

Ink Stings.

—Twenty-thousand Knights in succession couldn't even darken Pittsburg on Tuesday.

—The Spanish want us to accept their Cuban debts. We might just as well accept Spain.

—The rubber trust unfortunately will not be able to gather the rubber-necks under its blighting control.

—Again the people of Pennsylvania get through with him QUAY's plum tree will have the black-knot, so far as bearing any more fruit for him is concerned.

—Republicans hereabouts have come to the conclusion that ARNOLD's first name should have been BENEDICT. As a betrayer of friends he can beat his original namesake all hollow.

—If the administration can get its governmental schemes to work in Cuba, it will be entitled to congratulations. Nothing has ever been known to work down there but mosquitoes and fever.

—Reformer WANAMAKER will open fire on the enemy's lines this Friday evening from his intrenchments in the Philadelphia Academy of Music. It is expected that the firing will be both hot and effective.

—The idea, that they say Gen. WOOD'S, to give each discharged Cuban soldier \$25 in cash and \$25 worth of agricultural implements, sounds more like a joint idea of the money lenders and the implement manufacturers.

—No, Miss Maud, the great Peace Jubilee to be celebrated in Philadelphia on the 26th and 27th is not to be a love feast between WANAMAKER and PENROSE. Get that notion out of your noodle, if you had such an one in it.

—When GEORGE WASHINGTON whacked that little cherry tree he told his pap what he had done. Now therein lies the difference between GEORGE and MATT QUAY. The latter shook the State's plum tree and didn't tell the people a thing.

—There are no signs of a protocol yet between the contending Republican forces in the State. As a consequence, "honest government" winks one eye suspiciously and watches the warming war with a new hope and expanding expectations.

—New York is catching on to the Pennsylvania political methods at a fairly rapid rate. Here the Republicans elect tax-stealers; up there they are trying to elect a tax-dodger. There might be somewhat of a difference, but its all on the same line.

—It might not be amiss for Republican management in this State to be preparing hospital accommodations for its disabled politicians. From present indications that war that's now on among them, will leave crippled characters and ruined reputations to be cared for hereafter.

—The stories told by home coming Porto Rican soldiers will be muffled before they reach that war investigation board in session in Washington. Tales of suffering so horrible as the one told by RALPH HARWICK, of DuBois, on Tuesday, are not the kind that would add gloss to the whitewash that it seems will have to be applied to ALGER.

—We haven't seen anything of county chairman GRAY'S flag. ERKINS has evidently sent it, but as yet they haven't hoisted it high on Republican headquarters here. When it is to be carried Gen. SAM MILLER or pension agent OLLIGER will be selected to divide the honors of carrying it. It is supposed to have a genuine plum tree handle and Met. fliers.

—The Indian war on the shores of Leech lake only confirms the old time belief that the only good Indian is the dead Indian. It was hard to lose good soldiers at the hands of the Spanish, but far harder to have them killed by a lot of drunken redskins, who have been petted and pampered until they are a constant menace to the settlers on the borders of their reservations.

—Since the naval battles at Manila and Santiago foreign governments have been trying to find out how our gunners are trained to shoot with the marvelous accuracy that was displayed in those engagements. The government has always furnished any of this information very cheerfully in the past, but as its courtesy has never been reciprocated it has been decided to make more of a secret of our methods. It is a good stand to take, for to what profit are we to have brains and genius in our navy and army if their fruits are to be as free to foreign powers as to our own. However, with all the science there is in it the men behind the guns are the real agency of our superiority and such no other nation will ever have.

—That most pious political statesman, JOHN WANAMAKER, is mad because Senator PENROSE is reported to have accused him of unlawful meddling in the affairs of the defunct Keystone bank. He dares PENROSE to put his accusations in writing, with the threat that he will "arrest him for libel as speedily as a warrant be obtained and served." If they should happen to get into a suit over JOHN'S relations to the defunct institution the news might come out as to whether he really did get that \$400,000 from the bank to help carry New York for HARRISON. WANAMAKER has never denied the charge and so long as he refuses to do it the people will be inclined to think that he has been guilty of trying to debauch the ballot with boodle, even though it might not be true.

