

Ink Slings.

-A blanket of unusual dampness appears to have suddenly fallen upon the Republican party in Ohio.

-The Bellefonte ringsters will discover that it is a good deal easier to make a ring ticket than to elect it.

-If Brother BLAINE doesn't keep his weather eye on that Pan-American Congress the Canadians will run away with it.

-It seems to be out of place for the common Jersey sand to be blown through General GRUBB'S aristocratic whiskers.

-As only four jurymen have so far been drawn for the Cronin trial the jury-fixers shouldn't have much trouble in fixing them.

-There are no factional differences standing in the way of a Democratic victory in our county this year. An old time majority should attend such harmony.

-MANDERSON was so tardy in returning his unlawful pension that it looked as if he would have held on to the boodle if there hadn't been so much fuss made about it.

-The editor of the ring organ and the chairman of the Republican county committee would pull better together in the party traces if they were not both after the same post office.

-It is now evident that the ring managers intend to slaughter GRAY in the interest of FLEMING. Such cruel treatment is unjustifiable. It is like leading a lamb to the slaughter.

-Though we lose the CHALMERSSES of Mississippi we gain the ELLIOTS of Harvard. That is certainly a good exchange for the Democrats. College Presidents are preferable to negro-butchers.

-The tax-payer's interest requires a change in the county management. The right kind of a vote this year will make it easy work to bounce the incompetents out of the commissioners' office next year.

-When the farmers and the wage-earners are on their ear about the way their bills were kicked out of the Legislature, it isn't a good time for the Republican leaders to be offering prize banners for an increased vote.

-When Minister PHELPS, in making his speech to the German Emperor, spoke of "the aid that the German soldiers gave us when we were fighting to win our national independence," did he mean the Hessians?

-Every Democrat in the county should go to the polls in November. He will there meet many Republicans who are going to assist him in rebuking inefficient county management and profligate State government.

-It doesn't look well for the Republican organs to be now so rough on TANNER. It was only a few weeks ago that they held him up admiringly as the representative of Republican gratitude to the defenders of the old flag.

-Indications of uneasiness are appearing among the Republican organs over the prospect in Pennsylvania this fall. There must be something wrong with their principles when they lose confidence in 80,000 majority.

-BROWN wants to point with pride to the result of the county campaign, but FIEDLER doesn't want BROWN to have occasion to do any of that sort of proud pointing, as it would be likely to land BROWN in the post office.

-The Republican ringsters are sending Prohibition documents to Democrats who voted for the amendment. Of course this movement springs entirely from the deep interest they take in the cause of temperance and morality.

-The Philadelphia Inquirer speaks of the protection which "the farmer enjoys on his wool crop." The farmer would be better satisfied with such an enjoyment if he didn't see the wool crop growing smaller each year under a protective tariff.

-If the farmers think that it is the right thing to have their taxes increased by the underhanded valuation process, let them vote the ring ticket or stay away from the poles. They will thereby endorse the sort of business that is being done in the Commissioners' office.

-The farm of ROBERT CARSON, of Pine township, Lycoming county, which before the recent flood was worth \$8000, was sold the other day for \$2000. A high flood is as effective as a high tariff in knocking the value out of farm land. The only difference is that it takes a tariff longer to do it.

-The Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin is mistaken in believing that candidate FIEDLER wears moccasins in the still hunt he is alleged to be engaged in. Democrats are never shot that way. The only moccasin tracks that ever appeared on the surface of Pennsylvania politics were of Republican origin and were made by the CAMERONS.

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How a Great Railroad Maintains Its Superiority.

Railroads have become a part of the civilization of the age that could not be dispensed with, and among them the Pennsylvania road is ahead of all others in the qualities that constitute superiority. This circumstance is not accidental, but has sprung from the ability of its management and the experience and fidelity of those who occupy subordinate positions.

The estimation in which this great railroad is held is shown by an incident now transpiring. In the entertainment accorded by the government to the South and Central American members of the Pan-American Congress, the hospitality extended to them has included a trip of many thousands of miles through the country for their pleasure and instruction. It is the Pennsylvania railroad that is selected to convey this distinguished party through its extensive tour, it being the one deemed pre-eminently competent to furnish the most suitable accommodations, to effect the safest, most comfortable and expeditious transportation, and to give, through its reputation, an éclat to the trip that shall befit the high character of these national guests.

