Ink Slings.

-The linseed oil trust is the latest combination of monopolists that has been formed to prey on the people of the country.

-Governor Hastings' retirement from office has left the 574,801 men who voted for him November 6th, 1894, much wiser than they were the day they recorded their ballots for him.

-Oh, MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY, do you think that you can stay, or has your senatorial cake turned into dough; you've been a dandy in your day; but that plum tree was the wrong lay, and it begins to look as if you would have to go.

-If reports can be relied upon it is beginning to look very much as if Secretary ALGER is the man who wanted to assail MILES. His reported efforts to have the President dismiss the case with an official reprimand point to such a conclusion.

-Governor-elect STONE does well to assert his friendship for Senator QUAY. The latter made STONE Governor and it is a question whether the people of Pennsylvania wouldn't rather see their chief executive man enough to stand up under a bad load than a base ingrate.

States during 1898 was in amount equal to that inhabit them, there might be a reason about one half a barrel for every man, wo- for those who are always looking away man and child. It is a great pity this in- from home for subjects of christian charity formation could not have been given out a and care, to demand their retention. But year ago, for there are lots of fellows who it is not. The heathen hunter is not the will be kicking now because they didn't fellow who is yawping about the "flag" drink their share.

announced that he believes it to be his another purpose, and one who cares neither duty to the State and the country to throw | for the "spread of the gospel" nor the good his strength to any candidate who can de- of his fellow man, if there is an opportunity feat QUAY-in the event that there is no to secure a little glory and a good salary possibility of being elected himself. It is for himself. like the honorable old gentleman to think pirations.

-The Philadelphia Democrats still appear to be in a condition of discouraging decrepitude. How they can expect the country Democracy to have any respect for them is more than the average mind can comprehend. If our party could only be made right in the Quaker city it would state results.

-CHARLES P. EAGEN, more than any other man living to-day, has reason to appreciate the truthfulness of WILL CARLE-TON's words: "Boys flying kites pull in their white winged birds. We can't do

-Crawford county lays claim to having the oldest goose in the country. The antique specimen of the genus anser is in the possession of ABRAM GUISS and is 60 years old. Last spring she laid four eggs and hatched out so many goslings. We have a lot of old geese here in Centre county, but they don't lay eggs. They borrow other people's newspapers, then cackle away because the editor doesn't run it to suit them.

-The concentrated efforts of Republicanism prevented the return of Hon. WILLIAM recognized as the Democratic leader in that body and had framed a tariff bill that netted the government more revenue than the DINGLEY measure is doing. But brains surmount the paltry practices of politicians and Mr. WILSON is now president of

China bear the interesting information that his time to training goats and monkeys duty of preserving order and trying to and LI HUNG CHANG is suffering with swelled legs. Probably the Chinese are not appreciate what government is, as our better off with conditions as they are. share of the benefit. Certainly it must be happier for them to have the grand pea-cock bedecked yellow jacketed pooh-bah of the Empire suffering of the Finippines what would be almost to? Of the millions of people who inhabit rant. The objectors assert that such pubholding of these caucuses. Instructions because of a swelled head.

-The Houtzdale Journal is not very much pleased with the action of Representa- darkey of the South or the poor of Mexico, soldiers. Ought we to keep quiet about tive FRANK G. HARRIS, of Clearfield county, in having gone into the QUAY caucus when a majority of his constituents are against "the old man." The Journal says that "consistency and HARRIS are with few demands for the necessaries of but such truck as the investigating comtotal strangers and always have been." life and the people, firms or business con- mittee has shown was delivered to our Since the recalcitrant Representative was cern that would expect to make money army camps should be incinerated with its instructed to vote for Col. E. A. IRVIN by trading with a people that would require sellers in the hottest fires of the infernal the convention that nominated him and he so little of that which we might have for regions. has so soon forgotten the instructions it is sale, would awaken in a few years to realize quite likely that he and the Colonel are the mistake they had made and the efforts strangers also.

the early part of his administration that not care for our bread, or if they do they count of the noise. characterized the latter part of it there have not the money to buy it. They wear might have been but one ballot for United | no clothes, because there is neither cold, nor States Senator by the Pennsylvania Legis- modesty nor frost to require them; they have compliments the local undertaker because lature and that ballot might have resulted no need of implements or manufactured he does his work at funerals so dexterously, in sending him to represent his State in the products, because they have no use for which seems to indicate that the proper upper house of Congress. Opportunity is them. And so it is with the Filipinos; thing to do there is to get the dead under

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From a Business Stand Point.

