

Ink Slings.

"Shape" is a nice thing to look at, but it isn't the most essential quality of a Governor.

Pittsburg's councilmen have refused to have their picture taken in a body. Were they afraid that some time in the future there might be occasion to use it for the embellishment of a rogues' gallery?

A Quay paper says "Republicans are active." The only Republican activity that is now observable is being directed against QUAY and his candidate, and its liveliness is likely to increase as the campaign progresses.

ROGERS, of Arkansas, the other day went for the Czar of the House with a charge of forensic dynamite that wasn't as dangerous as the favorite explosive of the Russian nihilists, but had the effect of driving the congressional despot into the cloak room.

There is a report that Spanish agents are at Washington trying to dicker Cuba off to the United States for the trifle of \$200,000,000. Do the Dons think that the pension grabbers need any assistance in getting to the bottom of Uncle Sam's bar?

There is nothing strange in the bribery of the Beaver county congressional conferees. The contagion of political rascality that pervades the Beaver atmosphere can be easily traced to its original source, where the responsibility for the demoralization belongs.

The Republican organs that haven't a word to say against QUAY'S \$200,000 raid on the State treasury, but profess to be morally shocked at BARCLAY'S drawing a prize in a lottery, display the most remarkable case of ethical obliquity that ever came under our observation.

The abject organs, in their eager haste to serve the Boss, are reading Mr. HENRY C. LEA out of the party. Mr. LEA will be out long enough to assist in subjecting the old party to the purge it is so much in need of. It is going to be drastic, and a scouring of its bowels may save the life of the moribund G. O. P.

While on the 14th of this month the French were celebrating with great enthusiasm the 101st anniversary of the fall of the Bastille, the American congress was deliberating upon a Force Bill that is more odious in its tyrannical intent than anything the old stronghold of French despotism could ever show.

The Inquirer, intending to be severe on WHARTON BARKER and HENRY C. LEA, says that their present attitude has been brought about by "disappointed hopes." There is some truth in this. They vainly hoped that their party would have too much pride to allow itself to be bossed by a treasury-raiding adventurer.

It hardly can be expected that Mr. BLAINE will throw himself into the vortex of the Pennsylvania campaign this year, as he did four years ago, and exert his magnetic influence in an endeavor to arouse enthusiasm for the Boss's candidate. The Secretary will attend strictly to official business while Mr. DELAMATER is being sealed.

The Record can't be reasonably charged with unnecessary cruelty in publishing the Press's strictures on EMERY'S exposure of DELAMATER'S delinquencies; but it is hardly humane for it to prolong the torture of its esteemed contemporary by keeping that article standing in its columns during the entire campaign. There should be a limit to punishment.

At the time the charge of bribery, forgery, perjury and general corruption was brought against DELAMATER by ex-Senator EMERY, the Philadelphia Press said to Mr. D., "You cannot afford to remain silent under accusations such as these." But it seems that so far as the action of the Press is concerned he can afford to be silent, for he doesn't say a word and the Press makes no sign of being "agin him."

President HARRISON, who in his gift cottage at Cape May seems to have been stung as much by public censure as by mosquitoes, now rises to the full dignity of his high office and declares that he will pay the rent of the Cresson cottage out of his own pocket. There are no mosquitoes at Cresson to bother the President, and he wants it to be understood that as a cottage-holder at that summer retreat there shall be "no dies on him," either.

A Methodist church in Lowell, Mass., has determined to use water instead of wine in its communion service because a communicant, who had been a drunkard, twice returned to his old habit in consequence of testing the contents of the communion cup. Possibly CHRIST didn't understand his business in directing such a tempting beverage to be used in the sacrament. At least that is to be inferred from the action of the Lowell Methodists.

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The Scranton Convention and Ballot Reform.

It seems to us that our esteemed Harrisburg Democratic contemporary is unnecessarily exercised about the Scranton platform not being explicit enough in its declaration for ballot reform. We think that in declaring for the Australian system, without involving it with the issue of a constitutional amendment, the convention covered the immediate necessities of the question. Anything more would have been surplusage that would not have added to the strength of its deliverance on the subject.

A reformed ballot, even with some remaining defects, would be of great service in the Presidential election two years hence. It would be immediately and beneficially serviceable without being perfected by a constitutional amendment. The perfection which such an amendment would secure would require at least three years to bring about. Valuable time and opportunity would be lost by such delay.

