiance.

CERTAIN SENTENCES in Judge Craig's recent charge to the Monroe county grand jury are worthy of memorization. We quote the following ones: "It will not do in a peaceful community like this, where so far as we know the law has always been fairly dealt out, where there has always been justice, so far as we know, to say that persons shall be at liberty to take the law in their own hands. If they do, they take it with all the responsibility connected with it. It is, I take it, a stain to a certain extent, upon the country; it is a stain to the state itself, that where courts are open, and where there is every disposition to do what the law requires, yet that mobs shall gather together and take the life of a human being without trial and without consent of law. Gentlemen of the jury, it is our duty to do all we can to uphold the law, and see that offenders are punished." A speedy return, in accordance with this wise charge, will do much to obliterate the stain that now rests upon that county and upon this state.

Make Haste Slowly.

Throughout the country there is such a manifest and decided reaction in favor of Republicanism that local nominations by that party are likely in some instances to be too eagerly sought. This is, perhaps, an unavoidable peril of prospective success; and no warning words that can be said in the newspapers will be likely to have serious expressive effect. Nevertheless it is fast becoming a duty of the Republican rank and file, of those high party privateers who are in politics less through love of preferment than from disinterested belief in the party's principles, to pause and think seriously before being drawn into heated and acrimonious rivalries that may if unchecked, result in a loss of the next Congress to the cause of honest government.

We mean these words in a general sense and are not seeking to hit at any one man or faction or locality. Should a time come when it would seem to us necessary to be personal and particular in this advice, we shall be so, unreservedly. THE TRIBUNE has been from its inception an uncompromising and aggressive Republican newspaper, at the service of the party in all its battles, whether the candidates of the party have been its personal preferences or the reverse. A record thus consistent will not be marred. This journal believes that the Republican policies are best and that Republican candidates, when fairly chosen in obedience to the real desires of the masses of the party, are preferable without exception to Democratic candidates, irrespective of any feelings that might be entertained apart from politics.

Upon this broad platform we desire to suggest that in the preliminary discussion of various candidates, throughout this state and throughout the country, it would be wise to make haste slowly. In two neighboring congress districts we observe such a drift of factional eagerness to win temporary supremacy within the party councils as appears to give renewed hope to the formerly demoralized and dejected enemy. It is possible that such a condition may be duplicated in other states. Good Republicans, who are for party principles first and for party candidates secondarily, should view this tendency with a certain degree of apprehension. It is one thing to see the party in good fighting trim; it is quite another to have that enthusiasm exhausted in internal dissensions.

When THE TRIBUNE pledged itself to abide unreservedly the fair and honest choice of the convention in its own territory, it took a stand which might well be taken by its Republican contemporaries elsewhere. This is no year for domestic party bickering. Let the preliminary canvass be spirited and earnest; but let it not be so much embittered as to jeopard the later battle at the polls.

A CORRESPONDENT at Lake Carey has gone to the trouble to deny that there has been any unusual decimation this year among the finny inhabitants of that charming water. The denial was scarcely necessary. Those fishes are never "killed" save by the blue pencils of discriminating news editors.

THE FONDNESS which J. Pivius is evincing for May has passed out of the curious and entered the intolerable.

A Clumsy Vindication.

Senator Hill has no particular reason to be on good terms with the newspapers, but that fact is to their credit rather than to his. They have made his pathway in politics uncommonly rocky, but it was because, although capable of higher things, he deliberately chose methods that provoked sharp criticism and brought out some of the very best uses of a fearless and independent press. Therefore when, in discussing the sugar trust scandal, he goes out of his way to cast a slur on the veracity of journalism as a profession he hurts the object of his attack much less than he reveals his own vulnerability.

It is unfortunate, no doubt, that in its investigation of the correspondents, the senate committee has not been brought up with a quick turn by the presentation of complete evidence, duly signed, sealed and attested. Our understanding of the resolution whereby this committee of inquiry was authorized is that it was directed to investigate certain senators. The fact that it has instead, gone gunning for two or three modest reporters, who performed in the premises a very minor part, is significant, not to say suspicious. Yet even this detour could be forgiven if there were real evidence of a genuine intention to get at the bottom of the scandal. Unfortunately, there is no such evidence. Senator Hill himself,

garnishes his oratory in the case with a fling at the newspapers; and it is clear now, if not at the beginning, that the whole vaunted probing will end in a puff of smoke.

Meanwhile, it will remain for individual voters to determine what measure of trust is to be reposed in a party which, having gained power through incessant slandering of its opponents, immediately proceeds to get mixed up in a scandal five times greater than any ever, even in its wildest flights, imagined in connection with its predecessors. This, after all, is the real import of this great farcical inquiry at Washington. Having professed so much purity and reform, the Democratic party must explain, not only how little it relishes newspapers that tell the truth, but how it dare appear before its former constituency with skirts bedragged in a dozen suspicious and with a certificate of character, drawn up behind bolted senate doors and attested by nothing more substantial than easily transparent whitewash.

