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Fault-Finding Newspaper Readers.

The following sensible words on the subject of newspaper subscriptions, clipped from an exchange, should be born in mind by those who are forever finding fault because matters are not conducted to please them:

"Every man has a right to take a newspaper or stop it, for any reason or no reason at all; but at the same time there is a certain responsibility attaching to all actions, even to trivial ones as stopping a newspaper because the editor says something he does not agree with."

"There is a complaint that newspaper editors lack fearlessness and honesty; that newspapers are too generally more partisan organs which disregard the claims of truth and justice when political interests are at stake."

"There is too much truth in the charge, but let us ask how it is possible for a fearless, honest, outspoken journal to live if every man is to cry, 'Stop my paper!' whenever he reads something which does not accord with his views?"

"The men who insist that the newspaper they read shall never say anything contrary to their views are the ones who are, in a large measure, responsible for the craven cowardliness and the weathercock propensities of modern journalism. In a community composed entirely of these 'Stop my paper' people, true independent journalism would be an impossibility."

"When you are convinced that a newspaper is dishonest and deceitful, stop it. When convinced that it is unclear, stop it. When it lacks enterprise and fails to give you the news, stop it. When some other newspaper gives you more of value, stop it."

"But do not stop a newspaper you believe to be honest, courageous, enterprising and clean, simply because the editor has written his own sincere views instead of yours or somebody else's, for if you do you are putting a premium upon insincere journalism and serving notice on the editor that the way to succeed is to write what he thinks will best please his readers, instead of what he honestly believes to be the truth."

Luzerne's Vacant Judgeship.

The appointment of a successor to the late Judge Bennett is anxiously awaited by the people of the county. That the selection will be made from among the Republican attorneys is a foregone conclusion. The governor being a Republican, and the deceased judge having been a member of the same faith, leaving no room for doubt on that point. Nevertheless, the appointment concerns the whole people, irrespective of party, and it is hoped that the governor's choice will be one that will commend itself as strongly to one citizen as to another, to the Republican as well as the Democrat, to the Prohibitionist as well as the Populist.

Among the numerous names mentioned for this high and important position there are some which the local pride of various localities is responsible for, the object being to give this or that man and his locality some inexpensive advertising. There are others whom it would not be well to place upon the bench for their own good, and what is more important, for the county's good.

Sifting the above classes from the lot leaves but a very few names which the governor ought to consider. One of these is G. L. Halsey, Esq., of White Haven, one of the few attorneys of Luzerne county who commands the respect of all classes and of all parties. If a Republican must be appointed, Governor Hastings can win the gratitude of every man who wishes to keep the Luzerne bench free from pettifoggery by naming Mr. Halsey as the successor to Judge Bennett. His ability, eminence, education and integrity fit him for the position, and if these qualities count for anything he is the logical appointee.

A Springfield (Kan.) woman put on some of her husband's clothes to play burglar with her children, and when she came from a closet her ten-year-old daughter, who had taken a revolver from its hiding place, promptly shot at her. The bullet barely missed her.

An exchange says that when John Damm, of West Virginia, got married the other day he received a telegram from one of his relatives reading: "Accept congratulations of the whole 'mam family.'"

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THE TREASURY LOOTERS

The Appalling Figures That Show How It Cost More Than Ten and a Half Millions of Dollars in Excess of the Cost in 1883-86 to Run the State. The Machine Figuring on New Tax Bills to Get Money to Make Good the Treasury Deficiency.

A Harrisburg correspondent writes: There are two problems of serious importance facing the treasury officials of Pennsylvania to-day. The first is how, for the sake of the Republican machine, by whose favor they hold office, the fact that there is a practical deficit of nearly \$3,000,000 in the state treasury can be disguised or explained satisfactorily to the voters. The second is, how they can get the additional money which will be absolutely needed for the coming year's expenses if machine rule is to be continued, or unless an anti-Republican Legislature shall be chosen this fall and shall proceed, immediately after convening, to stop all the steals and cut off all the extravagances.

