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Not An Economy Measure

Mr. George W. Lutz let the cat out of the bag in his address at the Auditorium Friday night. He said, in effect:

"The new charter is not an economy measure. It may increase taxes, but you will get value received for what you pay."

How can Mr. Lutz or anyone else guarantee that the taxpayers of Wheeling will get value received from the taxes they pay next year or the year after?

How can Mr. Lutz guarantee the personnel and character of the members of the proposed commission? The ten thousand voters of Wheeling are supposed to elect this commission. Does Mr. Lutz propose to take the power of election out of the people's hands and exercise it himself or through his associates? If not, what right has he to say who or what kind of men will be on the commission? How can he say that they will all be honest, efficient and industrious, or that even a majority of them will be so? Is it not a fact that they will almost certainly be just the average of office-seekers and office-holders; and if so, what sane man will want to clothe them with the extraordinary and irresponsible powers proposed in the Paul-La Flam charter?

There is just one thing known about all so-called commission cities. That is that taxes in all of them are from one and one-half to three times higher than in Wheeling.

GOVERNOR HATFIELD IS RIGHT.

Nothing that Governor Hatfield has said or done since coming into office will meet with stronger or more sincere commendation by the public than the following: "This trouble (in the mining region) is more important than appointments to office. I am going to settle this trouble and restore law and order in this district and I am going to spend most of my time in the military zone because it is the most important matter before me." This declaration was made in response to an inquiry as to when certain appointments were to be made.

Governor Hatfield is right. The miner's strike and the deplorable conditions which it has produced are the most important matters before him and the people will endorse his action in giving it precedence over the parcelling out of the patronage at his disposal. There is not an interest in the State, big or little, that is suffering on account of the slight delay in making these appointments. There is not a breath of suspicion that the various institutions and departments of the State are not being conducted in the most efficient manner in every respect.

Two many politicians consider that the highest duty of a governor is to proceed at once to get them and their relations upon the state payroll. To them the serious condition of affairs in the coal fields is a trivial matter in comparison with the importance of getting themselves into office. They think that for their special benefit the Governor should ignore the fact that the suffering, violence and bloodshed with all their horrors reign in the strike zone and not to mention the tremendous financial loss to miners, operators and the State.

BIG STORES AND WAGES.

Many interesting facts have been gleaned from the investigation of the wage question as it pertains to women and girls. The vice-president of one of the great stores of Chicago was asked what he would think of a minimum wage of two dollars a day for women and replied that if enacted it would drive many men out of business. The head of another big store testified that his firm could have spent two millions more in wages in one year and still have been able to add one million dollars to the surplus that same year and he did not say that it was an unusual year either.

These two statements are very much at variance. The statement that the payment of two dollars per day would drive big firms out of business will not be taken seriously. The number of girls and women who are receiving less than that amount in each store is not large. The increase in most extreme cases would not be more than seven or eight dollars per week and in many only a dollar or two. It is doubtful if there is a self-respecting firm that could not do entire justice to its employees and still continue to do business.

What self-respecting firm will say that its business must be kept up by

grinding women and girls down to work for wages that do not enable them to live decently. Will they contend that their business must be kept up by these girls going hungry and cold and actually without proper clothing? Must these great stores be kept up by the suffering, the disgrace of these girls?

Hon. Joseph Sibley's memory seems to be much better now than it was when he was before the Slapp investigating committee. Many witnesses seemed to be afflicted with bad memories when they came before that committee.

A western railroad man tried the experiment of cleaning his ears with kerosene and now he can't hear and is suffering intensely besides. He says this method of cleaning his ears had been recommended to him.

A Parkersburg jury has fixed the value of a man's life at two hundred dollars. High prices do not seem to prevail in Parkersburg in some lines at least.

Judging from the joke the weather man played on the Easter millinery, he must have thought it was April first.

Look out for more trouble in London now. Sylvia Pankhurst has been released from jail.

AN EPIDEMIC OF COUGHING. Is sweeping over the town and young and old alike are afflicted. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is a quick safe reliable family medicine for coughs and colds. A. S. Jones, of Lee Pharmacy, Chico, Calif., says: "I consider Foley's Honey and Tar Compound has no equal, and is the one I can recommend to my friends, as containing no narcotics or other harmful properties." Refuse all substitutes and take only Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. Pure sale by Coleman & Co.—Adv.

