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It is a high compliment to the cause of social reform when so notorious a spoilsman as Senator Quay feels compelled to masquerade, for the moment, in the guise of a reformer.

Is It a Turning Point?

The recent ruling of Judge Gunster denying the right of the Scranton Traction company to lay a double track on Franklin avenue will, it is believed, mark a turning point in local public sentiment with reference to trolley railroads. For a number of months the collection of interests which operates under the charter name of the Scranton Traction company has had all it asked for from this city, and has repaid this generosity by giving to the people of Scranton and surrounding community one of the least satisfactory services to be found in the United States. No doubt this discrepancy between the values of privileges given and of facilities received would have continued indefinitely for the American people are singularly long-suffering with reference to such matters—had the management of the Traction company not thrown discretion to the winds in a high-handed effort, under cover of the Franklin avenue double-track project, to vitiate the wholesome and indiscriminate Scranton and Providence charter that, if successful, would have barred the present corporation with power to seize our streets at random, without even a "by your leave."

Fortunately, this last straw broke the camel's back, and the patient beast has begun to kick. In our judgment it ought to keep on kicking, until it gets some approximation to justice. Here is one of the foremost cities in America—the first city, in fact, to utilize electrical power for the propulsion of street cars—with surrounding territory admirably adapted to the development of a superior local transit service, and yet it is compelled to put up with a second or third class service, lacking in number and quality of cars, lacking in systematic development and maintenance of roadbed and, if the events of a year or more just past are any criteria, very perceptibly lacking in broad, intelligent and far-sighted management; while on every side, in communities often smaller than our own, we are amazed by the sight of trolley systems palpably more efficient, and successfully operated by men who command public confidence and support. This condition of affairs, however accounted for, is an injustice to the people of Scranton. It not only makes them appear less discriminating than they really are, but it also retards their growth by crippling one of the most effective sources of a modern city's development.

To Restrict Immigration.

An excellent work is being done by the Immigration Restriction League, of Boston, which fearlessly advocates a stricter regulation of immigration, but not the exclusion of any immigrants whose character and standards fit them to become citizens. In another column is presented a valuable condensation of official statistics concerning immigration, prepared and published by this league. From this somewhat elaborate but nevertheless significant compilation it appears that a foreign population which is 17 per cent. of the total white population furnishes nearly one-half of the white paupers in the United States, nearly one-third of our insane, and over one-half of our white convicts. One is not surprised, after reading these startling figures, to learn that the Immigration Restriction League, after a careful study of the immigration problem, has prepared a bill which is to be introduced into congress at the next session. This bill raises the head tax from \$1 to \$10 and provides for the exclusion of "all persons between the ages of 14 and 60 who cannot read and write the English language or some other language." An increase in the head tax is advocated, it is explained, not in any sense as a property qualification, but because it will secure a better class of immigrants by making the expense of coming here greater. The present head tax of \$1, which is paid by the steamship companies, is declared to be absolutely no check on immigration. The reading and writing qualification is pronounced by the league to be "the simplest, most rational and most American test that can be applied. It can be put into operation without any change in existing methods of inspection. It will exclude a large number of the most ignorant and least desirable persons who come from Italy, Austria-Hungary, Russia, Poland and other countries, while but a very small percentage (about 35 per cent. on the average) of the immigrants from Great Britain and Ireland, Scandinavia, Germany, France, etc., will be debarred."

Reformer Quay is the Friar Tuck of Pennsylvania Politics.

Every Scrantonian will read with pleasure the many kind and complimentary remarks made by eminent Welshmen concerning Judge H. M. Edwards and the eloquent speech with which he signalled his appearance as one of the conductors of the famous Llanelli estabdded. They are reprinted on another page from the Cardiff Western Mail, which published exceedingly the reports of this immortal gathering.

