

cussed among the Jewish people. The central conference of American rabbis was in session at Detroit, Mich., on July 1 and considered the question of changing the Jewish Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday. It was advised that the question be referred to a national conference that shall have power to settle this and other disputed points.

The corrected lists of dead at the Hanna, Wyo., mine disaster shows that one hundred and sixty men lost their lives and though diligent search has been made many of the bodies have not been recovered. It was reported on July 1 that fire had broken out in the lower levels of the mine and it is feared that many bodies will be consumed.

On July 1 Postmaster General Payne issued an order abolishing the position of physician in postoffices at the close of business, June 30, 1903. This order will affect a class of officials whose employment was without specific authority of law. Some of these offices paid at least \$1,700 a year and were sinecures. It was also reported that additional clerks and promotions

became effective on July 1 in practically all the first and second class postoffices in the country. The additional clerks allowed approximate 2,600 and 896 new rural free delivery routes were put in operation, thus bringing the total number of routes to approximately 16,000.

A tornado in the vicinity of Heron Lake, Minn., on June 30, caused the death of ten people and the property losses will reach \$100,000.

It was reported on July 1 that Bulgaria had sent a circular to its representatives abroad and minister at Sofia calling attention to the attitude of Turkey which is reported to be massing troops on the frontier. The note appeals to the powers to exert pressure at Constantinople to secure the withdrawal of the Turkish forces.

All the miners who are members of the united mine workers of America, to the number of about 13,000 in the district of Birmingham, Ala., suspended work on July 1 because of a disagreement over the new wage scale. It is thought, however, that the disagreement will soon be settled.

How Tom Johnson Broiled a Lobster

A very peculiar man is Tom Johnson, mayor of Cleveland. He is peculiar because he is candid and honest although in politics and because he is not in politics to make money; because, also, when he makes a promise he keeps it in so far as he can do so. Since he first became mayor of Cleveland he has kept every promise he made except when the courts have stepped in, at the command of Mark Hanna, and enjoined him from doing what he promised to do.

The following dispatch tells what Mayor Johnson did recently to a legislative lobster who calls himself a democrat:

"Mansfield, May 26.—Tom L. Johnson has again demonstrated his hold upon the hearts of the people and has made good his promise.

"William Earhart, one of the 'black sheep' of the special session of the legislature, who voted for the vicious curative act, will not be returned to the general assembly.

"In the democratic primaries held in Richland county yesterday, Earhart was defeated by C. K. Hershey, the Johnson candidate, by 245 votes.

"The fight has been one of the most bitter and at the same time the most unique in the history of state politics.

"Earhart had the backing of all the politicians and the aid of all republicans who could bring persuasion to bear on their democratic friends.

"He had behind him an excellent organization, backed by all the money that was thought to be needed.

"But the unpurchasable democracy of old Richland responded to the call of clean men, and after a bitter fight Hershey won out.

"While Earhart's defeat is a victory for the people and takes out of public life a man who wantonly betrayed his party and his constituents by voting for the Cincinnati franchise steal, after its vicious character had been fully explained to him, it is none the less a personal victory for Mayor Johnson.

"He had promised to go into the district of every democrat who voted for that iniquitous measure and defeat him for any office he should run for, and Earhart was the first to have the temerity to hazard his candidacy for a second term.

"Mayor Johnson waited till a week

before the election and then boarded his automobile, and with the 'Red Devil' stocked with literature and posters with letters seven feet high, he invaded Richland county.

"He did not accuse Earhart of dishonesty, but he did accuse him of being a dupe of the franchise grabbers and therefore unfit to sit in the legislative halls.

"He visited every voting precinct in the county, accompanied by Benton Childers of Columbus and other speakers, and made personal appeals to the voters to be true to their manhood and to the party and refuse to renominate Earhart.

"Hershey, whom he chose as the candidate to defeat Earhart, accompanied Mayor Johnson and did valiant work for the cause.

"The majority is decisive and the factionists who opposed Mayor Johnson and Candidate Hershey are much chagrined."

Of course, Johnson's enemies say he is posing for political effect. Well; that's a pretty good way for a man to pose, whether for political or other effect. A man who goes gunning for the rascals in his own party can't be a very bad man. He will gain the enmity of rascals, but will get the confidence of the honest citizens, and in the long run that is what gets votes.

There is another peculiarity possessed by Tom Johnson. While he is always ready to speak to an audience, he does not like to have an audience go away without asking him questions. He invites questions; he insists on having questions put to him. For that reason the machine politicians are shy of him; for that reason he can't get a republican candidate or spell-binder in the same ten-acre lot with him in a campaign.

It is the answering of questions that tests the man, especially the candidate for public office. Almost any man can stand before an audience and talk. Almost any man can stand on a platform and chatter about his party, how it has solved and will solve social problems. Tom Carter can do that; W. A. Clark can do it. But just imagine Carter or Clark standing before an audience inviting questions! Can you? If you can, then you can easily imagine a hen strutting through the woods and challenging the foxes

to come and have it out.

Imagine, for example, Tom Carter making a campaign in this state and having questions put to him about direct legislation, direct primary elections or a railroad commission! Imagine W. A. Clark campaigning in Montana and being asked about the muzzling of his newspapers in regard to the railroad merger, railroad assessments, a railroad commission, direct legislation or a direct primary election law! The Press can't imagine that, but it can see W. A. Clark lighting out for dear old France to get away from those questions.

In the next campaign in this state the men who have principles should take a hand in the lobster broiling business. There are plenty of lobstermen ready for the broiler. Get after them and their supporter with questions. Any audience can make a political gridiron with a few pertinent questions. The men whose votes a candidate seeks have a right to ask questions. They have a right to know where the candidate stands on every question before the people; they have a right to know the candidate's reasons for his position and opinions; they have a right to know how he will vote in the legislature. The way to gain that information is to ask questions in public.—Helena (Mont.) Press.

Troy (O.) Democrat: Between Mark Hanna, the republican sham champion of organized labor, and the republican trusts, the actual and open enemy of organized labor there ought to be no trouble in persuading the laboring man from keeping "hands off" when the trusts shove him back from the industrial banquet and drive him out into the kitchen to take what the captains of industry don't want. Foxey Uncle Mark: He gets away with the goods, too. As long as laboring men want the double cross the republican party will see that he gets it.

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