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No. 49, Daily.....3:21 P. M.

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No. 46 Daily.....4:46 P. M.
No. 14, Daily.....10:54 A. M.

The Blanks We Keep.

THE STAR has just added a large stock of Deeds, Mortgages, Judgment Bonds, Property Leases, Constable Sale Blanks, Summons Blanks, Commitments, Subpœnas, Criminal Warrants, Judgment Notes, Receipts and many other blank forms that are useful and save lots of writing. A full line of these goods will always be kept on hand at this office.

YES, WE CAN!—We can supply cuts suitable for any and all kinds of advertisements and job printing. Call at THE STAR office and see our large assortment of specimens. We can show you cuts of nearly everything that exists and many things that do not exist. No matter what kind of a cut you want, we can supply it at a very low price.

MACHINE ELECTION FRAUDS EXPOSED.

Corruption by the Wholesale in the Attempted Purchase of Tax Receipts.

ROUNDING UP THE GUILTY.

Three Machine Retainers Sent to the Penitentiary For Ballot Box Stuffing—Another Under Bail For Forging a List of Names For Poll Tax Receipts—Newspapers Aroused by the Monstrous Frauds in Philadelphia.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Harrisburg, Feb. 13.—The miscreants who have for years been disgracing the Republican party in Pennsylvania by perpetrating election frauds in Philadel in the interest of the Quay machine are being brought to book. Samuel R. Markley, Joseph Hogan and Frank Taylor were sentenced on Saturday to two years' imprisonment in the Eastern penitentiary for frauds perpetrated at the last November election. These men were election officers in the Twelfth division of the Fifth ward, and were recently convicted of stuffing the ballot box and making fraudulent returns of the votes cast. This division is controlled by James B. Anderson, one of the machine leaders in the southern section of the city, which has become notorious for its election frauds.

This is only one of the many frauds that has been exposed since last November, when the corruption in the Seventh ward was brought to light and Deputy Coroner Salter and a half dozen other machine retainers were forced to flee to escape the punishment inflicted upon Markley and his associates. Salter and his accomplices are still fugitives from justice, and their bondsmen are now trying to escape payment of the amount of their bonds through an alleged flaw in the law.

New records of the startling frauds perpetrated by the machine in compiling the lists of names for the purchase of poll tax receipts have just been unearthed by an honest official, William J. Roney, receiver of taxes. Mr. Roney is a lifelong Republican, an old soldier and a former member of the legislature, and his only motive in exposing the poll tax fraud is that the party may be purged of the men who are bringing it into disgrace. A careful canvass by Mr. Roney of five of the machine strongholds proves that the lists were rotten to the core, that in many election divisions the names and signatures were all fictitious or forged. The lists as they were submitted to the receiver of taxes by the Republican city committee bore palpable evidence of wholesale padding, forgery and perjury. Seven-eighths of the 20,427 names were stricken off by Mr. Roney and his clerks because the signatures were glaringly false. Only 2,857 tax receipts have been issued to the city committee, and Mr. Roney's investigation shows that even of this small number of supposedly genuine names and signatures fully 80 per cent are bogus. The investigation also shows that in the machine strongholds even stables and sheds unfit for habitation are registered as homes of men who live only in the minds of the plotters whose scheme to make 20,000 repeaters has been blocked by an honest official. Every machine henchman who forged signatures and perjured himself by attesting the correctness of the lists is liable to punishment under the law. Charles R. Jones, chairman of the Prohibition state committee, is having the lists examined with a view of bringing the guilty parties to justice. He has already arrested Frank Redman, a machine worker of the Fourth ward, on a warrant charging him with conspiracy with others unknown in improperly causing a poll tax to be paid. Redman has been held in $500 bail for trial at court. He made up the list of alleged signatures in the division in which he lives, and every name on the list was rejected by the receiver of taxes as a forgery. The exposure of these monstrous frauds has so aroused the newspapers over the state that it bodes ill to the machine. The Harrisburg Star-Independent, the leading independent newspaper in central Pennsylvania, says:

"The utter contempt in which the law and the courts are held by the ballot polluters in Philadelphia is shown in some form every day. To instance, while the Fifth ward cases were on trial recently, with the certainty of conviction before them, the agents of the machine in all other parts of the city were busy padding the lists of voters in order that the crimes might be repeated at the coming election. Even after the conviction there was no halt in the proceings. The attempt to get tax receipts by fraudulent methods to use for fraudulent voting was in progress while the verdict of the jury was being presented to the court."

