

Ink Stings.  
—It is the wise Democrat who at this season of the year sees—that his taxes are paid.

—Lord DUNRAVEN should have sailed his temper in place of his boat. It was by far the quickest thing in his outfit.

—HASTINGS has the presidential bee buzzing in his bonnet, has he? Let us see, didn't DANIEL once have a GILKESON bee buzzing too?

—It would be a pretty commentary on the intelligence of the voters of Centre county to elect a District Attorney who had never tried a case in court.

—What ought to be done now is for Mr. ISELIN and his Defender partners to take the Yankee craft over to England and out-sail Valkyrie on her own waters.

—The girl who said she hadn't the face to wear bloomers possibly hadn't the limbs either. You know the latter is the striking feature of the bloomer get-up.

—ABE MILLER's war record would make an interesting picture if SAMMY DEHILL could be induced to show it up, in various parts of the county, with his magic lantern.

—Recent developments have demonstrated that the P's and Q's Republicans will be expected to mind, is boss P—LATT, of New York, and boss Q—UAY, of Pennsylvania.

—Democrats have reason to be proud of the condition of business. Everything is conspiring to help us this fall, but let it be understood that success will not come unless we help ourselves a little.

—The national hay association being in convention in Cincinnati, the porkopolis of the West, it is quite likely that the citizens of that great hog killing centre will revive the game of "pigs in clover" on a large scale.

—The Junior class at The Pennsylvania State College having decided to return to regular college work the idle chatter of certain State papers about appropriations that are "doing no good" will possibly stop.

—The Jewish New Year began at sunset Wednesday evening and lasted until yesterday. Just what new leaves our Hebrew friends turned over is hard to tell, but there is not much probability that any of them decided to leave their hands out of their conversations.

—It is announced now that that visit of HASTINGS to New York was not made to rest his tired body, but to form a combine with the anti-PLATT people to boost himself for President. DANIEL is such a success at combines that it wouldn't be surprising to see PLATT do the QUAY act to his plans over there.

—The extraordinary and unseasonable cold snap of Sunday and Monday last, that frosted the fruit and nipped vegetation generally throughout Pennsylvania, might be accounted for in the fact that his ex-Excellency, BENJAMIN HARRISON, passed through the State on his way home from his summer outing.

—Is better to borrow trouble than to buy it. You can borrow all you want now from the candidates for Superior court judge on the Republican ticket. Their trouble is to find out how to straddle between the boss and the combine without splitting. Its a wide difference that but few will be able to cover.

—It's just about that time a year that Democrats should resolve anew to be Democrats. Its comin' time to whoop'er-up, and if its only whooped up right the Republican barrel, that was emptied during their factional fight, will do for a pickling pot for the "Hog Combine" candidate that boss QUAY proposes shall have it "in the neck."

—There is an animal freak in Look Haven in the shape of a cat with three eyes. The third ocular member is located under the chin of the cat and to all appearance is just as useful as either one of the two others that appear in their normal position. Now if girls had eyes under their chins they would soon be jabbed out by fellow's fingers.

—The Pittsburg Times is worried because Hon. W. U. HENSEL has announced his determination to withdraw from active politics. Now the Democratic party will lose one of the strongest exponents of Democratic principles who has ever been heard in the State, but there is no ground for sniffing Democratic defeat, as the Times does, because of Mr. HENSEL's action. It tries to make its readers believe that he is leaving the party for fear of the Republican land-slide it predicts for this fall. But why should Mr. HENSEL's determination to give his undivided time to private business make him any the less a true and tried Democrat than he has always been? And as such party misfortune would affect him just as grievously as a private citizen as it would as an active politician. The Times is wrong. There will not be any land-slides next fall; there will be wholesome, normal Democratic majorities.

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### Vote for All of Them.

Talk is heard about this or the other of the six Democratic nominees being the one that is most likely to be elected, upon the presumption that only one can be successful. Such kind of talk should not be heard among Democrats, and least of all should it be acted upon in the casting of their ballots for the Superior judges. The party convention furnished a list of nominees for that court, every one of whom is worthy of a seat on the bench, and the members of the party should vote for all of them with the purpose of electing the entire six, allowing the Republicans but one, if possible, and thus reversing the numerical arrangement intended by the unfair bill that was ever passed by any Legislature.

