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WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1912.

### REPUBLICAN TICKET.

State Treasurer, ROBERT K. YOUNG.  
Auditor General, A. W. POWELL.  
Congressmen-at-Large, FRED E. LEWIS, JOHN M. MORIN, ARTHUR R. RUPLEY, ANDERSON H. WALTERS.  
District Congressman, W. D. B. AINEY.  
Representative, H. C. JACKSON.

### THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

When a man does a noble act, date him from that. Let his noble act be the standpoint from which you regard him. There is much that is good in the worst of men.—Henry W. Bellows.

Gross negligence on the part of the chief engineer of the fated Titanic in leaving the watertight compartments open caused that palatial liner to sink sooner than it otherwise might have done. This startling news came out as a part of the testimony in the probe now being made in London. Had the compartments been closed it is probable that all would have been saved. It was stated in the testimony that the chief engineer ordered the compartment reopened so that firemen might go to the pumps. The doors, it was claimed, were left open.

### THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

The Democratic state convention held at Harrisburg last week demonstrated that the reorganizers are in full control. The Guffey machine was routed "foot, horse, and dragons." Palmer, O'Brien and Guthrie are in the saddle. Though their majorities were not great they spurned all offers of compromise. It was a clean split. The followers of Guffey are out in the cold, cold night. Whether the prestige of victory will draw after the new leaders enough of the defeated wing to give them permanent control remains to be seen. Palmer and O'Brien who are well known in this vicinity, are young, strong, energetic and conservative. Moreover, as politicians, they are shrewd and resourceful. It is more than likely that with the assistants who will surround them they will be able to hold the party well in hand for some time to come. This being true, Republicans must look to their laurels. There will be no longer a mere ghost of a Democratic party to contend with in this state. If the Democracy of the future is to be kept a minority party in Pennsylvania, it must be confronted by an aggressive, united and high-principled foe. Not that the change in the Democratic ranks necessarily means any new accession of virtue, or any renunciation of old errors. We have looked vainly through their platform to find any new basic principles or any commanding reasons why they should be restored to power. The platform is skillfully framed to evade all questions on which there might be a difference of opinion in the Democratic ranks. While demanding correction of the evils of the present tariff system, the platform makes no suggestion of a method for such correction, and disposes of the whole subject of the tariff in a few lines. This was doubtless good policy in Pennsylvania, but it was not frank. The platform does not get into line with the party in the nation on the tariff issue, the policy of which still is, as declared a few days ago by Champ Clark, a tariff for revenue only. But this is a policy of which Pennsylvania will have none. Hence the weak and uncertain whisper of the Democratic platform on the subject of the tariff.

While the platform takes a mild fall out of the courts in order to catch the passing fancy of the populace, it does not go so far as to advocate the recall of judges or of judicial decisions and thus alienate the support and sympathy of the reasonable and fair-minded. On every issue concerning which there is any difference of opinion in Democratic ranks the platform either straddles, evades or is silent. Putting up a brave front for the benefit of the easily impressed, it will, on examina-

tion, be found to consist of "sound and fury, signifying nothing."

Of the candidates nominated at the convention little is known with the exception of Mr. Berry, who has been a chronic seeker after office for these many years, and who achieved a fleeting reputation, by reason of being state treasurer at the time of the exposure of the capitol graft. Mr. Berry's weakness in the Democratic party lies in the fact that he insisted on remaining in the field two years ago as a Keystone candidate for Governor, thus making certain the defeat of Webster Grim, the regular party nominee. So far as Mr. Berry is concerned that particular chicken is sure to come home to roost.

### A CASE IN POINT.

The Citizen has, on a former occasion, expressed its disapproval of the proposed recall of judicial decisions, and has given its reasons therefor. It is therefore with the more regret that we find the most prominent plank in the platform recently adopted by the Republican State Convention at Harrisburg one strongly advocating the proposition that decisions of the highest court in the state on constitutional questions should be submitted for reversal to popular vote. Now, a case in point has been suggested by the Scranton Tribune-Republican, a prominent Progressive newspaper whose editor, Mr. Towne, was named as a Roosevelt delegate-at-large to the Republican National Convention. The Tribune-Republican says that the recall of decisions theory, put into operation, will provide an appropriate and effective remedy for the mine-cave evil which is so serious a menace to property owners and citizens in the coal mining regions. Let us therefore take the case suggested by a journal friendly to the proposition and see how it would work out. The mine caves are due to the subsidence of the earth over the upper veins worked out perhaps half a century ago by companies which are now out of existence. In most cases the owners or lessees operating the mines to-day own or lease and operate only the lower veins, having no right, title or interest in the worked out veins above them, and being in no way responsible for the mine caves on the surface. Suppose now the legislature should pass and the governor approve a law making the present owners or lessees of the lower veins responsible to the surface owners for all damages that have occurred to the surface at any time in the past, and providing for collection of damages by summary process, and seizure of the property of the company to be held until such time as the damages had been paid and the surface restored to and secured in the original condition. Such an act might be passed under the police power of the state, as suggested in the platform. The city of Scranton, taking advantage of such legislation, might bring its appropriate action against one or more of the coal companies mining out the lower veins within the municipal boundaries. The courts would refuse to sustain the action on the ground that it was an ex post facto law, and that it deprived the owner of his property without just compensation, and was therefore on both grounds unconstitutional. The Supreme Court, on appeal, would undoubtedly affirm the judgment of the court below. If the provision for the recall of decisions were in operation, then would be the time to put it into effect. The city of Scranton would appeal from the decision of the Supreme court on a question of constitutional law, to the voters of the state. There would be plenty of opportunity for smooth-tongued orators to prejudice and inflame the minds of the people against the "greedy and grasping corporations" and "the rich and powerful coal barons." Who can doubt what the verdict of the populace would be in such a ballot? Who can doubt but that the decision of the high court would be reversed, and the company compelled to pay damages and restore property in a case

