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The anomaly presented in a poor board partly appointed through failure of a proper machinery for election, and partly elective is one which should be brought prominently to the attention of the next legislature.

Majority Rule.

FROM the standpoint of practical politics there is something amusing in the ineffective but unflinching zeal with which a few newspapers opposed to the dominance of party stalwarts in the Republican organization in this state keep up, day after day, the monotonous chant that John P. Elkin, if nominated for governor of Pennsylvania, cannot be elected.

If there were danger of this prediction coming true, we should see evidences of fear among the Republican war-horses throughout the Commonwealth. Men who make a practice of politics do not as a rule tie up with enthusiasm to a hopeless or even a hazardous candidacy.

There has not been a candidacy within the memory of the present generation more thoroughly reflective of the cordial approval and earnest co-operation of the party's bone and sinew. It has been so popular and so well aided in every part of the state by men of influence and character that the most zealous endeavors of its few opponents to arrest its progress or to effect discomfiture within the lines of its promoters have failed most conspicuously.

In the light of this fact, which is so manifest that nobody who does not want to be blind to it can fail to see it, the dismal chorus of the small group of trouble-fosters fails to gain serious attention and is instead viewed as one of the humors of the campaign. There is only one way by which the election of John P. Elkin could be endangered. That is by the pre-arranged fusion of his professedly Republican opponents and the Democracy.

Theodore Roosevelt's franchise tax law has just been pronounced constitutional by the New York Supreme court. It is a victory more significant than that at San Juan.

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men of the class which gives us so much trouble."

Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana, asked that they be brought in, and Mr. Powderly had ushered into the committee room two Chinamen who had been arrested in Washington the night before for having illegally entered the United States. They were two of the most disreputable looking persons imaginable, one of them being visibly affected with a loathsome disease. They both were Chinese "merchants." They had been smuggled over the line at Portal, N. D., and had got as far as Washington before they were arrested.

The thoroughness with which Mr. Powderly has done his duty in the office from which he has been removed establishes a standard from which his successor will not dare to depart.

Rathbone's friends are not helping his cause by trying to discredit Charles Emory Smith. Mr. Smith was deceived in Rathbone, but he had plenty of distinguished company.

Canal Prospects.

THE REPUBLICAN "steering committee" of the senate, an unofficial body of leading senators who decide among themselves upon the order in which pending legislative measures shall be taken up for consideration, a kind of informal committee on rules, so to speak, has decided that action upon the isthmian canal shall be postponed until the short session of the present congress. Priority is to be given to the Philippine civil government bill, the Cuban reciprocity bill, the river and harbor bill and various routine measures, more than sufficient in number to occupy the remaining days of the present session. It is even predicted by some that the entire canal question will go over until the next congress. This is the view held by the Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune, who writes to his paper:

"In the meantime the question as to routes will be brought squarely before the people in the congress campaign soon to open, and it will be presented to the voters in all its phases. Then, when the Fifty-eighth congress assembles the members of both houses will know definitely what the people want, and will also get additional light on the matter through new surveys and investigations of both the Panama and Nicaragua routes, which will probably be made by order of this congress. At the same time the negotiations between this government and Colombia to enable the French Panama Canal company to grant a clear title for its property to the United States will be pushed to completion, and thus the whole canal question will be presented in a fuller and more satisfactory light."

We cannot say that this prediction surprises us. We have doubted from the first that anything more than nominal action would come from the present congress. In view of the success with which railroad influences have ebbed and flowed in the past, it is easy to believe that many heads now young and fresh will have become serene and sober before there will be a channel bisecting the isthmus sufficient to admit of a steady and comfortable passage of ocean-going ships. This is unfortunate for the country and for the Republican party. When the latter goes before the voters with a record of further postponements of this vital subject, it is quite possible that the voters may ask why and wherefore; and it will tax the ingenuity of the Republican party oracles to supply a satisfactory explanation.