As to preventing the people from learning that there is a deficit, that it is an ugly one, and that it will sooner or later produce no end of embarrassment, both for the state and its creditors, that is simply impossible. The fact is too plain. The ordinarily intelligent man has it taken from the reports of the state treasurer and auditor general and glance for a moment at the figures to satisfy himself as to the melancholy and disgraceful truth. Each year, for the four years last past, the appropriations have exceeded the estimated expenditures, and the actual expenditures have been greater than the estimated income by from two to four millions of dollars. For the year 1898 the treasurer's estimate of income, leaving the sinking fund out of consideration, was \$11,191,628, while he found that, in going over the 1897 appropriation bills and adding to their totals the overdue payments on previous appropriations, there would be needed during 1898, again omitting the sinking fund items, the enormous sum of \$17,316,823. That sort of financing, continued for a few years, would bankrupt even a Standard Oil trust.

Corruption and waste have been conspicuous in Pennsylvania state governmental matters for very many years, but it was not until Beaver's administration began, in 1887, that the looters got things down fine and began stealing and squandering by wholesale. Undoubtedly there were moneys unnecessarily expended from 1883 to 1886 inclusive under Pattison, but the total expenditures were nevertheless comparatively modest. The following, taken from the reports of the auditor general, show the total expenditures during that period on current account—that is, less interest, loans redeemed and United States bonds purchased:

1883.....\$4,336,974
1884.....4,383,515
1885.....5,068,782
1886.....4,367,751

Total.....\$18,157,024
Average each year.....\$4,539,256

During the same period there were state loans redeemed, including the premiums paid thereon, aggregating \$3,290,427, and United States bonds purchased under the Humes' act amounting to \$5,306,814. These items are not included in the above total.

As an exhibit of how the machine has learned to get away with the taxpayers' money since then, the following exhibit of the yearly expenditures under Hastings, added to the actual surplus left over from 1894 in the general fund, and the deficit that will show at the close of 1898 will be found edifying:

The 1894 surplus.....\$3,897,747
The 1895 actual expenditures.....12,502,952
The 1896 actual expenditures.....11,004,517
The 1897 actual expenditures.....12,768,515
The 1898 estimated exp.....17,073,452
The probable deficit.....2,762,834

Total.....\$60,820,927
Average per year 1895-98.....\$15,205,966
Average per year 1893-96.....\$4,539,256

So that the Hastings administration has cost the state more than ten and one-half millions of dollars each year over and above the yearly cost of the first Pattison administration.

Again, I say, financing of that sort would quickly bankrupt even a Standard Oil trust. What are they going to do about it? They don't know themselves. And, except for the disastrous effect it is apt to have upon the prospects of Republican success in November, when the facts become generally known, as they certainly will be, they don't care much. They are just now most concerned regarding the threat of certain school districts to test the state's right to hold moneys that have been appropriated to their use and that are due under the terms of the law. If that test should be made and the decision be against the state, it would not be surprising to see the treasury issuing orders at no distant day in payment of salaries and other current expenses. Of course, if that result can be avoided, it will be, and in the hope of avoiding it the treasury officials are busily engaged in devising schemes to get more money out of the corporations as tax on their capital stock, etc. This will be done by raising the assessments as made in the auditor general's department, and if that plan will not work, then they will be prepared with a bill, to accomplish it, which they will urge upon the legislature next winter. If that legislature is an anti-machine body, as is now hoped, it will address itself rather to lopping off expenditures than to devising new tax schemes.

It is really amusing that "Boss" Martin should be lauded as a reformer.

What Wanamaker says and what Swallow says all goes to prove that Jenks should be elected.

All the "puck me store" proprietors in the field are candidates on the Republican ticket. There are Thropp in the Bedford and Woodin in the Columbia district running for congress as Republicans.

