

Ink Slings.

The trial of the Australian ballot system in Montana proved its efficacy in contracting the boodle method of running elections.

It would be a novel experience for the people of Pennsylvania to have the State treasury in honest hands. It would also be a profitable one.

Private DALZELL's case is a remarkable one. Through the sheer force of cheek and jaw he has achieved a notoriety far beyond the deserts of so insignificant a character.

Ex-President CLEVELAND is said to be growing stouter. In stalwart growth the cause of tariff reform is keeping pace with its illustrious defender. It is also growing stouter.

The Republican committee of Philadelphia has expended \$10,000 for tax receipts for the use of party voters. There is boodle enough in the city government to reimburse such an outlay.

The Pan-American congress will hardly succeed in devising a plan to bring into our ports the products of South America which we are doing all we can to keep out by tariff taxation.

The Republican State Committee is repeating the baby method of exciting the emulation of its party voters by the offer of prize banners. This will do for a party that has no principles to vote for.

The negro-butcher CHALMERS has withdrawn from the canvass as Republican candidate for Governor of Mississippi. He shows himself to be more capable of shame than the party that nominated him.

The world didn't come to an end on Wednesday as was predicted by the crank prophets who are never so happy as when laboring under the delusion that there is going to be a wind-up of subinary affairs.

In his desperate battle for political supremacy in Virginia MAHONEY has been given absolute control of the federal patronage in that State. It will only make his defeat the more signal and the disgrace of the administration the more complete.

The great manufacturing town of Norwich, Connecticut, went Democratic last Monday for the first time since the establishment of the Republican party. Tariff reform and the Australian ballot divide the honor of that glorious achievement.

The party managers are having a ticklish case down at Howard. Three fellows want the post office, and it wouldn't do to make two of them mad before the election; hence the appointment has been postponed until after they shall have voted.

New York has at last opened subscription books to raise money for the Columbus exposition. The experience with the Grant monument doesn't encourage the expectation that the Gotham population will trample each other down in their mad rush to subscribe.

We haven't heard any of the weather prophets refer to the unusual number of squirrels this fall as indicating the kind of weather we are going to have next winter. The thousands of frisky little tails ought to point to something more than ordinary in the meteorological line.

It is a mean St. Louis man who says that Chicago people after they die always think they have got to heaven, whether they really have or not.—Somerville Journal—This may be so for the reason that any place they go to after they die is so much better than Chicago that they very easily mistake it for heaven.

After four months from the occurrence of the great calamity, the payment of the \$1,000,000 relief money to the sufferers at Johnstown commenced last Monday. If this money had been in the custody of the fellows who manage the State treasury we would almost be inclined to believe that they had been favoring pet banks with it for speculative purposes.

Master Workman, POWDERLY declares that he believes that the time will come when the world's workers will toil only five days in the week. But this isn't the boon that the true worker is looking for. He is willing to work full time, but he wants full pay for it. He isn't hankering after more time to loaf, nor does he believe that it would be to his benefit.

The election in Connecticut on Monday filled the measure of bad luck that has attended the Prohibitionists all along the line. The Prohibitory amendment was defeated by an adverse majority of about 30,000. Considering the comparative population of the State it was as bad a defeat as the one they sustained in Pennsylvania, and clearly indicates that the land of steady habits doesn't want to make them any steadier by confining the popular beverage exclusively to cold water.

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The Licking That Mahone Is Going to Get.

It is now a certainty that WILLIAM MAHONEY, the choice of the administration for the Virginia boship, and the Republican candidate for Governor of that State, is going to get the most complete licking that was ever administered to an unscrupulously ambitious politician. He is not only opposed by a united Democracy, which in itself is sufficiently strong to handsonly whale any Republican candidate that can be put in the field in the Old Dominion, but a Republican opposition has sprung up against him which extensively includes the better element of the party in the State. These opposing Republicans held a conference in Richmond last week where they organized the opposition which they have set on foot against the Boss, and that they mean dead-earnest business in shown by the manifesto they have issue which contains a bill of indictment charging him with a most comprehensive assortment of political offenses, including systematic corruption and bribery.

