

Ink Slings.

The man who stands hard times best is the one who sits down at the free lunch counter most.

Mr. QUAY has declared against "a greater Pittsburg" and straightway the Smoky city has declared for a lesser QUAY.

The CARLISLE currency bill met its death blow soon after its being presented in the lower house of Congress, HILL goes on fighting the income tax law and the Democratic demoralization is complete.

The Bethlehem, Pa., iron works have received the contract to furnish the armor plate for two new battleships for the Russian navy. What say you to this, Republicans, who howled against the WILSON bill?

The Japs celebrated their many victories over the Chinese at Tokio on December 9th. There is every reason to believe that the vanquished Chinamen were equally delighted that the celebration was held at home and not on their soil.

WARWICK is a formidable name, but just wait until the Democrats of Philadelphia get a whack at the fellow who is running for mayor down there and all the traditions concerning the indomitable old English earl will be knocked as high as GILROY'S kite.

The fall of the French cabinet was the sensational event on Monday. It went down under a dispute on the money question, but, thanks to the recuperative powers of the French people, a new one will be formed and the Republic will flow on as if nothing had happened.

The other evening, during a Methodist revival in Tyrone, the smell of brimstone became so strong that the meeting became very panicky. The members said they thought the place was on fire, but we rather think the smell of these satanic fumes, during a strong Methodist sermon, was the cause of their alarm.

BILL COOK, the western out-law, was no sooner arrested than he began to protest his innocence of all the crimes charged to him. Any lies on the part of WILLIAM, at this juncture of the game and in the face of western justice, will only tend to hasten the day when he'll be consigned to a region where he'll learn what's in his name.

A Seaford, Del., man has written the Philadelphia Record suggesting that it advocate the abolishment of the income tax and the adoption of a tax on all unmarried men. The idea is not altogether a new one, but we'll bet dollars to doughnuts that that fellow has married the wrong girl and wants to get even with bachelors, whom he envies.

It is now HASTINGS, MAGEE and MARTIN combining to down QUAY and CAMERON. You can see it sticking out everywhere among HASTINGS' friends who hope to give him ascendancy in the State over the two Senator bosses. Relief from QUAY rule would certainly put the people of the State under many obligations to the new combine, but the question arises: Will it be any better itself?

Council is just as important a body to Bellefonters as Congress is to the United States. It should be seen to, therefore, that the right men are elected next month. A new member must be elected from each ward. Would it not be a wise plan, since so many men in whom the people have banked have fallen into bad ways after their election, to choose new members, whose residences are not on streets already represented in the municipal body?

In his address before the students of Cornell University, on Founder's day at that institution, CHARLES A. DANA, editor of the New York Sun, took about an hour in telling how a great newspaper is made. During the course of his remarks he stated that there are two classes of newspapers: "One edited for fools, the other for wise men." Mr. DANA, parenthetically remarked that it required just as much brains for the one as for the other. This statement was doubtless made to set at ease any lurking suspicion his hearers might have had as to the condition of the old men's mind.

Senator J. P. S. GOBIN is receiving the censure he so thoroughly deserves for having introduced a resolution in the Senate to postpone action on the confirmation of several appointments Governor PATTON recommended just before he retired. GOBIN is remembered as the man who defeated the bill, offered at the request of the Grand Army posts of the State, to prohibit the sale of liquor on Memorial day and when his character is viewed in the light of that action it is readily seen how he could become so little as to block the appointment of men to office, whose only disqualifications are that they are not Republicans.

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What Two Months Have Brought About.

No one would have ventured to predict that within two months from the time when the Republicans of Philadelphia rolled up their biggest majority the leaders would get into a fight among themselves that would endanger the success of their party at the next municipal election. Looking from the standpoint of an 80,000 majority such a "calamity" scarcely appeared to be within the range of possibility, and yet it was not unnatural for the seeds of disruption to be contained in that big majority. It made the leaders reckless and contentious over the prospective spoils of such an excessive supremacy.