There may be reasons why expansion would be a good thing for this country but, if there are, those who are attempting to fasten such a policy upon us have certainly failed, so far, to set them forth. Outside of the great moral idea of christianizing the heathen and enlightening and bettering the condition of the ignorant and depressed masses that constitute the bulk of the population of the Philippines, we have not seen a single reason advanced, for their retention, that would convince any thinking person that their annexation would be beneficial, or that our control of them would prove advantageous in any respect.

If our object in retaining these islands. eight thousand miles from one nearest point and which fell into our possession more by accident than effort, was to civilize, christ--The out-put of beer in the United lianize and elevate the naked, nut-eaters and the glory that is to follow expansion. -The Hon. George A. Jenks has just It is a citizen of another character and with

We can understand why individuals of the people's interests before personal as- expecting positions under the government, or looking for contracts in army supplies, or hoping for speculative situations that would come with our assumption of the control of those islands would be anxious for the adoption of a policy that would open up such opportunities to them; but why any right-thinking, conservative believer in the right of self government should not be so hopelessly weak as a factor in favor or acquiesce in the effort to make ourselves responsible for their well-doing ty of a contest with the ringsters and roosand governmental success is beyond our

over-developed the situation would be dif- the selection of a speaker, who was known dawned upon him that he was merely the ferent. New territory then, if reasonably to be notoriously weak and wavering, con- political shuttle-cork that bounded and reso when we are flying words." His apology well located, would be needed for the overto the war investigating committee and his flow of our population, as well as for the hoped for in the way of reform; and now game of politics he was playing in Pennrevision of his report will never efface the opportunities it would offer for investments that the committees have been named and sylvania. Then the Governor, either malicious, undignified and scurrilous at- and the development of new business. But named in the interests, and at the dictano such condition of affairs exists. This tion of the very rings that have long dis- cle that had been made of him, or promptcountry, when compared with others, is graced the State with their vicious legisla- ed by a more manly spirit that had awaknew and practically just at the beginning of tion and legal debauchery, it is easy to unened in him, became an executive whom Donnelly. its fullest and best development. We have derstand what folly it would be to hope for the State could respect. The marrow in room yet for millions upon millions of better things, than usually comes from a the back-bone of the administration, attorpopulation and opportunities for creating Pennsylvania Legislature. Good sense and substantial business judg- whelmingly in favor of just such legisla- was presented. The pity is, however, that ment should induce us to profit by the tive jobbers as the people had hoped to see such a straight-forward, determined puradvantages offered at home; to perfect, an end of, and a House organized and in pose to conserve the best interests of the and unending risks that must come with the same extravagant appropriations, junk- that it was not genuine, but rather our attempts to govern and control people eting bills, padded-pay rolls and other leg-L. WILSON to Congress, after he had been who do not understand our tongue, our islative thieving that so disgusted the peotastes or our intentions.

quisition of the Philippine islands can prove to by the law-makers of 1899. nothing more or less than a disappointing failure. The great distance they are from govern a people who do not know or can-

Even if we were to secure all the trade of the Philippines what would it amount diers in the field is entirely without war- tice hereof and fix the hour or time for the those islands not one in a hundred knows what money is, cares anything for it or will ever have it to spend. To them, as to the closed to such beef as was furnished our money or that which money brings amounts to nothing. They are a do-less, shiftless, balmed beef" criminals of our country can worthless class that live from hand to go on with their nefarious business? No, mouth, without desire for comforts and wasted in that direction.

cloth themselves with sandals and breechclouts; they live in huts and sleep on skins; they till no fields; they plant no seeds; they gather no harvests; their country is factories. Money and the comforts of life are unknown to them.