HARRISON miscalculated the influence which the official patronage that he placed at the disposal of MAHONEY would exert in Virginia politics. The more decent portion of his party spurn him and his official spoils, and the party managers who expected to make a point by the prostitution of the offices to partisan use will have the humiliation of defeat as the pay for their dirty business. QUAY too will find that the money raised on his \$10 certificates and put into the Virginia contest has been just that much campaign ammunition wasted.

The Presidential incumbent has made a good many blunders in the short time he has been in office, but no other one of them has equalled his blunder of trying to make Virginia Republican by backing the little rebel and repudiator, BILLY MAHONEY, for Governor with the official influence of his administration. He didn't make a worse break when he put TANNER at the head of the pension bureau, and scarcely anything could be as bad as that.

The Organs Getting Scared.

What is the meaning of the following expression of anxiety by that stalwart Republican organ, the Philadelphia Inquirer?

The loss of Pennsylvania to the Republicans this year means its probable loss next year when a Governor, Legislature, twenty-eight Congressmen and a United States Senator are to be chosen. A reduced Republican majority this year means a perilous uphill fight next year, with all that will then be involved.

With a mammoth majority ranging at about 80,000, which its party has been having for some years past, should not a Republican organ be ashamed to even intimate that there is a possibility of defeat in Pennsylvania? To show fear under such circumstances is to admit that something very wrong has been done that may turn this great preponderance of popular favor against its party.

Evidently breakers ahead are coming within range of the organic vision, otherwise the Inquirer would be calm, serene, confident and happy in the unquestionable prospect of certain victory. It wouldn't be caught squealing in a dubious and undignified manner. But it is conscious of the weakness of a candidate who was the Speaker of a House of Representatives that habitually cringed to the corporations and the money power and turned its back on the working people, he being largely responsible for that sort of legislative action. It is also very evident that the farmers can have no friendly feeling for the presiding officer of a legislative body that has paid no attention to their demand that corporate wealth should bear a portion of the taxation which has been unduly imposed upon farm property.

With the wage-earners and the farmer having a grievance against the Republican candidate, there is reason for the party organs to apprehend "the loss of Pennsylvania to the Republicans this year." But considering the recent big majorities they should be heartily ashamed that it is so. Doesn't it indicate that even so blind a thing as an organ can see that there is some thing more rotten in Pennsylvania than there ever was in Denmark?

The secret ballot is the safeguard of pure election.

The Reform Ballot.

The Australian ballot method was used in the Montana election and effected all the good results that were claimed for it by those who favor its adoption. It enabled the voters to cast a strictly secret ballot; there was no bulldozing, for the method of voting prevented anything like the coercion which can be exercised when the ballot is not surrounded by entire secrecy; and if there was any attempt at bribery it was entirely at the option of the voter to carry out his part of the corrupt bargain or not, as there was no means of knowing how he voted. The objection that the Australian system consumes too much time was not sustained by its working in Montana. The booths amply accommodated the voters, enabling them to vote rapidly and without embarrassing delay.

The Harrison administration resorted to every means to carry the four new States. The official power it was able to exert was brought to bear upon every one of them, and QUAY'S pecuniary methods were put to work. There can scarcely be a doubt that Montana would have been carried as the three others were, if it had not been for the barriers against which Republican power and corruption beat in vain.

The same ballot system was also tried for the first time in Connecticut at the election on Tuesday. How it worked is told by the following account of its operations dispatched to the New York Sun:

The new secret ballot law worked beautifully in this town for the Democrats to-day. For the first time in the history of the Republican party here the straight Democratic ticket was elected at a town election. Since the civil war times this town has been known all over southern New England as the "Citadel of Connecticut Republicans." To-day every buttress of the citadel which has been shaking for several years, got a clean knock-out blow, and the old thing was tumbled into the moat of public repudiation. The secret ballot helped to do it, for in no part of the Union his political bulldozing on the part of the mill owners been more flagrantly and audaciously exercised. In some of the mill villages it has been with a mill hand's job for him to vote openly, as he had to do under the old-time ballot, for Democratic national or township officers. Often the hands employed by the most powerful corporations were driven to the polls in squads of thirty or forty to the boxes to be sure that he cast the ballot the bosses had prearranged he should deposit.

