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The Washington Post flatly charges Postmaster General Smith with hindering investigation into scandalous charges concerning the administration of the Washington city post office. Verily, things are getting warm in administration circles, and more than ice and electric fans are needed to lower the official temperature.

There was not a single drawback to the prepared arrangements of the McGivney memorial celebration instigated by the Brooklyn Knights of Columbus Wheelmen, which was held in this city yesterday, even the weather being perfect. The gathering of knights was the largest ever seen in Waterbury, and the committees and others having the matter in charge are deserving of praise for the successful manner in which every part of the program was carried out. The visiting knights, especially those from Brooklyn, who had never before partaken of Waterbury's hospitality were profuse with praises for the reception tendered them. The solemn high mass, the oration by Father O'Donnell, the rendering of the ever pleasing grand high mass by the full choir of the Immaculate Conception church, assisted by Mrs. Jennie Campbell-Keough, the march to the cemetery, and the oration by Father O'Donnell, were features that made their impress on the minds of all, and particularly on the minds of the knights who were fortunate enough to be present. It was a glorious day and a grand celebration which will live long in the memory of those who participated.

At the very first opportunity the delegates elected to the Kansas City convention took occasion to endorse the Hon. Alexander Troup, and also to nominate him for his old position on the national democratic committee, and this, notwithstanding the vote that was passed at the recent convention endorsing Homer S. Cummings for that position, all of which goes to prove that the Democrat was right when it said that the wishes of the delegates to the late convention were not shown in the business that was transacted. Taking a glance backward it would seem that the silver element of the convention were waiting for some leader to step forward and sound the key note. Perhaps they were waiting for our Mayor Kidduff to do it. The mayor is known to be aggressive in politics as well as other matters. The delegates looked upon him as a man who, when his mind was made up, and he was sure that he was right, would not be turned aside. In his speech as temporary chairman he ignored the silver question, but had he been a delegate to the convention, and acted as its permanent chairman we feel sure that his old aggressiveness and determination would have shown itself, and the sentiments expressed by the delegates at New Haven Saturday would have been the expressed sentiments of the convention in this city. The question now arises, if the delegates have failed to carry out the wishes of the convention in regard to the national committee, where will they stand in regard to the other matters on which they were instructed.

"It is difficult to understand," says R. L. Metcalf, "why eastern democrats who urge Mr. Bryan to abandon the cause of bimetalism cannot obtain food for reflection in the fact that every statement to the effect that Mr. Bryan has abandoned that cause is given special prominence in the republican organs." If we sift down these "appeals to Mr. Bryan," we find that they rest upon the plea of "practical politics." On this line the wisdom of this advice may be successfully challenged. The strength of a public man is not a thing which he may retain or dispose of according to his own pleasure. Its retention depends upon merit. Those who plead with Mr. Bryan seem to imagine that his strength is due to his personality. In truth, people have been attracted to him by his eloquence and his genial disposition, but they have remained true to him because they believe in his sincerity, because they have learned that his attitude toward public questions is governed by his conscience and his ideas of what will best accomplish the greatest good to the greatest number. If these gentlemen could convince Mr. Bryan that he is wrong, then candid acknowledgment of his error would be in line with "practical politics." But these

gentlemen do not hope to convince Mr. Bryan that he is in error; rather do they say, "We know you believe in bimetalism at the ration of sixteen to one just as you did four years ago. We do not ask you to abandon your belief. We ask you simply to avoid the question, and thus insure your election." Would it be practical politics for this man who has risen to eminence and power because of his candor and honesty in dealing with the public—would it be practical politics for this man to abandon the claracteristics that have given him his strength? Keeping close to his question of "practical politics," it may be intelligently maintained that the omission of bimetalism from Bryan's platform would not give to him one vote which he would otherwise receive. Men who are willing to surrender every great principle rather than yield the single gold standard policy would not vote for Bryan unless they believed that Bryan's views, as well as his platform, had undergone a marked change. Where the man who believes that as president Mr. Bryan would not exert every honorable effort to establish practical bimetalism, even though the platform makers had omitted that feature? Is it not clear that unless these gentlemen can convert Mr. Bryan to their view of the money question it will not be practical politics for Mr. Bryan to yield to their pleas? In other words, will intelligent men insist that in this enlightened day it would be "practical politics" for the man who has obtained public confidence by honesty and candor to seek public office by hypocrisy and deceit?

