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Little Montour isn't so "easy" after all.

Mill street now is where it should have been years ago.

One thing: Nobody has to "wait for the official count."

We'll keep our old President. What's the use to change?

No postponement of Thanksgiving on account of the avalanche.

New York wins anyway. She has once more succeeded in electing a New Yorker President.

The man who "voted for Parker just to keep down the Roosevelt majority" is in great force to-day.

Everybody will now please keep quiet while the I-told-you-so man takes the centre of the stage and tells us just how it happened.

"Don't never prophesy," observed Hosea Biglow, "unless you know." Some people apparently knew—but they were all Republicans.

The hissing of a girl who accompanied a Filipino to a St. Louis theatre is a pretty clear indication that benevolent assimilation is not popular in that town.

The contributors and the disbursers of the Republican campaign fund ought to be sorry that so much money was wasted. Apparently they could have won without it.

Not even a landslide removes the necessity for an Opposition. The first Democratic duty, after taking the returns gracefully, is to "get together" for next time.

The piers and one abutment of the new river bridge are about completed and the material and workmanship are the best. We can expect something nice in our new bridge.

Danville has some pretty fair basket ball players. If you don't believe it inquire of any of the surrounding towns—Lewisburg, Milton, Bloomsburg and after tonight ask Shamokin.

Five Vice-Presidents have succeeded to the Presidency by the deaths of their superiors. Theodore Roosevelt has the distinction of being the only one of them to be elected President on his own account.

The campaign made no more noise before the election here than it is making now. Business was slack but with strenuous Teddy to continue his service to the country we expect to have fair days and all our industries to run at their fullest capacity.

We guess nothing will be done with the old cemetery on Bloom street this Fall. That is the way this nuisance has been neglected for years—we can't attend to it just now—a little later will do, but a little later we think just the same as before. Now is the time to have it removed.

"The Colonel That's All" at the Opera House on Tuesday evening was fine and deserved better patronage. Scarcely enough was realized to meet expenses, but we get it from good authority that our local management gave the troop encouragement by helping to meet some of the necessary requirements financially.

STILL THE GREAT ISSUE

Regardless of Mr. Roosevelt's overwhelming success, the great moral issue of the campaign remains the supreme moral issue with which the nation must grapple.

It should never again be possible even to suspect that a secret partnership existed between the campaign managers of a candidate for President and great corporations liable to punishment for violations of Federal statutes.

It should never again be possible to raise the question as to whether trusts and corporations were seeking to buy the Presidency for anybody.

No corporation liable to prosecution under the Federal statutes should ever be permitted to contribute to a campaign fund for the election of Federal officers.

There should be complete publicity as to all contributions and expenditures.

To secure the enactment of laws to these ends is the great duty now confronting American citizenship.

YOUNG GIRLS ON STREETS.

Young girls with trim little tailored suits and natty hats, with snooded hair and fresh round faces, girls who ought to be home with mother and father, are to be seen upon Bloom street without escort or in groups of twos and threes at hours long past curfew time on any night of the week. There is something in the round faces that grips a little at the heart, however, and there's too often a swagger to the light-footed walk that seems out of harmony with sweet girlhood.

There's a quick retort and a flippant jest from lips that should be repeating the multiplication table at home, and a bold glance or brazen stare from eyes that should be veiled in maiden modesty. Poor little girls, not to know how much more precious than all things born they are, when they properly estimate their own worth and prize themselves at it! Victor Hugo once said that he was of those who "fall speechless in the presence of young girls and flowers," deeming them holy. And still they come to be unprized by themselves, neglected by their proper protectors and taken at their own estimate by the world.

And it isn't their fault. Most of them have mothers and fathers who can tell them of the pitfalls that lie in the path of vanity and disobedience. Most of them have homes that should be their shelter after the sun goes down, and most of them would listen to advice properly given—and in time. The mother and father who think their duty done in sending the young daughter out to school dressed as well as the neighbor's little girl will have a lot to answer for some day.

Not Like Other Girls.

She is unique, this wild girl, 'Midst maidens in this town, She never yet possessed a dress In any shade of brown, I've met her in the avenue, In cars with her I've sat, And never yet have I observed Green feathers in her hat.

—Town Topics.

THE NATIONAL ELECTION.

