

Ink Slings.

The selfish, conceited egotist never dreams that there are a few billion others in the world.

Young man, if you can't make an opening for yourself in any other way take a pick and shovel.

Probably it might warm you up these cold days if you would just think that the time when the lawn mower will be a good thing to push along is drawing nigh.

If the ground-hog didn't see his shadow yesterday it was because his eye-winkers were frozen together and he couldn't focus his optics on the phantom that would certainly have frightened him back into his hole.

Do you think for a minute, Mr. QUAY, that you are in it? If you do, you are chasing rain-bows, sure as fate. You've been a dandy in your day; but you're a dead one, now, dear QUAY, and you might as well go South and take a skate.

The Irish must have been out in force in New York, Monday evening, when the Sixty-ninth regiment that city arrived at home. It is New York's famous Irish organization that has been kept up to a high standard since before the Civil war.

What consummate nerve, this man GOMEZ displays. The idea of wanting \$60,000,000 as the price for having his thirty-thousand Cuban insurgents lay down their arms. Why MAXIMO, don't you know we are buying Philippine "yellow bellies" at \$2 a head.

It is supposed to have required the sympathetic negative attraction of the trine polar stream to make KEELY's motor go. Granting that it did, it was, nevertheless, the positive extractive propensity of the promoter for the dampophilous that made the money of the stock holders go.

That eighty-four year old Chestertown, Md., individual who has figured out that it has cost him just \$2,500 to live has laid himself open to the suspicion that probably some of his procreder was secured after dark from neighboring hen roosts. The idea of a man living for \$30 a year seems incredible, unless he has been getting a few things that he hasn't paid for.

MAXIMO GOMEZ, who is still in command of that Cuban army, wants \$60,000,000 as the price of disbanding. Why pay him a cent? It cost the United States hundreds of millions and scores of lives just to help GOMEZ and his people to liberty and the impudence of his asking to be paid to accept it is more than the good nature of our people should tolerate. GOMEZ needs a few good kicks with a frozen boot to bring him to his senses.

The dowager empress of China is carrying on business with a high hand in government circles in the empire. She has the Emperor locked up in his palace and is reported to have named a successor for him. There can be no question about her wearing the pants, all right enough, but it is to be wondered at when the Emperor has taken to training goats and monkeys. Probably he smelled a mouse and is looking out for a job with an American circus enterprise after he is bounced as the ruler of China.

The bill that was introduced in the House, on Tuesday, appropriating \$2,000,000 for the completion of the new capital at Harrisburg carries its best feature in the naming of former Governor ROBERT E. PATTERSON as a member of the new building commission. The people of the State will sanction even the appropriation of two million to complete a half-a-million building, so long as PATTERSON is there to watch it. Where he is there can be no steals and that is all the people have to fear.

The latest is that BENJAMIN HARRISON has been kicking around up on the shelf on which he has been laid with other former Presidents and has given voice to these words concerning McKinley's policy of imperialism: "Mr. McKinley has a bear by the tail and does not know how to let go." Possibly BENJAMIN is right, but even if he is the President's predicament is not nearly as hair raising as was IKE ZIMMERMAN's, the Nittany valley hunter, because in his case the relative positions of the man and bear were reversed.

General MILES is still after the villains who furnished embalmed beef to the soldiers. He asserts that he has "overwhelming proof that the embalmed beef was treated with chemicals to preserve it." Should he prove his assertion and the new army bill, recruiting our army up to one hundred thousand men, become a law it can be expected that there will be some difficulty in finding men who would be willing to soldier. If so little is thought of them that in battle they are forced to subsist on embalmed beef what might they not expect as rations in times of peace?

The Rt. Hon. ARTHUR J. BALFOUR, first lord of the treasury and leader of the ministerials in the English house of Commons, got up in Manchester, Monday evening, and told his constituents that England and America are really in love. It is no school-boy, calf love, either, it is the real genuine, sincere thing that not even a half tariff on this side, that would effect English commerce, would destroy. When Johnny Bull and Miss Columbia get together, as Sir ARTHUR says they will, the twenty-million Philippine "yellow-bellies" won't be a circumstance to the hosts that will be added to our census.