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A United Democratic Vote Will Elect Jenks.

It has now become almost a positive certainty that if the members of the Democratic party in the State vote for GEO. A. JENKS he will be elected. The Republican vote that will fall away from the machine candidate will be enough to make his vote less than the vote that will be polled for JENKS if all the Democrats will stick to a plurality. This would ensure his election by a plurality.

That many Republicans will vote for the Democratic candidate is absolutely sure, but this gain would be neutralized if any considerable number of Democrats should be misled into voting for SWALLOW by the mistaken notion that he is a stronger candidate than JENKS and therefore more able to serve their purpose of defeating the QUAY machine. As absurd as this notion must appear to every reflecting citizen, it is nevertheless being worked up by the machine leaders and stool pigeons for the purpose of reducing the Democratic vote that rightfully belongs to the Democratic nominee.

As SWALLOW must be regarded in this contest as of no other account than as a factor that may be of service to the machine, no sensible voter can believe that he stands any chance of being elected. When the claim that he is going to have a vote sufficient to elect him is subjected to logical examination it is found to have no basis. A correct conception of the relative strength of SWALLOW and JENKS may be reached by supposing a case in which a candidate has thirty thousand voters back of him, and another is backed by five hundred thousand. In such a case which is likely to be the stronger at the polls? The basis of SWALLOW'S strength is the Prohibition vote amounting at most to 30,000. The basis of JENKS strength is the 500,000 votes that constitute the Democratic organization in the State. Phenomenal circumstances may run the Prohibition candidate's vote above the normal strength of his party, but there is a possibility of its having such an increase as to run it above the vote which a candidate with a 500,000 organization back of him is likely to get?

In this connection SWALLOW is of importance not on account of any chance he has of being elected, but for the reason that the ballots of Democrats that might mistakenly be cast for him would so reduce the bulk of the Democratic vote as to ensure the election of QUAY'S machine candidate. To secure an intelligent view of the pending State contest it must be borne in mind that SWALLOW'S candidacy is of consequence only in the effect it may have in assisting to elect the nominee of the machine.

Two of a Kind.

Nothing could be more encouraging to the friends of good government in the State than the fact that ex-Governor ROBERT E. PATTON is working along with GEORGE A. JENKS in this campaign against the profligate politicians who have been misgoverning the State and defrauding its taxpayers.

The ex-Governor addressed a public meeting along with the Democratic candidate for Governor, at Media, Delaware county, last Saturday, and the sight of two honest representatives of true Democracy and honest government on the platform at the same time, delivering sturdy blows at the QUAY machine, and supporting the cause of honesty in public affairs, aroused the enthusiasm of the audience, Republicans as well as Democrats, and filled them with the hope of a change in the old Commonwealth that will deliver it from the clutches of political thieves.

ROBERT E. PATTON'S administration of the state government is a tower of strength to the Pennsylvania Democracy. They can refer to it as proof of what a Democratic administration can do for the State. It enables them to confidently call upon the people to put another Democrat in the Governor's office if they want improvement in the management of the State's affairs, and the ex-Governor appears upon the platform, in company with the nominee for Governor, and proclaims that GEORGE A. JENKS is the man to perform that mission by restoring honest Democratic government to the long abused and plundered State of Pennsylvania.

There could not be a more auspicious and encouraging sign of better things ahead for our old State than PATTON and JENKS together on the stump fighting the QUAY machine and putting their shoulders to the wheel for State reform.

—If you are opposed to squandering the public moneys in drunken junketing trips, such as disgraced the last Legislature, you will vote for FOSTER and WETZEL. Both DALEY and TOWNSEND will do as the machine for which they are running demands, and it will demand just the same kind of legislation and the same profligate appropriations that disgraced the State and robbed the tax-payers two years ago.

Kalsomining the War Department.

The investigating of ALGER'S army management has now been in progress for about two weeks and nothing has been developed that tends to remove the public conviction that it has no other object than to exonerate ALGER and to shield the administration from censure calculated to injure it politically.

