Ink Slings.

-Murdered miners will be the Shibboleth in the next national campaign.

-It is beginning to look very much as if QUAY will burn his fingers if he monkeys too much with that "fiery cross."

-Yes, its true! Col. SHORTLIDGE is going to be a candidate for legislative honors. He has commenced to write letters and as he has a good stenographer and plenty of that stuff that fills space there is no telling when it will end.

-Those circles around the sun and moon, yesterday, were enough to make the hardened old fakirs at Grange park begin to get it tumbles over on the other." It is sinthe "left one" into close quarters and pray for luck, when they thought good old St. a thought after reading Col. McClure's were suspended by what looked like a rup-PETER was comin' to get in the game for Philadelphia Times on Sunday and Monday. keeps.

-The Governor's first great yellow dog act was when he deserted DAVE MARTIN and his friends to play foot-stool for "the old man." It did his second act, last week, when he crawled back to DAVE and made him his secretary of the commonwealth. The Lord only knows where and what the finale will be.

-Indeed it was in the nature of a coincidence that at the time when a Republican sheriff was shooting down poor laboring ticians. men, in cold blood, in Pennsylvania, Mr. BRYAN was untiringly succoring the wounded in that horrible Santa Fe railroad wreck in Iowa, through which he had passed safely himself.

-Some New York crank has written to tion as the beginning, if not the end, of the Sun decrying the whistling in which good government for the Commonwealth. men and boys indulge on Wall street. He | Cheek by jowl with these two heads of the styles it a nuisance and infringement on Republican party he has attempted to bunthe rights of people. Wall street is the co the people into believing that all they last place in the world that ought to object did was right and that all they purposed to so harmless a manner of raising wind. was purely and disinterestedly for the peo-Most of the business on that street is done ple. on it.

-Two new postmasters were appointed tion-a split has developed that is certain within this county the past week, viz: to show up the weak, the corrupt and the 2 per cent. more, making a total increase BOSTON VIEHDORFER, at Moshannon, and false past, and the prophet of the Times is E. E. HEVERLY, at Mountain Eagle. Like to the front threatening that he knows all methods. There has been, however, no all the rest who have received appoint- and that robberies and corruptions and ments, we presume these two proved title wrongs that have gone on for years, must glass workers. to being original anti-HASTINGS workers, and have pledged their personal and politi- the debauchery of money in politics" and cal influence to the QUAY end of the Re- that the Times will be "one of fifty to conpublican party hereabouts.

-BERNHARDT, the famous French artist who has bamboozled American audiences so often by announcing her farewell tour to the American stage, came pretty near making her farewell tour to an empty house on the coast of France the other day. She started to climb down a cliff when the loose rocks rolled under her and precipitated her into the sea. Fortunately for SARA a boatman saw and rescued her.

-It must be a little galling to the finer least, believe themselves to be honest and reputable, to follow the lead of one who so disgraced his official position that an administration, such as Governor HASTINGS has given the State, could not stand it. Surely an official who is so tough, politically, that the present state administration is ashamed of his acts, must be run down at the heel morally and otherwise to an extent almost beyond conception. And yet such is the condition of the head of the Republican state organization.

-While the WATCHMAN has no sympathy with the mob methods of asserting the rights of labor and it believes that the majesty of the law should be supreme, there are circumstances attending the shooting of those foreigners at Latimer, a few days ago, that cannot but be lamented. mighty organ and says: I will be the new "Ignorance of the law excuseth no man." yet those poor, helpless foreigners were not to be so mercilessly treated, because they had been slow to obey an order from sheriff MARTIN that probably none of them understood. The wounds in their backs city. I am the big injun who exclaims : will prove horrible night-mares in the after Alec. not lost! The State is lost! Alec. years of those impulsive deputies who thought so little of the lives they were destroying.