The Legislature that is likely to be elected this year will be pretty sure to favor the Australian system, which, if adopted at the next session, would be useful in the election of 1892. At any time after its adoption there will be nothing to prevent its being made perfect by a constitutional amendment that will do away with the numbering of the tickets which under the present law, as required by the constitution, interferes somewhat with a complete secrecy of the ballot. The reformed system could go on in its operation until that perfection should be reached. It would in fact aid in bringing about that final accomplishment, inasmuch as it would in a great measure protect the ballots of the people when they should come to vote on the amendment intended to make the system as perfect as it possibly can be made.

It is our opinion that the Scranton convention acted judiciously in declaring in general terms for ballot reform on the Australian plan without complicating the question at this time with specifications.

The Outrageous Force Bill.

The people do not generally comprehend the enormity of the outrage upon their liberties that is proposed to be perpetrated by the Force bill which has been devised by JOHNNY DAVENPORT, introduced by Representative LODGE, and is being put through congress under the lash of Dictator REED. It puts the federal elections, by which is meant the elections of Presidents and congressmen, entirely under the control of officers selected by the leaders of the political party which, at the time, may be in power.

These partisan agents will be authorized to supervise the registration of voters required by State laws. In other words, they shall have the power to reject from or add to the register of voters according to their determination as to what would be most advantageous to their party. They are to determine who shall be qualified to vote under the State laws, and that this power may be carried to the fullest extent, these supervisors, as they are called, shall have the right to take any ballots which the election officers may reject and put them into the box with their own hands, the election officers being deprived of the power to prevent it.

And as an additional entrenchment of the party that may control these supervisors, the law requires that when congressional candidates whom the election officers declare elected are different from those who are declared to be elected by the supervisors, it shall be the duty of the clerk of the House to put on the roll of the House the names of the persons whose election shall be certified by the latter. To completely fortify the power of these party agents in controlling the elections, they are authorized to "employ such part of the land or naval forces of the United States as shall be necessary to enforce the provisions of the law." The army and navy are thus intended to be used in keeping the Republican party in power.

There was never a more daring and reckless attempt made to subvert the liberties of the people than is apparent in the object of this bill.

The Difference.

The large towns in southeastern Pennsylvania are not making the increase in population that could be expected of them. For the capital of a great State and a town most magnificently located, Harrisburg makes slow progress, remaining still under 50,000, while the capitals of western States, like Columbus and Indianapolis, have reached or gone over the hundred thousand mark. This may be owing to the conservatism of the Pennsylvania German element that largely prevails in and around Harrisburg. For the same reason, perhaps, Lancaster and York continue to be only large-sized country towns. It was expected that Reading would make a better showing than it has, its population being but a little over 50,000, while Scranton, which ten years ago was a less populous city, closely reaches a hundred thousand. Is there not displayed in this comparison the difference between the slow-going German element and the alert and progressive New York and New England people who have contributed so much to the growth of Scranton?

The Anti-Quay Republicans.

This is going to be the most remarkable campaign this State has ever witnessed. When the fight shall warm up, thousands of Republicans will vie with the Democrats in performing a duty to the State and a service to decent government by defeating the representative candidate of a corrupt and arrogant Boss who has grown big-headed enough to believe that he owns Pennsylvania and can make her governors for his own personal use. From every part of the commonwealth arises the protest of Republicans who are going to vote against DELAMATER for no other reason than to retrieve their party from the disgrace of Quayism and all the dishonorable and debasing attributes which that term implies.

A leader among these Republican protesters is Mr. WHARTON BARKER, of Philadelphia, who in an interview with a newspaper correspondent last Saturday, gave the following outline of what the anti-Quay Republicans intend to do in this contest:

"You ask me," queried Mr. Barker, "whether I have received any letters from Republicans commending my step in coming out in support of Patterson? In answer I will say that from all over the State letters have been pouring in from prominent Republicans stating that not only would they support Patterson, but would use every honest endeavor to see that he was elected."

"I tell you," and Mr. Barker's hands came together with an emphatic slap, "there will be nothing short of a revolution in Pennsylvania politics in November. The Republican majority will divide away until nothing is left and the Democratic majority loom up in its place. It will be but history repeating itself, when Folger was snouted under in New York. I have received word from several exceptionally well-known Republicans, telling me that they intend taking the stump this year in the interest of the Democratic candidate. I am not at liberty to mention their names yet, as plans for the campaign have not yet been formulated."

