

INK SLIPS.

Talking of a name for the new MARLBOROUGH baby what would be more appropriate than JONATHAN BULL MARLBOROUGH?

Boss QUAY was 64 years old yesterday. We would like to bet with some one that DANIEL didn't telegraph congratulations to him.

What with all the plots that are being discovered to be aimed against the life of Czar NICHOLAS, of Russia, that monarch means by having the audacity to live on in more than we are able to comprehend.

Since Spain thinks it is funny to laugh at our fighting resources we might remind her that one Pennsylvania sheriff's posse killed more men in five minutes than her 80,000 trained soldiers have done in Cuba in five months.

The Braddock Catholic priest who broke his vows, last fall, and ran off and married a pretty telegraph operator had been out of the business so long that he doesn't like married life at all and wants to get back into the church again.

The citizens' union of New York is trying to get the women of the metropolis to fighting TAMMANY. Petitions will have little effect against the current that is going to sweep the old woman ideas, that have been running Gotham since TAMMANY lost control, into oblivion.

The entire English fleet of 141 vessels that was gathered at Spithead, at the time of the Queen's jubilee, is said to have cost \$155,000,000. The English press is making quite a fuss over such an aggregation representing so much of an out-lay. We can pool-pool at their pretensions and point to our body of old soldiers who receive more than that amount in pensions every year.

This new fad of grass walking which seems to be luring a good portion of Philadelphia's smart set to Fairmount park, where they pick up their frocks and parade around in their bare feet over the dewy grass, has not reached this section yet. It is an English means for beautifying the Tribbles. How beneficial we don't know, but we imagine we'd like the treatment. It always did please our rustic fancy to see the calves in the grass.

The Kentucky horseman who has invented a water filter with which to purify the water consumed by his blooded stock is certainly a man after *Dumb Animal* AXGELL'S heart. Here is a Kentuckian who has done more for the horses of the blue-grass State than has ever been done for her sons and daughters. It is not to be wondered at, however, for the sons of Kentucky have never been accused of being well enough acquainted with water to know anything of its impurities.

There are too many reform candidates in the field this fall. Too many cooks always spoil the broth and unless some of the political chefs, who aspire to dish things up in the state treasury department for the next four years, get off the track that same old Republican hash will get the job again. There is a chance to defeat the machine methods that have made the public treasury a private snafu if you who are honestly seeking reform vote for MICHAEL E. BROWN, of Indiana county. Otherwise the election of the Republican aspirant is a foregone conclusion.

While the movement looking toward a new court house for Centre county is only in its infancy it might be well for the taxpayers to take it in hand before it has progressed too far to admit of a change. The idea of destroying those Doric columns and putting in their place an architectural jumble of steeples and windows seems almost sacrilege. The court house is old, but to-day it is Centre county's most imposing building and if its unique prospective is to be effaced let us not do it until a time when the county can afford to replace it with a building, whose architectural beauty shall be something commensurate with the one it displaces.

The pastorate of the United Brethren church in Bellefonte is an honorable and pleasant charge though the emoluments are not such as to make those who have served it remember the place as a bright oasis in the desert of pecuniary stringency over which most ministers of all denominations have to toil. The last pastor of that denomination in this place will carry away with him the memory of a very thrilling experience, however, and no matter where he goes, nor what he becomes the day HENDERSON'S bull run him up a tree will live in his mind and constantly recall to him the time he went meandering mid the clover and the flowers.

The Spanish cabinet tumbled from its lofty perch, on Wednesday, and the reorganization which will follow will more than likely turn the government over to Liberal control. AZCARRAGA'S ministry has resigned. Their resignations having been accepted, SAGASTA, the Liberal leader, will be asked to form a cabinet. It will probably be part of the new policy to recall WEYLER and offer Cuba home rule. Should this prove a reality the patriots would be foolish to accept any overtures from Spain that would not carry with them full and absolute freedom. Cuba has won her cause and to fall into a Spanish trap would indeed be a misfortune in this her almost realized hour of triumph.

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The Ballot Outrage.