-The same Mr. JOHN T. ELKIN, who admits that, while assistant attorney general of the State, he signed a bond indemnifying the treasurer for robbing the state treasury of \$31,434.00, to benefit political heelers, is the same Mr. ELKIN who, as the official head of the Republican party in the State, is waving his political flag and calling upon the people, whom he attempted to rob, to fall in and follow his lead. The robbed travelver who after being "held up" would, of his own accord, follow the highwayman into parts where the little he had left could be taken, would exhibit no greater degree of idiocy than will the tax-payers who join the procession headed by this acknowledged political

-And now it is rumored that the reason the majority of the state capitol commission went back on its own work and concluded to ask for new bids was that. just prior to the meeting of the commission, it leaked out that one of the plans, thrown aside by the experts for irregularity, was furnished by an adherent of Senators QUAY and PENROSE. The adop- been entrusted are unable to agree on a tion of the discarded plan, it is alleged, would have given to ALLAN B. ROURKE, of Philadelphia, another QUAY follower, some inside advantages when the lettings months ago. There has been ample time would take place, so that the QUAY mem- for all the arrangements needed for its rebers of the commission stood unanimously for another chance at a job, that before it is through with, will fatten somebody's pocket book and furnish no small "divy" to the Republican faction that captures it. ture. This would have been the course

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sets the Times to correcting the morals of

men and the mal-administrations of poli-

For years he has been telling us of the

reforms that Senator QUAY contemplates

securing for the good of Pennsylvania, and

for almost the some number of years he has

been parading the Hastings' administra-

Now a change has come over the situa-

No one disputes the right nor questions

the might of the Times. A great metropol-

itan organ that could truckle to the great-

est political knave the country has ever

taxing every other interest, now eschews

its words and feeds its readers more flap-

doodle by calling him a bold, bad man and

drawing off the wind it pumped into him

When the Times tickled QUAY it worked

TINGS it poured water on its own mill.

Col. ALEXANDER MCCLURE has grown too

good to longer perform the old country

circus straddle act of riding two horses

at one time and now sweeps Penn-

sylvania with the mighty-blast of his

reformer. Every one has forgotten what

the departed SAM JOSEPHS said of me when

I attacked him as a candidate for council

in the 19th ward, shortly after he moved

up into that then aristocratic portion of the

When corruption is halted and the re-

forms that the Times intends bringing do

come the people of Pennsylvania will fall

at the feet of the modern reformer and pro-

claim him blessed, but until that time

shall have come the lingering suspicion

that there is an ax to be ground, away

down in the carpet bag of this new reform

traveler, will linger in the minds of those

who know him, and remember the re-

The Delayed New Capitol.

A bad impression is being made by the

delay of the state capitol building commis-

sion in selecting a plan for the new struc-

ture. It is the business of this commission

the people to believe that there is a sinis-

It was announced that the intention was

to have the new structure ready for the

next session of the Legislature, but if the

building is to be ready for occupancy by

that time the work should now be in prog-

ress. Instead of that being the case it is

seen that those to whom this work has

was consigned to the flames more than six

building. If there had been earnestness

in the work the plans would have been

ready to begin operations on it early in the

spring in order to secure its completion in time for the next meeting of the Legisla-

forms he has so often promised.

ter purpose back of it.

plan of construction.

only a few months ago.

his party faith."

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The Modern Colossus of Pennsylvania. pursued by a commission that was desirous of carrying out the object of its appoint-MARTIN LUTHER once said that "hument, but the end of the summer sees the man reason is like a drunken man on commissioners unable to agree upon any horseback; set it up on one side, and one of the designs offered by the architects, gular that we should have entertained such and last week their prolonged deliberations

members of the commission. The Times is a would-be powerful organ While such dilatory tactics are being and the editor who directs its policy a pursued, the ruins of the old capitol remighty rear-end prophet. He sits on the main as silent reminders of the destruction the editorial tripod in Philadelphia and, that has been wrought, whether acci-Colossus like, bestrides the State. One dentally may never be known; but it is leg lands in Beaver county, the other at quite evident that there is no earnestness Harrisburg, and after he has had both of the Republican political buffoons clambertime for the accommodation of the next ing onto his knee, and off again, he does the old, old "split" act, himself, and once more Legislature.

ture between the Governor and the other

When such a state of facts presents itself to the attention of the people may they not be justified in believing that every days' delay in going ahead with the work means that much more time in which to arrange jobs, assist friends and to cover tracks leading to the plunder that is expected to be gathered from the erection and furnishing of the new Capitol?

