

Ink Slings.

—Summer outings and war taxes are both in order at the present time.

—It is the work of Republican Spaniards that the Democracy of Altoona needs to keep an eye skinned for.

—Much as we may dislike to admit it yet truth compels us to acknowledge that CERVERA's fleet is now made up of fast vessels.

—Licking Spain will be but a short job in comparison to the time we will have licking war stamps after the unpleasantness is over.

—It is generally supposed that Mr. WANAMAKER's cable will be in working order again by the time the Altoona convention meets.

—A drop of one dollar in the price of wheat in two weeks! Lordy, how the bottom seems to have fallen out of Republican "prosperity!"

—It is to be hoped that peace will be declared between the contending forces of the Clearfield Democracy after their trial battle on Saturday next.

—Mr. QUAY's efforts to capture part of the Democratic party of the state can properly be considered the latest annexation scheme reported.

—Speaking of sinking funds, it begins to look as if the Spanish war would prove the largest and most permanent thing of the kind known.

—Judge GORDON's engineers have discovered that it is neither a clear track nor a down grade over which they are trying to haul his gubernatorial boom.

—When President LINCOLN said "you cannot fool all the people all the time," he evidently had no knowledge of the kind of voters the State of Oregon would produce.

—Now that an issue of bonds has been secured for the banker and broker, the other fellows, who Mr. MARK HANNA characterizes as "tramps and loafers," can go on with the war.

—Dr. SWALLOW has given excuse for but one libel suit, so far, in the present campaign. This can be excused only on the ground that the doctor has not yet properly warmed up to his work.

—It was a good convention and its work was well done. Let the Democratic people of the county do their duty as well and Centre will be back in the Democratic column by a large majority.

—It is the masked batteries that Republican insurgents are supposed to be planting along the way to the gubernatorial chair, that is giving the STONE forces the most uneasiness, just at this stage of the war.

—It can hardly be that the service has already absorbed all the sons of all the millionaires, and yet, when we come to think about it, we haven't heard of any of them being commissioned for at least twenty-four hours.

—The Democratic county convention seems to have gotten the exact range of the enemy's camp. If the Altoona convention does as well there will be little of the bosses' fortifications left after the November bombardment.

—It is a singular yet undeniable fact, that in these times of intense patriotism, all the fellows who wear the blue are not at the front. Proof of this is furnished in the appearance of the army of would-be post masters about here.

—Since Chairman GARMAN and Judge GORDON have kissed and become friends, it is said that the bond of sympathy between them has grown so strong, that the chairman oohes whenever the judge's political corns are touched.

—The frigidity observable at the meeting of QUAY and anti-QUAY Republicans of this place indicates that no matter how high the thermometer may get, there will be a coolness in the local political atmosphere about them for some time.

—R. G. DUNN & Co. reports the failures of the week as 245 in the United States against 214 last year. This list does not, however, include the failure of Mr. QUAY's convention to renew its pledges of reform, or refer to the burning of the state capital.

—It don't require one to look past a sight post to discover how fast this government, under the command of Mr. MARK HANNA's administration, is drifting in the direction of a large standing army and the necessity of increased and endless taxation.

—It is stated that the new government bonds will be issued by the 15th of July. While they may not be exactly the "bonds of iniquity," that Peter preached about, they will cause a great many people to understand what it is to be "in the gall of bitterness," long before they are paid.

—When the Democrats at Altoona get down to work on their platform there shouldn't be much trouble in finding at least one plank upon which all of them could agree. The lumber that the contractor sold for \$24 and for which the State paid \$55 per thousand ought to furnish this.

—With wheat at 72 cents, won't some good optimistic Republican please take the platform and explain where Republican "prosperity," is benefiting the farmer? This information the country needs. It needs it badly and it needs it quickly if Mr. HANNA's administration is to have the credit that it claimed a few weeks ago.

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A Deficiency and a Loan.

As a revenue producer the DINGLEY tariff has turned out to be the complete failure that was predicted. The close of the present fiscal year, on the first of the coming month, will show it to have created a deficiency of \$95,000,000. The available balance in the treasury is \$92,000,000, this being all that is left of the \$293,000,000 secured by the CLEVELAND bond issues.

