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JUGGLING JUDGESHIPS

UNDER former political conditions it was almost a criminal offense to barter political patronage for the benefit of partisan candidates, but under the new political standards now being promulgated in Pennsylvania by a faction of the Democratic party, it is quite the proper thing to dangle political offices in the sight of those whose support is needed for the White House candidates in Pennsylvania.

It is bad enough that ordinary jobs should be utilized in this way, but it is infinitely worse when judicial appointments are postponed with a view to aiding the favorites of the administration at Washington. It is common talk now that two Federal judgeships in Pennsylvania are being used to hold in line the aspirants for these places and other friends for the Palmer-McCormick ticket.

President Wilson has declared over and over again that he would never countenance this sort of thing, but he also announced that he was in favor of exempting coastwise vessels of the United States from the Panama Canal tolls.

Surely the people are going to get awake, and when they do there must be an accounting on the part of those who have exploited public office for the benefit of an administration which is being run for the glory of a theorist whose attitude on practical questions is becoming a menace to the prosperity of the United States.

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself has said, when home his footsteps he has turned from wandering on a foreign strand, 'this is my own, my native land,' here will I take up my residence long enough to make a few speeches and be elected to the United States Senate.

WILSON'S CHANGE OF FRONT

RESIDENT WILSON has forgotten all about the Baltimore platform in his anxiety to please Great Britain. His position with reference to the Panama Canal tolls is giving his partisan supporters more trouble than anything that has transpired since he entered the White House.

In a speech at Washington Park in New Jersey last August he declared:

One of the great objects in cutting the great ditch across the isthmus of Panama is to allow farmers who are near the Atlantic to ship to the Pacific coast by the Atlantic ports, to allow all the farmers on what I may, standing here, call this part of the continent to find an outlet at ports of the gulf or the ports of the Atlantic seaboard, and then have coastwise steamers carry their products down around through the canal and up the Pacific coast, or down the coast of South America.

Now, at present, there are no ships to do that, and one of the bills pending, based on a bill yesterday by the Senate as it had passed the House, PROVIDES FOR FREE TOLL FOR AMERICAN SHIPS THROUGH THAT CANAL and prohibits any ship from passing through which is owned by any American railroad company. You see the object of that don't you? (Applause). We don't want the railroads to compete with themselves, because we understand that kind of competition. We want water carriage to compete with land carriage, so as to be perfectly sure that you are going to get better rates around the canal than you would across the continent.

But the President has changed front and in his message to Congress favoring the repeal of the exemption clause in favor of the coastwise shipping of the United States, he says:

We ought to reverse our action without raising the question whether we were RIGHT OR WRONG.

And what of the Baltimore platform of 1912, concerning which he has frequently declared it must be his guiding star? This is the plank of that organic instrument:

We favor the exemption from tolls of American ships engaged in coastwise trade passing through the Panama Canal. We also favor legislation forbidding the use of the Panama Canal by ships owned or controlled by railroad carriers engaged in transportation competition with the canal.

But in this instance the organic instrument is to get a job, unless his partisans in Congress repudiate the ground and lofty, tumbling of the President on the toll question, and if

has not been written that William Jennings Bryan in a speech before the Legislature of Pennsylvania in the session of 1913, declared with emphasis:

A man who violates a party platform is a criminal, worse than the man who embezzles money.

President Wilson and his Secretary of State must settle this little difference between them. Americans of all parties are beginning to wonder what move the President will next make in the interest of Great Britain or some other foreign power at the expense of the people of this country.

As was certain to be the case, the Democratic leaders are becoming restive, and Representative Kitchen, of North Carolina, second in command of the Democracy in the House at Washington and its prospective leader in the event of Mr. Underwood going to the Senate, has called attention to the fact that when the Panama Canal bill was acted upon in the Senate the exemption clause was adopted by a vote of 44 to 11. Every Democrat present voted for it and "it was almost universally approved by the American people." Continuing, Mr. Kitchen said:

The three parties, Democratic, Progressive and Republican, and the three candidates for the Presidency—Wilson, Taft and Roosevelt, expressly approved and endorsed during the campaign of 1912 the exemption provision which we are now asked to repeal.