NOW THAT that the Harrisburg Patriot has succeeded to its obvious satisfaction in slaying and interring the political prospects of Senator Walter Lyon we shall not be surprised to learn from it that General Hastings' candacy is also in serious doubt.

THE INFLECTION of Coxe, the floods and the seventeen-year locusts in one season, is evidence that occasionally there is foundation for the old adage to the effect that it never rains but it pours.

PRUDENTLY RESTRICTED immigration, wisely popularized education, and the application of business principles to the business of local government form three virtues of advanced Republicanism that deserve to be ranked as cardinal.

THE DEMOCRATIC press in Pennsylvania is wasting its time in trying to make Jack Robinson out a bleeding martyr. Jack will do his bleeding this year by Democratic proxy.

ONE NEVER learns to appreciate conventional conveniences of civilization until by some accident they are momentarily interrupted.

AT THE present rate of progress it is consoling to reflect, despite the high water, that those new bridges will not soon be swept away.

THE SPIRIT OF THE CONVENTION.

Philadelphia Press. The decisive and significant fact is that the Republicans of Pennsylvania find the party organization responsive to their will, they find it accepting and adopting a high standard of public action; and thus comes a unanimity of sentiment and a heartiness of enthusiasm which have been sadly lacking at times. Republicans are sensible of their great opportunity, but they are sensible also of the great duty which it carries. The certainty of a colossal majority did not lead them into any carelessness. There was a feeling that the people everywhere are turning to the Republican party as the only party capable of government, and that it must show itself worthy of this confidence. The result was a general expression that in its tone and quality and impulse it was the best of convention for some years. It reflected the spirit of the Republican masses, and its own spirit, will be reflected in turn throughout the state. It inaugurates the campaign in the most gratifying manner and it presses a unanimity of purpose, a cordiality of support and a feeling of enthusiasm which will make this canvass memorable in the history of the commonwealth.

The College Graduate.

Detroit Tribune. In the calm of the evening the old man was driving home the cows. His mind was on a feeling that the people everywhere are turning to the Republican party as the only party capable of government, and that it must show itself worthy of this confidence. The result was a general expression that in its tone and quality and impulse it was the best of convention for some years. It reflected the spirit of the Republican masses, and its own spirit, will be reflected in turn throughout the state. It inaugurates the campaign in the most gratifying manner and it presses a unanimity of purpose, a cordiality of support and a feeling of enthusiasm which will make this canvass memorable in the history of the commonwealth.

Sarcasm from Ancient Berks.

Reading Times. Scanton makes pretensions to a metropolitan status in comparison with which Reading cuts no figure; and yet its newspapers abound with editorial denunciations of "marauding cows that disgrace laws and liberties," and complaints of "newsboys crying their wares in an unnecessarily robust voice," and "brass bands playing through the streets when returning from an excursion, late at night." Imagine, if possible, the existence in Reading of such a village feature as "marauding cows" running at large, or such a provincial characteristic as objecting to "newsboys' cries or the noise of brass bands on the streets, day or night."

Somewhat Sensitive.

Washington Star. "I'll give you a square meal," she said, "if you'll chop that wood. That's all I've got to say to you." "Madam, said Meandering Mike, "are you makin' that proposition cos you need the wood split, or cos o' the kindness of yer heart?" "Why—I ain't in any particular need of the wood." "I suspected it from your manner, Madam, low ez I hev said, I am still too proud to accept charity." And he stalked haughtily away.

We Accept the Amendment.

Easton Free Press. Except that it would rob Pennsylvania of an incomparable editor, there are those who would be willing some day to salute him as "Senator Charles Emory Smith."—Scranton Tribune. There are many men who would be willing to thus salute him even though it deprive them of their favorite editor.

Still Has Faith in Smith.

New York Sun. We shall believe that the Hon. James Smith, of New Jersey, will vote for an income tax of any sort when we see the record.

A Democratic Opinion of Gorman.

New York World. They know that he is a combination of Artful Dodger and Old Gannon.

THE SILENT ARMY.

No sentinel on the outer wall, No guard will blow a bugle call; The camp is open to us all, With the army of the dead. 'Tis rank and file through all the band, There is no general to command; What need of that! They understand—This army of the dead. Rightly they rest, for they have won; They fought and passed the Rubicon; All that they had to do is done, In this army of the dead. Tho' sleeping, well they guard the past; It is their booty—secret, vast; Their meaning we shall learn at last, In the army of the dead. —Mortimer Stoddard in the Independent.

Why Are the Doors Closed? New York World. If the senate's sense of honor is not dulled, if it is not deaf to the demands from all parts of the country, if there is nothing to be feared by an open and fearless investigation, if no damaging exposures are to be listened to, why not throw wide the doors and let the public hear the testimony that shall clear the senate of the charges made against its good name? Open the doors!

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