With such a deficiency the country would be in poor shape for war, but the new revenue bill will increase the revenues under the DINGLEY law in the neighborhood of \$150,000,000. But the chief dependence for money is on the war loan, which will consist of a bond issue of \$400,000,000, and \$100,000,000 certificates of indebtedness bearing interest.

No provision is made for the issue of greenbacks, and the coinage of the seigniorage is reduced to \$1,500,000 a month. There is \$42,000,000 of this silver belonging to the government, which could be coined at once and made useful in paying the expenses of the war, but its coinage is made a mere dribble of a little over a million a month, in order that there may be more occasion for a loan and a better chance for the bankers.

This \$42,000,000 of silver is clearly the property of the government. It is coinable in silver, which the people would gladly receive, but in this matter the government prefers acting as foolishly as the business man who with cash assets in his safe would borrow money to carry on his business.

The Oregon Election.

Much comfort is being extracted from the Oregon election by the party against which the tide of public condemnation had strongly set, in the recent local elections in nearly all the States. There has been an increase in the Republican majority in that State, but it was due to exceptional causes, one of which was the appeal which the party leaders made to the voters to sustain the Republican administration in the war. This no doubt had more of an effect than any influence which the money question had on the result.

But if the Oregon voters would have had such a case of bad state government and general political corruption to deal with as will be presented to the voters of Pennsylvania this year, their State election would have had a different result. Not only influential Republican leaders in this State, but great masses of the party's rank and file, are in rebellion against a corrupt machine and a tyrannical boss that are as disgraceful to the party as they are injurious to the State.

When such a feeling exists among the Republicans of this State, presenting such promising prospects of better State government, the Democrats of Pennsylvania should act so judiciously in their plan of campaign and in the character of their State nominations as to alienate none of the elements that may be united in a contest for State reform.

The Right Treatment.

The friends of good government are encouraged by the improved prospect of the Democrats adopting a line of action at their State convention that will confine their campaign to issues bearing exclusively upon State government. There was a disposition to include national questions in the contest, but this is giving way to the conviction that the introduction of such extraneous issues would not only have no relevancy to State interests, but would do harm by the division it would be likely to cause among those whose efforts should be united in bringing about the needed reforms in the government of the State.

Local abuses can be corrected only by local remedies. When a citizen is injured by the evils prevailing in the public affairs of his State he can not expect to be relieved by resorting to the currency or tariff questions for a remedy. Remedial action of that kind would be as great an error as taking the wrong medicine in case of physical disease.

Our State is suffering from an internal derangement. Republicans as well as Democrats diagnose it as a bad case of machine misrule, which has assumed a cancerous form which requires a surgical operation. The indications that the right treatment is going to be adopted are encouraging when the party leaders appear to be coming to the conclusion that the introduction of national issues would be out of place in treating a case of disordered State government.

Beneficial to the Bankers.

The bonds to be issued for war revenue are likely to be so attractive to the bankers that there will be but a slim chance for individual investors to get any considerable share of them. In New York the bond syndicates that usually have the preference in such transactions are preparing bids that will absorb most of the issue, while a heavy demand for the bonds will come from London, an order for \$1,000,000 of them having already come in from that

quarter. When such movements of the big capitalists are on foot it is difficult to see how the loan is going to be popularized to any appreciable extent.

This issue of bonds for war purposes brings forcibly to the public mind the calamity that befell the country when a too compliant decision of the supreme court of the United States struck down the income tax law by a strained decision against its constitutionality. If that law were now in operation, drawing a due tribute to the treasury from the overflowing wealth of the millionaires, the war expenses could be met without the issue of a dollar in bonds.

Wall street and Lombard street, however, are so overstocked with capital need investment that the influence of those money centres had but little difficulty in inducing a Republican Congress to pass a revenue measure that will be expensive to the American people in paying the interest that will constitute the advantage of the money lenders.

Stone's Hypocritical Address.

