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The battle in Ohio turns out a draw, Hanna has the house; Foraker the senate. Let both be happy and good.

The Change in Judges.

UPON the occasion of the retirement of Judge Carpenter and the accession of Judge-elect Newcomb, it seems proper to say what we are sure is in the minds of all familiar with court affairs; namely, that Lackawanna county has never had a fairer or more conscientious judge than J. Wharton Carpenter, esq.

For Judge Carpenter's successor, Hon. E. C. Newcomb, there can be only one wish, and that is that his term may be successful and pleasant. Mr. Newcomb is a man of strong personality, intellectually keen and courageous, and imbued with a high sense of the dignity and responsibility of the judicial office.

Some newspapers are wondering how long Cuba will have a president. We hope forever. It would be money in pocket for the United States.

Abandon the Boycott.

WE HAVE received, with a request for its publication, the following minute, adopted at a recent meeting of the Citizens' Alliance:

"The Citizens' Alliance, realizing the benefits already received by the community through its activities, yet keeping ever in mind its single purpose of righting only that which cannot be morally defended, and recognizing the potency of the press in the formation of public opinion, hereby calls upon each and every journal, published in Lackawanna county, to uphold and champion, aggressively not passively, not only the general principles of conduct outlined in its first manifesto, but also, the following specific propositions:

"First—That all organizations, whatever be their object, should withdraw all existing boycotts, and should refrain from the use of such instrumentalities in the future.

"Secondly—That it is incumbent on all organizations, in whose behalf sympathy takes the form of violence and lawlessness, to not only disclaim the same, but actively to engage in the suppression thereof."

These propositions are sound ones and they have our earnest support. It has been clearly shown that the boycott is illegal. That should be enough to condemn it in the minds of every law-abiding citizen, regardless of his rank or station in life. It should especially be enough to condemn it in the eyes of labor unions, which pride themselves upon their loyalty to the law. It is equally clear that in most, if not in all, cases the boycott, especially when declared in star chamber session and when enforced by means of intimidation, is immoral, un-Christian and un-American. That being true, it should have no place in the arsenal of organized labor's weapons, unless organized labor means in its practices, to be false to its public professions.

granted labor's co-operation in putting a stop to abuses that injure every element in our citizenship.

Score another for the octopus. The American Steel and Wire company has put its 25,000 employees on a pension system, whereby not only are old employees retired after certain age and faithful service, but any man disabled, if on the pay-rolls only for a day, will be cared for until restored to usefulness. It would be interesting to locate the labor agitator capable of doing such things for labor.

The Canvass For Governor.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of Insurance Commissioner Durham on Friday of last week that, "sink or swim," he was for John P. Elkin for governor, and his prediction that Elkin would have practically no opposition in the convention, are justly regarded as significant. To those acquainted with the political situation in this state, it is not a surprise that the nomination of Attorney General Elkin has been determined upon. During the factional warfare of the past six years he has been, next to Senator Quay, perhaps the most successful and efficient upholder of the "regular," or "organization" forces. Perilous in expedient, never discouraged or discouraged, a master tactician, and thoroughly acquainted with every factor in the game of politics as played in Pennsylvania, also possessing to an exceptional degree the personal esteem of those with whom he has been brought in contact, whether ally or antagonist politically, he has literally won his way to the front and can fairly be called the architect of his own success.

One peculiarity about Mr. Elkin which furnishes a key to his popularity among the men actively engaged in politics is the fact that he never, under any circumstances, permits political differences or disappointments to embitter him or lead him into expressions of ill will. It is a singular sight during the acrimonious factional warfare at Harrisburg last winter to see insurgents in frequent consultation with the attorney general and on warm terms of personal friendship with him as if he were their own political leader instead of the most formidable obstacle to the success of their plans. This large capability for making friends of those politically hostile is a distinguishing characteristic of successful political leadership; and among the younger men in politics today we know of none who have it in a higher degree than John P. Elkin. He has perfect command of himself, and this fact inevitably impresses others.

As to the expediency of his nomination at this time there has been considerable question, not all of it by Mr. Elkin's opponents. It is probable that in the minds of many doubt will linger until the ballots are counted. But there is no room for doubt that if the present leaders of the party conclude to take the risk of nominating him, no outside influence can prevent. The delegates to nominate are already in sight. What effect his nomination would have upon the plans of those who desire the overthrow of the so-called machine is conjectural. There will undoubtedly be another attempt at fusion, but the chances for a successful fusion of Democrats and insurgent forces are very much less today than they were a few days before the last election. The fact that these various fusion deals have invariably been non-productive so far as the Democratic party workers were concerned has perceptibly cooled their enthusiasm for more of the same unprofitable brand of "reform."

