

Ink Stings.

Will the poor people of Centre county endorse HASTING'S for signing the oil bill by voting to make his pet their district attorney.

QUIGLEY is very unpopular at his old home in Eagleville, where he is accused of having forgotten the boys with whom he once ran barefooted.

A gold craze has struck Nebraska. Poor, ill-fated State. What a God-send it would be if the report were really true and the starving populace would become suddenly rich.

A new carriage in which our Governor rides cost \$1,500. He'll hardly look at poor little "Dandy" and that yaller BRADLEY wagon when he gets home from Harrisburg.

In Texas an extra session of the Legislature recently saved the honor of that State. In Pennsylvania it would be different; an extra session of our Legislature would well you know what it would mean.

The eternal fitness of things is seen in the report that KELLOGG, the most promising candidate for half-back on the Cornell foot-ball team, "will hardly make much at the game" because the poor fellow has a bald head.

The Clearfield county farmer who conceived the idea of classing a baby show under the heading, "articles of domestic manufacture," deserves a medal for long-headedness from the county agricultural society out there.

The consolidation of the three big street railway systems in Philadelphia marks the beginning of the end of whatever of comfort and efficiency of service that city has enjoyed from her street railways in the past. Where there can't be competition there will be little regard for public needs.

If there is any reason under the sun why a Democrat should vote for either ABE MILLER or HENRY QUIGLEY we would like to know of it. Both of them are unfit for the offices to which they aspire and would have to either neglect their work or hire it done at an additional expense to the county.

The Democratic land-slides in the cities of Indianapolis, Ind., and Chattanooga, Tenn., augurs well for great Democratic victories this fall. The tide has turned and Democracy will be carried on to victory. Get to work every one of you in Centre county. All we want is to get the vote out. Victory will then be assured.

The proposed action of the American Kennel club, whereby the exhibit of dogs with cropped ears and tails will be forbidden at future bench shows, is another step toward the more humane treatment of dumb animals, though it will detract much from the ferocious looks of bull dogs. When cropping stops there will be a "tail-holt" by which the latter class of canines can be pulled out of fights.

The Democrat seems to have effectually answered the Gazette's charge that the Democrats have not befriended the old soldiers. When a comparison is made the truth reveals itself that our party has given more to the defenders of the Union than the Republican party has, and if ABE MILLER tries to enlist your sympathy, because he is a battle scarred veteran, ask him why his own party hasn't looked after him.

In 1890 there were 5249 Democratic votes polled in Centre county, while last fall there were only 3967. The difference of 1282 is what we want to get out next month. With the same vote that we polled in 1890 the Democratic ticket would have a majority of 462 over a Republican vote as large as was HASTING's vote of 4787 last fall. It was abnormally large, however, so you see it is merely a question of getting out the vote. See that it is done.

Scientists are trying to prove that the Garden of Eden was at the north pole. We are not much exercised over the exact spot where ADAM and EVE held forth, but we would just like to drop a remark about the utter ridiculousness of this north pole location. Doesn't the bible say that Eve's only raiment was a fig leaf. Now whether she wore it in the shape of bloomers or, as tradition would have us believe, in the shape of a miniature apron, anyone would know that in a north pole region she would soon have perished.

It is not often that an editor gets caught in any of the little games he attempts to play, but CHARLEY BANGERT of the Falls Creek Herald, is one of the unfortunate. About two weeks ago he started a "big potato contest" in which he induced farmers to bring in all the big potatoes they could find and run the chance of getting the paper for a year. A few days ago CHARLEY became the father of twins and now every one is "on to" the potato contest racket. The twins appeared before he had scooped enough potatoes to do them all winter.

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Democrats of Centre County.

This time three years ago, you, with the people of the county generally, were suffering from the effects of Republican mis-rule as no people anywhere on the face of the globe had ever before suffered.

Factories of all kinds were at a standstill; mills were idle; furnaces were fireless; mines were closed up; the wages of the few working men who could find employment were going down, down, down; the prices for agricultural products were lower than ever known before; strikes were universal; tramps blockaded the highways; the militia was in arms at Homestead, keeping the starving populace in order, and on every hand was the evidence of such distress and such times as had never before been experienced, and we pray God never again may be felt.