QUAY's nominee for Governor had a speech prepared for the convention after his nomination, but he was not given a chance to speak his piece. The servants of the boss who composed the convention had obeyed orders in nominating his man, but what the nominee's views might be on public questions was of no interest to them whatever. Probably they believed that he had no views except such as his master allowed him to entertain.

Candidate STONE having missed the opportunity of firing off his speech at a convention that didn't want to hear it, sent it out nevertheless, as if it had been regularly delivered. Its most notable feature is its effort to connect his machine candidacy with the war, and to give an appearance of patriotism to QUAY's rotten politics.

A single passage will be sufficient to show the hypocritical character of the address:

"We are fighting the battles of Almighty God. Already griefs about the hearthstone and tears are shed in our State for the first of the fallen in this war. * * * We of Albany will not soon forget the Maine. Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet. Let us forget, lest we forget."

In accepting this nomination and becoming the standard-bearer of a great party in a great State, I naturally feel the responsibility that rests upon me. Speaking of this bare-faced attempt to disguise machine misrule by the use of patriotic expressions and an invocation to the Almighty, the anti-QUAY Republican Philadelphia Ledger says: "It would be extremely difficult to compress into as brief a form so striking an example of the unseemingly mixing of political and demagogic platitudes with unconsidered blasphemy."

There could not be a more severe condemnation of QUAY's candidate than the above quotation extracted from one of the most reputable Republican journals in the State.

"Lest we forget" the real issue of the contest, in which the people of the State are about to engage, it must be born in mind that this man STONE, whom a political, licentious, autocrat has forced upon the Republican party as its candidate for Governor and who so hypocritically prates about "fighting the battles of Almighty God," is merely the retainer of a party boss by whose election to the governorship a vicious political machine would maintain its misrule of this State.

They Don't Want Discussions.

There is something characteristically impractical and absurd in candidate SWALLOW's challenging the machine candidate to a joint discussion of the issues of the state campaign.

Discussing the issues is about the last thing that the QUAY gang can be induced to do. They have a supreme contempt for any other issue than the political leaves and fishes. For their retention of the spoils they depend upon the power of the machine and the ability of the boss to keep the party membership in line.

This being their reliance for success in the campaign, they don't want any discussion. They will scarcely put themselves to the trouble of denying the charges of corruption which they know to be true and are generally believed by the people.

The machine leaders count upon retaining their hold on the larger percentage of the Republican vote by the force of party allegiance, and the division of the anti-QUAY force, by SWALLOW's candidacy, they calculate on as insuring the plurality that will retain the state government in the hands of the corruptionists.

With such a plan of campaign QUAY's gang can laugh at the erratic Doctor's desire to splurge in discussing the issues of the campaign with them on the stump. They count on having the advantage of his candidacy without all the talk that would be involved in such palaver.

—Mr. WANAMAKER evidently has come to the conclusion that the way to flatten Mr. QUAY is to puncture his political tire.

Harmony First.

From the York Gazette. If the friends of reform do not permit themselves to become bewildered by the clamors of one selfish and designing party and the snarls of another disappointed and defeated faction, victory will perch upon the Democratic banners this year and the reforms for which that party has fought through thick and thin will follow as fast as the legislature can dispose of the work set.

Harmony is the key note. The issues are plain. It only remains for all the different elements in the party to get together. Once this is done victory is assured, for the people of Pennsylvania are sincerely tired of being robbed and misgoverned by their Republican taskmasters, and they are anxious to be led out of political slavery. They will accept the Democratic candidate for Governor as their Moses, provided he has a united party at his back. Therefore every Democrat should do his utmost to bring about a perfect unity of purpose and interest in the party.

Neither Popularity nor Character Will Save Him.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch, (Rep.) This nomination was not unenforced, as it was more than possible for it to be made if the full force of the organization was exerted to secure it. But the question that is to follow as an ultimate result is the one that possesses the most vital interest for the nominee and the party managers, as well as the public at large. We do not deprecate Colonel Stone's estimable personal character. We deplore his intention of denying the popularity that may partially carry him to the front under the leadership of the boss who enters into the campaign. But neither popularity nor character can overshadow the fact that he stands as the candidate of a political organization which, having undertaken reforms and pledged itself to their performance, coolly turns the whole platform and pledges into a jocular luncheon without even the pretense of an apology.

