

Ink Stings.

The winter is getting exceedingly "Chile" for Mr. EGAN and other of Uncle Sam's boys whose fortunes have led them to Santiago.

The Republican newspapers of Ohio have Governor CAMPBELL \$150,000 in debt, but that won't keep him out of the gubernatorial mansion.

Mother nature evidently didn't know that the G. O. P. had an infant tin industry to nurture or she would not have been so prolific with her fruit, this season.

The CLEVELANDS have rather unexpectedly returned to New York to await an event which will put the great metropolis two laps ahead of the "Forest city."

An extra session of the Senate has been called and now it will cost the state at least \$50,000 to find out which one of her officials has played the part of Judas.

Verily, if old DIOGENESE were alive to-day and should again start on his search for an honest man the oil in his lamp would burn very low before he'd find one.

A recently enacted Mexican law puts a tariff of seventy-five cents, a pint, on our beer. They have a great lot of "growlers" down there, but they "speak easy."

With BARDSELY in the penitentiary, LIVSEY a fugitive and McCAMANT in disgrace, boss QUAY will be equal to the emergency and take the place of them all.

The new whale back steamers may be all right for freight service, but it is absolutely unkind to make "Jonahs" out of all tourists simply because some passenger lines want to adopt the new model.

This strange when, according to McCAMANT, BARDSELY and the city of Philadelphia were so hard up, that he, McCAMANT, should have the heart to make the poor old man pony up with so many neck ties.

JOHN BARDSELY sent him Onyx clocks and neck ties too, and fattened up his bank account, Oh, how it grew; and succeeded in getting him in a pretty "How'd you do." "That was Love. That was Love."

JOHNNY BULL will soon know that we Americans are getting just a trifle "too fast" for his people. To think that the Philadelphia cricketers should have the audacity (?) to defeat Lord HAWKE and his team of gentlemen.

Mrs. FITZSIMMONS will have ample time to theorize on the question "Is marriage a failure?" while languishing behind the bars of an Allegheny county prison, and all because she had taken a murderer "for better or for worse."

If Mr. ELLIS and his rain making machine would only explode a few bombs over some of Pennsylvania's corrupt officials, and give them a thorough cleansing, the stench arising from our public offices would probably be abated.

It is said that McCAMANT'S favorite neckwear was always in the check pattern, but if things continue to heat up as they have been doing for the last couple of weeks, he might be called upon to help "HONEST JOHN" cultivate a taste for stripes.

It has been said that some of those who sit highest in the seats of government have long since forgotten how to pray. We'll gamble that the Plumed Knight sent up a fervent "Thank God!" when he read of the death of Dr. BURCHARD.

WANAMAKER'S scheme to have his political henchmen, the county seat postmasters, crack the whip over the heads of the other post office officials, in their county, is quite in accord with his usual long headed policy to keep his machine well in hand.

Poor old FORAKER is not getting much of a chance to blow his horn in Ohio this fall; MCKINLEY'S boat sails smoother without the discordant fog horn and then many unwittingly fall into the very place where Joe's constant toot warred them off during the last campaign.

The peanut crop is a partial failure probably because MCKINLEY did not increase the tariff on them sufficiently. He increased the duty on apples to fifty per cent. and just see what a crop we had. The duty on agricultural products made nature expend her energies on the crop. But as he did nothing for peanuts, nature, MCKINLEY'S hand maiden, did likewise.

The suicide of BOULANGER relieves the French Republic of a political bombast whose egotism was a constant menace to that government. About the only good thing his career inspired was the composition of a very pretty piece of band music. There is not much danger, however, of the angel choir having to practice the BOULANGER March for his reception as good old St. Peter will undoubtedly say "A bas BOULANGER!" when the gay Frenchman trips up to the gates.

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An Extra Session Called.

By this time there are very few residents of Pennsylvania who have not heard that Governor PATTISON has called an extra session of the State Senate to convene on Tuesday, Oct. 13th. The recent investigations relative to the affairs of JOHN BARDSELY, late Treasurer of the city of Philadelphia, have unearthed so much crookedness in the offices of the State Treasurer and Auditor General that the Governor has found it incumbent upon him to reassemble the Senate for the purpose of probing the charges preferred against these two state officials.

