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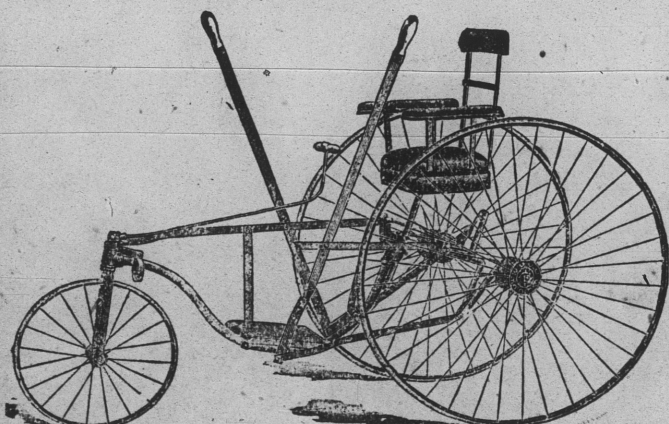
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The wife of the former Italian Premier has set the new fashion in Italy of appearing at outdoor festivities accompanied by a tame calf, which, attired in a richly-gilded coat of vellum, with ribbons, follows her like a dog. Other fashionable women have followed her example. When it becomes very much the fashion among *jeunesse doree*, labels will probably be necessary to tell which is the calf and which isn't.—*Johnstown Tribune*.

THE Wathena, (Kan.) *Star* cites the attention of its readers to the following statistics, which are no doubt of comfort to one "Billy" Bryan: "In Richardson county, Neb., there have been filed during the year 1897, 203 farm mortgages, amounting to \$257,348. During the same length of time 277 farm mortgages have been released, amounting to \$307,243.60. There have been 96 city mortgages filed amounting to \$46,744.61 and 71 city mortgages released, amounting to \$40,344.47. In the matter of chattel mortgages, 624 have been filed, aggregating \$526,100.49 and the released mortgages are 332 in number and amount to \$223,558.27. During 1897 there have been only two farm mortgages foreclosed and these only in order to settle disputes in regard to titles."

THE *Johnstown Daily Tribune* reels off a great chunk of common sense in the following: "The pardon board having reported favorably, it only remains for Governor Hastings to say the word and there will follow the liberation of Major William C. Moreland, the City Attorney of Pittsburgh, who is now in the Western Penitentiary for stealing many thousands of dollars from that city. Of course Governor Hastings will speak the word, since money and influence are behind the requests for him to do so, and especially since Moreland's theft was of thousands. Had he stolen a few dollars, a sack of flour, or a bushel of potatoes to keep his family from hunger, he would have to serve out his full term if his health were twice as bad as Mr. Moreland's is alleged to be."

THE McKinley wave of prosperity is evidently getting in its work. Following is the way the last issue of *Dun's Review* reports trade and business conditions: "Actual payments through clearing houses in January made a remarkable showing, being much larger than in any previous month, 33.3 per cent. larger than the same month last year, and 7.1 per cent. larger than in 1892. The failures in January were smaller than in any previous year of which there is record, and were probably smaller than in any other January since 1881. The statement by branches of business given this week shows a surprising gain in most departments of manufacture and trade. No failures appear in the woolen manufacture, and in several branches only an insignificant aggregate compared with the failures of previous years. Meanwhile the money market is as confident as ever; gold does not come from Europe in large amount only because bankers find it worth while to lend American money abroad, and the commercial balances are heavily in favor of the United States as heretofore."

AUDITOR GENERAL MYLIN predicts that unless revenue pours into the State coffers from unexpected quarters, the Commonwealth will be \$4,000,000 behind by November 30th next, the end of the fiscal year. There is still \$3,000,000 due the school districts, which must be paid before the first Monday in June. Should the Inheritance Tax law or the Alien Tax law be finally determined to be constitutional, which hardly seems probable in either case, there would be some relief, but the crippled finances would not be cured. With the very best that could come to pass, the Auditor-General looks for a deficit of \$1,000,000 each for the two years ending next November.—*Johnstown Tribune*.

The best way to remedy the deficit is to elect a better set of men to the Legislature and turn down the horde of plundering politicians that have been fleecing the state for the past few years. What Pennsylvania needs is a legislative body that will comply with the wishes of the people instead of squandering the people's money for the benefit of rascally political bosses and their high-handed schemes.

In the latest publication of the American Jewish Historical Society David Sulzberger, of Philadelphia, has an article on the "Growth of the Jewish Population in the United States," in which he presents some interesting statistics on that subject. Twenty years ago the first systematic attempt to obtain definite statistical information was made by the board of delegates of the American Israelites, with the assistance of the Union of American Hebrew Con-

gregations. Incomplete reports secured showed a Jewish population of 189,756. By 1880 these figures had increased to 230,257. The total population of the country in that year was 50,755,783. It is calculated that since 1880 something over 458,000 Jews have immigrated to the United States. This addition, together with the increase through births, gives at a conservative estimate a present Jewish population of 938,000. The total population of the country is now estimated to be 75,000,000. In other words, it is one-half larger than it was 17 years ago, while the Jewish population is more than four times larger. The Jews are not numerous in agricultural states. Their greatest numbers are in states having large cities, as, for instance, New York, 350,000; Pennsylvania, 85,000; Illinois, 85,000; Ohio, 50,000; California, 85,000; Maryland, 35,000; Missouri, 25,000; New Jersey, 25,000; Louisiana, 20,000; Massachusetts, 20,000.