The Philadelphia Times says that two influential Democratic papers are out for Swallow. One of them is a Populist paper and the other a side organ in a county where there were but 1,105 Democratic voters in 1896. A larger, brainier and in every way better Democratic paper in the same county is straight for the ticket. The voters are in the saddle boat.

QUAYISM IN FIGURES.

How Four Years of Machine Rule Converted a Real Surplus of Nearly Four Millions into a Real Deficiency of Nearly Three Millions—The Figures From the Records That Support Mr. Jenks' Charge That the State Treasury Is Bankrupt.

Mr. Jenks has charged, upon the stump, that the state treasury is bankrupt and the astounding fact has not been and cannot be denied. Here are the figures, from the official records of the machine state treasurers, that prove it:

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS.
1895.....\$11,746,411
1896.....12,265,756
1897.....12,475,070
1898.....11,191,628

Total.....\$47,678,865
GENERAL FUND PAYMENT.
1895.....\$13,402,962
1896.....11,004,517
1897.....12,768,515
1898.....17,073,452

Total.....\$54,249,446
The figures for 1898 are the official estimates of the state treasurer. He calculates the probable receipts, and he puts down the actual obligations. By the end of the year, therefore, if all the obligations are in the meanwhile met, the state will have expended, during the four years of Governor Hastings' administration, \$6,570,583 more than its income.

But there was a real balance left over from Governor Pattison's last year, 1894.

Auditor General Gregg (Republican) spoke of that balance in his annual report for that year as follows: After noting that the nominal balance was \$5,018,942, he said: "Of the amount paid into the state treasury (as personal property tax) there remains to be paid back to the counties \$1,273,578.09. This should properly be deducted from the reported balance, in order to ascertain the real, which deduction being made, would show a real balance of \$3,807,747.62."

"While we may point with pride to the existence of this large balance, it must not be too readily assumed that it will prove an unmixed blessing. Its very existence will invite applications for its appropriation to purposes neither necessary nor deserving. The revenues of the state are at present ample to meet its expenses if economically applied."

And then this Republican auditor went on to recommend the appropriation of the surplus "to some needed public use, whose benefits should be enjoyed by the entire people, without placing upon the commonwealth an annual charge therefor."

Inheriting this "real surplus" of \$3,807,747 from its predecessor, and expending in four years \$6,570,583 in excess of its income, the Hastings administration has exhausted the surplus and left the state \$2,762,834 in the hole. With "money to burn," so to speak, four years ago, the treasury now has, if its debts were paid, nearly \$3,000,000 less than nothing.

This is Quayism fittingly illustrated in figures.

STATE REFORM.

Democrats No Eleventh Hour Converts to the Doctrine—Pertinent Extracts From Their State Platforms.

The Democratic party is no eleventh hour convert to state reform. For years it has been denouncing the ugly facts and urging amendments. Whenever it has had opportunity it has loyally redeemed its pledges, to the full limit of its power. The following will be interesting reading in this connection:

In 1874 the Democrats of the state in their platform denounced the Republicans for fostering corporations to the detriment and injury of the great agricultural interest; for having introduced frauds and corruption into the departments of the state government and among the state officials generally, and for having failed to dismiss them when exposed and convicted. They demanded a greater economy and the lopping off of every needless expense.

In 1882 the Democrats elected their state ticket and secured a majority in the house on a platform devoted to state issues and condemning Republican theft and reckless expenditure. In 1885 the party thus said: "The long continued abuses and spoliation of the state treasury and the defiance of laws by its management, make essential a radical reform so that large sums shall not be accumulated by taxation of the people to be distributed among the favored depositories of the state."

The convention of 1887 denounced the Republican legislature for "its failure to pass the state revenue bill, which was urged by nearly all the people in the commonwealth and which, by its failure, made the people pay a million of dollars annually that should and would have been paid by corporations." It denounced, also, "the failure of the administration to attempt any correction of the wrong doing or exposure of the fraud or criminal neglect, as confessing the supremacy of ring rule in Pennsylvania."