Mr. Kitchen quoted various authorities who had held that the exemption clause is not violative of treaty obligations and said:

How can any one who has given any study and thought to the question be bold enough to say that the exemption act is in violation of the treaty and that it imperils our national honor not to repeal it? Commenting on the plank in the Baltimore platform approving the exemption clause, Mr. Kitchen said:

The concluding paragraph of the platform speaks my views, "Our pledges are made to be kept when in office, as well as relied upon during the campaign." While the North Carolina member doesn't make the charge that the Administration is serving the interests of the transcontinental railroads, he declares that these railroads are chiefly interested in having tolls levied on American coastwise vessels.

The loss of the statistics on eugenics in the Wellesley fire is understood not to have had any effect on the number of suitcases worn by senior girls.

THE DAY OF THE DEMAGOGUE.

NOWADAYS the Democratic newspapers of a certain class and the campaign orators of the same class persistently refer to the great Republican party as "the gang." These same newspapers and orators never see anything wrong in the party or faction with which they happen to be identified. No matter what is done, it is always right, while the Republicans are everlastingly and hopelessly depraved, insincere, disloyal and everything that is mean and despicable.

This sort of abuse has continued so long that a reaction has set in and Democrats of the decent sort are protesting against this unfair attitude on the ground that such a course is certain to alienate thousands of voters who might otherwise favor Democratic candidates. Nor is this abuse confined to Republicans; it is bestowed in like measure upon all Democrats who happen to differ from the holier-than-thou upstarts who have recently taken possession of the Democratic organization in Pennsylvania and throughout the country.

As a result of this abuse great multitudes of Democrats are allied against those in temporary power and the conflict in this State and elsewhere has never been so bitter as at the present time. Men who place themselves upon pedestals of righteousness and adorn themselves with halos while denouncing and misrepresenting good men of their own party and other parties because of differences as to policy and party management are bound to feel before the end of the campaign the resentment of courageous and independent voters who discern the ambitions and selfishness back of this tirade of vilification.

Even Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh, a distinguished citizen of Pennsylvania, who has been urged to become a candidate for Governor on the Republican ticket is now pilloried by this same element as a puppet in the hands of "the gang." They admit that he is an able, conscientious, honorable man, but pretend that in the event of his election, he will not be free of influences opposed to the public welfare. It matters not what he says, as in the minds of his antagonists his splendid record does not count.

Suspicion and distrust and assumed virtue characterize all the fulminations of the little fellows who are now strutting about the State telling the people what great men they are and how the interests of the people will be safe in their hands. But the pendulum is swinging back toward sanity and the day of the demagogue in high places is about to go, out in darkness. It's a wonder that it has lasted so long.

Those rapids got everything belonging to the Roosevelt expedition but Teddy himself. Teddy didn't mind. He's been through the rapids before.

Villa is going to have a moving picture man photograph his army in action. About half a reel of film ought to be enough.

A New York negro, aged 43, who boasted that he had never worked, died yesterday after hiccoughing continually for four days. Perhaps from the shock of finding something that kept him busy.

Who said "local Congressional fight"? There isn't any. Kreider wins in a walk-away.

To love your neighbor as yourself is beyond question a fine thing, but much necessarily depends on the neighbor. Sometimes he won't let you.

EVENING CHAT

Wilkes-Barre's effort to have the Superior Court sit in the anthracite city calls to mind something about the appellate courts of Pennsylvania or which the average person seldom thinks and which when you think about it is circuit traveling with a vengeance. Although the State has provided a remarkably beautiful chamber and a handsome suite of offices at the Capitol for the Supreme and Superior Courts, they meet in the capital city of the State, where every other branch of the government has its headquarters just once a year, and if by reason of the list their stay is three days yet it is apparently with a sense of irksomeness that they remain that long. Certainly the justices and the judges leave within a few hours after the sitting adjourns. The Supreme Court has one sitting a year in the Capitol, three times in Pittsburgh and twenty times in Philadelphia, each Monday when a session is held counting as a sitting. The Superior Court has one sitting here, one sitting at Scranton, one at Williamsport, five in Pittsburgh and eight in Philadelphia. Why Erie and Johnstown are not given sittings is not plain. The court has little time in the cities outside of Philadelphia and the means of communication in the State are so easy that it seems strange that so much time should be spent in Philadelphia when the Executive, the Public Service Commission, the Water Supply Commission, the Forestry Commission, the Sinking Fund Commission, the Game Commission, the Fish Commission and other State bodies have their meetings and their hearings here month after month. The Supreme Court chamber is actually used by the Board of Pardons, but three times as much as by the high court for which it was created and the Public Service Commission gets more use out of it than the State appellate courts and the Pardon Board together. The chamber is a beautiful room and the offices beside it, which are held for the exclusive use of the justices and judges meeting here once a year, might be employed in housing some of the departments which have to go out of the building for quarters.