Whether the Senate will do its duty in the investigation is a question which time alone will answer. The Democratic contingent, being so hopelessly in the minority, can do nothing to help the Governor clear up the scandal which threatens to leave a blot on the history of the grand old Keystone, but it is to be hoped that every member, irrespective of party feeling, will turn in and lend his most earnest effort to the ferreting out of all the rottenness in our government. Every Senator is cognizant of the fact that to hesitate in this extremity is but a betrayal of the trust which he has sworn to keep.

The State is thoroughly aroused to the call for an investigation and the quicker the thing is cleared up, the better. If Mr. McCAMANT and Mr. BOYER are guilty of the grave charges preferred against them, and every day new evidence is being brought forward which seems to indicate that they are, then impeachment is the only resource. Here the question arises, however, will the Republican Senate lend itself to a proceeding which will remove, in disgrace, members of its own party? for already the too radical Republican Press is trying to cover up its party's corruption by ascribing the whole thing to "a Democratic greed for political capital on which to run this fall's campaign." Whatever the result, there is but one course for the Senate to pursue and that is to cast partisan affiliations to the winds and go in for a full, fair and impartial investigation.

The independent Republican Pittsburg Dispatch gives the following sensible view of the situation: "The action of Governor PATTISON in calling a special session of the Senate with reference to the charges concerning the State Treasury management rises far above politics. It simply presents the question whether the public interests shall be protected and honesty and fairness in the management of the public funds ensured, by investigation and punishment where there is reason to suspect crookedness."

In taking this step the Governor has done nothing more than to discharge a public duty. If after the primal indications of crookedness that have been produced, the constitutional methods for disclosure and removal, if the charges are substantiated, were not resorted to, there would be no check upon the action of dishonest officials, nor any reason why the plunderers of public funds should restrain themselves. The Governor does nothing more than is plainly imperative upon him in calling the Senate together to do its part by investigation and appropriate action.

It ought to be plain to all minds, not bound up by mere partisanship, that the issue thus presented rises far above politics. Besides the question whether the fiduciary duties of those entrusted with the public funds shall be honestly performed, and whether any charges of breach of duty shall be promptly investigated, the supremacy in the State offices of one party or the other is utterly unimportant. Whatever political results may ensue will result naturally from the state of facts exposed, and from the willingness of politicians either to investigate fairly or to cover up crookedness. For all such political effects the condition of things and not the Executive who calls for investigation will be responsible.

Governor PATTISON has done his duty in taking the first step for investigation. The Senate should perform its part of investigating and acting on the facts exposed with equal promptness.

It will be worth far more than \$50,000 to know who stole the \$1,300,000, for then the voters of the commonwealth will find out whose fingers are too long.

Are Political Clubs Beneficial?

The recent telegram sent by GROVER CLEVELAND to HENRY BRUM, president of the Democratic clubs of Washington, and his congratulations and words of advice read before the convention, at Spokane Falls, on September 24th, as well as the great publicity given the proceedings of the recent Republican convention at Scranton evolve the question: Are Political clubs beneficial? or to be more specific. Is the organization of clubs, by either party, either beneficial to the party effecting their organization or to the individual membership thereof?

The clubs we have reference to are not the "mush room," temporary organizations for campaigning purposes, but the regular assemblages of members of the same party for the purpose of effecting permanent organization. The "torch light" and "drum corps" clubs which spring up everywhere on the eve of a campaign are of no real value, to the party to which they adhere, other than to catch the few non-thinking voters who are attracted by the gaudy uniform and flaming torch, while those organizations of men which we see springing into existence every day, whose aim and intent is to furnish a means whereby their members can cooperate in the discussion of political issues, are the ones to which a party can look for strength and support. In the membership of such clubs can always be found names prominent in the community in which they are located and it is in this way that men who have not the time nor opportunity to keep themselves abreast with the issues of the day receive valuable information on matters of vital interest to themselves.

It is true that many wrong ideas are conceived from the erratic harangues, delivered by bigoted partisans, on meeting nights, but they are not to be compared with the world of good and enlightenment that is received from the quiet and friendly discussions into which men naturally enter when thrown together for an evening or a few hours during the day.

If every town and township in the United States had a permanently organized club, of the members of the Democratic and Republican parties, there would be less deception practiced by candidates and stump speakers and more judgment exhibited by voters than we find to be the case to-day, and from the concerted action of such organizations there would evolve broader and purer politics, and the mechanism of our government, simple though it is, would not be continually clogged at the hands of party bosses and corrupt officials.