The convention of 1890 again urged reform, condemned the Bardsley steal, and, following the election of the Democratic governor, Robert E. Pattison, the monies stolen by the said Bardsley and others were restored to the state treasury.

A Rallying Cry Everywhere.

All along the northern tier of counties, throughout the oil regions and in the iron manufacturing districts the name of the Democratic candidate for governor is a talisman to conjure with, a rallying cry for multitudes of honest men who stand stoutly together for honest politics. The western Pennsylvania Democrats and independents are flocking to the standard of George A. Jenks because they see in his candidacy an assurance of deliverance of the state from the clutches of unclean hands that have grasped power only for plunder and personal advantage. Wherever intelligent public opinion finds expression throughout the state there is ready and ample concession of Mr. Jenks' fitness for the office of governor, and especially at this juncture, when there is need for a stern executive hand at Harrisburg to restore old landmarks of honest state administration.—Philadelphia Record.

MEN-OF-WAR FOR CHINA.

Dewey to Send Two of His Warships to Overawe the Chinese.

BALTIMORE AND PETREL.

Government Acting Promptly and Will Protect Americans Before Lives Are Sacrificed.

Ships Will Get as Near to Peking as Possible and Then Land Marines to March to the Capital—A Foreign Fleet Is Assembling About Tientsin—Great Excitement Prevails.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 5.—Admiral Dewey has been ordered to send the cruiser Baltimore and the gunboat Petrel to Chinese waters.

This action was taken by Secretary Long and upon Minister Conger's report cabled to the State Department of rioting in Peking, putting American lives and property in jeopardy. He announced, too, that a foreign fleet is assembling about Tientsin, and that some Ministers have ordered marines to Peking to guard their legations.

This Government is acting promptly and will afford protection to Americans without waiting for lives to be sacrificed.

The impression has prevailed that the situation is far more serious than the public has been given to understand, and this was made stronger by the hasty despatching of warships to China. In speaking of the matter however, Secretary Long said the department is only pursuing the usual course in such cases. No change is to be taken.

Both men-of-war will go up the Peking to Tientsin if they can, and from there the Petrel will proceed as close to Peking as possible. It is feared, however, that the Baltimore will not be able to pass beyond the Taku forts at the mouth of the river. Marines will be landed to protect American citizens. They will have to march to Peking from the nearest point that can be reached by the Petrel.

Tientsin is thirty miles from the Yellow Sea and seventy from Peking.

Some people grew apprehensive regarding Admiral Dewey's position because of the detaching of two of his vessels, but naval officers dissipated the fear by pointing out that the Admiral now has in Manila Bay two powerful monitors which he did not have when he destroyed Montojo's fleet. The work before Admiral Dewey at this time he can successfully accomplish with the vessels remaining at Manila.

It is regretted at the department that there is no gunboat of the Helena class in Asiatic waters, which could sail up the river to Tientsin and beyond. The moral effect of warships close to the Chinese capital would absolutely insure safety to Americans. Yet it is believed at the department that ample protection will be afforded by the measures adopted.

Banker Hill Men Capture Quebec.

Quebec, Oct. 6.—For the first time in the history of America the Stars and Stripes, born by a body of United States soldiers, were unfurled in the citadel of Quebec.

It was the occasion of the review of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, of Boston, by the Governor-General of Canada. Following the Boston men were many veterans of the Civil War, several officers who participated in the late war with Spain and many of descendants of the veterans of the wars of the Revolution and of 1812; and these men, representative of all the military periods of the United States, receiving the hearty cheers and warm welcome of British people in one of the strongholds of Queen Victoria's domain was an interesting and impressive picture to all who beheld it.

Warship Builder's Trust.

Cleveland, Oct. 5.—It is said here that one of the most gigantic projects for the combination of capital in the history of the country is being engineered in this city.