This was under Republican rule and the result of Republican laws and administrations.

You as Democrats were not backward in telling your neighbors that the condition of affairs then, was attributable to the mis-rule of the party in power. You believed what you were saying, and you were right. You demanded a change of administration and many of your neighbors voted with you for a change. It came. With it is coming the prosperity you predicted. On every side and from every quarter comes the evidence of revived industries, of restored confidence, of better times. There is demand for the products of your farms and the prices of that which you raise are advancing; furnaces that were out of blast then are now working day and night; every mine in the country it being worked to its utmost capacity; wages have increased—tramps have decreased; factories and mills and mines have started up and every part of the country has evidence of the welcome change you worked for and secured.

Republican politicians are trying to steal the credit that belongs to you and your party—the credit of securing the better times and the general prosperity that now blesses the country. They say it is the consequence of their success last fall; that the people had no confidence in Democratic principles or Democratic rule and that the prospect of going back to Republican methods and Republican domination has brought about the change for the better. You know how wrong this claim is. You know how false it is. You know that the bettered condition of affairs is traceable alone to wise Democratic laws and to careful and economical Democratic administration. Shall this claim of the Republicans be sustained? It is for you to say. The result of the elections four weeks hence will tell. A Republican victory would mean that the people believe it was Republican success last fall, and not Democratic legislation, that secured us the better times. Can Democrats afford to allow this belief to take hold of the people? Can they afford to be robbed of the credit that is due them, and have the country go back to its condition in 1892? This is the question we leave to you, Democrats of Centre county? Is your party right? If so show, that you believe it by getting out every vote you can to sustain and encourage it.

Col. FRANCIS JORDAN for [many years president of the board of trustees of The Pennsylvania State College, was practically financially ruined by a decision of the supreme court, on Monday. The Harrisburg Telegram, the property of his son, had passed into the hands of the sheriff when Col. JORDAN endeavored to secure himself, for the heavy endorsing he had done for his son, by levying on a \$20,000 press purchased in Chicago. The Dauphin county court decided in his favor, but the decision has been reversed and the old gentleman is a great loser.

Two better, more conscientious and painstaking officials have never served Centre county, in their respective capacities, than prothonotary SMITH and district attorney SINGER. They are both candidates for re-election and if the best interests of the tax-payers are to be served they will be elected.

A Worthless Endorsement.

Its endorsement by the Republican state committee can hardly increase the public confidence in QUAY'S promises of reform. That committee is chiefly composed of henchmen who graduated in machine politics under the old Boss himself, and with such a reputation their endorsement of his reform program amounts to about the same as one bankrupt endorsing the notes of another.

What occasion is there for reform in this State, anyhow? What is out of joint, and who put it out? Ever since the beginning of the war, a period of thirty-five years, public affairs in this State have been almost exclusively in the hands of the Republicans. There has not been a law, a policy, or any measure of legislative action in all that time, that did not come from a Republican source. If there have been mal-administrations, bad laws, bad executive action and bad management of the State revenue, that party must be responsible for them, and that there has been all this has been admitted by their promises of reform. If there was nothing wrong there would be nothing to be reformed. But are the men who have produced a corrupt condition the proper ones to purify it?

QUAY has been at the head of this party in the State for years, and has controlled its policy. After having been chiefly instrumental in putting public affairs in the condition in which they are, he now announces that he is going to reform them. Are not his pretensions a good deal like those of an old hawd who should announce her intention of bringing about a reformation of the virtue in a community which she had done so much to impair?

The Farmers Won't be Fooled. That the Republicans want to fool the farmers in one more campaign is evident from an assertion in the resolutions of the New York Republican state convention to the effect that they have been "robbed of millions of dollars through free wool and the reduction of the tariff upon agricultural products by the Wilson tariff bill."

That tariff has been in operation a few weeks over a year. During that year, including the fiscal year between June 30, 1894 and June 30, 1895, the imports of articles of food and live animals amounted in value to \$363,228,274, as against \$379,795,536 in the preceding year which was exclusively under the McKINLEY act.

If the farmers have been "robbed" it must have been by the importation of foreign agricultural and animal products, and yet it is seen that during the past years, under the Wilson tariff, the value of such importations was over sixteen million dollars less than during the McKINLEY year.