That the Australian plan of voting put a stop to this system of bulldozing is shown by the change in the vote of Norwich and other Connecticut towns. No wonder that Speaker BOYER and his Republican legislature objected to a system that would relieve workingmen from the control of bulldozing employers at the elections, and thereby put an end to the supremacy of the monopoly party in Pennsylvania.

A Preliminary Skirmish.

They had quite a spirited time in the Clearfield county Republican convention last week in the election of delegates to the next Republican State Convention. As the party candidate for Governor will be nominated next year the selection of the delegates had reference to that coming event which is already beginning to cast ahead of it quite a large shadow. The friends of HASTINGS and DELAMATER contended for the Clearfield delegates, and as it should go without saying that the influence of the redoubtable Adjutant General laps considerably over the confines of his own county, it easily included Clearfield and carried the delegates for him.

The impression seems to have spread abroad that it was a fight between QUAY and that faction of the party that has organized an opposition to the Boss, but we cannot see how this can be, for although DELAMATER has all along been considered the favorite of the Beaver statesman, hasn't HASTINGS been generally regarded as his pet? When our distinguished townsman's name has been mentioned in connection with the governorship, hasn't it invariably been attended with the remark: "DAN'S all right—QUAY'S backing him?" Is it possible that the straight forward, ingenious and honest Boss has a pair of favorites for the next gubernatorial nomination?

But be this as it may, the Clearfield contest demonstrates that the fight for Governor has started in earnest among the Republican politicians and that HASTINGS is a candidate whether

QUAY is for him or not. But it isn't likely that gubernatorial lightning will keep striking Centre county all the time. It wouldn't be long enough between flashes to nominate DAN next year.

Prolonging an Interesting Case.

The Williamsport papers of Saturday made the encouraging announcement that the Lycopium judicial contest is progressing, as the case for the respondent will be closed on the 12th inst., when the contestant will begin to introduce the sur rebuttal. What a satisfaction it must be to the taxpayers of the county to know that after the contest has extended through nearly a year, with a heavy draft on the county surplus, the sur rebuttal has been reached. A good, healthy sur rebuttal, in the hands of skillful lawyers and learned judges, ought to have enough life in it to last for another year, and by that time some other device may be resorted to for the extension of this interesting case.

It must also be a source of joy to the Lycopium taxpayers to learn that a new batch of witnesses have been subpoenaed and that the three learned judges have spit on their hands with the determination of taking a fresh hold on the case. A local paper, speaking of the contest, says: "The question now is whether or not the three judges will open the ballot boxes; if they do, the contest may be indefinitely continued." It may be taken as a pretty sure thing that the ballot boxes will be opened, for both the judges and the lawyers seem to have caught on to the profitability of keeping this case indefinitely continued. The taxpayers "they pay the freight."

How Things Were Reformed.

Two years ago the present Republican office holders in this county got into office on false pretences. A good many well meaning people were induced to vote for them on the representation that the county affairs were in bad shape and needed improvement which Republican rule would bring about. This was represented to be particularly the case in the commissioners' office which was held up as being a fit subject for reform.

The voters who, helped to bring about a change should have known better than to be humbugged by such false pretences. They can now thank themselves for having the weakest and most incompetent administration of the commissioners' office that ever mismanaged the affairs of a county. The large balance that was left in the treasury by the last Democratic board has gone nobody knows where. So far as county interests are concerned it couldn't have been worse applied if it had been actually stolen. The result is that there is not the means on hand to provide those bridge facilities which every county owes to the traveling community. Months have passed and no preparations have been made to rebuild some of the most important bridges carried away by the flood. The bridges generally are reported to be in a bad condition.

The \$40,000 Democratic surplus would now be of great service, but it has evaporated through the channel of mismanagement. The boasted scheme of running the county on a two mill tax has proved but the idle dream of muddle-headed financiers, and the clumsy and dishonest expedient of an underhanded increase of taxable valuations won't supply the deficiency. It hasn't prevented an actual increase of over \$6,000 taxation, notwithstanding the sham claim that a 2 mill tax is sufficient to meet county expenses.

The upshot of such mismanagement will be that the next Auditors' report will show an alarming increase of the county liabilities, unless the Commissioners shall positively refuse to make such improvements as the convenience of travel, the reputation of the county and the welfare of the community imperatively demand, which seems to be their intention.

