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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, October 3, 1899.  
Admiral Dewey is the guest, during his present stay in Washington, of Mrs. Washington McLean, mother of Hon. John R. McLean, Democratic candidate for governor of Ohio. The ovation given him upon his arrival in Washington, and during the civic parade he reviewed, was greater than was ever given to any other individual. It was enthusiastically participated in by everybody, regardless of politics, race or sex, showing that the people recognized the difference between a real national hero and a man temporarily prominent through partisan politics. The administration would gladly have made this occasion a Republican celebration, but the people would not have it that way—they are perfectly willing that the Republicans should have the present war in the Philippines for their own, but they know that the war with Spain was not a Republican party affair.

Commissary General Egan, the man who, as the result of a court-martial, is drawing full pay as a brigadier general, without doing anything in the line of duty, is again in Washington. He has positively declined to accept the offer of some of the friends of Colonel Weston, who is performing the duties of commissary general, without receiving the proper pay therefor, to pay him the difference in cash between his salary on the retired list and what he now receives, if he would ask to be retired, so that Colonel Weston could be promoted. Egan can block Weston's promotion as long as he remains on the active list and he cannot be retired, except upon his own application, before the expiration of the five years' suspension from duty.

Local protests were unavailing and that Ohio man, General Thomas H. Anderson, was appointed United States attorney for the District of Columbia, because of the exigencies of Ohio politics. Naturally enough there is much kicking, especially among the Republican members of the Washington bar, who thought the place should have been given to one of their own members. Another Ohio man, Dr. A. B. Richardson, of Massillon, has been appointed superintendent of the government hospital for the insane (St. Elizabeth's) at Washington, although the position is in the classified civil service and should properly have been filled by the promotion of the assistant superintendent.

It is difficult to resist the belief that recent pop-gun campaigning in the Philippines was directed from Washington for political purposes. General Otis informed the country that as a part of the general forward movement, an army of three divisions, under command of Generals McArthur, Wheeler and Wheaton, advanced upon and captured Porac, which had been garrisoned by about six hundred Filipinos. The next day it was quietly announced in the regular press dispatches that our troops have abandoned Porac and retreated to Angeles. General Otis has succeeded in getting himself retained in command in the Philippines, if he hasn't succeeded in winning much from the Filipinos.

The influence of Mr. McKinley is being openly used to compel the few anti-Hanna Ohio Republican federal office-holders in Washington to speak and work for the Hanna ticket. For instance, ex-Congressman Watson, who was the source of so much worry to Boss Hanna that he was given a nice position in Washington to keep him out of the state, has gone home to take the stump for Nash, at the personal request of Mr. McKinley.

Quite a number of Tammany men, who came over from New York to continue the Dewey festivities, talked freely of the fight that is being waged inside that organization against Mr. Richard Croker, and some express very positive opinions that Mr. Croker would, before long recognize the inevitable and retire from the leadership to save himself from being forced out of it, and that with his retirement, there would be an end to one-man rule in Tammany.

**Low Rate Excursion to New York**  
Via Lehigh Valley Railroad, October 11, 1899. Fare from Freeland for the round trip will be \$2.45. Tickets will be sold for all trains, except those connecting with Black Diamond express, October 11. Limit for return October 13 inclusive.  
Consult Lehigh Valley ticket agents for further particulars.

# HONEST, ABLE CANDIDATES

## Light on Careers of Which Pennsylvania Democrats Are Proud.

## WORTHY OF INDEPENDENT VOTES.

### Commendation Which Shows the Hope of Anti-Quay Republicans For the Success of the Champions of Clean State Government.