The Republican politicians think that any lie will do to fool the farmers, and they have no regard for facts and figures when they get one up for campaign use.

A Record to be Proud Of.

The two leading acts of Democratic policy under the CLEVELAND administration has been the repeal of the SHERMAN silver purchasing law and the enactment of the WILSON tariff bill. The results of these two acts speak for themselves.

The first relieved the finances from that disorder and panic which overtook them when the treasury was being drained by the enforced purchase of silver which the government had no use for.

The other relieved the country from the effects of an oppressive tariff law that fostered monopoly, depressed labor, and increased the cost of the necessities of life.

The consequences of these two Democratic acts are seen in the re-established credit of the government, and the easy condition of the finances as the effect of their being placed on a sound basis; and in the improvement of business, the increased employment of labor, the advancement in wages, and in general prosperity taking the place of hard times.

With such a record the Democratic party can safely ask the country to render its verdict at the polls.

Personal Liberty in New York.

The line of policy assumed by the Republican party in New York is something unprecedented in American politics. It has declared openly and unblushingly in its platform against personal liberty.

The people of that State are suffering from the infliction of a sumptuary law that restrains their personal freedom. This enactment was intended as an excise measure, but it has been perverted to the purposes of fanaticism and is used as a means of individual and social annoyance. It applies to all the State, but has been made particularly oppressive and offensive in New York city.

By the enforcement of this intolerant measure a harmless indulgence is converted into a penal offense. The common citizen is hounded like a criminal if he is suspected of indulging in his favorite beverage on an interdicted day of the week, while the wealthy are placed above such persecution by their pecuniary condition. The humble beer saloon is watched by the police, while liquor is allowed to flow freely in the aristocratic club room.

It is contended by the upholders of personal liberty and equal rights that this law, originally intended for revenue, is being directed from its legitimate object, and is not only being made an instrument of Puritanical bigotry, but a means by which the private rights and social freedom of the citizen are violated, and is doubly obnoxious on account of its discrimination between different classes.

The reasonable demand is made by those who suffer from this law that the people shall be allowed to determine by popular vote, for their different localities, whether there shall or shall not be a discontinuance of its operations. The Republican State convention has declared its opposition to this principle of popular sovereignty. It denies to the people the right to determine a question that involves the highest principles of free citizenship, and put itself on record as the upholder of Puritanic intolerance, sumptuary restriction and fanatical oppression.

There will be no trouble in giving a good old-fashioned Democratic majority in Centre county this fall, if the Democratic vote is brought to the polls. The people are with us and all the Democrats need to do is to have grit enough to get out and vote. AND THIS THEY INTEND TO DO.

An Unconstitutional Court.

It could hardly be otherwise than that a law, conceived with such a partisan design as that contemplated in the formation of the superior court, should have some great constitutional defect about it, and this defect is pointed out by M. E. OLMSTEAD, Esq. of Harrisburg, one of the ablest constitutional lawyers in the State, who maintains that the provision of the law which practically limits the vote of the elector to six candidates when there are seven to be elected, is contrary to the constitution, which insures to every qualified voter the right to vote for a candidate for every elective office, except such offices as are expressly excepted in its provisions.

It was the outrageously partisan intention of the framers of this law to secure for the Republicans six out of the seven judges of the superior court, and in their endeavors to effect this grossly indecent purpose, which as a specimen of partisan meanness has no parallel, they had to resort to an assault upon the fundamental law of the State.

There may not be time enough before the election for the supreme court to act on the question of the constitutionality of the law that has created this new court, but the people should render their verdict in regard to it by defeating the candidates put forward by the schemers who devised this unconstitutional law for a partisan purpose.

Last fall the Republicans had the bulge on us and haven't got done crowding about it yet. This is our fall and Democrats should be prepared to know them under so deep, here in old Centre, that they will never hear them crow again.

Loyalty From a Southerner.

Extracts from Henry Watterson's Speech at the Louisville Camp-fire.

Comrades—for under the star flowered flag of the Union all who truly love it are comrades—in the name of the city and State I bid you the heartiest welcome.