EDISON has returned home from the Paris exhibition where he was as great a celebrity as the Eiffel tower. They made a baron of him and gave him the cross of the Legion of Honor, but such gewgaws don't add anything to the distinction of the man who invented the electric light and the phonograph.

The Rejected Veterans.

The Republican soldiers of Centre county, who were led to expect official favors at the hands of the dispensing power, may be entirely satisfied with the shabby treatment that has been accorded them, or they may not. That is entirely their business. But to the disinterested observer the manner in which they have been used for the benefit of a few scheming ringsters, upon promises of rewards which have never been fulfilled, has a ludicrous aspect whatever may be its appearance to the victims who suffer from it. BEAVER'S record of disregarded pledges to Centre county soldiers who helped to elect him Governor, furnishes a page in his political history that cannot be read without contempt. The same indifference to the soldiers' claims is being shown in the distribution of the official favors in this county under the Harrison administration. Was it a soldier that got the prize of the Deputy Collectorship? Is it possible that among the "defenders of the flag," whose praises the Republican politicians are continually mouthing, one could not have been found as competent and worthy of filling the office of Deputy Collector as ED CHAMBERS? To say that one could not have been found among the veterans of this county fit to perform the duties of that office is to pay but a poor compliment to their ability and worth. After all the Republican prating about the obligation of the country to those who fought for its flag, that office should have sought a suitable soldier instead of being sought and found by a favorite of the ring that manages the official patronage in this county. This, we say, should have been done to preserve a consistency between Republican profession and performance in regard to the claims of those for whom the bosses always show such great deference when there are no offices to be given out.

In the matter of the post offices the soldiers, particularly those who are poor, are meeting with the same kind of treatment. At Milesburg the poor veteran RAGER is rejected and the post office is given to BOUGS who is well-heeled financially and draws a big pension. At Coburn HOSTERMAN, who never fired a shot at a rebel, is preferred for postmaster to COONEY who was riddled with rebel bullets and is poor in consequence of his disabled condition. The same sort of love for the defenders of the old flag is shown at Lemont where the veterans BATHGATE and ARMSTRONG, who weren't afraid to expose their bosoms to the storm of battle, find their applications for the postmastership set aside in order that the office may add to the snug profits of druggist EVERETT who was careful not to expose his precious person to rebel marksmanship. But the most disgraceful of these instances of ingratitude was the one at Aaronsburg where the maimed soldier SYLVES, indignant in consequence of injuries sustained in fighting the enemies of the Union, had his application for the post office cast aside with contempt in order that the office might become the prize of MICH MESSER, a local political manager whose circumstances don't require the assistance of official pay.

Nor are these snubs of the veterans confined to the post offices. In the matter of the gaugership at the distillery at Coburn the application of the old soldier JOHN SLIVER was thrown out and the place given to SAMUEL UELCHER, a local politician who never did any military service.

This is the record of the official favors that have been accorded to the old soldiers of Centre county. In every instance the preference has been given to some henchman who could make himself useful to the county bosses who control the offices. The veterans may like this sort of treatment. It is not for us to say whether they should like it or not. That is entirely a matter of their own feeling. But to those who stand off and take a disinterested view of the way they are stood aside when they ask for their share of the official rewards, the treatment accorded them looks like a combination of injury and insult.

When the wage-earners and farmers get through with their reckoning with candidate BOYER there will be little left of that 80,000 majority.

Spawls from the Keystone.