Who and what are the Pennsylvania Democratic nominees, Stephen Leslie Mestrezat, for justice of the supreme court; Charles J. Reilly, for judge of the superior court, and William T. Cressy, for state treasurer?  
What does the public press, particularly the formidable array of newspapers opposed to Quayism and Republican machine rule, say of them, and what is the prospect of their support from independent voters at the polls?  
Can Mestrezat, Reilly and Cressy sweep the state outside of Philadelphia and Allegheny counties, and can the corrupt machines of the great cities be prevented from annulling the will of the remainder of the state?  
**STAND ON THEIR OWN MERITS.**

Sketches follow which show that if faultless management had characterized state treasury rule throughout the many years of state finance domination by the Quay power, the Democratic candidates, on the merits of their own achievements and high character, and on the strength of what their candidacy assures for better home rule and reformed state government, would still stand worthy of the votes of all good citizens.

How much greater the reason, in view of only the state government scandals exposed during the last year or two, for expecting that independent



STEPHEN L. MESTREZAT.

votes will enable the Democratic candidates to overthrow the Republican machine in November, and thus brighten the prospects for an honest majority in the state legislature to be elected next year.  
This presentation of Democratic claims upon the honest judgment of a people not to be deluded by the throwing of irrelevant national issue dust into their eyes, will include testimony from the Republican press as to the excellence of the Democratic state convention's work. There can be no mistaking the purpose of the anti-Quay Republican newspapers to go as far as they can for the election of Reilly and Cressy. There is, of course, no doubt of the election of the candidates of the two great parties for supreme justice, under constitutional provision.

**NEED NOT FEAR PHILADELPHIA.**  
With this basis of reasonable hope for routing the machine cohorts in "the country" we have unprecedented antagonism to Quayism in Philadelphia, while in Allegheny resides the chief of the insurgents, Senator Flinn, whose profession of support for the ticket the Quay managers regard as a joke, and another anti-Quay senator, Mr. Magee. Nearly all the principal Philadelphia Republican daily newspapers commend the Democratic candidates, and most vigorously condemn the Quay machine in expressions of hope for its annihilation.

The utmost confidence in the present honored management of the Democratic party has been voiced by the anti-Quay Republican press, particularly in Philadelphia. It was the well founded hope of "the country" for Philadelphia that made Pittston invincible in 1882 and in 1890. Philadelphia Democrats today are united and harmonious in consequence of the wise local leadership as applied to the present county ticket. The Democrats there are as one man, and the Quay machine is opposed within the Republican party by a power greater than ever before confronted it. Why, then, should the honest "country" fear this year for Philadelphia?  
Let the rest of the story speak for itself.

**JUDGE MESTREZAT'S CAREER.**  
By an unprecedented majority Judge Mestrezat was called to the bench of the Fourteenth judicial district, and for more than five years he presided with signal ability over its courts. He brought to the bench the ripe experience acquired by 20 years of tireless labor in the practice of the law in all its departments. He was equipped as few have been to assume and properly discharge the judicial duties in a district of varied industries, entailing litigation covering every branch of the law. His experience upon the bench extends to every section of the state where he has been called in the trial of cases which have attracted the attention of the profession generally. In all his judicial actions Judge Mestrezat has been fair, fearless and faithful.

He is a student of the constitution.

He understands the framework of the law and is familiar with every stream and current of authority. He is a close student of the history of legislation from its inception. He is thoughtful, profound, patient and conscientious. He is familiar with the boundaries of state and federal jurisdiction and acquainted with the decisions which are the "peaks and promontories, the headlands and beacons of the law." Knowing neither friend or foe, blind to every prompting of interest, a protector of the rights of all, Judge Mestrezat has become a commanding figure in the brilliant galaxy of jurists for which the bench of Pennsylvania is famed.

### STRUGGLES OF EARLY LIFE.

Hon. Stephen Leslie Mestrezat is a comparatively young man, born Feb. 19, 1848, in Mapletown, a village of Greene county, Pa., near the Monongahela river. His people were and are still tillers of the soil. Aided alone by his untiring industry, Mr. Mestrezat began his struggle with the obstacles that usually beset the pathway of the young lawyer. He became a student at Washington college, and was graduated from that institution with merited honors.