The Philadelphia North American (Rep.) says:

"The poll tax fraud recently revealed is another humiliating and suggestive exhibition of the criminal methods resorted to by the Republican machine in this city to debauch the elections and defeat the popular will. Its suggestiveness lies not so much in the fact of the disclosure of the reckless lawlessness of the machine as the variety and ingenuity of its methods. That the dominant political organization is simply and primarily an association banded together for the promotion of crime is too well known and has been judicially and notoriously so well established that no surprise would be felt at any exhibition it might make of defiant iniquity; but the facility with which upon discovery of its criminal practices in one direction it adjusts itself to the necessity for new forms of crime to carry out its illegitimate purposes is alarmingly suggestive."

The Philadelphia Press (Rep.) says:

"The act of 1897 makes it necessary that a person who offers to pay the poll tax of any citizen shall present a written order signed by the person whose tax he seeks to pay. A verbal request is not sufficient. The authority must be written and signed. Without such authority the payment is unlawful and is punishable by fine or imprisonment, in the discretion of the court. Before this business is ended the ward bosses and division workers, who have so long been in a conspiracy to defraud the people by means of election crimes, will know a few things about the law that will be useful to them, though it would have been to their advantage had they found out sooner."

The Pittsburg Times, owned and controlled by Senator C. L. Magee, says:

"The action of William J. Roney, receiver of taxes of Philadelphia, in refusing to issue many thousands of tax receipts to the city Republican committee for persons whose requests as presented to him were evidently forgeries, is to be heartily commended by every good citizen. It looks very much as though gross frauds similar to those which were perpetrated last fall in Philadelphia have been contemplated for the coming municipal election in that city. Mr. Roney's action is calculated to greatly assist in their prevention. Frauds upon the ballot have exactly the same moral and legal turpitude when committed by Republicans in Pennsylvania as when perpetrated by Democrats in Kentucky, and good patriotic citizens everywhere will rejoice when those who attempt or commit them are foiled in their efforts or brought to justice."

"County Auditors' Drastic Comments."

Under the above caption the Somerset Herald last week published a lot of misleading rot which was stated by the Herald to be the closing chapter of the County Auditors' Annual Report.

Inasmuch as the said "drastic comments" contain a malicious, unjust and lying thrust at several of the county newspapers, THE STAR will resent the insult, and the other newspapers can do as they please about it.

The swell-headed auditors allege that the outgoing board of commissioners published the annual statement in papers having no general circulation throughout the county, and for this the retiring commissioners are censured by a few "smart aleck" auditors whose heads have swelled to three times their normal size since being elected to a little snide office. The auditors feel very big, evidently, but their "drastic comments" show all the ear marks of "Timmie" Scull's dictation, and they contain such glaring untruths that not many people will be deceived thereby. "Timmie" must have used a little "persuader" with the auditors, but no doubt "taffy" did the whole thing, for some petty office-holders can be flattered very easily.

We are not taking up the cudgel to defend the old board of commissioners or their clerk, for we believe they are thoroughly able to take care of themselves, and the assault upon them is none of our business. However, inasmuch as the auditors have wilfully, maliciously and unjustly assailed several of the county papers by saying that they have no general circulation throughout the county, we resent their attempt to injure our private business. The retiring commissioners had the county statement published in the Somerset Standard, Somerset Democrat, THE STAR, and, we believe, once in the Berlin Record. All of the papers mentioned have a general circulation throughout the county, and we feel sure that each paper can produce any quantity of the best of evidence to prove the assertion.

Just why the auditors should try to injure the private business of a few newspaper men who have never meddled into the private business affairs of the auditors, is more than we can account for; but sometimes petty officers are liable to do almost anything when suffering with a bad case of swelled head.

Perhaps the auditors think no paper has a general circulation unless they are subscribers to it. But they must remember that there are many other people who subscribe to the papers named, and many, too, who have the honor and manhood to pay their subscription. One of these same auditors who is now trying to injure THE STAR'S business, for which action on his part we can not account, was a subscriber to THE STAR during the years of 1892 and 1893, but to this day has failed to square up his subscription, which he knows is an honest debt. He is a smart, away-up auditor, in his mind, but there is a day of reckoning coming.

The people elect auditors to audit accounts, not to show off by publishing "drastic comments" that are framed or suggested by "Timmie" Scull. If the auditors *must* assail somebody, they have no right to injure newspapers which have never wronged them or the county.

The California Way.

The prompt election of Thomas R. Bard to the Senate by the California Legislature shows what virtue there may be in an extra session of the Legislature when a persistent and objectionable candidate gets out of the way. The candidacy of Dan Burns, the California Republican boss, who is offensive to a large section of his party, was the chief obstacle to the election of a United States Senator at the regular session of the California Legislature. The Legislature adjourning without making an election, Governor Gage did not attempt to assume its power and appoint a Senator to a vacancy which happened during the session of the Legislature.