Lawlessness of Trusts.

One of the articles of production upon which DINGLEY put a largely increased duty was window glass, and within the last two weeks the window glass trust was reorganized. Its first act was to increase the price of its product 5 per cent. to which the jobbers, with equal promptness, added of seven per cent., as the result of trust corresponding increase in the wages of the

cease :- that the "Times will battle against This sort of proceeding is what the American people have to expect in all the lines of protected production. The intribute \$1,000 each to make such a fund as creased duties furnish the monopolies with the opportunity of practicing extortion upwill assure the thorough and fearless proseon the public and as a consequence the cution of every guilty person, regardless of number of trusts will be multiplied.

These combinations are clearly unlawful, as they are intended to restrain trade, which is forbidden both by federal and state enactments. The deliberation with which they are formed, in utter defiance known, under the suspicion of shaking off the payment of a \$45,000 libel fine, must and contempt for the law, is one of the indicertainly have facility for juggling with the cations of the lawlessness into which the the highest figure; and when this degrad-working people, while in the eastern coal intelligence of its readers. This same great | American people are drifting.

paper that could inflate the Governor of We are indeed getting to be a nation in this Commonwealth until he might have the Arctic explorer, and all for the sake of the mob takes the law into its own hands and demand wages that will enable them palavering him into vetoing a mercantile are held to be the most striking evidences as much of it in the action of monopolists. advertisers, who saw nothing unjust in who form combinations that are contrary to law, as there is in the violent demonstrations of a mob of lynchers. In fact the latter is not as dangerous and reprehensible as the law-breaking that is practiced by the trusts, as it is not done with as much deliberation.

"Honor to the Luzerne County Sheriff."

for itself. When the Times praised HAS-The New York Sun has become a full fledged Republican organ, and though it was despicable enough when it hung on the skirts of Democracy to betray its candidates and falsify its principles, it is now a still meaner sheet as the avowed defender of the trusts and the outspoken advocate of the monopolistic and oppressive methods that constitute Republican policy.

In its groveling subservience to the interests of plutocracy its gets down lower into the dirt than any of the older Republican organs. None of them is so lost to the sense of shame and regard for humanity as to express delight over the slaughter of the striking miners in the Hazleton coal region, although they refrain from speaking of that horror in proper terms of re proof; but the vile Sun actually gloats over the massacre of those poor working people, using an expression of enthusiastic approval when in commenting upon that bloody crime it exclaims: "Honor to the sheriff of Luzerne county."

The act for which this organ of the trusts and champion of the gold standard and the DINGLEY tariff wants this sher'ff honored involved the cold-blooded and cowardly killing of twenty-one workingmen and the wounding of forty-two others, most of the victims having helpless families depending for subsistence on their scanty to make a choice from the various designs earnings. Honor is to be accorded to this offered by competing architects, and its officer who recklessly stretched his audilatory action in this matter is inclining thority to the point of wholesale murder. and produced a scene of blood equal to that of a battle field.

But what do these victims amount to in the estimation of an organ that has be come besotted in the service of privileged and protected wealth? They were, in the view of the Sun, nothing but a pestilent breed of laborers who dared to be dissatisfied with the starvation wages allowed them by the coal barons, and deserved to be shot down for showing their dissatis The unfortunate old capitol building faction. The sheriff of Luzerne county adopted a way of treating them for which

that sheet would accord him honor. Probably the fact that he is a Republican sheriff adds to the Sun's high appreciation of his murderous act. It is not often that the Republicans elect a sheriff in Luzerne county, but when they get one he proves his ability to shoot miners when they become too troublesome in their demand for living wages.

A rather singular sort of prosperity has

Prosperity in Luzerne County.

that this is being done by shooting pros- out the additional cost of the troops called perity into them with Winchester rifles.

coal regions, that is rather typical of wrong driven them to disorderly demonstrations, and oppression than of prosperous conditions, was a disgrace to American civilization. The victims of the misdirected and overstrained official authority that was displayed on that occasion, were poor, igno- bitrary methods of military rule. As soon rant slaves of the mines, brought into the country to secure cheap labor in mine operations, and thereby increase the profit of millionaire mine owners and wealthy corporations.