HEARD IN PASSING.

Not the least of the offenses of the republican party is the cowardly adjournment of congress without the action upon important matters, such as a reduction of war taxes.

The war department officially says the war in the Philippines is over, but the Associated Press goes right along reporting daily fighting, and every few days an official list of casualties is published.

Republicans in the senate were forced into voting for a gross and investigation of all Cuban receipts and expenditures, and they should be forced into doing the same for Porto Rico and the Philippines.

Pray, what was the civil service commission doing while the republican congressmen were putting constituents on the pay roll of the Washington City post office, who not only passed up examination but did no work except signing the pay roll.

A GETTYSBURG INCIDENT.

"I see by the war cablegrams," said a resident of Pittsburgh at one of the hotels, "that some of the dead Boers found in the trenches were lyddite shells had burst were without visible wounds. Apparently they had been killed by shock. That recalls to me forcibly a very remarkable case, for which I can vouch personally. During the first day's fighting at Gettysburg a young man named Joe Cady, second lieutenant of the Twentieth Pennsylvania, was supposed to have been killed by a shell which exploded within a few yards of his head. Later in the day some passing comrades saw that he was breathing and carried him to the rear, where the surgeons made an examination, and, greatly to their surprise, could find no wound. The man was in a profound stupor, but to all appearances was physically unharmed. He was sent to the general hospital at Washington, and from thence to his home, still in the same condition.

"For several weeks Cady lay exactly like on dead, and then, very gradually, he began to emerge from unconsciousness into a horrible automatic sort of life, next door to complete idiocy. He could sit up, and even walk a few steps, but his mind was a blank, and the only sounds he uttered were guttural noises, like an animal. That shocking condition remained unaltered for nearly three years; then, suddenly, without warning, he had a seizure like catalepsy, from which he awoke in a few hours in complete possession of his reason. He was terribly bewildered, of course, and had no idea of where he was, but after the shock of waking passed off he was as sane as ever. During the years his faculties were in suspense he sat most of the time with his eyes closed, and the conversation was that they were very sensitive to light. He had to wear blue glasses for some time, but that seemed to be the only bad effect he suffered. Lieutenant Cady became an active business man, and died in 1880 or 1890. An autopsy might have given some clue to his long trance, but I believe none was held."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Pope Able to Be Out.

ROME, June 11.—The pope went to St. Peter's cathedral yesterday to participate in the ceremony of veneration in the case of two Italian saints recently canonized. Thirty thousand people were present. He was borne on the sedia gestatoria, surrounded by 20 cardinals and the papal court. He seemed in good health and, when giving the blessing to the pilgrims, rose from his seat briskly as if he wished to reassure the congregation regarding his condition.

Tornado in Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 11.—A terrific windstorm has passed over this section. In Springfield a number of shade and fruit trees were destroyed, and reports from neighboring cities for a radius of 40 miles show great damage done to fruit trees. At Petersburg and Athens several buildings were injured, and at the latter place the tower of the electric light plant was destroyed. The damage will aggregate thousands of dollars.

WHEN GYPSIES WED.

Half a dozen bright, new, glittering gypsy wagons were taken from a carriage maker's establishment on Seneca street last week and put in readiness for their summer journeyings. Their owners have been waiting until the sun had dried the country roads before they started out for the season. Several weeks ago they gave orders that their conveyances were to be ready as soon as the temperature was mild enough to make sleeping under the open sky fairly comfortable. The foliage bursting into leaf, the frogs singing their spring chorus in the creeks and marshes, and the delicious sunlight began to make city life unendurable to the roving tribe, so the horses, dogs, children, blankets and pans were prepared for an early flitting and the new wagons were sent for.

