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REFORM WORKERS DISCUSS ISSUES

Large Crowd Listens to Strong Arraignment of "The Gang" at Oak Grove Last Night.

The theatre at Oak Grove was well filled with an interested and attentive crowd of voters last evening who gathered to hear the state issues discussed by men who are taking an active interest in the cause of reform in Pennsylvania. Dr. C. J. Cummings was chosen chairman of the meeting and Geo. Bolton secretary.

The first speaker introduced was William T. Cressy, reform candidate for auditor general. He said the present issue was an issue between the people of this commonwealth and "the system," that the system was composed of the great corporations; that the system's agent was the head of the ring that controlled Pennsylvania politics, and that it is this same ring which is now trying to delude the people with promises of reform that they do not mean to carry out. He said that the system had not mentioned one of the greatest of all needed reforms—that of equalization of taxation—and showed that real estate in the state valued at three billion dollars paid forty-seven millions of taxes at a rate of fifteen mills, while the corporations with a valuation of five billions paid only fourteen millions of taxes and their rate was only four mills on a dollar.

He stated that the share of the capitol building that fell to Bradford county was \$257,000 and that the entire cost of the capitol was a sum equal to two-thirds the assessed valuation of Bradford county.

He spoke of the gross mismanagement in the building of the capitol, how \$850 was paid for a flag pole worth only \$75, that desks cost over \$500 that were worth not one tenth that sum, and that the discovery of these gross frauds was due to the fact that last fall the people were sensible enough to elect as state treasurer a man independent of the gang who tended to the duties of his office and challenged such exorbitant charges. He showed the necessity of placing a man in the auditor general's chair who would look into charges made, and determine their validity before the people's money was paid out.

The second speaker, Scott Ammerman, of Montour county, spoke of the neglect of the ring in taking care of the insane, and their disregard of many worthy causes that should receive attention. He showed that there was a surplus in the treasury that was never less than nine millions, and it was this large surplus that furnished the great temptation to steal as has been done on such a vast scale in the construction of the capitol building.

The next speaker was Colonel W. M. Fairman of Punxsutawney, and he was a decided departure from the usual run of campaign orators. Of a commanding appearance, keen eyed and witty, he took the audience by storm. He spoke of the neglect of the state to provide even a marker for the grave of Gen. Hancock, while the gang had reached into the state treasury and took out thousands of dollars for the purpose of erecting a monument to a man who kept out of prison only by pleading the statute of limitations. He called the so-called Republican ring the "larceny gang" and brought down the house by his reference to the "steal plant" that they had erected on the banks of the Susquehanna at Harrisburg. He said that it was time for the people to stop following the old machine that was long since dead, so far as the public interest was concerned, and vote for men who would not be the tools of the gang.

The last speaker, Robert Edmiston, elaborated on the gang's extravagance in building the capitol, and the struggle that all members of the legislature had who stood straight and tried to guard the interests of the people.

MOTHER DEFENDS HIM

Aged Mrs. Calverley on Stand in Brouwer's Behalf.

DOCTORS SAY PTOMAINE POISONING

All Testimony in Tom's River Murder Trial is Now In—Jury May Return Verdict Today—Prisoner Overcome in Court.

TOMS RIVER, N. J., Oct. 17.—"My boy is innocent. He never would kill the mother of his children." With these words on her lips Mrs. Althea Calverley, the aged mother of Dr. Brouwer, who is on trial charged with the murder of his wife, Carrie, staggered from the witness stand. She had appeared as a witness in behalf of her son and had told of the last illness of Mrs. Brouwer.

Mrs. Calverley corroborated the story told by her son as to the extraordinary meal eaten by his wife. With tear bedimmed eye and faltering voice, which yet rang true with the conviction of the innocence of her son, Mrs. Calverley told her story. The old mother swore that after dinner the night Mrs. Brouwer was taken ill Florence Vincent, the colored servant, who had partaken of the same food, grew very ill with symptoms much the same as those shown later by Mrs. Brouwer.