There are various theories as to the cause of the disruption that made itself boisterously manifest in the bitter fight over the mayoralty nomination in the city convention. The action of MARTIN and PORTER is said by some to have had its motive in their determination to protect their interests in certain jobs with which they are personally connected, PORTER being a partner in the company that has control of the asphalt paving bonanza. PENROSE, whom they turned down, was not in sympathy with their jobbing interests; besides the course he took in the Legislature for the abolishment of the plundering Public Building's Commission made him objectionable to the political contractors who hope to be able to continue working that source of municipal spoils, and in other respects he has not the confidence of the politicians whose living depends upon the pillage furnished by the different departments of the city government. There are \$35,000,000 to be spent during the coming year, as planned by the lavish projects of the municipal ringsters, and with such a vast expenditure supplying liberal percentage of pickings and stealings, it wouldn't do for those practical politicians to run any risk as to the Mayor that would best suit their purpose. They didn't have confidence in PENROSE.

The nominating convention showed how completely the Philadelphia Republican organization is under the control of its worst element as represented by DAVE MARTIN. Two days before the meeting there was every appearance that the sense of the party was almost unanimously in favor of PENROSE. In one day MARTIN, PORTER and a few more of the old combine, for interested reasons, reversed the popular choice and brought into the convention a following of ward workers sufficiently numerous to nominate their man WARWICK by a large majority in spite of the howling, hissing and swearing of PENROSE's supporters.

Here appears to be a breach in the dominant party in Philadelphia that offers the Democrats their opportunity, and it would seem that the harmonizing of the Democracy in that city has been brought about just in time to take advantage of this Republican dissension. C. D. AMES, the newly elected Republican Legislator from Clearfield county, has introduced a bill into the Legislature providing for the appointment of a State board of mediation for the settlement of differences between employers and employees. The principal feature of the act seems to be the creation of a commission of five men, who are to draw a salary of \$3,000 per annum and a secretary to do their work for \$2,500 per annum. Under the bill witnesses would get \$1.50 per diem and 5 cents mileage. Mr. AMES' bill would be a great boon to the horde of Republicans who have not found a place yet, but if the Legislature, of which he is a member, would enforce the semi-monthly payment law and the abolition of company stores there would be no need for it.

The Philadelphia Press, having lost its head over the defeat of PENROSE for the mayoralty nomination in that city, can't get down to good support of WARWICK, but keeps within the traces by trying to scare the Democrats. The Press bigaboos will hardly save the corrupt ring that is sucking support from the Quaker city.

A full treasury at Harrisburg and a full Republican Legislature. How long, oh Lord, will the former last?

Decreased Immigration.

The influx of the foreign element into this country is materially falling off, the returns showing the number of immigrants last year to have been 285,600, the smallest in fifteen years and there are indications of a further decline during the coming year.

This decrease is owing to various causes. The depression of the industries in this country last year did much to deter foreign immigrants from coming this way, turning their attention to other fields of employment. On this account the stream set in the direction of Argentina, South Africa and Australia, where special efforts were made to attract it and in addition to this the law against undesirable immigrants was more strictly enforced. There was a closer watch kept on paupers, criminals, anarchists, contract laborers, and persons of that prohibited class trying to smuggle themselves into this country.

In a general sense the country will be the gainer by a diminution of immigration. A very undesirable element took advantage of the liberality with which the American people welcomed all comers. Our hospitality has been abused by a class who were not calculated to make good and useful citizens. Much of the labor trouble sprang from this source. The thousands of cheap workmen that were brought here and put in competition with American labor to increase the profits of protected capital, have contributed more than any other cause to the conditions that have produced contention between the employed class and their employers, and they have been the most troublesome element in such disturbances.

The elimination of this kind of immigrants from the foreign influx is something for which the country has reason to be congratulated. We can well do without them. They involved both an industrial and a social evil, as well as an injurious political influence. The country could not afford to suffer this injury for the benefit of a limited number of favored operators who wanted the advantage of cheap labor in addition to the advantage of tariff protection. It is to be hoped that we have seen the last laborers brought in to this country under contract to do cheap work.

Quay Feels Aggrieved.

The feelings of the Boss have been hurt. His former faithful henchman DAVE MARTIN has betrayed his confidence; in fact has broken entirely away from his control, and his lamentation about it is heard even in the United States Senate.

Of all the understrappers whom QUAY had to assist him in running his Pennsylvania machine none was considered more reliable than MARTIN, and that he, after being so obedient a tool, should now act contrary to the will of the Boss, is a revelation calculated to astonish the public and excite the anger of his discarded chief.