I have been in every State and territory of the Union, and I can truly say that I never came away from any one of them where I had not found something to make me proud of my country. All that I do contend for is that you will find here more kind of good things and more of them than you will find anywhere else on the face of the globe. Let the dead past bury its dead. You, at least, have no reason to complain. You got away with as many of us as we got away with you. The brave men who have gone to heaven have long ago settled the account before that court where all is made right that so puzzles us here.

God reigns and the government at Washington lives. That should satisfy us all. If there is any more fighting to be done, let's go and lick England and take Canada; let's go and lick Spain and take Cuba; let's go and lick creation, and make the unspeakable Turk vote the American ticket. We can do it. Shoulder to shoulder, with the world before us and old glory above, who shall stop us? No surrender. No pretender. Fitted together in many a fray. Lions in fight. And linked in their might.

The North and the South will carry the day. All that is wanted in this great land of ours is for the people—the plain people, as Lincoln called them—to realize, from Maine to Texas, from Florida to Oregon, that there is nothing whatever to divide them. They are the same people.

The monstrosity of slavery out of the way, the Nation having actually had its new birth of freedom, what but ignorance and prejudice is to hinder the stalwart American in Minnesota from taking the hand of the stalwart American in Georgia and calling him "brother"? Both came from a common origin—good old Anglo-Saxon and Scotch-Irish stock, and are welded to each other on common interest and a common destiny. Bone of one bone, flesh of one flesh, national aspirations and fellowship. God made this continent for us and consecrated it for freedom. The transfiguration of nature not less than the transfusion of blood clearly indicates the will of God. Who dares dispute his awful works?

Why Deny Them Such Rights.

The latest news from Cuba is to the effect the insurgents have organized a government with a President, members of the cabinet and generals for the army. This is all very well, and just what other people do, when setting up for themselves, but the most important consideration is can they maintain this dignity? From the way Spain is hedging in the insurgents with troops and a double cordon of gunboats, they may expect one of the toughest struggles of recent times before they succeed, if they succeed at all. Organizing a government, if only on paper, will give the cause of the patriots some strength, and should this be followed by the United States granting them belligerent rights, the insurgents will immediately assume a significance it could not otherwise have. With belligerent rights it would not be long before Cuba would have armed cruisers on the high seas. If money be needed to fit them out, plenty of it can be found in the United States.

The Legacy of a Dead Politician and General.

General Mahone's total disappearance from Virginia politics would leave the Populists free from a certain reproach in their recent connection with one who has brought too much trouble on the State, and even to his own friends, to impart anything but unpopularity to any new movement. Mahone's enemies have been unfair in attempting to rob him of his military reputation which he won with gallantry and ability all during the civil war. But his political career stamped itself upon the State in such characters as cannot be anything but discredit to his associates in any recent movement. The Republicans and Populists have his legacy of a very shrewd plan of coalition against unfair elections and they will be better off without the author of it.

Five Hundred Gudgeons.

It is reported that 500 young men were misled by a report that a rich Chinese merchant proposed to pay a fortune to any American who would marry his daughter. That at least is the number of letters directed to the mythical Chinese Crosses, lying unclaimed in the San Francisco post-office. Two things are proved by the instance. One is that newspapers are wonderful advertising mediums, even to the solicitation of a husband. Another is that there are plenty of persons who can be tempted into the most ridiculous acts by the glare of sudden riches.

Subscribe for the WATCHMAN and get all the news of the county.

Spawls from the Keystone.

Lebanon's reservoirs are empty.

The State firemen have deserted Reading and gone home.

Greensburg is trying to raise funds for the erection of a hospital.

York county's fair this week is more successful than for many years.

Reading's smallest man, Jeremiah Ludwig, 39 inches tall, died of old age.

A child at Kenllworth thrust a hairpin in A. S. Shantz's arm, and he may lose it.

The Hanover Record says that apples are selling for five cents a bushel in that region.

While assisting at an Allentown funeral, on Saturday, Mildrum Conner dropped dead.

A bursting fly wheel in the Homestead electric light plant killed engineer John Bowman.

The Pennsylvania state council of Daughters of Liberty met Tuesday at Johnstown.

It is expected that Spangler's new school house will be ready to occupy by Monday next.