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Personal Registration.

Whatever else the Democrats in the Legislature may determine to do in the matter of ballot reform, they should not neglect or fail to insist upon amendments making the personal registration of voters necessary in cities of the first and second class. It is in the registration of voters that the basis of nearly all the frauds that disgrace the election in this Commonwealth exist, and its correction should be the first and great object of those who have in view the changing of our election laws. Give us an honest registration of voters in the cities of the State and then limit the privilege of voting to those registered and more than half the wrongs now committed against the purity of the ballot will be prevented. As long as padded registry lists are allowed, and as long as it is permissible for a registration assessor to place upon the voting list such names as may be furnished him, just so long will repeating flourish and the long train of election frauds and abuses, we now have to complain of but submit to, continue and thrive.

While an honest registration will not prevent impersonation, bribery or false counting, it will at least aid in preventing repeating and reduce the opportunities to commit other wrongs to a minimum. It will take from corrupt election boards the power to add to the number of votes actually cast, or to swell returns to suit the demands of those whose tools they are.

New York city has had a personal registration law for years, and although its population is of such a character that the debauchery of the ballot box ought to be an easy job, we doubt if any place in the entire country has more honest elections or less cause for complaint of fraudulent voting or false returns. In fact in all of that great city there are fewer election contests, fewer charges of corruption and fewer arrests for frauds at the polls or in the returns, than there is in a single ward of the city of Philadelphia. And this, for the reason that no excuse for attempting to vote is given any man who has not proven his right to do so at the time of registering.

Under our loose system of registering voters, any name that any ward heeler desires, can be placed upon the voting list. This, with a tax receipt, gives him the right to vote. Tax receipts are bought in Philadelphia by the thousands for fifty cents a piece, and always in the same names that have been placed upon the registry. When election day comes the individual who has helped to pad the registry list is given tax receipts to correspond with the names he has had placed upon it and started out to find some one who will assume this name long enough to cast the vote. This is easily done. Loungers, loafers and criminals are plenty; villains who are waiting for the chances and pay repeating brings, have their regular rendezvous and the political heeler who has prepared them for this kind of work knows exactly where to find them. He has a tax receipt for JOHN JONES. JOHN JONES has been placed upon the registry; out of the bummers who are waiting for the job he picks a JOHN JONES and marches him up to the polls. The registry and the tax receipt both say he can vote, and into the booth with his man goes the heeler and into the box the ballot, and then this JOHN JONES is ready to be ABRAM RIGHFIELD in another "division," and the heeler is on his way for another voter of the same kind. And so it goes. And so it will go until we get our registry of voters down to those, and those only, who have a right to vote.

In the country districts such a thing as a padded registry list is unknown, and could not be made. Every voter in a district is known to every other voter, and an effort to place upon the registry or to vote an individual not a qualified resident of the district would be an impossibility. Consequently the same system of registration necessary to secure honest results in the large cities is not needed in the country districts.

Personal registration is needed in the cities and Members of the Legislature should make this one of the election reforms of the present session. Without this, all other efforts will prove miserable failures.

The appointment of Dr. JOHN V. SHOEMAKER, head of the Medico-Chirurgical college in Philadelphia and one of the most eminent medical men in the world, to be surgeon general of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, is one which Governor STONE has made that will certainly meet the approbation of the people of the State. Dr. SHOEMAKER is an aggressive worker in his profession and a man in whose care the health of our Guard will be most zealously looked after. Had ALGER but had the good sense to send Dr. SHOEMAKER to Chicomauga, instead of HUIDEKOPER, there would not have been such a woeful story of disease and death to go down with the history of that fearful place.

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Trying to Save Quay.

The extraordinary efforts now being made by the retainers of the Republican machine in the Legislature to pass the McCARRELL bill in time for Senator QUAY to receive the benefit of its provisions, when his trial comes on, shows the straits the "old man" is in and the work that is deemed necessary to secure his acquittal. It is an acknowledgment that under existing laws, which have been in force since the construction of the Commonwealth, there is little hope of an acquittal; an acknowledgment that must be taken as an admission of guilt, for if he is not guilty there is no need to fear a conviction and if there was no fear of conviction there would be no need for special efforts now being made to change the law a few days prior to his trial.