Find a man who has held city office in Wheeling and who has been out for re-election or re-appointment and you will almost certainly find an advocate of the Paul-La Flam charter.

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UNCLE WALT: The Poet Philosopher.

The man who holds a public job has little power or pleasure, the papers say he is a fool, and reads him without measure. And then the uplift magazines get on his trail and hound him, until he leaves for other scenes, his record wrapped around him. So let me raise my garden hose, remote from public clamor, and saw my wood and mow my grass, and nail things with a hammer, oh let me cultivate the soil, no jural wreaths demanding for there's a glow in trouble, till that passeth understanding. When I am dead no marble shaft will make my fame eternal, no shafts will stand over Old Bill Tatt and Woodrow and the Colonel, I'll muddle play my lowly game, with never cease or lull, I cannot hope for lasting fame, like that of Foster Hayes. But when our little journey's done, perhaps folks will be saying, "He did as much as any one, by sticking to his living." I gather up the odds and park the butter down in fables, and I'm as happy in my shack as a fabled chuck or fortune. No money with voice or pen is climbing on my record, I sympathize with public men whose lives are passed and checked. WALT MASON.

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NEW NEWS OF YESTERDAY

(By E. J. Edwards.)

The Value of a Nickname in Political Life.

ONE of the best demonstrations ever made by J. Donald Cameron that he inherited much of the ability for triumphant political management which so greatly distinguished his father, General Simon Cameron, of Pennsylvania, occurred when J. Warren Keifer was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives at Washington and William D. Kelley was appointed chairman of the Ways and Means Committee by Speaker Keifer. Senator Don Cameron overmatched the New York politicians, who were determined that the Speaker of the Congress which was elected at the presidential election in 1880 should be a New York man. The swiftness with which Senator Cameron mobilized his political resources, and the secrecy with which it was done, were characteristic of the methods of General Keifer as Speaker, which commanded the admiration of even the ablest politicians, who were in favor of the election of Frank Hiscock of New York State.



As soon as General Keifer was nominated for Speaker at the Republican caucus it was announced that he would appoint Judge Kelley, of Philadelphia, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. That appointment was made, and in it was disclosed a part of the politics so successfully played by Senator Cameron.

A few weeks after Judge Kelley became chairman of the Ways and Means Committee I met him one morning in the lobby of the Riggs House, at Washington. He was waiting to see a friend who was sleeping overtime. After chatting a few moments about the probable action of the Ways and Means Committee with respect to a long-broken anxious to put to him, but never before had had a favorable opportunity.

I said: "Judge Kelley, if it is not too personal a question, I would like to ask you when and how the nickname of 'Pig Iron' was given to you."

For a moment Judge Kelley fumbled in his pockets and then drew forth an envelope which he showed to me. Upon it was the address "The Hon. P. I. Kelley, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C."

"That letter," said Judge Kelley, "came to me this morning. It is one of a good many that I have received. All of them have been written by men anxious to get some knowledge of the time when the Ways and Means Committee will begin hearings on the tariff. The writers of these letters have been so accustomed to reading my name as 'Pig Iron' that unconsciously they have addressed letters to me with the initials P. I."

"I cannot tell you when I was first known as 'Pig Iron'. I have a vague idea that the first use of this nickname was in the editorial columns of some paper which was opposed to the policy of protection. I had long been an advocate of a protective tariff upon American pig iron."

"This nickname has never given me the slightest annoyance. On the contrary, it has done me good. I presume I have been better identified with the principle of protection among the masses of the American people because of this nickname 'Pig Iron' than I would have been had I made unanswerable speeches on the floor of the House in favor of the policy."

