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For governor of Pennsylvania, on the issue of an open field and fair play.

JOHN P. ELKIN, of Indiana, subject to the will of the Republican masses.

Testimony That Counts. BY UNANIMOUS vote of the chamber of commerce of Manila has passed resolutions affirming its complete sympathy with the steps taken by the army in suppression of insurrection and bandit terrorism of peaceful natives, and repudiating the slander that the army as a whole or in any considerable part has employed objectionable methods.

It is too much to expect that this action of men on the ground will have a repressive influence upon the defamers of our soldiers, because those defamers are looking for votes. They have an idea that if they can discredit the army in the Philippines and throw mud on the administration it will in some strange manner contribute to Democratic victory in the fall elections.

History holds out no encouragement to this hope. Defamation on the flimsy effect of gallant Americans on the firing line has never yet appealed to the approbation of the American people, and we would not be afraid to wager that it will not appeal to them in this instance.

It ought, however, to be reassuring to flattered citizens at home that the shrewd and far-seeing business men who have gone to Manila to lay the foundations of a commercial future are serene during all this agitation in Democratic circles at Washington. They are on the ground and know, and they are satisfied with what is being done and with the way in which it is being done. We commend this fact to the attention of long range critics.

Come, come, Brother Lyned. Don't be a hog.

Figuring. Excluding Philadelphia and Allegheny, there are yet to elect 136 delegates. Should Mr. Elkin get the same proportion of these as the delegates elected since he was put on the sliding, he would get as many as 88, which, added to his 50 would make a total of 138 for him, or 75 less than the number necessary to secure the nomination.

THE HAD only one delegate it would be his duty to go in the convention as a protest against the manner of his defeat and the manhood of Pennsylvania would applaud him for doing it.

But let us look at the foregoing figures. Since Elkin was "put on the sliding" the only delegates committed against him were those from Lackawanna who go to Colonel Watres from home pride and in gift. At this rate he ought to get all of the remaining 136 country delegates unless the opposition to him soon trots out a man and wins a popular endorsement.

Figuring in advance of the fact is always hazardous, but since the Press seems willing to predict that Elkin will get only 38 more delegates outside of Allegheny and Philadelphia we do not hesitate, from data which we think are trustworthy as those of the Press, to predict that he will get nearer 100, 14 he does, he will be nominated. It is a snug fight, of course, having yet to be determined; but don't think that Elkin is out of it, or you may be fooled.

The Times should send its strike outfit to Manila to straighten things out.

An Interesting Test. THE REPORT seems to be well authenticated that James J. Hill, the railway king of the Northwest, when in Washington recently, announced to friends his purpose of doing all within his power to secure the defeat of President Roosevelt for a second term. Other men interested in large business combinations which are infringing upon the Sherman anti-trust law and therefore in peril of legal attack as the president has attacked Mr. Hill's railway merger scheme, and the so-called meat-trust are talking similarly in public or private. They are convinced that Colonel Roosevelt is erratic and unsafe; that under his administration vested interests are not properly protected; and that between his candid and straightforward policy of doing what he says and the empty canting of a man like William Jennings Bryan they would be willing to change the latter.

The active and determined opposition of such interests is not to be lightly disregarded. It would exert a considerable influence in the nominating convention; more there than at the polls. Nominating conventions are in many instances peculiarly subject to manipulation. Except when there is an overwhelming popular demand for the nomination of one man the nominee is usually the individual whom the leaders in close conference select. Party leaders rarely care to ignore the great financial interests. This is true of both parties and is another way of saying that it is money which makes the mare go.

On the other hand, Theodore Roosevelt is doing what the people do or should want done. He is living up to his oath of office. He is enforcing the laws of the United States, just as he enforced the laws of New York city when he was police commissioner or the laws of New York state when he was governor, without fear or favor. The Sherman law is plain in its prohibitions. Mr. Hill knew of the existence of this law when he undertook in company with Pierpont Morgan the formation of his railway merger. The western meat packers knew of it when they combined to control prices and restrain trade. They took the risk of prosecution with eyes wide open. Whether the Sherman law is a wise law or not does not enter into the subject yet. If it is unwise these prosecutions will develop wherein and why and then will come the appeal for its amendment. While the law is in full force on the statute books and the people are murmuring bitterly at conditions which its enforcement ought to relieve, there can be no question as to the executive's duty in the premises.

A political battle between the president and the trusts would be deplorable for the reason that it would necessarily excite class bitterness and open the door to a large brood of obvious evils. Yet if it shall come the public should bear in mind that it was not the president who forced it. He started out to do simply what it was his official duty to do. Every law-breaker objects to law enforcement and feels unjust against the official who enforces the law. It would hardly be to abandon law enforcement on that account. Besides, if the threatened fight shall come it will be of interest to the public from the people's expression at the polls as to just how much honesty and courage they want and are capable of sustaining in their public servants.

It will be real disappointing to the Scranton Times if that coal conference doesn't end up in a strike.