That the bill now before the Legislature is intended specially to apply to the case of Senator QUAY and to give him advantages never before allowed an individual under indictment in this State, is not to be denied. The fact that the friends of the bill refused to accept an amendment that its provisions shall not apply to cases in which indictments have already been found, is proof of this. They want the bill especially for his benefit and they want it badly, and the fact that they are so extremely anxious about it only convinces the public the more of his actual guilt, and emphasizes the righteousness of the conviction that is almost certain to come.

If there is any reason why Senator QUAY should be made an exception of when it comes to a criminal trial; why the law should be changed to suit his extremities; why he should be treated with more consideration or tried under different provisions of law from those that have been applied in similar cases ever since law was enforced in this community, then there is reason for the immediate passage of this bill. If he has no right to claim more than others; if the action of our Legislators and the administration of our laws by the courts are to know no distinction between men; if justice is to be equally meted out to rich and poor, to great and small, alike, then there is no reason under the sun why this bill should be rushed through in time to assist Senator QUAY in escaping justice.

Looking to the Wrong Source.

If Senator QUAY expects to be elected to the United States Senate to succeed himself by the aid of Democratic votes, then Senator QUAY will never again be his own successor. There may be differences of opinion among Democrats as to who should be elected, provided it is found impossible to secure enough votes to make the success of Hon. GEO. A. JENKS certain, but there is no difference of belief or opinion among them as to who should NOT be elected, and that is the Hon. MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY. Among the eighty-seven Democrats in the House and Senate, there is not one, who, under any circumstances that may arise, could be induced to violate the wishes and demands of his constituents or disgrace his family, friends and record, by voting for Senator QUAY. They know that the great effort of the party, for years, has been to defeat QUAY and QUAYISM. They feel that the regeneration of Democracy and the redemption of the State depends upon this result and no matter what their individual opinions may be; no matter how strong personal antipathies may crop out; no matter what personal predilections may be required, when the time comes to unite on some one else, even if that time should come, it will be done unanimously and with a spirit that will show the determination of every Democrat to stand as a united body in support of the wishes of the party and in defence of the honor and good name of the State.

There will be no votes for Mr. QUAY among the Democrats at Harrisburg this winter. Men who would have committed such a crime against public opinion and party demands were left at home last fall.

The HILL bill, which has just been reported in the House by the committee on coinage, weights and measures, contemplates the final stab at silver and greenbacks. By the provisions of the bill both will be in effect wiped out as money and gold will be left alone in its sovereignty. Another bad feature of the bill is the provision repealing the law which prohibits national banking associations from withdrawing from circulation more than three millions in any month. If this clause is repealed it will make it possible for national banks of the country to contract the currency at pleasure and prostrate business just whenever it suits their greed to do it.

The indecent carousals of drunken American soldiers at Havana should be promptly ended by most drastic punishment. The eyes of the world are riveted on the American soldier; captivated by his daring valor in battle and his tenderness when the carnage is over, so that the high honor of our privates is far too dear to be clouded by the libations of a few who have no sense of it.

How Can It Be Done?

The Philadelphia Times and Record are both unanimous in their belief and opinion that the proper thing for the Democrats, at Harrisburg, to do is to unite on some Independent, who will do credit to the position, and join with the Independent Republicans in electing him United States Senator. Where a single mind fixes and controls the sentiments or policy of an organization or establishment, as does COL. McCLEURE that of the Times, or Mr. THEODORE WRIGHT that of the Record, it is an easy matter to have unanimity in the expression of any views that may be presented or unanimous support for any policy or principle desired.

If on either of these journals there were eighty-seven well meaning, responsible and independent editors, each one feeling that he would be held individually responsible for the views expressed, and the policy advocated, united action, harmonious thought and a solid front on any question might not be so easily secured.

