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Discovery of the fact that 70,000 Republicans in New York city did not vote at the recent election justifies Governor Odell's suggestion of an investigation into the reason why. Was Odell sold out?

The Land of Opportunity.

IF ANY demonstration were needed to prove the boundlessness of opportunity open in the United States to young men of natural force and ambition, without regard to circumstances of humble origin or early poverty, it was certainly afforded on Saturday in the exhibition of intellectual fencing between Hon. Wayne MacVeagh, a former attorney general of the United States, and a self-made graduate from the peerless school of youthfulness and self-reliance, the self-educated miner boy who, at 23 years of age, presides with manifest skill and with practically unlimited authority over the largest single organization of wage-earners in the world.

poration to which the town directly owes its growth from a sleepy Dutch village to one of the busiest and most prosperous urban communities in the United States, has announced that if any of its 10,000 employees shall be treated by the local unions as Potter was treated, it will provide employment in its offices for them at pay not less than that now earned by them.

There the matter rests. But it will probably not rest there long. The street railway line in Schenectady, upon which thousands of the employees of the General Electric company ride to and from their work, is owned and operated by the General Electric company. Upon one of its barns a sub-contractor chanced to employ non-union carpenters. Today a boycott declared by the Trades Assembly goes into effect upon the car lines. One line runs to Albany, using for its entrance into Albany the lines of the United Traction company, of Albany, a unionized road. The Schenectady unionists are going to try to have the Albany unionists prevent the United Traction company from carrying out its agreement with the Schenectady trolley company while this boycott is in force, and, in the event of its refusal to be dictated to in this way, they threaten to extend the boycott to Albany, where, once before, not many months ago, a street car strike resulted in riot and the shooting in the streets of a prominent citizen.

It is fair to be organized labor to say that the Schenectady view is an extreme and unrepresentative view. The view of this matter expressed on the witness stand Saturday by John Mitchell, when he said that the member of a labor union should have the same freedom with reference to joining the militia as any other citizen, is the intelligent view. Any other theory, if carried into effect by force and intimidation, will inevitably recoil upon and injure the cause of those who profess or tolerate it.

An experiment in government ownership of railroads has recently been made in Denmark with instructive result. In four years' the accumulated surplus had fallen 75 per cent., while the number of employees had increased by 1,400, and to keep the wheels moving it is now proposed to increase passenger and freight rates and even the postal charges. We want none of that in this country.

Minister Wu's Departure.

TODAY Minister Wu starts homeward to China. He will bear with him the annual respect and the high, indeed, so far as his countrymen are concerned, the unparalleled admiration of the American people with hardly an exception. The asperity with which he was regarded in missionary circles during the fore part of the Boxer disturbances, when some of the most eminent Christian divines lost their temper and their judgment and publicly accused Minister Wu of deceiving our government and of practicing oriental cunning at the cost of human lives, has wholly disappeared. All now recognize that in the painful suspense and delicate negotiations of that trying time no Christian could have been more mindful of his duty and his honor than this pagan follower of Confucius. To his astuteness and skill not less than to his own wisdom do we owe the fact that the American government at that time was enabled not only to obtain the first authentic news from the beleaguered legation in Peking but also to order its conduct of affairs in the joint relief movement and in the developments growing out of that movement as to wrest from the older powers of the civilized world the moral as well as the intellectual leadership, a leadership since frankly admitted.

But this signal service, while conspicuously illustrative of his ability and resources, was only one of the many claims which he established upon American sympathy and appreciation. In the talks which he gave upon what may be called controversial topics of religion and philosophy he illustrated admirably the tone and temper in which such subjects should be discussed, putting to shame many more pretentious champions by his lack of rancor, his breadth of sympathy and of intellectual view and his thorough mastery of tactful expression. It is not too much to say that this "heathen" has established a standard of freedom from small prejudices and of sympathetic appreciation of that which is good in various systems of philosophy and practices of religion which many more highly "civilized" occidentals will find hard to maintain. Moreover, on the various academic subjects which he has discussed before gatherings of our people he has both instructed and charmed by the lively play of his intellect, his shrewdness, his wit and his sense of humor, traditionally scarce among his countrymen. In short, Minister Wu has been easily and without apparent effort the most picturesque and interesting figure among the foreign representatives in our national capital; and the one recompense in his present departure is that it promises to place him in a position of increased usefulness wherein his knowledge of America and his good will for his people may have many new opportunities of substantial demonstration to the mutual benefit of both countries.