Presidents of the United States have been elected who did not receive a majority of all the votes cast. Such results lead many to regard the present constitutional method of choosing the Chief Executive as an imperfect and undemocratic device for recording the popular will, and plans have been suggested for the certification of the votes polled in the respective States at a national election to a Federal returning board, which shall declare who has been elected to the Presidency.

The existing electoral system was not adopted by the framers of the Constitution because it was impossible to invent a scheme to ascertain, record and declare the popular vote cast in the country at a presidential election. The submission of the issue to a direct vote of the people was considered with other propositions, but the present system was adopted as the best that could be devised to meet the exigencies of a national election. One of the purposes of the system, as presented by Alexander Hamilton in the Federalist, is to prevent, as far as possible, "tumult and disorder." Hamilton declared that the electoral plan promised to be an effectual remedy against this mischief. He argued that the choice of several, to form an intermediate body of electors, would be much less likely to convulse the country with violence than the choice of one, who was himself "to be the final object of the public wishes." Hamilton held, with great force, that inasmuch as the electors chosen in each State are to assemble and vote in the State in which they are chosen, this "detached and divided situation" would expose them much less to hearts and ferments, that might be communicated to them from the people, than if they were all to be convened at one time in one place.

George Ticknor Curtis, in his luminous "Constitutional History of the United States," says that if the choice of the President had been committed to a majority of the qualified voters of the different States, a State in which manhood suffrage universally prevailed would contribute a greater relative portion of the national majority than a State in which suffrage was more restricted.

Under the rule which gives to the people of each State the same relative representation in the Electoral College that they have in the two houses of Congress—a representation, that is to say, which is based upon population, without regard to the laws of suffrage—a more just and equal method is applied for ascertaining the relative contribution of the people of each State to the majority of the people of the United States.

The basis of representation in Congress would be affected by the Thirteenth Amendment, if enforced. The reasoning of Mr. Curtis applies to conditions existing before its passage. This writer remarks, furthermore, that if the election of a Chief Magistrate were to be given to the people of the Union by a direct vote they would have to vote in their respective States according to their own State rules of suffrage, which differ considerably, or else there would have to be a national qualification for this special purpose. The suggestion of an intermediate body of voters for the express purpose of choosing the President presented an alternative method.

OUR DEFEAT.

The expected has happened as to the result of the election—the unexpected as to the magnitude of the victory. The Republican party, called to power in the political and business chaos of 1896, is still riding on the flowing tide of success.

The Intelligencer expected a cut in the local ticket but never imagined the slashing would be so great. The county Democrats certainly mangled the principles of their party in preference to the man. We made our fight on principle, regardless of results. There is no connection between success and moral convictions.

The campaign was mismanaged at the start. Mr. Davis stood too far aloof from the people. Not once did he appear in our midst, leaving a clear field to his opponents, instead of entering at once upon a wide-sweeping campaign, which has grown to be necessary in order to win out. His advisors were without any political experience he suffered the inevitable. This is an easy district for a good, hustling Democrat, and possibly Mr. Davis thought it was "so easy."

Our county ticket polled a good vote as will be seen in the table on another page, but for some unknown reason the presidential ticket suffered extremely.

It can truly be said of the people's choice of Mr. Roosevelt, as Disraeli said of the man who married a second time: "It is a triumph of hope over experience." If President Roosevelt will be satisfied with this splendid vote of confidence, the climax of his whole career, the greatest personal triumph ever won by any President—if he will strive for four years for the place in history to which his earlier ideals would have bid him aspire—the popular mandate resisted and deplored by Democrats and independents may yet redound to the welfare and the true glory of the Republic. His announcement that he will not be a candidate for reelection is a first firm and most sagacious step in the right direction.

THE VOTE OF PHILADELPHIA.

The lowest estimate of the fraudulent vote cast in Philadelphia Tuesday places it at 50,000 and other estimates range upward to the limit of 80,000. One of the newspapers of the city declares that "gang after gang of repeaters invaded the central and downtown wards, voted virtually at will, each striving to outdo the other in the number of ballots placed in the boxes. The hundreds of police, "continues the narrative of the iniquity, "gave approval of the methods used by the ward bosses to roll up a big vote."

