

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. McClure'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 few 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 forces of the boss. He is of that class of warriors who desire to be seen as well as heard.

Afflictions never come singly. After suffering the hardships and humiliation of Republican rule for the past eight years, small pox has now broken out in Fayette county.

It may not take long to lick the 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 QUAY, after surviving all the evils of QUAY bossism for so many years!

Assistant Attorney General REEDER is said to be an aspirant for senatorial honors, and foolish enough to believe that with him as its candidate his party can Reeder's 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 GARMAN'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 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 to have been completely silenced, although his friends allege that his retirement is only temporary and done for the purpose of securing an additional amount of ammunition, when his bombardment of the QUAY defences will be renewed with a vigor that will astound the enemy.

It's about time to be on the lookout for "heroes" of Santiago, who will soon be storming your back doors and trying to break down the intrenchments about your pantries. The country will be swarming with these dusty, dirty, patriots (?) long before a solitary soldier, who has been to the front, has an opportunity to return.

The always reliable newspapers that have captured Santiago daily since the first of July are now looking for new fields for the display of their valor. San Juan may be expected to capitulate before breakfast each morning and Porto Rico will become ours twice a day until—well, until the troops attempt to make a landing on that little island.

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Politics and the War.

The incompetency of a weak administration has produced its natural result in mismanagement that is prevented from being disastrous only by the valor of the troops.

It is difficult to discover the cause of this shameful and deplorable deficiency, which is paralyzing the operations against the enemy, and will prolong the war and greatly increase the cost of blood and treasure?

The extent to which politics is effecting the war was shown in the long detention of General MILES from the head of the army where he belongs.

General Shafter is responsible for the awful losses of the battles around Santiago. He violated the first principles of sound soldiery by attacking an entrenched position with inadequate force and insufficient artillery.

It is indeed humiliating to this great country that a just war, against a comparatively weak enemy, is being so managed by incompetent leaders and scheming politicians.

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 stumpers in eastern Pennsylvania.

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Legislative Decadence.

No recent public deliberance has attracted more attention than the address of ex-Attorney General W. U. HENSEL at the annual meeting of Pennsylvania Bar Association, some days ago, on the subject of "the decadence of the quality of State Legislation."

The deterioration of the law making power in this State is observable at every meeting of the Legislature, and it makes itself manifest not only in the slipshod construction of the acts, but in the indifference as to their constitutionality.

Mr. HENSEL contrasted this worthless production of our State lawmakers with the legislation of a former period, stating upon the authority of Justice WOODWARD, given in 1853, that "for nearly fifty years 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 legislative material, for which the people are responsible.

One of the most unfortunate incidents of the present period of our history is the sudden and apparently unexplainable development of an aggrandizing spirit that is grasping for territorial possessions beyond the limits of this continent.

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 miles from our shores, which can be of no material use to us, but will surely be the cause of great expense and unlimited trouble.

The scheme of Hawaiian annexation had its origin in a design to promote the interest of a commercial monopoly, and was marked in its first stages by an act of bad faith to a friendly government.

Following close upon this first landgrab beyond the natural limits of our country, it is proposed to continue the march of imperialism by the acquisition of territory both in the East and West Indies.

What thoughtful American does not agree with the views of the venerable 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 of 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!"

Intelligent citizens can not be deceived by so flimsy a trick practiced by notoriously corrupt politicians. There is a pervading conviction in the public mind that the object of the Altoona convention was to secure a reform of the debased condition of the State government.

The Democratic convention did exactly what was needed to suit the requirements of a campaign for state reform. In the two particulars most essential to success in overthrowing the QUAY machine, its action was eminently judicious.

As to the gentleman whom the convention put in nomination for the office of Governor it is unnecessary to introduce GEORGE A. JENKS to the people of the State who have so long had knowledge of his high mental endowments and excellent personal character.

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 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 State. In its arraignment of corrupt and profligate spoilsmen it is more of a moral than a political deliverance.

In arraignment 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 Altoona convention. The independent Republican and the Democratic indictments of QUAY and his associated corruptionists are equally severe and equally true.

All honest citizens of the State whatever may be their political affiliation, can meet on common ground in condemning the abuses of machine rule in the State government, and demanding their correction. All are alike interested in reforming a condition of affairs which injures all except the direct beneficiaries of governmental abuses.

For State Reform.

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 two-thirds vote to put into the platform a definite declaration either for the free-silver issue or for the candidacy of Bryan in 1900.

Next in importance to the candidate is the clear determination of the convention to fight the campaign solely on the reform of those ills that have made the politics of this State a public reproach. The refusal of the convention to indorse free silver or Bryan is not necessarily to be construed as meaning that the Pennsylvania Democracy, in the proportion shown by the vote, has resolved to throw that issue wholly overboard.

The campaign thus opened will be an interesting and important one. There are many elements of uncertainty in it. The effort of the Republican machine will doubtless be to consolidate the Republican vote on the plea of strengthening party lines, and supporting the administration in the war.

To make the campaign complete there should be a vigorous effort to secure the nomination of able, clear and self-owned men to the Legislature. As the election of a 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.

It's the Platform of the People.

So far 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 incontestable 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.

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 Country Can Rest Easy.

The war department made public yesterday a dispatch from General Shafter stating 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 ought to be good news enough for one day.

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 Ruffs-dale, 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 Media, 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 drowned in the Conemaugh river near New Florence.

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

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 cornerstone of the new home for the friendless building, at Williamsport, was laid Tuesday evening with Masonic ceremonies. Harry Parsons delivered the address.

Among the steerage passengers on the ill-fated steamer Burgogue were twenty-three 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 \$8,000 because their hay did not have the bright green color so admired by city dealers. It is claimed that had the hay 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. One child aged 5 years, is dead. They made lemonade Saturday night, leaving the pealings in. The lemons were moldy.

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 Allgrippa, on June 30th, with a bullet hole in the head, has been identified as that of Charles Gray, of Wells-ville, Ohio. His family thinks it is a case of suicide. He leaves a widow and one son, who live in Pittsburgh. Gray formerly lived in Beaver Falls.

George Bradford 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 ill 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 casks 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 firm's 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 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 regained consciousness. He was aged about 28 years, and is survived by a wife and child.