A movement is under way in New York to have the legislature reimburse General Moltenau for the outlay of money forced upon him in defense of his son by the incompetence of Recorder Goff and Assistant District Attorneys McIntire and Osborne. It is a just debt, and the people should be penalized for putting such misfits in office.

Mrs. Eddy has warned the Christian Science healers to refrain from treating small pox and other contagious diseases. This is a most sagacious piece of advice. If the healers can be persuaded to confine themselves entirely to complaints that will yield to argument, the science should soon flourish upon hitherto barren fields.

Upon the ground that it has abandoned the usages of a free government, Virginia, as represented by its recent elected state officials, is to be called before the federal court to answer for the disfranchising of negroes by the

article of a jug-handled constitutional amendment. This is an issue which should afford a fitting topic of legal discussion. It is one that will not down.

Although tried before a jury of Democrats, Edward Butler, the "boss" of St. Louis, has been convicted of attempted bribery and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. The American conscience is non-partisan when aroused, but it is by no means steady in its zeal as it ought to be if righteousness is to become the rule in politics.

A ten per cent. wage increase among all the employees of railroads comprehended within the Truck Line association will give a new zest to Thanksgiving and show that, after all, capital may not be so black as it is painted.

In view of Governor LaFollette's latest eruption of opposition it is said that Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin, is doubtful whether he wants to return to the senate. Let him give the country the benefit of the doubt.

The determination of the Federation of Labor to begin an aggressive labor union campaign in the South will make a lot of news, especially if it gets entangled with the race question.

In the matter of unique advertising Mascagni bids fair to eclipse all of his predecessors.

OCTOBER EXPORTS.

Special Correspondence. Washington, Nov. 16. October exports show a decided tendency toward recovery from the depression largely due to the short corn crop of last year and the reduced foreign demand for other breadstuffs. The total exports for October were larger than those of any preceding month in the history of our commerce, except October and December, 1900, and October, 1901. Exports of corn are, of course, less than in October of last year, by reason of the very great shortage in corn exports last year. The total value of corn exported in October, 1902, being \$23,682, against \$2,248,940 in October of last year; while for the ten months ending in October, 1902, the value of corn exports was \$5,285,059, against \$17,233,450 in the corresponding months of last year. In wheat, which had shown a material reduction in exports in the last few months when compared with the extraordinary high figures of the corresponding months of the preceding year, the higher exports of October marked improvement, the total value of wheat exported in October, 1902, being \$12,458,588, against \$10,554,414 in October of last year. While flour exports for October of the present year are valued at \$7,243,911, against \$1,066,501 in October of last year. Breadstuffs as a whole show a total of \$23,967,191 in October, 1902, against \$20,372,325 in October, 1901. Exports of provisions and live animals are still below those of October of last year, the figures for October of the present year being \$10,090,175, against \$18,225,565; while for the ten months provisions and live animals show a fall in exports of \$8,000,000 as compared with the corresponding months of last year, and breadstuffs a fall of \$1,000,000.

NOT DIFFICULT.

The late Hugh Lane, pastor of Saint Theresa's Roman Catholic church, often told a story of a young Dominican who, touring Ireland on a series of revival meetings by the members of his order, was given his first opportunity to preach a sermon one night when the meetings were for men only. He began by saying that he invited questions if any portion of his sermon should be beyond the comprehension of the big gathering, and then took for his text the feeding of the multitude. He was naturally flustered, and inquired as follows: "And they fed ten people with ten thousand loaves and ten thousand fishes." "He was called to recognition of his error by the local inn-keeper, who said: 'Share, an' this is no miracle at all! Oi could do that me self!'" "The young priest went on, heedless of the interruption, and made such a bad impression that he was told off to deliver the sermon two nights later, when again the services were for men. Feeling that the theme was beyond the comprehension of the big gathering, and then took for his text the feeding of the multitude. He was naturally flustered, and inquired as follows: "And they fed ten people with ten thousand loaves and ten thousand fishes." "He was called to recognition of his error by the local inn-keeper, who said: 'Share, an' this is no miracle at all! Oi could do that me self!'"

THE 'COON'S ADVENTURE.