It is no new thing to the people of this valley—the fine charm of Judge Edwards' scholarly oratory. But the ovation which it won on the other side is more than a personal compliment to the distinguished speaker himself; it is an invaluable advertisement of Scranton genius, and an achievement in international amity worthy of rank alongside the fabled tourneys of old.

Although the Welsh people of the Lackawanna valley have long been proud of H. M. Edwards as one of Cymru's most illustrious sons, they will be prouder yet when they read of the high encomiums paid to him at Llanelli by the great men who greeted him there; and in this worthy feeling all our citizens will share.

Rump Proceedings in Wyoming.

A call signed by R. W. Bannatyne, chairman, and F. L. Wheelock, secretary, of the Wyoming county Republican committee, has been issued for a new convention of the Republicans of that county, to meet in Tunkhannock Monday, "for the purpose of electing and instructing a delegate to the Republican state convention." Primaries for this convention are to be held this afternoon. The excuse vouchsafed for this action, which, in view of the regular election of R. P. Northrop as delegate several months ago, stands forth as one of the most audacious and revolutionary proceedings in the annals of desperate politics, is that "since the last county convention, new officers have been created and new issues formed upon which it is desired to get an expression from the voters themselves."

The Republican voters of our sister county, irrespective of their personal preferences in the factional battle now raging, are requested to reflect for a moment upon the real significance of the foregoing call. Here are the facts: Mr. Northrop, a reputable Republican, is unanimously chosen state delegate in the accustomed manner, under the party rules. When elected he was good enough to receive every vote in the convention. While a change has since come over the surface of Republican politics in Wyoming county and in the state, Mr. Northrop himself has not changed. He remains the same staunch friend of the Republican state administration for which the people of Wyoming county last November cast 300 plurality. The only possible reason for the contemplated convention consists of the fact that, in the interval, Senator Quay has announced himself a candidate for state chairman, for the purpose of humiliating Hastings and helping Don Cameron, and now, very suddenly, the chairman and secretary of the Wyoming committee reach the strange conclusion that they "want a new expression from the people."

If this were what they really wanted, a cheap way to have got it would have been to employ a man to canvass the county. But such an easy and effective arrangement would not suffice. It isn't the will of the people that is worrying them half so much as it is the fear that Delegate Northrop might decide, at Harrisburg, on the 28th, as he has already decided in conversations with his neighbors at home, to stand by the governor of the state in the Quay raid upon him, and thereby deprive the Quay lieutenants in Wyoming county of a future chance to feed in Quay's federal swill barrel. Regard for the postoffice has outweighed fidelity to party rules and political decency; and we have the brazen result in this ridiculous call for a new convention that, even should it ticket a Quay shouter for Harrisburg, week after next, couldn't, so long as there's a court of law left in the commonwealth, get him seated in the convention, should Delegate Northrop choose to defend his own.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS.

A Remarkable Proposition. Tunkhannock Republican: "This week we publish a call for a Republican county convention issued by the Quay followers in handbill form. The convention is called for the purpose of electing a new delegate to the state convention who will vote for Mr. Quay. This is a most remarkable new feature in Wyoming county politics, and savors a trifle of the ruin order. We believe it to be a very poor piece of political work, as well as a very questionable one. That Mr. Northrop was regularly elected a delegate to the state convention not one man in this county can or has ever denied. That he was urged to be a candidate by the sympathizers of Quay, who well knew that, should an issue arise in the state convention in which Quay was interested, they could not expect Mr. Northrop to be with them. That these same men today admit that their only objection to him is that he will not be bullied or bulldozed by them, and they propose to have a delegate that will be. Nothing can be accomplished in this move, for a new delegate cannot go. Mr. Quay's seat in the state convention unless Quay has strength sufficient to elect himself, and that can be will not need Wyoming county, and therefore the Hastings followers here do not care to what extent Quay and his henchmen show their hands. This will establish a remarkable precedent in our politics. In future no delegate can be sure he is a delegate until he is endorsed by this same class of men, and he can rest assured that his endorsement will come only after he consents to do their bidding. We urge every fair-minded Republican, and especially Hastings sympathizers, to have nothing whatever to do with these primary elections. It is a move which cannot accomplish any good, while it will injure the party throughout the county, as well as every person connected with it."

