

Ink Slings.

Women suffragists are certainly making men sufferers.

How many women there are who, for want of any other name, call themselves Kittie, when, alas, they are really old cats.

Some one has said "when in doubt go to church," which might lead to the conclusion: when you are sure of anything tell every else to go to the —.

If the State is to appropriate money to clean out the Delaware for Philadelphia why not complete the imposition and ask for an appropriation to filter the Schuylkill also?

Petticoats at elections were the order of things in the Buckeye State on Tuesday. As a rule the women voted intelligently since most of them voted with the Democrats.

Mayor WARWICK, of Philadelphia, in his inaugural speech, declared for an honest city government. It was quite a declaration, but one which few people will have much faith in.

The Sultan of Turkey wants American teachers for his new schools at Constantinople. The crafty old libertine probably is looking for a fresh supply of inmates for his harem.

So the monometalists claim that gold is the "yard-stick of trade." With such a view of the yellow metal it is little wonder that they should consider themselves so far above everyone else.

MCKINLEY and his robber tariff will never be heard of in the campaign of '96. The man who will declare for a cheaper and more voluminous currency will be the leader of the winning party.

Fashion has worked a change in woman's figure. Instead of having a waist nineteen inches around, it must now be twenty-four. What a pity man's arm can't be made to conform to such changes.

The fact that coal oil jumped from 75 cents to \$1.12 within ten days after HASTINGS signed the MARSHALL pipe line bill shows all too well what interest he served by attaching his signature to the pernicious measure.

Scientists are trying to prove that peanuts are more nutritious than meat. They have not explained what particular kind of meat they made the comparison with, but it would not be surprising to hear that it was skunk meat.

The Connelleville coke workers were happy last week because they were given an increase in wages. Now that the rent of company houses and store goods have made a corresponding raise they are mad all over and are getting ready to strike.

Tuesday's elections throughout the country indicate that the revulsion of feeling that operated so disastrously to the Democrats last fall has about all worked off and that normal conditions obtain once more. The people are doubtless beginning to see what's what.

What will Mr. WHITE NIXON and his little paper, the Houtzdale Observer, have to say about the appointment of DELANEY as custodian of public grounds at Harrisburg. Surely such a patriot (?) as the Houtzdale journalist (?) will get the jaundice over this action which he will call pandering to the pope.

The would-be assassin of LI HUNG CHANG, the Chinese peace envoy to Japan, has been sentenced to imprisonment for life and will be sent to the mines in northern Japan, which in the rigor of their regulations and severity of their climatic conditions, are much like the mines of Siberia. A life work there will hardly lead the young fanatic to look upon the cause of his exile as having been for the good of his country.

The view Republicans take of the MCKINLEY bill is nicely seen in the way THOMAS BRACKETT REED, of Maine, got mad when Senator FRYE, of the Pine Tree State, announced to the public that Mr. REED had had as much to do in framing the measure as the Ohio protectionist. Now that the good results of the WILSON bill are everywhere undeniably evident the Republican presidential possibilities are trying their best to disown the monopoly making measure of MCKINLEY.

The bill now before the Legislature to make military instruction, both practical and theoretical, a part of our public school system is a most obnoxious one indeed. What, with compulsory education and military as one of its requirements, would the difference between our condition and that of the Germans amount to? If the advance of civilization is to be what is claimed for it there will be little need of armed forces anywhere and if school children are to benefit at all from such study it will only be in a physical way, then why not establish gymnasia instead of compelling all to bear arms?

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New-County Projects.

A craze for the erection of new counties has broken out in various parts of the State. The constitutional restraint that was put upon such projects had the effect of holding them in check for quite awhile, as it has been some years since a new county was made in this State; but the assurance that "everything goes" at Harrisburg just now, whether constitutional or not, has encouraged the projectors of new counties to endeavor to cut and carve old boundaries and patch the pieces together for the formation of new counties in the interest of aspiring towns that want to be county seats.

The interest of a comparatively small locality is found at the bottom of every one of these enterprises. The advantage of the larger part of the included territory is a subordinate consideration. In every instance, the active promoters of such movements are the citizens of the prospective county seat. It is the court house they are after, caring very little for the expense that may be saddled upon the balance of the new county.

