Ink Slings.

-Some outings are not a success as Admiral CERVERA will no doubt testify.

-The thermometer is gradually working its way up again to the crash and seersucker stations

-When WANAMAKER gets through with him Senator QUAY may know how CERVERA feels. -The Republican insurgents have been

reinforced by the addition of Col. Mc-CLURE's Philadelphia Times. -Spain may find a little consolation in

the fact that there are still 1198 uncaptured islands among the Philippines.

-York county Democrats have saved their BACON by an early and earnest declaration in favor of the Altoona ticket.

-TORAL, in asking for a twenty-mile start must have imagined our troops were sent to Santiago to join in a foot race. -The number of guns our fleet has

silenced about Santiago would indicate that Spain's gun factories have worked over time these many years. -General JACK FROST affected several

landings in this section on Sunday night. He failed to hold the positions and retired without inflicting any damage.

-The anti-combine Republicans of Philadelphia are preparing for another dose of Crow. Special inducements will be extended the Democracy to join in the feast.

-Brother SWALLOW will not use smokeless powder in his campaign against the half armed and ill fed volunteers, while forces of the boss. He is of that class of warriors who desire to be seen as well as

-Afflictions never come singly. After suffering the hardships and humiliation of Republican rule for the past eight years, such deficiency in organization that the small rox has now broken out in Fayette Philadelphia, Republican, Bulletin of as late county.

-It may not take long to lick the say: Spanish. It's licking the stamps that comes as a result of this Spanish war, that will require a Methusalistic existence to see the end of.

-After all, the attacking forces don't seem to have gotten the proper range on the Bellefonte post office. Commander FORTNEY still holds his position and without thought of surrendering.

-Ex-collector Cooper, the "red headed" and heretofore hopeful harmonizer of the Republican party, has hoisted the insurgent flag and is preparing to march against the QUAY intrenchments.

-Pennsylvanians generally dread the results of the annexation of Hawaii. Foolish people, to fear a little thing like leprosy, after surviving all the evils of QUAY bossism for so many years!

-Assistant Attorney General REEDER is publican politicians. said to be an aspirant for senatorial honors, and foolish enough to believe that with the war was shown in the long detention of him as its candidate his party can Reed-er General MILES from the head of the army title clear to success in the district.

-All the people who believe in advertising themselves are not necessarily relatives of the late P. T. BARNUM. We doubt if TEDDY ROOSEVELT had a speaking acquaintance with that distinguished showman.

-The censor seems to have gotten in his work most effectually on Chairman GAR-MAN's interview factory since the Altoona convention. It has been as silent since as Republicans are about the thievery at Harrisburg.

-Both LITTLE and IKELER have determined to run as Democratic candidates for Judge of the Columbia-Montour district. Judging from indications, but little of either of them will be known when the returns come in.

-It is the boast of Ohio people that Mr. HANNA's friends are "at the front." And they are right. You'll find them in the front every time the pay-master appears. Other days they are behind the breast works of the commissary department.

-Congressman ARNOLD's great need now is the power to annex several thousand post offices. Nothing short of this number will supply the demand for places, and nothing but places will supply the votes culable expense, and inflict upon our army the congressman will need in November.

-Let the people rejoice! Yea, even 'though war is upon us; 'though the yellow fever is attacking our army; 'though the Hawaiian lepers have been annexed, we have reason to smooth our hair, thank God, and take courage! Congress has adjourned

-The guns of Gen. WANAMAKER seem stumpers in eastern Pennsylvania. When to have been completely silenced, although in Congress, it will be remembered, that his friends allege that his retirement is Mr. CLEVELAND attempted to bull-doze only temporary and done for the purpose him into the support of his tariff measures, of securing an additional amount of am- and even went so far as to veto a bill aumunition, when his bombardment of the thorizing the erection of a post office build-QUAY defences will be renewed with a ing in Allentown,-Mr. Sowden's home vigor that will astound the enemy.