It is needless to say that the Pennsylvania Company is doing this duty in a style that no other could equal. The train it has placed at the service of the Spanish American representatives is a marvel of elegance and convenience; the engine is one of its best, a machine evolved from the skill and experience of its best mechanics, and the men who have charge of this perfect product of railroad development have been selected from the élite of its employes. Wherever this train shall go in traversing the 5000 miles that will be comprehended in the trip, it will herald the fame and testify to the greatness of America's leading railroad.

The high degree of excellence in everything connected with the Pennsylvania railroad has been attained only by the unremitting care and technical skill exercised in insuring perfection. Nowhere is this so conspicuous as in the system adopted for maintaining the condition of the track. No other company has so effective a method of exciting the emulation and stimulating the best exertions of those to whose care the track and road bed are committed. In another column we give an account of the inspection which takes place every year and which brings every foot of the road from Jersey City to Pittsburg under the scrutiny of the most experienced and sagacious railroad experts in the world. Rewards are given to the track bosses whose sections are in the best condition, and this stimulus exerts an influence that produces results which amply repay the liberality of the company and vindicate the wisdom of such a policy. This system has been pursued for years with an effect that shows itself in the safety and speed with which travel and general traffic are carried over this perfected avenue of transportation.

There was never anything visionary in the management of the Pennsylvania railroad. It has been all solid, concrete fact. The great achievements of the Company in every department of its enterprise have sprung from the thought and action of a combination of most remarkably practical men.

Defeated Labor Legislation.

The account of the manner in which the bills offered in the interest of working people were treated at the last session of the State Legislature, which we give in another column, will furnish interesting reading to those who make their living by hard work. There were a number of such bills introduced, touching the questions of semi-monthly payments of wages, pluck-me stores, employment of women and children, liability of employers in certain cases for injury done to workmen, check-weighmen for the benefit of miners, and others involving the interest and welfare of laboring men. Doubtless the parade that was made at the election of their friendship for the sons of toil by the supporters of the monopoly tariff, led the working people to believe that all that was necessary to have their bills passed was to ask the Republican Legislature to do it and it would be done in-stanter. But the re-

cord shows that the most important one branch they met with defeat in the other.

There is but one way by which the wage-earners of Pennsylvania can expect to secure the legislation that will benefit them and which they have a right to have, and that way is through the election of a Democratic Legislature and Governor. These officials are not to be elected this year, but the workingmen can do something in this year of grace that will greatly assist in electing next year the kind of Governor and Legislature that will accede to their demand for the legislation to which they are so clearly entitled.

A Set-back for Foraker.

FORAKER and his backers in Ohio are in a bad way and it all comes from their overanxiety to make out a bad record against CAMPBELL, the Democratic candidate for Governor. As the latter stands well with the Ohio people his enemies deemed it necessary for their success that they should make him appear to be no better than the ordinary Republican politician who is constantly trying to make money in some way out of the government. Therefore they represented that as a member of Congress he tried to induce the passage of a bill requiring the government to use in every precinct a patent ballot-box in which certain Ohio men were interested. It was charged that a company had been formed for the manufacture and sale of these ballot-boxes, three-twentieths of the capital stock of which were represented to be held by CAMPBELL. HALSTEAD went so far as to publish in his paper an alleged *fac simile* of the stock list in which CAMPBELL'S name was made to appear as one of the heaviest holders.

The Republican organs fairly gloated over this charge. The orators howled about it on every stump, and no subject ever caused FORAKER to sound a louder blast on his fog-horn. They thought they had the election sure by any majority that might be named.

At this stage of the comedy HALSTEAD gave it a tragical turn by coming out in his paper with the admission that the subscription list of the stock of the ballot-box company, with CAMPBELL'S name in it, was a vile forgery that had been imposed upon him by one of FORAKER'S unscrupulous henchmen, and that the charge of jobbery against the Democratic candidate rested upon nothing more substantial than a bare-faced lie.

It is easy to imagine how FORAKER'S jaw fell when this retraction was made public. It requires a pretty heavy shock to paralyze that jaw, but the exposure of this forgery has gone a great way toward it, and in November its paralysis will be completed.

A Song Out of Season.