The senators comprising the Republican "steering committee" are men of years, experience and discretion; they are, therefore, to know what they are doing and to have good reasons for doing it. Presumably they do and have. But we think we are within permissible bounds in saying that the temper of the people is one of rising impatience at delay in this matter; and that it seems likely that more votes will be lost by delay than by early and decisive action. At the very least, authority should be conferred upon the president to proceed with necessary preliminaries while congress is in recess.

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NOTABLE PROGRESS OF OUR FOREIGN TRADE

BETWEEN July 1, 1901, and February 28, 1902, 213 days passed, during which period we exported \$257,000,000 worth of manufactured goods, or over \$1,000,000 a day. Sundays and holidays included, for the same period of 1890 (last Democratic year), we only shipped \$111,000,000, or, nearly only \$500,000 a day.

Germany bought of us in 1901, about \$4,300,000 more than in 1900, though her total imports were \$50,000,000 less. We bought of her \$10,500,000 less. As far as we are concerned the result is \$15,800,000 more in our favor than it was in 1900.

Great Britain bought of us in 1901, 63 per cent. of the wheat she purchased; 69 per cent. of the meat; 100 per cent. of the grain, the iron and steel, she paid out a total of \$100,000,000 for goods of which we got \$300,000,000, or nearly one-half.

The American shoe trade with Mexico during the last five years has developed in a phenomenal manner and indeed it may be doubted whether the importers have any idea of the extent of the business. The old Mexican style and form of shoe is rapidly disappearing, and the American article is taking its place as more comfortable for the feet and more durable. The value of the shoes imported from all countries in the last year, 1900, was \$1,000,000, and in the same year the total value of goods imported from Mexico City looking for business which they will readily find if they have the necessary capital. Mexico bought 7,887 tons of coke in Baltimore last month for use in the various mining plants. Mexican goods imported into the United States are \$21,000,000 for the same period of 1900. Six per cent. increase in nine months, equal to 8 per cent. for the year, is not bad for an insufficiently stocked beginner. The imports increased from \$17,000,000 to \$21,000,000, of which we sent \$15,500,000.

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We lead this year in supplying Greece with petroleum, agricultural machinery, sewing machines, pumps, windmills, codfish, cotton, railway coaches, telegraph machines, typewriters, kaddies and all supplies, and our market.

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Table with 2 columns: 1900, 1901. Items include Coffee, Tobacco, and their respective values.

We take all the sugar the island produces. A Pittsburg syndicate will develop 15,000 acres of soft coal land recently discovered in Mexico. We permeate the world.

Schenectady, N. Y., April 3.

OUTLINE STUDIES OF HUMAN NATURE

How He Got an Umbrella.

A Grand Avenue merchant entered his store the other day with an umbrella on his back, and sitting down on the nearest stool, burst into a roar of laughter in response to queries as to the character of the joke the merchant said after a few minutes' delay:

"Well, you know, when I started out in the rain I had no umbrella. I worried about the avenue and across the pontoon, debating whether I shouldn't jived, he was ordered by the thought that I already have three umbrellas kicking around somewhere. When I got over on East Water street I spied a man I presumed to be Dick Wilson. I don't believe you know Dick, but he is an old friend of mine. The man I thought to be Dick was carrying a fine silk umbrella. It's mine, now," he added fondly, as he gazed on the work of art he held in his hand.

"As soon as I saw the man I presumed to be Dick I was so overjoyed that I rushed on him from the rear end, slapping him hard on the back, exclaimed: 'Look here, old man, give me that umbrella!'"

"The man turned and, to my amazement, I discovered that he was not Dick, but some one I had never seen before. I was covered with confusion and was about to apologize, when I observed that he was even more confused than I. He hastily closed the umbrella and pressed it into my hand with the remark:

"I beg your pardon; I didn't know it was yours," and vanished around the corner, leaving me standing with open-mouthed astonishment.

After the outbreak of merriment from the assembled clerks had subsided, the merchant said:

"Well, I've got a fine, new umbrella anyway and they say the second thief is the best owner."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

German Take a Shy at American Slang.