And this is the kind of a population out of which we must get whatever return is to be had for the cost and trouble and danger of expansion.

What kind of a business proposition is it livion. that proposes paying \$20,000,000 and expending yearly \$200,000,000 more for the glory of governing, and the profits of trading with such a people?

Surely such an idea is idiocy run mad.

Little Hope of Better Results.

That the people who had hoped for much n the way of legislative reform from the present Legislature are to be disappointed in their expectations is growing more apparent every day. It is now the third week of the session, and while the conditions surrounding the opening of legislative proceedings were of such a character that much could not be expected until after the nauguration of the new Governor, still there was hope that in the organization of the House and the formation of its commitees, efforts would be made to insure those reforms that have been promised and expected for so long a time. Even the little ope that a House organized in opposition to the interest and intents of the ring, and committees formed to resist the demands of legislative bosses, would give, have vanished and the public is settling down to the opinion that although much was expected little will be realized.

The refusal of the pretended Republican reformers to accept the speakership of the House, with the aid of Democratic votes, indicated a desire to shirk the responsibiliters that presaged anything but a determined purpose to have a change in legislative If our own country was over-grown or methods and results. Their acquiescence in

wealth that have scarcely been touched. If, with the Senate openly and overstrengthen and make better our govern- the power of committees controlled by the ment, before starting out to evangelize and same influences that dominates the Senate, during the last two years of his term, improve others, and to take the unknown it will be neither strange nor surprising if should be clouded even by a suspicion ple and disgraced and defeated the roosters From a business point of view the ac- of 1897, are again re-enacted and resorted

we are; but every movement made so far regret that he did not choose the course this country will prohibit us even from and every indication yet given, promises from the beginning, for had such been the Washington and Lee university and it is country will product the wants of nothing to the people, from the present sesreported that he will soon be called to the their inhabitants make. Other countries, sion, but a repetition of the extravagance, ual as it is, so far as public service is conlying thousands of miles nearer, will sup- debauchery and thieving that has charac- cerned. -The latest diplomatic reports from ply the few needs of the people who need terized the Legislators of Pennsylvania or use that which we may have to sell, ever since they became the creatures of the the Emperor of the celestials is devoting while we will be left with the expensive state ring and the roosters who control it.

> American beef. Every market ought to be men in due time. such outrages so that the huxtering "empure American beef can be sold everywhere,

---The Water committee of council might render the people of the town a serv---After former Governor Hastings gets A somewhat similar, yet far better populice that would be greatly appreciated if settled in New York for the month's stay lation than that inhabiting the Philippine they would investigate and try to discover he expects to make in that city before re- islands, is to be found in every State in the some means of preventing the continual turning to his home in this place he will Republic of Mexico. Some of these States pounding of service pipes caused by the probably realize to the fullest extent the touch our own borders, and all are within engines pumping directly into the mains. significance of WHITTIER's words: "Of all a few days travel from the markets of this The pulsations of the pipes, corresponding sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are country and yet what demand do they with each stroke of the pump at the water these, it might have been." Had the Gov- make for our cereals, or our manufactured works, are strong enough to be very hard ernor displayed the same stamina during products? Simply none at all. They do on plumbing and quite a nuisance, on ac-

----An exchange from a near by town all the right man needs, but it is often only worse. With but few exceptions they the ground as speedily as possible. They fluenza, but when the common people are believe that any Democrat in the legislate the train crew, were not instantly killed live on fruit, and nuts, and raw corn; they do funny things in Tyrone.

The Retirement of Governor Daniel H. Hastings.