The Daily News acknowledges the receipt of a campaign song which it didn't do right in not publishing, although it gave a few of the sentiments expressed in the interesting ditty. The poet is represented as bursting forth with the exclamation, "FLEMING is the leader who is always bound to win." Of the candidate for District Attorney he says, "We will vote for BILLY GRAY, he is just the man we want." Then he pays his respects to another candidate with the strain, "Three cheers for MÜSSER, he is the people's choice."

There isn't much poetry about this, and there is a good deal less fact. The only thing that FLEMING will win will be a complete drubbing at the polls; there is no part of the county where they are tearing their shirts to vote for BILLY GRAY, and MÜSSER isn't built to fit into a judge's chair, even if it is only an associate judge's.

Campaign songs don't count for anything this year. The people haven't forgotten that it was only last year that the Republican songsters bellowed through the country that if HARRISON and the high tariff were successful there would be "plenty of work and two dollars a day," with roast beef thrown in. After such an experience it would be difficult to sing FLEMING, GRAY and MÜSSER into office. But still the Daily News should have published the song in full as a curiosity. It would have furnished the voters something to laugh at.

The Right Kind of G. A. R. Talk.

It is encouraging to see that some members of the G. A. R. are beginning to kick against the licentious policy of making the public treasury the prey of the pension sharks. The better thinking class of soldiers comprehend the evil of using the government's bounty to the old soldiers as a means of political bribery, as is evidently intended by the politicians who are pushing indiscriminate pension schemes, and can fully measure the harm that such a policy inflicts upon the reputation of the veterans as a class and upon the welfare of the body politic. Noah L. Farnham Post, No. 458, G. A. R., of New York city, is one of the organizations which cannot approve of debasing the members of the order to the level of treasury raiders. At a meeting it held last week it passed the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, It is apparent to this post that the action of some Government officials and the ill-considered talk of some popularity seeking legislators (notably Senator Ingalls of Kansas) in regard to the pension laws are calculated to do serious injury to the hard-won reputation of good soldiers and the Grand Army; and

WHEREAS, The only veterans who are of right entitled to pensions are those whose pecuniary circumstances are so unfortunate as to justify them in burdening the country with their support, and who by wounds or disability incurred in the service of the country as combatants are prevented from earning a living in their respective callings, as they might have done had such wounds or disabilities not been incurred; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Army of the Republic is an association organized for the purpose of enabling old soldiers to take care of themselves and each other; and

WHEREAS, As much real patriotism may be displayed by refraining in time of peace from inflicting unnecessary burdens on the country as by coming to her defence in time of war; therefore be it

Resolved, That any old soldier who applies for or accepts a pension except under the conditions above set forth is in the opinion of this post, guilty of conduct calculated to injure the good men who were and are willing to give their blood and their lives for the country without any reward beyond the approval of their own consciences and that honorable fame which is dear to every patriot; and

Resolved, That the post strongly condemns any attempt to make use of the Grand Army of the Republic for political purposes or as an engine to aid in dissipating the surplus that has been accumulated in the Government Treasury by unwise and unnecessary taxation.

This is the only position that can be taken on the question of pensions by veterans who have respect for themselves and regard for the stability of our institutions. They cannot fail to see that to influence the votes of a large class by a bribe held out in the shape of government largess is to strike at the very foundation of our free government. And further, to indiscriminately admit to the list of pensioners every kind of claimant, endangers the perpetuity of the system, for the burden will become so heavy that the people in disgust will demand such a change as will affect the worthy with the unworthy. It is to the interest of the deserving class of soldiers to check the licentious use of pensions for political effect which burdens the people with unjustifiable expense and endangers the interest of these veterans whose condition worthily entitles them to the support of the government.

Adequate Punishment.

JOHN EISENBERGER was tied to the whipping post in Baltimore some days ago and thirteen lashes were laid on his bare back until the blood ran, as a punishment for having beaten his wife. He was so impressed by this style of treatment that he said he would leave the city, never to return.

We do things differently in Pennsylvania with our sublimated ideas of civilization which are far above the old fashion method of punishment at the whipping post. We allow the brutal wife beater, as in the case of the Philadelphia wretch, to slip through the hands of the officers of the law and then sneak back and murder the woman whom he had previously maltreated. If HORTONS, after abusing his wife, had been summarily punished at the whipping post, in all likelihood it would have induced his migration to other parts with the probability that his wife and mother-in-law would be living to-day and he not a prisoner in our jail awaiting a trial for murder. It was the trifling with his first offense that encouraged the commission of the second and the greater. The rough experience of the whipping post would have so impressed him with the conviction that the law meant business that he would have hesitated about exposing himself further to its penalties.

