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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

For Governor: DANIEL H. HASTINGS, OF CENTER.

For Lieutenant Governor: WALTER LYON, OF ALLEGHENY.

For Auditor General: AMOS H. MYLIN, OF LANCASTER.

For Secretary of the Board of Public Safety: JAMES W. LATTI, OF PHILADELPHIA.

For Congressmen at Large: GALENSIA A. GROW, OF SUSQUEHANNA; GEORGE F. HUFF, OF WESTMORELAND.

Election Time, Nov. 6.

LAW DEFENSE TESTS ITS CASE ON A slender foundation when it offers as an excuse the fact that it does not like the person who enforces the law.

The Strike Settled.

The termination of the bituminous miners' strike last evening, as a result of the Columbus conference, is a victory for the public of greater significance than it is for either of the participants. We in the anthracite region can say this with the greater sincerity, inasmuch as the continuance of the strike would in some directions have rounded to our profit. Such an interest, however, is infinitely surpassed by the general interests of the public, including the hundreds of thousands of workmen in all parts of the country, who, by the strike had been thrown, at a time of already serious depression, into involuntary idleness and want.

Considering the strike's magnitude and complexity, it is apparently fair to confess that it has been managed with unusual success. But it is a success that at best is equivalent to, if not worse than failure. The scenes of violence and bloodshed that have attended it might easily have been worse; but such as they were, they have afforded a renewed evidence of the utter barbarity of the strike as a weapon of economic warfare; and here, it is to be hoped, greatly accelerated the day when all such differences shall be heard in the courts of arbitration rather than in the camp, the hospital, the almshouse and the prison.

We do not wish to imply by these remarks that we regard the majority of the men themselves as deserving of the chief censure of the unhappy incidents that have characterized the progress of their strike. Back of all that they have done, behind all their errors and, in some instances, crimes, can be discerned the crowning atrocity of an economic policy that is indefensible. Let it be clearly understood that there is, among just men, no sympathy with and no tolerance for the greed of those capitalists of capital and industry who have been responsible for the introduction into this country, under contract, of large numbers of ignorant workmen from countries where only the strong arm of the militia is able to maintain a semblance of law and order. The honest, self-supporting and law-abiding foreigner will always receive a welcome in this country, no matter whence he comes to it. But it is high time to put a firm foot down upon the vicious and the criminal immigration which, in this latest war of employers and employed, has again seized hold of each recurring occasion to throw off the yoke and take up the pistol and the torch. And if, in the adoption of this course, it should be come necessary to mete out justice to the agents of their importation, regret will be small and tears scarce.

Another phase of this vast difficulty which should not be permitted to pass without careful investigation is the repeated charge of daring and flagrant discrimination by certain soft coal carrying railroads. We have had instances of this thing in our own territory, and and they have been sufficient to make entirely plausible the contention that unfairness in the matter of freight rebates has had much to do with the demoralization of wages in the bituminous regions. To compel the interstate carrier systems to observe fair and honest schedules of charges is a difficult if not an impossible task. But it ought to be possible at least to limit the enormity of their past and present discriminations, and to reduce to a smaller margin than the present one the range of their rate sludings and fluctuations. If the two evils of vicious immigration and vicious discrimination could in some manner be scaled down, it would perceptibly reduce the liability of frequent strikes, with all their vast volume of attendant annoyances, loss and misery.

By common consent the Democrats might give Mr. McDonald, of Kingston, the cold comfort of a gubernatorial nomination that nobody else seems to want.

Let Us Have No More Trifling.

It is announced in certain prominent Republican newspapers that by means of a fusion with the Populists the Republican campaign managers at Washington hope to capture several more or less doubtful Southern states. We trust that this rumor is untrue. We hope that the active management of the next Republican congressional campaign will not become so eager for party success as to offer or accept any overtures looking to the placation of the Populist movement as it is now constituted.

The Democrats can outplay the Republicans in this kind of demagogism, every time.