It is nothing less than an attempt to unite the warship building interests and the armor-plate and gunmaking interests of the world into one great syndicate, whose factories shall be located near Cleveland. Men of international reputation in the financial and manufacturing world are in the deal.

More Volunteers to Muster Out.

Washington, Oct. 4.—There is good reason to believe that within the week there will be a large number of volunteer regiments designated for muster out, in addition to those already designated for release from service. One military authority says that it is not unlikely that the 100,000 soldiers intended to be retained will be reduced to about 70,000 men. These, with the regulars, would still leave an army of about 110,000 men, which is considered to be ample for home and foreign service.

Lunatic Takes His Life.

New Rochelle, Oct. 4.—Alfred W. Marks, a graduate of Harvard in 1897 and the son of a wealthy dry goods merchant of Meridan, Miss., drowned himself at Orienta Point, Mamaroneck. He was temporarily insane and was being treated at Dr. Carpenter's sanitarium.

This morning the young man escaped from his attendant and jumped overboard. The body was recovered.

Mrs. Caroline Miskel Hoyt, the actress is dead.

DISGUSTED FISHERMEN.

It Made the Sportsmen Ill to Watch an Old Timer Catch Trout.

One day this week a Boston party, on a fishing trip to Moosehead, came across one of the old-school fishermen. He was up off the mouth of Tomhegan stream and was fishing out of a lumberman's bateau. It developed later that he was the cook for a crew of river drivers. On the bank near at hand stood the cookee, or his helper. The cook had thrown about a peck of table refuse into the lake in order to "tole" the fish, and over that lure he was having great luck. His pole was of the jib-boom variety, and when a fish bit he would derrick it over his head into the bushes where the cookee was stationed.

The Boston men from their canoes watched operations with all the disgust of the true sportsmen.

"Got enough for supper yet?" shouted the fisherman over his shoulder as he sent another great trout flapping into the bushes.

"No; better catch six or eight more," shrieked back the cookee.

"Say, how many fish do you two fellows usually eat for supper?" shouted a Boston man, who didn't understand the situation.

"When you've cooked for twenty-two river-drivers as long as I have," yelled the cook, deriding another fish, "you'll know more about empty nail kegs."

Hardly was this enigmatic utterance out when there came a tug at his line that was nothing short of tremendous. He twitched. The fish didn't come. He braced; set his jaws and pried. His line only sawed the hissing water.

"Play him! Play him!" screamed the excited sportsmen from the city.

"Play your grandmother," bellowed back the cook. "I ain't here to play. I'm here to fish." And as he spoke he boosted over his head a fifteen-pound laker. Any man in the Boston crowd would have given \$10 to have played him an hour at the end of an eight-ounce rod. "Twas too much for their nerves. They came away."

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from ten drops to the teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Mr. Depew Honored. Pittsfield, Mass., Oct. 5.—Chauncey M. Depew was kissed at a sale conducted by the Golden Rod Circle of King's Daughters on the grounds of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Sloane at Lenox on Saturday. The kissing was done by Miss Jennie Griffin, one of the village belles. It was a result of the sale of the model ship which Mr. Depew auctioned off to Cornelius Vanderbilt for \$100.

Naval Heroes Promoted.

Washington, Oct. 5.—The President has made the following naval appointments:

Lieutenant Commander John Pillsbury to be a commander; Lieutenant Commander William H. Reeder to be a commander; Past Assistant Engineer Frank W. Bartlett, to be chief engineer; Acting Gunner Myles Joyce, to be a gunner.

Chippewas Want a Fight.

Walker, Minn., Oct. 4.—A special messenger has just returned from Bear Island with the report that the hippees held a powwow, which was followed by a war dance. Indians never indulge in such a dance unless they are fully prepared for a conflict and intend to fight.

Schools Opening in Manila.

Manila, Oct. 4.—The American authorities have invited the teachers to resume their duties in all the schools, which have been closed since the surrender.

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