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**EASY**  
BRYAN—"Now boys, all we have to do is to knock out the keystone, and the whole arch will fall."—From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

RUDOLPH BLANKENBURG, the fire-eater of the Fake Reform campaign, last Friday night, was a hummer. About 2000 people were in attendance from all parts of the county, and the able speeches delivered were enthusiastically applauded. Seats were at a premium in the large, new opera house, and many people could not get into the building. It was a great day for Republicans, and it was indeed a pleasing sight to behold many heretofore Scull henchmen sitting up on the stage as vice presidents of the meeting. True Stalwarts cannot be induced to follow after strange gods into the Democratic camp, and thereby usher into existence another Democratic Soup House administration.

THE Emery-Black-Berry Company tries to delude voters with the idea that the coming State election has nothing to do with National affairs. But Michael J. Ryan, presiding officer of the Democratic convention that nominated Emery, spoke more frankly when he said: "The success of the ticket named to-day will result in the election to the Presidency of that tribune of the people, William Jennings Bryan."

It is not likely that Messrs. Guffey and Kerr will permit William Jennings Bryan to take part in the Democratic campaign in Pennsylvania. Indeed, should Mr. Bryan come into Pennsylvania, he would have considerable trouble in finding a "Democratic" campaign. The Pennsylvania Democracy appears to have sought else to do than support "kicking" Republicans for office.—Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin.

"Fusion" is not the only scheme through which the Democratic Party seeks public office. In Wilkes-Barre it was the "non-partisan" cry that elected Mayor Kirkendall, a Democrat. Then what followed? That chief officer was chosen Democratic County Chairman by his party, and his high municipal office became a lever to further Democracy's ends! The "non-partisan" or "fusion" games do not change a Democrat's political skin when he is once in office and power.

THE organization Republicans view with profound regret and sincere sorrow the spectacle of the corruption and depravity which has been exposed in the ranks of the Reformers of Philadelphia. It is enough to make tears flow from the eyes of angels. They seemed so good, and their horror at what they were pleased to call the "corruption of the machine" seemed so sincere that thousands of honest, but emotional and sympathetic Republicans were so impressed with the awful tales they told, last year, that they voted against as honest a man as ever ran for office.—Holidaysburg Register.

THE Rev. Dr. T. T. Everett, of York, president of the Western Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church (including 150 congregations) and a distinguished theologian, who was selected by Governor Pattison to be his private secretary during Mr. Pattison's first term, is firm in his opposition to the election of a man like Lewis Emery to the gubernatorial chair. Dr. Everett observed the legislative career of Emery when both were at Harrisburg, and the opinion formed there, that Emery is a fake reformer, is only confirmed by the millionaire's present effort to attain official office through surreptitious Democratic help.

THE Republican rally at Somerset, last Friday night, was a hummer. About 2000 people were in attendance from all parts of the county, and the able speeches delivered were enthusiastically applauded. Seats were at a premium in the large, new opera house, and many people could not get into the building. It was a great day for Republicans, and it was indeed a pleasing sight to behold many heretofore Scull henchmen sitting up on the stage as vice presidents of the meeting. True Stalwarts cannot be induced to follow after strange gods into the Democratic camp, and thereby usher into existence another Democratic Soup House administration.

If there were only partisan issues involved in this contest, I should hesitate to say anything publicly in reference thereto. But I do not feel that such is the case. On the contrary, I feel that all good citizens who have the welfare of America at heart should appreciate the immense amount that has been accomplished by the present Congress organized as it is, and the urgent need of keeping this organization in power. \* \* \* To change the leadership and organization of the House at this time means to bring confusion upon those who have been successfully engaged in the steady working out of a great and comprehensive scheme for the betterment of our social, industrial and civic conditions. Such a change would substitute a purposeless confusion, a violent and hurtful oscillation between the positions of the extreme radical and the extreme reactionary, for the present orderly progress along the lines of a carefully thought-out policy.—Extract from President Roosevelt's letter to Congressman Watson, August 18, 1906.

**SOME TIMELY QUESTIONS.**  
Can Republicans vote for a man who is a candidate on the Democratic ticket?  
Can Democrats vote for a man who proclaims himself a Republican?  
Can either Republicans or Democrats vote for a man who tries to ride the Democratic mule and the G. O. P. elephant at the same time?  
Can a man be a candidate on the Democratic ticket, fighting the Republican party, and at the same time be a Republican?  
Could a man have fought in the Confederate army, and at the same time have been loyal to the Union?  
Can a man who attempts to do either of these things be honest?  
Is a dishonest man worthy of your vote, even though he is your friend?  
Does a man's enmity for one man justify him in being dishonest toward all other men?—Somerset Standard.

**THE BLANKS WE KEEP.**  
The following blanks can be obtained at all times at THE STAR office: Leases, Mortgages, Deeds, Judgment Bonds, Common Bonds, Judgment Notes, Receipt Books, Landlord's Notice to Tenants, Constable Sale Blanks, Summons Execution for Debt, Notices of Claims for Collection, Commitments, Subpoenas, Criminal Warrants, etc. tf

**OPEN LETTER TO "GENERAL" KOONTZ.**

Some Questions that Will Make the Fake General and Sham Reformer Scratch His Head—Nothing But Open Answers Will Satisfy The Voters.

BEDFORD, Pa., October 15th, 1906.  
HON. WM. H. KOONTZ, Somerset, Pa.  
DEAR SIR:—There are three candidates in the field in the Thirty-sixth Senatorial district for Senatorial honors, viz: Wm. C. Miller, Republican; Wm. H. Koontz, Democrat, and S. C. Hartley, Prohibitionist.  
I understand you claim to be the best man in the field for the office; that you assert you are a regenerated and reformed Republican. I therefore take the liberty of writing you an open letter, asking you to answer a few questions I deem important to a good citizen in making up his mind as to whom he shall support among the three gentlemen offering their services to the people.

