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SCRANTON, AUGUST 17, 1894. REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

- For Governor: DANIEL H. HASTINGS, OF CENTRAL. For Lieutenant Governor: WALTER LYON, OF ALLEGHENY. For Auditor General: AMOS H. MYLRE, OF LANCASTER. For Secretary of Internal Affairs: JAMES W. LATTA, OF PHILADELPHIA. For Congressmen at Large: CALUSHA A. BROW, OF SCRANTON; GEORGE P. HUFF, OF WESTMORELAND.

IF THERE are any readers of this paper in Pittston who fear that they will miss news of the council proceedings in that borough through the threat of Jim Crow politicians that our representative will be denied admission to the council chamber, we can assure them that their anxieties are wholly groundless.

As to Woman Suffrage.

In deciding adversely on the amendment to confer suffrage on women the New York constitutional convention no doubt reflected the prevailing sentiment at this time. And in the apparent certainty of such a proposition's rejection at the polls is to be found some excuse for the convention's disinclination to authorize the expense and trouble of an appeal to the people.

Nevertheless, there is nothing more certain, it seems to us, than that men who participated in this adverse vote will yet live to see their action reversed, and by even a more emphatic majority than that which was cast at Albany this week on the conservative side. The strongest arguments in favor of the change have not yet been brought into general play. It is not a question of discrimination on account of sex, which should influence action on this proposition; but instead, one of discrimination on account of intelligence and character, be the sex what it may.

There are thousands of women unfit to vote. But on the other hand, are there not thousands of men equally unfit? The time will come when the experiment of universal male suffrage will be looked upon with decidedly less favor than it received at the framing of our federal constitution and at the time of the enactment of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments. If fitness be made the test in the civil service, regardless of color, race or sex, shall it not eventually become the test at the ballot box?

WHEN WALTER WELLMAN feels that he has sufficiently advertised himself, it will be in order to book dates for that lecture tour.

The Aladdin Oven.

While the politicians are haggling over the currency and the tariff, and doing their best, it seems, to make both as secure as possible, it is reassuring to note that Dr. Edward Atkinson of Boston has not rested from his valuable efforts to reform the commissariat with a view to increased cheapness. Most of our readers are doubtless already familiar with the implement whereby this eminent statistician proposes to reduce to one-third the present cost of living, without sacrifice of nutrition or variety of foods. He calls it the Aladdin oven; and if all or even a respectable fraction of what is said of it in a current bulletin from the agricultural department in Washington be true, it certainly deserves the name. Indeed, a writer in the Washington Post is moved to such admiration over its wonder-working proclivities that he regards it as more than possible for mankind soon to be emancipated from the use of iron stoves and ranges, fire-building, hard and soft coal, dyspepsia, indigestion, insufficient nutrition, cuss words, and general household misery. He goes further and demonstrates that millions of dollars are to be saved in the cost of living—that any man or boy may have his own cook, and put up a delicious meal "while you wait." By this wonderful discovery it is shown in accurate and carefully prepared statistics that the inhabitants of a city like Boston can provide all necessary, appetizing food for 70 cents to \$1 per week, while those who want to live in the luxury of tenderloin steaks, venison, canvasback ducks, terrapin, soft-shell crabs, capons, etc., can easily do so at a cost of \$2 per week.

A few figures will show the tremendous possibilities of this reform. A saving of 5 cents per day each person for a nation of 70,000,000 of people equals \$3,500,000. In a year the saving thus made would amount to \$1,277,500,000! In general terms Dr. Atkinson implies that the saving will be much greater than this. Indeed, if we take into account what the doctor says about the nutritive qualities of food cooked in a steady heat without sacrifice to its essential oils, essences and juices, it would seem to be reasonable to make a large statistical allow-