When, later, Governor Stone, of Pennsylvania, set the example of making a Senatorial appointment to such a vacancy, Governor Gage proposed to await the action of the Senate, and, if its precedents were overruled and Quay given a seat, he would then appoint Dan Burns to the position which the Legislature of California refused to give him. Further reflection, however, did not commend this course to the mind of Governor Gage. He resolved to take a clearly constitutional course and reconvene the Legislature in extra session. That body having had time for a dispassionate consideration of the whole matter, on meeting in exera session addressed itself to practical business at once. It threw aside the obstructive Burns and without a dissenting Republican vote elected Thomas R. Bard for the full term of six years from the 4th of last March.

This eliminates the Senatorial question from this year's campaign in California. The Republican party there is relieved for the time of a too direct responsibility for Dan Burns, and a serious impediment to the success of the Republican ticket is removed. California is a close State, but any danger of its electoral vote being lost to the Republicans this year is taken away by the sensible termination of the Senatorial fight. If Mr. Quay is seated on his appointment the question of the election of his successor will be made a direct and disturbing issue in Pennsylvania in the coming campaign. This will not endanger the Republican electoral ticket, but it cannot fail to reduce the Republican majority and cause the election of Democratic Congressmen in districts that without the Quay issue would go Republican. Mr. Quay's candidacy last year reduced the Republican vote sufficiently to cause the election of ten Democratic Congressmen from Pennsylvania instead of three, which the State sent to Washington two years before. This disorganizing and dividing issue should not be thrown over into a Presidential year. The California example is a good one. If the Senate will adhere to its precedents and refuse to seat Quay the Legislature in extra session, with Mr. Quay out of the way, can easily elect an acceptable man for the full term.

If the Senate seats Mr. Quay it cannot refuse to accept on appointment a Democratic Senator from Delaware and a Populist Senator from Utah. If it seats Mr. Quay it will not get rid of the issue raised. The next Pennsylvania Legislature will as certainly refuse to elect Mr. Quay as the last one did, and if he persists in his candidacy another failure to elect and a fresh appointment will follow. The Senate will then be confronted with the entirely new question whether a man rejected by two successive State Legislatures shall be seated on appointment to a vacancy which his candidacy and unpopularity create.

The great objection to allowing Governors to appoint to vacancies which the Legislature is entitled to fill is the enormous abuse which it makes possible. The Quay case illustrates this. He alone prevents an election and, if seated after rejection by the Legislature once, it is more than probable that he will come twice, and possibly even three times, to the Senate on like credentials, for, though he may control Governors, he cannot control the Legislature of Pennsylvania.—*Philadelphia Press.*

The Scull Paper Sheds Tears.

According to the Somerset Herald, the County Auditors charge the outgoing Commissioners and the retiring Prothonotary with stocking up the Prothonotary's office with blanks enough to last for 20 years. The Herald knows that is an infernal lie, and if the Auditors don't know it they are too dumb to pound sand in a rathole.

And many of the blanks will be "necessarily wasted," say the Auditors, according to the Herald. And why wasted, pray? Oh, now we catch on! The present Prothonotary, who is a Scull man, is expected to "necessarily waste" blanks so as to make it necessary for the Herald, his master, to print some more. Yes, yes, we see, and the taxpayers are to foot the bill.

Now let the Herald publish an itemized list of the blanks in the Prothonotary's office and mention the price paid for same. The people can then judge whether there is a 20 years' supply there, and if the public decides that there is a 20 years' supply on hand, THE STAR will then show up that the 20 years' supply cost much less money than the Herald charged in some cases for a three years' supply for the same office.

The Herald might just as well admit that there is about a two or three years' supply of blanks in the office aforesaid, no more and no less. But it causes the old family organ to shed great briny tears to think that it will not get a chance to print many blanks for the present Prothonotary, unless many of them are "necessarily wasted" in order to make it necessary to have some more printed.

Their Guilty Masters.

When the tools of the Quay machine whom the North American detected in debauching the ballot-box in James B. Anderson's ward stood up in court to receive the legal penalty for their crimes, Judge Bregy said to them:

The sentence I am about to impose expresses better than any words the feelings with which I regard the crime you have committed. I trust it will be considered by others who are equally as guilty as you. And there are many persons occupying the same position as you so far as guilt is concerned. The fact that I am going to inflict the maximum punishment is evidence of the Court's contempt of election fraud cases, and a warning to all persons engaged in that sort of crime.