1. State briefly your military record in the Civil War and the services that were rendered by you that gave you the distinguished title of General.
2. Are you a stockholder or director, or counsel for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, or any of its subsidiary companies?
3. Have you been counsel for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company?
4. Are you a member of any other corporation doing business in Somerset county?
5. During the last three years there have been several coal strikes in Somerset county. Were you counsel for the laboring men or for the corporations during the strikes?
6. Are you in favor of passing a law to increase the minimum salary of school teachers from \$35.00 to \$45.00 per month, or of reducing the minimum salary of school teachers from \$35.00 to \$25.00 per month?
7. How may a candidate for State Senator be a good Republican and a Democrat at the same time?
8. If you were elected to the Senate of Pennsylvania, would you act with the Republican party of Pennsylvania in its state policies, or would you act with the Democratic party in its state policies?
9. Your friends say you are a candidate in the interests of reform, and that you are a fair, honest and upright gentleman who believes in majority rule. I assume this is true, because it is a fact advertised by those who want you elected to office. Will you kindly explain to me why, after the Republican primary election in 1900, in Somerset county, when Captain W. H. Sanner (and he earned the handle to his name by actual military service) received a majority of all the votes, nominating him for the Legislature, you, by force of law, seized the nomination for yourself, although the Court in its decision stated that you were not the choice of a majority of the Republicans as their candidate?
10. Why did you not vote for the Republican nominee for Congress in 1886, 1888, 1890? I believe Col. Edward Scull, then editor of the Somerset Herald, was the Republican candidate, and was regularly and properly nominated as the representative of his party.

Very respectfully,  
J. J. WOLF.

**HIS BLUFF CALLED.**  
Harvey Hay Refuses to Declare Himself Openly Against Compulsory Vaccination.

Evidently Bluffing to Get a Republican Vote, but Only Declarations in Black and White Count.

The following letter will explain itself, and it shows plainly that Harvey Hay is not in favor of repealing Pennsylvania's present odious and dastardly vaccination law. When a candidate refuses to answer questions in writing and place himself on record in the public prints as to where he stands on important questions in which many voters are interested, it is plain that he is a dodger, a fakir and a fraud. Let no voter who is opposed to compulsory vaccination be deceived into voting for Harvey Hay. No matter what he may say on the quiet to get a vote here and there by deception, at which he is an expert, his refusal to place himself on record, over his signature, is a sure sign that he will stand by his brother-in-law, Dr. A. M. Lichty, and do all in his power to keep the present vaccination law on the statute books. The anti-vaccinationists can expect nothing from Harvey. If he is against the odious law referred to, why should he refuse to say so over his signature? Following is the letter that called Harvey's bluff and pulled off his mask:

Elk Lick, Pa., Oct. 9th, 1906.  
MR. HARVEY HAY, Elk Lick, Pa.  
DEAR SIR:—It seems to be the general opinion that you are in favor of compulsory vaccination of school children, and that if you are elected to the Legislature, you will oppose the repeal of Pennsylvania's present odious vaccination law, or at least do nothing in favor of its repeal.

In speaking of your attitude on the vaccination question, THE STAR has not positively classed you, but did state that neither you nor F. P. Saylor had declared yourselves in favor of the said law's repeal, in the public prints, as your opponents, Knepper and Endsley, have done, and the paper stated further that it was reasonable to suppose, under the circumstances, that you and Mr. Saylor would not favor the repeal of the said law.

However, Jacob D. Miller informs me that you told him several days ago that you are opposed to compulsory vaccination, and that you are in favor of our present vaccination law's repeal.

Did or did not Mr. Miller correctly quote what you said to him?  
If you are in favor of the repeal of the law referred to, will you pledge yourself to try to bring its repeal about if you are elected to the office you are now a candidate for?  
Will you kindly and concisely state your position on the vaccination question, in writing, so that interested voters may know exactly where you stand, and what to expect of you if elected?  
I have a copy of this letter, and intend to publish it, together with your answers, or the announcement of your refusal to answer, as the case may require.

I would thank you for a prompt reply, but if I do not hear from you by the end of this week, I shall take it for granted that you do not wish to answer the questions asked. Yours Truly,  
P. L. LIVENGOOD.

**No Sham Reformers Need Apply.**

Several days ago this paper received a double postal card from John M. Broomall, secretary of the Lincoln Party Campaign Committee. The card was worded as follows:  
My Dear Sir:—From now until the close of the campaign we will furnish weekly, without charge, express paid, an electrolyte of a good cartoon bearing on the present political situation in the state, to your newspaper, if you will publish the same without expense to us. Cartoon not to be over three columns wide and a quarter or third of a column long.

Are you receiving plate matter from us or from the Democratic Committee? If not, will you publish it if we send same without expense to you? If not, do you want us to send proof sheet each week?  
Your prompt reply will be appreciated. Yours truly,  
JOHN M. BROOMALL, Secretary.

Wouldn't that grab you? We are not quite ready yet to sell or to donate space to a set of political charlatans and sham reformers, whose sole object is to ride into office on mere pretense, falsehood and pure demagoguery. Following is the answer we sent to Mr. Broomall:  
DEAR SIR:—We will not publish your cartoon each week. We are not publishing Lincoln-Democratic plate matter, and we will not make use of your proof sheet. No sham reformers need apply at any price. Yours very truly,  
P. L. LIVENGOOD.

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