ance, also, for doctor bills saved and funeral expenses obviated. The oven operates on the principle of the clam-bake. With uniform heat supplied from a burning lamp through a barrel-like apparatus divided into various apartments it is alleged to be possible to cook simultaneously cereals, fish and meat steaks, pork and beans, corned beef and cabbage, peas porridge, corn bread and any other kinds of food that may be desired. Indeed, these things may be prepared at night and put in the oven with the lamp lighted so as to provide a low temperature, and in the morning the cooked food is taken out, ready for consumption, without waste. Many kinds of most appetizing combinations can be placed in the oven by a workman or a working woman after the breakfast is cleared, before leaving the house to go to work. Returning at midday the wholesome dinner is found ready to be eaten. The bread may then be mixed in a few minutes, with a mechanical bread-kneader, and placed in the bread-raiser, so that at a certain hour it will be ready for the oven. It can then be baked in the evening, by the light of the household lamp or gas burner.

What is especially interesting to this metropolis of the coal fields is the assertion, upon the testimony of several hundred witnesses who have learned to cook in the Aladdin oven, and of quite a large number who are now preparing food and barrel cooking, that the days of the iron stove and range are numbered. The use of coal for cooking will be continued only by those who do not know how to cook. All ovens, in the opinion of Dr. Atkinson, should be of non-metallic material; all fuel for cooking should be oil or gas. Meats, fish, cauliflower, potatoes, onions and custard or other puddings may then, he argues, be cooked in the same oven at the same time without imparting any flavor to the other or losing any of its own especial flavor. The doctor proves his argument by quoting the testimony of one lady, who had used his Aladdin oven, to the effect that vegetables were cooked in such a way that, although she had been eating them all her life, she now tasted them for the first time, and from which the choicest game has been served in the highest perfection. "It has also been my practice for some time," this lady writes, "to give, to parties of eight, dinners cooked in an open placed behind my own chair in the dining room, in the china dishes in which the food is served. In this way experiments have been tried, without a single failure, upon persons who pride themselves on the refinement of their tastes. On one occasion my party numbered twelve, to whom an eight-course dinner in the regular conventional order was served at an average cost of 2 cents per guest for each course—the total cost of the meat, fish and other materials amounting to less than \$2 for twelve persons."

The Aladdin oven, we are told, in conclusion, is not a money-making article. Dr. Atkinson has already, as he informs us, expended two dollars in efforts to further the neglected science of nutrition for every dollar that he has got back in return. But anticipating a near decline in the average American family's income, he is endeavoring, as a statistician and scientist, to achieve a corresponding reduction in the cost of living; so that, in any event, was a people shall be none the worse off. Dr. Atkinson, it should be added, is a free trader with perhaps a troubled conscience; which may prompt him to offer his economical cooking contrivance as a partial atonement for the economic evil that he has wrought.

It was a significant fact that while Republican candidates were plentiful at the reunion of war veterans at Fairview the other day, few if any Democratic office-seekers were on the grounds. The associates of the free trade element, which is striving to wreck the country today, have little hope of securing assistance from the heroes who defended it from attacks of the rebel horde over a quarter of a century ago.

WE THOUGHT we had taught our esteemed Philadelphia contemporary, Candidate Singler's paper, better than to say, as it does in a burst of what was presumably intended to be sarcasm: "Anthraxite coal is practically a Pennsylvania monopoly that can protect itself. The anxiety to make bonanzas in the Wyoming valley out of the failure of 'free coal' is a trifle ludicrous."

The Record might as well say that such men as William Connell, president of the Anthracite Coal Operators' association, who was born in Nova Scotia, Elmer H. Lawall, superintendent of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company, and scores of other men intimately and prominently identified with the anthracite mining industry do not know what they are talking about when they affirm, and prove by accurate figures, that free bituminous coal would deprive them of the whole Atlantic seaboard market, only to hand it over to the Nova Scotia syndicate. The Philadelphia Record is undoubtedly very wise; but it does not yet know quite all about the coal trade in the Wyoming valley.

