

—And the Governor is the big Boss, still.

—Oh, Unreliability! thy name should be "War bulletin."

—General COXIE seems to be silenced as effectually as was Admiral MONTEJO at Manila.

—The growing suspicion is that CORBETT and FITZSIMMONS are at the bellows of the war bulletin factory.

—Speaking of "events," what's the use of college boys trying to break the running record with CERVERA in the field?

"My Heart is With the Dead," is the latest song out. It should be dedicated to Mr. GIVEN's late gold Democratic state organization.

—If an occasional one of our victories would only keep for about twenty-four hours, it would save a deal of work in our efforts to appear confident.

—There is a lingering suspicion among the people that General Indecision is still in command of the administration and its forces about Washington.

—Most of our war news comes from the wind-ward passage, which explains the big amount of blow in comparison to the small amount of truth there is in it.

—Since the Hon. JOE SIBLEY pricked the head of the Oil City Derrick's BOYLE, with a libel suit, the little truth it contained has run freely without a bit of squeeze.

—Old Probability has let up a little in the rain business, but the fellow who is doing the lying for the newspapers as to how we are wiping out the Spanish is as busy as ever.

—The Bucks County Railway Company has voted to have its road managed and run by a man named Mr. BOOZE. If there is anything in a name its cars ought to be "full" all the time.

—The U. S. Supreme court has declared the State oleomargarine law unconstitutional, and we suppose there is nothing for us farmers to do but to accept the decision for butter or worse.

—After all there isn't much difference between this war and the one of old waged by JOSHUA—against Jericho. He won by blowing his own horn—we're trying to win in the same way.

—If the stock of blank commissions only holds out President McKinley will have congress solid. There is nothing that lines a congressman up to the work wanted like a commission for his son.

—Gov. Hastings we are told feels proud over his victory in this county last Tuesday. Possibly he does. We have known persons who could feel proud over results that others would be ashamed of.

—And now the Governor can feel that his administration has had an endorsement. By a tight squeeze, and an abundance of boodle, he got a bare majority of his own party, here at home, to say they approve it.

—We always understood that ANANIAS was somewhat of a liar, but if he could compete for a single day with the fellow who furnishes the war bulletins for the public, he was better up in his profession than most people imagine.

—One of our exchanges complains that the new state capitol will be nothing but a barn. Possibly it will. But from the kind of "roosters" that will be sent to occupy it a chicken roost would be more appropriate and amply sufficient.

—So far, in the political campaign, the WANAMAKER papers have knocked STONE out, as a candidate for Governor, just about as often and effectually as the war bulletins have demolished the Cape Verde fleet. And still both wars go on.

—By the time our Democratic friends out in Clearfield get through washing their dirty linen, there'll be about as much of the Democratic party left in that county, as there would be of a cake of toilet soap after a week's wash at a county poor house.

—The New York Sun seems to think there is a vast difference between bonds and taxes. Possibly there is, but our untutored financial mind fails to appreciate it. To us it looks as if bonds and taxes hold the same relation to each other that sin and hell do—the one the sure road to the other.

—The Governor's friends used the tactics resorted to by QUAY in his state chairman fight two years ago. They made the other fellows believe they were licked and they didn't waken up to discover that they weren't until after they were; and now they are madder than a cross hen because they didn't find out "where they were at" until it was all over.

—Mr. CARNEGIE's papers are just now "pointing with pride" to the manner in which his armor plate, on the Baltimore and Olympia, withstood the "shock of battle" at Manila. "Shock of battle," is good. That's about all the armor plate had to stand if reports of Spanish marksmanship are correct.

—Somehow or other the "gold standard" don't size up to the situation all the time. Over in Spain they have their bonds made payable in gold and they are worth only 36 cents on the dollar. After all, the "standard" depends very much on what is back of it. Gold bonds in Spain are worth less by one-half than silver bonds are in Mexico.

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The Effect of Stupid Strategy.

One of the disadvantages of our inadequate naval force that is so seriously impeding the operations against the enemy is the fear of a Spanish attack on the exposed Atlantic coast.