The writer is free to confess that his views, as to what the better policy for the Democratic Representatives to pursue would be, taking into account the welfare of the State and future party advantages, are in warm accord with those expressed by the two journals. We doubt if a Democrat can be elected to the United States Senate. We know that the great desire of the people, and the imperative demand of the Democratic masses is that Senator QUAY be defeated. We believe that in the end, unless a fusion of the Democrats and Independents is made, that Senator QUAY or some one else, equally as obnoxious to the Democracy and as dangerous to good government, will be chosen; and to prevent this, we would be willing to unite, in the support of JOHN WANAMAKER, HENRY MCCORMICK, General KOONTZ or any other Independent whose ideas and acts would not be dominated by QUAY, and whose political interests and future success would depend upon the effectiveness of his opposition to QUAYISM and QUAY-methods. In this way we would bring confusion to the enemy and through that confusion ultimately secure the success of the Democracy and better and purer government for Pennsylvania.

But there are eighty-seven Democrats in the Legislature. All of these eighty-seven may not look at this matter in the same light that we do. They have their opinions and must be credited with being just as honest and conscientious in them, as are those who think differently. Some of them think one way, others another, and to get eighty-seven men to think, and act, and work in unison on so important a question, is no easy undertaking.

Unless this is done Mr. QUAY is almost certain to succeed himself, either personally or by proxy. If it can be done there is no danger that either he or one who will continue his corrupt methods and dictatorial rule will fill the position again.

It is an easy thing to say what should be done, but how is it to be accomplished? when those who are needed and expected to do it have different views as to the manner in which it should be undertaken, and widely different ideas as to the means that should be resorted to and the extent to which they are all struggling.

Tell us how to convince the Democrat who is opposed to fusion that he is wrong, and the dead-lock can be ended, Mr. QUAY defeated, and the Republican machine smashed beyond hope of repair, inside of a week, or there is neither honesty of purpose nor truth in the professions of those who are known as Independents.

If it be true that there is to be a fight made on Col. D. F. FORTNEY, who has been nominated by the Democrats of the South ward to succeed himself on the board of directors of the Bellefonte public schools, it certainly shows the short sightedness and selfish motives of those who are organizing against him. While Col. FORTNEY's actions in the selection of teachers have probably not suited some folks his active interest at all times in matters of public instruction and his undoubted qualification for the position he so acceptably fills makes it the duty of every voter of that ward to lay aside any personal grievance that they have and support him for the general good. Though he has never received a cent for the work he has done his interest in our public schools has brought him to a position of eminence, not only in the county, but throughout the State. It is doubtful if another man could be found in Bellefonte to do what he has done and it becomes anyone to allow personal feelings to surmount public interests at this time. It is not often that the WATCHMAN assumes to point out the way at local elections, but it hopes that the better judgment of the people of the South ward will prevail to save Col. FORTNEY to the work that he has done so ably for all.

Cripple Creek has struck a gold bonanza that is calculated to drain the Klondike of its crippled miners, when they hear of the new find.

Failures as Estimators.

As guessers our county commissioners don't appear to be much more of a success than they do as financial managers. Last year they guessed, or estimated, that the "needed funds for all county expenditures for 1898" would be \$50,000, but their statement shows that it cost \$63,239.11, or about one-fourth more than the people were told it would cost, to run the county. And this cannot be charged to the repairs made to county buildings or the erection of new bridges. For these purposes \$10,000 was specified in that estimate of which amount \$7,450.73 was expended, making their guess \$15,788.48 short of the actual outlay. As guessers they don't seem to be near the success that they do as time-killers.

Last year the commissioners estimated that the \$50,000 would meet all expenses and the facts show that it took over thirteen thousand dollars additional to meet the bills. For the coming year they say it will cost \$3,000 more than it did the past year, so we can look out for an expenditure of over \$66,000. And to meet this there is but \$54,000 of income. How long can it be, tax-payers, until more millage will be required or increased valuations resorted to?

More Taxes or Less Expenditure.