To-day DANIEL H. HASTINGS is a private citizen. On Tuesday he relinquished without houses or furniture or rail-roads or the highest office within the gift of the people of this Commonwealth to WILLIAM A. STONE and retired. What this retirement will be the future, alone, will develop, but viewed in the light of the past four years there are few who will believe it to be anything else than political ob-

> A sequence of fortune's favors, not warranted by eminent ability, exalted DANIEL HASTINGS to a character almost idealized by the people of Pennsylvania. It is little to be wondered at then that his failure to successfully grasp the opportunities that were his proved the iconoclast that shattered their idol and turned the people from him in disappointment.

He made mistakes. Every man makes mistakes, but those of the former Governor were such inexcusable blunders that he will hardly be able to regain the position of popular favor he once enjoyed. The course which Governor HASTINGS should have pursued was so clearly defined by every circumstance leading up to his choice as chief executive of this Commonwealth that his failure to take it only emphasizes the over-estimated man. His defeat for South speaks for itself: South, 118: North, the nomination by GEO. W. DELAMATER 9. Thus, while the legalized hangings in was effected by QUAY, but the masses were so opposed to the methods of the latter that they not only defeated his candidate for Governor, but four years later chose and elected Mr. HASTINGS by the largest vote ever given any man in this State. If that was not proof conclusive to the simplest mind that Pennsylvania rebuked QUAYism and expected her Governor to tear out the last root of its cankerous growth from the departments at Harrisburg then it meant

The way was clear as the voice of the people could make it, but the man was blind to its course. Nearly two years of his administration slipped away before it ney general McCormick, began to receive consideration and an entirely new aspect State, as that displayed by the Governor prompted by a spirit of vindictiveness toward Quay and his followers.

However that may be Governor Hastings does merit the esteem of the people of the State for the endeavor towards right We may be mistaken. It is to be hoped that he displayed at the last. His friends case his retirement would not be as effect-

Caucus Meetings.

The Democrats of Centre county will hold their caucuses for the nomination of -The great hue and cry that is being candidates for borough, ward, township raised in protest because the war investi- and precinct officers on the 28th day of gating committee is exposing to the world | January, 1899. The committeemen of the the bad meat that was furnished our sol- several precincts and wards will take nolicity will injure the foreign market for and blanks will be received by committee-

> -Of the twenty-six bibles used in administering the oath of office to the Legislators of Pennsylvania at the opening of The Wise (?) Men from Wayne County the session, only two have turned up. All the others have disappeared. Now will From the Honesdale Citizen. any one pretend to say that there are not a few QUAY men still in that body.

the New York police out of dark alleys on Friday by announcing that a mysterious acting, red whiskered stranger had been in that city and that he was probably the man who sent CORNISH that poisoned bromo-

-A Genoese journal has figured out the Democracy. that it cost Spain just \$7,500 for the discovery of America. That expenditure wasn't a circumstance to what it cost her From the Renovo Record. recently to find out that America is still here.

---EAGEN'S report ought to be stuffed down his vile throat with the butt end of a krag-jorgensen.

affected the common name of grip suffices. ture will vote for Quay.

Some Interesting Statistics. From the West Chester Democrat.

The statistics of the year 1898 are almost wholly of an encouraging nature. Leaving the unprecedented trade statistics of the year for separate treatment, the figures regarding the year's crimes, casualties, and charities form a group scarcely less interesting. The criminal records show an unvarying improvement over the preceding year, which would seem to confirm the theory that better time and wider thoughts bring better morals. Fires and storms have not shown the same encouraging tendency toward amelioration, but this is rather less curious than the marked falling off in the sum total of donations made during the year. One is almost forced to the ficient draft to keep the fires going, but a new conclusion that capitalists have found more use for their money in reviving enterprises and less need for it in philanthropic lines —Two horses belon

on account of the business improvement.

There were 2920 suicides in the United States during 1898, a decrease of 680 as compared with 1897. There were 7840 same as in the suicides—as compared with the preceding year. The hangings were 109, as compared with 128 in the previous year, leaving the proportion of executions Of these hangings practically the same. 72 were in the South and 37 in the North. A similar decrease in the number of lynchings appears in the year's statistics on that subject. There were 127 lynchings, as compared with 166 in 1897, being the smallest number in any year since 1885, except in 1890, when the number was exactly the same. The proportion between North and

the South were double those in the North, the illegal executions were thirteen times as many in the South as in the North. Nevertheless the marked decrease, even in southern lynchings, is one of the encouraging features of the year's criminal statistics.

