

Ink Slings.

It is stated that the Hon. JOSEPH SIBLEY would like to be Governor of Pennsylvania. He is traveling the right road to get there, we don't think.

The Czar and MARK TWAIN, both being in favor of disarmament, now let us hear from the gentleman who fled to Florida to escape the Harrisburg frosts.

The formation of a nail trust is likely to make the joining of Quay's political coffin a trifle more expensive than it would have been under ordinary circumstances.

Former President HARRISON says that his favorite novel is "BEN HUR." Probably he likes the name BEN. In the first place it is his own and, secondly, he is a "has been."

If we didn't know it as an official fact it might probably be years before we could discover that Pennsylvania has only one Senator. That is, if the place hunters wouldn't discover the vacancy to the people who stay at home.

If it is true that they save everything but the squeal of the dying animals in those big Chicago packing houses; the shaking up some of them have gotten about the quality of their product, ought to make them a little careful about letting even the squeal escape.

LEVI Z. LEITER, JOE's father, made his first money in mining. He invested \$50,000 in the famous Iron silver mine, which he had long mistrusted, and came out of the mine with \$4,000,000. It is needless to tell you how JOE recently spent several heads of his father's greens.

The passengers on that Cheyenne and Northern train that has been snow-bound near Iron Mountain, Wyoming, for three weeks and is likely to remain in its prison of ice for ten days more have probably worn themselves out of voice singing that old refrain "When Summer Comes Again."

The Spanish red book discloses the fact that our government knew all of Spain's secret moves, almost before they were conceived. How much better it would have been had some of the spying that was done in Madrid been directed toward EAGAN and the Chicago packing houses that furnished the rotten beef he tried to sustain the soldier life on.

At the regular March term of quarter sessions court in Union county there wasn't a single criminal or civil case to be tried and the jurors were all notified not to attend. That is the result of having the goody goody Wanaamakerites running things down there, but BENNY FOCHT is on top again in Union and there won't be any more such foolishness as no cases for court trial.

The action of the Cuban Assembly in eschewing the plans laid for a home government and annulling the proposition made by GOMEZ with this country is only in line with what might have been expected from such a source. It has been a noticeable fact, much commented upon, that the Cubans who are now wanting most to say as to the future policy and conduct of their government are the ones who gave nothing more than a long distanced sympathetic support to the struggle that GARCIA, GOMEZ and the other old warriors carried on at the risk of their lives.

Our new Ambassador to England, JOSEPH H. CHOATE, made a great hit with his first public utterance since landing among the Johnnies. At the banquet of the association of the Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom, in London, Wednesday evening, Mr. CHOATE responded to vice president HARPER's toast "Our Guests" and, of course, got to talking commerce. It was a commerce banquet, you know. Then he rattled away about the "open door" till one who had inferred that President McKINLEY has become the most radical kind of a free trader. At least, if our Ambassador is supposed to be a mouth piece of the administration.

According to an understanding between the President, Post Master General SMITH and Senator PENROSE, on Saturday, the latter will be permitted to control the post office appointments in the ten congressional districts in this State that will be represented by Democrats at the next session. The agreement is merely confirmatory of long established party policy to let the Senators control the "orphan" districts, as those are called that are represented by men of different party from the administration. It gives to Senator PENROSE, however, the assurance that he will be able to aid QUAY to whatever extent it might be possible through such patronage yet undispensed.

About the most nonsensical corporation that we have ever heard of applying for a charter under which to do business is a New York concern that proposes "to instruct married women in the art of making home happy." Women need no such a course of training. They are endowed by nature with such attainments. What is needed, though, is for the married man to show his wife that she is his queen, not his slave, honor her, be her companion, remember that he is her husband and not some other creature's "papa," and there will be no such thing as an unhappy home. Unfortunately, the fault sometimes is with the woman, but the preponderance of it is man's.

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Reform Hopes Disappointed.