The very first movement in the proceedings, which required the sessions to be held with closed doors, filled the public mind with suspicion that it was intended to be a kalsomining job. That publicity was not desired was indicated by the announcement that the committee-room would be too small to admit newspaper reporters. Though the proceedings would naturally be of the most intense interest to thousands of citizens whose sons lost their lives, or had their health ruined by the unhealthfulness of the camps, the poor quality of the provisions, and incompetent medical treatment, the government is made to appear too poor to provide a room large enough to accommodate the press that would give the developments of the investigation to the public.

These are circumstances that would throw suspicion on the good faith of the administration in this matter, if there were not other reasons for the people to believe that the chief object of the investigation is to mislead the public mind as to the facts connected with the management of the army and the general treatment of the soldiers. The witnesses called are not the kind from whom could be obtained the information necessary for a true exposition of the facts. The higher grade of officers, who gave the condition of the soldiers but little if any notice, and who never allowed their attention to be closely drawn to the treatment which the soldiers received, are summoned as the chief witnesses. When called upon for testimony this class of witnesses can be questioned in a manner that may make them appear to testify that there was nothing wrong, and all the questions put to them so far, as would appear from the meagre reports, have been of a character calculated to produce this effect.

The committee evidently do not want to get at the facts or they would call to the stand witnesses who personally suffered from the management that prostrated so large a percentage of the army with sickness and sent so many home as broken down invalids. This is a class of witnesses who could testify whether they were subjected to the abuse and neglect with which ALGER'S army management is charged. Would not the committee be likely to obtain from the common soldiers information with which the generals and other higher officers would be unacquainted, and which ALGER'S appointees in the commissary, quartermaster and medical departments are interested in concealing?

The investigation has proceeded far enough to confirm the public impression that it is not the purpose of the administration to allow any facts to be disclosed in connection with the management of the army during the recent war that would reflect unfavorably upon ALGER and do a political injury to the Republican party.

Vote for the Right Man.

The prothonotary's office is one of the most important offices in the county. It is the filing place of nearly all the court records; the receptacle of all its official papers; the custodian of every rule and order and action of the court. The minutes of the court are recorded and kept by the prothonotary and its findings and decrees are parts of the official record of his office. It is in this office that all judgments are recorded, and to this office that all citizens who have business before the courts are compelled to go. The advantage of having a quick, bright and accommodating person to fill the place must be apparent to all. The absolute necessity of having it filled by a competent, reliable and orderly official will be recognized by every voter. A negligent, incompetent man in the position would create any amount of trouble in the county and unending expense to the taxpayers.

Why take any risk in this matter? M. I. GARDNER, who is the candidate upon the Democratic ticket, is acknowledged, even by his personal enemies to be in every way fitted for the position. An excellent penman, a trained bookkeeper, a careful business man, an orderly, systematic worker—thorough in every detail and pleasant and accommodating under all circumstances, he would make a worthy successor to the long line of good prothonotaries who have filled the position.

His opponent may be a worthy, deserving individual, but there is no evidence anywhere or from any one, that he has a single qualification for the place. Why then take any risk about this office? It is of the most vital importance to the whole people that it be filled well. This will be insured by the election of M. I. GARDNER, and every man interested in having the office properly conducted and by one of the most deserving young men in the county will have no hesitancy in giving him their votes.

Attorney General McCormick's Testimony.

The people of Pennsylvania will but half finish the great task of reforming their state government unless they elect a majority of the Legislature that will operate with the chief executive officer of the State in putting an end to machine misrule. The injuries which public interests have sustained in consequence of bad state government have had their origin chiefly in the profligacy of machine Legislatures. It was the power which a corrupt boss has been able to exert over the legislative branch that has maintained the vicious practices by which the money of the people has been squandered in extravagant public expenses and turned to the personal and political advantage of licentious party leadership.

Therefore when the people apply themselves to the work of reform they should bear in mind that it will be but half done if the Legislature shall not be made to watch the reform Governor which we believe it is their intention to elect. GEO. A. JENKS, who in all probability will be that Governor, shows his appreciation of such a Legislature to co-operate with him by urging all the elements of reform, in both parties, to unite for the election of Legislators who will not be the servants of a party boss and the instruments of a corrupt political machine, and advising Democrats in Republican districts to combine with Independent Republicans in electing Republican Representatives who are opposed to the continuance of QUAY'S vicious domination. In this district, both as to the Senate and the House of Representatives, the normal majority being Democratic, the ends of legislative reform will be served by the reform elements uniting upon the Democratic nominee for the State Senate, WM. C. HEINLE, Esq., and the Democratic nominees for the Assembly, Messrs. ROBERT M. FOSTER and J. H. WETZEL.