-It's about time to be on the lookout cept the views of others, as against, what for "heroes (?) of Santiago," who will he believed to be, the wish of his constitusoon be storming your back doors and try- ents. This fact, however, did not effect ing to break down the intrenchments about Mr. Sowden in the least, for the next your pantries. The country will be swarm- time he came before the people of his secing with these dusty, dirty, patriots (?) tion he received almost a unanimous vote; long before a solitary soldier, who has been men supporting him who did not approve to the front, has an opportunity to return. of his views, but because of his manliness

-The always reliable newspapers that in standing up for what he believed was have captured Santiago daily since the the interests and demands of his constitufor the display of their valor. San Juan effective talkers in the State, and it don't fast each morning and Porto Rico will be- German, civilian or soldier, he takes the JENKS. come ours twice a day until-well, until crowd with him, and impresses all with the troops attempt to make a landing on the honesty of his motives, and the sturdy,



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Politics and the War.

incapable action and bungling direction.

orous movements at the beginning of hos-

tilities would have given our arms an

initial advantage which cannot now be re-

covered without hard fighting and much

blood shed. While he pursued the weak

Spaniards strengthened their positions and

But it was in the work of preparation

in this respect is painfully demonstrated

by camps full of unorganized, unequipped,

the army that was sent to the front at

want of reinforcements. Although nearly

200,000 troops have been enlisted, there is

a date as the 8th inst., is constrained to

"In seventy days our incompetent war department has been unable to organize and

equip the volunteers who came manfully for-

ward when they were called upon. It is doubtful if we have 75,000 men fit to take

the field at this hour, including our 25,000

Is it difficult to discover the cause of this

shameful and deplorable deficiency, which

is paralyzing the operations against the

ly increase the cost of blood and treasure?

incompetent hands. Where the organiza-

tion of the army should have been com-

mitted to the best ability it has been given

in charge of personal friends of the admin-

istration and the favorites of leading Re-

where he belongs. There is reason for be-

lieving that he was detained in Wahington

through political jealousy, it being feared

that his success in the field might bring

him forward as a formidable candidate for

President against McKINLEY. It was for

this reason that SHAFTER, an obscure of-

this piece of politics has cost the army and

losses of the battles around Santiago. He violated the first principles of sound soldier

ing by attacking an entrenched position with inadequate force and insufficient artillery. If he had bided his time, brought up his guns,

on our side, but would General Shatter have satisfied his political friends? Earnestly as we all hope that the war will be short, sharp and decisive, it has alrerdy lasted long enough to show that political influence at Washington

It is indeed humiliating to this great

country that a just war, against a com-

paratively weak enemy, is being so managed

by incompetent leaders and scheming poli-

ticians as to impose upon our people incal-

great loss of life which better management

Could not be Bossed.

Ex-Congressman W. H. SOWDEN, who

is the Democratic nominee for Lieutenant

Governor, is one of the best known leaders

and one of the most popular and effective

manly, character of the speaker.

Philadelphia Ledger:

has worked great harm.

would have avoided.

army and navy to overcome.

Legislative Decadence.

No recent public deliverance has at-The incompetency of a weak administration has produced its natural result in nismanagement that is prevented from being disastrous only by the valor of the troops. From the very start there has been

McKinley halted and shuffled when vig-The deterioration of the law making power in this State is observable at every meeting of the Legislature, and it makes policy of "peaceful blockades," and predisposition to pass laws on unconstitutionferred a line of operations that would do the enemy as little harm as possible, the al subjects is progressively on the increase, each Legislature being more reckless in prepared themselves for a resistance that that respect than its predecessor, until the product of the legislative work has become will require the fullest exertion of our so defective in this respect, as was the case that the managers of this war have made the most lamentable exhibit of their incaunconstitutionality upon a considerable promised or implied in the platform. pacity. That they have shamefully failed

Mr. HENSEL contrasted this worthless production of our State lawmakers with the legislation of a former period, stating upon the authority of Justice WOODWARD, ments of a campaign for state reform. In given in 1853, that "for nearly fifty years | the two particulars most essential to suc-Santiago with an insufficient force was compelled to suspend operations for the of our political existence under the constitution of 1790 no act of Assembly was

set aside for unconstitutionality. The shameful and alarming decadence that has occurred in State legislation is largely due to the selection of indifferent in himself an embodiment of all the qualilegislative material, for which the people are responsible. When in addition to the inferior quality of the membership, the chief purpose for which legislators are chosen is to serve the interest of a party boss and to strengthen the hold of corrupt product of the law making power.