Of the many wrongs inflicted upon the people of Pennsylvania by a reckless and defiant political machine none surpasses, in injurious effects, the abusive treatment to which it has subjected the Australian ballot system. The conversion of the election law into an instrument for facilitating instead of preventing electoral fraud is not only an injury to the highest interest of the citizen, but a direct insult to his intelligence.

Nothing could be more aggravating to the public sense of what is right than that the endeavor to reform defective election laws should have been so prevented by designing political managers that the "reformed" law is worse than the one it was intended to substitute as an improvement. It was proposed, by the Australian system, to ensure the secrecy of the ballot. Its provisions, if faithfully carried out, would protect from intimidation and other undue influences the dependent class of voters. It would neutralize the effects of bribery as a factor in the elections. Its general effect would be an honest exercise of the right of suffrage by preventing the perpetration of fraud or coercion at the ballot box. When a purpose so indispensable to the permanence of our popular institutions, and so necessary for the public welfare, is seen to have been deliberately turned from its benign object and converted into an instrumentality of fraud and corruption by which a base political machine may be enabled to maintain its power, the magnitude of this outrage presents itself in all its enormity to the attention of an injured and insulted people.

This great wrong has been done with a calculating intention to preserve the numerical strength of the Republican party by evading the restrictions upon fraud and force which the Australian system, strictly enforced, would ensure. That a political party may maintain its power, the basis of our free institutions is to be undermined by corrupt electoral practices. This was shamefully admitted in the House of Representatives last winter by a Republican Member who openly declared that the Republican party "could not afford" to strike from the present emasculated Australian ballot law that provision which admits of voters being "assisted" at the polling booth or, in other words, of being bribed or coerced, which such "assistance" virtually amounts to.

The people of the State must resent the injury and insult of this deliberate prostitution of the electoral system to the base interests of a set of corrupt politicians. It is a slur on decent Republicans to say that it has been done in their interest. Citizens of all parties have a like stake in the purity and perpetuity of our free institutions. They are all alike injured when the ballot system of election laws that has been deliberately framed for the facilitation of fraud and the maintenance of a corrupt control of the ballot box, is the work of the machine politicians who have become the masters of the Republican party. The evils which the people have to endure from this source can be corrected only by smashing that machine through the defeat of that party. The smashing process should begin this year as a preliminary to the work of correction next year, when a Governor and Legislature are to be elected.

Uniting the Opposition to Machine Misrule. When Rev. Dr. SWALLOW started out, last winter, on his crusade against the misrule of the Republican state government and the corrupt methods and practices of the Republican machine which controls the politics of the State, he was fully sustained by facts on the main points of his attack, and the general charges he brought could not be controverted. While the doctor displayed his courage by his onslaught on the abuses that have accumulated in every department over which the Republican bosses and ringsters have control, he disclosed to the people nothing new in the way of Republican official malfeasance and general maladministration. His action was noteworthy more on account of its individual fearlessness than for the novelty of the disclosures he made. The worthlessness of the Legislature, its indifference to the public interest, its extravagance in creating official expenses, its subservience to the will of the party boss, and its venal regard for corporate requirements, needed no disclosing. That worthless body, in repeated sessions, had spoken for itself and proved its character by its actions. The extravagance displayed in lavish expenditures upon the public grounds and buildings and in luxurious furnishings and equipments, was disclosed to the public knowledge as a part of the record made by a high priced superintendent and his brigade of salaried assistants. If there was no clear evidence that the historic old capitol building was sacrificed for the sake of gain it is quite apparent that the construction of a new one is being delayed to help

some scheme by which the profits of the job may be increased.

As for the management of the treasury, the obstructions that have been systematically placed in the way of anything like investigation, have long given the people reason to believe that the state money is being misused, a fact which has been confirmed by the detection of the state treasurer in paying out the funds of the people to state officers and private individuals without warrant, for the sole purpose of favoring political friends.