Not the Choice of Republican Voters.

From the Pittsburg Times, (Rep.) The ticket slated has been put through and is now before the Republicans of Pennsylvania for their ratification at the polls in November. As regards the nominee for governor, the Times has no change in opinion. It still considers him, as it has done from the very inception of the contest which has ended in his nomination, the weakest candidate before the party. He is not now nor has he ever been the real choice of the majority of the Republicans of Pennsylvania, and he cannot command that strength that can only come from the united support of a harmonious party. The mere fact that he is the nominee neither adds to his strength nor makes him more acceptable.

Enough to Defeat QUAY's Nominee.

From the Philadelphia Ledger, (Rep.) The contest of honest against dishonest political methods has just begun; it has not ended. All that John Wanamaker charged against the QUAY legislature and the QUAY executive officers is true. The need for reform is greater now than before QUAY again asserted his power by controlling the action of the Republican convention. There are more voters in the State opposed to QUAY and his methods than would be necessary to defeat his candidate for governor, but whether they can be brought together at the polls in support of one candidate is problematical.

To Vindicate an Infamous Legislature.

Philadelphia Bulletin, (Rep.) The weakness of Colonel Stone is that he has been nominated not only by the QUAY faction but primarily and chiefly through the efforts of the most offensive members of the faction. He has been made the representative of their selfish interests, and he has been supported by them with the express purpose of emphasizing their control of the party organization and vindicating the infamous record of the last Legislature, for which they were responsible. There is no doubt that it will be more bitterly opposed than any gubernatorial nomination this State has ever made.

A Truly Factional Candidate.

From the Philadelphia Times, (Ind.) Colonel Stone, the Republican candidate for governor, is not responsible for the perilous condition in which surround him. He did not create them. There is nothing in his personality or public record to cause Republican disintegration. He is a gallant soldier and a gentleman of blameless reputation and of admitted ability, but months ago his contest for gubernatorial honors assumed a distinct factional attitude that has made him the objective point of the most profound and widespread revolt ever known in the history of the party.

STONE's Defeat a Triumph of Public Virtue.

From the Philadelphia Record, (Ind.) This year, however, the names on the ticket will be of lesser consequence than usual. The battle is of methods and not of men. It is the misfortune of the regular nominees that they must go into the contest with the machine brand upon them. They will stand or fall as the machine shall stand or fall in the public estimation. Their success will be the vindication of the machine; their defeat a triumph of public virtue and a step toward better government.

—While a strict observance of the truth compels us to acknowledge that Mr. QUAY may not be the original discoverer of the fact that "the way of the transgressor is hard," the rocks and other obstructions that Mr. WANAMAKER has piled in his political pathway, would seem to indicate that he will have every opportunity of discovering the reliability of this statement.

Lieutenant Blue Makes a Seventy-Mile Trip.

All of the Spanish Fleet Found in Santiago Harbor So That It is Practically Disposed of With Sampson There.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 14.—If there was any question as to Admiral Cervera's fleet being in Santiago harbor, it was dispelled to-day by the reception of the following cablegram: "Mole St. Nicholas, June 13.—Lieutenant Blue just returned after a detour of seventy statute miles of observation of the harbor of Santiago de Cuba. He reports Spanish fleet is all there. The Spanish attacked vigorously the camp at Guantanamo. An outpost of four marines were killed and their bodies mutilated barbarously. Surgeon Gibbs was killed."

The officials here are full of praise for Lieutenant Blue's achievement. Victor Blue has been long known in the navy as an enterprising and daring young officer, but it required a good deal of sustained courage for him to go ashore in a hostile country and alone make this reconnaissance. He was, in the eye of military law, nothing more nor less than a spy, and had he been captured by the Spaniards he would have been tried by drumhead court-martial and executed.

Spain Turns to Germany for Help.