This is a good year to nail the colors of the party fairly and unflinchingly to the masthead; a good year to stick flatly to honest principles. We have no hesitation in saying now, without hesitation or equivocation, that the masses of the party are in no mood to ratify any bargain which exacts as its price a compromise with the ignorance, the viciousness and the illimitable political vagaries that form the Populist movement. The intelligence and

the conscience of the people are today turning to Republicans for help. They are holding to it the outstretched hand of renewed confidence and offering to it once more the pledge of their frank trust. It would be suicidal to spurn this overture by proffering a hand befouled with the heresies of socialism and flat money.

Republican leaders must not repel the great present opportunity.

The occasion calls for staunch and sterling patriotism, for unyielding fealty to established principle. Only along this line will the party regain its former strength and prestige. Only by such a course will there come to its support that growing independent element which casts its vote, not as its father did, but as its own conscience dictates and as its own conscience approves.

THIS DOES NOT appear to be Richard Croker's lucky year.

THE DEFEAT in the Fifth Luzerne district of Captain John T. Flannery for renomination by the Democrats was caused by a combination of the other candidates, upon W. H. Rutledge, a gentleman of excellent reputation and much business experience. Individually, both Mr. Rutledge and the captain are energetic men, who would creditably represent their constituents at Harrisburg. But the circumstances of the latter's retirement are such as offer strong hope to the Republicans of the district; and if they should match the enemy's candidate with one equally popular, there would be more than common opportunity to reclaim the district.

DEMOCRATIC HARMONY in Lackawanna county always shows up big except on election day.

To Stop Railroad Tie-ups.

Reference has already been made to certain propositions advanced at Washington by congressmen who hope to abridge the growing tendency to hurtful railway strikes. Some of these measures are obviously extreme, but one has been jointly formed by Representatives Tawney, of Minnesota, and Hartman, of Montana, which apparently offers a good basis for agreement. The general intent of this bill is to compel the arbitration, before the federal district courts, of such wage disputes as are calculated to interfere with interstate commerce. The bill's detailed provisions are thus outlined in a Washington dispatch:

When a controversy exists between a company and its employes, which impedes or threatens to impede the transportation of passengers or property or mail, either party, by filing a petition, may secure from the district court a citation directing the other party to the controversy to appear and answer. If neither party exercises this right either before or within a reasonable time after the strike occurs, it is the duty of the district attorney of the United States, upon the request of any holder of title or of any ten citizen, to bring the parties into court for the settlement of the dispute. Upon the consent of the parties it becomes the duty of the court to hear and determine the controversy in the same manner that it would hear and determine any matter properly before it. If the parties do not consent to the court hearing the controversy a board of arbitration is to be appointed to whom the matter is referred. Within three days after the award is filed either party may move to have it vacated or modified, but only on the ground of its having been procured by fraud or corruption or upon errors of law materially affecting the rights of either party. When confirmed the award becomes the decree of the court and is to be conclusive. Severe penalties are imposed for a failure or refusal on the part of the company to comply with the judgment, provided such refusal causes a strike. If the company complies with the judgment so long as the conditions in force when it is rendered remain unchanged it is declared to be a misdemeanor for two or more of the employes or for any outsider to combine or conspire for the purpose of causing a strike or for the employes to go upon a strike on account of any matter previously determined by the judgment. This is an offense which must be proved by a jury trial.

The fatal objection in most schemes of compulsory arbitration by action of the state, that of a lack of enforcing power, would seem to be avoided in this bill. There may be exceptions, yet as a rule it is conceded that when a dispute of this character gets squarely before a United States court the finding of that court will be obeyed. It is a habit of our federal tribunals to tolerate no nonsense. As a rule, too, the decisions of the federal courts are fair, candid and just. The cry that the corporations could unduly influence them is for the most part false. If this particular bill is ever accorded an honest test it will undoubtedly prove so satisfactory to the general public as to become thereafter an accepted function of the courts and a valuable protection against wage wars in which the most victimized class is that which, at present, has the smallest voice in the controversy.