Most of these public delinquencies were included in Doctor SWALLOW'S truthful arraignment of Republican state maladministration. But how can they be corrected and the offenders subjected to public condemnation? That is the practical question presented to the people. Doctor SWALLOW, himself, is a candidate for state treasurer as the nominee of the Prohibitionists. Republicans who are disgusted with the misrule of their own party have nominated Mr. W. R. THOMPSON, of Pittsburg, for the same office against the candidate of the machine. Both of these individuals are good men and doubtless would do honest service if they were elected. But the candidacy of these gentlemen merely divides the opposition to the Republican machine ticket and is a waste of force that should be concentrated against the corrupt power that has so long retained its hold on the state government.

Practical citizens who want that power overthrown comprehend the fact that it can be done only by uniting the opposition to machine misrule on the strongest candidates for auditor general and state treasurer, who are unquestionably those presented by the Democratic party. With all deference to their good intentions it must be admitted by every citizen interested in this important matter that those who vote for either Doctor SWALLOW or Mr. THOMPSON will only be playing into the hands of the parties who want to conceal the mismanagement of the treasury.

Stamp Out This Evil.

The oppressed mining population of the coal region are receiving their reward for the assistance they usually render at the polls to the party of tariffs and trusts. When the elections come round they are either deluded by false promises or coerced into voting for "protection," which invariably turns out to be a reduction of wages, as has been the sequence of every high tariff bill. When dissatisfaction and disturbance follows as a natural consequence, such "protection" is furnished them as was accorded to labor at Homestead and Lattimer.

It is a recognized fact in the coal regions that the large majority polled by the tariff party in the mining counties last year was largely made up of the votes cast by the class of workmen who were shot down by sheriff MARTIN'S deputies for presuming to ask for better wages after DINGLEY'S "prosperity" tariff had gone into operation. The Hun and Dago vote was polled almost solidly for McKinley, it being influenced partly by misrepresentation, but more largely by compulsion. This fact was forcibly set forth at the great indignation meeting held in the city of Scranton to condemn the butchery practiced upon the poor, ignorant and half starved strikers at Lattimer, who are recognized as the element by which that region was converted into a Republican strong-hold at the last election. Alluding to this fact, Mr. P. J. THOMAS, the leader and organizer of the mine workers in the anthracite region, said at this Scranton meeting that "the miners in this region, when election day comes round, are driven to the polls like sheep, with no alternative but to vote as the corporations shall instruct them, and woe to the poor miner that would dare vote against them. It is such evils as this that we want to stamp out."

The truth of this is substantiated by the fact that Luzerne and Lackawanna were formerly strong Democratic counties, but last year they gave McKINLEY a majority of 12,000 in a poll of 70,000 votes. This majority was secured by methods practiced upon this oppressed voting population which not only promote the interest of tariff beneficiaries and all the various forms of protected monopoly, but by the majority which such practices give the Republican party they contribute to the advantage of the corrupt political machine that rules and robs the State.

The people will have it in their power to determine at the polls this year whether such methods shall continue to maintain Republican majorities in Pennsylvania. As speaker THOMAS remarked at the Scranton meeting "it is such evils as this that we want to stamp out."

The newspaper stories sent out from here about the good times that are sweeping over Bellefonte would have made ANANIAS blush to have owned them.

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The Anthracite "Pluck-Mes."

Among the wrongs of which laboring people justly complain none have been more oppressive than the extortion to which the mining population are subjected by means of the company stores. Low wages are the cause of their destitution, but the misery resulting from this is increased by their being compelled to take their pay in goods for which they are charged extortionate prices, and on which the operators make exorbitant profits. Even if the mine workers were receiving the high wages that were paid before the coal business got into the hands of monopolistic syndicates compulsion payment in company store truck would be an unjustifiable imposition, but since nine wages have been reduced to the basis of foreign pauper labor by greedy corporations the "pluck-me" system of payment is absolute robbery.

Such a system is not justifiable anywhere, but less so in the anthracite than in the bituminous coal regions. There is nothing to interfere with the profits of the anthracite coal syndicates. They are not affected by the competition that prevails among bituminous operators who are unable to combine in maintaining prices. But the anthracite coal trust is supreme in its line of production and puts up the price whenever impelled by its greed. As there is no check upon its monopoly and no limit to its profits there is no excuse for the members of that combination to oppress and swindle labor by the extortion of the company store.

