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For Lieutenant Governor: WALTER LYON, OF ALLEGHENY.

For Auditor General: AMOS H. MYLIN, OF LANCASTER.

For Secretary of Internal Affairs: JAMES W. LATTIA, OF PHILADELPHIA.

For Congressmen at Large: GALUSHA A. GROW, OF SCRANTON.

GEORGE F. HUFF, OF WESTMORELAND.

Election Time, Nov. 6.

IN SPEAKING of the present surcharged political condition in Lackawanna as a "diversion," we suspect that Colonel McClure is guilty of repressed levity.

Invitations to Work.

It is significant that among many learned men the condition of affairs to-day is interpreted as forerunning great reforms. The anarchist who hopes to hasten that reformation along lines of murder and assassination; the socialist who believes that it can be best promoted by an excess of paternalism; the infidel who regards it as coincident with the downfall of religion; and last of all, the economist who fancies it must come through a sacrifice of man's individualism consummated in the merging of great hosts of men into the impersonal agencies called trade unions and corporations, are all types of contemporary thought and action that press important changes. We cannot well go on along these diverging paths without getting into trouble. We cannot well tolerate the multiplication of strikes and riots; the increase of uniformed police forces, militia bodies and regular armies and the steady tightening of the lines of class without reaching at no distant day a period when either government must yield or human agitation take a more wholesome course.

In the pessimistic prediction that the former will prove true we take no stock. The present form of our government is abundantly good enough for all the citizens within it. It has endured through 118 years of constant trial, stress and strife and it will endure for centuries to come. It may be that the dreams of our pioneer sires relative to the practicability of universal suffrage will have soon to be abandoned, owing to present inequalities not then thought of. It may be that the test of citizenship will have to be made the same as the test of personal esteem, that is to say, by proof of merit and character. But it is idle to contend that beyond these peaceful evolutions of civilization there will be genuine need of the chaos that has afflicted France or the wreck and smash that test governmental failures in the medieval centuries. The ferment that is behind our present epidemic of vast boycotts, labor insurrections and strikes is a vicious and a depraved ferment, originating among men whose minds are narrowed and purposes perverted. It will spend its force in vain upon the intelligence of this nation; and upon its ebullient flow away all serious danger of revolution by force.

There is undoubtedly at this time a great mission for the church. It should view in all these shifting phases of discontent precisely so many challenges to renewed activity in works evangelic. The mission will not be accomplished by the waging of wars of sect or creed. The disputes of the theologians interest few others than themselves. Outside and beyond, the great masses of men are groaning in battles for existence and concentrating their energies upon problems of live human interest. The church that fits itself closest to this great human need will be that which will most toward the tranquillization of society and toward the Christianization of the future. To these ends the agencies of religion should now be earnestly directed. Predictions of proximate dissolution and fore-announcements of the millennial crash are premature and of idle vanity.

THE POLITICAL editor of the Philadelphia Times has discovered that a movement is in progress among Lackawanna Democrats to knock Billy Hines out in convention by nominating Eckley B. Cox. This is a new, with a vengeance; but it ought to be good news to Samuel Wellington Boyd.

Mr. Sackett's Plan. The latest and most sanguine Democratic move to appear on the scene in times of tribulation for the party, is one William E. Sackett, of Newark, N. J., who is at present deluging the Democratic press of the country with circulars containing a scheme for the salvation of the sinking craft of the untried. Sackett's plan is unique. He proposes to rescue the party by fiction. In other words he has written a beautiful little novel of the Red Riding Hood style, in which the robber tariff appears as the heavy villain and the principles of sweet and innocent free trade are demonstrated by the lecherous heroines.

The author claims to have an effective argument concealed in this touching romance of a child's life, and thinks that the average reader would be unconsciously converted to free trade doctrine while perusing a tale of woe in which the lone infant is pursued by the villain. Sackett proposes to syndicate the story to the Democratic newspapers and spring it upon the unsuspecting public at an early date. He hopes by this means to accomplish more for Democracy than Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe did for the anti-slavery movement when she wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Mr. Sackett's scheme would seem to be an excellent one for the Democratic party, but for the fact that so much fiction has already been introduced in the arguments put forth in the interest of the decaying organization, that any

new fairy tales, no matter how fascinating, will be regarded with indifference by American voters, whose eyes have been opened by practical results of the influence of the tariff upon the welfare of the country.