"I have sometimes thought that it is a good thing for any man ambitious for success in public life if he can be identified by a nickname. I looked into the matter once and found that the first captivating nickname was given to Andrew Jackson when he was called 'Old Hickory.' It was worth thousands of votes to William Henry Harrison to be known as 'Tippecanoe,' and the Whigs, in 1848, marched to the music that was in the nickname and was applied to Zachary Taylor, 'Old Rough and Ready.' What a splendid political catchword was the nickname of the 'Patfinder,' which was bestowed upon John G. Fremont. Lincoln had half a dozen good nicknames or homely descriptive appellations like the 'Rail Splitter.'

"Sunset" once told me that he got greater prominence from his nickname, 'Sunset,' than he obtained from anything else that he did when in public life, or from any of his books. I shall always be proud to be known as 'Pig Iron' Kelley, for the words themselves stand for a principle which I have advocated consistently ever since I changed my old views, which were those of a practical free trader, to the protective policy laid down by Henry Clay."

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To-morrow Mr. Edwards will tell of "The Southern Democrat Who Went to England to Negotiate Federal Bonds."

Little Whiffs From Stogietown

(BY THE OFFICE BOY.)

Pass the ethereal mildness, urgent spring.

It was the early but injudicious robin's own fault.

Huntington Wilson sternly leaves the administration to his fate.

Do not take them off yet. We are speaking of the storm doors, so there!

How the hen would cackle if she could lay futuristic eggs like the Easter rabbit!

New York has a new dance called the "paraisit slide." This one is well named.

Those incendiaries evidently had an idea that they never would have to slow down.

At any rate, the winter is more widely distributed over the year than it was formerly.

Britain should perceive the expediency of appointing Lord Limerick ambassador to Washington.

Anyway, the women who set British houses on fire are not working for a share of the insurance.

This administration is going to disperse with a lot of diplomacy, substituting the square deal for it.

The discoverer that some stars are cold suggests similar discoveries made by various stars dear Johannes.

Huntington Wilson, lately assistant secretary of state, hates to see so much as much left over diplomacy reduced to junk.

Government food experts advise that shellac is food "whether anybody wants to eat it or not," because it is some times used to give gloss to cheap candy. This looks like a good argument for homemade popcorn.

As the gentlemen denies that he is married to Maxine Elliott, it appears that this report also was greatly exaggerated.

Providing President Huerta of Mexico is finding that approval of his course is not a family failing of all the Wilsons.

In the competition among fashionable young men to see who can raise the smallest mustache there are a lot of prize winners.

Women of England have resorted to the incendiary's torch, but the worst will not come until they fall back upon halbrigs and tears.

Among those who courageously take their weather according to the calendar is the baseball fan, who merrily chortles that spring is here.

One objection offered by Johnny to early nature study is that the pussy willow brought into the house make such convenient switches.

There is some consolation in thinking of the food things that the legislature has refrained from doing, but the state is paying for intelligent action.

Louis Leprieu, of Paris, the most famous police chief in the world, carried as his only means of defense an umbrella. Such a man was a sedative for bad nerves.

However, the telephone company is not the only concern to profit greatly from the American habit of talking. The grocer gets his whenever women become too busy to go to the store.

"These women have sunk to climbing telegraph poles," remarked a British government counselor of certain militant suffragettes. But that is nothing to their rise to proficiency in the art of throwing stones.

RIVER NEWS

With the arrival of spring another busy time for the real of the season, the river pilots are busy with their regular runs after being out for several weeks at different points. The city of Huntington, which has been closed at least a month, will be open again at once, while the city has remained closed for some time. The river pilots are busy with their regular runs after being out for several weeks at different points. The city of Huntington, which has been closed at least a month, will be open again at once, while the city has remained closed for some time.

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Today's Buying News

Condensed from Sunday's Advertisement

Quality and Style are Just as Apparent as Extra Value, in our Lines of Tailored Spring Suits at \$25.00

Pre-Easter selling proved the popularity of the line. It's the smartest assortment of Suits we've ever gathered together to sell at the price. Women have told us that the Suits compare very favorably with ones they had been asked \$30.00 and \$35.00 for.