The old woman then told of the scene at the deathbed of her son's pretty wife.

"Did she say anything to you that night?" she was asked.

"Yes," said the old woman. "She said: 'I am going to die. I want you to make this your home and love and care for my children.'"

Then as she rose to step down and with the cry on her lips the aged woman tottered forward.

Judge, jury, lawyers and spectators all started up.

Dr. Brouwer reached out his arms to her and started to his feet. It was Prosecutor Brown, who has been so bitter in his attacks on the accused, who caught her and led her tenderly to a seat.

With the testimony of Mrs. Calverley the defense closed its case, and immediately the prosecutor called Mrs. Treveque Hyer in rebuttal.

Dr. J. H. Hance of Lakewood, family physician of George J. Gould, testified that Mrs. Brouwer's death had been caused by ptomaine poisoning.

Mr. Gould's physician was called by the defense. He testified that he never had seen a fatal case of strychnine poisoning, but that he had observed many cases of ptomaine poisoning.

"How do you account for the presence of arsenic in the body, witness," was asked upon cross examination.

"I don't account for it," was the answer.

A MYSTERY STILL

Weightman's Confidential Man Talks of Secret Document

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17.—The fight for old William Weightman's millions is off.

His daughter, Mrs. Anne Weightman Walker, will retain possession of his great fortune, estimated at between \$40,000,000 and \$60,000,000.

Mrs. Jones Wister, his daughter-in-law, who brought suit to break the will and obtain, on behalf of her minor child, Martha, a share of the immense fortune, suddenly withdrew her contest, after the production of a secret document signed by the dead millionaire.

Much interest has been aroused as to the nature of the mysterious paper which halted the Weightman \$60,000,000 will contest. Edward T. Davis, the confidential secretary of the late William Weightman, said:

"Before going into court I remarked to my wife: 'The will contest will not last as long as some people think—in fact, it will end with my own testimony if a certain paper written by Mr. Weightman, to which I was the only witness, is still in existence and in the possession of Mrs. Walker. In this paper, if called for and produced, will explain why Mr. Weightman made his daughter, Mrs. Walker, his sole legatee in his will of 1895 and so conclusively satisfy the attorneys of Mrs. Wister that no codicil exists that they would most likely abandon the case.' This proves to be the result."

When asked what was written on the paper Mr. Davis said:

"Having served Mr. Weightman for more than twenty-five years I see no reason why I should violate his confidence now because he is dead."

The attorneys in the case declined positively to discuss the paper.

Mrs. Jones Wister, who was the wife of William Weightman, a son of the millionaire chemist, but who remarried after the death of the younger Mr. Weightman, instituted the suit to set aside the will of Mr. Weightman on behalf of her minor daughter, Martha Weightman. Under the terms of the will as probated the entire estate was bequeathed to Mr. Weightman's only surviving child, Mrs. Walker.

A MILITARY FAKIR.

Unique and Daring Robbery at Coepnick, Near Berlin.

BERLIN, Oct. 17.—A unique and daring robbery was committed at Coepnick, a small town near Berlin, by a robber in the uniform of a captain of the guards, who met a detachment of twelve men on a street in Berlin as they were returning from target practice.

He produced a forged cabinet order authorizing him to take command. The men recognized his authority, and he then ordered them to march to Coepnick. Upon arrival there they proceeded to the town hall, arrested the burgomaster and the treasurer and took possession of the cash, \$1,000. The robber detached several of his men to conduct the prisoners to headquarters in Berlin and ordered the remainder to hold possession of the town hall for half an hour. He then rode off alone in the direction of Berlin with the money.

The burgomaster and the treasurer were greatly mystified at the meaning of their arrest. Upon their arrival in custody at headquarters in Berlin they learned that the ostensible captain was a fraud and were immediately discharged. The bogus captain has not been heard from, and the police and military authorities are without any clue whatever as to his identity.