Having laid a foundation for a legal course, so far as a thorough knowledge of the classics could afford, he entered the law department of Washington and Lee university, when that famous institution was under the presidency of that distinguished southerner, General Robert E. Lee. Mestrezat's preceptors were two of America's foremost lawyers, Hon. J. Randolph Tucker and Judge J. W. Brockenborough.

### A DETERMINED STUDENT.

Here, among the hills of Virginia, young Mestrezat spent his hours in ceaseless toil, familiarizing himself with those great principles which form the anatomy of the law. He was graduated from this institution in 1871, at the head of his class of 22, and the same year was admitted to the practice of the law in Greene county, Pa. In 1873 he went to Uniontown a comparative stranger, and began the practice of the law at the county seat of Fayette. Twenty years later he returned to his native county as judge of her courts, Greene county being at that time a part of the Fourteenth judicial district.

Of Judge Mestrezat's success at the bar the profession in Pennsylvania is familiar. At the end of the first two years of his practice he was rewarded with a larger clientele than is usual with a young attorney. His success had been such that it attracted the attention of the late Chief Justice Charles E. Boyd, then the leader of the Fayette county bar, and in 1875 he suggested to Mestrezat the formation of a law partnership. The latter readily assented, and from that time Mr. Mestrezat became a prominent figure in the state and federal courts. The firm of Boyd & Mestrezat continued until President Cleveland appointed Mr. Boyd chief justice of the supreme court of Washington territory.

### STANDING IN SUPREME COURT.

The reports of the supreme court of Pennsylvania show that he was engaged in nearly every important cause taken to that court from Fayette county during his practice at the bar. The Dawson Bridge company case marked the close of his career before the supreme court. This case attracted the attention of the profession throughout the state. In the court below Mr. Mestrezat was defeated, being unable to make the court see his position on the legal principles involved. They had not been passed upon by the supreme court of the state. A large verdict under the instructions of the court was given against the bridge company, Mr. Mestrezat's client. He directed his client to take an appeal to the supreme court, where he argued the many intricate legal questions involved in the case, and secured a reversal of the judgment of the court below. His position on the law was fully vindicated and sustained by the higher court.

In all the years of his practice no attorney ever came into court with his cases more thoroughly prepared. He was a ready and forceful speaker, and was prepared for every defense. He was true to his clients, making their cause his own. Feeling responsibility, he listened patiently to details, and to his industry there were only the limits of time and strength.

In 1893, when Fayette and Greene counties comprised the Fourteenth judicial district, Mr. Mestrezat was elected judge by a majority of over 2,000, and on Jan. 1, 1894, he began his judicial labors. On Jan. 1, 1898, upon the retirement of Judge Ewing, Judge Mestrezat became president judge of the Fourteenth judicial district.

### HE IS A DEMOCRAT.

Judge Mestrezat is a Democrat, possessing the Jeffersonian requisites of ability, honesty and faithfulness to the constitution. Prior to going on the bench he was active in the interest of the success of his party, though he never sought a political office. He came from a long line of Democratic ancestors, and is in his political faith to the manner born. In 1877 he was elected district attorney of Fayette county on the Democratic ticket in one of the most remarkable and fiercely contested campaigns in the history of the county, and served a full term of three years from the first Monday of January, 1878. In 1884 and '85 he was chairman of the Democratic central committee of Fayette county. He was a delegate to the convention that nominated Black for governor in 1886. He was also a delegate to the Democratic convention at Chicago in 1892 that nominated Cleveland for president.

When Robert E. Pattison was elected governor in 1890 Mr. Mestrezat's friends asked that he be appointed attorney general in the governor's cabinet. While the appointment did not come to the western part of the state, the strong endorsement of his candidacy by the press of western Pennsylvania was a fitting tribute to his ability as a lawyer. His candidacy received the endorsement of the Fayette county bar. Leading lawyers and jurists in every section of the commonwealth also united in asking his appointment.