enemy, and will prolong the war and great-One of the issues of the pending State campaign is the reformation of the deca- the State from the blight of vicious poli-The reason for such conditions is to be dent character of our State Legislature, an found in the weak character of those who issue that demands the attention of the are at the head of the administration, and in people as much as the improvement of the tion put in nomination for the office of that all men, gold Democrats and indethe personal and political influences which other branches of State government. have placed the management of the war in

The Craze for Territorial Expansion.

One of the most unfortunate incidents of the present period of our history is the sudden and apparently unrestrainable development of an aggrandizing spirit that is grasping for territorial possessions beyond the limits of this continent. It is the beginning of an imperial expansion that is replete with perilous consequences to the republic

Recklessly claiming it to be a necessary war measure, the McKINLEY administration has succeeded in forcing through Congress an act which imposes upon this nation the ownership of islands thousands of ficer and a friend of ALGER'S, was put at miles from our shores, which can be of no the head of the Santiago expedition. What material use to us, but will surely be the cause of great expense and unlimited trouthe country may be gathered from the

following expression of the Republican The scheme of Hawaiian annexation had its origin in a design to promote the in-General Shafter is responsible for the awful terest of a commercial monopoly, and was marked in its first stages by an act of bad faith to a friendly government. It was a fraudulent project from the very start, and has at last been consummated on the taken good positions, made good roads to connect them with one another and with the fraudulent claim that it was necessary as a point of embarkation on the coast, Santiago would have fallen, with no appreciable loss war measure. on our side, but would General Shafter have

Following close upon this first landgrab it is proposed to continue the march of imperialism by the acquisition of territory both in the East and West Indies. We are to have a widely extended colonial domain, with all the dangers and difficulties which such possessions imply.

What thoughtful American does not agree with the views of the venerable ex-Senator EDMUNDS on this subject, who, in an address in Philadelphia on the 4th inst., said: "Whether integral and equal political parts of our republic or not, the possession of distant territory continually involves, as all nations have found, the maintenance of great standing armies and navies, with the enormous expenses and other evils attending their existence."

Inventions or the Enemy. The ringsters who have so long pillaged the State will find that they can gain nothing by resorting to the cry of "stop thief" in their attempt to throw suspicion upon those who have called them to account becity—as a punishment for his refusal to acfore the tribunal of the people. QUAY'S of QUAY and his associated corruptionists minions have even the effrontery to claim are equally severe and equally true. that the Democratic State convention was affected by the influence of the Republican may be their political affiliation, can meet boss. It is also charged that Democratic on common ground in condemning the bossism was expressed at Altoona, such a abuses of machine rule in the State governcanard being intended to attach to the proment, and demanding their correction. ceedings of the Democratic convention the All are alike interested in reforming a conodium of machine rule. Efforts are also dition of affairs which injures all except made to excite the prejudice of the gold the direct beneficiaries of governmental Democrats by representing that Colonel abuses, and therefore when a movement is first of July are now looking for new fields ents. On the stump he is one of the most Guffy bossed the convention in the free inaugurated which is divested of partisansilver interest and managed to secure the ism by its general object, and from which may be expected to capitulate before break- matter whether the audience is English or gubernatorial nomination for George A. every issue is eliminated except such as re- day a dispatch from General Shafter stating

> enemies of State reform. They adopt the pose no bar to united action for an object ought to be good news enough for one gained consciousness. He was aged about 28 tactics of thieves who cry "stop thief" to in which all good citizens are concerned. day.