The extent to which this wrong is practiced in the anthracite region was not fully known until it was brought woefully to the attention of the public by the complaints of the poor miners who have had such a bloody experience in the Hazleton district. A sham legislative investigating committee pretended, last winter, to give its attention to this abuse in the anthracite region, but its work amounted to nothing more than a junket, the chief object of which was to give the committeemen a profitable job at the expense of the State.

The "pluck-me" extortion still remains without any effective legislation for its correction. It is really more oppressive and a greater wrong in the anthracite than in the bituminous region, for in the former it is practiced to enrich a greedier gang of monopolists, but it is wrong anywhere. There was never a Republican Legislature that could be brought to pass remedial legislation for this great outrage upon working people, and it never will be corrected until the law-making and the executive power is taken from the party of monopolies and trusts.

Public Sentiment Aroused.

Never since the Republican party gained control of the government of this State were there such unmistakable signs that the people have had enough of its rule and want to get rid of the combination of professional politicians and political jobbers who have run the state machine, with but slight intervals, since the war.

There was abundant reason for the citizens of the State to have become disgusted with the management of the rings and bosses long ago, and to have been convinced that the only remedy for such a rotten state of affairs was to turn the reins out of the official places in which they have feathered their own nests and rendered themselves servicable to incorporated capitalists and predatory combines, and to keep them out for a protracted period.

But the Pennsylvania voters allowed themselves to be repeatedly humbugged by false issues and lying pledges, actually increasing the majorities that kept such characters in power until they became so encouraged in their wrong-doing by the public's indifference to it, and so confident of their privilege to commit every form of official abuse that the legislative and executive indecencies into which they were led by the long continued indulgence of the people were practiced without limit and without restraint; but public patience at last broke down under the accumulative disgrace of the last session of the Legislature, and the mutual exposure of each others' rascalities brought out by a factional fight among the leaders.

It is in this condition of the public mind, at last aroused by the prolonged misrule and malfeasance of Republican leaders, that the approaching election will come off. The Democratic party offers its candidates for state officers by whose election the popular disapproval of Republican officials and methods can be expressed. Outside of the Democratic organization there is an expression of condemnation in the nomination of a Citizens' state ticket, and a declaration that there must be a "rethink of the reckless dishonesty and sweeping debauchery in the political affairs of Pennsylvania during recent years," but that great public service stands a better chance of being rendered by the Citizens uniting in the support of the Democratic state ticket.

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Islands About Which Little is Known.

From the Philadelphia Record. During the past few years all that pertains to Spanish methods of governing foreign possessions has aroused public interest; yet there are few Americans who have any accurate conception of the state of affairs in the Philippines. These islands have been owned by the Spaniards since 1521. The population of the six hundred islands comprising the group is estimated at eight millions. There are two hundred native tribes, each having its peculiar dialect. It will surprise most readers to learn that Manila, the chief city, has a population of 300,000. In that city there are from 300 to 400 Europeans and Americans. They do a large share of the wholesale trade, much to the disgust of the Spaniards, who endeavor to hamper this influence by oppressive laws. Sugar, hemp and tobacco are exported in large quantities from Manila. The islanders are burdened with heavy taxes.

What Mr. Bryan Gets for Making Speeches.

From the Westmoreland Democrat. Eighteen speeches will be made by Hon. William J. Bryan in Iowa during the pending campaign. Some of the Republican papers of that state have declared that Mr. Bryan is to receive \$500 for each speech. Like nearly all other statements of Republican organs, regarding Mr. Bryan, this declaration is untrue. State Chairman C. A. Walsh, of the Iowa Democratic campaign, in which he avers that Mr. Bryan does not receive one penny, directly or indirectly for his speeches in Iowa. Moreover, Mr. Bryan pays his own expenses, including railroad fare, in traveling from place to place, and has made a cash donation to the Iowa campaign fund.

Out of Pughlim, into Politics.

From the Gettysburg Compiler. The growing candidacy of John L. Sullivan as a bona fide candidate for the mayoralty of Boston, against Josiah Quincy is no longer considered a joke by the politicians. Last Tuesday a regular nomination blank headed by the name of John Lawrence Sullivan was put in circulation, and around city hall there was not a man who would sign it. They claimed it was irregular. The easiest and simplest way to bring the candidate before the political footlights is by nomination papers. To put a man in nomination for mayor 900 signatures are required.