The object of their importation was to of this pauper labor element was made to being more hands than could be supplied with steady work. This was the system the expense of these military operations. of employment deliberately adopted and long practiced in one of the highly protected lines of production-protected not only In her western districts "government by inby tariff duties but by monopolistic com- junction" is the method employed to supbinations that kept the price of coal up to press the dissatisfaction of poorly paid ed class of laborers, employed at starvation region "government by the military" is wages, and additionally oppressed by the the agency by which they are kept in subwhich legal restraints are but little regard- extortion of the "company stores," at last done good service as a balloon for Andre, ed. The frequent lynching cases in which | yield to the instinct of self preservation to live a little better than brutes, they are tax bill that might have affected its largest of this increasing lawlessness, but there is shot down in the public highway at the command of an officer who is prompted to the bloody work by the apprehension that fellow to look it up. All signs go. the property of some coal baron is about to be trespassed upon by strikers.

This is the kind of prosperity that has overtaken the Luzerne coal miners, and the sheriff of the county who has been its "advance agent" in so bloody a manner. owes his election to the Republican party. We do not say that his being a Republican inclines him to that kind of work, but it may be remarked, in this connection, that in a county like Luzerne his election required the votes of many of these miners who last year were "assisted" in voting the Republican ticket for the "protection of industry" and the vindication of the "national honor.

It Was Only a Republican Custom.

Both ex-secretary of state REEDER and exssistant attorney general ELKIN in try ing to palliate the offence of signing a bond to protect the state treasurer for the illegal payment of salaries to a lot of political heelers whose names had been placed upon the Legislative pay-rolls without warrant of law alleges that "it has been the custom 'since the passing of the act of 1874, limiting the number of employees of the House 'and Senate, to add a number of employ-'ees to the roll at each session and provide for their compensation by items in the 'general appropriation bill."

the Republicans controlled both branches of the Legislature and had the Governor. but it was not the case when the Demoerats organized the House, in 1883, nor during any year that Governor PATTISON was expected to sign the appropriation bill. It is a well known fact that during the long session of 1883, the Democrats who controlled the House, refused to name appointees for all the places fixed by law. and were soundly abused by aspirants for positions because of the refusal.

It won't do for Mr. REEDER or Mr. EL-KIN to try to mitigate the wrong they attempted to do the people of the State by such broad declarations as they have made as to the custom prevailing since 1874, because no such custom prevailed under Democratic rule, nor was there need of any such custom. The records at Harrisburg will show that during the years the Democrats had charge of any one branch of the government that no such robbery was permitted. It was only when Republicans had complete control that the tax-payers were mulched by padded pay-rolls for the benefit of political heelers.

The custom they refer to is purely and strictly a Republican custom.

Rough Experience for the Old State. The mine operators of the coal regions struck Luzerne county. The miners of have made money by supplying their that region have not been in a flourishing operations with imported pauper laborers condition for some years past. Between and keeping them down to starvation walow wages, pluck-me stores and false ges, but the disturbance which this kind weighing of the coal they dig, they have of oppression has produced has been far had a hard fight with the wolf at the door. from profitable to the State. The tax-pay-But the Republican party has undertaken ers will feel the effect of it at a time when to make them prosperous, along with other | the funds in the state treasury are too low classes of working people, and it is seen to meet necessary public expenses, with-

out to keep order in the coal regions. For a prosperous scene, the one that presented itself at the Lattimer mines, after county to the number of nearly 3,000, run in replacing it with a new structure in the sheriff's deputies had poured a volley in there under the supposition that their of rifle balls into the crowd of striking presence is necessary to preserve the peace miners, was indeed a singular one. More and protect the property, will cost the than a score of laborers, mortally effected State \$10,000 per day at the least, with the by that blast of "prosperity," were seen probability that it will be considered necstretched in death on the ground, while essary to keep them there for a protracted more than forty were not so prosperous as period; it may be for three or four weeks, to be killed outright, but were among the or probably longer. This expense, added wounded. Terror overcame those who es- to the cost of their transportation on the caped the deathly shower of bullets, and a railroads, and other charges, will make a mad rush was made by the survivors to nice bill for the tax-payers, as a conseget out of the reach of that kind of pros- quence of the coal barons filling the region with cheap foreign laborers and keeping This bloody transaction in the Luzerne them in a condition of destitution that has

