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Acceptance by the People

For a generation the spell binders before every election told the sad story of the dire results that would follow in case the party that professed to believe in the reduction of the tariff, won. That method of campaigning won many a political victory. A year ago the same cry was made, but the people of the United States refused to be scared or fooled by the old cry. Several weeks ago the new tariff law went into effect, and it is remarkable with what good spirit the country has accepted the new law, a tariff lower than this country has had for seventy-five years.

Of course its advantages or disadvantages are not yet known, and only after a fair trial can any one be able to judge fairly, its merits or demerits. A good indication however is that all classes accept the measure with good spirit.

The Bond Issue.

The fight for the bond issue is on in full sway. The advocates of the measure are working with all the might that they possess, and the opponents of the measure are likewise getting in their best licks before the time when the measure comes up to the people for decision. The opponents are largely lined up under the leadership of Farmer Creasy, and in the past he has exerted a powerful influence on the farmers, whose state organization he represents.

All people want good roads, but is the \$50,000,000 bond issue the wise and proper method by which Pennsylvania is to have the roads which she needs and which she wants. That is the question that confronts the voters, and then again, will the present method of road making by the state satisfy the demands of the present day. The advocates of the measure must be given credit for being sincere, but the opponents must likewise be given credit for honesty. There are two big sides to this big question involving \$50,000,000.

Parent-Teachers Association.

The beginning of the parent-teachers work for the year was made last Friday evening. This should be a year rich in good results for the Meyersdale schools, and instrumental in exerting an influence outside of the school room. A phase in which there appears room for improvement is to encourage those who have in the past stood back and have allowed others to do their thinking and in a large measure, the effort should be made to wipe out all class distinction in this association, if any exists. We are confident that all who attend these meetings are intensely interested in the betterment of the work, and the improvement all along the line, but in addition to what we already have, can we not get the mothers to attend, who toil and sacrifice from morning till night in order that their children can go to school. Can we not get the fathers who bear almost an intolerable burden by keeping their children in school. If we could get these to become active in the parent-teachers association and have them to exchange views with those differently situated we believe the teachers burdens would be lightened and a great forward step would be taken in helping to get a better understanding of the eternal social question which after all is so very closely connected with school work.

The Burgess Question.

The office for burgess has three aspirants and all three are republicans. The democratic candidate withdrew, so that if the citizens desire to vote for the office of burgess they will be obliged to vote for a candidate who has been a republican in the past, whatever their political preferences might be. Since that is the case, among these three candidates when party politics plays no part what are those elements in a candidate which commend themselves to the voters. There are at least a few things that every voter is supposed to consider before he votes for a candidate of so important an office.

First of all a good citizen wants an honest man for that office, he wants a capable and efficient man for burgess, a man who has the courage of his convictions, a man whose purpose is to serve the people, a man who is not controlled by any interests inimical to the best interests of the town.

Honesty, efficiency and courage. With the three candidates who are before the public for their votes, and all have many friends and loyal supporters, the public must make up its mind and vote as it thinks Meyersdale will be best served, in the election of one of the three candidates.

William Sulzer Impeached.

William Sulzer has been impeached as governor of New York. Chas. F. Murphy of Tammany Hall has shown his strong hand. Of course there are many who condemn Murphy for this, and rightly too, but Sulzer was convicted of the charges that were brought against him. He even refused to take the witness stand to try to clear himself of the charges. The charges were sustained and whatever the motives may have been the fact is he is guilty of the wrong doing charged. It was an audacious game Murphy played and won, and Sulzer is humiliated, the curtain has been pulled aside and the public is permitted to get another look behind the scenes. When thieves fall out the people sometimes get their own.

The latest is that Sulzer is likely to be a candidate for the N. Y. assembly and the probability is that he will be elected. That would be a sweet vindication for Sulzer, but he was found guilty of gross wrongdoing nevertheless. There must be a scarcity of good men in that district, or a low conception of civic righteousness. Better let Sulzer keep in the background awhile; and summon the forces for good government and destroy the power of Charles F. Murphy and organizations of the character of which he is the head, whether the organization is in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago or in any city or hamlet where corruption is at work.

Over the State

(Western Newspaper Union Special News Service.)