LET US suppose that the government owned the railroads of the United States. To have avoided the trouble that has arisen out of the Pullman misunderstanding it would also have had to buy up and manage the car shops of the country. Then, upon the same principle actuating the present strike, if a wage dispute should arise in a rail mill supplying rails to any railroad, the government, in order to prevent a tie-up of the transportation mills and car shops, would have also to buy up and manage the iron and steel mills of the United States. Indeed, there is no limit to the absurdities to which the principle involved in the existing strike would carry one if it were recognized as logical and fair. The fact is that it is foolish and shallow. There is no force short of the supernatural which can win a permanent victory for labor along the stupid lines of this Debs strike.

Men of Thought and Action.

There is something about Theodore Roosevelt's comments on public affairs that strike right home to the heart of the truth. Instance this from a recent magazine:

It is not the man who sits by his fireside reading his evening paper, and saying how bad our politics and politicians are, who will ever do anything to save us; it is the man who goes out into the rough hurly-burly of the caucus, the primary and the political meeting, and there faces his fellows on equal terms. The real service is rendered, not by the critic who stands aloof from the contest, but by the man who enters into it and bears his part as a man should, undeterred by the blood and the sweat. It is a pleasant but a dangerous thing to associate merely with cultivated, refined men of high ideals and sincere purpose to do right, and to think that one has done all one's duty by discussing politics with such associates. It is a necessary thing for us to be in touch with the people who are unteachable in their purposes, but if we associate with such men exclusively we can accomplish nothing. The actual battle must be fought out on other and less pleasant fields. The actual battle must be made in the field of practical politics among the men who represent or guide or control the mass of the voters, the men who are sometimes rough and coarse, who sometimes have lower ideals than they should, but who are capable, masterful and efficient. It is only by mingling on equal terms with such men, by showing them that one is able to give and receive heavy punishment without flinching, and that one can master the details of political management, as well as they can, that it is possible for a man to establish a standing that will be useful to him in fighting for a great reform.

There is an application of these wise words that suggests itself to us in connection with the local movement for a better observance of Sunday. The conditions of work surrounding the Christian minister are such as tend to disqualify rather than qualify him for the active direction of delicate and complicated secular campaigns. No doubt this should not be true; but at this moment, in the great majority of instances, it unfortunately is true, and one might better admit than try ineffectually to conceal it. Men to lead men must mix intimately with them, upon an equal plane. The minister cannot do this. When he appears, they consciously or unconsciously, put on their best behavior, and act differently than they are.

We have been gladdened by the reorganization which has placed this Sunday closing warfare in the hands of men skilled in the practice of secular competition. They may not have one whit the advantage of the ministers with respect to purity of intentions; but they are more likely to prove superior in their knowledge of methods and consequences. That is not a bad idea in any business which puts practical men in charge of executive work, leaving scholars and students to fields of study that have to do oftener with theories than with facts. Men who achieve are not of greater value than men who think; but there is a relative and mutual usefulness between the two which should not be ungenerally disturbed.

EVEN DEBS now admits that he "did not order this strike. It was ordered by the delegated representatives of the American Railway union. I had no vote in the matter at all." Then, Mr. Debs, why don't you get out? If the presidency of a consolidation swaying the destiny of half the people of America involves no responsibility and no individual freedom of action and counsel, but, instead, sheer blind obedience, it had better be vacated. The man that men respect these days is the man that carries his sovereignty around under his own hat. Public sentiment is not partial to mere automata.

IF THE Republicans of New York city have interrupted the hearings of the Lexow committee in pursuance of a deal with Tammany, they deserve to be beaten out of their boots. We do not believe they have; but whether they have or have not, the purification of municipal government is bound to come, and the party that tries to stop it will surely get hurt.