"What are those plans?"

"Well, in a few days, probably a week, a conference of leading Republican politicians from the interior of the State will be held in my office and a plan of campaign agreed upon. To each man will be assigned some particular district, and he will have sole charge of working against Delamater in that section."

"Will you work in conjunction with the Democratic Committee?"

"No; that point we wish to make particularly apparent. We want to show that the Democratic State Committee and the Anti Delamater Committee are totally distinct organizations. The election of Mr. Patterson as Governor of Pennsylvania is, of course, the common objective point, but there will be no collusion of the Democratic and the Patterson-Republican forces."

"But why should you wish that fact made particularly apparent?"

"For this reason; we want to show that the Democrats unadvised would have probably—no, surely—lost. The entering of a Republican Committee in the interest of the Democrats is our protest against Quayism, and we—the Republicans who will not be ruled—will elect Mr. Patterson. We draw no party lines; we want to show to the entire United States that in this State at least there are men who, in the interests of honest government will rise superior to party politics and help elect the man, not at liberty to mention their names yet, who, in their minds, is best fitted for the position. Mark my words: In November you will see nothing short of a revolution in Pennsylvania politics."

"This is the programme which will be carried out by a large number of Republicans in defense of their party against the obloquy of being merely the personal property of such a character as M. S. QUAY. So far as they are concerned their part in the campaign will be a vindication of Republicanism against such a stigma."

Bribery in a Congressional Nomination.

An ugly case of bribery has been developed in the twenty-fifth congressional district of this State composed of the counties of Beaver, Butler, Mercer and Lawrence. In the Republican conference which did its work last week, TOWNSEND, the Beaver county candidate, who was QUAY'S man, was beaten by McDOWELL, of Mercer, after a long and tiresome contest. It now appears that the successful candidate resorted to the Quay tactics in defeating the Boss's candidate by buying the Beaver county delegates, TATE, DOWNING and SCHAEFER. All of them have confessed their guilt, each having received \$650, and \$250 was paid to the party that effected the sale. One of the scamps who allowed themselves to be used as political merchandise has made affidavit giving the details of the deal.

McDOWELL, who got away with the nomination by the use of money, thus beating the Boss and his man at their favorite game of boodle, has adopted the Quay policy of silence and declines to say anything about the ugly charges that are made concerning the manner in which he obtained the nomination. Probably he thinks that by saying nothing he will amply vindicate himself. In this he follows the example of the Boss. It remains to be seen whether the people, and particularly the outraged Republicans of the district, will accept it as a vindication.

It appears that the sum of \$3,134.45 has been screwed out of the school children of the State for the erection of a monument to E. E. HIGBEE, late Superintendent of the common schools of Pennsylvania. As there was nothing in Mr. HIGBEE'S official conduct to deserve such a memorial this contribution of the children's money is misapplied.

Mr. Lea's Arraignment of Quayism.

The letter of HENRY C. LEA, of Philadelphia, addressed to the Republicans of the State, which we republish in another column, is a remarkable document as coming from a Republican, in that it gives the strongest reasons why members of his party owe it to their self-respect and to the honor of their political organization to oppose the election of a State ticket that has been made at the command of a political boss who, charged with grave offenses, is unable to defend himself against the criminal imputations brought against him.

Mr. LEA is correct in assuming that the Republicans are really more interested in rebuking the arrogant roguery of QUAY, and in resisting his impudent assumption of supreme political control in the State, than are the Democrats, for in addition to the interest which they, alike with all other citizens, have in incorrupt and honest State government, they are also interested in rescuing their party from the stigma of being ruled—in fact, owned—by a character who can't refute the charge of being a public thief.

That DELAMATER was nominated solely because QUAY had determined that he should be, is a fact which is self-evident to every Republican, and it is also evident that QUAY intends that the election of his man shall be a vindication of himself. Republicans have stood a good deal in supporting questionable measures and upholding objectionable leaders—doing so for the supposed "good of the party," but when they are called upon to vindicate a treasury-raiding leader by electing a ticket which he has made to suit his own purpose, many of them will come to the conclusion with Mr. LEA that they had better vindicate their party against such a Boss by defeating his ticket. The Republicans, as a matter of self-respect and party reputation, have more to gain by such a course than have the members of the opposite party.

