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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

- For Governor: DANIEL H. HASTINGS, OF CENTRAL. For Lieutenant Governor: WALTER LYON, OF ALLEGHENY. For Auditor General: AMOS H. MYLIN, OF LANCASTER. For Secretary of Internal Affairs: JAMES W. LATTA, OF PHILADELPHIA. For Congressmen at Large: GALUSHA A. GROW, OF HUNTSVILLE; GEORGE F. TUTT, OF WESTMORELAND. Election Time, Nov. 6.

"A DELICATE way of calling a man liar," says Candidate Singler's paper philosophically, "is to say he flirts with the truth." In several directions in his discussion of the tariff we fear Editor Singler loves to coquet with the truth.

Business Revival Inevitable.

We do not believe in and we try not to practice whining. The great fault with this age, apparently, is the disposition, when things do not go aright, to sit back and whine. The Democratic party has made a sad and costly botch of tariff reform; and we do not find it in us to give it any sympathy or quarter. But it is a mistake, and at times a tremendous mistake, to permit the fluctuations and fallacies of politics either to frighten one into business failure or to intoxicate one into a delirium of inflated investments and puffed out credits. The political bunglers should not be lost sight of. They need to be taught a lesson; they need to be sent, every mother's son of them, to where the woodbine twined over the political graves of found-out confidence men.

But above and beyond all-round this duty is the infinitely superior duty of putting one's shoulder to the business wheel and giving it, politics or no politics, tariff or no tariff, a good, hearty forward shove. THE TRIBUNE will not deviate from this duty and this principle, however much it may entertain itself by popping at Democratic heads that bob up along the way. It is on earth for business; it assumes that the great bulk of its patrons are in the same predicament; and we should all be very foolish and short-sighted not to get that business if it's in the woods to be had.

For eighteen months the suspension or contraction of American production gave us a chance to use practically all our surplus stocks. The flower barrel and the sugar bowl, the bread can and the wardrobe are now all pretty well down to hard pan; but it is idle to suppose that an excess of politics or a carnival of tariff botchwork can permanently keep them there. The seventy millions of progressive people who populate our rich and fertile country have stood this for a time; but they will not tolerate it permanently. Any settlement of the tariff, short of its utter abolition, was, therefore, bound to be followed by a rush of business activity. The settlement has been made, such as it is; the rush has begun, and it is clearly in our power to make this revival general and permanent. The nervous people have had their day of panic and sock-banks; now let the clear-sighted, steady people, who ought to be in a majority, step up to the captain's office and do their necessary work.

In 1867 the proposition to admit women to the responsibilities of citizenship received only 16 votes in New York's constitutional convention. In 1894 it received 58 votes. The third time it ought to win if properly modified to include an intelligence qualification applicable to men and women alike.

Culm and Electricity.

The Scientific American in a recent issue takes up the discussion of the relative value of Niagara falls and the culm banks of the anthracite coal fields as sources of power. It will be recalled that the journal Electricity was the first seriously to contend that the culm banks offered greater caloric advantages for the purposes of industry than are offered by the great cataract in its ceaseless waste of energy. The Scientific American is obviously disposed to concur in Electricity's opinion. It says:

Every coal mine in the anthracite region produces enormous quantities of culm, known as culm, which keeps on accumulating, as it has accumulated for many years, about the mines and coal breakers. This culm has good, caloric value, and recently manufacturers have begun to use it under their boilers. It can be bought for 35 cents a ton. D. B. Atterton, the secretary of the Scranton board of trade, has given figures to show that with culm firing a horse power per annum will cost but \$9.50. At Niagara a horse power will cost, it is said, \$15 per annum. It is evident that the culm bank is the cheaper. Of course this apparent difference is offset by other considerations. No account is taken of the capitalization of the steam and electric plants required to utilize culm, but the difference in the quotations given is so great as to certainly give the economic advantage to culm as a source of energy. In utilizing culm we are disposing of a waste product and of an accumulation of

man's operations. In burning coal we are disposing of the accumulation of nature's riches. Natural gas is already on the way, and sooner or later coal will become exhausted. Then will be the time for Niagara falls and similar natural sources of power to do their part in the work of the world. But today there is at least a suspicion that the heavy capitalization of the Niagara falls works will restrict its domain of usefulness. Another point made is that the anthracite regions are more favorably situated for the distribution of power than are Niagara falls. On the whole a very strong plea has been made for the culm bank as opposed to the great cataract. Repeatedly in the modern industries the capitalization has determined the success or failure of enterprises. At Niagara falls the power primarily costs nothing; the capitalization and harnessing of the force of the cataract constitute the elements of cost.