divert attention from their own misdoings. Intelligent citizens can not be deceived by tracted more attention than the address of so flimsy a trick practiced by notoriously ex-Attorney General W. U. HENSEL at the corrupt politicians. There is a pervading annual meeting of Pennsylvania Bar Asso- conviction in the public mind that the obciation some days ago, on the subject of ject of the Altoona convention was to "the decadence of the quality of State Leg- | secure a reform of the debased condition of | two-thirds vote to put into the platform a the State government. It was for that reason that it declined to make an expression on any other issues than such as related to State affairs. It required no bossism to ly for state reforms, and by nominating a itself manifest not only in the slip-shod devise such a program. The operation of construction of the acts, but in the indif- no machine was necessary to inaugurate a ference as to their constitutionality. The campaign for the reform of governmental abuses. No wire-pulling and no boss work were needed for the formation of a platform whose keynote is the redemption of the State from machine misrule, nor for the domination of such a candidate as George A. JENKS whose private character and pubwith the late Legislature, that the courts lic reputation are a sufficient guarantee have been compelled to put the stamp of that he will carry out every reform either

The State Campaign.

The Democratic state convention did excess in overthrowing the QUAY machine, its action was eminently judicious in that feet harmony between Jenks and his party, related to state government, and placed at didate. the head of the ticket a candidate who is ties essential to intelligent administration and honest rule. In their general qualifications and personal characters, the other fusal of the convention to indorse free state nominees are equally well suited to the object of state reform, which was the leading purpose of the action of the boss and to strengthen the hold of corrupt leading purpose of the action of the politicians upon the State government, it convention. Such excellent discretion wholly overboard. No doubt many Demshould not be a matter of wonder that and conscientious intention displayed in there should be such a defective and vicious the essential particulars of issues, and candidates, should ensure the united supcandidates, should ensure the united sup-port of all who desire the redemption of where it is at issue. The vote means that ties and the injury of bad government.

> As to the gentleman whom the conven-Governor it is unnecessary to introduce pendents, are invited to join in a fight for GEORGE A. JENKS to the people of the State who have so long had knowledge of interesting and important one. There are his high mental endowments and excellent many elements of uncertainty in it. The persual character. He is one of the ablest effort of the Republican machine will of Pennsylvania's publicists. His action and experience in high legislative positions lines, and supporting the administration have placed him among the foremost of her in the war. But this is the merest party as one of its brightest members. While the war. With Fitzhugh Lee forming his his public service has been distinguished corps at Fernandina, and Joseph Wheeler equally for usefulness and brilliancy, his leading the advance at Santiago, that parprivate reputation has been without a blemish. His Democracy is of the Jeffersonian cast, but entirely devoid of the narrowness of unreasonable partisanship.

> The convention could not have selected a candidate in whom were centered and combined more of the qualities needed for the correction of the corrupt methods and party lines when the issue is presented as practices that have prevailed in our state government.

With such a candidate on a platform pledged to reform by assurances, of better government, that are meant to be enforced, the duty of all good citizens to vote for him is of the nature of a moral obligation.

A Matter of Common Interest.

The declaration of the Democratic state convention presents an array of facts that relate exclusively to the government of the beyond the natural limits of our country, State. In its arraignment of corrupt and profligate spoilsmen it is more of a moral than a political deliverance. These facts, which carry with them such forceful condemnation of the corruptionists who have converted the state government into an instrument of private gain and partisan plunder, were not unknown to the people. But the convention brought them more conspicuously to the public view by separating them from other issues. It based the contest entirely on the reform of abuses in state government.

In arraigning the machine spoilsmen the indictment presented in the Democratic platform but repeats the charges made by independent Republicans in their condemnation of the vicious methods by which a profligate gang of machine politicians misrule and plunder the State.

JOHN WANAMAKER'S arraignment of this corrupt domination included every charge made in the declaration of the Altoons convention. The independent Republican and the Democratic indictments

All honest citizens of the State whatever These are but weak inventions of the ernment, partisan considerations can interNO. 27.