IT HAS DOUBTLESS been observed by readers of this paper that during the encampment of the Thirteenth regiment at Gettysburg, THE TRIBUNE'S news from Camp Crawford has been exceptionally graphic and complete. Some of them know even more than this; namely, that these daily letters "from the front" have been unsurpassed by any newspaper in the state, not even excepting the mammoth journals of Philadelphia. For this superior service we take great pleasure in acknowledging our indebtedness to City Editor James F. Mitchell, who not only did his duty but "did" the whole commonwealth as well. But, then, it was only natural that the crack regiment of the encampment should

be accompanied in its record-breaking by a representative of the foremost newspaper in northeastern Pennsylvania. That's a way we have.

THE PITTSBURGH correspondent of the Truth thinks that "the antics of the Pittston council are about as amusing as a comic opera, and doubtless would be enjoyed with equal zest were it not for the serious interests at stake. As it is, the taxpayers are simply disgusted at the incompetency manifested by the local law-makers, who do not seem to have the faintest idea of their responsibility." The Truth correspondent adds that the people of Pittston are at last "seriously discussing the necessity for some decisive action at law" that will relieve the mistle-counselmen from the strain under which they labor. We gladly note that the Truth acquires Burgess Thomas Maloney from any identification or sympathy with the "councilmanic idiosyncrasy" that has elicited so much criticism, and concurs in THE TRIBUNE'S previously expressed opinion that Mr. Maloney is a public spirited official, a gentleman and an honest man.

THE POLITICAL POT.

The candidacy of Major Everett Warren for the presidency of the State League of Republican Clubs, is evidently the coming attraction to receive very complimentary mention in the press. The Truth last evening said: "Our esteemed townsmen, Major Everett Warren, is evidently the coming mayor of the State League of Republican Clubs, as the successor of Happy Jack Robinson. Major Warren will fill the office with dignity and ability and the league would show wisdom in his selection." The Evening Express remarks that "the candidacy of Major Warren is being favorably received in many sections of the state, and it now looks as though he would be the chief of the convention, which meets in Harrisburg on Sept. 5. No better selection could be made." The Wilkes-Barre Record adds, to use its own words, that "Major Warren 'has a cinch' on the presidency of the State League of Republican Clubs. 'He will,' it adds, 'unanimously elect' the record of Jack Robinson, and fully deserves the honor."

It is reported in the Wilkes-Barre Record that Editor Campbell's next visit to Washington was in response to summons from the postmaster general. It is possible, also, that the editor's special situation in this district is due to the fact that he is the level agent. The president, it is known, is in vogue heaven and earth to get acceptable Democrats to stand for the slaughter in this and in the League's districts. This is the case with our district, but our encouraging success. Developments along this line are expected soon to follow, if current rumor may be trusted in this matter.

There is a cheery ring about Mr. Sam Leck's resignation as ex-congressman from the nomination for congress in Seneca county that denotes the experience and pliancy of the major. The major was beaten in convention, three to one; but he is tenaciously on the surface with a declaration of loyalty to the ticket that elicits criticism. If Representative Reilly is not chosen to stay at home next autumn it will evidently not be Major Leck's fault nor the fault of his friends.

Invitations have been issued for the formal opening of the hands-me-rooms of the Republican league, of the West Side, 106 South Main avenue, on next Wednesday evening. The committee in charge consists of John H. Reynolds, chairman; Charles E. Daniels, secretary, and Thomas L. Lewis, John E. Edwards and Joseph D. Lewis. The league is composed of ardent young Republicans who propose to be emphatically in the battle this and succeeding years.

A curious earnestness is noted among a number of Wilkes-Barre Democrats to strive for the legislative nomination in the First Luzerne district. Playwright Daniel L. Hart and Foot-Laborer Sam W. Boyd are among the avowed candidates and a strong under current exists, it is said, in behalf of ex-representative C. Ben Johnson. Brother Boyd is the most hopeful of the three, and it is believed that he will at least prevent the campaign from becoming dull and dreary.