This craze for new counties, that is being so strongly developed at Harrisburg, includes a number of projects of that kind, among them being the formation of a county out of parts of Luzerne and Schuylkill, which has been baited with the name of QUAY to catch the henchmen of the boss who compose the majority of the Legislature. Hazleton is pushing this project for its local benefit. Another scheme is to make a new county out of parts of Allegheny and several of its neighbors. An enterprise that might be facilitated by calling it DICK QUAY county, thus doubling the honor paid the QUAY family in the county nomenclature of the State. Nothing could be more enticing to the Legislators who wear the collar of the boss. A third new county scheme is one to be made out of parts of Montgomery and Berks, for the benefit of Pottstown, while Shamokin is starting a movement to slice off parts of Northumberland and Schuylkill for the formation of a county that would have its court house in that aspiring mining town.

These movements are not intended to promote any public interest, or to meet any want existing in the districts intended to be affected by them. Their object is to subvert the interest of localities that would be specially benefited. The general effect would inevitably be disturbing contentions over the division of counties, and heavy expense to the tax-payers involved in such divisions.

A Legislative Product.

Kalamazoo has become famous for the raising of celery, but for salary raising Harrisburg is surpassing all other localities. Big things are being done in that line at the state capital. Among other achievements in the way of raising salaries the increase of the pay of the superintendent of state printing is worthy of notice for its liberality. On this subject the Republican Lancaster New Era remarks: "The present Democratic superintendent of public printing has resigned and his Republican successor is to have an increase of \$1,000 in salary when he is nominated. He must be a very poor sort of an official who cannot get his salary raised at Harrisburg in these days."

Even the Republican newspapers have their fun with the salary raisers who are making such free use of the people's money. But what's the odds when the people approve of it, as they evidently did by a majority of nearly a quarter of a million. But the raising of salaries may eventually be followed by the people raising hell with the salary grabbers.

The recent jump in the beef market is the biggest on record since the cow jumped over the moon. So sudden a rise in the price of steaks and roasts in the city markets is creating alarm among economical housekeepers. This beef inflation is said to be caused by the scarcity of beef cattle among western dealers. In view of this shortage it makes but little difference whether the Germans and French exclude our beef or not. Just now we don't seem to have the animals to spare.

Money That the State Should Not Furnish.

Mr. CRAMP, the head of the great ship-building company of Philadelphia, has been before the State lawmakers and told them how the channel of the Delaware river is obstructed by shoals, in consequence of which the commerce of Philadelphia has been greatly injured, the object of this information being to induce the Legislature to appropriate a large amount of the State money for the removal of those shoals.

It strikes us that the proper place for Mr. CRAMP to make this representation would have been before the city council of Philadelphia, which ought to be told in plain language that if the city's money can be recklessly squandered on objects that are of no public benefit, the State should not be looked to for means to improve the city's commercial facilities.

It is represented at Harrisburg that \$500,000 contributed by the State would greatly assist in removing the shoals from the Delaware river. This is comparatively a small sum. It is small in comparison with the amount that has been stolen by jobbers in the construction of the \$18,000,000 city hall. It is insignificant when compared with the annual stealings of the "combine" politicians and city contractors who manage to run the city expenses up to the exorbitant yearly amount of \$32,000,000. The exercise of but a little moderation in their pillage would leave enough to supply the means for dredging the river, which the State is asked to furnish. The sum is a small one, when looked at in this light, but it is too large for the State to give, as it would be a concession to the corruption and extravagance in their city government to which a majority of the people of Philadelphia have deliberately consented by their votes in the election of municipal officers.

It is amusing to observe the airs put on by some of the blue bloods of Philadelphia on account of their colonial and revolutionary descent. Some of them have been appearing in tableaux, dressed up in the archaic habiliments of their alleged ancestors, an exhibition intended to impress the ordinary spectator with a proper sense of their ancestral importance. A large bulk of the present American population have descended from the three millions of people who were colonials and took part in the revolution, but it appears that a select few claim the exclusive distinction of such descent and assume hereditary superiority on that account. There is a good deal of snobbery in this blue blooded pretension.

