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REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS—C. C. Fisher, E. D. Fellows.

The warmth of the receptions accorded Mr. Bryan in the Eastern states failed to produce any perceptible effect upon the cold wave.

Playing with Fire.

IT IS CLEAR from the proceedings at the hearing given by the New York railroad commissioners that the opposition to the new railroad project has no case. The construction of the Delaware Valley and Kingston railroad is proposed as a practical business enterprise by men willing to put up the necessary money and assume all the risks. They offer substantial proof of their good faith in the form of contracts assuring for a period of years a tonnage sufficient to return a profit upon the railroad's operation, though every car sent to Kingston laden with coal should have to be hauled back empty.

Their position is identical with that of the dog in the manner described in the old fable. They will not themselves accord fair play to the anthracite trade and they are trying to prevent that trade from securing fair play through its own enterprise. Every obstacle that legal ingenuity can devise is thrown in the way of this new railway project at the very time that the interests opposed to it are scuttling its alleged impracticability. They pronounce it visionary and absurd and yet refuse to clear the pathway so that a test may establish whether their judgment is correct. In such a situation we have illustrated one of the phases of the trust problem which draws upon associated capital the indignation of public opinion and fertilizes the political field in which demagogical legislation is sown and reaped.

When the large railway interests thus conspire to uphold manifest injustice they invite what powerful incentives they supply to the growth of a public opinion hostile to railroads in general and bent upon state ownership and control. A dangerous pastime is playing with fire.

The fact that Senator Casbel was born in Lackawanna county doubtless accounts for his willingness to carry an election contest to the finish.

How Not to Report. AN INTERESTING insight into the methods of "yellow" journalism is supplied in the trial of a case which is now occupying one of the Hinghamton courts. The case is that of Miss Belle Bradley against the New York World. Suit is brought on two counts to recover damages aggregating \$10,000 for a defamatory publication in the World, including the unauthorized use of a picture.

In its issue of Dec. 20, 1898, the World printed a special from Hinghamton narrating the alleged arrest and commitment of Miss Bradley to the county jail on a charge of "scooping." The dispatch went on to exploit her eyeing costume, trim figure, etc., and was in the typical tone of "yellow" reporting. The next day the World printed a picture purporting to be a likeness of the plaintiff, who was held up to public scrutiny as "one of Hinghamton's fairest cyclers, who had just served a term in the Broome county jail for riding with her hands off the handle bars."

The testimony brought out that Miss Bradley had never been in a court room in her life until she appeared as the prosecutor in the present case. A month before the date of the World's scimitar a certain Belle Brandt had been convicted of violating the bicycle ordinance and had been sentenced to ten days in jail. The reporter for the World a month later, without examining the court docket, but upon hearsay, confused Miss Bradley with the Brandt woman and let loose the "yellow" story and picture. Although the dispatch included a purported interview with Miss Bradley, the reporter on the witness stand was compelled to admit that he had never spoken to either Miss Bradley or to the Brandt woman; and as for the picture, it had been selected at random from among a collection in a photograph gallery.

Errors in newspaper production creep in despite the best of care and injustice is often done when none is intended. This is true of the most honorable publications. But the foregoing case is a good sample of what is familiarly known as "yellow" journalism and it clearly illustrates how reporting should not be done.

The base ball projectors in Philadelphia have discovered a marked shortage in the supply of "come-ons."

The substitution of men for women teachers of Chinamen is wise; and wiser still would be the employment of plenty of policemen and detectives.

Despite all the efforts put forth for his evangelization, it remains as true today as when Bret Harte wrote that "for ways that are dark and for tricks that are vain the heathen Chinese is peculiar."

The election of senators by a popular vote would not expedite the political advancement of Hor. John Wannamaker, or of any of the men bargained with him for the creation of a new machine. So far as they are concerned, it is a dream.

In Honor of Helen Gould. EVERY GENUINE American will sympathize with the joint resolution, now pending in congress, to give a medal and a vote of thanks to Miss Helen Gould in recognition of her devotion and benevolence to the American soldiers in the late war with Spain.

The spirit of appreciation which prompts such action is not influenced by the amount of money and its equivalents which Miss Gould expended in her labors to lighten the burdens of our soldier boys, although this was very large. It recognizes instead the splendid motive which actuated Miss Gould, and which by reason of her superior opportunities made her conspicuous as the type of womanly patriotism and devotion. The woman of humble means who gave what she could to aid in the war for Cuban liberation is not less entitled to praise. But the impossibility of thanking by name every heroine of the recent crisis, makes it fitting that the general feeling should be expressed in a manner to honor Helen Gould as a worthy representative of her sex.

The self-sacrifice of the poor is beautiful but it is not uncommon. The self-sacrifice of the rich is sufficiently rare to call for especial mention.

Representative Conroy's decision not to be a candidate for re-election should have the effect to enable the Republicans of his district to choose as his successor one who will practice the doctrine of regularity in politics.