MADRID, June 14.—The Spanish press has increased its optimism, based on the fact that Germany intends to prevent a bombardment of Manila by making a naval demonstration. The newspapers urge sacrifices with the view of securing Germany's assistance, and political leaders express themselves in favor of offering Germany the following concessions in return for her "talking the initiative in checking America."

Firstly, naval stations and coaling depots in Spanish Oceania. Secondly, Spanish concurrence in the development of Germany's commercial and political relations with Morocco. The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Duke Almodovar de Rio, told the newspaper men to-day that the Spanish Government had not taken any step in the direction of peace negotiations. The Minister also said he had not received any confirmation of the reported third attack on Santiago de Cuba.

Camara is Fearful.

His Reserve Squadron Insufficient to Cope With Our Fleet.

GIBRALTAR, June 14.—The Cadiz fleet consists of the battleship Pelayo, the cruisers Carlos V, Victoria and Lepanto, auxiliary cruisers Rapido, Patriota and Meteor, and three torpedo boat destroyers. The Alfonso XIII, being too slow, will be left behind with six trans-Atlantic steamers and five torpedo boats now at Cadiz. It is reported that Admiral Camara has told Captain Annon, Minister of Marine, that his squadron is insufficient to meet the Americans and therefore its sailing is doubted.

The artillery practice shows a good average.

Troops Approaching Manila.

First Expedition of Nearly 2000 Men May Arrive Saturday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15.—In a semi-official announcement from the war department it is stated that the first expedition of troops to Manila, nearly 2000 men, on the transports City of Sydney, City of Peking and the Australia, were last spoken beyond Hawaii. The ships were ahead of their schedule time and should reach Manila by June 18 (Saturday). It has been decided that these troops will occupy fortifications in the neighborhood of Cavite.

A MONUMENT FOR "POTTER'S FORT."

The ladies belonging to the Bellefonte chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, erected at the Old Fort, on Thursday last, a monument weighing 5000 pounds for the purpose of marking the exact location of Potter's Fort, built to protect the inhabitants of that valley about 1777. It stands just in front of the Old Fort Hotel, is about four feet in height and three feet square. Upon the polished face of the monument, fronting the fort, there is this inscription:

"Erected June 9th, 1898 By the Bellefonte Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution To mark the location of the Old Indian Fort Known in 1777 as Potter's Fort. Which stood 650 feet North of this spot."

The fort stood on the site of the old white farm house and, as that is quite a distance from the main road and in somewhat of a hollow, it was considered inadvisable to place the stone in a more prominent location. A few of the leading citizens of Centre Hall were present and Mrs. Fred Klutz sent a beautiful bouquet which was placed on the marker. The Rev. F. F. Christine, of the Centre Hall Presbyterian church, offered an appropriate prayer and the Chapter joined in singing several national songs. After the ceremonies, a delightful supper was served at the hotel.

A description of the monument, the location, and a short history of the fort, will be found in the issue of the WATCHMAN of April 29th.

—Although it is mid-summer at Santiago, Admiral CERVERA shows no disposition to take an "outing."

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Seized with cramps while bathing near Mahanoy City, young Frank Ferguson was drowned.

—The wife of John Lockard, residing near Bangor, Northampton county, was terribly gored by a vicious bull.

—Six hundred more King hopper coal cars will be built in the Philadelphia & Reading railway's shops at Reading.

—The First Presbyterians, of Altoona, have broken ground for a \$40,000 solid stone church building of 1,400 capacity.

—While walking on the Reading railway tracks at Locust Gap, Northumberland county, 13-year-old John Quirk was killed by a train.

—Nearly 400 Catholic men of Scranton have organized a Holy Name Society, the object of which is to discourage the use of profane language.

—A telegram from Washington announces that the Altoona postoffice has been advanced from the second to the first class. It also states that the salary of the postmaster has been increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

—Robert Headings, of Honey, Mifflin county, while cultivating corn a few days ago found a watch which he lost seven years ago. It was an open faced, silver one and except a slight rust on the hair and main springs the watch was in as good condition apparently as when lost.