For State Reform.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch, (Rep.) The Democratic convention at Altoona showed that it fully comprehended the political situation in this State by nominating George A. Jenks for Governor on the first ballot, and refusing with nearly a definite declaration either for the freesilver issue or for the candidacy of Bryan in 1900. In other words, the Democrats have met the situation by lining up squarecandidate whose character and abilities are acknowledged to be above impeachment, even by his political opponents. The most important factor in a state campaign for clean government is the character of the man nominated for the governorship. For

the leadership of such a fight the candidate selected is much the best selection that could have been made. George A. Jenks has long stood for what was best and most to be prized in Democracy. He is able, clean and independent. He has too vigorous a personality to be controlled by any interests, too powerful a mind to be hoodwinked by any sophistry and too active a conscience to permit himself to be used for any dishonest purposes. The presence of such a man in the gubernatorial chair will give Pennsylvania a better actly what was needed to suit the require- administration than it has known for many years, and the knowledge of that fact by

the people will be the force to give Jenks' candidacy strength. Gordon would have been a good candidate, but the more perit presented no other issues except such as and his really higher abilities make him both the most available and strongest can-Next in importance to the candidate is

the clear determination of the convention to fight the campaign solely on the reform of those ulcers that have made the politics of this State a public reproach. The resilver or Bryan is not necessarily to be construed as meaning that the Pennsylvania Democracy, in the proportion shown by ocrats are willing to do that. But many others, whose votes secured the adoption of the platform, are still ready to stand by national issues are not at stake in this election: that a victory for the Democrats is neither directly nor indirectly to be construed as a victory for the silver issue, and

clean state government. The campaign thus opened will be an doubtless be to consolidate the Republican vote on the plea of strengthening party say that the Democrats are not supporting tisan slander will be met with the contempt it merits. The last election showed that the party fetish had lost its power. With the exposure of the bad faith of the Republican control, and without an effective rallying centre for the opposition. shrunk to 372,000 in 1897. Such a showing gives an indication of the weakness of in this campaign and with a leader in whom the whole State has reason to trust. The element of uncertainty is in the Swallow vote. The independent vote which went to that erratic candidate last year was enough to make a very respectable majority this fall. But if all the elements in favor of pure state government concentrate on Judge Jenks, as they should do, a telling victory for reform will be among the

decided possibilities. To make the campaign complete there should be a vigorous effort to secure the nomination of able, clean and self-owned men to the Legislature. As the election of United States Senator is involved in this there should be a liberal disposition on the part of the Democrats to support independent Republicans, owing allegiance to no party boss, for the Legislature. If this is done the prospects for a genuine reform victory will be brighter than ever before.

It's the Platform of the People. From the Philadelphia Record.

So ar as it is possible the Democratic State convention has made vital questions of State administration the paramount, controlling and sole issue of this campaign. The declaration is incisive, unmistakable and radical, and has the added merit of incontestible truth.

Honest government, home rule and clean politics are presented as the paramount issues. The single national issue pertinent is met by a pledge of hearty support to the government on an active and aggressive conduct of the war with Spain. This covers the ground, for on this question our people are all of one mind. No

But not for years, and, we judge, never before, has there been such a ringing declaration as the Altoona convention put forth on the wrongs, abuses and crimes that have grown up in this commonwealth under the malign influence and desperate and greedy avarice of machine politics and legislation. The specifications are terrible in their truth and the offenses against good government they enumerate, and are fitly supplemented by pledges of reform in legislation and political methods that will

The Country Can Rest Easy. From the Louisville Courier Journal

The war department made public vesterlate to the attainment of better state gov- that the son of the secretary of war, the son of a United States senator and the son of an adjutant general are all well. This Spawls from the Keystone.

-Mauch Chunk is to have a paper box and corn-cob pipe factory.

-The Pennsylvania dental association met this week at Ebensburg.

-There are now 584 inmates in the State Industrial Reformatory.

-For alleged breach of promise, Catharine Clark, of Lancaster, claims \$10,000 from Arthur A. Groff.

-It is estimated that about 200,000 quarts of huckleberries will be shipped this season from Hazleton

-David Hixon, aged 50 years, of Ruffsdale, near Greensburg, was kicked by a horse Monday and killed.

-The 4-year-old child of August Cohen, of Jeannette, was so badly burned as a result of playing with matches that it died.

-Ex-Collector Thomas V. Cooper, of Me-

dia, announces his determination to remain in the Congressional fight and hopes to win. -Thomas Flor, aged 29 years, and G. D. Vinconzo, aged 28, both married, were

-Heavy plunder was secured by robbers in the residence of Frank C. Garwood, of Lancaster, whose family is summering at

drowned in the Conemaugh river near New

-Bessie Pierce, aged 8 years, fell from a third-story window at her home at Corry, Monday and had her spine injured and collarbone broken.