Pottstown Hospital managers elected T. J. March a trustee to succeed the late Henry G. Kulp.

Pottsville is again without funds, and a loan of \$10,000, the limit allowed by law, will be created.

Caught between a mine prop and a car at Pittston, Charles Williams was squeezed to death.

Charged with passing counterfeit silver dollars at Punxsutawney Jack Wright was jailed.

Over 100 Poles, Huns and Italians were naturalized on Saturday in the Schuylkill county Courts.

While putting paper in a stove at Lebanon the little daughter of Charles Field was fatally burned.

Secretary of the Commonwealth Frank Reeder and his family have returned to Easton from Europe.

The explosion of a boiler at Shamokin fatally injured engineer Daniel McIntyre and caused \$200 money damage.

Picking a dynamite cartridge with a key and exploding it, Joseph Beams, of Pittston, was critically mangled.

A charter was granted to the Pocono spring water ice company, of Naomi Pines, Monroe county; capital, \$100,000.

For stealing \$18 from a Montgomery county man William Moore, of Philadelphia, was sent to prison for 18 months.

Owing to the heavy death rate at Scranton, the health board urges all the people to boil all the water they drink.

The Evangelical association in Lebanon county has begun a lawsuit to oust Rev. W. H. Hartzell from St. Paul's church.

Little Coran Loukhoff, living on the Wesh Mountain, Lancaster, was shot and critically wounded by Milton Fryberger.

The Middleburg Post says it is again rumored that the railroad laid out from Selinsgrove to Millintown will shortly be built.

Rev. H. C. C. Astwood, colored, of Harrisburg, will sue the school board for turning his children out of a white school.

Owing to the frequent suspensions of work at the colliery, Oscar Stein, a miner, near Pottsville, committed suicide with poison.

Elwood Gray, accused of stealing a horse from Mrs. K. A. Gould, of West Nottingham, was captured near Oxford on Saturday.

The body of ex-Senator John W. Hughes, who was murdered at Anontico, was taken to his Sharon home for burial Monday.

Captain M. N. Baker, of Corry, and Miss Cora Stuechling, of Allegheny county, have been appointed deputy factory inspectors.

Last Thursday little Irvin Bauer, son of Samuel Bauer, at Pottstown, was sent on a trifling errand, and he has not yet returned.

Ill health caused Frank Anthony, employed in the office of the Carpenter Steel Works, Reading, to commit suicide with poison.

The Pittsburgh bureau of health Monday reported seven new cases of scarlet fever, six of diphtheria and eleven of typhoid fever.

The Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania is in session at Orwigsburg, with Rev. H. A. Weiler, of that place, presiding.

Peter, a 12-year old son of William Eisel, a Homestead merchant, fell from a third story of a new building Monday and received fatal wounds.

Damages for \$150.50 were recovered at Pottsville by C. B. Wagner from the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre coal company for culm washed upon his land.

Rev. E. D. Weigle, pastor of the first Lutheran church, Altoona, who resigned to go to Mechanicsburg, has changed his mind and will remain where he is.

A Philadelphia tobacco dealer, Eli Shertzer, will be tried at Lancaster on a charge of swindling a bank by alleged false pretense in rating his financial condition.

Another ineffectual attempt was made Saturday at York to sell the tide-water canal and Columbia dam to satisfy claims of \$1,000,000. A bid of \$30,000 was made.

The first National bank of Kane has been organized by C. H. Kemp, M. W. Moffit, E. Swanson, J. H. Groves, G. W. Campbell, T. K. Hoskins, C. H. Heim, W. J. Armstrong.

Harry W. Hannah was nominated, without opposition, Monday night by Republicans of the Fourth ward, Pittsburg, to fill the unexpired term in select council of Henry Metzgar, deceased.

Miss Corr, of Marion Centre, Indiana county, who was tried for killing her 2 year old child last spring by throwing it into a well, was found not guilty, the jury declaring her to be weak-minded.

The Hollidaysburg city council granted a water supply to the car shops, locomotive works and 5,000 employees of the Pennsylvania railroad company at Altoona during the continuance of the water famine in that city. Hollidaysburg is the only town in Juniata valley that has a good water supply. Six communities are dependent upon the local reservoir.