### HIS FORCEFUL PERSONALITY.

Judge Mestrezat was married about 12 years ago to Eliza Wilson Ewing, daughter of Hon. John K. Ewing, of Uniontown, his wife dying two years

later. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Uniontown, and makes his home at the West End hotel there.

He is most democratic in his manner. His nature is frank and open. He impresses you with the conviction that he makes no attempt to bridle his tongue or to control his natural feelings in his intercourse with his friends or acquaintances. This is because of his natural good sense and freedom from guile. He is one of the most approachable of men. There is an innate but quiet dignity, with not the slightest suggestion of loftiness in his manner, for he appears to have little personal vanity, but a proper appreciation of himself.

In a famous local damage case, in which he represented a well known railroad, he surprised the attorney for the plaintiff by the latitude which he allowed him in examining the witnesses. He allowed them to press the most surprising amount of damages, and the court was puzzled to account for the singular want of caution displayed to minimize the amount of loss shown. He was, however, careful in some apparently unimportant question as to the locality where the accident had occurred. The witness swore with great particularity.

Before the case was given to the jury Mr. Mestrezat had the court visit the scene of the accident, when it became apparent at a glance that the story of the occurrence itself was false. He had allowed the witnesses to swear too much for their own case.

A characteristic incident occurred on the train upon which he rode from Philadelphia on the evening of the adjournment of the convention. At Harrisburg it happened that his sleeper was hitched on to the train containing the scene of the accident, when it became apparent at a glance that the story of the occurrence itself was false. He had allowed the witnesses to swear too much for their own case.

### WHITTLED TO A POINT.

Family trees are more or less shady. The office never has to seek the man on pay day. Some dogs are pointers and some are dapplers. More people have the gift of speech than the gift of silence. The older the trousers the better they are prepared for the fray. It's easier to read about love in a cotage than it is to bring it about.

### TRIBUTE TO GREAT DEMOCRATS.

Accepting the nomination from the notification committee at Williamsport, Judge Mestrezat said:

"If it shall be ratified by the people at the polls in November I shall not fail to realize the great responsibility it imposes, and shall devote my time and thought to the performance of the duties of the office, and this responsibility is doubly emphasized by the fact that the party, since the judiciary system for the state became elective, has named for the same position a Woodward, a Black, a Thompson, a Sharswood, a Trunkay, a Clark and a McCullum. For brilliancy of intellect, for integrity of purpose, for legal learning and judicial talents I may be pardoned in saying that their superiors have sat upon the bench of no state in the Union. These names are indelibly written in the history of our jurisprudence, and the party which gave to the state the services of such men need not, in this respect, fear the record of its past. It is at least secure."

### REPUBLICAN AND INDEPENDENT PRAISE.

Some of the commendation bestowed by Philadelphia Republican and Independent newspapers upon Judge Mestrezat's nomination follows:

"The nomination of Judge Mestrezat is a thoroughly good one, acceptable to all the people in every section of the commonwealth. The candidate's career, as outlined in our news columns, has been as creditable as it has been successful, and his reputation as a fearless, upright and able judge is a sufficient guarantee that he will be a useful and honored member of the court to which his nomination necessarily elevates him."—Phila. Evening Telegraph, Rep.

### HAD A HOST OF COMPETITORS.

"The nomination of Judge Mestrezat of Fayette county for justice of the supreme court is, of course, equivalent to an election. What is known of him here is favorable to his reputation on the bench. His nomination was brought about after an unusually long and stubborn contest, with a host of competitors, but it has been accomplished without any strife or friction which has left the Democratic party the worse for it."—Phila. Eve. Bulletin, Rep.

"HE IS WELL QUALIFIED."  
"The Democratic nominee (Judge Mestrezat) is in the prime of life, and in the natural course of events can hope to serve out the 21 years' term to which he will be elected. He has had judicial experience that will qualify him for the promotion."—Phila. Press, Rep.