The design to give the Democrats but one judge out of seven was the most indecent attempt to exercise party power that even the history of the Republican party can show. It was such a shameless and arrogant dependence upon the brute force of a numerical superiority that there must be thousands of fair men who, although not affiliating with the Democrats, will want to rebuke it by defeating the proportion of judges so impudently arranged by the Republican leaders. Therefore let the Democrats vote their full Superior judge ticket, without a scratch, depending upon the fairness of the people to help elect all six of them as a rebuke to the greed and arrogance of those who passed the law that has called this court into existence.

### Not in Position to Speak.

The Philadelphia Press, because one of its semi-silly suggestions was not carried out by the recent Democratic State convention, is heaping abuse on that body for not giving Philadelphia a candidate on the Superior court ticket. The opinion of the Press never did count for much among reasoning people and the conviction of its irresponsibility was made conclusive by the notorious untruthfulness that characterized it during the recent factional disturbance in the Republican party. If Philadelphia stands in such great need of having a judge on the Superior court bench, as the Press would have the public believe, why didn't it urge that need on the Governor prior to his making the appointments?

The Press is very close to Governor HASTINGS? Its advice would not be thrown aside by him without due consideration. It knew from the day the Superior court bill became a law that judges were to be appointed. Why did it not suggest and insist on the naming of some prominent Philadelphia Republican for one of the appointees? Or later, why did it not advocate the nomination of a Philadelphian by its own party convention?

The answer is not a hard one. The Press and the Governor both knew that more delegates for the faction, known as the combine, could be secured by placing these appointments and subsequent nominations in other sections of the State. Philadelphia interests and pride were sacrificed for the selfishness that breeds and creates factions. And the Press was the mouth-piece and advocate of the faction that demanded that sacrifice.

### Should Succeed.

There is a movement on foot to have Congress recognize the Cuban insurgents as belligerents. Petitions to this effect are being extensively circulated, particularly in the West and South. It would seem that the Cuban patriots have shown their ability to resist the military power of Spain, and therefore it is idle to deny their belligerent capacity. They certainly are fighting in a good cause, and for that reason are entitled to our sympathy. There are certain international obligations that compel our government to prevent direct assistance from being given the insurgents, and it is right that the administration should enforce respect for obligations imposed by international law; but the recognition of belligerent rights is in accordance with international custom when insurgents show their ability to carry on belligerent operations, and the sooner recognized the more creditable the act will be to this government.

### Mr. Hensel's Determination.

The determination of ex-Attorney General HENSEL to retire from active participation in political caucuses, conventions, and councils and devote his time more closely to his profession, will be a matter of regret to the Democrats of the country generally, and particularly to those who have the interests of the party at heart here in Pennsylvania. General HENSEL, since becoming interested in political matters, over twenty years ago, has been known and recognized as one of the most unselfish, eloquent and trusted leaders of his party. His counsel was always for the advancement of the principles of his party; his efforts and labor for the success of those principles. Personal aggrandizement or individual triumphs with him counted for nothing. He was for the cause—for the right—and no matter who carried the flag he followed it loyally and supported it enthusiastically. His efforts, his time, and his money were given unreservedly and ungrudgingly to his party without question of who was at the head, or what personal sacrifice he was compelled to make.

As a counselor and adviser in party conventions and preliminary caucuses, he will be greatly missed, for there was none safer or more unselfish than he. But it is a matter of gratification to know that it is only from these—from participation in the active management of party affairs—that he retires, from its many demands and annoyances, and from these only. In the future he says: "I am and propose to remain, a Democrat; my vote and voice and pen and money shall be, as heretofore, at the service of the Democratic party, if needed or asked for, to aid in any legitimate way the election of its candidates, local, State or national, whenever they are fairly nominated and truly representative of Democratic principles."

### Take Them at Their Word.

At least one half of the Republican party of this State were agreed in their opinion, before their State convention was held, that most of HASTINGS' appointees to the Superior court were a poor lot, and that two or three of them were especially unfit for the position to which they had been appointed. The QUAY faction were open in declaring that these judges had been appointed for no other purpose than to serve a dirty factional design, and they did not hesitate to reflect severely upon occupants of the bench who allowed themselves to be used in a disgraceful political intrigue.

There was no question about the truth of such a charge. The QUAY faction meant it, and they were correct in making it, but now since these judges are the nominees of the party its leaders calculate that they will get the full party support. But it should be the determination of the people to take such nominees at the valuation which half of their own party put upon them before they were nominated. The two Republican factions told a great deal of truth of a damaging character about each other, but they are mistaken if they believe that it has been smothered over by the action of their convention.