PRESIDENT REGRETS.

DEATH OF MRS. DAVIS

Widow of President of Southern Confederacy Succumbs.

DIES OF PNEUMONIA AT NEW YORK

Had Contracted Severe Cold After Her Return From Adirondacks. Historic Figure of the Civil War Gone From Us.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Mrs. Jefferson Davis, widow of the president of the Confederacy, who had been ill for a week at the Hotel Majestic in this city, died at 10:25 o'clock last night.

Death was due to pneumonia induced by a severe cold, which Mrs. Davis contracted upon her return here from the Adirondacks, where she had spent the summer months.

Although grave fears were felt from the first, Mrs. Davis' wonderful vitality, which brought her safely through a similar attack a year ago, gave hope of ultimate recovery until Monday night, when a decided change for the worse was evident, and the attending physicians announced that the end was near. It was then believed that Mrs. Davis could not survive the night, but she rallied slightly during the early hours yesterday. Shortly after 7 o'clock she had a similar spell, and Rev. Nathan A. Seagle, rector of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal church, was hurriedly summoned to give religious comfort to the patient in her last moments of consciousness. The clergyman remained some time, and an hour later it was announced that Mrs. Davis had lapsed into a state of coma. The period of unconsciousness continued to the end.

At the bedside when death came were Mrs. J. Addison Hayes of Newark, N. J., the only surviving daughter of Mrs. Davis; Jefferson Davis Hayes, a grandson, who is a student at Princeton university; Mrs. Charles E. Bates, a niece; Dr. and Mrs. Gustave Webb, the latter a granddaughter, and Dr. Robert H. Wylie, who, with Dr. Webb, had cared for Mrs. Davis throughout her illness.

J. Addison Hayes, husband of Mrs. Davis' only living child, had been summoned from Colorado Springs and was hurrying across the continent when a message announcing Mrs. Davis' death intercepted him. Mrs. Davis had for some years made her home in this city, where she had a wide circle of friends. Throughout her illness solicitous inquiries regarding her condition were continually made at her apartments.

Mrs. Varina Howell Davis was born in Natchez, Miss., May 7, 1823. Her father was William Burr Howell and her grandfather Governor Richard Howell of New Jersey. In 1845 she was married to Jefferson Davis and went to live at the Jefferson home on the Briarfield plantation. When Mr. Davis was elected United States senator from Mississippi she accompanied him to Washington, where she took a prominent position in society at the national capital from 1847 to 1861.

When Jefferson Davis became president of the southern Confederacy, Mrs. Davis took up her residence at the executive mansion at Richmond, Va., where she remained until the close of the war.

During the second year of her husband's imprisonment at Fortress Monroe, Mrs. Davis obtained permission to be with him and upon his release accompanied him abroad.

TWO DAYS' HANDSHAKING.

Charles E. Hughes Ends Tour of Long Island at Garden City.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—After a two days' tour of speechmaking and hand shaking in Long Island, Charles E. Hughes, the Republican candidate for governor, has returned to New York and kept up his brisk pace by making addresses at five meetings here, most of them being on the great east side of New York. Mr. Hughes made ten speeches during the day along the north shore of Long Island, starting at Greenport and concluding at Garden City.

The speeches in Long Island were very brief, the candidate occupying most of the time he spent at the various places in shaking hands with all those who crowded about the rear platform of his private car. The meetings were attended by an unusually large number of women and children. Just before returning to New York, Mr. Hughes commented upon this fact.

"I have been deeply impressed by the large number of women and children in the audiences," he declared. "It has a significance which I am sure will be felt in no uncertain way at the polls on election day."

Leaving Greenport, Mr. Hughes spoke at Mattituck, Riverhead, Hicksville, Huntington, Mineola, Glen Cove, Roslyn and Hempstead.

