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SCRANTON, SEPTEMBER 3, 1896. REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET. For Judges of the Superior Court: CHARLES E. RICE, of Luzerne.

Labor Day, 1895. Ideal weather and unusual cordiality of feeling among the organized trades combined to make yesterday's celebration of Labor Day more notable than any held in years.

It is a fortunate coincidence, by the way, that Labor Day, 1895, finds the bread winners of Scranton and vicinity at peace with their employers.

Inasmuch as General Harrison has repeatedly refused to announce himself a candidate for next year's presidential nomination, are not Senator Quay's friends a little premature in predicting his utter defeat?

Civil Service Reform. Much jubilation is expressed in the current number of the Century magazine at what it calls "the doom of the spoils system."

While this progress is rapid and encouraging, it must not be too readily believed that the 61,498 places at present under competitive examination rules are in all cases removed from the clutch of spoilsmen and office-hunting partisans.

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the spoilsmen is to abolish the spoils. Only, we caution our readers not to feel too complacent over the progress already nominally achieved, nor to accept drafts on that progress without gilt-edged endorsement.

Stevens, Cameron and Quay. Our Chicago namesake, in its comments upon last week's convention at Harrisburg, took occasion to lament the decadence in public morals as manifested in the "great drop from Thaddeus Stevens or Simon Cameron to M. S. Quay."

The habit of exalting the past at the expense of the present is far too common. Thus, in an age which fails as yet to do justice to Lincoln and snubs Grant, we have Washington, deified and Jackson made immortal.

In point of morals, politicians of all ages stand upon nearly an equal footing. They all fight to win, and employ whatever methods they think successful.

Tardiness of the Courts. It is possible that if a layman had said the things concerning the legal profession which Justice Brewer said last week before the American Bar association at Detroit, members of it would have manifested resentment.

Shorten the time of progress. Curtail the rights of candidates. When once a case has been commenced deny to every other court the right to interfere, or take jurisdiction of any matter that can be brought by either party into the pending litigation.

In concluding this portion of his address, Justice Brewer significantly said: "The idea of home rule and local self-government is growing in favor. Thoughtful men more and more see that the wise thing is to cast upon each community full responsibility for the management of its local affairs."

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superior and supposed wiser tribunal is going to review their decisions and correct whatever of mistake they may make? The report that General Harrison had wired congratulations to Senator Quay got into the telegraphic news by accident. It belonged on the joke page.

Cummings on Roosevelt. The brilliant but politically erratic Asa J. Cummings has come on like a war-path against Theodore Roosevelt. In an interview that lends picturesqueness to the autumnal outlook, "New York," says the Tammany ex-congressman, "is neither the city nor is this the day for blue laws and an enforced puritanism."

Then he adds: You must first catch the rabbit, says the old cook-book, and thus it is with Roosevelt. The following execution of the rabbit catch their sloopkeeper before they can roast him. And what with the way public-hunters hold a grudge, and the skill as an evader, Roosevelt is failing to catch him at a laughable rate.

There are some things that Mr. Cummings unfortunately omitted to say. For example, he forgot to explain how Mr. Roosevelt could, with a clear conscience, in view of his oath of office, neglect to enforce, or try his best to enforce, the excise law. Be that law good or bad, the president of the board of police commissioners, if honest with himself and true to his official obligations, must use all the power at his disposal to have the law obeyed.

No fact is clearer than that Theodore Roosevelt is, as usual, on the right track; indubitable evidence of which is supplied by the incessant squealing of those whom his courage pinches.

QUAY AS A WARWICK. Chicago Times-Herald. In consequence of his brilliant and spectacular but none the less thorough victory, Senator Quay assumes a position of prime importance in national politics.

In the matter Mr. Quay has a just grievance. Not an original elector, he accepted the chairmanship of the national committee reluctantly and at a time when his well-remembered position would give a big Harrison's chances. It was Quay who brought the recalcitrant Republican leaders, his line of march mapped out had for nearly twenty years. Prior to his advent most of the assembly district organizations were simply tributary to Tammany, and in many of these districts there was not even a semblance of Republican organization.

That Harrison's friends in Pennsylvania realized the peril to their candidate in the result that has come about was apparent long ago. The principal newspaper in opposition to Quay was the Philadelphia Press, whose editor, Charles Emory Smith, was President Harrison's minister to Russia, and whose owner, John W. Wells, through over his life-long love, Blaine, for Harrison in the nomination canvass preceding the Minnesota convention. Wells, who was Harrison's postmaster general, lent his name and his fortune to the anti-Quay fight with an enthusiasm only partly explained in the remote contingencies of Quay's defeat throughout the State.

The manufacturers, the skilled laborers and the farmers want McKinley. Mr. Reed has a nucleus of strength in every congressional district in the congressmen, who will depend upon Mr. Reed for his status in the next congress. He has also a considerable following in the lawyer class. Mr. Quay himself will wish to have a say about chairmanships next winter. He will therefore keep the question open, and a great deal may happen between now and the regular opening of the presidential campaign.

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COMMENT OF THE PRESS.

Protect the Party Primaries. Norristown Herald: "The present agitation in favor of more stringent regulations at party primaries ought not to be allowed to die out without bearing fruit."