They Will Have to Guess Again. EVER SINCE Senator Quay declared against John P. Elkin for governor, a number of newspapers of insurgent or Democratic proclivities have tried to make it appear that the senator's action was in pursuance of a suggestion from the white house. They have repeatedly printed dispatches alleging that President Roosevelt has been putting his fingers into our gubernatorial campaign, to the detriment of Elkin's candidacy. The following dispatch from Washington to the Philadelphia Ledger of yesterday signed "J. M. C." the initials of one of the most trustworthy correspondents at the capital, is of interest in this connection. After reviewing the various rumors connecting the president with Pennsylvania politics Major Carson continues:

"There is the very highest authority for declaring that there is neither truth nor foundation for such reports. The president has at no time discussed the question of candidates for the governorship of Pennsylvania with congressmen or others from that state, nor has he expressed to any one a preference for General Brooke or any other person in connection with the Republican nomination. Moreover, it can be stated in the most full and positive manner, that Senator Quay has not talked with the president about candidates, and that the president has no information whatever in regard to any plans that Senator Quay may have in connection with political affairs in Pennsylvania. The president fully recognizes the impropriety of interference on his part with the local politics of Pennsylvania, and is determined not to be drawn into the contention that is now in progress over the selection of a Republican candidate for governor.

"So far as the president is concerned, the Republican convention to nominate a candidate for governor of Pennsylvania will be free to exercise its best judgment. It is not true that he feels a special interest in the candidacy of General Brooke; it is not true that he has even intimated the nomination of Brooke is necessary to prevent the retirement of Attorney General Knox from the cabinet to accept the call of the Republican convention; it is not true, no matter who asserts to the contrary, that he feels special interest in any candidate, or that he is likely to be drawn into the factional contention over the work to be performed by the Republican convention. It is true, however, that the president does not want Attorney General Knox nominated. He does not want to lose his attorney general and he frankly says so. It may be properly stated in this connection that the correspondent of the Public Ledger directed the attention of the president this morning to recent publications which represented him as expressing opinions about the pending struggle among the Republican leaders of Pennsylvania over the coming state convention, and with having declared to congressmen from that state a desire for the nomination of General Brooke. To every one of the several statements made in the publications alluded to the president gave emphatic and unequivocal denial."

"This explicit statement of truth in contradiction of characteristic insinuation should put an end to indecent trading on the president's name. The willingness of Bird S. Coler to accept the New York governorship contracts sharply with the reluctance of the people.

Some of the senatorial opponents of Cuban reciprocity, working under cover, have been trying to fix things so that congress will adjourn leaving this

matter in the pigeon-hole. The president has nipped their scheme in the bud by causing them to learn that should it materialize he would promptly reconvene congress in extraordinary session.

A Suggestion. "MOTHER" JONES is credited with the plan of having every union workman in the United States stop work on May 17 as an object lesson to employers of the strength of the union movement.

We have a suggestion to make. It is that the union men, so far from showing how indifferent they can be to the interests of their employers and how regardless of the convenience of the public, take exactly the other tack, and, by showing how efficient and faithful they can be, see if it is not true that molasses will catch more flies than vinegar.

Somewhat, even in these days of trusts and unions, we have observed that the intelligent employer still manifests a preference for the workman who he can depend upon. When he has a foreman or a superintendent to hire he usually promotes to the place the man who has been loyal in a minor position. In other words, it is still merit which knocks the largest number of industrial permissives. If the employers should plan to throw all their men idle on a certain day, just for the fun of the thing, the joke would hardly appeal to those compelled to pay for it. "Mother" Jones should read the book entitled, "Put Yourself in His Place."

From now on the delegate elections will follow each other thick and fast and the mathematicians will be kept busy tabulating the returns. Luzerne's Fifth district holds primaries today, with the convention Monday.

It is now promised that in two weeks Senator Quay will unblanket his gubernatorial dark horse and permit the people to examine the foetlocks. This boon will undoubtedly be appreciated.

It appears that Denmark also has a bucking congress on its hands.

Aginaldo's voluntary admission that the Filipinos are not yet fit for independence will be sad news for the Boston anti.

Upon the occasion of the recent meeting in its city of the Confederate Veterans' association the Dallas, Tex., News issued an edition of 72 pages containing the most complete and interesting collection of history and reminiscence of the Confederate movement that we have seen. It was a compilation executed with generous enterprise and painstaking care and its happy result entitles the publishers of the News to public congratulation.

The fact that President-elect Palma has already been handshaked sick suggests that Cuba ought to profit by America's example.

THOS. S. BIGELOW'S ESTIMATE OF JOHN P. ELKIN. From the Pittsburg Times.

"If Mr. Elkin had money he could not be defeated," Mr. Bigelow said yesterday. "He is head and shoulders above a politician and he never falters in a fight." Mr. Bigelow went on: "I stood with him in three hard contests, and now him manage the fight for the organization of the legislature, the election of W. T. Marshall for speaker of the house and the election of Mr. Quay to the United States senate. Those fights took courage, sagacity and extraordinary ability. Elkin made those fights and he was through them all the most successful man I ever learned to know. He never fagged nor faltered."

ELKIN'S GROWING POPULARITY. From the Reading Times.

It is beginning to look very much as if Elkin's candidacy for governor was gradually, but surely, growing in strength throughout the state, as the time for the assembling of the Republican state convention is coming nearer. The newspapers that have been predicting the early collapse of his boom are not seemingly as confident as they were of such a result. On the contrary, they are a good deal surprised at the increasing strength his candidacy has developed, and are forced to the conviction, sure and more, that he has been greatly underestimated by those opposed to him.

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1 Scholarship in Wilkes-Barre Institute. 378
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