In Case of War.

Those who are so anxious to embroil the country in a war with somebody would do well, once in a while, to consider whether we are prepared to acquit ourselves well in case they should be successful in their efforts. We have been talking of war for a considerable time, but we have not been preparing for it. A few weeks ago, in the House of Representatives, Congressman McClellan severely criticized the organization of our small army, and claimed that it would prove inefficient in case of emergency. In this he was later fully sustained by no less a person than Gen. Miles, the head of the army. A short time ago the discovery was made that the government did not have enough powder and ammunition on hand to supply the army beyond a few days in case of active service. Just this week the report of a board that had been visiting the Southern coast defenses was made, and it was shown that all of our Southern seaports were practically unfortified, and that the ships of an enemy could, almost unhindered, lay a number of rich cities under tribute and inflict incalculable damage with scarcely any risk.

No foreign enemy could, of course, make any considerable progress in an invasion of the country, but he could wreak terrible destruction. We have thousands of miles of coast, and if we are to become a warlike nation and be constantly putting a chip on our shoulders, we will have to expend thousands of millions of dollars in fortifying those coasts, and we will have to expend hundreds of other millions in increasing our naval equipment, without counting that which will have to be laid out in reorganizing, enlarging and re-equipping our army. It is an exceedingly large contract which we must enter upon if we want to be as warlike as some of our statesmen would seem to wish.—*Pittsburg Times*.

General Koontz Complimented.

General Koontz, who presided over the Conference at the Bourse, on Wednesday, is one of the truest, soundest and worthiest republicans in the state. He has demonstrated his independence, self-ownership and courage through a long and honorable career, and represents the best impulses of republicanism.—*Phila. Press*.

THE *Star* and the great majority of Somerset county's intelligent citizens cannot help but endorse the above, which comes from the recognized leading Republican paper of our state. It requires brains, true manhood and true republicanism to commend the admiration of such a great Republican newspaper as the *Press* is. General Koontz has all of these qualities and he is a man whom Somerset county delights to honor. He is of the kind of men we ought to send to Harrisburg to make laws, as he is none of the kind to cater to the whims of corrupt politicians, who are good for nothing but to loot the treasury, as was amply demonstrated by the antics of our last legislative body.

Look up General Koontz's congressional record and compare it with that of others. In the halls of Congress he was recognized as a leader and ranked as one of the foremost men of that body. His official career was an honorable one, free from blot or stain; and as a citizen he has always been a credit to our county and state. Both in and out of politics, he is a gentleman, an honest man and a scholar.

THE *Star* would be pleased to see Mr. Koontz become a candidate for the Legislature, and we believe his candidacy would be hailed with delight by a great majority of our county's substantial and intelligent citizens. He is just the kind of a man we need to represent us, for we all recognize his ability and know of his past honorable career in office. There are other good men, of course, but General Koontz ought to be one of our next representatives.

The Philadelphia Conference.

The Conference at the Bourse yesterday was large in numbers, high in character and resolute in purpose. It embraced representative Republicans from nearly every county in the State who assembled under a deep sense of the perils which menace the party in Pennsylvania and with an earnest determination to do what lies in their power to avert these threatening dangers. The significance and importance of the demonstration cannot be overestimated. It will challenge instant attention from the Delaware to the Ohio. Whether men sympathize with it or not, they must recognize its character, respect its voice and consider its meaning.

The Republican party of Pennsylvania stands over a volcano. Every Republican who is honest with himself knows that there is profound restiveness and dissatisfaction throughout the State. It is directed against the arbitrary and offensive machine methods which have stifled free action and have imposed an autocratic and illiberal control upon the organization. It is emphasized because of the flagrant debauchery which, under this bossism, banded the venal cohorts of the last Legislature and organized the audacious raids upon the Treasury and the legislative assaults upon the public interests which were only halted and throttled by the fidelity and courage of Governor Hastings. And it is accentuated by the bold and undisguised campaign of the master spirits in that carnival of profligacy to control the State Convention and make a machine nomination so that they can "own the Governor" and thus remove the only obstacle between them and the complete consummation of their schemes.

These are patent and palpable facts. The unrest and discontent produced by this glaring jobbery are plain to every observer. The spirit of revolt is in the air. It prompted nearly 120,000 independent votes last November. It is aggravated by the present signs of another Delamater campaign with the danger of another Delamater disaster. The truth cannot be changed by shutting our eyes to it. The demonstration at the Bourse yesterday was an expression of this popular feeling and protest. Its strength lies in the fact that there is behind it a deep and general public sentiment that, unless the forces which assume to control the Republican organization are checked and made to realize the true situation, the Republican party of Pennsylvania will be precipitated upon the shoals and rocks and plunge to inevitable shipwreck. This uprising is not simply a revulsion against arbitrary and narrow machine rule. Its extraordinary depth and intensity spring from the public indignation at the disgraceful scandals of the last session and from the public consciousness that this campaign for Governor involves the triumph or the defeat of this hideous jobbery at the next session. It is aimed, not merely against a general and long-continued evil, but against an immediate, imminent and overshadowing danger which presents a grave public crisis.