Saltsburg.—The annual fall election for members of the school senate to represent the student body at the Kiskiminetas Springs school resulted in the election of C. Elliot Hastings of Wilkinsburg; Kenneth M. Smith, Latrobe; Robert E. Brown, New York City; J. Volney Wilson, Sistersville, W. Va., and Blaine M. Miller, Parkersburg, W. Va. C. Elliot Hastings is president of the body and Robert E. Brown, secretary.

Pittsburg.—The Humane society has asked the board of public education for an enforcement of the state law which directs that each child up to the fourth grade be given instruction, half an hour a week or more, in humane education and particularly kind treatment of birds and animals. In co-operation with this instruction Superintendent Bell organized school children into bands of mercy, each one taking this pledge: "I will try to be kind to all living creatures, and try to protect them from cruel usage." Some 60,000 children took the pledge and the effect was remarkable.

Somerset.—With sounds of testing of the death trap reaching his ears, John Maus, sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Mail Carrier Harrison Brown of Addison, with much profanity declared to Sheriff Charles F. Hochard and others that the spring of the trap did not scare him. Maus also declared that he would never be hanged. "That trap won't work that way when I get on it," he exclaimed. "It won't go down. Some power you don't know anything about will keep it from falling."

Greensburg.—Afraid he would lose his religion because of sights of shadow gowns, slit skirts and other demonstrations by fashionably garbed women, John Linandros, a young Greek of this place, gouged out his right eye with a table fork. After the new styles came in, Linandros spent many sleepless days and nights. Then one day he read in the New Testament: "If thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out." He did.

Sunbury.—Ten-dollar gold piece counterfeiters have made their appearance in this vicinity. Outside of being light, they are hard to detect. They are of Philadelphia mintage, series of 1907.

Camp Hill.—The Riverton Consolidated Water Co. of Lemoine has been enjoined from increasing water rates to meter consumers in Camp Hill and from shutting off the water from such consumers.

Millsboro.—Charles G. Rogge, aged 28, a special officer of the Fredericktown hotel, was shot and instantly killed, it is alleged, by James W. Rush, aged 45, a wealthy merchant. The alleged shooting was the outcome of an argument Rush is said to have had with Mrs. L. E. Trout, a neighbor. The interchange of words between the two is alleged to have been heated, and some persons called Rogge to the scene.

Groffs Mills.—James Booth, 15 years old, was almost killed by being caught in machinery at his father's mill. His sleeve became entangled and it drew him around, tearing out his left arm at the socket and badly cutting him.

Johnstown.—While returning home from a shopping trip, Mrs. Ellen Sloan Hartman dropped dead of heart trouble.

Alliquippa.—The National Drawn Steel Co.'s large plant which is being erected in East Liverpool, O., will be placed in operation Dec. 1.

Millerstown.—John C. Kipp, a farmer, wants the Public Service commission to tell him who owns the old Pennsylvania canal bed. He pays rental for pasture to the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. and is of the opinion that he is no longer compelled to do so.

Harrisburg.—Charles A. Barlow, Wilkes-Barre, has been appointed a bank examiner to succeed James M. Cover, Somerset, resigned.

Northumberland.—After many years' partnership in the manufacture of nails in this place, the firm of Van Alen & Co. has been liquidated and the business has been taken over by E. G. Van Alen, a member of the company.

Philadelphia.—John G. Watmough, member of a distinguished family, died here aged 70. He was a collector of paintings, rock crystals, armor and Japanese ivories. Mr. Watmough's wife, who was Miss Caroline Drexel, died two years ago.

New Germantown.—Between the Tuscarora and Conococheague mountains, in Jackson township, Perry county, near the Tobony township line, there was once a thrifty little settlement, known as Allcorn's Orchard. It is said that Commodore Allcorn, who figured in the American navy in its early days, was born in this little settlement. There were four farms in the "orchard" and on these four farms were good farm buildings, besides a sawmill, run by water power. Today there is only one vacant log house.

Corry.—Peter Skuce was badly injured while at work on Liberty street sewer. The earth caved in, covering Skuce, and when he was dug out he was found to be badly crushed. The man was almost suffocated before rescued.

Harrisburg.—An opinion was given to the secretary of the commonwealth by the attorney general's department in which it was decided that voters may only vote for one candidate for superior court this fall. This is in line with the ballot act of 1901, whose provisions are not interfered with by the non-partisan ballot act.

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