The Republican candidate expects to make his fine shape and genteel deportment the chief factors of his campaign, and will put them on exhibition in every part of the State; but, although under ordinary circumstances they might be considered recommending qualities, the people won't accept them as a sufficient counterpoise to the fact that he is the creature of a corrupt Boss and an instrument of the Standard Oil monopoly.

A Big-hearted Journal.

It was an inspiration of genius that prompted the Philadelphia Press's Most Popular Teachers' contest. As a newspaper enterprise it was uniquely original, and its originality had combined with it a large element of benevolence. In comparison with it the Nellie Bly enterprise was a mercenary advertising scheme. The Press succeeded in arousing a wider and livelier interest than ever before attached to a newspaper undertaking. There is no exaggeration in saying that the hearts of millions were in it. It was a wholesale enlistment of popular sympathy. And it is gratifying to believe that the far-reaching friendship that was displayed for the fair contestants has extended to and will abide with the big-hearted newspaper that has done much more than it promised. One lady teacher was to go to Europe, but three are sent across the ocean with a carte blanche to be happy to the extent of their capacity for happiness and to the full limit of the Press's ample means. Great is American journalism! Great is the Press!

Mr. Delamater's Personal Canvass.

The Republican candidate for Governor proposes to make a thorough canvass of the State and personally interview, as far as he possibly can, such members of his party as may be wavering in their support of the State ticket. This may afford him an opportunity to convince such dissatisfied Republicans that the following charges made against him by ex-Senator LEWIS EMERY, Jr., a prominent member of his own party, are not true:

I charge that he (Delamater) purchased his election to the Senate of this State in 1886, and that he directly bribed citizens of Crawford county to vote for him at the general election and that when a memorial had been contemplated to prevent him from taking the oath of office he paid large sums of money for the suppression of the said memorial.

I charge that he did take the oath of office, thereby committing a crime against the good name and statutes of the Commonwealth, and that during his services in the Senate he attempted to alter a public record by framing a conference report on a bill before it had been properly considered, contrary to all rules and practice, and signing or having signed the names of the committee, and in so doing offended the dignity of the Legislature and the law of the Commonwealth.

I make these charges without fear of contradiction, and court an action at law whereby I may set my proof before the people oath-bound.

Mr. Wallace is All Right.

A sarcastic grin prevailed among the Republican editorial fraternity immediately after the Scranton convention, occasioned by the report that Mr. WALLACE was so soured by the result of the convention's proceedings that he would go to Europe and remain out of the country while the campaign was going on. In the meantime his friends would be very lukewarm in the contest. There is nothing in this report that can afford the Republican papers any substantial comfort. Mr. WALLACE will be called away to England for a few weeks by pressing business, but the ticket will receive his hearty support, he having declared that on his return, which will be about the first of September, he will do his full part to secure its success, and that his friends will not be backward in giving it their support. The ex-Senator is too good a Democrat to be indifferent at such a political juncture as this, and too much interested in the honor and welfare of Pennsylvania to be out of a fight in which Republicans as well as Democrats will array themselves for the rescue of the State from the disgrace and ruin of corruption and disreputable bossism.

Secretary BLAINE is opposed to the Force Bill. He has also subjected his high tariff views to a considerable revision. If he goes on improving at this rate he will in time become almost as good as a Democrat.

Spawls from the Keystone.

The General Iron Ore Mines supply twelve furnaces.

All games of chance will be prohibited at the Berks county Fair.

A relief fund has been started at Pittsburg for the Dunbar unfortunates.

Lycoming county is overrun with millions of loads the size of a grain of corn.

Allegheny county has made an increase of 54 per cent. in population in ten years.

Berks county census enumerators sat down to a banquet together at Reading.

A Chester street railway company gives its employees an annual ice-cream treat.

Pittsburg's modest councilmen have refused to have their pictures taken in a body.

The Lebanon match factory received an order for ten car loads of matches recently.

An undertaker has been arrested at Pittsburg for obstructing traffic with a funeral.

A candle fell into a child's coffin at South Easton, and the corpse was nearly cremated.

This year's crop of wheat in the Schuylkill Valley will average twenty bushels to the acre.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of Chester will war on indecent cigarette pictures.