That the Republicans, both in respect to the State Senator and the Assemblymen, are equally obligated with the Democrats to give these candidates their support should be impressed upon them by such reputable authority as Hon. H. C. MCCORMICK, the Republican Attorney General of the State, who testifies as follows to the character of the Legislature which the QUAY machine would retain as the law-making body in this State:

"I myself have witnessed the humiliating spectacle of the Legislature waiting for days to be told what was the will of their master." He knew that he owned them. They were his property, and why should they not take orders? And what a Legislature it was! It can scarcely be thought of without nausea. Its first business was to elect a United States Senator. The members of the General Assembly of 1897, misrepresenting their constituents and obeying the boss instead of the people, elected the man they were ordered to by their master, and defeated the man whom the people wanted. The reckless extravagance of the last Legislature has become a byword throughout the Commonwealth. It was the legitimate result of the debauchery of its members by the persons in control.

This is not an overdrawn picture of legislative depravity and degradation which the election of Messrs. HEINLE, FOSTER and WETZEL would assist in eradicating.

"No Democrat, whoever he may be, can bring the 28th Congressional district into more disrepute than it now is," says the Ridgway Evening Star, the only Republican paper in Elk county. Vote for HALL.

He Didn't Shake the Plum Tree.

The United States lost one of its purest public characters in the recent death of ex-Senator BAYARD, of Delaware. In all the high positions he occupied in the government his services were performed with as much integrity as ability. That he did not belong to the class of statesmen who regard public office as a private snap was proven by the fact that although he held high official stations from his early manhood almost to the day of his death he left an estate that did not amount to more than the modest sum of \$75,000.

Such a fortune would be regarded with contempt by statesmen of the QUAY and PLATT order who have become millionaires by improving their political opportunities. But Mr. BAYARD would have scorned to turn his official service to pecuniary profit, or to avail himself of a dollar of public money that did not belong to him, and therefore the estate he left did not amount to more than some statesmen, who are in public life for the money they can make out of it, manage to secure out of sugar trust deals when a tariff bill is pending, or from the profits of a gold loan.

If we had more public men of Mr. BAYARD'S high character, and fewer of the kind who become rich by "shaking the plum tree," there would not be the corruption that is seen to prevail in all the departments of government.

Is Swallow for Quay?

From the Williamsport Times. It is generally supposed in certain quarters that Dr. Swallow has a distinct understanding with Senator Quay as to his candidacy. For several years past it has been apparent that a revolt was soon to come against Senator Quay and his methods, and that unless some radical step should be taken it has seemed pretty certain that he would be overthrown.

The independent sentiment has been growing gradually, and the natural place for it to drift was to the Democratic candidates. If there should be a concentration of the elements opposed to machine methods in the Democratic ticket it is a very evident fact that their chances of winning would be considerably enhanced. This result has overtaken the Republicans in the two occasions when Governor Pattison was elected Governor. Quay is astute enough to place some obstacle in the way in order to head off the movement.

Last year the revision of feeling against the machine methods was so great as to give promise of overturning the machine and of electing a Democratic state treasurer and auditor general. Dr. Swallow's candidacy was given enough encouragement to make it appear formidable, and under the delusion that he might win thousands of voters who were really opposed to existing conditions voted for him.