Gaue Warden Joe Berrier is inclined to be a little lenient with persons who are sore on the proclamation of President Wilson which forbids wild duck shooting even if the Pennsylvania State law does allow it. The people around here have a hard time to ascertain why Congress should put the wild duck in the same interest classification as a Pennsylvania Railroad through freight via Morrisville and give the proclamation issued hereunder more than State interest in law. Joe is a Federal as well as a State game warden and lately in meeting men who are supposed to have been thinking about going for ducks he forgets the words of the prophet and acts for Father Penn and gives warning. Many people do not know of the regulation and many are resentful of it.

Dr. Ellis Paxson Oberholzer, writing about Martin G. Brumbaugh in the Philadelphia Ledger, says that the educator's father made his first trip to Philadelphia after a visit to this city. It appears that Dr. Brumbaugh was scheduled to preach at the great conference of the Brethren held here in 1901 and his father came on from Huntingdon county to hear him. The old gentleman considered Philadelphia too far away to visit and would not have made the trip. Finally he talked to his busy son he went on a train, planning to leave at Lancaster and to return. The train did not stop at Lancaster and the elder Brumbaugh was carried into Philadelphia on foot. He only stayed that night, and with reluctance. He did not like the city and left at 8:30 a. m., after, however, attending the markets.

At yesterday's session of sentence court a pretty Penbrook wife who had been convicted of assault and battery upon her husband was arranged for sentence. Among other things she was charged with having beaten her husband over the head with a clock. In arguing for leniency her counsel, W. J. Carter, endeavored to make light of her offense.

"After all, your Honor," pleaded the lawyer, "there wasn't much to it. It was merely a little trouble over a clock and she got the clock." "Um-m," mused President Judge Kunkel. "From the evidence we should say that he got the clock—in the face."

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Archbishop Prandergast dedicated a new church at Narberth in a snowstorm. Dr. J. A. Holmes, of the United States Bureau of Safety at Pittsburgh, says the waste every year is becoming appalling. General Daniel Nagle, Pottsville's Mexican War veteran, met Thomas Wilkins, a comrade in the war, on Sunday. George C. Brooke is going to New Orleans after a prolonged illness. Governor Tener and ex-Governor Pennacker will attend the Stevens school ceremonies at Lancaster Friday. Representative T. A. Steele, of McKeesport, was orator of the day at the Homestead Eagles' dinner. Congressman W. W. Bailey, of Johnstown, wants the army and navy to be put to work on roads.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

"SPRING COMING" We are again in the enjoyment of clear, cold, bracing weather. "Spring is coming" but yet appears to be in the distant. EASTER NEXT WEEK Easter—This annual religious festival will occur this year on Sunday next, the 27th inst. Easter was celebrated by our pagan ancestors in April as a festival in honor of Eostre, the Saxon Goddess of Love, or the Venus of the North.

"CUSS THE EDITOR"

By Wing Dingier I went out to the editor. This morning, and I said, Here is the best Wing Dingier I think you've ever read. The way at once his nose went up. You'd thought he held a skunk. Instead of some well written verse. He said, "Gee, this is punk."

"I never can let this go through. It is the worst I've seen. You've gotten by with some, I know. That never should have been. "But if you don't write better stuff you must get off the staff." And then I crooked my elbow and "Way up my sleeve I laughed. For I should worry at those words, which he to me did say. Because for writing all this rot I don't get any pay.

But he's the boss, and what he says is final with the news— That poem, however, was a peach. Regardless of his views,

LEWIS ISSUES HIS NEWEST PLATFORM

Takes Stand for the Subjects Which Have Been Favored by Progressives. JUDGESHIP TANGLE IS BAD. Criticism of the Dillydallying Is Heard in a Good Many Parts of State.

William Draper Lewis last night in Philadelphia made public the platform upon which he seeks the nomination of the Progressive party for Governor of Pennsylvania. It is largely made up of the exhortations of the Bull Moose leaders before Judge Brumm got into the fight for the nomination. He refers to his having been chairman of the Washington party committee on legislation, and charges that measures were defeated by a "bi-partisan machine."