The apprehension of an attack on the Atlantic sea-board is, in all probability, a matter of the imagination. The strategy that divides our naval force in order to protect the seaports is much like the strategy which during the civil war kept a large part of the army in reserve for the protection of Washington.

There was something almost ludicrous in the naval strategy board keeping Admiral SCHLEY's fleet lying inactive for weeks in Hampton Roads so that it might be ready to beat off an imaginary Spanish raid on our Atlantic cities.

The blunder of detaining Admiral SCHLEY so long near Fortress Monroe to protect a coast that was not in danger, has become apparent. In the history of this war it will be mentioned as an exhibition of strategic stupidity.

A Power That Should Belong to the People.

The constitutional amendment changing the date of Presidential inaugurations from the 4th of March to the 4th of May has received the necessary majorities in Congress and will now go to the State Legislatures for their endorsement.

As a matter of comfort it is certainly more desirable to have inauguration ceremonies come off in pleasant than disagreeable weather, which appears to be the motive for this amendment.

Another constitutional amendment, of a far more momentous character, is pending in Congress, embodying the proposition of making United States Senators elective by the people.

The practices that are resorted to in the election of Senators are gradually becoming more scandalous. Money is used as the agency by which the Senatorial office is gained, it having become the practice for rich men to buy the coveted honor, resulting not only in the debauching of State Legislatures, but in converting the Senate into a body of plutocrats who act together for the interests of their class.

A halt must be called in such corrupt practices if we want to preserve our popular institutions, and the beginning of such a reform should be made by an amendment to the constitution that will put a stop to the practice of securing the Senatorial office by bribing State Legislators.

The Only Remedy for State Misrule.

To the immediate interests of Pennsylvania the result of the pending state contest involves greater consequences than those that will result from the war with Spain.

Corrupted its politics! Debased its Legislature! Perverted the functions of its public offices!

Misapplied its revenues! And looted its Treasury!

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President MCKINLEY could never be regarded as possessing a strong character. The man who in all his political connections has been used as the instrument of capitalistic interests, and yielded to the will of parties who have a mortgage on him, must be naturally weak.

Military Favoritism.

Such defect in the President's character was displayed in his shuffling indecision when hostile action against Spain was demanded by an almost universal public sentiment.

There is indeed a defect in the body politic and something wrong in the laws, when there is no way of preventing the monopolist and forestaller from preying upon the people.

It is Quay preparing to unload Stone!

Too Blind to See, and the Country Suffers in Consequence.

Is It Over?

Slated Again.

Spawls from the Keystone.

A General Incumbent Duty.

The question of governmental reform in this State imposes a duty upon all classes of its citizens without regard to their past political affiliations!

That the Legislature is utterly corrupt is a fact which the scandalous acts of recent sessions have deeply impressed upon the public mind.

When this governmental licentiousness is known to have its origin in a system of machine politics that has invested a boss with the power to select the state officers and control the law-making body, it should not be difficult for the people to determine the remedy for such a state of affairs.

Upon no class of citizens is this duty more incumbent than upon the honest members of the Republican party who see their organization made the instrument by which these abuses are practiced.

While it is due from honest Republicans that they should break away from their party machine in order that good government may be restored to the State, the Democrats, for the same end, have a duty to perform by removing such causes of disension as may divide their ranks and impair their effectiveness in the coming contest.

The general consensus of opinion among the leading Democrats of the State is that the campaign this fall should be fought on state issues alone.

How it Would Work.

Is Quay Preparing to Unload Stone?

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Both Weakness and Wickedness.

It is not the unknown names in the list of appointments to the army that have sickened the public.

One such appointment is enough to injure the tone of the army. Twenty of them together constitute as deadly a blow against the efficiency of the army as the President could administer if he had taken the advice of Sagasta and Blanco instead of the Senators and Representatives and political jobbers whose pressure he has shown himself unable to resist.

Another Democrat Who Wants to Win.

Want a Campaign on State Issues.

Speculation the Cause of Dear Bread.

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—The Philadelphia horse show attracted unusually large crowds this week.

—Clearfield Odd Fellows have purchased the Hill block on Market street for \$5,500.