In this issue of the WATCHMAN will be found a partial statement of the accounts of the Overseer's office, over which the Gazette is making so much fuss. Mr. SCHOFIELD'S statements seem to be perfectly straight forward and will doubtless satisfy the citizens of Bellefonte that he has been grossly maligned. However, we are somewhat at a loss to understand why it is necessary for him to publish a statement of the accounts at all, for anyone can see by a perusal of the article which appears in the Gazette that every order that was paid was presented by parties meriting help, and surely Mr. SCHOFIELD is not to be held responsible if our town has more poor to be kept during one year than another. If any crookedness should be discovered in the orders, or the payment thereof, then it would be becoming the Gazette to try to unearth it, but the idea of a journal's tramping up such bosh, with which to deceive the people, is absolutely silly.

Governor WILLIAM EUSTES RUSSELL, of Massachusetts, has received his fourth nomination to head triumphant Democracy in the Bay State. The confidence which the New Englanders have reposed in Governor RUSSELL, even though he is but thirty four years old, is a handsome testimonial of their appreciation of his honorable record. The great revolution which has taken place among the young men of Massachusetts, and the change in their political views, is a sure indication that it is only a matter of time until Democracy will be victorious over all New England.

The Dilemma of the Bosses.

Day by day the situation with respect to the defrauded Treasury of the State of Pennsylvania, and the direct conduct of the accounting officers of the State grows more interesting. The publication in the public prints, of the correspondence of the Auditor General and the State Treasurer with the convict Treasurer of Philadelphia, was speedily followed by the proclamation of Governor PATTISON calling a special session of the Senate to take action in the premises. Among all classes alike without regard to party affiliations, men who think, were convinced by a perusal of this correspondence that the accused officials were guilty of grossly improper conduct, although there might be a question as to whether the proof was sufficient to convict them of their misdoings in the courts of justice.

In striking contrast with the diplomatic conduct of District Attorney GRAHAM and the Republican managers in Philadelphia who had original control of the case, is the conduct of the fearless Democratic Governor in applying the heroic remedy to this malady which has brought the body politic nigh unto death. The situation is extremely alarming to the Republican leaders of Pennsylvania. They control the Senate by a large majority. They may be able to delay investigation in the case and postpone and possibly avoid entirely, final action upon it, but the great tribunal of public opinion will pass judgment upon the party which they represent, and it will be no longer an individual or two who will be held responsible for the wrong, but the party itself will stand convicted of attempting to cover up the crimes of its representatives and to save itself at the expense of the public weal.

It is to be expected in this trying dilemma, the Republican managers will raise the cry that this is simply a piece of political clap trap on the part of Governor PATTISON and his advisers, and that the special session is part of the political campaign now being waged by the Democratic party, but the fact still remains that Governor PATTISON is too well known to the people of Pennsylvania for them to believe that unless he was convinced by a conscientious sense of his duty, and impelled to action by higher motives than those which inspire the partisan, he would have ever called into play the machinery of the office which he holds. Recognizing that the best interests of the people lay in this direction, he has not hesitated to act. Knowing the significant character of the evidence which has already been presented and is likely to be brought out, the defenders of the accounting officers of the commonwealth are already beginning to put in the plea of confession and avoidance.

They can not help but admit that there has been gross negligence on the part of these officials, but they are charging that it has been the custom of the accounting officers, in the past, in this particular. But the law which has been laid down for the guidance of the Auditor General and State Treasurer is a plain one. It was the duty of these officers to see to it that no county official charged with the collection of State funds, failed to report the amount collected by him quarterly, and to make payment to the Treasury of the State of all moneys in his hands on this account, quarterly or oftener if the accounting officer saw fit to demand it. The friends of the State Treasurer are naturally very much incensed that he also has been included in the proclamation of the Governor, but no other consistent course lay open. The same law which applies to the Auditor General, applies to the State Treasurer. If the one was direct in duty, the other has been so also. Herein lies a little history which dates back to that period in the financial affairs of Pennsylvania when the once powerful MACKAY and QUAY ring were first obtaining a foothold in political affairs. It was found convenient when the Auditor General of the State was not willing to be a party to all their schemes to devise legislation which gave to the State Treasurer equal powers with him, and so it was that as time went on, the State Treasurer came to have full power to compel settlements from county and other officials with that possessed by the Auditor General. These "chickens have come home to roost." It is unfortunate now that the State

Treasurer has been clothed with equal power with the Auditor General, for it would be a most convenient way of escape for him to simply claim that he was but the custodian of the funds, and that the Auditor General was the collector.