Perhaps you have thought, if you have thought about it at all, that gypsies are content with any kind of a carriage, an old road wagon with a canvas top stretched over barrel hoops and staves answering the purpose of other than anything else. Perhaps your knowledge of the way the Romanies traverse the country is confined to a dusty caravan filled with towed headed women and children, drawn by a couple of lean and striped horses, which you have seen dragging its way along the road on a hot day.

There are gypsies and their accompaniments that answer to that description, but there is another class, removed from the other in the Romanian social scale, which lives and travels very differently. Their caravans are magnificent affairs, that is, if you like lots of bright color about your equipage. They are expensive, too. Those which left the Seneca street shop ranged from \$300 to \$500 in price, and sometimes they cost as much as \$1,000. But the gypsy's wagon is his home for three-quarters of the year, at least. He would much prefer to spend money on its decoration than on a house, and its upholstery is of vastly more importance to him than furniture for an ordinary abode.

The new wagons are high. It requires a long step and a quick lurch under the top to gain the driver's seat; the women and children must clamber farther in to reach the place reserved for them. The trucks, box, and top are painted with the gayest of gay colors, vermilion, yellow, bright blue and green being the favorite combinations, and if the maker has sufficient artistic skill to blend these colors in some fantastic way he is liable to be patronized again. The covers are made of oilcloth, tightly closed in like a delivery wagon, and painted a clear yellow with trimmings of red and blue or else decorated with a picture on each side. Horses and dogs are the favorite subjects.

The most expensive wagons are ornamented with a great deal of gold-leaf, and the bands of the hubs are of plated gold, not silver and nickel, as ordinary persons use. The interior of the top is upholstered in gay colored chintz; if the exterior is yellow the interior will probably be a vivid red. There is usually one seat in front for the driver and his companion. The back of the box is arranged with a seat all around, with a small compartment at the rear, where the bedding is kept. At night the beds are made by fitting boards on the seats in the back, covering them with blankets. If the gypsy is particularly prominent in his tribe he will probably have two wagons—one to be used for a sleeping apartment and one for a living room, furnished with a small stove.

When a gypsy wants to get married he does not think about renting and furnishing a house, and gas and water bills cause him no uneasiness. All he wants or the chosen young woman expects is a good wagon, a team of strong horses, and a set of harness, with perhaps a few dollars to buy provisions before the first horse deal has been closed. One of the wagons that will go on the road this year was ordered by a young woman of considerable wealth and importance among the Romanies, for a wedding gift to a young couple in whom she is interested. Its price is just \$500, and when it is completed the young man will bring his good horses and their new harness, and he and his bride will start to spend the summer under sunny skies without a thought of care for the troubling things which harass all the world but themselves.—Buffalo Express.

CLOGGED THE WHEELS.

"That reminds me," laughed the senator, "of a claim that I was once interested in, and when it had dragged along and finally looked as if it would fail, and finally it did fail before the controller. I carried it to the supreme court and got Joe Choate to come down and argue it for me. Well, the day that Choate made his argument the controller, of course, was present to represent the government, and Choate was firing away with his usual brilliant fashion and was making a strong case, showing and claiming everything under the sun for our side, when one of the justices interrupted him and asked: 'If this claim is as clear as your argument and your brief would show, why has it come before this court?'"

"Why, your honor," replied Choate, with all the sniveling manner of which he is possessed to an unusual degree, "it has been brought before this honorable body because," and here he swept his eyes over the controller, "a small-headed tack," and he measured off on his finger an infinitesimally small space, "got into the wheels of government and clogged them; hence."

And the senator finished with a hearty laugh at the recollection of that claim and we laughed at him.

"Did the court laugh?" asked I.

"No," but there was a suspicious twinkling of faces and a restless movement among them which betrayed that the point was not lost upon them. Neither was the case lost," wound up the senator.—Saturday Evening Post.



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