A Democrat and a Patriot. BEFORE THE New York Board of Trade and Transportation on Wednesday night Senator Lindsay, of Kentucky, a Democrat, spoke as a patriot and a statesman. His words should be circulated widely as an antidote to the bushy verbosity of William Jennings Bryan. Senator Lindsay said:

"I am not one of those who believe that any political party desires, or will ever desire, or dare to claim, the right of the United States to indefinitely govern, against their deliberate will and consent, a people possessed of the elements of civilization; but I do not consider that the restoration of order by the strong arm, or the failure, for the time being, to outline a policy that cannot be intelligently decided on, until a period of law and order shall have enabled us to fully comprehend the situation, and to prepare to meet and deal with it, indicates a spirit of autocratic imperialism, or justifies the charge that the American people are departing from the traditions of the fathers, or converting the American republic into an imperial despotism."

"We have extended our dominion, but we have not changed the nature of our government. When the opportunity comes, and it can only come with the restoration of peace and order, we will hold up the hands of such of the people of the Philippines as aspire to orderly and stable government, and assist them to work out their political salvation, even to ultimate independence, and then to be the first to welcome them into the family of nations. Entertaining this belief, and indulging this hope, I feel that the war in the Philippines, cruel as it may be, and war is always cruel, is the price that must be paid to freedom necessary to enable them to establish the creation of an orderly and stable government. We have freed them from the tyranny and misgovernment of Spain. It remains for us to free them from the despotism of aspiring native chieftains, who know nothing of free institutions, and care nothing for the weak or defenseless."

"Ultimate independence" may or may not become possible in the Philippines. It is in any event a question for the future. Should it become possible, the same good sense which shall make it possible will probably look upon it as not to be preferred to permanent identification with the great republic. But for the present the duty is clear and inevitable. The ranting of the Masons and Pettigrews and the buncombe barnstorming of the Bryans disturb but do not change it. To its faithful performance the sacred honor of this nation is pledged in the blood of its valiant sons."

The rip snorters who want the president to intervene between England and the Boers would be the first to desert and attack him if, following their advice, he should intervene and get into trouble. They were the loudest in howling for a war with Spain and the first to squeal because that war was too successful.

There really seems to be no escape from the modern terrors of literature. Now that Rudyard Kipling has been temporarily buried in South Africa, T. B. Aldrich threatens to publish a new translation of Omar Khayyam.

The New York state railroad commission ought to be convinced by this time that the Delaware Valley and Kingston enterprises are not deserving of classification on the wild-cat list. Count Boni Castellane evidently wishes to be known as what would be designated on the show bills as "the very latest European novelty." Congress will probably not object to profiting Mr. Roberts with miscare back home, on the ground of a cheap riddance. Kentucky will soon have to be put in the foreign missions list. Pettigrew should be sent to join Roberts.

CITY WILL HAVE TO PAY SAUL AND DYER

THEY WERE REMOVED FROM THE POLICE FORCE.

Test Case Was Brought in Name of Saul and Judge Archbald Handed Down His Opinion Yesterday—Decides That Saul Will Have to Be Paid for the Time Intervening Between the Removal by the Mayor and the Approval of This Action by the Select Council.

Judge R. W. Archbald handed down an opinion yesterday in the case of ex-Patrolman James Saul against the city of Scranton. Mr. Saul and Stephen Dyer were removed from the police force by Mayor James Moir in August, but the select council failed to concur with his honor until about six weeks later, his right to remove an officer without giving some adequate reason for his action being strongly questioned by a number of members of council.

Both Saul and Dyer claimed pay for the period intervening between the time they were removed and the confirmation of the mayor's action by council. The refusal to pay an amount was brought by City Solicitor Vosburg on behalf of the city and ex-City Solicitor James H. Torrey on behalf of Saul agreeing upon a statement of facts which was presented to the court as the basis for an opinion.

Judge Archbald's opinion, which is given in full herewith, states emphatically that the mayor has no right to remove an officer without the consent of the select council. The opinion follows:

In August last the plaintiff was serving by due appointment as one of the policemen of the city of Scranton at a salary of \$75 a month. On the 18th of that month he was notified by the mayor that he had been removed from the police force. The plaintiff notified the select council of this action. At a meeting of the council held September 7th the council advised the mayor was read and referred to the committee on police, and on September 21st the committee reported upon it adversely and recommended the report, refused to concur in his action.

ENTITLED TO RECOVER. For the time which the plaintiff served in August he was paid \$42.50, but he has received nothing since, and although he has been employed daily and been willing to act, his superior officers on the police force refuse to assign him to duty and have taken no steps to reassign him to any office of the city. This suit is brought for \$22.50, the balance of salary due for August, and \$75, the whole of that for September, and the cost of the suit, \$107.50. On the showing made we think the plaintiff is entitled to recover.

By Act of 23 May, 1889, article 7, section 4, P. S., the select council is provided that "the mayor shall nominate and by and with the advice and consent of the select council, he may appoint or dismiss the said policemen, any or all of them; and in like manner any and all vacancies shall be filled. The power of suspension or dismissal, like that of appointment, is therefore to be exercised not by the mayor, alone on his own responsibility but in conjunction with the select council whose advice and consent is necessary to approve and complete it; so it is ordained by the plain terms of the statute which has full control of the subject, that it is the end of the matter; he can no more remove alone than he can appoint alone; and the council, having refused to concur in the removal of the plaintiff, it is the duty of a policeman of the city and was entitled to compensation according to law."