Taken all in all, the Republicans are in a dreadful dilemma. Which horn they will seize, they are at a loss to determine. If they cast obstructions in the way of investigation, they will be crushed by the condemnation of the public. If they conclude to make a sacrifice of the Auditor General, they lose their political power. It remains to be seen what course in their wisdom they will pursue.

It Would be a Valuable Acquisition.

The various newspaper comment concerning the feasibility of annexing the Sandwich Islands, forming the kingdom of Hawaii, to our government, is arousing universal interest among public men. No one seems to think that these little islands, eight in all, covering a territory of 6000 square miles and enjoying a temperate climate, with natural resources, rich and prolific, would not make a valuable addition to the United States. Lying as they do in the middle of the Pacific and about half the distance from San Francisco that they are from Melbourne, in Australia, and Canton, in China, they afford a most convenient haven for repairing merchantmen and whalers that traverse the ocean.

A chance like this is what our government has long been looking for and it should be worked as hastily as possible. There was some talk that Queen LILIOUHALANI favored the English, but it is in error and even if she did she could not hold out long against the overwhelming sentiment of her subjects. There is a deep underlying sentiment in Hawaii in favor of annexation to the United States. Even the native Hawaiian paper Ka-So is pronounced in its favor. It would be going too far to say that the sentiment, as a whole, is in favor of annexation, but there is a very strong undercurrent, and it is growing. It is believed that so far as the sugar business is concerned annexation would bring the islands under benefit of the bounty law. Our sugar interests have been so demoralized by the McKinley bill, involving as it also does our labor problem, that there is a feeling that something must be done.

It is not thought that annexation of the islands would be in any way an infringement of the Monroe doctrine. Hawaii is directly in the path from San Francisco to the Occident and a straight line drawn from the end of the proposed route of the Nicaragua Canal to Hong Kong strikes the island square in the center. All the papers received from the islands and interviews with persons just arrived from there seem to indicate that the sentiment for annexation is growing and there seems to be a definite opinion that it is sure to come.

Private Let Her Be.

Some of the citizens of Michigan have urged Secretary TRACY to inflict the name Grand Rapids upon that pride of our new navy, the triple-screw cruiser No. 12, popularly known as the Pirate. Perhaps to the minds of these Michiganders there is something peculiarly suggestive and appropriate in this application of the terms Rapids and Grand to the high speed and other great qualities of our latest cruising war ship. But such a designation would be about on a par with some names that have been given to horses whose exceptional speed deserved a better fate.

The citizens of Chattanooga, also, who have no false modesty about their town, suggest that its name would look very well on the Pirate. But apparently this vessel, under existing laws, should have the name of a State, as she will be of the first rate, her tonnage displacement far exceeding what is required for that purpose.

If Secretary TRACY can induce Congress to modify the existing statute in regard to naming the ships, there can be no better solution of the question than to allow Cruiser No. 12 to carry into service the name which popular affection and interest has already attached to her. Why should she not sail as the Pirate?

Spawls from the Keystone.

Reuben Boig drowned himself at Sunbury Monday.

Diphtheria in alarmingly prevalent in Wilkesbarre.

Huntingdon county cattle show signs of Texas splenic fever.

A burglar shot at Mrs. John Ewing, in Reading, but she dodged.

Full time is the order of the day in the Conestoga coke regions.

Annie McElroy, while picking coal at Allentown, was killed by a train.

Moosic mountain black bears are raiding South Canaan farmers' pig sties.

The Coroner's jury at Bristol declared that John Chase killed James Mahan.

A 2 year-old daughter of Frederick Dotter, Lebanon, choked to death on a walnut.

Wounds received in the war have just killed Peter T. Philippi, a Reading Alderman.

Henry Binkley, stonemason, of Shaffers-town, fell from a house and smashed his skull.

While chestnutting near Harrisburg Alnos Beckinger fell from a tree and broke his neck.

Home-grown strawberries have sold for fifty cents a quart at Reading within the past few days.

A squeeze occurred at Marvine Shoot, near Scranton, but all the workmen escaped without injury.