Political Prognostications.

From the New York Herald.

William McKinley is the overwhelming choice of the Republican party for the next Presidential nomination. William J. Bryan is almost without a

rival among silver leaders as the Democratic

candidate for the presidency.

The Republicans will make issue upon the financial questions, the tariff, and the questions arising out of the war with Spain. The Democrats will force the free coinage of silver to the front as the paramount

The members of the Silver Republican party will co-operate with the Democrats in securing the nomination of William J.

The gold Democrats, or members of the little indication of an aggressive stand.

The Populists will not give their entire support to their nominees, Barker and

The Prohibitionists will make the fight on the prohibition of the sale of liquor. Dr. Silas C. Swallow, of Pennsylvania, is the Clearfield and Indiana county jails. frequently spoken of in connection with the presidential nomination.

Opinions differ as to the benefit a military reputation will be to a possible presidential candidate. Chicago is the favored city for the hold-

ing of the national conventions.

The Aftermath of Imperialism. Extract from a Speech by Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor.

"A New York paper today sets out to preach to the entire labor element of the country and brands us as cowards because we object to taking in the Chinese and Malays as American citizens.

Let me tell that paper and others of the same kind that American labor does not March 11th, 1842, is very clear in its provisfear the competition of the savages of the Philippines nor the competition of the uneducated, poorly fed classes in Cuba and

What the American workingman does fear is that his taxes will be increased; that the standing army will be increased, and the cost of living increased, without a proportionable increase in the value of his

After thousands and thousands of our poor boys reel under the equatorial suns of hese new possessions;

After the taxes eat up the wages of the vorkingman and make him no better than the serfs of Europe;
After the people of these new countries are given rights under the free laws here

without being fitted for civilization and help make other laws that will enthrall the body of labor;
Perhaps those who are now shouting for

'expansion' will not think that imperialism is such a desirable thing at all.'

are Talking.

The bunco dollar seems rapidly rolling down hill. In the west, the Democratic State committees of Iowa and Kansas have given it up, and in the east Boss Croker -The Williamsport Sun tried to help last week declared it dead. As an issue, 16 to 1 has proved unprofitable to the Democracy, and it is evident that when the next Democratic National Convention meets it will be found stale and flat. unknown. The constable yelled lustily 'Anti-Imperialism'' is not yet fairly on its feet, and receives a cold shoulder from a by that he was not a legally incarcerated large section of the Democracy. It really appears doubtful if any issue can be presented with a fighting chance of success for

A Powerful Persuasive.

We are told that some Democrats will

vote for Quay if he needs them. This re-calls the election of William A Wallace for o'clock, while running at the rate of 30 miles United States senater. At that time a few an hour, was struck by a big tree, which Democrats were expected to vote for a Re- came tumbling down the mountain side, and publican, but when it was given out that two passenger coaches were hurled down an some determined Democrats were prepared to put a bullet through any man who -When royalty gets it it is called inshould thus betray the trust of the people, they decided it to be healthy to vote for the There were sixteen passengers on the train at

Spawls from the Keystone.

-Charles Cleary, who was pardoned out of the penitentiary last week, arrived at Renovo Saturday night in company with his father. Many of his acquaintances were at the station to meet him.

-In God We Trust" first appeared on the copper two cent issue of 1864, and is the first use of the word God in any government act. This sentence was introduced by James Pollock, ex-governor of Pennsylvania and director of the mint, with approval of the treas-

-According to the record kept at the prothonotary's office, there were 722 births in Elk county in 1898 and 184 deaths. The year previous there were 621 births and 199 deaths. There were 184 marriage licenses granted in 1898, or three more than the year

-Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. David Hill, of Jersey Shore, found their 9 months old son dead in bed. The child had been ill with pneumonia, but it had partially recovered. During the night it was soothed to sleep after a crying spell. In the morning the parents found the child dead.