The Republicans who met at the Bourse shared and represented this wide popular feeling. With entire unanimity they presented Mr. John Wanamaker as the candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor who should embody the opposition to the pestilent schemes of the jobbers and corruptionists, and they called upon him to take the leadership of the fight. It is a summons he cannot disregard. Since the declension of Attorney General McCormick he is the natural and logical candidate of this element. His relation to the politics of the State for the past three years point to him as the standard-bearer of those who are ready to make war against the bossism whose manifestations have aroused so much hostility. The import of his nomination will everywhere be understood. It is the signal for a gigantic battle. It means that the machine will be met with a power which has made it tremble before and which can put its metal to the full test again. It means organization, energy, popular agitation and systematic effort. With Mr. Wanamaker's acceptance of the call—a call which under the circumstances he cannot disobey, whatever might be his personal wish—the battle is on, and it will be fought to the finish. It is a challenge to the machine as bold as the machine's own defiance of the unmistakable public sentiment, and those politicians will not be wise who underestimate either its significance or its strength.

Whether the movement will enter the Republican State Convention with a hopeful chance to carry it, or whether it will exercise such an influence as will constrain the Convention to meet

public sentiment and make an acceptable nomination remains to be seen. One thing, however, we assume from the spirit and character of the demonstration, may be taken for granted. The men engaged in it are in dead earnest and they are determined at all hazards to call a halt on the machine. They will, as we interpret their action, be just as resolute, just as courageous, just as unyielding as the bosses. In this great struggle it is for patriotic and sincere Republicans, who stand above faction and who are profoundly concerned for the unity, harmony and vitality of the party because of the momentous national interests before us to consider what this exigency demands. The greatest stake is involved. It will be easy now, with unwise counsels on the part of the machine leaders, to sacrifice the Governorship, lose the Legislature and throw away several Congressmen. Under these circumstances they should hear and heed the unmistakable warning that comes to them. They can prudently listen to voice of the people and save the party; they can madly and recklessly go on and plunge themselves and the party in a common disaster.—*Philadelphia Press*.

Cotton for Japan.

About 30,000 bales of cotton are booked for shipment to Japan this winter from the single port of Seattle. This is said to be 50 per cent. more in value than the value of all American exports to Japan during the season of 1894-95. Light is thrown on two interesting facts by this news: First, the fact that America is rapidly enlarging its grasp of the markets of the world, and, second, the fact that Japan is not standing still in the race of the nations. The latter fact is particularly important in view of the disposition in some quarters to think the danger of Japanese acquirement of the Hawaiian islands is remote if not imaginary.—*Chicago Tribune*.

The Trouble in New England.

A few figures given to the *World* by the Governor of North Carolina illustrate the rapidity with which the industry of cotton spinning and weaving is migrating from New England to the South. In 1886 North Carolina had 80 cotton mills; in 1897 it had 1,010. In 1886 it had 4,071 looms; in 1897 it had 24,517 looms. In 1886 it had 199,433 spindles; now it has 1,044,385 spindles. North Carolina is only one of the cotton growing states in which the spinning and weaving industry is increasing at this rate. The others are not far behind, and some of them show an even greater increase. With abundant water power, with cheap coal, with extraordinarily cheap labor, and with the cotton fields at their very doors, the Southern cotton mills will assuredly "take the business."

The Luck of Democracy.

The more the case is considered the more willing will the country be to agree with Secretary Long, who says the Teller resolution settles the elections of next fall. Whatever chance the Democrats may have had, through the fealty of men to their party, has been thrown away in the new piece of folly that was perpetrated in again proposing to threaten the stability of the business man's dollar and the working-man's wages.

In 1896 people refused to be deluded by the promise of better times in case of disorganization of money values, and now that business has revived and every man knows just what his day's income is worth when he earns it, he will have less desire to experiment than when he was perhaps doing nothing under the withering influences of the last Democratic administration and policy.

There are some things the Democracy can preach that appeal to men, but the destruction of values is not one of them. Had the lesson of 1896 been realized and the absurd silver issue been thrown away, and Bryanism and Tellerism with it, the Democrats might have made an interesting fight for the next Congress. But to run up the black flag and declare war upon those doctrines that have brought the Nation out of the idleness and suffering of the panic is to arouse the enmity of the man who depends upon his industry for his livelihood and force him in self-defense to seek shelter beneath the banner of protection to American industry and to the American dollar when it is earned.—*Pittsburg Times*.

Levi Kline, the agent of the Western Pennsylvania Humane society, will arrest 22 persons who attended a chicken fight at West Overton, Saturday night. The informations have been made before Squire Eicher. The spectators were from Scottdale, Connessville and Conomah, —*Scottdale News*.