In the remarks which QUAY'S indignation impelled him to make in the Senate on this subject he intimated that DAVE had become demoralized by his connection with a corporation to which he was bound by pecuniary obligations. The Senator was not explicit in naming the corporation that had this pull on his disaffected subordinate, but he may be supposed to have meant the Philadelphia Traction company. Though the case is one that gives the Senator reason to be incensed, it serves a purpose in showing that even with the most skillfully arranged party machinery the cog wheels and pulleys are liable to get out of order.

In cutting loose from QUAY and setting up for himself as boss of Philadelphia DAVE MARTIN exhibits the effect political power has had in swelling his head. His upper story has been abnormally enlarged. His importance has increased with the affluence that attends the machine method of running a city government. Asphalt has been too rich for his blood. He exalts his horn above his fellow ringsters and claims the allegiance of henchmen who heretofore knew no other master than QUAY. No wonder the chief Boss feels aggrieved, and it will be interesting to see what he is going to do about it.

State Rights.

The Philadelphia Times, in trying to be complimentary to President CLEVELAND, makes a bad break when it says concerning his sending troops to Chicago at the time of the railroad strike, that "he was brave enough to extinguish in one hour the lingering dregs of State rights."

The President's action on that occasion did not have the effect ascribed to it by the Times, nor was it intended to have such an effect. Mr. CLEVELAND is too good a patriot, and has too clear an idea of what is due the States in their sovereign capacity, to entertain the design of extinguishing State rights. His action had no other object than to give the mails that protection and the interstate commerce law that enforcement which were not afforded by the authorities of the State of Illinois, and in doing this he acted within the limit of his constitutional power, without infringing upon the right of the State.

How then can it be said that his action in that instance extinguished State rights, and what sense is there in using the epithet "lingering dregs," as if the quality of sovereignty, which from the very nature of our federal government belongs to the States, were an evil to be gotten rid of?

Of late years it has grown to be the custom to speak of the States as if they no longer had any sovereign rights. There is a growing idea that they are mere provinces belonging to and controlled by the centralized power of the general government. The old intention of the founders that the States should retain an autonomous sovereignty, with all rights and powers reserved except those specifically granted to the federal authority for the purpose of general administration, is being looked upon as obsolete. Even the Times seems to look at it as a "dreg" that should be "extinguished." But it makes a mistake in ascribing to President CLEVELAND an intended violation of the principle upon which our federal government is founded. He is not that kind of a President.

The Republicans having secured control of the Legislature of West Virginia, the election of a millionaire to the United States Senate from that State is the natural result. The senatorial position is given to STEVE ERKINS, the richest man in the State, and one of the leading plutocrats of the party. No difficulty whatever was experienced by the Republican legislative majority in handing over to him the high office which he had purchased by frequent and liberal contributions of campaign boodle, and also, no doubt, by a judicious expenditure of cash among the Republican members for their individual pecuniary advantage. The latter is a part of the programme that is usually observed in the process of elevating a millionaire to the United States Senate. If the Republican custom of selling the Senatorial toga is not checked the upper branch of Congress will soon be chiefly composed of men who have the money to make the purchase.

The disruption that has occurred in that gang of municipal plunderers known as the Philadelphia combine is said to have been brought about by a misunderstanding in regard to the street paving spoils. Some of the gang became jealous of others who had control of the asphalt job out of which they were accumulating wealth that was calculated to excite envy. There were other stealings the apportioning of which among the confederates did not render satisfaction. When such a thievish alliance as this exists its dissolution is only a question of time. A fight over the swag is pretty sure to break it up, affording another illustration of the maxim about thieves falling out.

The Altoona Tribune accuses its party of making an ass of itself in permitting such a condition of affairs that there should have been eight thousand applicants for the thirty four offices at Governor HASTINGS' disposal. The Tribune takes a sensible view of the affair, but we are surprised that it has not awakened to the fact long ago, that Republicans are only in politics for what they get out of it.

Another Currency Bill and What Dana Thinks of It.

From the New York Sun.