—John Jacob Astor's battery of mountain artillery, six guns, passed through Altoona as a section of southwestern express Tuesday morning. More than a hundred men comprised the roster of the battery. The millionaire colonel and his command are bound for Manila, where they will join the land force under Gen. Merritt.

—On Flag day, in Philadelphia a movement was made for the purchase of the little house on Arch street, near Third, where Betsey Ross made the first American flag. The option money was paid for the property and as the landmark was associated with one of the most memorable incidents of early history the building is to be preserved for future generations.

—Adam Carter, the son of Nathan Carter, a farmer, who lives north of Flemington, Clinton county, was badly injured Friday night by being kicked on the head by a horse. The young man was found lying unconscious in the lane about 9 o'clock and it is not known how long before the accident occurred. Physicians were summoned and on examination they found his forehead crushed and his face badly cut and bruised.

—One day recently Mr. W. G. Hadden, of Cherryhill township, Indiana county, made a novel discovery in one of his fields. A large hawk was found fluttering on the ground and when Mr. Hadden approached it he found a large house snake wrapped about the bird's neck. It is supposed that the hawk had attacked the snake when the reptile succeeded in strangling its foe. Both snake and bird were killed by Mr. Hadden.

—Receiver Thomas W. Barlow, of Philadelphia, of the suspended Peoples bank, was enabled Monday, as a result of receiving a check for \$400,000 from President Jas. McManes, to announce to the depositors and creditors that he can pay them a dividend of 90 per cent, and that the remaining 10 per cent will follow in three months. President McManes, when the bank failed, announced that he would personally guarantee that not a depositor or creditor would lose a dollar, and he has made his word good.

—The will of the late A. S. Van Wickle, the Hazleton millionaire who was killed last week by the accidental discharge of his gun, while at a pigeon shoot, probated Monday, makes a number of charitable bequests, among them being Princeton College, \$45,000; Brown University, \$45,000, and Lafayette College, \$30,000. The Minesville and Coleraine collieries are to be operated under the present plan under the direction of the trustees. His wife and I. P. Pardee are named as executors and trustees of the estate.

—The other day, while Samuel Edmiston, of Maitland, Mifflin county, was cutting down a small tree it lodged against a sapling, and he tried to pry it away with a hand spike, when he heard a noise at his feet and, looking down, saw a big rattlesnake ready to strike. He jumped away and in doing so slipped on a wet piece of bark and fell on a log, injuring his back very severely. He looked for the snake and it jumped for him, and if it had not been that his dog attacked the snake he would have been bitten.

—What might have been a very serious accident or resulted in the death of J. C. Martin, the well-known coal operator, and Geo. P. Meek occurred at Portage on Tuesday. Mr. Martin was standing on the tippie of a mine when two cars that had gotten beyond the control of some one came crashing down the incline, knocking him from his position and demolishing the tippie. Beyond being badly shaken up he was not seriously injured. George P. Meek, who is employed at the tippie, had a finger of the left hand broken. He is aged 29 years. The tippie is a wreck.

—Ebensburg Mountaineer-Herald: "Old Tom," a horse, which for the past twenty-four years has been owned by Mr. John Lloyd, of Ebensburg, is dead. He was about 29 or 30 years old, and for many years was as familiar a figure on our streets as any other old citizen, being driven in the express wagon. During the past five years he has been on the retired pension list, and has been as happy a horse as the kindness of his owner could make him. "Old Tom" was a highly intelligent animal, and was almost capable of delivering the express goods himself without any human guidance.

—Max Craeger, aged 17, and John Sprow, alias McNeal, aged 18, of Tomstown, a mountain village fifteen miles from Chambersburg, engaged in a fight precipitated by Sprow, Monday night, and Sprow died Tuesday from injuries received in the altercation. Craeger is in jail. The boys are relatives. Sprow threw stones at Craeger and the latter hit Sprow with a big rock in the forehead. Sprow fell to the ground unconscious and it is said Craeger then jumped upon him and battered his head with a rock, beating him fiercely. Craeger admits the killing, but says the fatal blow was received while the boys were rolling over the ground in a fierce struggle and that Sprow's forehead came in contact with a rock.