Troubles of an Innocent Reformer.

Pittsburg Times: "It must not be kindly and acutely path Senator Quay to see charged in the public press that Senator Andrews, his own right-hand man, attempted to bribe a delegate in Senator Quay's interest; that the delegate became aware of it, and, in his righteous indignation, threatened to hire a brass band and escort Senator Andrews to the scene to the tune of the 'Rogue's March'; that the delegate whom Senator Andrews is alleged to have tried to bribe swore out a warrant for his arrest, and that only the counsel of the friends of Governor Hastings and Colonel Gilkison prevented his being served. These things, it is repeated, must be distressing and painful to Senator Quay—not because Senator Andrews failed in his alleged effort, but because Senator Quay, no longer ago than Monday morning, declared in most unequivocal language 'against the use of money in politics' and that 'no state or county employe or officer should be permitted to influence primaries or elections.' How sharper than the serpent's tooth must it be to Senator Quay to see, the very next day after he promulgated this doctrine, many other high and holy principles to the people, the man who is his own familiar friend charged with such hateful practices as these and charged with doing it for Senator Quay's benefit! What encouragement is there to Senator Quay to try to keep in the straight and narrow way he marked out when such deadly wounds as these are dealt him in the house of his friends?"

The Tactics of Desperation.

Philadelphia Bulletin: "The insolent fashion in which Senator Quay couched his request to Chairman Gilkison, accompanied as it was by the charge that the chairman would 'doctor' the roll, forbids Mr. Gilkison from acting upon it, even if he had been disposed to give his aid in the matter. The firmness of the pre-text is shown in the fact that only four delegates to the state convention were charged with such hateful practices as these and charged with doing it for Senator Quay's benefit! What encouragement is there to Senator Quay to try to keep in the straight and narrow way he marked out when such deadly wounds as these are dealt him in the house of his friends?"

entirely inconsistent with his claims and boasts. His cause must, indeed, be in a bad way when he is ready to resort to arbitrary, lawless and unprecedented tactics for the sake of mounting a chairman Gilkison and depriving him of any chance of enrolling four delegates against the Quay faction."

Will Be Worse Than Ever. Lebanon Report: "If Quay comes out victor in the contest, he will be more absolutely the boss and dictator of the party in Pennsylvania than he has ever been before. The very conditions of the battle insure this. It is a contest for blood, the bitterest that has ever stirred up factional feeling since Quay has figured in state politics, and it has shaken more severely than ever his hold on the party machinery. If, after passing through such a storm, he succeeds, Quay must be the stronger for having weathered it. If Pennsylvania is boss-ridden now, she will suffer twice as much from it then. If corruption and venality; if hoodlums and political blood-suckers have run riot heretofore, they will revel more recklessly in the eyes of the public; if hypocritical pretensions of political reform are not worth the paper on which they are printed."

Another Yankee Paralyzer.

Another brilliant triumph is to be chalked upon the blackboard score of Yankee accomplishments, if not, indeed, writ in red ink on the page of history. It is a triumph achieved in the land of the Lafayette; yes, within the very confines of a belle Paris, fabled home of elegant hospitality. Let the New York Sun's eloquent cable letter tell the story in its own words:

"The people of Paris will talk for many a day about the wonderful dinner party given on Thursday night at the Pavillon d'Armeville, a famous restaurant in the Bois de Boulogne, by Rodman Wanamaker, the son of the merchant and ex-politician of Philadelphia. Twenty-two guests partook of this feast. Twenty-two of the finest equipages which Paris stables could produce called at the same moment at the residences of the guests, and then brought them to the banquet hall. The list of guests included Count Bryas, Count de Chazelles, Count de Rochefoucauld, Baron van Zuylen, the son-in-law of Baron Rothschild, and the artist, Roland Knollor, of New York. The decorations of the dining room were marvellously beautiful. Luminous fountains, planted upon great blocks of ice, kept the air cool.