It is worthy of attention in this connection that the greatest system of electric street transit lines in the United States is springing up in the heart of the anthracite region, attracted thither not less by the superior cheapness and accessibility of culm as fuel for the power plants than by any other influence. The trolley is invariably electricity's advance courier. If it is profitable for trolley companies to build vast systems here by reason of the cheapness of the great source of power, it will soon be discovered by the other industrial branches of applied electricity that the same superiority of advantages beckons, also, to them. The coal fields evidently hold the key to much of electricity's future.

The success which attended Philanthropist Nathan Straus' efforts to provide the poor of Gotham with sterilized milk and ice at cost induced a duplicate of the experiment in Philadelphia; and from the Record we learn that since Aug. 4 the nineteen workers at the five Philadelphia milk depots have dispensed 390,000 pounds of ice, 20,000 quarts of fresh milk and 7,300 bottles of the sterilized fluid. More than 15,000 customers were benefited during the past week alone. This is the kind of charity that counts; and all honest persons will wish it God-speed.

An Ideal Congressman.

"Some say we want a man who has the gift of gab, an orator with glib tongue and more glib conscience, whose eloquence can cover a multitude of sins, make wrong seem right, the worse appear the better reason. Kentucky is now struggling with the problem whether it wants an orator. We do not want an orator; the country does not want an orator; it has got now all the orators it can stand. Our modern congress is a place for work, not words; for workers, not work-mongers; for homely virtues, not for bouillon phrases; for good, old-fashioned honesty, not for genius.

"Congress has had its fill of Socialists and Populists and tramps. The days of the demagogue are numbered; of the man who calls himself the friend of laboring men but betrays no one save himself; who stands forth as the champion of labor but champions no cause save his own; who slanders wealth that he himself may live in luxury, traduces capital that he himself may accumulate a surplus, and denounces corporations that he himself may draw dividends on stocks, clip coupons from bonds and ride upon a pass.

"We want the man who, having come from honest poverty to honest property knows and respects the responsibilities of both; we want a man whose heart is soft with sympathy with laboring men, because his hand is hard with labor, and whose head is right toward capital because he has joined the industry to earn with the brains to multiply; we want the man who will regard the office as a public trust and not a private speculation; we want a man who will do public service because he is a public servant taking public pay; we want a man who will devote more energy to legislation than to re-election, prefer principle to partisan advantage and give more thought to public measures than to petty post-offices; we want a man and not a manikin; we want a representative and not a misrepresentative; we want a Republican."

Thus spake H. A. Fuller, of Wilkes-Barre, in his speech, elsewhere reported, nominating Moran B. Williams for congress. The ideal is a lofty one, but is it impossible of realization? One thing at least is certain—the day of the demagogue, so well typified in the career of the Democrat against whom Mr. Fuller's words were directed, is rapidly expiring. This congress sickened the people of the demagogue. We have had enough of him; the people have had enough of him, and they at last know it. Reforms move slowly and improvement, in politics especially, is a gradual growth. But a great advance is clearly nearing ratification in Luzerne county; and it will be registered with emphasis next November when the election of John Leisenring shall consign William H. Hines to the oblivion that is his fit place.

OUR ESTEEMED contemporary, the Pittston Gazette, wisely observes, in relation to the pending question of paying reform in that borough, that "following the taxpayers' wishes in the matter will be a great help to the councilman who is undecided as to which is the better pave." It would also, we suspect, be a great help to the taxpayers, but if the wishes of the latter were followed too literally it might depopulate the council room altogether. And that would sacrifice much gayety and sport.

JOHN MCBRIDE, the Ohio labor leader who has just officiated as dry nurse at the birth of the new Populist-Labor party in that state, is quoted in a Columbus dispatch as not expecting to win this year; but as hoping to elect two or three Populists to congress, "with the aid of the Democrats." This last clause is significant. Labor, as if it had not got enough humiliation out of Democratic mislegislation, is to be coaxed by this false leader to vote for more. We

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