Edward A Northam, of Meadville, dropped dead while visiting the grave of his wife Tuesday. Mr. Northam was aged 70 years

and was a retired business man. -The corner-stone of the new home for the friendless building, at Williamsport, was laid Tuesday evening with Masonic cere-

monies. Harry Parsons delivered the ad-

-Among the steerage passengers on the ill-fated steamer Burgogne were twentythree from the vicinity of Scranton several of whom were returning with their families

to Italy to live. -After six consecutive meetings, when over 125 ballots were cast on the position of principal. which pays \$80, the Sandy Lake school board has dissolved and referred

the matter to court. -Truman David, aged 25 years, of Clarksburg, W. Va., while on a visit to Woodside, near Uniontown, was attacked with quinsy and choked to death before medical aid could be summoned.

-John Swoope, of Alexandria, Huntingdon county, caught three wild cats within the past two weeks, making nine caught this year, and has killed over sixty-five raccoons since the first of the year.

-Frank Bartlett, an inmate of the Lycoming county jail, while demented fastened his teeth in the sheriff's hands and tore out a great piece of flesh. James Farrell another unruly prisoner was quieted with a drenching from a garden hose.

-It is said that the farmers of Tioga county lost between \$5,000 and \$6,000 because their hay did not have the bright green color so admired by city dealers. It is claimed that had the hav been cut a few days earlier the desirable color would have been retained.

-Members of the family of William Skelley, of Portage, Westmoreland county, are dangerously ill from poisoning. statesmen. In Congress he was recognized sophistry. It is rank misrepresentation to child aged 5 years, is dead. They made lemonade Saturday night, leaving the pealings in. The lemons were molded.

-Calvin W. Hackett, aged 40, of New Bloomfield, Perry county, was found dead in bed Monday in a hotel in Philadelphia. Hackett was employed at the United States mint there, but had not been at work since last Wednesday. He had been drinking heavily.

-The body found near Aligrippa, on June 30th, with a bullet hole in the head, has been identified as that of Charles Grav. of Wellsville, Ohio. His family thinks it is a case of suicide. He leaves a widow and one son. who live in Pittsburg. Gray formerly lived in Beaver Falls.

-George Bradfield Carr, the attorney for Charles O. Kaiser, Jr., the convicted murderer, will make a last effort to prevent the execution of the death sentence in September. Mr. Carr will go to Harrisburg and see the Governor. He will argue that not only was Kaiser's testimony state evidence, but that it was almost absolutely indispensable in the conviction of Clemmer, who was the chief conspirator in the death of the unfortunate woman.

-The people of Dunbar, received a shock when it was announced Wednesday that five genuine cases of smallpox were under treatment within the borough limits. A woman named Johnson, her two children, and two men named Crockett, are the victims. All are colored. One of the men. while he was still broken out with the disease transacted business with different people in the town. An epidemic is feared, and a strict quarantine of the house where the sick are living will be enforced.

-At Montgomery, Friday morning, three incendiaries placed four crocks filled with oil under the corners of the opera house building. They applied the light and ran-The flames were discovered and the fire department responded and extinguished the fire. In the building are the stores of Housal and Baker and B. F. Decker. The latter firms' loss on store goods is about \$1,000 and the damage to Housal and Baker is about \$300. The opera house was also damaged. The incendiaries escaped.

-Friday morning on the Rodgers farm, in Saville township, Perry county, a most frightful accident occurred, resulting in the death of Lloyd Brandt, son of John Brandt, who lives on the farm. The young man with his brother was out in the harvest field with a binder cutting grain. The team was not working to please them and in order to meet the hearty approval of every true son improve the working, they attempted to change bridles on two of the animals. No sooner had they taken the bridles off before the team ran away. Lloyd was caught under the machine and dragged with it through the wheat and an oats field towards the barn. When they were stopped the young man was found wedged underneath the machine. The injuries he received were so horrible that he died the same day, never having reyears, and is survived by a wife and child.