MUCH THE best thing heard from George Francis Train in recent months is his telegraphic advice to "Citizen President Debs" to "stop strike and secure victory." It would not be much of a victory that would be scored in pursuance of this suggestion, but it would be decidedly less painful than the defeat which is in pickle in case the strike is prolonged.

IT IS NOT necessary to tell business men that the place to train the horse on is where the fire is hottest. The reorganized Sunday observance movement will make no mistake in expending its chief energies upon more palpable nuisances than the Sunday soda fountain.

IT STRIKES us that a large amount of valuable time is being wasted in the work of resting before those bridges are begun.

THE DEBS' strike will probably mark the high tide of anarchy in the United States for several years to come.

What that pity to delude them into a virtual serfdom to Eugene V. Debs.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILLMAN, of New York, declares that his presentation of the municipal handbills disclosed by the Lexow investigation will be earnest and genuine. For the sake of his own bacon we trust that Assistant District Attorney Willman speaks the truth.

MR. SOVEREIGN has come to the front with an order to "boycott every passenger." Mr. Sovereign is rapidly establishing himself as an unsuspectedly versatile ass.

ANARCHY OFFERS nothing but death and blood-shed in place of the system it would uproot. The American people do not take kindly to chaos.

IT IS NO excuse on Debs' part to say he didn't know it was loaded. History plainly told him it was.

THE STABBING of presidents and the kiding of industry are twin accompaniments of modern socialism.

SENATOR HILL would sooner be consistent than president.

WHAT WELL-KNOWN PERSONS SAY.

COLONEL F. J. FITZSIMMONS: "No, I am not worrying because I did not get the nomination for lieutenant governor. There wasn't enough in it, even if I had wanted it, to cause the loss of it to make a fellow feel bad. I guess everybody took my boom as a good natured pleasantry; certainly it represented no serious aspiration of my own. But there is one thing about it that I am proud of: it is the spirit of local brotherhood and patriotism which has made our community what it is, and which, as Rev. Dr. Spencer used to say, 'gave notice to the rest of the world that the man who hailed from Scranton was a citizen of no mean city.'"

CAPTAIN JOHN C. DELANEY, of Harrisburg: "I was greatly interested in the Tribune's editorial and anniversary number, which reflected credit on all concerned in its preparation. The very readable article on the colonies of the Thirteen interested me particularly. But in that galaxy of brave faces I missed one portrait which it seemed to me would have added value to the issue, even if it did not portray a colonel. I refer to our late governor and your distinguished townsman, Louis A. Watres. As captain of a company he did much toward promoting the fame and efficiency in the United States. But I dare say you will print Captain Watres' picture when he is elected senator next fall and governor in 1898."

MYRON KASSON: "Well, I suppose the art of telling a good story is born in a man to a large extent. Still, it can be cultivated. The trouble with most persons who attempt to tell a story is that they want to embellish it too thoroughly. They think that to be an artistic lie it must have all the fine lines and microscopic touches of a thumb nail portrait by Lessinger, who sketched it effective when sketched broadly and in a few bold lines like a charcoal drawing of Abbey. I remember once reading a floating column embodying this wise advice: 'When you have a thing to say, say it, don't take half a day.' This applies to story telling as aptly as it does to writing for the newspapers or talking in prayer meeting. It is the easiest thing to learn of any art this side editing a newspaper that will please everybody."

JOHN T. LENAHAN, of Wilkes-Barre: "It is a peculiar fact in legal experience that the newspapers which are the most libelous are invariably those that deal in the fewest sensations and strive hardest to be accurate in what they say; whereas the smut sheets that make a business of blackening men's characters and all along as smoothly as if there were no such thing in this state as a libel law fearfully and wonderfully constructed. I don't know how to account for it. I once asked an explanation of my friend Joe Powell, whose enterprising Record he once claimed was the 'only decent paper in Luzerne county.' 'Well,' said Joe, 'it is that I know of to cite the verse in the Bible which says that whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth.'"