This is not the only injury that the State sustains as a result of such a state of affairs. The orderly administration of the law in the disturbed region is violated by the aras the commanding general makes his appearance, with his cohorts at the scene of disturbance, he orders the suspension of the civil functions and declares the supremacy of martial law. The right of public assemblage is forbidden; orders are givbeat down wages, and in order to more en as to the manner in which the victims completely effect this policy the influx of the sheriff's massacre shall be buried; even so arrogant a power as prohibiting overstock the coal regions so that the over- the service of writs on parties amenable to supply of laborers would conduce to low the law, is assumed by the commanding wages as a necessary consequence of there officer. In this respect a greater harm is done the State than is inflicted upon it by

> The old Commonwealth is having some pretty rough experiences at this juncture.

-How about the hair on those caterpillars, you old weather-wise fanatic? We want to know whether a cold or mild winter is to be looked for and you are the

Tammany Will Win.

From the York Gazette The Democrats of Greater New York can win the coming election with ease providing they put up a good candidate. The Republican party is split. The Citizen's Union, composed of Republicans antagonistic to the Republican machine, have nominated Seth Low, president of Columbia university. Platt and other Republican leaders announce that they will not accept Low as their candidate, and in order to show their power may be foolish enough to nominate a machine man.

The Democrats nominally have a majority of over 100,000. The danger is that Croker and the Tammany leaders will think victory so certain that they can risk a candidate identified with the Tammany machine. Should they do so the result will be very uncertain. It is of importance to the Democratic party of the nation that the party in New York should win this vear. It is to be hoped the local leaders there will not throw away the chance they have to help the cause.

Old Man Dana Right for Once in His

The Hon. William Jennings Bryan has no reason to complain of the size of the audiences that assemble to hear him talk free silver or, as he calls it, "bimetallism." At Burlingame, Kan., one day last week, he spoke to 15,000 persons, and "his reception was most enthusiastic." At Iola, in the This may have been the custom when same State, the next day, he addressed from 10,000 to 12,000 persons on "bimetalhim." We quote from Republican accounts. People who think that the back of the free silver movement is broken are deluding themselves. Wherever the Bryanites were strong in 1896, they are strong to-day; and wherever they are strong, the belief in and the demand for the free coinage of silver have not been diminished a

Republican Prosperity of Course.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer. The situation in the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania is now far more critical than it has been in the soft coal regions at any time this summer. In fact. may be doubted whether we have ever had to confront a situation more threatening to law and order save during the actual process of riot. The prospect of a strike of ten thousand men in the Lehigh valley alone is not a prospect to be surveyed without the gravest concern, when a mobilization of a large part of the National Guard of the State and the intense excitement over the Hazleton trouble are con-

And, by the way, is all this riot and striking one of the evidences of prosperity?

-Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-Miss Elmira Weary and Grace Kell, of Middlesex, Franklin county, were badly injured by a down-hill runaway.

-Of sixty-nine properties advertised for sale by the sheriff of Blair county on October 1st only two are Tyrone properties.

-Henry M. Dechert, of Philadelphia, was elected president of the board of trustees of the Wernersville state insane asylum. -The Synod of the Presbyterian church of

Pennsylvania will meet in the Falling Spring church, Chambersburg, on October 21st--Falling down a mine airhole near Sha-

mokin, 7 year-old Stella Kiefa had to remain there all night until miners rescued her in -In court at Erie Monday, Lewin De-

wit Heidler, charged with murdering his

father-in-law, Levi Kreider, on May 1st, 1896, in Fairview township, was placed on -There is an unsafe bridge in Barr township, Cambria county, and the following no-

tice has been posted: "The suporviser will not be reliable for axidents happens on the briddg." -The different bituminous collieries of Patton and the one located on the Cambria county railroad, near Spangler, shipped 3,500 cars

the month of August. -The President has appointed David B. Heiner, of Pennsylvania, United States District Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, to succeed Harry Alvan Hall. M. Heiner was formerly a member

of coal over the Beech Creek railroad during

of Congress. -At Lancaster Jack Richardson was arrested for almost fatally beating George Murr, and Harry Zeigler and George Anderson were put in jail for similar violence, Zeigler having since having been transferred to an insane asylum.