A New Game Law.

From the Records of an Utopian Legislature. A new game law: Book agents may be killed from Oct. 1st to Sept. 1st; Spring rovers from March 1st to June 1st; scandal mongers, April 1st to Dec. 1st; umbrella borowers, Aug. 1st to Nov. 1st, and from Feb. 1st to May 1st, while every man who accepts a paper two years, but when bill is presented says, "I never ordered it," may be killed on sight without reserve or redress from valuation or appraisal laws, and be buried face downward, without benefits of clergy.

Opening of the Campaign.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 29.—An old-time gathering of Pennsylvania Democratic leaders presented an animated scene at the hotel Lafayette to-day when the Democratic candidates for auditor general and state treasurer Walter E. Ritter, of Lycoming, and M. E. Brown, of Indiana county, met prominent Democrats of the State and city. While the meeting was informal there was a general exchange of views on the issues of the campaign, and a lining up of forces, in support of the ticket, which greatly encouraged the candidates and state committeemen.

Chairman John M. Garman, who introduced the candidates, was ably assisted by secretaries Matt Savage and T. K. Vandyk, of the state committee. Both of the candidates had pleasant chats with Gustavus A. Miller and James E. Gorman, local nominees, and were satisfied that the Philadelphia candidates and issues will increase the Democratic vote in this city. For several hours well known Democrats filed in and out of the rooms, heartily grasped the hands of the candidates, pledged their unflinching support, and greatly impressed the standard-bearers of the party with the harmonious adjustment of the factional differences. In the evening there was a conference of State and local leaders, with Chairman Garman and the candidates to map out a plan of campaign which was attended among other state leaders by Chauncey F. Black, Joseph Howley, chairman of the Allegheny county Democratic committee; James Kerr, of Clearfield and others. In talking to the State party leaders Mr. Ritter dwelt strongly upon the issues of the hour in regard to the management of Pennsylvania finances. Mr. Brown fully endorsed everything Mr. Ritter said, and added: "If I should be elected I will conduct the office on thorough business principles for the benefit of the state."

Hale-Cameron.

HARRISBURG, Pa., September 28.—Miss Rachel Bessie Cameron, youngest daughter of ex-United States Senator J. Donald Cameron, was married at noon to-day to Chandler Hale, son of United States Senator Eugene Hale, of Maine. Rev. Dr. George S. Chambers, pastor of the Pine street Presbyterian church, where the Cameron family worship, officiated at the ceremony, which was celebrated at the Cameron county residence, at Lockhart, Pa. The bride was given away by her father and the groom was attended by his brother Eugene Hale, of Ellsworth, Maine. The ushers were James M. Cameron, a brother of the bride; Vance C. McCormick, her cousin; of this city; W. K. Brie, of New York, son of ex-United States Senator York, and George Cabot Lodge, of Washington, son of the Massachusetts senator. Mr. and Mrs. Hale left on a tour to various places in this country and will then go to Rome, where the groom will assume his duties as secretary of the American legation.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—More than half of Franklin county's wheat crop is yet unsold.

—Muhlenberg College at Allentown is so overcrowded that it must be enlarged.

—Harrisburg's new paid fire department project is progressing nicely in councils.

—William Ward, of Pittsburg, refused to pay \$2.22 taxes and went to jail.

—Alex. Flowers, of Latrobe, was chloroformed while asleep and relieved of \$225.

—The two-year-old son of Henry Durst, of Pittsburg, drank a bottle of lye and will die.

—Lancaster's new city directory indicates that the city now has a population of over 50,000.

—Sante Fe Allen's 16-months-old child drank a can of lye at Tamaqua, and death is expected.

—In a quarrel at Shamokin Giuseppe Martina shot Bruno Ferrando near the heart and escaped.

—Burglars got \$300 worth of dry goods from L. F. Kern's store in Orwigsburg, Berks county.

—Farmer Frank Mosier ran the tine of a hay fork through his eye in a field near Stroudsburg.