Increased valuations or an increase tax-levy is a condition but a short distance ahead for the people of this county unless a radical change is made in the management of county affairs. According to the auditor's showing, for the past year, it cost \$63,239.11 to meet the ordinary county expenditures, while the total tax-levy for all purposes amounts to but \$54,455.19. Since the present board of commissioners have taken charge of matters a half mill has been added to the tax-levy and valuations run up to the highest point. With this kind of business management, judging from the showing made by their annual statement, it will take another increase in the millage and a continuation of the high valuations both to keep the increase equal to the outlay. Fifty-four thousand dollars of a tax-levy, with commissions for collecting and exonerations deducted, won't pay \$63,000.00 dollars of expenditures.

Drifting Toward Free Trade.

From the Butler Democratic Herald. Some of the radical sheets that have been exploiting the falacy that the foreigner pays the tax, are just now very loud in proclaiming the fact that the exports of manufactured goods for the year 1898 exceed the imports by 30 per cent. The falling off in imports since 1893 is something like \$130,000,000 and if, as it is claimed, the balance is to remain in our favor with every indication of increasing there will be a corresponding reduction in the revenue from that source and the government will be reduced to the expedient of levying a tariff duty as high as the wall of China with about as much prospect of getting sufficient revenue as there is of squeezing blood out of a turnip.

A Citizen Whose Citizenship is Valuable.

From the Huntingdon News. For the nineteenth time Mr. A. J. Casact, the great railway builder and director, has been selected as road supervisor of Lower Merion township, Montgomery county. There is a lesson in this, says the Philadelphia Press, that should interest other men of the State who, like Mr. Casact, are possessed of wealth and high position, and who pass by the duty that each owes to his immediate neighborhood. Some of the best and ablest men do not take part in the improvements and the Declaration of Affairs that pertain to good citizenship, with the result that the ward workers and township politicians are left to run things to suit themselves. Out of this grows much of the woe in public affairs.

Massachusetts Democrats Against Imperialism.

From the Boston Post. The Democratic state committee, has acted wisely in taking a definite and emphatic stand against the policy of imperialism. The resolution adopted at the meeting of that body declares "that the Democratic state committee of Massachusetts is opposed to the acquisition of any territory as part of the United States, unless by consent of the inhabitants thereof." This is Democratic doctrine, pure and simple. It recognizes the authority of the Declaration of Independence, of the constitution, of the traditions of free government and human rights which have come down to us from the fathers.

Came to His Senses Too Late.

From the Elk county Democrat. Pitiful indeed is the case of one Dennis McCarty, over in Mahanoy City, who, after the funeral of his mother whom he had brutally murdered, awakes to the full realization of the enormity of his crime, and implores the authorities to hang him to the nearest lamp post. And all things considered, the most logical conclusion of the whole matter is that the wish of the inhuman wretch should be complied with.

Would You Have Taken Them?

From the Milton Record. Proceedings in the Montana Legislature were diversified last week when a Senator exhibited thirty-one thousand dollar bills, and declared they had been offered him for his vote, by a wealthy man named Clark, who wants to be United States Senator. How quickly an incident of that sort makes one think of Pennsylvania.

Spawls from the Keystone.

E. A. Leinbach, postmaster at Leinbachs, Berks county, has filled that position since 1853, and owns practically the whole village.

The souvenir which the county commissioners present annually to the tax-payers of the county will be found in today's WATCHMAN.

The Cross Forks News says that O. R. Webb and Thomas Deiter are estimating 12,000 acres of timber land near Trout Run. The Lackawanna lumber company is negotiating the purchase of the same.

Mrs. Theresa Baum, sister of Mrs. Joseph Megill, of Bedford, while yawning recently dislocated her lower jaw. The dislocation was readily reduced when the muscles were relaxed by the use of an anesthetic.

George James, a Renovo lumberman, and several parads filled up on booze and attempted to run things in their own way in Williamsport Saturday. Finally the trio began quarreling over the possession of a revolver. A policeman succeeded in arresting James, who was fined \$10 and costs.

Three men are now engaged in counting the poles in Williamsport liable to the ordinance providing for the taxing of poles. There are about 3,000 of the poles in the city subject to a tax of 50 cents each. They are spread over 75 miles of streets and alleys and it will take several weeks to complete the work.