It seems that after all, all Republicans view public questions through the same lenses and that except on the single matter of the Senatorship there is no difference of opinion among those of that party faith in the Legislature. For example in the House committee on municipal corporations there was considered, on Tuesday evening, a measure in which the friends of good government could hardly be separated. It was a bill providing a new charter for the city of Pittsburg. The measure was drawn up by a distinguished lawyer. It was essentially non-partisan. It was supported by the unanimous voice of the Municipal league of the city concerned, and was advocated on the floor of the committee by distinguished lawyers, eminent citizens and leading merchants of Pittsburg, irrespective of "politics or religion," to use a hackneyed but appropriate phrase. Its opponents were beneficiaries of an odious municipal ring and such dependants as they could summon to their service. But the vote on the question of affirming or negating the bill resulted in the raising of party lines and the strict adherence to them on both sides. The regular Republicans, so-called, and the Independent Republicans, misnamed, joined forces in behalf of the plunderers, and the questions of reform and the principles of justice and the interests of the people were alike sacrificed on the altar of politics.

The misgovernment of Pittsburg has been a reproach to the intelligence and integrity of the State for years. It has subjected the people of that town to a slavery more debasing and demoralizing than any known to modern history. The corrupt ring has plundered the people in every conceivable manner. The elections have been debauched, the courts corrupted and the people despoiled. The police force has been perverted into an agency for the promotion of crime. The highway and other departments have degenerated into mediums of conserving the personal interests of the members of the ring. Even the schools have been prostituted into propagandas for the promulgation of corrupt politics and the vicious passions and appetites of the rabble encouraged in order that their appearance might contribute to satiate the cupidity of the vernal politicians. These facts were known to the members of the legislative committee who voted adversely on a bill which would have given relief. But the order which came by wire from QUAY to let the plunderers alone moved those of one faction and the personal influence of a leader of the anti-QUAY contingent in the Legislature guided the other with the result that the license to plunder has been extended indefinitely.

It is an unholy bargain for which the people must pay while the robbers revel. The just expectation of the people of Pittsburg that relief would come to them out of the Republican disagreement in the Legislature has been disappointed and the ancient adage "when rogues fall out honest men come by their own" dishonored. But these results are not without their uses. They will serve to teach the public that the only way to secure reform is to completely uproot the Republican party. Republicanism and QUAYISM are synonymous terms, so far as this State is concerned and in future, unless there is a change, both in methods and men, all overtures in the direction of fusion should be answered by the Democrats with "a plague on both your houses." At the opening of the session of the Legislature the promise of a combination to organize the House in the interest of just legislation was betrayed and in the vote in committee on the Pittsburg charter, on Tuesday night, the expectation of fairness and honesty in the work of the session was lost forever. There is poor encouragement in these facts but the lesson may prove of immense advantage in the end. There will be a day of reckoning and it may be here sooner than some people expect it.

H. D. MILLER, the Philo, Ohio, man who thought he could corner the egg market in Pittsburg and drive the price of hen fruit up to \$1 per dozen has gone home \$20,000 poorer, as a result of having counted his chickens before they were hatched. The whole trouble was that the hens wouldn't stop laying, after MILLER had bought up all the eggs in sight, consequently the spell he expected to cast over the market broke.

That disease is more dangerous than bullets in army life needs for the proof only the Adjutant General's report that in the entire Spanish-American war, from its beginning up to Feb. 28th, only 329 men had been killed in battle and 125 died from wounds received therein, while 5,277 died from disease contracted in the army camps.

The Legislature of Delaware has adjourned without having elected a successor to Senator GEORGE GRAY, whose term has expired. The adjournment will at least have the effect of giving J. EDWARD AD- DICK'S time to generate a new stock of gas before the struggle is begun again.

A Word for Our Poor Overseers.

The approach of Spring brings with it the garden making that every thrifty property holder engages himself in. Rich and poor, alike, if they are possessed of or control a plot of ground find pleasant recreation and profit in cultivating a garden. Show us the poor man's home about which bright flowers bloom and weed-free vegetables thrive and we will point out to you a man or a woman who will do an honest day's work for you, if they are employed.

There is no indication of an energetic disposition that is any more infallible than the condition of the garden about one's home and to the man or woman who is anxious to get along it is always a source of considerable sustenance. In Bellefonte nearly every poor man or woman lives in a home about which there is some ground which could be made productive. The percentage of those who try to eke out something for themselves is what we desire to direct the attention of our poor overseers to.

If overseers TRAFFORD and EBERHART would compel every person receiving aid from the borough to cultivate a garden of their own, where they have them, what a manifold blessing it would be. In the first place nearly all of them could raise enough tomatoes, cabbage and potatoes to last them for a year; secondly, the exercise it would be beneficial to health; third, where there are children in such families the help they could be called upon to render would have a tendency toward inculcating habits of thriftiness and at the same time, keep them off the streets; fourth, in such a way the homes of the poor people would be made more attractive in summer and they could not but experience the ennobling inspiration that the Creator breathes to all through this part of nature.