- Lackawanna county has abolished all its toll gates.
-Loek Haven people now have their mail matter delivered.
-Despite the unfavorable weather the Allentown Fair netted \$890.
-The goose home prediction is that it will be an open winter with an early spring.
-The prick of a thorn caused the death of William Cox, of Cochransville.
-A chestnut bar found on Sharp Mountain contained seven nuts.
-A new iron rod mill will be put in operation at Allentown in a few weeks.
-A Frankford citizen complains of the slaughter of song birds in the suburbs.
-Cattle in lower Berks county are dying in large numbers from a form of epizooty.
-Up to date the roster of the West Chester Normal School contains 460 names.
-Fannie Fern, a war horse with a record of fifty seven great battles, is dead at Sharon.
-Thieves at Norris town tied up the watch dog and robbed Jacob Romig's shoe store.
-A dog and a hawk were seen in fierce combat near Norris town recently; the bird was victor.
-Many valuable cows at Durnor, Lancaster county, have been dismembered by a vicious boar.
-Five persons have been killed within a year by vicious bulls in Chester County within a year.
-School directors of Ridley have warned shopkeepers not to sell cigarets to the school children.
-The water wheels of some mills along the Delaware near Easton were clogged with cels recently.
-Bethlehem shopkeepers have formed a trust and resolved not to trust Lehigh University students.
-The death of John Roberts, of Washington borough, Lancaster county, was caused by a boil on his lip.
-A horse stuck in the mud at Allentown and pulled his hoof off in endeavoring to extricate himself.
-The combined efforts of three constables and a team were required to arrest a crippled tramp at Lancaster.
-A fifteen year old grapevine grows in Gormantown on a trunk which measures two feet and a half around.
-A marriage license for a 13 year old child was refused by the Pitsburg courts. The mother applied for it.
-A Wilkesbarre man has figures to substantiate his statement that Wilkesbarre is the healthiest city in the county.
-A Wilkesbarre lad of five years enjoys a smoke and has a fondness for a 4 year old pipe of his father's.
-The carbonade Leader claims that that town, with 12,000 inhabitants, drinks 1200 kegs of intoxicants in a month.
-In an article published in a Wilkesbarre paper a preacher denounces many features of the County fair.
-The Presbyterian church at Oxford has decided to allow nonconformist members to vote on the selection of a pastor.
-"Honey moon row" is the name given a row of houses at West Chester occupied by newly married couples exclusively.
-On the night following the Reading Grand Army parade thieves stripped the stores of their bunting decorations.
-Albert Zshelmer, of Reading, will give the soldiers of that city a plot of ground on which to erect a monument.
-Thieves made a Dunkard's meeting-house in Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, a receptacle for stolen goods.
-Ten members of the family of Edwin Lutz, at Mountain, Berks county, have been ill at one time with typhoid fever.
-Crazed by religious enthusiasm Miss Harriet Bartlett, of Pittston, climbed the tallest trees in her efforts to get nearer heaven.
-Finding no milk in the spring house a thief in Fredric township, Montgomery county, went to the stable and milked the cow.
-Miss Susan Coffroth, young and handsome of Beartown, Lancaster county, is hopelessly mad, the result of an unfortunate love affair.
-A Luzerne county man wants the Governor to set apart a "sparrow day," when a wholesale onslaught will be made on the little pests.
-An immoral couple in Sevierly township near Greensburg, were taken from their house and cowhided by the indignant neighbors.
-Dr. Hand, of Saratoga, whose horse was killed by an electric wire some time ago, had a similar experience a few days ago with another horse.
-The members of a United Brethren Church at Greenestee have gone to law to decide whether or not they shall have a pulpit in their church.
-During the last twelve months Joseph Sepp, a one armed newsboy of Reading, has traveled 1200 miles without paying a cent for car fare.
-William B. Logan, formerly a Norris town blacksmith, a resident in Washington Territory, writes home that he has just killed an obnoxious Indian.
-Four men slept in the store of McKenna and Brandy, at Cornwall, Lebanon county, on Wednesday night, while Lurgars carried off \$500 worth of goods.
-The parents of William Asperschlag, killed by the cars at Tioga Junction, Lackawanna Co. have begun suit against the Reading Railroad Company for \$10,000 damages.
-Frank T. Garnet, a farmer of Seipville Northampton county, was robbed of money and clothing amounting to \$100 by a tramp who had been in his employ.
-A beautiful spring of crystal water, where West Chester folk were wont to tarry, has turned out to be the outlet of a filthy sewer, the water being purified by percolation through the soil.
-With Buffalo Bill aspirations, a West Chester lad has issued a meek looking cow. The animal made things lively for a while and would have given the youth a milk shake had not the rope tangled around her legs.
-While Mrs. Joseph Whitlock, of Pittston was absent from her home a few minutes on Thursday a monster rat attacked her 6 months old child, which had been left sitting on the floor and bit the little one's hands in several places.
-Being unable to agree two Italians at Easton decided to divide their stock of fruit and part. The division was successful until it narrowed down to a big block of marble and a shoe case, and they chopped the marble in half, and each took a shy at the shoe case with the huge stones, demolishing it beyond repair.