-A dymanite explosion in the camp of the Ferguson contracting company, for B. R. & P. railway, about 5 miles from Falls Creek. demolished the building and inflicted such injuries to two colored men that one will die and the other will lose his one eye.

-By a vote of 78 to 67 the Republican county convention of Huntingdon. nominated W. H. Benson over E. O. Rogers for associate judge. Judge Rogers was recently appointed associate judge to fill the unexpired term of the late judge

Geissinger. -Thomas J. Dasher, of Wrightsville, was obliged to give up his position recently through his eyesight becoming impaired, and last evening he cut his throat with a knife. After a physician dressed the wound he stabbed himself near the heart. He will be sent to an asylum.

-Sixty-five years ago this month the Pennsylvania canal was completed on the eastern division to Huntingdon, and on the western division as far as Blairsville. Major S. S. Barr drove the first wagon that was loaded with goods at the Huntingdon wharf for transportation to Blairsville.

-Early Saturday morning the large barn on the farm of Squire Gingrich, residing near Mt. Pleasant, Lebanon county, was destroyed by fire. The barn was one of the of wheat were burned. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin. The loss. including the wheat, is estimated to be between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

-Isaac Koble of Milton, was shot in the body during the third day of the battle of Gettysburg, July 3rd 1863. The surgeons failed to locate the ball, but in the course of time the wound healed. Several weeks ago a large carbuncle appeared on his back and when it was lanced the other day the bullet. which had been received more than thirtyfour years ago, worked out.

-Within a month a remarkable bill of claims against the government will be filed in the United States court of claims by John Woomer, Sr., of East Tyrone, Mrs. Rebecca Poole, of Green Castle, and John and Willis Woomer, of Jersey Shore, The claim relates to property of fabulous value in the heart of Washington, on which are located the Washington monument, the national museum and the United States treasury building.

-Arrests have followed the alleged kidnaping of the 5-year-old son of Rev. Julius Herold, of West Philadelphia. The minister swore out warrants against his two sisters. charging them with kid-naping and alienating the affections of his son. The sisters gave bail in the sum of \$1.000. It is said that he tried to induce his sisters to give up his son. but that they refused. The sisters came into possession of the child about three months ago in Williamsport.

-Samuel Skinner, a porter at the Auld house, Washington, Pa., committed suicide Saturday by drinking carbolic acid. Skinner went upstairs, saying he was going to take a dose of medicine and a few minutes later was found in terrible agony in the laundry. He died in a few minutes. Skinner once before attempted to "People came fifty miles to hear take his life by jumping from a third-story window, and has been lame since.

-The alleged suicide of Mrs. Benjamin Stewart, of York Haven, is being investigated by the authorities, who believe she was murdered by tramps. There were evidences of a struggle on the banks of the pond where the woman was found drowned. Mrs. Stewart was about thirty years of age. She was quite pretty, but her fondness for drink caused her husband to leave her and take his two children from her. Two tramps now in the York jail are suspected of drowning the woman.

-Hon. James Kerr of Clearfield, is the posessor of a historical relic in the shape of a cannon supposed to be one hundred years old, which was captured from the British when they evacuated Washington, D. C., in 1814, after the partial destruction of the Nation's capitol. It is rather an ancient looking gun and weighs 1,600 pounds. He is having it mounted for the purpose of placing it on a lawn near his residence in Clearfield. The cannon was unearthed in Alexandria. Va., where workmen were excavating for the foundation of a factory for the Virginia beef extract company, of which Mr. Kerr is