One of the senior officers of the imperial yacht Holentollen is enjoying the efforts of some of his comrades to acquire American slang, and he tells of the results.

"Von...?" said the officer, "was entertained by his remarks with the expression, 'By the gods of Rome,' and gives vent to enthusiasm with the exclamation, 'Das Coon, coon, coon!'"

"The young officer, with an imperfect comprehension of English, broke out at the ward-room meet the other evening with 'Gross Kaiser's goat,' and before we could determine whether 'Von... was counting her midgets or not, he exclaimed, 'By der gods of Rome!'"

"The song, 'Coon, coon,' would hardly be recognized in the deep guttural efforts of one of the officers, who attempted to fit into the syncopated melody 'Schwarzmann, Schwarzmann.'"

"The expression, 'She's a peach,' seemed to strike one young officer, who at the first opportunity displayed a young woman in an apple, much to the amusement of those who were better acquainted with American slang."—New York Post.

Her Little Prayer.

Comptroller-elect Edward M. Grant told a pretty little Christiana story a few days ago.

He said that a little girl relative of his was visiting her grandmother on Thanksgiving day. Already the child had begun to speculate on what Santa Claus might give her. "You wish, ma'am, and as children—especially girls—will do, when they are at the home of an indulgent friend, she began to rummage through chests and drawers.

In the course of her investigation she came upon a brand-new white muff. It was the very thing she had wanted, and she knew that Santa Claus' chief purchasing agent—granma—had obtained it for her. She tried to fit it, but she forgot all about it until Christmas day.

ALWAYS BUSY.



France bought of us in 1901, goods to the value of \$60,000,000, and sold to us \$40,000,000, leaving the balance \$20,000,000 in our favor. We stood second on her list of countries she buys from. Our sales to her are increasing and our purchases falling off.

"Our efforts will be confined to America for the next few years. Our whole capacity at present is taxed by the home demand." The foregoing statement by one of the officers of the National Bank company, could be duplicated in most other lines of industry, fully explaining the reason for increased home demand for the slight falling off in our exports.

Commerce between the United States and Chile has materially increased during the quarter ended December 31. Large shipments of American lumber have been received at the port of Valdivia, large contracts for coal have been secured by American firms, trade in American paper has greatly increased, and orders for various other goods have been placed with United States houses. The present outlook for trade between the two republics is more favorable than at any time in recent years.

We will lead the world in exports, our figures for eight months being \$97,000,000. Great Britain comes next, with \$91,000,000.

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The Scranton Tribune will open on May 5 its third great Educational Contest. Like the others, which proved so profitable to the contestants during the past two years, this will be open to young people, not only of Scranton, but throughout Lackawanna and other counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania. There are offered as Special Rewards to those who secure the largest number of points,

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in some of the leading educational institutions in the country. The list so far arranged is as follows:

Table listing 27 scholarships with their respective institutions and values, such as '2 Scholarships in Syracuse University, at \$43 each... \$ 864'.

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Each contestant failing to secure one of the scholarships as a special reward will receive ten per cent. of all the money he or she secures for The Tribune during the contest.

Special Honor Prizes.

A new feature is to be added this year. Special honor prizes will be given to those securing the largest number of points each month. Just what the prizes will be are to be announced later, but they will consist of valuable and useful presents, such as watches, books, etc.

The best explanation of the plan of The Tribune's Educational Contest will be found in the rules, which are here given:

RULES OF THE CONTEST.

The special rewards will be given to the person securing the largest number of points. Points will be credited to contestants securing new subscribers to The Scranton Tribune as follows:

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Those desiring to enter the Contest should send in their names at once, and they will be the first to receive the book of instructions and canvasser's outfit when the contest opens on May 5. All questions concerning the plan will be cheerfully answered. Address all communications to CONTEST EDITOR, Scranton Tribune, Scranton, Pa.

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