W. S. Douglass, storekeeper in the P. R. B. shops at Altoona; and one of the oldest and best known residents of that city, died suddenly at his home at 5 o'clock Monday morning. He had attended church Sunday night and was then seemingly in good health. Heart disease is supposed to have caused his death.

Ex-Gov. Hastings has received an opinion from Judge advocate general Lieber, U. S. A., in which he decides that soldiers of the war with Spain may be buried in the National cemetery at Gettysburg. Several soldiers from southern and western States who died at camp Meade were buried in the Gettysburg cemetery.

Patton, an enterprising town of Cambria county, is hustling for an opportunity to jump into the boots that Co. II, of the Fifth regiment at Johnstown recently vacated. But there is a good bit of uncertainty about the matter. A lot of Altoona's energy is just now being concentrated in that direction, and perhaps one of these days Blair county will have four national guard organizations.

Twenty-six independent telephone companies, within a radius of many miles of Pittsburgh, are negotiating to unite their interests. The proposition does not include a combination of capital which aggregates \$5,000,000, each company to remain independent in that particular, but to give subscribers the advantage of various connections, which include some 25,000 telephones, the lines extending as far north as Erie and east to Altoona.

Peter Steinholtz, a Potter county man, was found half frozen and unconscious two miles up Dingman run, the other day, where he had been engaged in chopping wood. He had taken refuge in a tree from a pursuing black bear, and became so benumbed during the night that he fell to the ground, where he was found. Steinholtz cannot tell when the bear went away, for in the bitter cold, perched in a tree, he lost consciousness.

Near Bloomsburg Monday Richard Thompson, a Philadelphia salesman, and Edward Ralston were driving down an icy hill. When the horse reached the bottom of the hill the animal shied just as he was approaching a bridge and the wagon and the occupants were thrown over a steep embankment. Mr. Ralston alighted upon his head on a stone and was instantly killed. He was 36 years old and survived by a wife and two children. Mr. Thompson was badly cut and bruised.

Secretary Edge, of the department of agriculture, in his annual report, says its various sub divisions have made continued and permanent progress. Commissioner Rothrock has secured for the state over 50,000 acres of woodland for reservation purposes. During the year, 1,132 herds, containing 14,437 animals, were tested with tuberculin and 1,348 animals costing on the average \$22.61, condemned as suffering with tuberculosis disease. The average annual amount expended by Pennsylvania farmers for fertilizers is placed at \$3,750,000.

Dave Allison and E. Louder were arrested on an Altoona street car Sunday evening. They had robbed a hardware store at Millintown, on Saturday night, and had their booty with them when arrested. It consisted of two revolvers, two dozen silver knives, ten razors, three pairs horse clippers, six silver forks, eleven pairs scissors, three shears, eight dozen teaspoons, one and one-half dozen nut picks and two crackers, three keys, one switch key, one lot 32-calibre cartridges, seven-eighty pocket knives, two double-barrel shot guns, one single-barrel shot gun, one Winchester rifle and one lady's watch.

John Hefferin, who died at Smethport recently, lived five months with a bullet in his heart, a fact that has created no little interest among physicians and surgeons. The death of Hefferin, too, adds another feature to a sensational case which started the public one night last September, when Lyman Bell, past 70 years of age, shot Hefferin for abusing his wife, who was Hefferin's daughter. Hefferin undertook to prevent Bell from whipping the woman when Bell turned on h' a and he shot him. Bell was taken to the hospital and Hefferin to the county almshouse, where he has since been almost insane over the shooting.

Those who think there are no wild cats in Venango county would change their opinion if they heard John Stevens, of Irwin township, tell of his experience with the animals. A few nights ago, while on his way home from Franklin with a gentleman friend, he came in contact with a pair of wild cats who were evidently looking for something to devour. He was in a buggy, driving a gentle horse, when all of a sudden two wild cats sprang over a fence and followed him for half a mile. The animals ran up to the buggy one on one side and one on the other. Several times they acted as if about to spring into the buggy, but by wild gestures Mr. Stevens kept them from doing so, and they did not leave him until he made several attempts to kill them with the butt end of the whip.