The Currency bill which has been concocted by Senator Jones of Arkansas, as a substitute for the Administration measure, is a decided change for the worse. Instead of inflation by paper it would give us inflation by silver; and if it becomes a law it will prove equally fatal to the maintenance of gold payments. Mr. Jones, indeed, proposes to fund the legal tender notes into interest bearing bonds, and thus to retire them from circulation; but since he also proposes to supply their place with an equal amount of bank notes based upon the bonds, he leaves undiminished the volume of paper money liable to demand for redemption in gold, and only transfers the burden of redeeming the notes from the broad and strong shoulders of the national Government to 3,750 puny little banks scattered over the country, and acting not as a united organization, but in positive antagonism to each other. On top of this he would create an indefinite amount of paper representing silver dollars, which unless they are kept at par with gold will drive it out of use as money altogether.

How enormous a financial disturbance would be occasioned by an attempt to carry this scheme into effect it is impossible to compute. It would upheave our present currency system from its very foundations. The funding of \$500,000,000 of greenbacks and Treasury notes is of itself a gigantic task, and the coining of an indefinite amount of silver dollars opens an illimitable vista of monetary revolution. The substitution of silver certificates for all the paper now in use of a less denomination than \$20, for which the scheme also provides, would be a less evil, but it still would, for a time, cause considerable trouble. It is said that the Administration favors the passing of this new bill in preference to the passing of none at all. After the exhibition it has made of its folly and incompetence in regard to the subject, its commission of such a fresh act of foolishness is not improbable. But what will the Democrats in Congress and throughout the country say to it?

A Good Man is Always Needed Somewhere.

From the Doylestown Democrat.

The Philadelphia Times brings out ex-Governor PATTON as a candidate for Mayor of that ring ridden city, and announces that the taxpayers turn to him to save them from the ballot and municipal thieves. We think this the proper thing to do, and if the citizens know what's good for them, they will nominate and elect him. This would be the first step toward municipal reform, and a "Lexow Committee" would follow just as sure as the sun is to rise. We shall wait and see.

They Are Safe at Least.

From the Clearfield Raftsmen's Journal.

An unexpected, though not large, item of expense has arisen in the Indiana County judicial contest. It is thought now that the ballot boxes, which are locked in a cell of the jail, cannot be obtained in time for the February elections, and the Commissioners have made arrangements to purchase new ones for all the districts in the county.

Some Party Must Do It.

From the Pittsburg Post.

The President is reported to have said to a Democratic Congressman a few days ago that, reluctant as he was to call an extra session and have Republicans deal with a question the Democrats themselves should dispose of, he could "see no other way out of it," provided, of course, all attempts at action by Democrats failed.

Build Up The Pennsylvania State College Then.

From the Pittsburg Times.

Gov. HASTINGS hopes to see the day when every boy and girl in this State can have a "thorough preparation for any calling or profession as free from cost in the higher branches as are the rudiments now in our township schools." Amen, brother!

A Trio of Advantages.

From the Easton Argus.

Alliterations have blasted the hopes of several great men. Congressman Sibley's three B's—"brains, belly and brass," are not liable to result in any criminal list. Judge Savidge, of Northumberland, will assist Judges Bechtel and Weidman in trying cases this week in the Schuylkill county court.

He Wants to Get Even Some Way.

From the Easton Sentinel.

In his annual message Gov. Waite, of Colorado, recommends the abolition of capital punishment, and says: "I suggest as a substitute that the most hardened criminals be compelled to run as candidate for some State office."

Get in the Field Robert—Well Be For You Too.

From the Conneville Courier.

Governor Patton goes out of office a bigger man than ever. He's big enough now to be President.

Spawls from the Keystone.

Pittsburg's \$4,000,000 bond issue will be voted January 25.

John Murphy, of Ashley, was probably fatally stabbed in a free fight.

Reuben Blakeslee, a well known young man, of Plymouth, has been missing for a week.

Ephraim Hetrick, aged 70, was killed by a train near Klappertal, Berks county.

At Milton the United Evangelicals bought one of their surrendered churches for \$800.

Allentown plumbers have organized for mutual protection and the regulation of prices.

Easton has decided not to increase its indebtedness by constructing its own waterworks.

Out of 159 applications for licenses in Clearfield county Judge Gordon granted 95 on Saturday.