Advice from Olyphant are to the effect that the candidacy of Charles P. O'Malley for the Republican legislative nomination in the Fourth district is received with something akin to an ovation among his numerous friends. The names of Representative Burke are already reported to be sagging in several places, with every assurance of a complete break down if Mr. O'Malley should be nominated next month.

John Tower Lushan, of Wilkes-Barre, the Tall Strangler of the Susquehanna, so to speak, visited Scranton friends yesterday on a mission which combined business with politics. Mr. Lushan is not as sanguine of Democratic success in Luzerne this year as he is wont; but he yet hopes to pilot a horde of two through the Republican flood tide to dry land in Harrisburg and to the Luzerne court house next November.

Ex-Commissioner William Franz, smiling and jovial, has not ceased to be a picturesque figure in the foreground of county politics. He cheerfully assures every inquirer that he is in the treasuryship fight to stay and to win; and if personal candor and good nature were to seek out one of their best local exponents, "Billy," as his friends call him, would certainly become a true prophet.

It is possible that those Republicans who want to attend the county convention here on Sept. 4, and also the State League convention at Harrisburg on the day following may be accommodated with a special train leaving here at a sufficiently late hour on the evening of Sept. 4 to admit of accompanying out passengers. Arrangements to this end are being negotiated.

THE TRIBUNE acknowledges the compliment regarding Lamart and is thankful to the learned editor of the Scranton Republican for pointing out its inadvertence.

JUMPING ON LITTLE BILLY.

Wilkes-Barre Times. Representative Scranton has just secured an additional appropriation of \$15,000 for the Federal building in Scranton. This makes \$250,000 of Uncle Sam's money that has gone to that same structure. With a man of more mental weight in congress from the great county of Luzerne we might stand some chance of pulling out a juicy plum in the shape of an appropriation to buy a thing well, and happy while such a feather brain as mines represents us there.

ELECTRIC CITY FAVORERS.

There is no critic quite so relentless as the man who is just a little sore. The dangers of too rapid advance are exemplified by the rocks.

Tariff reformers, like bass ball umpires, find it difficult to make every point. To many so-called reform movements in this age are inaugurated through spite. Talent often, like a potato, is to be found in the most disadvantageous of positions.

Failure may be as operly credited to fate, but failure may be as operly credited to the ability of success.

It is not necessary to become uneasy over threats. Danger as people do not usually announce the fact. There is vast difference between music which charms the savage beast, and that which makes the listener weep.

In political life ignorance with "pull" renders powerless all of the time honored precepts in reference to the rewards of merit. Reform that regulates the other fellow is what most of us desire. The boomerang article is invariably lost in circuit on the return trip.

FOR DELEGATE ELECTIONS.

Apportionment of Republican Representation Among the Various Districts. Pursuant to a meeting of the Republican County committee held on July 14th, 1894, the County Convention will be held on Tuesday, September 18th, 1894, at 10 o'clock a. m., in the court house at Scranton, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following named offices to be voted for at the next general election to be held November 6th, 1894: Congress, Eleventh district, Judge, Forty-fifth Judicial district; sheriff, treasurer, clerk of courts, probate, district attorney, recorder of deeds, registrar of wills, and jury commissioner.

Vigilance committees will hold delegate elections on Saturday, September 1st, 1894, between the hours of 4 and 7 p. m. They will also give at least two days public notice of the time and place for holding said elections.

Each election district should elect at the said delegate elections, two qualified persons to serve as vigilance committee for one year, and have their names certified to, on the credentials of delegates to the County Convention.

The representation of delegates to the County Convention is based upon the vote cast last fall for Fell, candidate for judge of supreme court, he being the highest officer voted for at said state election. Under this rule the several election districts are entitled to representation as follows, viz:

Table listing election districts and their representation counts, including Archibald borough, 1st ward, 1st dist., 1st ward, 2d dist., etc.

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