"The dinner itself showed a splendid disregard of cost. It was not one dinner but twenty-two independent dinners, separately served, one to each guest. There was none of the meanness of the Europeans, who are not ashamed, even when wealthy, to make a roast of fish do duty for the whole party. Each guest had before him a whole leg of mutton, a whole salmon, truffled fowl, a basket of peaches, and a double magnum of champagne, besides bottles of wine of sacred vintage and fabulous cost. After the dessert had been served a waiter brought around a black silk bag, into which each guest thrust his hand and drew out a souvenir. The souvenirs were pearl and emerald pins, ruby links, gold cigarette cases, inlaid with diamonds, and other trifles of substantial value. It is asserted that the cost of the entire affair was close to \$20,000."

Happy land of freedom, which can nurture such generosity, let no invidious comparisons be drawn between Wanamaker, fils, with his gastronomic tourneys in fields of the cloth of gold, and Wanamaker, pere, to whom a snack of Johnny cake and a glass of buttermilk once, according to tradition, sufficed to satiate the wants of the inner man!

Today's primaries will doubtless be a repetition of history, wherein while Quay does the bluffing, Hastings captures the votes.

If the junior senator is a true convert to reform, he ought to insure the commonwealth against future backsliding.

For a highly moral reformer, Quay certainly has a curious staff of sub-saints.

HOT WEATHER ADVICE.

The man whose rule it is to take the weather as it comes. Without a word of fuss, fits a life a pudding full of plumbs. He doesn't care how low or high the mercury has got. And even when it's mid-July, he hardly knows it's hot. But he who when the mercury goes up to eighty-five makes such a fuss that every one knows that he's alive. Thus makes himself unhappy. Then he was meant to be. And he's the best at seventy-two. As if 'twere ninety-three.

So take a warning from these lines—It's good advice, though free—And when the hot days really come Don't watch the mercury. Just go about your daily tasks Regardless of the heat. And you will find that every day Your life will grow more sweet. —Somerville Journal.

Philadelphian Press: "If Mr. Quay's friends have 'the right already won,' as they pretend, and by a decided majority, what need of undertaking a revolutionary proceeding in order to make up a new roll in their interest? The very proposition stamps their claims of success as hollow and unfounded."

One Organ's Queer Taste.

Wilkes-Barre Times: "For a paper of the usual dignity of the Philadelphia Inquirer to print daily its disgusting caricatures of the members of the administration personified in a hog is to do no good to the cause of Mr. Quay. There are a few people left who abhor such a bluff and are deterred by such methods."



Exchange, are you awake? Of course! What number? Attach me to Mr. Kinsley, please. Hello! Is that the street commissioner? It is. What's wanted? Are you still anxious to please everybody, Mr. Kinsley? Certainly. If so, will you kindly inform me why the flushing system has been discarded on Adams avenue for a system that leaves dirt in the eyes of the public? Oh, that's easy. It's my new way of street cleaning. It's a cheaper method. I'm a reformer. And like other reformers—Am liable to scatter dust in the eyes of the public. Z-z-z-ling!

Is that Major Penman? Yes. How are things up at Susquehanna? Are the Erie shops running on full time? How's that? Don't you register from Susquehanna? Only for campaign purposes. Ah! I see. Speaking of campaigns and the weather, is it hot enough for you? Well, it was; but since we heard from you I have felt a trifle chilly. Z-z-z-ling!

Can I converse with Mr. Barnie? This is Barnie. What do you want? What's the matter with the ball club? Nothing. Why, I see you are now in the fifth place. Oh, that's all right. I have just suspended Barnum. If they keep on winning I'll put some more of 'em in the shambles. You will? Yes. My reputation is at stake in this matter. I won't have a club that— Z-z-z-ling!

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