Snook Co. Suits at \$25.00

In sizes to fit the Junior, the Miss, the Average or Stout Woman; Cutaway, Modified Cutaway, Straight-Front Jackets; plain or draped Skirts; Man-tailored all-wool Serges, Bedford Cords, Fancy Mixtures, Shepherd Checks. New and staple solid shades and fancy color combinations. Snook Co. Tailored Suits.....\$17.50 to \$59.00

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We want you to see the extreme beauty of these new Voile, Batiste, Mull and Net Robes, between \$3.50 and \$49.00. They solve the problem of Street, Evening, Graduation and Wedding Gowns.

Special Prices for Opening Sale:— \$5.00 Voile Robes, \$3.95 and..... \$3.50 \$10.00 Bulgarian Robes..... \$5.99 \$10.00 Voile Robes..... \$6.75 \$15.00 Voile Robes..... \$9.90 Closing out a line of Embroidered Batiste Robes, worth up to \$15.00, at..... \$4.95

UNUSUAL VALUE IN LADIES' TAILORED DRESSES AT..... \$14.50

Choice of plain Tailored wide-wale Diagonals or fancy Bedford Cord Dresses. Choice of wanted Spring shades and sizes from 16 to 40.

Room-Size Rugs New Colors and Patterns

\$18.50 9x12 Baroda Rugs..... \$14.75 \$25.00 9x12 Axminster Rugs..... \$16.75 \$28.00 9x12 Axminster Rugs..... \$18.00 \$30.00 9x12 Best Body Brussels..... \$24.50 \$45.00 9x12 Wilton Rugs..... \$37.50

Exhibition and Demonstration of La Grecque Corsets

An expert fitter from New York is with us this week illustrating the NEWSRING MODELS of this celebrated Corset—known and worn by so many of Wheeling's best dressed women. Arrange to have a private interview.

GEO. M. SNOOK CO.

Opinions of the State Editors

An Inland Empire.

Charles A. Kirk's Paintsville Herald has issued a special Easter edition in which the developments of the great inland empire of the upper Big Sandy are portrayed in convincing manner. The outside world may not yet know it, but it is none the less true that that wonderful old world will soon be dotted with cities possessing every convenience known to modern progress. Paintsville, is an old name of historic origin, but Paintsville, the town, as we see it today, is the embodiment of modernity. Huntington feels a friendly interest in these prosperous and growing municipalities, and their further progress will be watched with pride because of the close business relationship which exists between Huntington and the Big Sandy towns and cities, and because of the personal interests West Virginia has in the prosperity of that great awakening community.—Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

May Change Program.

West Virginia will run an anti-laborious car to the various centers of population early in September, for the purpose of giving helpful demonstrations, of course, if the efficiency of the Freedman care shall have been established by that time, present plans can be modified to meet the new condition.—Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

Let Us Alone!

We are glad this closed conspiracy among West Virginia coal to be heralded to the world. There is nothing new at it. Any coal operator, who is posted, could tell you that the mine and Pennsylvania operators and certain of the United Mine Workers, or their officials, had their heads together often and twenty years ago, in an effort to cripple West Virginia's production and transportation, save the Charleston Gazette.

It is the same old game. West Virginia yields good coal. Her industries have no superior for the purpose. Her miners have always known how to deal with their employers and to set along with them. Both our miners and our operators were better treated before the injection of the outside influence. We do not mean that they have been had in every instance, not at all, but a dissatisfaction started back in the early twenties, and neither mine nor operator has enjoyed an lasting a peace since.

As it strikes, this paper takes about, only no side in any case, but treats all sides fair, and gives the benefit of the doubt to the under dog. But it has seen to it that the mine, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois operators will do well to look after their mine and their folks at home, and leave West Virginia to work out its own problems and market its own coal. Everybody would probably favor, as a result, Fairmont Times.

Hope for Brother Joe.

There is hope for a federal job in sight for Brother Joseph Wilson, the President's brother, who received only one vote from the senate of the 49th session of the senate of the United States. The friends are actively working to have him made postmaster of Nashville, Tennessee, which pays \$2,000 yearly. Senator Luke Lea, of

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A Word of Caution. One should be exceptionally careful just now about taking cold, and when a cold is contracted get rid of it as quickly as possible. To accomplish this you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy excellent. It is not only prompt and effective but is pleasant and safe to take, and has a reputation of forty years back of it. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

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