### STATE TO BE CONGRATULATED.

"The state is to be congratulated on the fact that the nominee (Judge Mestrezat) has a good reputation to start with. He has had 25 years' practice in the law, and has held his present judicial position since 1893, with credit to himself and honor to his district. Of his Democracy there is no question, and there appears to be none of his judicial acumen and personal integrity."—Phila. Public Ledger, Ind. Rep.

### A MOST HONORED JURIST.

"The candidate for the supreme court, Judge S. L. Mestrezat, is one of the most honored of those who sit on the bench in western Pennsylvania. He remained away from the convention city during the sessions, and took no active part in the conduct of his campaign."—Phila. Times, Ind.

### Dedication of Soldiers' Monument.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad will sell tickets at the low rate of one fare for the round trip to Allentown and return, on October 18 and 19; good returning until October 20. The Soldiers' Monument will be unveiled at Allentown on October 19, and there will be a grand parade commencing at 1 p. m. on that day.

Consult Lehigh Valley ticket agents for further particulars.

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## FUNNY TRUTHS.

It sometimes curbs a fast bachelor to bridal him.

It's hard for a wise man to bluff a fool who wants to fight.

Tailors say that hard cash makes the best lining for pockets.

Lots of people who cling to the anchor of hope go down in the mud.

A girl seldom troubles herself to light the gas when an old flame calls.

Female poets are rare for the simple reason that poets are born, not made.

A farmer says the most difficult thing he ever tried to raise was a mortgage.

The great trouble with milk of human kindness is that it's skimmed too often.

Numerous crimes have been committed against the helpless oyster in the name of charity.

Some people would never want certain things if they didn't see others trying to get them.

## POINTED SMILES.

The credulous being may be silly, but he never gets bitter.

If you want a thing done quickly tell a small boy not to do it.

The long-winded man is the hotbox of agreeable conversation.

Where a new hat is concerned all women believe in love at first sight.

We learn more from our own failures than from the whole world's successes.

It is a brave man who comes home wearing a new Fall hat before his wife gets one.

Occupation is nature's physician, and he pays wages instead of sending in a bill.

Women always put garden seed away so carefully that they have to buy new seed every year.

No show on earth is considered a success unless it gives man three times the worth of his money.

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## A SLIGHT REPROACH.

"Wretch! There's a letter in your coat pocket I gave you to mail three months ago!"

"It can't be possible, my dear."

"Why do you say that?"

"Because I'm pretty sure I haven't had that coat more'n ten weeks!"

## More Select.

"If I were Postmaster General, 'he said effusively, 'I would put your picture on every stamp."

"Oh, I prefer being kissed by just one man," she answered.

And then they began on the second hundred.—Philadelphia North American.

## An Illustration.

Teacher—John, illustrate the difference between sit and set.

Bright and patriotic boy—The United States is a country on which the sun never sets and the rest of the world never sits.—Detroit Journal.

## What She Thought.

Husband—What did you think when you heard the chandelier fall in the night?"

Wife—I thought you had been detained on "business" again, and were getting uppity as quietly as you could.—Fit Bits.

## Superiority In Villainy.

"Why am I shook?" asked the wife murderer.

"The ladies," replied the jailer, "are now bringing all the honquets and cakes to a guy on the other floor who killed his wife's pet dog."—Indianapolis Journal.

## It Talked Louder.

Yes, the slender girl with the pale, serious face was confident she could act.

"Can you sing and play the mouth organ at the same time?" asked the manager of the theatre not unkindly.

"No, sir," faltered the girl.

"Then," said the manager, "go and learn to do these and come back here and I may be able to give you a job washing windows."

For he could not find it in his heart to discourage the aspirations of one so earnest.—Detroit Journal.

## Perhaps He Will Grow.

Plumber—This is my son, Bill.

Customer—"Isn't he rather small for a plumber's bill?"

## CELEERY KING

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