### The Taxpayers' Candidate.

Mr. SINGER, the Democratic nominee for District Attorney, has had experience as prosecuting attorney. He has proven himself a competent and faithful official. During his term of office he has been careful, polite and thoughtful of the taxpayers' interests. He is acquainted with the duties of the place—has the ability to perform them—and if the people of the county who are interested in the economical management of county affairs, are desirous of seeing the county officers filled by competent officials, who will not be compelled to hire assistance to do the work they are elected to do, they will, without regard to partisan feeling, vote for Mr. SINGER. An examination of the court and county records show that his term of office has cost the public less than any term of equal length for many, many years. He is exactly the kind of a man the tax-payers of the county should have as a candidate for this important position, and he is the man they should all vote for.

—C. M. BOWER Esq., says: "I am always loyal to my party."

### Easily Accounted For.

It should not take a very far-sighted individual to see, or an exceptionally bright one to understand, why the late combine organs are so positive in their opinions that Judge MAGEE, of Pittsburg, is certain to be the one Democrat elected to the Superior court bench, or why they are so confident that he will have the highest vote on the Democratic ticket.

To receive the highest vote Judge MAGEE must get the largest number of complimentary Republican votes. To get these some one on the Republican ticket must be cut. Five of the candidates on that ticket are friends of the combine, and it is but fair to presume will receive the solid support of that faction. The only one then who can be cut, in order to run Judge MAGEE ahead, as the combine organs assert he is to be, is the one Judge who was named by QUAY—Judge WICKAM. We heard it whispered weeks ago, that not only QUAY's man WICKAM, but QUAY's candidate for State Treasurer—HAYWOOD,—was to "catch it," from the combine, but we had no idea that the newspapers supporting that faction would "give the thing away" so plainly as they are doing in asserting so positively just what is to happen, and who, upon the Democratic ticket, is to profit by their votes.

It is because they know what they are talking about and know how it is to be done, (and not the pretended excuse given by them that Judge MAGEE's Democratic friends will cut the balance of the ticket and thus run him ahead) that makes them so positive that he will poll a large vote.

We congratulate Judge MAGEE on the prospects that promise him such an easy victory, and we congratulate the other Democratic nominees on the opportunity that is given them to defeat Judge WICKAM. We hope the good work will go on, and that the cutting of the Republican ticket will not end only in the slaughter of QUAY's two candidates. There are others on that ticket equally deserving the condemnation of the decent voters of the State.

### Satisfactory Settlements.

The Spanish Minister has handed a draft to the amount of \$1,140,000 over to the United States government. This was the result of the manner in which the administration pushed the Mora claim and settled it to the advantage of the American claimants, notwithstanding the Republican critics represented that it was being neglected, and indulged in their customary abuse about it. The claim was of long standing, the payment of which might have been compelled by Republican administrations, but it wasn't. In every respect the CLEVELAND administration has acted with vigor and dignity in its attitude towards Spain, but at the same time it scorned to play the part of the bully. The work was done without fuss, parade or brag-gadocio.

The same result will be brought about in the WALLER case, in which France is involved. The policy of the administration in such cases is to be sure of the facts and then to act upon them with determination and effect. It may be depended upon that Secretary OLNEY will ascertain every fact involved in that issue, preparatory to securing from France the reparation which the merits of the case may require, and that, while the jingoes are still howling, it will be settled honorably for our government and to the entire satisfaction of our people.

### The Pay of Election Officers.

The opening of the political campaign has caused considerable speculation as to whether the recent act of assembly, increasing the pay of election officers, would be in effect this fall. The act was passed in February, after the spring election, and consequently no matter when it became or is to become operative it cannot affect election officers elected last spring to serve at the November and February elections to come. The constitution provides that the pay or emoluments of elective officers cannot be increased or diminished during their term of office. Thus it will be seen that neither the inspectors nor the judges, elected last February, will be allowed the increase, though the clerks appointed will benefit by the act as they are not elective officers.