-The heavy wind on Saturday blew down about thirty feet of the big iron stack at the Tyrone rolling mill. The stack was about 165 feet in height and 5 feet in diameter. The 135 feet remaining furnishes sufstack has been ordered and will in a short

-Two horses belonging to the Lyon Lumber company, of Williamsport, were killed last week. While being used at the company's slide near Nordmont, a log jumped murders, a decrease of 680-exactly the from the slide and struck both animals, causing their death. The driver saw the log coming and he jumped to one side, thus avoiding injury to himself.

-Miss Nellie McCormick, daughter of Attorney General McCormick, by the endless chain letter plan has procured for the Home of the Friendless, Williamsport, a helpful donation. The young lady started the chain of letters on September 1st, 1898, and it ran until December 1st, 1898. The contributions ranged from twenty-five cents to ten dollars. and in the three months she secured a total of \$314.50.

-At the annual election of the Susquehanna Boom company the following directors were chosen: Hon. J. Henry Cochran, E. R. Payne, Hon. R. J. C. Walker, Henry W. White and J. Roman Way. The officers elected were: President, J. Henry Cochran; treasurer, E. R. Payne; solicitor, Henry C. McCormick; secretary, Edward P. Almy; superintendent, James A. Dinehart.

-Sunday afternoon Mrs. May Zimmerman, wife of David Zimmerman, who resides about twelve miles east of Loganton, was at the door watching the departure of several friends who had been visiting her. Suddenly she reeled and fell to the floor dead. Mrs. Zimmerman had not been feeling well for several days. She was 72 years old. She is survived by her husband and several chil-

-Well known as a Clearfield county raftsnan when he was young, William McCartney Thompson, at the age of 72 years died last week. He figured in a number of counterfeit cases and was known as a complete tough all along the Susquehanna river. He often figured in barn burnings and other amusements of a similar character Ho served a term in the penitentiary and frequently took up his abode behind the bars of

-The horse occupies a unique position in the status of Pennsylvania. If it is stolen the county commissioners must pay a reward of \$20 for the arrest of the thief. No other personal property is protected in this way. No reward is provided by law for the arrest of a cow thief, or a chicken thief, or a bank robber, or any sort of a thief. No special inducement is even offered for the arrest of a murderer, unless the commissioners see fit to do so. But they have no choice in the capture of a horse thief.

-Thomas J. Edge, state secretary of agriculture, in reply to a question in reference to line fences in this State, says: The act of ions as to maintaining line fences. In all cases where the land is or has been "improved" they must be erected at the joint expense of the adjacent land owners. If one owns improved land adjoining the woodland of a neighbor then that neighbor cannot be compelled to maintain any share of the fence because the land (woodland) is not "improved" land within the meaning of the act.

-School directors throughout the State should be interested in the outcome of the trial of a board of directors in Luzerne county. Charges made against them by taxpayers are that they did not enforce the act requiring entrances to the boys and girls' outhouses to be divided by fences: did not enter the annual financial statement entered on the minutes nor have it properly printed. and did not visit the schools as required by law. It is probable that few school boards in the State have complied with all these requirements.

-They are laughing at a constable in Bradford, McKean county. The constable had arrested Frank Fitch, an alleged whiskey seller, and placed him in the lockup. When he prepared to remove Fitch for a hearing, he unlocked the cell door and then began to struggle into his overcoat. Fitch seized the opportunity and the constable at this unfortunate moment and thrust him helpless into the cell, turned the key, and left for parts for a long time, and at last convinced passers inebriate. He was then released mad and revengeful. He has not, however, recaptured Fitch.

-At Pine siding on the Pine Creek division of the Fall Brook railroad, between Blackwells and Tiadaghton, on Saturday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock, passenger train embankment between fifteen and twenty seems almost miraculous.