He alleges that an alliance exists between the political leaders and special interests to control legislation. "That the solution of large social and governmental problems demands construction, legislation and improved administration," he declares, "only emphasizes the urgent necessity of ridding Pennsylvania of Penroseism." Among other things Mr. Lewis calls for good election laws, a corrupt practice law, the amount of money that may be expended at a primary, and general elections, and legislation to make it impossible "to assist the voter unless it is proved that he is physically incapable of voting or marking his ballot." He calls on the next Legislature to provide for a convention to revise the State Constitution.

From the headquarters of the J. Benj. Dimmick United States Senatorial candidacy a statement was issued yesterday declaring that a large number of the heavy Republican enrollment on March 11 and 18 was a direct result of Mr. Dimmick's candidacy. These figures are from Cumberland county to show how the Bull Moosers have fallen away in their enrollment: Republican enrollment in 1914, 5,010; Taft vote in 1912, 2,566; Washington enrollment in 1914, 493; Roosevelt vote on all tickets in 1912, 3,507; Democratic enrollment in 1914, 5, 34; Wilson vote in 1912, 5,023.

The Philadelphia Record says: "Reviewing local political history to show some of the present McCormick leaders were not so prone in the past to attack the former Donnelly-Ryan combination in Philadelphia, Henry Budd, in a letter to Robert S. Bright, made public yesterday, told of previous performances of State Chairman Roland S. Morris, Dr. W. Horace Hoskins, president of the Democratic Club, and other 'reorganizers.' Mr. Budd told how, in 1903, these men were active in Lancaster and the county to attack the 'Teeth and Walnut streets' organization of that period, and declared that 'while they roar fiercely enough now,' they carefully abstained from any action of the kind at that time. The letter was sent as information to Mr. Bright, who, while he accepted the aid of Michael J. Ryan on the stump while running for register of wills last fall, recently expressed fears that the city solicitor was tied up with a so-called 'bi-partisan machine.' Mr. Budd, who is a veteran opponent of machine politics, ridiculed these intimations as absurd."

Notwithstanding the declaration of the State conferences of the Bull Moosers in favor of naming their own legislative tickets, Lyman Gray, county Republican, would also be the candidate of the Washington party, and that James L. Richardson, Washington candidate for the State Senate, would circulate a Republican petition. "This get-together movement is believed to have been decided upon during the recent Washington party conference in this city. It is thought that this will also result in the naming of Congressman Kieffer, who is a candidate for re-election, on both tickets."

Nominating petitions for the House were filed to-day as follows: James Stringer, Republican, Eighteenth Philadelphia; William S. Greene, Pittsburgh, Republican, Eighth Allegheny; Francis S. Brong, Saylorsburg, Democrat, Monroe county; County I. Swoopes, Clearfield, filed a petition to run for Republican State committee in Clearfield county.

Now if Judge Gray should retire it would make another judgeship appointment to traffic with. The reorganizers must be proud of Warren Worth Bailey. Berry seems to think making speeches for a partisan Democratic candidate on a Jersey slate does not violate any proprieties. Edward Brennan is a candidate for Democratic nomination to the House in Northumberland. Judge Trexler seems to have plenty of friends here. Hazleton had a special primary for its council vacancy yesterday. McCormick is in Center and Clearfield counties to-day. The Palmer-McCormick league crowded into a couple of offices last night and made a noise like a real club. A Dimmick committee has been named in Scranton. McCormick and Dimmick will cross trails in the northwestern section this week. Ryan speaks at Wilkes-Barre tonight. William Neville is a candidate for the House on the Republican ticket in the Second Montgomery district. Harrisburg Bull Moosers will organize their campaign to-night. They are for Kreider for Congress, 'tis said. Senator Penrose will speak in Lock Haven to-morrow. Dimmick campaigned in Warren yesterday and is in McKean to-day. That Loyalizing legislative fusion must be pleasant news for Market Square's windmill. Allegheny Republicans are boosting Coleman for Congress say dispatches. Ryan men held a rally in Thornton's district in Philadelphia last night. According to reports Frank McClain will soon announce his candidacy for lieutenant governor.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

FORREST IN TENNESSEE. Memphis, March 22.—Forrest is reported at Berlin, Tenn., with seven thousand men moving north. Grierson's cavalry were out looking after them.

REBELS DEMORALIZED. Washington, March 24.—Lieutenant General Grant and staff went to the Army of the Potomac. A letter from the Army of the Potomac says that a lieutenant and seven privates of a Louisiana regiment came into our lines yesterday and made the usual statement of demoralization in the rebel ranks.

AN EVENING THOUGHT. Wealth takes upon itself the qualities by which it is won.—J. G. Holland.

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