Had these same persons cast their votes for the Democratic ticket the state treasurer would have been elected by over 4,000 majority. Dr. Swallow polled less than one-half as many votes as the Democratic nominees. He, however, served Senator Quay's purpose admirably. He diverted enough votes to accomplish Senator Quay's desires. This year the same state of affairs is presented again. The plan as conceived has developed, and Swallow may take enough of the independent elements to accomplish Quay's plan. He and some of his friends are doing whatever they can on the side to concentrate the dissatisfied vote on the doctor. Every vote cast for him only takes one vote from Quay; whereas if it were cast directly for the Democratic candidate it would in reality make a difference of two votes. This theory of the real purpose of Dr. Swallow's candidacy is borne out by such influence as the Philadelphia Times, which is perhaps closer to Quay than any other in the State. Its support of Dr. Swallow can only be accounted for in this way: Colonel McClure knows very well that Swallow stands no earthly chance of election, and that the only one who could win is Mr. Jenks. Of course, Republican newspapers could not be expected to take an open position, but such journals as the Times, which claims to be independent, can voters who are sincere in their desire to see Quayism overthrown should not permit themselves to be deluded with the suggestions that Swallow can win. A firm idea of these possibilities can be gained from this locality, where it is readily seen by any one who comes to inquire that he has lost rather than gained strength.

Will It Be a Cyclone?

Recent developments connected with the treasury expose and the holding of Quay and others of his machine to bail on a criminal charge for the misappropriation of public moneys may work a revolution in state politics. It is probable that to a greater or less extent it will. It may turn out a cyclone. Stone, the Quay candidate for Governor, stand for precisely the financial wrongs and outrages on the people unconvicted at the hearing before the Philadelphia magistrate. He is the standard-bearer of the treasury ring. His loose ideas of public morality are best illustrated by his extortionate fee, through a friendly auditor general, of \$10,000 for nominal services in defending a claim against the State of \$3,500. This was Quayism. It was not much if it were compared with the hundred thousand dollar operations, plundering the State, disclosed in the Philadelphia hearing; but it was imbued with the same spirit of jobbery and fraud that has run rampant in the state administration under the profligate rule of Quayism, which is simply a principle of public plunder.

To Workingmen.

Workingmen of Pennsylvania, you who cannot clothe your wives and children decently, you who cannot give them sufficient nourishing food, you who cannot earn enough to pay rent or taxes because of monopoly rule and extravagant legislators and penulating state officials, what think you of this?—The state with money exploited from your hard labor pays for the picture of a skunk to illustrate one of its reports the sum of \$707.00; for the picture of a blue bird, \$757.25; for the picture of an old crow, \$609.95; for the picture of a sparrowhawk, \$791.92; for the picture of a flicker, \$741.98. The state also paid \$3,500 for pictures advertising the private business of a brownstone company. All this useless outlay to embellish a book you will never see. Are you so lost to your rights, to your sense of manhood, to the duty you owe to your wives and children that you will not resent this robbery? Remember that this extravagance was ordered by the minions of Quay in the Legislature and that more and worse is promised if you elect Quay's man—William A. Stone, who is pledged to do Quay's bidding.—Dem. Press Bureau.

—Every year it is \$5,500,000 for the common schools, but the schools do not get the money. It is withheld by Republican officials to the damage of our schools and for the private gain of corrupt politicians. The common schools, the glory of the people, must be saved from the Republican machine despoilers. George A. Jenks will protect the schools and the people if the voters but do their duty.

—"J. K. P. HALL is a winner and a man who will put an end to the disgraceful misrepresentation that the district has labored under for the past two years," says the only Republican paper in Elk county. Vote for HALL.

Spavls from the Keystone.

—Twenty-four sick soldiers were received at the Lancaster hospitals from camp Meade on Monday.

—Painter Michael Smith fell 60 feet from a scaffolding at Shamokin, sustaining fatal injuries.

—Forcing his way through a barred window, Michael Castellano escaped from the insane department of the Schuylkill county almshouse.

—Thirteen-year-old John Newton, of Upper Strasburg, Franklin county, tramped on a thorn, which penetrated his foot, causing lockjaw and death.

—A large number of additional hands were put to work in the Segal tissue paper mills, at Rahnsville, Northampton county, to meet a rush of orders.

—Judge Albright Monday approved the recommendation of the grand jury for the erection of a soldiers' monument at Allentown, and a \$20,000 shaft will be put up.

—Private Joseph Rigenary, of the Twenty-first United States infantry, a Shamokin man, who enlisted last July, died from typhoid fever Monday at Plattsburg, N. Y.

—Father Matthew's day was celebrated in Wilkesbarre by a monster parade, in which 5000 men and boys belonging to Catholic temperance societies in the Scranton district participated.