—Major Robert C. McNamara, who is now in camp at Chickamauga, has sold his interest in the Bedford Gazette to banker, E. F. Kerr.

—John Smith, aged 82, a retired farmer, at Bristol, who, when a boy shook hands with General Lafayette, died at his home in that village on Monday.

—I Heston Todd, on his farm, near Valley Forge, picked up a seven-pound cannon ball near the grave of John Waterman, the Revolutionary Rhode Island general.

—Nearly four hundred delegates were in attendance at the state medical society at Lancaster last week. This is the largest meeting of the society since 1876.

—Roy Baldwin, a woodsman, was taken to the hospital at Williamsport, on Sunday night with his skull crushed, the injury having been inflicted by a tree falling upon him.

—An explosion of gas at the York Farm colliery near Pottsville on Saturday last, severely injured six miners, two of whom, John Hahner and John Mitre, will probably die.

—The Democrats up in the Hazleton district of Luzerne county have gotten into a row between the Garman and anti-Garman factions, and two sets of delegates to the state convention is the result.

—H. L. Castle, the county Prohibition chairman, at Pittsburg says Dr. Swallow will take the stump July 1st, and that national chairman Dickie had promised to send \$10,000 as a campaign fund for Dr. Swallow.

—John Lewis Hand, a fifteen year old boy of Tyrone, died in that place on Sunday of lock-jaw. Two weeks ago he cut his foot slightly but paid little attention to the cut and thought it was entirely healed 'til Thursday when lock-jaw set in.

—Last Sunday Ammon Hollinger walked along the Hammer creek in Lancaster county, where he saw a monster German carp struggling in shallow water. He secured a club and dispatched the fish, which when put on the scales was found to weigh twenty pounds.

—Overheiser & Co., of Williamsport, have secured a contract from the government for all the tent pins they can possibly turn out in 100 days. They are now running several machines in day light and are wiring their place for work at night.

—Near Rauchtown, Clinton county, a few days ago a young child of Oliver Weidler, while playing on the grass, picked up what it thought was a piece of sausage. The exclamations of the child attracted the attention of a member of the family who was horrified to see a rattlesnake in the child's hand. The reptile was killed and measured over three feet in length.

—They are having a surfeit of libel suits over in Somerset county. Messrs. Koonitz & Kimmel have sued the proprietors of the Herald and threaten to sue the Myrsdale Commercial for libel, while representative Hicks, on Friday last, brought action of the same kind against J. A. Lambert of the Standard, and threatens P. L. Livingood, of the Somerset County Star, published at Salisbury, Elk Lick postoffice, a similar dose.

—The number of children poisoned as is supposed by ice cream in Williamsport Saturday afternoon at a Christian Endeavor rally is much larger than was reported and the number is now estimated at nearly one hundred. Some of the children are reported to be in a critical condition.

—Between 2 and 3 o'clock Saturday morning artist Roger Davis's home and studio, in Paint township, Somerset county, was burned to the ground and Mr. Davis, who was the only person in the building at the time, had a narrow escape from being roasted alive.

—Charles Cullen, the night operator in the signal tower of the Pennsylvania railroad at Lilly, was severely shocked by a bolt of lightning which ran into the tower on the wires during the heavy storm Thursday night.

—Oscar Reinhard, Jacob Reinhard, Charles Drey and Frank Eidel were, on Monday, buried in the cave-in at the ore bed of Hartzell & Swartz, at Meyersville, Lehigh county, and were so firmly pinned down under a mass of earth and rock that they could not be taken out for two days.

—Adam Wilson, a well-known resident of Allport, Clearfield county, was killed Friday afternoon at Colorado mine No. 3, operated by Ellsworth & Danham. The exact time of the accident is not known.

—William B. Wilson, a young boy of sixteen years old, was killed in Altoona Saturday night by taking hold of a small wire some boys had thrown over a live guy wire used to steady a street lamp.

—It is said the Duke of Veragua is slated for minister of the colonies in the new Spanish cabinet. The duke, it will be remembered, was slated for several things when he visited this country, chiefly, however, by the proprietors of hotels at which he stopped.