where, both as matter of law and common justice, it was entirely innocent of any trespass or wrongdoing, and should be acquitted. But whether the verdict of the people was against the coal company or not, why should the company be put to the risk and expense of defending itself in a state-wide ballot against a confiscatory encroachment of this nature? Of course the coal companies would be driven into bankruptcy, and the mining industry paralyzed by the application of the theory of the recall of decisions to the mine cave problem, as suggested by our esteemed contemporary, and probably, after the injury had been done, after the horse had been stolen, the stable door would be again locked. But why invite such a calamity?

### Will Not Affect Honesdale.

As result of the large number of fires that have taken place in Lackawanna county during the past two years a great many people are going to suffer. According to a decision just handed down from the Board of Insurance Underwriters at Philadelphia properties in all of the towns, with the exception of Taylor borough, Dunmore borough, Clark's Summit, Clark's Green, Dalton, Moscow, Waverly, Carbondale, and Scranton, will hereafter be insured for but three-fourths of their value. The honest people in those towns upon which the ban is placed will suffer as much as the people at whom the finger of suspicion is directed. If the properties in those towns not mentioned above, are insured for a greater amount than three-fourths of their value the companies carrying the insurance will not be liable for more than three-fourths of the loss.

The insurance companies were compelled to do something in order to protect their interests. It has been alleged that people in Lackawanna county, when short of money, have deliberately set fire to their homes.

### Eat Properly and Avoid Indigestion.

Make it a point to eat properly. Most cases of indigestion are directly due to carelessness in this respect. Food should be taken regularly. The nearer your meals are scheduled by the clock the better. Late suppers should be avoided. Heavy food should not be taken late at night. Your digestion is least active during the later hours of the day and in the night.

Eat slowly and don't over eat. Chew each mouthful at least a dozen times. A half a meal eaten slowly is better than a whole meal taken in haste. No matter how good the food, even if it be bread and butter, too much of it will cause indigestion.

Most people do not drink enough water. An adult should take at least two and one-half pints in twenty-four hours. Where possible drink water between meals. This is better than to drink great quantities of water during meals.

Wholesome food eaten leisurely and in moderation will maintain your health better than any kind of medicine, especially if your body is well irrigated by pure, fresh water.—Karl de Schweinitz, Executive Secretary, Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

### MEDICAL FAKERS WILL BE GUARDED AGAINST.

Applicants for license to practice medicine and surgery in Pennsylvania henceforth will be required to file with their applications two photographs of themselves for use of the bureau of medical education and licensure, which has charge of the examinations.

The photographs are for the purpose of identifying the applicant, and are necessary to prevent fraudulent substitutions such as have been practiced at times in the past. The new requirement is an official acknowledgment of what has been known on the quiet for a long time, that the old state examining boards were occasionally victimized by "professional" applicants, who, for a consideration, would take the place of the real applicant at the examination, assuming his name for the time being and enabling an incompetent to thus obtain a license on the strength of an examination which was actually passed by the well-equipped substitute.

### METHODISTS ARE AGAINST TOBACCO-USING PREACHERS.

Minneapolis.—The general conference of the Methodist church adopted the resolution protesting against the action of the ecumenical missionary conference in Edinburgh recently which set aside all Protestant mission work in Greek and Roman Catholic countries, and which caused strenuous discussion at that time.

The resolution declared it to be the church's duty "to oppose the machinations of Romanism and to counteract its attempt to gain an ever increasing control of our public schools, to use the public funds for sectarian schools"; and, finally be it

"Resolved, That we feel the deepest sympathy and love toward the priests and people within the Greek and Roman Catholic churches who are working toward a more spiritual interpretation of the Christian faith." The conference, in a din of cheering, which lasted for several minutes, also adopted a resolution presented by the Rev. Robert Stephens, of Danville, Ill., which prohibits the election of any officer of the general conference, including secretaries of boards and editors of church papers, who use tobacco in any form.

### THE SCHOOL CODE IS CONSTITUTIONAL.

Supreme Court Handed Down Decision on Subject But There Was a Division—Sections Criticized.