It is argued, however, that policemen are public officers, and therefore come within the clause of the constitution which provides that "appointed officers, other than judges of the courts of record and the superior judges of public instruction, may be removed at the pleasure of the power by which they shall have been appointed. To this view it is replied that the removal with the first part of the proposition; policemen are not public officers any more than firemen, watchmen, clerks or the many other employees of the city and officials of the municipality. Commonwealth vs. Stokel, 20 W. N. C. 315; Russell vs. Williamsport, 9 Pa. Co. Ct. 292; Gift vs. Allentown, 37 Leg. Int. 322.

NO GENERAL FUNCTION. They exercise no general public functions, and are not a constituent part of the corporate machinery of the city. They are not special duty imposed upon or entrusted to them by law; they merely assist in preserving the peace and good order of the city, and in obedience to and under the direction of the ordinances of the city. This no doubt is of great importance, but it does not give them the status of public officers. They are servants of the public at large but of that limited part of it comprising the municipality which they patrol.

THE PROPER TICKET. Tunkhannock New Age. The Scranton Tribune suggests Charles Emory Smith, the present postmaster general, as a candidate for vice president. The suggestion is a good one, and we believe that The Tribune states the truth when it says: "He is among the best equipped men today in public life. He is a great editor, a great writer, a great executive officer, a forceful speaker, a successful diplomat, a wise counselor; a man of splendid equanimity, honest, courageous and in the prime of active manhood. Long before his hasty summons to Washington to become a cabinet official, he was the trusted adviser of the president."

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has nothing to do with either, those officers—made public officers by the Act—holding at the pleasure of the select and common councils by whom they are to be appointed. Either horn of this dilemma is fatal to the position taken on behalf of the city and it cannot be sustained.

Let judgment be entered on the case stated in favor of the plaintiff for \$107.50 with costs. Mayor Moir said yesterday afternoon that the case stated had been agreed to primarily to have the rights of the mayor with reference to the removal of officers definitely decided, and that an appeal would probably be taken to the supreme or superior court. As a result of this decision the city will have to pay two sets of officers for the time intervening between the removal of officers definitely decided, and that an appeal would probably be taken to the supreme or superior court.

REAL WINTER WEATHER. Thermometer Got Down Close to the Zero Mark Yesterday—Streets Were Deserted Last Night. Scranton was yesterday given a taste of winter in earnest, and the mercury sank low enough to satisfy even the most exacting of the proverbial "old settlers." The cold snap set in good and early and at 1 o'clock yesterday morning the thermometer registered 2 degrees above zero.

It remained at this pleasing temperature until about 5:30 o'clock a. m., when the air gradually became warmer until in the afternoon around 3 o'clock it actually became as warm as 11 degrees above.

It stayed there for a while and then took another drop, until at 7:30 o'clock 9 degrees above zero was the registering which caused shivering pedestrians to shiver even a little more. At 9:30 o'clock, a big thermometer on Lackawanna avenue mysteriously announced the fact that it was 7 degrees to the good, and the lonely patrolman on the beat stamped his feet and softly swore to himself as he saw the mercury sliding.

On all hands there was evidence that winter was here in earnest. The streets were usually the busiest thoroughfares were almost deserted last evening, and the few pedestrians who were out were walking along with overcoats tightly buttoned and collars pulled up, their chattering teeth and blue lips expressing their eagerness to gain shelter.

In the court in the rear of the Hotel Jermyn about 8 o'clock a pathetic sight was presented. There is a large grating against the hotel's wall, from under which issue the warm vapors from the heating apparatus of the hotel. Over this were seated, huddled together, four little urchins and a dog. They were typical children of the street, tiny, poor looking wails. Three of them were white and the other was black, all distinctions of creed and color being forgotten and even the canine being admitted to their company, the entire party being united by the immediate desire for warmth and comfort.

The effects of the weather were also seen in the local police station. The quarters in Centre street are used as a lodging house for tramps and vagrants and last night the lodgers began coming in early. At 9 o'clock there were already three or four and they kept coming in all night. They were allowed to sleep in the basement by a red light in the parlour on hastily constructed couches the weary wanderers considered themselves to be in a veritable paradise.

AN APPLE SOCIAL. Novel Entertainment Enjoyed by Members of Epworth League. A very enjoyable time was spent last night by the local members of the Epworth League in the basement of the Park Methodist Episcopal church. A large number of young people were present and were entertained by a novel form of amusement known as an "Apple Social."

This is a game in which the different letters composing various names of apples are used. Each person is assigned a letter, and endeavors to compose a short couplet on it, for the best of which prizes were awarded. The evening's entertainment was opened by George C. Switzer, who recited with fine dramatic effect a scene from Shakespeare's "King John." Refreshments were served later in the evening and a general time of jollity was spent.

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