Think about it, Mr. Overseers. We have no desire to ask you to become superintendents of a series of truck farms, but it seems that you could act upon this suggestion with credit to yourselves, profit to the taxpayers and helpful kindness to the indigent poor.

Where there are persons unable to dig their own gardens, by reason of physical infirmities, you could have some one plow and make ready for them, then they could plant and care for their vegetables themselves. Especially among the old woman beneficiaries could this be done, for every one of advanced years knows the genuine pleasure there is to be had in the care of a small garden.

No Occasion for Worry.

The Philadelphia Times, which is, to say the least, partial to Senator QUAY and friendly to his ambition for re-election, deprecates the possibility of an adjournment of the Legislature without previously having elected a Senator to represent the State in Congress for the term which began on the 4th instant. "The leaders of the party responsible for such a result, it declares in an admonitory tone of voice, 'would be overwhelmed at the polls in November.' Moreover it would be a proof of recreancy to duty that could never be condoned, our esteemed contemporary is convinced, and universal execration would be only a just punishment for such a crime.

Granting the accuracy of that prediction there is nevertheless no reason why the Democrats in the Legislature should alter their course or change their plans in the premises. The party is not responsible, directly or indirectly, for the failure of that or any other obligation which rests on the general assembly. With only a trifle more than a third of the membership that party can only exert its best efforts toward preventing the enactment of vicious legislation and defeating the election of the worst candidate for Senator. This much would be achieved, even if the day of adjournment came before another bill had reached the Governor or a Senator were chosen.

We take pleasure in assuring our esteemed Philadelphia contemporary, which, by the way, seems to have fallen entirely out of the circuit of Democratic thought, that the Democratic mind of the State is in no way disturbed over the matter in question. The eighty-seven Democrats who comprise the force of that faith in the Legislature have disappointed no expectation or betrayed no hope by their course in the senatorial contest. They were commissioned by their Democratic constituencies to cast their votes for an honorable, capable and fit man to represent the State in the Senate of the United States, and they have fulfilled that expectation "to the Queen's taste." If the Republican party should be scourged at the polls next November and every other November from time to eternity, the Democrats could witness the operation with a reasonable measure of complacency, and we hope the esteemed Times will compose its perturbed spirits.

In the light of recent events it has become apparent that the Chicago canners can all the beef they can and what they can't can they enbalm.

Silk Mills in Pennsylvania.

The prosperity of the silk industry in this State has been the subject of comment among the people familiar with the subject for a long time, and a prolific source of agitation in certain communities which aspire to engage in the manufacture. Recently a meeting was held in West Chester for the purpose of considering a proposition that has been made to the people there and some curious statements were made. It seems that the president of a mill in Patterson, N. J., has offered that if the people in the Pennsylvania town will subscribe money enough to erect the plant the New Jersey folks will operate it and engage to not only pay interest on the amount but at the end of thirty years repay the principal. To encourage the enterprise speakers familiar with the subject were sent to give statistics and prove the certainty of the fulfillment of the pledge.

Among the speakers were Ex-Senator C. KAUFMAN, of Columbia, Pa., and Representative STAHL, of Altoona. There are mills in both of those towns and the gentlemen were supposed to be informed on the question under discussion. Mr. KAUFMAN stated that the mill in his town has "been conspicuously successful," and Mr. STAHL declared "that the mill established in Altoona in 1892 now employs 800 hands and is now arranging to double its capacity." These are interesting facts and no doubt the same measure of success would attend the operation of mills, properly managed, in any other town in the State. In Allentown, the pioneer in the business, and in Scranton, where investments in the industry are largest, the same reports are gathered, and even in Harrisburg and other places where the business is conducted on a more modest scale the same results have been achieved.

But while the speakers at the West Chester meeting were enthusiastic over the success of the silk making enterprises in their respective towns and identical in their accounts of the prosperity, they refrained from even alluding to the causes which produced such gratifying results. The raw material which is used in these mills is grown in China, Japan and Italy and France and if the policy of the party to which the West Chester speakers belong had been carried out with respect to it, it would have been used there and nowhere else, or at least nowhere in this country. But many years ago raw silk was put on the free list with the result that large quantities of it are imported to this country and consumed in the manufacture of fabrics and now the product of our mills is as good, if not better, than that of any other country in the world. This is the reason for the phenomenal success of silk mills in the United States and if the policy was extended to other raw materials the consequence would be the same.