Why He Is Honored.

The meeting of the Democratic Societies of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia last Tuesday was an encouraging sign of a better order of politics in the old Keystone State. It was a movement in which not only the Democracy, but the friends of good and honest government generally, were interested, and it is gratifying to learn that the assembling of the societies was attended with the greatest enthusiasm and a determined purpose to advance the political reform so much needed in State and country.

An indication of the feeling of these assembled Democrats was furnished by the enthusiastic manner in which the mention of GROVER CLEVELAND'S name was met. The merest reference to him evoked round after round of applause. When the letter of the ex-President was read the excitement was beyond description, the audience cheering almost to the point of exhaustion. Why is it that this leader exerts such an influence upon the feelings of Democrats? Simply because they recognize in him an honest man whose only aspiration as a public servant was to advance democratic principles and promote the welfare of his country. A public character of this kind is always dear to the Democratic heart, and whether Mr. CLEVELAND shall again be the leader of his party or remain in private life, he will always be honored by those who believe that democratic principles and practices are necessary to a republican form of government.

Bold Rascality in Montana.

The Republicans having failed to carry Montana with money have determined to steal it and have set about it as coolly as a common thief would go about stealing a ham from a country smoke house. After the votes were counted they found themselves short of the number of members of the Legislature needed to give them the two United States Senators. By throwing out a certain voting precinct such a change can be made in the Legislature as will remove the obstacle to their getting the desired Senators, and it is accordingly announced that the precinct will be thrown out. The objection that it was carried by the Democrats is not to be considered when the advantage to be gained by throwing it out is needed to carry their point. But it is hardly probable that they will get the control of the Montana Legislature by such rascality, bold as it is. They tried to buy the State and failed, and now they won't be allowed to steal it. They will fail as completely in this dishonest enterprise as they did in West Virginia.

The Keystone Gazette last week was unusually tame in support of the county ticket. It is shrewdly suspected by those who think they can see into the motive for this lukewarmness, that it wouldn't suit FIEDLER'S designs to have the Republican county ticket elected this fall, for Chairman BROWN is working hard to bring about such a result and would have the credit for it, and as a natural consequence it would strengthen his claim to the Bellefonte post office. For reasons of personal interest FIEDLER doesn't want BROWN'S claim to the post office strengthened. If the ticket should be defeated by a thundering big majority the editor of the organ could point to it and say with plausibility: "Brown's no good; he can't run a campaign and isn't entitled to a share of the official spoils."

The proper thing for Democrats to do at this time is to arrange to get out the full party vote. There ought to be no trouble in polling 95 per cent. of the vote CLEVELAND had last fall in this county. That proportion of the Democratic ballots of the county cast at the coming election will insure a Democratic majority of 800 for the entire county ticket. This is the time to make arrangements for getting out the full vote.

Hopeless of electing anything in the county this fall, the Republicans are now offering to trade their entire ticket off for a vote for FLEMING for Prothonotary. No good Democrat will listen to overtures of this kind.

If you are a Democrat, remember the way to assist your party is to assist in getting the full Democratic vote to the polls.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-Two gunners near Williamsport found a snow white squirrel.

-Philadelphia fruit preservers are scotching the State for apples.

-A creamery at Kunesville was robbed of 200 pounds of butter.

-In Chester county there are twenty-seven registered veterinary surgeons.

-Green lane, Montgomery county, is the best shellbark locality in the State.

-It is calculated that at least \$100,000 will be realized by the Pittsburg Exposition.

-H. K. Polk, of Kennet Square, found a pheasant on the stairway of his house.

-Tools valued at \$1000 have been stolen piece-meal from a Pittsburg carriage factory.

-Erie consumers are up in arms because the rates for natural gas has been increased.

-South Bethlehem is raising funds to have a Philadelphia carpet firm remove its factory there.

-Two daughters of David Wills, of Gettysburg, will be married on the same night October 24.

-Just after his death a pension was granted to William H. Chillico, a veteran of the Mexican war.

-There are twenty-five saloons yet to be tried in Reading for violation of the liquor laws.

-Steel is being turned out of a Reading mill which is said to be superior to the Sheffield product.

-In the absence of a Bible a document was sworn to in the Reading Courts on a copy of Small's Hand Book.