It is probable, says a Washington dispatch, that the most powerful men in the senate will boldly espouse the Panama route when canal legislation reaches the upper chamber of congress. No doubt some of them will. Especially those who don't want to have the canal built.

An Electric Gas Light.

SEVERAL months ago, at a meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, announcement was made by Peter Cooper Hewitt, son of Abner S. Hewitt, of New York, of the discovery by him of a new light, which combined gas with electricity. Last week, at another meeting of the same society, Mr. Hewitt went further into the details of his discovery and also placed on view specimens of the new illuminant.

The most notable of these specimen lights was placed over the entrance to the building in which the institute met, in West Thirty-first street. It was in the form of a column four feet high and about four inches in diameter, emitting a brilliant, cold blue-white light, which illuminated the street for half a block. Other lights of smaller dimensions were placed within, and were equally brilliant. The Hewitt lamp, as described in the New York papers, is very simple in construction. It consists simply of a glass tube, with a bulb at one end, into which gas generated from mercury has been introduced. The tube is then connected with an electric current, such as is now used in incandescent lighting, and that completes the process. The mercury gas acts as a conductor for the electricity, and as soon as the current is turned on, the tube is flooded with light. In the ordinary incandescent bulb only the small filament is aglow, but in the Hewitt light the whole interior of the tube is a mass of evenly-diffused illumination. In quality it differs from the common electric light, whether incandescent or arc, in having a more pronounced bluish tint. It is lacking in red. Thus it imparts to objects coming within range of its effect a certain pallor which at first will seem strange and possibly objectionable; but the experts say that for most purposes this blue-whitish tint is not only not objectionable from a hygienic standpoint, but is actually beneficial. Familiarity alone, they say, is in favor of the more reddish light.

The main advantage claimed for the Hewitt lamp is its economy. Its inventor professes to be able to produce his light for one-eighth the cost of an incandescent light of the same candle-power, while in comparison with arc or

ordinary gas light, he figures that his light is only one-third as expensive. The Hewitt light calls for merely the ordinary direct current circuit used in incandescent lighting. A point not cleared up in any account of it that we have read is the durability of the gas in the tube. It would be interesting to know how the life of a Hewitt tube compares with that of an ordinary incandescent bulb.

The cordiality existing between President Roosevelt and Emperor William, newly exemplified in the latter's invitation to the former daughter to officiate at the christening of his new yacht, is a natural consequence of their remarkable similarity. Both are strenuous men. Both are fond of men of action. Both are enthusiastic in their belief in the efficacy of sea power. Both have had experience in military matters and are of a militant turn of mind. Both have reputations for personal eccentricities which closely resemble each other. Both are clear and high minded in their aspirations and actuated by lofty convictions. The star of each is in the ascendant. What more natural, therefore, than that they should be drawn together? It is a happy circumstance, especially in view of the fact that some persons seem to have determined that this country and Germany must get into trouble. Whatever tends to dispel these foolish predictions and result in a better mutual understanding is of public interest and value.

According to the chief of the biological department of Butler university, the future man, though having to go through life minus a little toe, a vermiform appendix and floating ribs, will otherwise be a decided improvement on the man of today. For one thing, he will live to the average age of 109 years and his capacity for physical exertion and endurance will be correspondingly increased. There is consolation in this prophecy even though few of us expect to live to see him.

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This can be done with no disadvantage, but rather with benefit to the United States. We need her sugar and we want her tobacco. It is becoming more and more evident that a free importation of Cuban tobacco for cigar filler would improve the market for American wrapper, for which purpose the American leaf is best adapted. The most reliable figures obtainable show that our feeble little sugar industry is in no real need of protection against even free raw sugar from Cuba. To deny to Cuban products a more favorable entrance to our markets is to cut off a valuable market for our own wares, and to establish in our immediate vicinity a people who will be to us that which Ireland is to England. It is to fall in our duty to a people for whom we have become in all ways responsible, and to throw away commercial opportunities which lie ready and open for our taking.

—Albert G. Robinson.

AN APT RESPONSE.

From the Philadelphia Press. One of the commanding figures in the anthracite coal region is Congressman William Connell, of Scranton. He began life as a coal miner, and now he owns coal mines, banks, newspapers, telephone lines, and is interested in a score of great enterprises. He mixes up in politics and is recognized as one of the potential political powers of northeastern Pennsylvania. Despite his busy life, Congressman Connell has never forgotten his early religious training. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is a liberal contributor to our charitable agencies. Some years ago an irreverent individual remarking the fact as a peculiar one, that a man of Mr. Connell's prominence in politics and the business world should have such a high regard for religion, received this reply from the aged congressman:

"Young man, it is a pretty poor sort of a man who does not respect for religion. The Almighty God has given me health, and hands and brain to make of myself what I am, and if I cannot show a sense of gratitude for what He has done for me, I am worse than any savage that walks naked through an African jungle."

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