Last week two bills were found to have disappeared from the calendar of the Legislature. One of them was a bill regulating and reducing telephone charges, and the other was for the regulation of Pullman car fares. Their being suddenly put out of sight was considered queer, but there was nothing queer about it. These bills affected two rich corporations that didn't want to have their charges regulated, and corporations of that kind have but little difficulty in convincing the managers of a Republican Legislature that such legislation won't do. A quiet way of disposing of such bills is to drop them from the calendar. It attracts less public attention than to kill them outright in regular order.

A project is before the Legislature to establish a new court which will be a sort of halfway house between the common pleas court and the supreme court. There doesn't appear to be any practical use for it except to serve as a point in the course of litigation where the parties may take breath long enough to calculate how much will be left for them by the lawyers after they have gone through the three courts.

The passage of the bill that was intended to provide Captain DELANEY with a fat office in the superintendent of the capitol grounds and buildings, has been logically followed by his appointment to that high-salaried position by Governor HASTINGS. DELANEY engineered the bill and of course he should have the usufruct. He gets his reward for a dirty kind of political service and the people pay the expense.

Pensioning Judges.

The bill, now before the Legislature, to pension the judges of our courts, in certain cases, is a proposition to make a new class of pensioners taken from civil life. Is this not a mischievous departure? Who next? If we pension one class, why not another? Who is to pay the bill? For twenty-five years this mendicant has been asking alms, but our Representatives have not been willing to lay this burden upon the shoulders of the people.

It is a well known fact that the judgeship is sought by the greater number of lawyers, and that very unseemly scrambles are made to get it. It is also known that every possible device is made use of by judges to retain the position. They do not stop in many cases at the use of the lowest acts known to the politician, but further, they resort to their official powers and, by patronage to some and threats to others, endeavor to compass their re-election. The bill before the Legislature proposes to pension judges who have succeeded in being re-elected or shall succeed in remaining on the bench long enough. Why? It is argued that they should be pensioned because while serving on the bench judges are practically precluded from engaging in business enterprises. Are not preachers and teachers and others in like manner precluded, and must they be pensioned too?

But is it a fact that judges do not engage in business enterprises? Is it not notorious that judges do engage in business enterprises? There are judges who have a high appreciation of official duty and who hold themselves aloof from business, and consecrate their minds to the duty of sitting in judgment upon the affairs of their fellow men. And doubtless there are cases of judges to whom it would be a merciful act to extend the helping hand, but does this exception prove that all should be quartered upon the public for life?

The constitutional convention of 1873, took cognizance of this impotency and expressly prohibited all pensions except for military services. See section 18, Act 111.

"No appropriations, except for pensions or gratuities for military services, shall be made for charitable, educational or benevolent purposes to any person or community, nor to any denominational or sectarian institution, corporation or association."

What is the proposed pension but a charitable or benevolent gift? That it is such is set out in every argument made in favor of the passage of the bill. But the astounding answer is made that as the judges of the supreme court will get the advantages of this law, they will find a way to pronounce it constitutional. It is further said that this bill has the sanction of the judges of said court—and that they desire its passage. We have higher regard and respect for our court of last resort than to believe any such accusation. But that anyone should express such thought, shows to what extremes the advocates of this bill may go.

By section 2, of Act III, the "Legislature is prohibited from passing any bill giving any extra compensation to any public officer." * * * * * after services shall have been rendered, and yet judges are asking to be compensated from year to year after they have ceased to be judges, or to render any service. Surely the people are not in favor of any such additional tax. No lawyer need become a judge if he does not want to. Poor fellow! *

The political history of the country hasn't anything to show in the way of office hunting that equals MCKINLEY's case. Having commenced chasing the presidential bee last summer he has pursued it in every section of the country and keeps on pursuing it still. The high priest of protection is entirely too anxious for the presidential office ever to get it. The object of his ambition is beyond the reach of a candidate who bases his claim on a repudiated policy. By the time the next Republican presidential platform is framed a high tariff claimant will find it no plank to stand on. With the tariff timber thrown out of the platform as superannuated and useless, poor MCKINLEY will be found thrown out with it.