For The Tribune. The Raccoon peeped from his solemn den Through a hole in a hollow log, And the forests waded to midnight winds As far as a 'coon could see; For his home was where the tall trees grow, And the hawk and the owl abide; And the hemlock murmurs the wildest song, Far up on the mountain side. For he loves the deepest wilderness; And he bathes where the waters fall From dangerous heights and rocky cliffs, When darkness covers all; And only when the world is still; And the woodruff wheels his flight Among the shades of the forest wild, Does the 'coon come out at night. And now he creeps from his all-day lair, As he shrugs in a hollow log; The moon is descending in the distant west. As he comes from the mountain side; Now comes the 'coon for the screeching owl. That leers from the hemlock bough; The shades of night have settled down, He is bent on mischief now. For the toad has gone to his winter home; And the fish in the brooks are shy; The eggs have hatched from the wild bird's nest; And the juniper berry is dry; But the 'coon must have a rich repast, Ere the dawn of the coming day; So he ambles off to a fat hen-roost Of a farmer's far away.

A thief he is and bent on crime, You may see by the stripes on his tail; The marks of Cain he can't discard, And his maraudings never fail; He knows that the farmer now sleeps well; That the candle light burns low; The watch-dog ceased to bark at twelve, And the throb of life beats slow. But hark! On the fringe of the forest, dark! Where the Raccoon wound his way, The 'coon-dog's baying voice is heard, And the robber does not stay; The forms of his victims strew the ground. The last of the farmer's stores; The chuck of the hen and crow of the cock. On the farm are heard no more. So the Raccoon turned his guilty steps From the roost of his bloody crime To his lonely den in the forest, dim. Where he dwelt in the summer time; But life for a life, he learned too late, Is the solemn decree of men; And the Raccoon sleeps his last long sleep In the shades of his rocky glen. —C. H. Soper. Scranton, Nov. 14.

NO SERIOUS DRAWBACK.

Bridget was engaged to be married to a young plumber, Terence Dolan by name, and when, two weeks before the day set for the wedding, she fell down the cellar stairs, she was in the depths of woe.

"I've broken out one of my front teeth," she wailed to her mistress, "and my teeth has been my best beauty, ma'am! Ma'am's the time Terence has had me show 'em to his friends, and remarked how fine they were! Oh, what'll I do? What'll I do?" "Tell Terence all about it when he comes tonight, and I'm sure he'll say he's only glad you were not more severely injured," said her mistress; but Bridget shook her head and refused to be comforted.

"I would be better for me if I'd broke some of my bones," she said, gloomily, "and maybe all of 'em."

"That evening, after Terence had come and gone, Bridget appeared before her mistress, the gloom gone, and her face set in a broad smile.

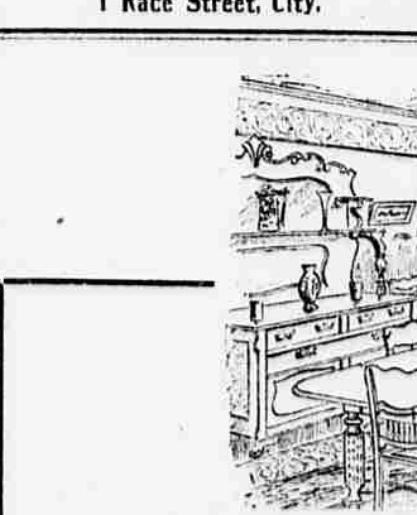
"I told him all about it," she said, gaily, "and he says to me, 'What's a tooth more or less when it comes to cookin'?' he says, 'careless like, and passed on to Cassidy's wake as if 'twas no matter at all!'" —Youth's Companion.

Louis H. Isaacs. 412 Spruce Street. 309 Lackawanna Avenue. LINE OF IMPORTED WOOL GLOVES. PLAIN OR FANCY, 50c.

The Moosic Powder Co. Rooms 1 and 2 Commonwealth Bldg. SCRANTON, PA. MINING AND BLASTING POWDER. Made at Moosic and Bushdale Works. Laffin & Rand Powder Co's ORANGE GUN POWDER. Electric Batteries, Electric Exploders, Explosive Blasts, Safety Fuse. REPAUNO CHEMICAL CO'S HIGH EXPLOSIVES.

Lubricate Your Machinery by Scientific Methods. And save SIXTY PER CENT. of expense. We make a specialty of proper lubricants for proper purposes. The Sanderson Oil and Specialty Co., 1 Race Street, City.

Headquarters for Incandescent Gas Mantles, Portable Lamps. THE NEW DISCOVERY Kern Incandescent Gas Lamp. Gunster & Forsyth, 253-327 Penn Avenue.