Charles W. Dean has been elected principal of the Indiana normal school, to succeed Dr. Snyder.

The 23 Reading colleges in the Shenandoah Valley started yesterday, with 600 hands on full time.

An Elk county jury found Charles Sprague guilty of assaulting Lewis Van Vleet, with intent to kill.

Presbyterians at Reading are building a \$50,000 church, and the Baptists will build one to cost 30,000.

Luzerne county's three Judges yesterday decided that all county officials are affected by the Salary law.

Mrs. Susan Shelly, of Springfield, Bucks county, was found dead in bed, apoplexy being the cause.

A charter was granted to the Athens Electric Light, Heat and Power Company of Bradford county.

It is said that the Board of Charities will not meet again to investigate the Harrisburg State Lunatic Asylum.

The Standard oil company is erecting tanks for 750,000 barrels in the McDonald petroleum field west of Pittsburg.

A stray cat, probably mad, flew at Henry Blank, of Upper Merion, Lehigh county, and bit him. He fears hydrophobia.

At New Florence, sixty men employed by the Pennsylvania railroad company, were arrested for working on Sunday.

Twenty-five acres of abandoned coal workings on Leggett's Creek, near Wilkesbarre, caved in, and 400 employes are idle.

Shippensburg claims the only flag signal service of the weather bureau in Pennsylvania outside of Philadelphia and Harrisburg.

Twenty-three freight and coal cars and an engine were wrecked in a collision on the Lehigh Valley railroad near Catsaqua.

Dr. Neyses, of Binghamton, N. Y., recovered his children from C. C. Long, at Homestead, and exploded an abduction story.

Paul Harvey, a 4 year-old, climbed into his father's buggy, at Phillipsburg, with a match set himself on fire and burned to death.

Charles Stappen, 11 years old, died at his home in Philadelphia, on Sunday, of a congestive chill, the result of excessive bathing.

A young man, giving the name of L. L. Johnson, was arrested in Lebanon the other night for insulting little girls, and was fined \$5.

A committee of citizens and officials of Lebanon inspected the water supply dams of that city and found nothing pointing the water.

Fred W. Porter, who runs a hack line at Swarthmore, has been arrested for setting fire to cotton in the station of the Pennsylvania, at that place.

Preston R. Dry, of Lyons, Berks county, writes to say that he is not the Chester suicide who was identified as being the well known school teacher.

Mrs. B. B. Myers, of Strasburg township, of Lancaster county, was fatally burned Saturday morning. Her clothing caught fire from a kitchen stove.

Bertha Beck, aged 9 years, of Lancaster, who three years ago was abducted into the woods and found nearly dead, died of diphtheria yesterday.

John Giroc, a Hun, living at Silver Brook, Schuylkill county, died the other day, after confessing to a priest that he had killed three men for plunder.

James Howells, aged 18 years, and Robert P. Owens, aged 22 years, were instantly killed in the mines, at Ladin, yesterday by a heavy fall of coal and rock.

"God be with you till we meet again," sang a party of Allentown preachers as they start for the Bowmanite Evangelical Convention in Indianapolis.

Benjamin Franklin Valentine died at his home, near Kennett Square, Saturday, aged seventy seven years. The deceased was a prominent Republican politician.

Judge Metzger, of Williamsport, has decided that the Pleasant Hill Cemetery Company of Hughesville cannot collect assessments from Joseph Hill to keep up the cemetery.

While endeavoring to separate two men who were fighting, Benjamin Fritz, a Bort township, Lancaster county, farmer, was fatally cut in the head with an axe by George Saut man.

The Methodist Episcopal conference at Uniontown, Fayette county, in which 29 clergymen represent 45,000 members, a vote will be taken on Wednesday on the admission of women as lay delegates to general conferences.

Two thousand persons have been invited to attend the Birdsboro marriage ceremony of Miss Annie Clymer Brooke, of Birdsboro, to Blair Lee, of Washington, on Thursday. Special trains will be run from Philadelphia and Washington.

Judge Rockefeller refused to grant naturalizing papers at Sunbury to a number of aliens, on the ground that they were not familiar with the Federal Constitution. The foreigners will make application for their papers in another court.

Miss Nellie Williams, a young woman of Nanticoke, who recently eloped to England with J. B. Shearn, a mine operator, while there was paid by Shearn's father enough money to educate herself in music at the Boston conservatory, who Shearn left her and returned to his family.