An Incomparable Platform. The Indianapolis Journal says: "The civil service reform platform is superficial compared with that which Senator Quay has outlined. The former is confined to the question of competitive examinations for admission, while the reform demanded by Mr. Quay, if carried into effect, would insure honest, efficient and economical government in cities, townships, counties, states and the United States."

Very Desirable Change. Harrisburg Patriot: "Senator Quay will recommend to the state committees at its next meeting a number of important changes in the party rules. His plan is to provide for the election of delegates nearer the time of holding the state convention. The senator thinks sixty days from the convention would be the proper length of time. The necessity for this change was impressed upon Senator Quay by the advantage the combine had over him in Allegheny county by electing delegates before the recent contest was precipitated."

Senator Quay Talks. When serenaded at Beaver last Saturday night, Senator Quay said: "I need not tell you of the future; it is written in the platform, so that he who runs may read, and what is written is written. I regard it as the paramount duty of the state committee, and it will be my pleasure to put the principles of that platform into execution."

Calling a Halt. Montrose Independent-Republican. The superabundant desire of the average American to get something out of nothing is everywhere present.

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Jacobus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cast: 3.8 a. m., for Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1896.

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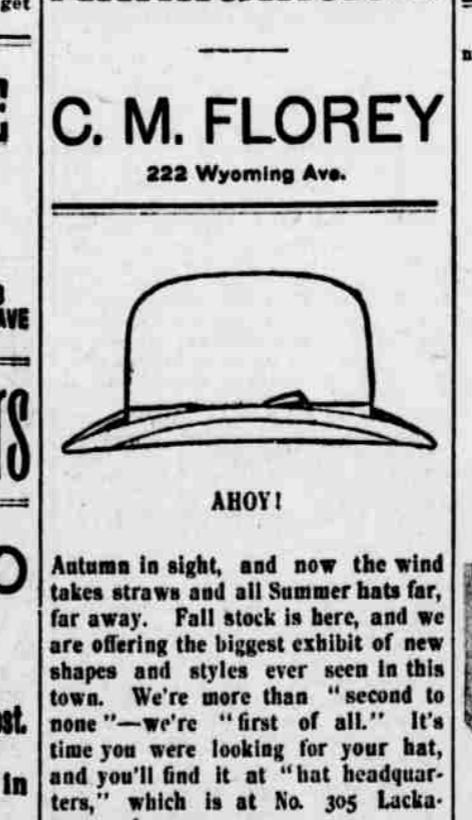
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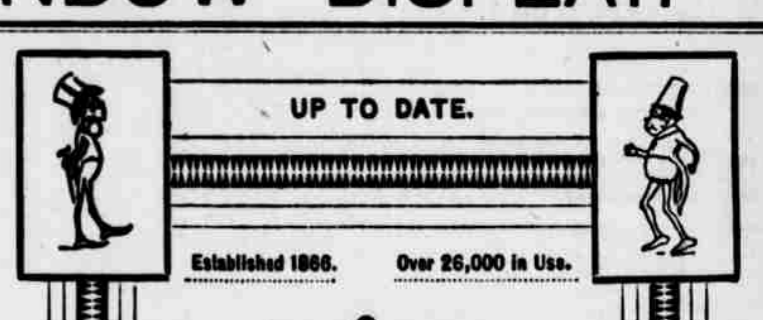


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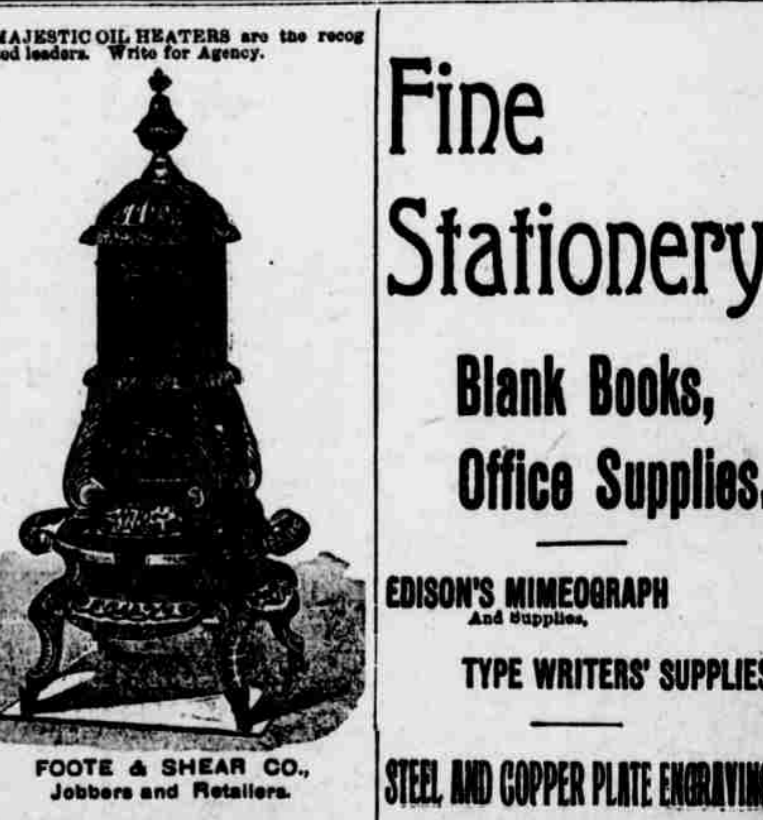
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