### And Yet They Parade as Reformers.

From the City and State.  
"The Hastings-Quay contest has done more to debauch the politics of the State than any campaign in its history. It is estimated that no less than a million dollars was spent in the primary elections and in the corruption of delegates. Both sides were well supplied with money, and it was expended liberally wherever it was thought its use would accomplish results. Quay played the poor dodge, and his adherents were given the cue to spread the tale that the innocent and trusted leader was without funds, and that his entire private fortune would be swept away in the effort to stem the tide of opposition that had set in against him. Poor Quay! One of the stories since the convention is that, as soon as the fight was declared on, a prominent Western Pennsylvania steel company contributed a check of \$25,000 as a nucleus for the campaign fund which the manufacturers of the State rolled up for the man from Beaver. Of course on the other side the cash was also plenty. There was never any lack of it. It is said that one side spent \$15,000 in Montgomery county, and the other side half as much; that in another county, toward the close of the contest, the snug sum of \$25,000 was offered for the delegates; that \$3,000 was tendered for the vote of a single county, and that similar sums were offered for the delegates of many counties in the State. It will take years and the active participation of the people at the primary elections to purify the polls of the debauchery of the campaign just closed."

### What Depew Thinks of Cleveland.

From an interview with a Republican Presidential Possibility.  
"Either he has extraordinary luck in accidentally doing the right thing or he is really a great statesman. I confess I am not sure in which aspect I regard him. Certainly he has twice in two years saved American credit abroad. When he sent federal troops to quell the Chicago riot he enunciated a new principle in American constitutional interpretation. We had accepted federal authority in subduing a general rebellion, but we superstitiously disclaimed the power of that authority in intervening against disorder merely within the limits of a State. Cleveland boldly brushed away that superstition. The people then accepted his interpretation without cavil, and it is now as firmly established as the constitutional doctrine of the equality of all men. Had he acted otherwise American state and municipal as well as railroad securities held abroad would have been affected to a degree that such financial troubles as we have just passed through would have been slight indeed as compared with what would have happened. Again, this year he forced his Secretary of the Treasury against that gentleman's own conviction to save the South from the silver heresy and alarmed Europe now recognizes that the heresy is dead."

### He Was a Favorite Campaigner in This County.

From the Pittsburg Post.  
The Democrats of Pennsylvania will miss the activity, sagacious counsel and energy of General HENSEL in their political campaigns, but we reject the idea of any such thing as a permanent retirement. Like the old war horse, in future conflicts, when he smells the battle from afar, he will be found in the thick of the fight, unless we very much mistake the man, and we don't think we do. Twenty-five years of hard and arduous service, however, fairly entitles him to a furlough, and to that we are all agreed; but no discharge be it understood. There is work for such men as HENSEL in all parties, not simply because of partisan advantage, but for the reason that their participation and influence elevate the standard of politics and administration. The work of General HENSEL in the law department of the state the last four years was worth millions to the people, and they are not likely to forget it. He can take a vacation on waiting orders.

### Water on the Magnet's Mill.

From the Milton Record.  
The French Academy of Medicine has had several sessions recently. As the result of official investigation it was reported that wine drinking was the principal agent in producing disease, crime and poverty. At once it was suggested that this was true because of adulterations. Now M. d' Arenberg has startled the Academy by asserting that the finer brands of spirits and liquors contain more poisonous matter than the cheaper kinds sold at the workmen's wine shops. He injected fine old cognac, at twelve francs a bottle, into rabbits, and found that it killed them all, while the cheaper brands were not so deadly. Science joins with morality and political economy in condemning the use of alcohol as a beverage.

### My, How Patient Those Congregations Must Have Been.

From the Pittsburg Times.  
The United Presbyterian church, at Hickory, Washington county, which celebrates its centennial to-day, has had only four pastors since 1803, one of them serving for 32 years. But out there pastors do not have to meet so many requirements which are no part of their profession as they do in the cities.