Democratic Victories—Their Fortend.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer. The elections in the Ohio towns seem to show a revulsion toward the Democracy; which is a very natural process. The Republican party made so great a sweep last year because of the phenomenal depression of the times, that it is not likely to be able to maintain the position given it by the deep disgust of the people with their condition.

Then it has become apparent to the voter that the business depression was in no way caused by the Democratic administration, its rise and fall being independent of political changes. The Republican victories of last year failed wholly to better the business condition, which steadily fell from bad to worse, until now it has reached its lowest, and what the prophets proclaim to be its last stage, before business revival. The newspapers which have been ardently predicting better times for two years past, are particularly certain now that they have come. The Wall street brokers have raised prices, in apparent belief that the winter of their discontent has passed; although the fact seems to be that the bond syndicate is pegging the market up in order to save those ten millions of profit that they made on paper, from the burning. Cotton and wheat are higher; but manufacturers are lower. Iron never sold as low as it sells to-day; but it may be that the widely prophesied better times a-coming will shortly inspire a consumption of goods that will relieve the market from the weight of its overproduction. With better times established, no one will doubt that the Democratic party will be in position for a lively wrestle for supremacy in the autumn; and with a fair chance of success.

Where Republicanism Should Hide Its Head.

From the Philadelphia Record. The legislative session in New Hampshire wound up on Friday last with war between the two Houses, the hostilities having been precipitated by the Republican leader in the lower branch, who, incensed at the killing of his pet measure in the Senate, opened an address to the members of that Chamber, before whom he appeared by indignation, with the words: "Gentlemen, I have documentary evidence that two-thirds of the members of this honorable body are liars." This was more than Senatorial courtesy could stand, and pandemonium put a closure upon the proceedings. It is fortunate for the good repute of the country that the episode occurred in the staid old Commonwealth of New Hampshire—a Commonwealth of high moralists such as Blair and Chandler, and one not to be suspected of "plantation manners." But it would have been awkward had the affair happened in the South.

It is No One's Business How Old They Are.

From the Walla Walla, Wash. Statesman. The woman suffragists have got so near a realization of their ambition that they are now considered a proposition to get a judicial ruling which will dispense with a statement of the voter's exact age. They think that the admission that they are twenty-one years of age ought to be sufficient. What right has the public to know the exact age of any person who proposes to vote? If the voter makes affidavit that he or she is twenty-one or over, the purpose of the law, they say, is complied with. Among men it is understood that a statement of age is required as one means of identification. But no one contends that a woman between twenty-one and fifty can be identified by her appearance as to age. She may be identified by other means, but after a woman has reached maturity she practically chooses the age which best suits her general style.

Yes, Let Us Have Harmony.

From the Clearfield Public Spirit. Our Democratic exchange deprecate very much the fact that Hon. James Kerr has seen fit to go hunting for party "harmony" with a brass band and sharpshotted sword. They all ask pertinent questions about the condition of the Democratic party in Clearfield county and even inquire why Mr. Kerr has not been spending some time in saving his own county before undertaking to turn the State upside down. One exchange goes so far as to intimate that if he had spent half the money and energy in the judgeship fight a year ago, as he has in his present little by play, D. L. Krebs might now be on the bench. But let us have heaps of harmony, if we have to fight for it.

Carrying Weight With It.

From the Williamsport Sun. Uncle Sam has sent a thousand ton war vessel to Chinese waters to protect American interests. Surely no tea drinker will incur the danger of being blown to pieces by attacking Americans so long as such a formidable vessel carrying the American flag menaces him.

—Read the WATCHMAN.

Spawls from the Keystone.

After May 1, Altoona will have a paid fire department.

Councils in the cities of the State re-organized Monday.

In a Pottsville coal mine, John Walgo fell 150 feet to his death.

Lafayette College, at Easton, has more students than ever before.

Governor Hastings will make the Memorial address at Allegheny City.

Dr. Morris F. Crawley has been made Medical Inspector of Lehigh County.

A Catholic church will be built at Glen Campbell the coming summer.

Robbers got \$500 worth of clothing in J. M. Gidding's store, at Bloomsburg.

Reading's ministers have taken to de-bating against flashy theatrical posters.

The Ross Club, at Williamsport, will entertain Governor and Mrs. Hastings today.