DINING ROOM FURNITURE FOR THANKSGIVING DAY. Thanksgiving day will soon be here. Have you given the dining room a thought? Is it all in shape for the family reunion? We ask these questions to remind you that we are prepared to serve you, should you need one or more articles to complete the dining room furnishings.

DINING TABLES—Large assortment of new designs in Mahogany, Golden and Weathered Oak. Round or square tops, Pedestal, piano or heavy carved legs. DINING CHAIRS—Cane and leather-seated chairs in style, material and finish to match tables. BUFFETS AND SIDEBORDS—Largest selection in the city to choose from. Every one of new design in Mahogany, Golden or Weathered Oak. Plate glass mirrors, large drawers for table linens; small drawers, lined with velvet or plush, for silver. CHINA CLOSETS—A large portion of our third floor is devoted to an exceedingly choice assortment of Quartered Golden Oak China Closets. Best glass ends and fronts; wood or plate mirror backs; piano finish.

Don't pass our store without looking at the demonstration of the Adjustable General Utility and Bedside Table now to be seen in our window. Williams & McAnulty, Carpets, Draperies and Wall Paper, 129 Wyoming Avenue.

Dr. Lyon's PERFECT Tooth Powder. Used by people of refinement for over a quarter of a century.

DICKSON'S Best PATENT FLOUR. The Celebrated SNOW WHITE. Always reliable. Dickson Mill & Grain Co. Scranton and Olyphant.

Men's Gloves, \$1. The \$1.50 Kind for \$1. A full one dollar and a half's worth at a saving of 50 cents on each pair. It is a Cape Glove, lined with silk or unlined, dressed or undressed, soft skins, modern backs, all sizes, and in all the popular colors. A real bargain at \$1.00 per pair. Each pair warranted. One of the best street gloves you ever saw for \$1.00.

When in Need of anything in the line of optical goods we can supply it. Spectacles and Eye Glasses. Properly fitted by an expert optician. From \$1.00 Up. Also all kinds of prescription work and repairing. Mercereau & Connell, 132 Wyoming Avenue.

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WHO WANTS \$20.00 in GOLD For a Christmas Present? Twenty Christmas Presents \$50.00. To Be Given by The Scranton Tribune to the Children of Scranton and Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Table showing gift options: One Present \$20.00 in Gold \$20.00, One Present 10.00 in Gold 10.00, One Present 5.00 in Gold 5.00, Two Presents 2.50 Each 5.00, Five Presents 1.00 Each 5.00, Ten Presents 50c Each 5.00. Total—Twenty Presents \$50.00.

THE TRIBUNE'S SECOND ANNUAL Junior Educational Contest. A Contest in Word-Building. Who Can Make the Most Words Out of the Letters in T-H-E H-O-M-E P-A-P-E-R. THIS IS much easier than last year's contest, and twenty of the brightest boys and girls will secure Christmas Gifts in cash for making the largest number of words out of these letters. It is lots of fun to think out the words and hunt them up in the dictionary, and besides it will help you with your spelling. You will be surprised at the number of different ways these twelve letters can be used.

Rules of the Contest. Presents will be given to the boys or girls, whose parents or guardians are subscribers to THE TRIBUNE, building the largest number of words out of the letters contained in "The Home Paper." No letters must be used any more times than they appear in these three words. As an example, only one "A" could be used, but there might be two "H's" or three "E's." Only words defined in the MAIN PORTION of "Webster's International Dictionary" (edition of 1898) will be allowed. Any dictionary can be used, but in judging the contest THE TRIBUNE will debar all words not found in Webster's. Proper names, or any other words appearing in the "Appendix" will not be allowed. Obsolete words are admitted if defined in the dictionary. Words spelled two or more ways can be used but once. Words with two or more definitions can be used but once. No single letters counted as words except "A" and "O." How to Write Your List. Write on one side of the paper only. Write very plainly; if possible, use a typewriter. Place the words alphabetically. Write your name, age, address and number of words at the top of your list. Write the name of parent or guardian with whom you live and who is a regular subscriber to THE TRIBUNE. Fold the list—DO NOT ROLL.

CONTEST CLOSES SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH at 5 P. M. All letters of inquiry for information will be promptly answered. Address your list of words, or any question you wish answered, to CONTEST EDITOR, SCRANTON TRIBUNE, SCRANTON, PA.

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