The sentence of the Court is that each of you pay a fine of $500 and serve a term of two years—solitary and separate confinement with hard labor—in the Eastern Penitentiary.

Judge Bregy did well thus to emphasize the fact, with which this community and the entire country is acquainted, that such creatures as Markley, Hogan and Pearce are but humble instruments in the hands of others. "There are many other persons occupying the same position so far as guilt is concerned." Some of these equally guilty persons are rich and powerful, holding high official station, or seeking it. Immediately above the Markleys, Hogans and Pearces are the men of the machine who discharge the functions of foremen in the wards; above these are the superintendents; at the top are the politicians who make their headquarters in Washington and Harrisburg, the chief criminals as well as the chief beneficiaries of the conspiracy against an honest vote.

Manifestly all who deserve to be in the penitentiary cannot be sent there. The work of securing against so great a host the legal evidence necessary to convict would be too vast and complicated. Against some the evidence can and will be collected. But in the nature of things only a small proportion of those in the same position as to guilt with the Markleys and Hogans and Pearces will get their deserts.

Coincidently with efforts to send to the penitentiary the workers and chiefs of the machine against whom proof is obtainable—which efforts will not cease—a larger and more comprehensive movement is in progress. The private citizen is seldom so situated that he can directly aid in work of the kind which the North American has successfully prosecuted in the cases of the ballot-box stuffers in Durham's and Anderson's wards, but every citizen can help in the larger movement—the war upon the system which gives us Quays and Penroses and Stones, and Salters and Markleys.

The tree must be chopped down if we are to be rid of its fruit. The axe is in the hands of the people. Under our scheme of government no other hands are privileged to hold it. Therefore, if the tree continues to stand and supply its poisonous products—its Quays and Penroses and Stones, and Durhams and Salters, and Markleys—the people must blame themselves, and themselves only.

Cut down the tree by electing a Legislature which will give us proper election laws—a Legislature that will be as superior to the influence of the machine as Magistrate Eisenbrown, District Attorney Rothermel, the grand jury and Judge Bregy have proved themselves to be—and the necessity for volunteer guard duty at the ballot-box such as the North American has rendered will no longer exist.

Smash the machine. That is the way to reach Quay and Penrose and Stone and Andrews and Durham and Anderson, and the whole collection of politicians who live because the machine does.

One honest Legislature will drive them out of business, and quite possibly out of the state.—*North American.*

What the Veterans of Blair County Think of Congressman Thropp's Ability and Faithfulness.

Headquarters Lieut. S. C. Potts Post No. 62, Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic.

ALTOONA, PA., Jan. 27, 1900.

HON. JOSEPH E. THROPP,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MY DEAR SIR:—I take pleasure in extending to you, on behalf of Memorial Day Committee, an invitation to be with us, Posts No. 62 and No. 168, of the G. A. R., on the 30th day of May next, and deliver the address on that occasion. The Memorial ceremonies will be held in the Altoona opera house, on the evening of that day, commencing at eight o'clock.

Kindly advise me of your acceptance at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully yours.
(Signed) THEODORE BURCHFIELD,
Chairman of Committee.

Headquarters War Veterans' Association, of Altoona and Blair County.

ALTOONA, PA., Feb. 5, 1900.

HON. JOSEPH E. THROPP,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MY DEAR SIR:—At a regular meeting of the War Veterans' Association of Altoona and Blair county, held on the 3d inst., at their headquarters, in Altoona, Pa., the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS it has been customary in all political parties in making nominations for Representatives in Congress to give the second term nominations to representatives who have served their constituency honorably, and

WHEREAS, There is at the present time a canvass being made to select a candidate to represent the 20th Congressional district of this state in the House of Representatives at Washington, and from our knowledge of the interest the Hon. Joseph E. Thropp, present Representative in Congress, has taken in advancing the cause of the veteran soldier and the promptness he has shown at all times in replying to inquiries made of him by any of our comrades, therefore be it

Resolved, By the membership of the War Veterans' Association of Blair county, that we heartily endorse the course of our Representative in Congress, the Hon. Joseph E. Thropp, and pledge him our undivided support for nomination for a second term.

Resolved, That we acquaint the War Veterans of the 20th Congressional district of our action and ask their assistance in furthering the renomination of the Hon. Joseph E. Thropp.

Resolved, That this preamble and these resolutions be recorded on the minutes of our association, and a copy of the same be forwarded to our Representative, the Hon. Joseph E. Thropp, at Washington, D. C.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) P. J. WOLESLAGLE,
Corresponding Secretary.

A Question of Veracity.