### Spawls from the Keystone.

- The water famine has made 1000 miners at Hazleton idle.
- President Warfield, of Lafayette College, says hazing must go.
- Water is so scarce at Wilkesbarre that the mines are partially idle.
- Ex-Judge A. L. Sassama is reported to be dying at his Reading home.
- A car famine made all Philadelphia and Reading collieries idle Friday.
- The frost on Saturday night did damage to the Lancaster tobacco crop.
- One-half of the city of Wilkesbarre is without water, owing to the drought.
- On Wednesday the East Pennsylvania Lutheran Synod convened at Pottsville.
- As he was at work in his Pottsville shop, William A. Sigfried dropped dead.
- Work was begun Friday upon the trolley line from Allentown to Kutztown.
- Several tons of clay in a Wilkesbarre brick yard buried Andrew Dock, killing him.
- Nearly 300 of Easton's representative business men enjoyed a dinner at Paxinos Inn.
- A hand car upon which he was riding, jumped the track at Pittston, killing David Glosk.
- A team of horses ran over and fractured the skull of Mrs. G. Williams, at Girardville.
- Robbers made an unsuccessful attempt to blow open the safe in the Berwick Post Office.
- Leon Roeder, a farmer, at Heidelberg Church, Lehigh county, hanged himself in the woods.
- The bricklayers, organization at Pittsburg has split, owing to a revolt against the officers.
- C. F. McKinney, of Titusville, has been lost in the mountains of Northeastern California for 10 days.
- German Catholics at Pottsville dedicated their new \$50,000 parochial school building on Sunday.
- Caught between a belt and a wheel at a Wilkesbarre colliery, little James Quinn was mangled lifeless.
- Mrs. Caroline Newhard has lived at Allentown 49 years, and yesterday enjoyed her first trolley ride.
- William Bergan, of Heckscherville, dropped dead on the street, and it is supposed that he took poison.
- While coupling cars at Aramingo, brakeman Frank L. Miller, of Palo Alto was dangerously crushed.
- Brakeman Frank Bishop, of South Easton, was cut in two by a Lehigh Valley train at Phillipsburg, N. J.
- I seriously cutting a man's throat Salvador Dorio, of Luzerne county, was sent to prison for seven years.
- Two performing bears climbed a telegraph pole at Milford, Pike county, and pulled down all the electric wires.
- While ironing clothes at her home, Miss Erbe J. Fairchild, of Stoums Valley, Luzerne county, was burned to death.
- General Superintendent F. L. Shepard of the Pennsylvania Railroad Middle division, is seriously ill at Altoona.
- A train at Allentown derailed Elif Gilmer's little son, Charles, who had crept under the car while it stood still.
- The anti-Quay people in Lancaster county will make a big effort to control the delegates to the national convention.
- Among the cases tried this week at Doylestown was that of Rev. R. S. T. Cocker, on a charge made by a young woman.
- Allentown newspapers claim that city has entertained more conventions than any other in the State, outside of Philadelphia.
- While eating luncheon in a Wilkesbarre restaurant, Jacob Morganstein, of Kingston, was strangled by a tough sandwich.
- Little Charles Hodden, fascinated by a Wild West show, ran away from his Stroudsburg home, three days ago and is still missing.
- Candidates for trustee for the Miners' Hospital, at Hazleton, to succeed the late Daniel Cox, are Alvan Markie and William Schwartz.
- The Carnegie Library building at Pittsburg will be opened on November 6, when the Smoky City folks expect to hear some good music.
- Allegheny county's first woman lawyer, Miss Agnes F. Watson, who passed her examination last week, was admitted to the bar Saturday.
- William Rote, the Renovo young man who left that place early Saturday morning while delirious, was found Saturday afternoon at upper Lockport.
- Judge Bechtel, of Schuylkill county, ousted the Falley township School Board because they were at loggerheads over the appointment of a teacher.
- A. J. Rotherick, of West Chester, has been appointed state forestry commissioner, and Dr. D. B. Warren, has been appointed economic zoologist.
- The Lehigh Presbytery met at Pottsville on Tuesday and the churches of Reading asked to be attached to the North Philadelphia Presbytery.
- Neil McKinsey, of Philadelphia, has purchased from John S. Shull his interest in the Spring City Sun, owned by Carney & Shull, and one of the oldest Chester county newspapers.
- Representatives of the Cambria Iron company, of Johnstown, have inspected the Gaysport furnace with a view to resuming operations at the plant, after a close down of five years.
- A Philadelphia & Reading freight train ran into an open switch at Sinking Springs, derailing the locomotive and six cars and injuring Engineer Krasner, of Allentown, and Fireman William Roth.
- The thirty first annual Convention of the Homopathic Medical Society of Pennsylvania, founded in 1826, opened in Pittsburg on Tuesday morning. The Society counts more than 400 members, including about a dozen women practitioners. Less than 100 delegates were expected to be in attendance, and nearly all were present at the opening session. The address of welcome was delivered by J. Richey Horner, M. D., President of the Allegheny Society to which Dr. Pitcairn, of Harrisburg, responded.