May Indict Others in Thaw Case.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—There was a revival of interest in the case of Harry K. Thaw, charged with the murder of Stanford White, when in court District Attorney Jerome intimated that there might be other indictments in the case. The statement by the district attorney was made in the course of an argument before Recorder Goff. Following the hearing Clifford W. Harridge, Thaw's counsel, called upon the prisoner at the Tombs. After his visit the lawyer explained that Thaw had read the papers and feared that his wife and other members of the family might be indicted in the case.

ROSEBEN'S NEW RECORD.

Fastest Time Ever Made in America at Belmont Park.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—D. C. Johnson's Roseben, carrying 126 pounds, created a new world's record for seven furlongs for both circular and straightaway courses when he won the fifth race at Belmont park.

He stepped the distance in the fastest time ever made on an American race course—1:22. When he finished and the phenomenal time was hung out by the official timer the big crowd arose and gave the great sprinter a rousing cheer, which continued for several minutes in spite of the fact that he was quoted at 1 to 80 in the betting and they were unable to bet on him.

Johnson and Frank Farrell are reported to have won over \$25,000 on his victory, as they bet that the son of Ben Strone-Rose Leaf would run faster than 1:25. Fourteen horses were called to go in this event, but they were all scratched except Beauclaire, and it was after the withdrawals that it was decided to send him against time.

Roseben broke very quickly at the barrier and ran the first furlong in 12 seconds. He kept up a fast clip and passed the quarter pole in 23 4/5 seconds and going very easily. Shaw kept the horse close to the rail all the way, and Roseben ran the three-eighths of a mile in 35 1/2 seconds. Around the long upper turn the favorite continued in faultless style and flashed by the half mile pole in 46 4/5 seconds.

When he turned into the stretch the high wind was behind him, and he came to the three-quarter mark in 1:10 8/5. He was now beginning to show signs of tiring, and Shaw took no chances with him and rode Roseben out to flash under the wire a winner in 1:22. The best previous time was 1:24 4/5, held by Halifax, around the turns, and the straightaway record was established by Bella B. of 1:23 4/5 made over the old Monmouth park course in 1879. Now that Roseben is in such good form he will probably be sent Friday against the mile record, which is held by Salvador, of 1:35 1/2, made straightaway.

Tourne, a 12 to 1 shot, won the Rancho Del Paso stakes. Four favorites won. Jockeys J. Harris, Coane, Sewell and T. Clark were suspended for the remainder of the meeting by the starter. Summaries:

First Race—Saylor, first; Gypsy King, second; Deuce, third.

Second Race—Bound Brook, first; Caller, second; Adams, third.

Third Race—Zambesi, first; Landsman, second; Glenham, third.

Fourth Race—Tourne, first; Philadelphia, second; Sewell, third.

Fifth Race—Roseben, first; Beauclaire, second.

Sixth Race—Sailor Boy, first; Angler, second; Orly II, third.

W. J. Travis in Finals.

HAMILTON, Mass., Oct. 17.—Well contested matches in the invitation golf tournament at the Myopia Hunt club brought the event almost to the finish, with Walter J. Travis of Garden City as one of the survivors. Darkness stopped an exciting match between Eben M. Byers of Pittsburg, the national champion, and W. P. Smith of Philadelphia at the nineteenth hole. The winner will play Travis a thirty-six hole match for the trophy.

Lipton at Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 17.—Sir Thomas Lipton, on a visit here, was given a hearty reception at the chamber of commerce. In a short speech he said he was just as full of zest as ever over the America's cup and that he hoped to be able to do something toward arranging another yacht race before he goes back to England.

Miss Syracuse at Albany.

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 17.—In the racing at Woodlawn park Miss Syracuse's winning of the 2:11 pace was a feature, her best time, 2:11 1/2, equalling the track record, held by Mystar. Little Stranger, owned by Tom Sharkey, won the 2:18 trot in straight heats.

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