There has been much interest in the attack on the constitutionality of Pennsylvania School Code, which decision was handed down by the Supreme Court in Philadelphia on Monday of last week. By a vote of 4 to 3 the code was declared constitutional. The majority opinion, which was written by Justice Von Moschizker, and concurred in by Chief Justice Fell and Justices Porter and Elkin, holds that as a whole the code is constitutional, but that the only matters before the court were the powers of and the limitation upon school authorities in districts of first class to raise money and contract for the erection of school houses. The majority holds that the section in the code providing for this is valid. The majority of the Court holds that the constitutionality of the various sections of the code can be determined from time to time as cases arise involving the validity of the different provisions.

The majority admits that sections of the code may be open to criticism. In discussing the classification of school districts made by the code the majority holds that the subject was one for the Legislature and "that no Court should set up its idea of the necessity for or the reasonableness of a scheme of classification."

Denouncing the code as special legislation and fundamentally wrong the three justices in the minority, Brown, Stewart and Mestrezat, filed a joint opinion which was written by Justice Brown. "A fundamental principle of government," the minority of the Court holds, "has been ignored in sustaining the Act of 1911 and this is to be deplored." The school boards in Allegheny and Philadelphia counties, the minority said, are appointed by the judges and they have the right to levy tax. This, the minority holds, is taxation without representation. In the country districts the school boards are elected by the people and the minority holds that this makes the code special legislation. The case came to the Supreme Court from Allegheny county.

### FREE POULTRY BOOK

Issued by the State Department of Agriculture.

The Department of Agriculture has just issued a large bulletin, for free distribution to residents of Pennsylvania only. This bulletin covers all phases of poultry keeping, is beautifully illustrated and bearing the stamp of the Department of Agriculture it can be depended upon to be authoritative and reliable. It is by W. Theo. Wittman, a man well versed in poultry lore and thoroughly acquainted with poultry conditions not only in Pennsylvania but throughout the United States.

As the edition of the Bulletin is limited and the demand likely to be very large, those of our readers who may wish to have it had better write at once, Apply to Hon. N. B. Critchfield, Secretary of Agriculture, Harrisburg, Pa., and ask for Bulletin No. 219.

### Petition Refused.

Deputy Attorney General Jesse E. B. Cunningham refused to grant the petition to have a quo warranto suit started in the name of the Commonwealth to test the right of the Hon. H. A. Fuller, president judge of Luzerne county, to his place on the bench, on Wednesday. Eleven years ago a census was taken and two weeks before it passed the legislature a bill providing for four judges for Luzerne county was passed. Both bills were left over until the last day of the session and were signed by the Governor. The apportionment bill provided for only three judges. The question whether the additional judge was legal was not raised until a few weeks ago, eleven years afterwards, by Attorney Thos. D. Shea, who, it is alleged, had a grudge against Judge Fuller. Former Judge Frank Wheaton represented Judge Fuller at the hearing.

### Democratic Platform Features.

The platform will contain the following features:  
Opposition to the initiative, referendum and recall.  
One term for president of the United States.  
Smaller size ballot and abolition of party square.  
Reduction of the tariff to a competitive basis.  
State wide primary and direct election of all officers.  
Favors a strong public utility bill.  
Non-partisan ballot for municipalities.  
Members of legislature to select own committees instead of presiding officers.  
Equalization of taxation.  
Thorough reorganization of Auditor General's office.  
Condemns the Republican administration in Pennsylvania, with disapproval of unnecessary offices and increase of salaries.

### WORDS FOR THE SPELLING CONTEST OF THE Wayne County Schools.

- LESSON XXXVII.
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| algebra    | abdomen   |
| abyss      | admirable |
| advice     | blunt     |
| ballads    | breadth   |
| bellows    | biography |
| bituminous | bison     |
| basin      | bushel    |
| crusade    | Caribbean |
| stafford   | deaf      |
| depth      | digit     |
| elm        | erring    |
| Europe     | exile     |
| every      |           |

Join the big excursion of the Amity Club, Thursday evening, May 23. Leaves Lyric theatre at 8:15 o'clock; returning at 10:45 o'clock. Round trip tickets 50 cents. First cabin chairs 25 cents extra. 36e14

### NEWSPAPER LAW.

Judge James Ellison of the Kansas City court of appeals handed down the following decision in the case of O. D. Austin of the Butler (Mo.) Record by Burge, other members concurring and published in 137 S. W. Reports, 618:

"The preparation and publication of a newspaper involves much mental and physical labor as well as an outlay of money. One who accepts the paper by continuously taking it from the postoffice receives a benefit and pleasure arising from such labor and expenditures as fully as if he had appropriated any other product of another's labor, and by such act he must be held liable for the subscription price."

### AN AERIAL MAIL CLERK.

Washington, D. C.—Postmaster General Hitchcock will swear in Paul Peck, as "special aerial mail clerk" so that he can carry a special package of mail from Washington to New York May 21.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We take this means of thanking our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the long illness and recent bereavement in our family. Also the barbers, singers and those friends who so kindly sent flowers, including the Ladies' Aid society, Epworth League, Sabbath school class, Grange and Preston High school.

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