Fish wardens say that the Hungarians along the Schuylkill kill the fish with dynamite.

The Sheriff of Montgomery county complains that he is kept too busy selling out falling farmers.

A resident of Wayne complains that no enumeration of the census of that place has been taken yet.

The total contributions raised from the schools of the State for the Highbee memorial amount to \$13,344.45.

At Pittsburg a suit for assault has been brought against a man who rubbed his stubble beard over a child's face.

A notorious woman of Lancaster went driving with an old lover after she had just been married to another man.

The annual meeting of the State Commission having charge of the Soldiers' Orphan School was held at Harrisburg.

Detective Lyon, of Reading, who was recently acquitted of blackmail but saddled with the costs, will have \$365 to pay.

In a letter to a friend at Pottstown Henry S. Longaker threatens to bring a "pet" tarantula home with him from Missouri.

Nockmixon township, Bucks county, boasts of a four-legged duck, which uses them all in a way that is a sight to see.

Hamilton Assembly, Knights of Labor, will have the semi-monthly pay set enforced in all Lancaster industrial establishments.

Charles Kern, of North Whitehall, Lehigh county, lies dangerously ill from the effects of an attack made upon him by his own dog.

The committee having charge of the Royer's Ford camp meeting has decided to allow the ice-cream stands to do a Sunday business.

Reuben Watson, Superintendent of Mrs. G. Dawson Coleman's farms, near Lebanon, on Tuesday fell from a haymow and was killed.

While the wheat crop in Chester county, except in the southern portion, is a short one, the yield of hay is unprecedented in quantity.

Sixteen telegraph poles out of nineteen just South of Ottsville, were struck by lightning during Thursday's storm and knocked to pieces.

Harrison Rider, a Chester miser, was badly injured by a fall out of a window a week ago, and has refused to secure medical attendance.

In a lecture at Susquehanna on Wednesday night Mr. Powderly said the Knights of Labor are not at war with any other labor organization.

After a barn raising in Lancaster county, the structure was tested by placing in it eleven women whose combined weight was 2940 pounds.

A pair of hogs weighing 900 pounds both died of the heat while being carried to Philadelphia last week in a wagon from West Chester.

At Swamp, Montgomery county, Clinton Shreeve, a farm hand, shot Louisa Brundt, 14 years of age, dead, and then put a bullet into his own brain.

Mrs. Adam Wucher, of White Hall, who has been fasting for 105 days, is falling rapidly but refuses to eat, as she says she "wants to go where the angels dwell."

Al. Lawrence, of Chester, made a flying machine, with which he flew(?) from the roof of his house down into the yard. He had expected to make a tennis trip.

County Treasurer Megal has brought suit against forty-five persons in different sections of Berks county to recover the mercantile tax recently levied by the Appraiser.

A premature blast at the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's quarry, near Huntingdon last Friday killed G. L. Seerist, of Hill Valley, and badly injured Robert S. Houtz, of West Huntingdon.

Hon. James W. Latimer, Additional Law Judge, was appointed President Judge of York county in place of the late Judge Gibson. The successor of Judge Latimer has not yet been appointed.

Ex-Councilman William Thompson, of Reading, was arrested in church, where he is an exhorter, charged with inflicting probably fatal injuries upon Charles Wesley, while ejecting him from his house.

John Hammer, a Lancaster county farmer in good circumstances, was found dead from paralysis of the heart on the banks of Chickies Creek last Saturday. He had left home an hour before for a day's fishing.

Benjamin Kalls, a young man residing at Steve Station, near Pottstown, in attempting to board a train, fell under the wheels, thereby losing his left arm and leg and a portion of his right foot. He is still living.

Rufus Johnson, of Northumberland, was arrested on Friday on a warrant sworn out by Alonzo Robbins, President of the Pharmaceutical Examining Board, charging him with keeping a drug store without a proper diploma.

The Gettysburg State monument commission had a meeting with representatives from the 1st, 2d, 5th, 6th and 11th, Pennsylvania Reserve Regiments at Gettysburg. Sites for the memorials of the various regiments were selected.

The corner stone of St. Mark's Catholic Church, at Allentown, was laid with appropriate ceremonies last Sunday. Rev. Father Wall, Vicar general of the Pittsburg diocese, delivered the address to about 5000 people. The church will cost \$33,000.