IF POSTMASTER General Biessell can stand without wincing the deliberate thrust of his official superior in the latter's abrupt substitution of Van Scoy for McDonald, in connection with the Kingston postmastership, he is less sensitive and less independent than most persons believe. For such an insult there is apparently only one rebuke—that of immediate and indignant resignation.

THERE ARE several citizens to our knowledge who would be willing to pay a fair reward for definite information as to the cause of the present delay in getting to work on those new bridges.

IT IS ABOUT time there was a new rumor of cabinet dimensions. For a collection of curios such as it is, Mr. Cleveland's official family is evincing a cohesiveness little short of remarkable.

CHICAGO IS to have a new hotel with 6,124 rooms, presumably to accommodate the demand for apartments on the "first floor, corner."

THE DEMOCRATIC party is a poor party to intrust with the investigation of its own crookedness.

CROKER'S MOTTO appears to be: "Better an outing in exile than an inning in jail."

GIVE EVEN Hines his just due. He is learning how to work as well as boast.

MR. BISSSELL has the floor for explanations.

IT IS a tolerably safe guess that there was no provision made in the Columbus agreement for the sever al hundred

thousand innocent American citizens who were forced involuntarily to sustain loss through a strike in the merits of which they had absolutely no direct concern.

LILLIAN RUSSELL, in announcing her determination to shake the dust of America from her feet and seek pastures new, has foolishly omitted mention of a farewell tour, but it is all right. We can readily conjecture that.

IT APPEARS to be the belief of some of our esteemed Republican contemporaries that the currency question will solve itself. This would be a consoling hope, if well grounded; but, alas, we fear it is vain.

THE TAMMANY tiger is justifying its name. In victory, invincible; in defeat it becomes invisible, cowering cowering beneath the lash, until whipped into hiding.

THE WILKES-BARRE News-Dealer looks as pretty in its new dress as a new press and a tip top set of brains can make it. Success to it.

AS THE Coffee Cools.

People who believe in the effect of evil omens found ample illustration to sustain their views in a scene that was enacted on Washington avenue yesterday afternoon. About 5 o'clock a covered wagon drawn by a handsome span of dapple gray horses rolled up Spruce street in the vicinity of the commonwealth building at an easy gait. The white horse inscriptions that indicated that it contained wares from the establishment of Brosa & Piro, macaroni manufacturers. There appeared nothing amiss about the outfit except the driver. The youth who held the reins had the languid air of a Venetian gondolier, and seemed ill-fitted to guide a four-wheeled craft on the lively streets of Scranton.

As the team turned into Washington avenue an evil omen appeared in the shape of a white dog. The cur rushed into the street and barked fiercely at the macaroni equipage. The team did not appear to be affected by the actions of the dog, but the gondolier was visibly moved. He gave one of the most remarkable exhibitions of horsemanship ever witnessed on the avenue. By a turn of the wrist the team was guided down the embankment between Frank Johnson's paint shop and Beck's saloon. Making a circle the team came out with the wagon right side up on the sidewalk in front of Beck's place. A gentle nag—the Jehu then directed the steeds to the street pavement again, but in an instant had over the sidewalk on the postoffice plot.

By this time the spectators about the street began to realize that they were concerned with the curves of the driver, and when the horses were turned into the street again the pedestrians began to flee in every direction. The team was turned up the avenue and dipped an acknowledgment to the statue of Washington as it passed on two wheels. At this point the companion of the gondolier lost his affection for macaroni and dropped out of the wagon. In the endeavor to describe another exhibit in the vicinity of Browning's market, the driver encroached upon the laws of gravitation in such a manner that there was a violent fall of macaroni. As the wagon, driver and all went down in a heap, the dapple grays freed themselves and galloped for the undeveloped town lots of North Scranton.