-Mr. Earnest, of Norris town, was twice thrown from his carriage while out driving with his girl a few nights ago.

-The heart of a Reading dog which died in a Philadelphia dog infirmary was found clogged with hundreds of worms.

-The contents of a whiskey barrel in a Williamsport saloon was carried off by a thief who took it away by the bucketful.

-Alderman Pinkerton, of Lancaster, will name his new born twins after Grover Cleveland and Benjamin Harrison.

-The question is raised by a Chester paper whether or not the sidewalk is for the exclusive use of the store keepers.

-The heaviest real estate owner in Berks county is James G. Levensdorf, of Womelsdorf, proprietor of fourteen farms.

-A green mail agent on the Reading Road, road hung out the mail bag catcher and hooked a reel of hose from a water tank.

-Miss Elizabeth Barre, of Reading, has sued the street car company of that city for \$25,000 damages for the loss of a leg.

-Pittsburg cable gripmen and conductors are aggrieved because the company requires them to buy a \$17.50 uniform overcoat.

-The most wide awake man in town, says a Trenton paper, is Josh Dernan. His wife has just presented him with twins.

-A log loom company is contemplating the erection of a permanent splash-dam at Williamsport to facilitate the booming business.

-The father of Benjamin Hickman, of West Chester, kept a diary since 1801 to his death and since that time his daughter has assumed the diary.

-As he was sleeping on a bumper of a freight car near Attona, William Ryan, a Philadelphia tramp, had his legs jammed up into his body.

-Several stones, forming one ball-like mass twelve inches in circumference, were found in the stomach of a Hallowell horse which dropped dead.

-Five years ago John Bill, of West Chester purchased a 5 cent pencil and buried the seed. This season he picked eight baskets from the tree which grew therefrom.

-The Iron workers' association of Reading gave a royal welcome to its Treasurer, who had been imprisoned for violating the liquor laws, upon his release last week.

-Christian H. Showalter, salesman in a clothing house at Lancaster was convicted of having committed a felonious assault on Susanna Walton, who is not 16 years old.

-In order to vent his spite on a fellow jurymen a Pittsburg juror held out six months before he would agree to a verdict of any kind. The court reprimanded him.

-The editor of one of the York papers is appealed to by a miss for some reliable way of telling whether a man is truly in love with her or whether he is toying with her affections.

-Cornelius Crowley, of South Bethlehem whose body was found in the river there on Saturday, is believed to have been foully dealt with, and Coroner Weaver is making an investigation.

-Charles Tinboks, aged 30 years, was killed by a fall of coal on Tuesday in the Moffet mines Wilkesbarre, and John Arvik, aged 25 years was killed by a fall of rock in the Kingston No. 3 Mine.

-The Reading Iron Works, which failed six months ago, has offered its creditors 4 per cent. mortgage bonds guaranteed by the Reading Railroad Company at the rate of 50 per cent of the claim.

-The board of pardons at a special meeting refused to grant a reprieve to Peter Baranowski, who murdered two women in Schuylkill county, and is under sentence to be hanged on October 23.

-The neighbors of milkman Finnie, of Holland station, who is under bail for selling adulterated milk, have made up a purse to defend him, and to show up the unreliability of the milk testing apparatus.

-Peter Lammigan and a friend residing in Bridgeport, Montgomery county, were struck by a locomotive near that place on Saturday night. Lammigan died in three hours. His companion escaped unhurt.

-Isaac J. Gilbert, of Calverton township, Lancaster county, while putting a pair of hay ladders in his barn on Saturday, fell thirty feet and struck on a spike, which caught in its mouth tearing it to his ear.

-A witness in the Lancaster County Court opposing the granting of a license to G. B. Withers said that drunken men and women had held mock religious services in his house, using beer and whiskey for baptismal purposes.

-While Mary Tarwey was standing on a railroad platform at Glendon, Northampton county, on Sunday night, she was struck by the bumper of a passing engine, thrown under the wheels and had her leg severed above the ankle.

-While hunting back of Darmer, near Pittston, several days ago, a man came on a rattlesnake, and as he shot at it a wild-cat made a jump for him. His dog grabbed the wild-cat by the hind legs, and the wild-cat whined and sent the dog away yelping. Then the sportsman made a fierce kick, which sent the cat out of sight down a deep mine-hole.

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