—Saturday eighteen cars of a freight train were piled up on the Linden branch of the P. and E. caused by a broken rail. Nobody was injured. The tracks were blocked only a few hours.

—The Houtzdale Journal says that the petrified Indian unearthed by workmen on the line of the new railroad from Clearfield to Beltsena, has proven to be nothing but a long sulphur rock.

—At Nisbet Sunday, as a freight train was backing into the siding, the engine of another freight ran into the side of it. The engine was derailed and three cars of the freight were wrecked. No one was injured.

—Station Agent Croyle, at Mosgrove, Armstrong county, was held up by three negroes, who, at the point of their revolvers, compelled him to open the safe Saturday evening. They secured \$300 and escaped, after locking the agent in a rear room.

—During the past week there died in Tyrone and its suburbs, four aged citizens who had been long residents of that community. Their combined ages aggregated 318 years and 4 months, an average of almost 80 years. Three of the four were born in Germany.

—Rev. J. H. Pershing, formerly of Tyrone, who has served two terms as presiding elder in the Altoona district, and who was at the recent conference of the United Brethren church appointed to the Madison charge, has resigned on account of failing health.

—An organ that is perhaps Rudolph Goodman, of Shamokin, who joined an artillery company during the summer, was murdered by a crowd of cowboys, in a saloon near Galveston, Tex. They drew the soldier into an argument, and when he offered to fight they shot him.

—The establishing of silk mills in the state appears to offer great attractions to capitalists. In 1890 there were only 49 of these mills in Pennsylvania, 71 in 1890 and probably 100 by this time, with Allentown as the head center, with its seven silk mills. In all there were 472 such industries in the United States in 1890.

—Mrs. Samuel Swartwood, wife of a railroad brakeman, residing at Mountain Top, Luzerne county, gave birth to her twenty fifth child Thursday night. Of the large number of children born, only two sets were twins. Three of the children died. The rest are in good health. The father says he is the happiest man on earth with his large family.

—Daisy Smith, aged 16 years, a daughter of Henry Smith, a wealthy farmer of Bolles Run, Snyder county, was found murdered on Monday, in a field near her home. Her body was riddled with shot, and there was a gaping knife wound in her throat. The affair is mysterious, and although it is said the authorities have suspicions as to the identity of the murderer, no arrests have yet been made.

—The frame dwelling of George Stott, situated on the hill above Cuba mines, on the road leading to Hudson, in Clearfield county, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday evening about 9 o'clock. Mr. Stott, who is a partner with Jacob Swires in operating Ophir mines, had moved his family out of the house only a few days before. The origin of the fire is unknown, but presumed to be the work of an incendiary.

—A search after a lost nickel resulted in the horrible death of Bessie Garman, a 14-year-old girl, at Mont Alto Junction, Franklin county, Saturday evening. Miss Garman while playing with the infant dropped a five-cent piece, which rolled under a table. Miss Garman began a hunt under the table, overturning it, and dragged down a parlor lamp upon her head. In a moment the young woman was a mass of flames and so badly burned that she died Sunday morning.

—A coal oil stove exploded in a bed room at the home of William J. Sellars, Hollidaysburg, last Saturday morning. Mrs. Sellars was ill in the room at the time and became so frightened that she jumped out of bed and threw her 1-day-old baby out of the window. Mrs. Milton McGraw, who had been attracted to the house by the screams of the inmates, caught the baby in her dress. Mrs. Sellars was taken out of the window on a ladder. The stove exploded near the door of the room, thus preventing egress. Mother and baby seem to have withstood the shock without danger of ill effect.

—Albert Welton, while intoxicated, was arrested at Williamsport Saturday and lodged in the lockup. The prisoner is a resident of Dansville, N. Y., where he has a wife and family. He is about 64 years of age, and was supposed to have long since given up love affairs outside of that for his own family, but subsequent events proved the supposition incorrect. A pretty lass of about 18 years happened by one day. Welton admired her and finally made her acquaintance, and it slowly grew into a love affair of a serious nature. Just how long the couple kept their affairs in Dansville a secret is not known, but about a month ago they left their Dansville homes and went to Williamsport.