When he emerged from the wreck the driver looked around for a white dog. But the animal had vanished. There were no white dogs about Washington avenue. The mystery as to the identity and ownership of the dog has not been solved. The good officials of the court house, who witnessed the exhibition, have tried in vain to account for the appearance and disappearance of the cur. Many thought that there had been no dog in the case, but Attorney George Bayless corroborated the driver in his statement that a dog, spectral or otherwise, had crossed the path of the macaroni seller. At the prothonotary's office the opinion is unanimous that he who disbelieves in the sign of disaster as given in the strange appearance of the spotted canine will do well in future to beware of the dog.

In the general hubbub and smudge that will continue from this date until July 4, many of us will probably forget that we once were boys. It is well that national independence should be given a proper send-off once a year, but the prolonged period of rejoicing on part of the enthusiastic small boy has a wearing effect upon all sane dealers in fireworks. Nervous people regard with apprehension the prolonging of the Fourth of July season with each returning year. In olden times the patriotic youth contented himself with making a racket for a period of twenty-four hours; but the ever glorious in this age that does not allow a fusillade of crackers and bombs for at least four weeks is not considered much of a Fourth. The memory of the events which have occasioned the annual dim, however, should reconcile nervous citizens to the infliction of today and aid them in enduring the results of young America's uncurbed ebullience.

LIVE POLITICAL NOTES.

Venerable Andrew G. Curtin announces his intention of voting for Hastings.

Senator Quay denies that he has a presidential bee buzzing in his bonnet—or even a mosquito.

It is said that A. N. Leota, now connected with the Sunday News, is soliciting stock subscriptions for a new morning Democratic journal in Scranton.

General Seigfried, of Schuylkill, could be, it is intimated, persuaded to overcome his reluctance to entering the next state cabinet as attorney general.

Representative Joseph A. Scranton did not return to his home in this city last week, as he had at first intended, but is expected back early this coming week.

Under trying circumstances John Leisenring, of Upper Lehigh, the Luzerne aspirant for congress, recently held his head nobly, and is daily making many warm friends.

Nothing at this date seems to overshadow the prospect of George S. Ferris' candidacy for the Republican nomination for orphan's court judge of Luzerne county.

Ex-Judge Smith's sudden resolution to accept renomination for the judgeship is doubtless conditioned upon an unalloyed desire to let the Democratic leaders down easily. It can hardly be intended seriously.

Mr. Powdery has wisely decided that this is not a good year for honest dealing in the free trade camp. He will not be a candidate on any ticket, but will no doubt vote for Hastings.

The senatorial battle on the Democratic side is proceeding leisurely. Both McDon-

aid and Sando are disposed to await the completion of the county slate before both-

ering much about the pursuit of a nomination which Governor Waite, if he runs, will soon make an empty one.

As a rule these days Democrats are not happy. But there is one notable exception—F. A. O'Brien, of West Pittston. He is now assistant district attorney and thinks he sees his way clear to a promotion next November, which delusion Republicans cannot puncture without the performance of hard work.

Seldom before, in the memory of Lackawanna Republicans has greater energy been displayed than now in the preliminary battle for delegate credentials to a Republican county convention. Every district has its aspirants, not one or two merely, but dozens. A "lively time of it" is everywhere predicted.

THE OPTIMIST.

What's the use of growling, What's the use of howling, What's the use of yawning, When "the world is going wrong?"

What's the use of sneering, What's the use of jeering? Men are sick of hearing That old, dyspeptic song.

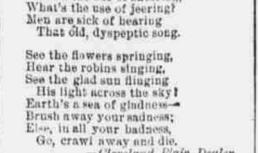
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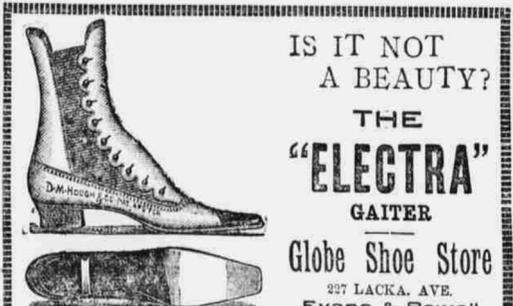
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