The anti-imperialists are trying to convict Admiral Dewey of falsehood. The Washington branch of these nonpatriots has been dissecting Dewey's letter to Senator Lodge, and trying to read into it inconsistency and double-dealing, and unpatriotic newspapers are repeating the arguments of the aunties, parrot-like, and endeavoring to smirch the reputation of America's great admiral. The following is Dewey's letter:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19, 1900.

DEAR SENATOR LODGE:

The statement of Emilio Aguinaldo, as recently published in the Springfield Republican, so far as it relates to me, is a tissue of falsehoods. I never promised, directly or indirectly, independence to the Filipinos. I never treated him as an ally, except to make use of him and the soldiers to assist me in my operations against Spaniards. He never alluded to the word independence in any conversation with me or my officers.

The statement that I received him with military honors or saluted the so-called Filipino flag is absolutely false.

Sincerely yours,
GEORGE DEWEY.

This is emphatic enough and should be convincing, but the aunties take the fact that Dewey made use of Aguinaldo and his soldiers to assist him in operating against the Spaniards, and insist that this co-operation in some way bound the Americans to leave the Philippine islands to Aguinaldo's tender mercies.

The American who will believe statements from Aguinaldo, which Dewey pronounces a tissue of falsehoods, must possess a singularly warped mind.—*Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.*

THREE short years ago, yes only two years and eight months, Mr. Reynolds was an officer under the government, drawing a big fat salary. He held on with a good tight grip for three months after Grover Cleveland and Hoke Smith, his superiors, had retired. Now, and for a year past, he has been seeking the Republican nomination for Congress. I guess he ought to wait a while. One vote for the Republican ticket will scarcely atone for twenty years' fighting the party.—*Everett Press.*

BOTH of the Quay organs in this county are booming the candidacy of John M. Reynolds against Hon. Joseph E. Thropp. The Reynolds-Hadderman crowd, of Bedford county, is made up of the bolters who voted for the Democratic Congressional candidate in 1898. The leaders of the so-called stalwarts, of Somerset county, bolted the Republican organization of this county, last fall, and as it is natural for birds of a feather to flock together, there is little surprise in the fact that the two ring organs of this county are endeavoring to deliver the Republican party of Somerset county into the Reynolds & Hadderman Democratic Aid Society, of Bedford county. All true Republicans will kick against the arrangement.

THE first epistle of John M. reads like a page from the diary of our whilom friend Aggie. He was glad to have a soft spot to drop on when the Democrats had no further offices to confer on him, but he is surprised to know that the Republicans are disposed to refuse turning down a faithful party worker in order to make room for him. He says the old soldiers asked him to become a candidate. His love for the veterans is truly sublime—for cheek. One of the bitterest enemies the old soldiers had in the White House was Grover Cleveland, and yet the Honorable John M. had no compunctions of conscience to being a Cleveland office-holder and draw his salary regularly to the limit of his term. The old soldiers have a great love for the Cleveland gang—nit.—*Saxton Herald.*

MR. THROPP has been a Republican all his life, he has been a member of the American Tariff League for years. For the past eleven years he has owned and been operating a furnace in Everett and coal and ore mines in the county, employing hundreds of men and disbursing thousands of dollars monthly. For all these eleven years he has had a residence in West Providence, and lived there about half his time. He has had a business office there, and himself helped to superintend his furnace and mines much of the time. For the past thirty years Mr. Reynolds has resided in the county, for twenty-eight of these years he has been a Democratic politician—fighting the Republicans in every campaign. For two years when his services were not needed, he has been a Republican. And now he wants to harmonize the party by having it elect him to Congress and thinks Mr. Thropp out to get out of his way. What do you think of it, old time Republicans?—*Everett Press.*

THE candidacy of John M. Reynolds for the Congressional nomination of this district would be much more favorably received, especially by old soldiers, if the Hon. John M. wouldn't have been the first assistant of that notorious soldier hater, Hoke Smith, under the last Cleveland administration. Cleveland was a soldier hater, every inch, and Hoke Smith, his Commissioner of Pensions, hated the very ground that old soldiers walked on. Next in rank to Hoke Smith came the Hon. John M. Reynolds, who was Deputy Pension Commissioner under Cleveland, and everybody knows how the old soldiers fared under the despotic rulings of this great trio. But now the Hon. John M. Reynolds is a Republican, (in name only) and he wants the old soldiers to give him a boost for Congress. Will they do it? We think not. No renegade Democrats of the Hoke Smith and Grover Cleveland school need apply just yet. They must first prove their loyalty to Republican principles by serving faithfully in the ranks before asking for fat offices. It would be poor policy to set lifelong and faithful Republicans aside to accommodate a renegade Democrat thus early in the game.

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