We have no complaint to make of these facts but are unable to conceal some surprise. There was really no necessity for fraudulent votes anywhere in Philadelphia Tuesday. An honest vote would have given the city to the Republicans by a majority of from 30,000 to 80,000, which is ample for all purposes. Without a single fraudulent vote every candidate elected in that city Tuesday would have been successful, and the city would have had quite as much influence in the next State convention if the vote had been honest.

Nevertheless we are rather glad that "the most flagrant violations of the law were apparent to the most casual observer," in Philadelphia, Tuesday. It may lead to such political regeneration as will ultimately result in honest elections. The bench, the bar, the pulpit, even the fireside in Philadelphia, is content with the corruption that amazes the whole world and the incident of Tuesday may arouse the sleeping conscience. Crime that has no incentive except the love of committing it is disappearing.

Our business people appear to think that they can easily dispense with the old awnings in front of their places of business, and are having them removed. Stores that presented a very dark, cramped front now are bright and make a good appearance. We did not realize the beauty that some of our business fronts contained until the removal of the old awnings.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL AIRSHIP

Benbow Balloon Demonstrates Its Dirigibility.—Collapsing—Wing System Pleases Aeronauts.—An Aerial Fleet.

St. Louis, Nov. 8.—The trial trip on Thursday at the World's Fair by the airship Meteor, invented and built by T. C. Benbow, of Columbus, Montana, with the collaboration of H. J. Wells, of the same place, demonstrated the dirigibility of the machine. Mr. Benbow propelled it in various directions and at different angles, raising and lowering it in the air several times, and finally returning to the place of starting.

The Benbow dirigible balloon is constructed on entirely different principles from the Baldwin, which has made such a brilliantly successful flight on the 25th. It is also much larger, the cigar-shaped bag being seventy-four feet long, and 2 1/2 feet in diameter, with a capacity of 14,000 cubic feet, and carrying a weight of 900 pounds. Directly beneath the central line of the gas-bag, and attached to its cords, is a horizontal spar, about two-thirds as long as it is wide, made of steel, with the exception of a short prolongation of bamboo aft to which the rudder-post is attached. From this spar is suspended the car proper, which is a framework of aluminum sustained by steel rods and further strengthened with braces of piano-wire. The car, which is prolonged fore and aft into long beams similar to and parallel with the main spar, is divided into two compartments, the forward one containing a ten-horse power Hercules gasoline engine, and the other the rectangular wicker basket in which the aeronaut stands. The gasoline tank is in front of the basket and is connected with the carburetor and engine by means of pipes running beneath the basket. The engine is kept cool by an ordinary electric-fan wheel attached immediately in front of it.

The propelling apparatus is geared to the engine by a broad leather belt, consists of two wheels, one on each side of the car and at the exact center of gravity of the whole apparatus. These wheels are twelve feet in diameter, and make eighty revolutions a minute. Each is composed of four six-foot blades or wings, made of canvas stretched on bicycle tubing with piano-wire braces. The wings are collapsible, and by an ingenious mechanical device are made to close up at each revolution, remaining open just long enough to seize and grasp the air, and presenting a minimum of resistance while returning to the point of greatest efficiency. This application to aerial navigation of the principle governing the motions of the human hands in swimming and the joints in their revoluting, is looked upon by Mr. Baldwin and other aeronautic experts at the Exposition as of great and unquestionable value. The operation of the wings may be modified, by means of a crank placed conveniently to the hand of the navigator, in such wise as to make the vessel ascend or descend in the air at will. While the vertical direction is thus controlled by causing the opening and closing of the wings to take place at different points in their revolution, the horizontal direction is governed by means of a cord attached to a rectangular rudder, eight feet by five, made of canvas stretched on a bamboo frame.

A three-pronged anchor is swung over a pulley at the bow, and is let down by means of a hundred feet of rope coiled at the side of the basket. It is considered a special merit in this form of airship that it is able to gradually rise or sink by means of the very same power required for its propulsion.

The gas-bag, as in the case of the Baldwin balloons, is of Japanese silk varnished with linseed oil and provided with automatic safety valve that permits a little of the gas to escape whenever the apparatus pressure becomes seriously great. The working out of the plans for this airship was begun twelve years ago, while Mr. Benbow was leading the life of a rancher on the great steppes of the Rockies; but the actual construction was not begun until May 1st, 1903. It was finished in October of the same year, and its efficiency was proved by several short experimental ascents before it was brought to St. Louis.

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