JOURNALIST NIVEN, of Wilkes-Barre: "It would be a good thing if a new industry should spring up in this country—the industry of writing sermons, speeches, books and essays to order. It would save the professional orators and writers a vast amount of time and trouble; and it would release the newspaper men, who write most of their efforts in show, of the necessity of working surreptitiously. I do not see why in this advanced age it shouldn't be as proper for a man with brain waves for sale to put his sign over his door and his ad. in the newspaper as it now is for the vendor of custom made shirts and shoes and boots. Some of these days I propose to announce myself in this fashion:

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WALTER H. DICKSON: "The prompt conviction of the assassin of Robert Ross, the Troy martyr, is a source of great satisfaction to me. Only a few days before the recent charter election in Troy, Mr. Ross visited me in this city and I took him along in a carriage, showing him various places of interest. He was a warm friend of mine and a most admirable young man. The news of his sudden assassination fell like a thunderbolt among his friends. I am glad we have no Murphy machine in the local government of Scranton."

EMERUS WILMAN: "Mr. Powderly's clear vision of the disabilities and needs of the working man is of more value to the labor server today than the contribution from any other source, for he springs from this class, and understands more than any other man the force of co-operation among which the whole country finds itself. I claim some credit for having long ago pointed out to him and his immediate associates the enormous waste of competition in a country which traded only with itself. It is in the wages of the working man that the competition finds its chief remedy. Every thing else is fixed and determined except wages, and the result of the excessive production finds its acute effect in the dislocation of labor, now everywhere apparent. What, then, the remedy? It is impossible now to say. Powderly believes that for about half the present century competition was the cure-all, and for the remaining quarter combination is being tried, but with no satisfactory results. A new force in economics will come into play in the first quarter of the century. This will be the force of co-operation under governmental control, very much as is proposed for the regulation of coal mines in Great Britain. The three forces in the political economy of the future are competition, combination and co-operation, and of the greatest of these may be co-operation."

SENATOR HILL'S HOT SHOT.

From the Congressional Record. The senate bill—the Gorman compromise bill, as it is now generally called—has been passed by the House and is now in the press and throughout the country—I mean the bill in its present shape, is neither satisfactory to the Democratic party nor to the country. There is no mistaking pub-

lic sentiment upon this point. The true principles of tariff reform have been sacrificed in the effort to secure the retention of an income tax. This the country believes—this the country understands. We promised the people freedom and we are giving them a stone. We promised them free raw materials, and we are giving them taxed coal, taxed iron ore, taxed coke, taxed lead ore, and other taxed raw material. They expected free sugar, but we are taxing not only that article, but other necessities of life. We do not need both a sugar tax and an income tax, but it seems that considerations other than those of revenues to the treasury have dictated and retained both. The provisions of the bill are not consistent; they violate well-established Democratic principles; they are unfair in their discriminations; and their enactment will place the party in a false and untenable position.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END.

New York Tribune. If the glory that Debs covets ruin farmers, shippers, and merchants, causes incalculable injury to the whole traveling public and peculiar distress to delicate women and children, wipes out the savings of industry and eventually starves the immediate agents of his ambition, so much the worse for all these, but so much the better for Debs. From insufferable tyranny like this the honest workmen of the United States will sooner or later free themselves. The present boycott ought to be the beginning of the end.

AN "OUT-OF-DATE" COUPLE.

We are "so out of date" they say— Ned and I; We love in an old-fashioned way, Long since gone by. He says I am his helpmate true In everything; And I—well I will own to you He is my king. We met in no romantic way "Twixt 'glow and gloom;" He wooed me on a winter day, And in—room; Yet, through life's hours of stress and storm, When griefs befell, Love kept our small home corner warm. And all was well. Ned thinks no woman like his wife— But let that pass; Perhaps we view the dual life Through roseate glass; Even if the prospect be not bright, We hold it true That heaviest burdens may grow light When shared by two. Upon the gilded scroll of fame, Embazoned fair; I cannot hope to read the name Proudly bear; But happy in their own flow The years glide by; We are behind the times, we know— Ned and I. —Exchange.

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