—While walking on the railroad near Scranton, Daniel O'Boyle, of Hazleton, was killed by a train.

—Charles Cohen fatally kicked Israel Marcus, in Pittsburg, in a quarrel over a clothing customer.

—Henry M. Boyer, a Spinnerstown lad, got out of jail at Allentown by marrying Sally Ann Stout, his accuser.

—More than half of the \$25,000 capital needed to establish a new silk mill at Lebanon has been pledged.

—Miss Carrie Stine, of York, was terribly burned by exploding gasoline which she had poured on a kitchen fire.

—Scranton will soon have the earliest opening high school in the State, 8:30 a. m., having been designated as the hour.

—While Mrs. Margaret Gallagher was kindling a fire at Tamaqua her clothing became ignited and she was fatally burned.

—The delivery of thousands of defective ties has delayed the construction of the projected trolley line between South Bethlehem and Hellertown.

—Mayor Lewis, of Allentown, has appealed to all pastors in that city to set aside at least one Sunday's collections for the relief of the distressed poor.

—Lancaster police have arrested Andrew Miller, charged with robbing D. K. Wolf's tobacco warehouse at Landsville of tobacco worth several hundred dollars.

—With an agreement that wages will be advanced as far as possible when prices of cloth rise, striking weavers at the Chambersburg woolen mill resumed work.

—The Pennsylvania brewer's association, with headquarters in Philadelphia, has closed a deal for the purchase of the Arnold brewery, in Hazleton, for \$300,000.

—A jury at Scranton has just returned a verdict for only \$1 damages in favor of James Jennings, whose son was killed in the Lehigh Valley's famous Mud Run disaster of nine years ago.

—By the setting aside of the will of Patrick Devlin, of Pittsburg, which left \$100,000 to the Catholic orphan's home of that city, James Devlin and Mrs. John J. Brophy, of Reading, will share as heirs in the estate.

—A bottle of alcohol which Hartman Farley held over a gasoline stove in the Williamsport drug store of Duple & Cornell, exploded, badly burning Farley and Clyde Duple and damaged the store about \$500 worth.

—A few days ago while a painter was painting the high stack at J. B. Weed & Co's mill at Slate Run, Lycoming county, the scaffolding gave way and the man was precipitated seventy feet to the ground. Death was instantaneous. His body was shipped to his home at Canton, Ohio.

—One of the largest catches of eels made in the vicinity of Renovo was that of last Friday evening when four hundred of them were taken from the fish weir near Hall's run. They were literally shoveled into bags and baskets and brought to Renovo. Another "haul" was made near Westport the same evening, nearly one thousand eels being caught in one of the weirs in that vicinity.

—One of the nerviest walks on record comes from St. Mary's. Thomas Morrissey, son of the track foreman at that place, while numb with cold, fell from a car which he was descending. The wheels passed over the young man, severing his arm at the shoulder and his right foot was cut off at the ankle. Realizing the fact that he would soon bleed to death if he remained lying on the ground, he determined to walk to his home over a mile distant. He picked up the severed arm and hobbled his way the best he could until he reached his destination.

—Lafayette Van Gilder, chief of police of Danville, committed suicide at his home early Thursday morning. He was found dead in bed at 5 o'clock in the morning with a bullet hole in his head. The revolver with which he did the terrible crime was found lying on the bed beside the dead body. Mr. Van Gilder witnessed the Pennsylvania-Bucknell football game at Lewisburg Wednesday, and returned home in good health and in an apparently cheerful frame of mind. No cause except that he was in some trouble or other with a girl in Danville can be assigned as the cause of this rash deed.

—A serious freight wreck occurred at Petersburg, six miles above Huntingdon Monday evening. An eastbound freight train struck a cow, and the animal is responsible for the destruction of twenty-three freight cars and a large quantity of general merchandise. Many of the cars were telescoped while the others, with their contents, were thrown down the embankment into the Juniata river. No one was injured. The wreck occurred about 5.30 o'clock, and it was four hours before the track was cleared. All four tracks were torn up for a considerable distance, and the debris piled up in such a manner as to make it difficult to handle. East and west bound passenger trains were considerably delayed by the