The towns of Franklin, Warren and Erie celebrate their centennials this year.

At Eaglesmere, Lycoming county, sleighing is good and the ice is two feet thick.

Northumberland is getting some new industries and is enjoying a big boom this spring.

Financial trouble induced Henry Kilmore, at Lewisburg, York county, to hang himself.

Arguments were begun in the Blair-White Judgeship contest, at Indiana Tuesday.

An express train at Altoona ran down and seriously hurt two men named Troxell and Miller.

Mrs. Mary Miller, of Clearfield, died from heart failure at the advanced age of 80 years, Thursday.

A wall collapsed at Shenandoah, badly injuring John Stauffer, William Thomas and Joseph Lehler.

Loaders and breakboys, then quarrymen, struck and tied up the Excelsior Slate quarry at Bangor.

The fourth victim of the Jeaneville trolley ran away, Mrs. Joseph Evans, of Hazleton, died Sunday.

At DuBois a thief stole the silver communion service from the altar of the Epis' copal church in that place.

Shenandoah merchants have an anti-peddler league, and Monday drove out of town a number of itinerants.

Grace Bell, an actress, had a revolver taken away from her at Lancaster, as a suicidal purpose was suspected.

The Pottsville United Evangelical congregation has purchased a \$600 site and will erect a \$20,000 church.

Farmers in the State say the wheat crop looks excellent, owing to the great amount of snow during the winter.

Lancaster enjoyed one of its famous settlement days Monday, the banks doing a bigger business than ever before.

Edward Kelly, a Chester hotel man, recently convicted of forgery, was Monday sent to prison for nine months.

Of the 110,000 Odd Fellows in Pennsylvania, it is said 50,000 will march in the great parade in Philadelphia May 31.

The architect who planned Luzerne County's proposed new Court house will receive \$20,000 and 5 per cent. of the total cost.

A young woman living at Ozerbrook calls her saddle-mare "Trotty" because she has a pretty foot and a rather fast record.

Wanted for burglary in Clearfield county three years ago, William Shultz has recently been arrested near Jersey Shore.

Altoona negroes held a meeting Monday night to honor Fred Douglass' memory, and Congressman Hicks made a speech.

The Williamsport Turn Verein celebrated Prince Bismarck's birthday Monday night with a parade, speeches and a big bonfire.

It is feared that two little daughters of Benton Beal and Nicholas Downs, at Dunbar, who were lost on a mountain, have perished.

While cleaning a revolver, a son of John Peartree, at Delta, York county, accidentally shot his little sister, inflicting a dangerous wound.

In a cabin ten feet long and six feet wide, George Braun and his wife, with eight children, live near Colebrookdale, Huntingdon county.

The Lackawanna county jail contains 112 persons at the present time. Three of these are murderer and two or three are under sentence of death.

The fourth annual reunion of the surviving comrades of Co F, 8th Pa. Reserves, will be held at Hopewell Tuesday afternoon and evening, April 13.

Judge Barker has decided that the Scalp law is unconstitutional, therefore no bounty will be paid by the commissioners of Cambria county for fox scalps.

Officers John Hess, W. G. Keys and Michael Kimmell, of the Altoona Turner Singing Society, were held for trial, accused of selling liquor without a license.

Newton Hamilton's gold craze has panned out nix, the assayer finding no precious metal in the sample sent him. The streets of the town will not be terra up.

A mortgage for \$150,000 from the Look Haven Traction company to the West End Trust and Safe Deposit company, of Philadelphia, was entered for record Thursday morning.

The Bellwood postoffice was robbed Thursday morning of 51 cents in pennies, over \$100 worth of stamps and two registered letters. The work was supposed to have been done by a gang of five men.

The heirs of Solomon Diehl, an aged bachelor of miserly habits, searched his late residence near Shamokin and found over \$4,000 in gold, silver and copper coins. The money was tied up in old stockings and hidden away under floors and in crevices and cracks about the building. Diehl died a week ago.

H. A. Gripp, a German artist at Tyrone, who has been carrying on an extensive business of teaching crayon portrait work by mail, has been notified by the postal authorities to suspend business and all mail delivery to him is stopped. He has been under bail for his appearance at the United States court in May.