The wife of ex Judge Sadler, of Cumberland county, died on Thursday, after a short illness.

After having been thoroughly remedied, the English Baptist church, of Shenandoah, was reopened Sunday.

The Juniata county farmers' institute will meet in Millintown Tuesday and Wednesday, February 12 and 13.

Judge Doty, in Greensburg, Monday, sentenced to death John Good who shot Mack Slaughter at Alice Mines.

John Mack, aged 65, a track repairer, was stricken with apoplexy in the yards at Mt. Carbon Saturday and died.

William Webber was sentenced to death in Reading Monday for the murder of his father-in-law, Justice Klemmer.

The Lehigh Valley Newspaper Writers' Club held its winter meeting and banquet in Allentown Saturday night.

John A. Warner, of West Reading, was arrested at Pottstown on a charge of bigamy and committed to jail in Reading.

Mechanicsburg Council, for \$500, has granted a company the privilege of stringing wires for introducing electric light.

Two passenger coaches were overturned and baggage master Woodfile was severely injured in a collision at Conneville.

Orders were issued on Saturday by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company to close their shops at Conneville until February 1.

The Schuylkill county Grand Jury has found a true bill against Charles Bowser, colored, charged with the murder of Thomas F. Burke.

The antiskipping club that was organized by some Clearfield young ladies is now reduced to two members, and they are of the opposite sex.

The miners of Luzerne County will petition the Legislature to have the two weeks' pay bill so amended that a penalty will go with its violation.

David Musselman, accused of absconding with funds of the York Cigar-makers' Union, of which he was treasurer, was arrested in Maryland Monday.

William Martin and George Derr were overcome by gas while looking for a leak in a Sixth street residence in Reading, and Martin is in a critical condition.

Charles Rowe was knocked down on North Queen street, Lancaster, and robbed of a gold watch and some money, and the thief, William McClosky, was locked up.

Anonymous letters threatening death by shooting, have been received by Dr. Thomas G. Fox, ex-Prothonotary William H. Ulrich and Lawyer Frank J. Shaffner, of Lebanon.

By the breaking of the billet shears in the bloom mill in the Edgar Thompson Steel Works, at Braddock, 200 men are thrown out of employment until repairs can be made.

The prize watch offered by Fish Commissioner Ebal, for the largest salmon caught during the season, was given to Henry Coder, of Williamsport. His fish weighed 9 pounds 4 ounces.

Ben Day disturbed a Salvation Army meeting at Wilkesbarre by singing Bowery songs, and in the fight which followed an attempt to eject him. Day had part of his right ear bitten off.

John Rehn, district president of the United Mine Workers of America, has issued a circular calling on the anti-miners to send delegates to the convention in Pottsville on January 25.

Attorney General Hensel has applied to the Dauphin county court for a rule dissolving the Provident Bicycle Association of Philadelphia, for doing an insurance business without a charter.

Residents of Ralph township, Northumberland county, hanged school Director McWilliams in effigy because he disregarded their wishes regarding the location of the public schools in Elysburg.

Superintendent Schwab, of the Carnegie Steel Works, at Homestead, Monday discharged 10 employees who on Sunday attended the public meeting which decided in favor of reorganization.

James Burke, of Philadelphia, smashed a plate glass window in the store of Williamson & Foster, Lancaster, Monday morning, and was in the window providing himself with an outfit when arrested.

True bills have been found against Supervisor Mason and Auditors John Tray, James Conner and John Hagen, of East Norwegian township, Schuylkill county, charged with illegally drawing large sums of money from the Treasury.

Owing to the continued illness of President Judge Pershing and the long criminal list, Judge Savidge, of Northumberland, will assist Judges Bechtel and Weidman in trying cases this week in the Schuylkill county court.

Bassler Boyer fled a bill in equity in Lebanon Saturday, charging Joseph B. Melly, one of the partners of the United Brewing Company, with having appropriated \$2,000 to his own use while acting as managing, receiving and disbursing partner.

May Geesey, a demented woman who was formerly an inmate of the Berks county almshouse, but who had lately made her home with Seth Campbell, farmer at the foot of Brush mountain, about four miles from this city, wandered away from her home Sunday during a storm, and when found on the mountain this evening was frozen to death.