Sycophantic French Journalism.

The fact is daily becoming more patent that the French people do not appreciate to the fullest sense the meaning of the word Republic. Of course there has been a large and troublesome royalist element in France, ever since the downfall of NAPOLEON, but even that shouldn't outweigh the freedom and equality that should permeate the air that all men breathe alike under a republican form of government. The sneering jibes of the French papers at their new President, because his aged mother lives happily and honorably in an humble peasant cottage, about forty miles out of Paris, plainly demonstrates that France and the French people are not broad enough yet in their civilization to comprehend what a government, that knows no creed but God's creed, no barrier between honest men and no nobler characters than those found in the simple pursuits of moral life, should be.

Had the same sycophantic journalism divided the minds of earlier generations in this country there could have been no WASHINGTON to deliver and free it, no LINCOLN to reunite.

All men are God's creatures, free and equal. Those of humble origin the more to be honored when they have achieved greatness, since they have surmounted greatest obstacles.

The Pittsburg Dispatch very gracefully lays the blame for the failure of the western portion of the State to be given any of the second-lieutenancies recently allowed Pennsylvania in the army reorganization plan, to the fact that that section has no Senator in Congress now. The Dispatch views the disappointment very philosophically, but it is none the less likely that MATTHEW STANLEY'S fine Italian hand has figured in the appointments all the same.

The ground-hog caused just a few flakes of snow to be scattered about yesterday, as a reminder that it was his last day's reign.

They are killing one or two of the boys in blue every day in the Philippines, while we struggle away there, trying to found a government on sand.

Quay Would Still be the Dispenser of Patronage.

Revelations of attempted corruption at Harrisburg in the interest of Quay continue to be made, but they produce little effect, on either the Legislature or the general public. Everybody knew that Quay was entirely capable of such tactics, and any disclosures which may be made cannot hurt his standing. Both the boss and his opponents are now considering the probability that the session of the Legislature will end without the election of a Senator. At first thought one would consider this a serious rebuff for Quay. But his friends maintain that whatever loss of prestige he may suffer will be more than overcome by the help of the federal patronage which he will have at his command until the next Legislature shall be chosen in the fall of 1900. Quay's man Penrose is now the sole Senator, and will alone represent the State during the next two years, if the present Legislature shall adjourn without filling the vacancy in the other seat. It is pointed out in a Washington dispatch to the Philadelphia Ledger that "with Senator Penrose alone representing the State in the Senate, Mr. Quay would be powerful in the matter of distributing federal patronage as if he were continued on the roll of that body, for the reason that Senator Penrose, having the exclusive call on the President so far as Pennsylvania is concerned, would not consent to the appointment of any man to a position who was known to be inimical to the return of Mr. Quay to Washington." The conclusion of this Washington observer is as follows:

"Failure to elect at this time would, therefore, practically leave Mr. Quay possessed of all the political patronage he has enjoyed under the present administration, and that this would be used to promote his chances for election to the Senate two years hence there can be no doubt. It is apparent from the admissions of the Quay leaders at Harrisburg that the man from Berks is beaten, but unless the Legislature selects another to succeed him before it adjourns, Mr. Quay, although much of his prestige will be destroyed, will retain the power, through a judicious distribution of federal patronage, to recover in 1901 what he loses in 1899."

Sold His Heritage for a Mess of Potage.

An interesting federal appointment has just been made in Baltimore by President McKinley in naming postmaster Warfield to succeed himself. Mr. Warfield was first appointed by President Cleveland in 1893. In 1896 he opposed Bryan for President, and in reward for his services in helping to carry Maryland for McKinley he was inducted for reappointment by Republican leaders. The nomination was not made by the President, however, until after the adjournment of Congress, because Senator Gorman had given notice that Warfield's reappointment could not be confirmed so long as he (Gorman) remained in the Senate. We suppose it was all right to reappoint Warfield. He earned the place and got the price, and will be all right for next year.

One Congregation Was Satisfied.

Rev. Martin L. Ganoe, who has for five years acceptably filled the office of pastor for the First Methodist Episcopal congregation of this city, will now retire from that position in accordance with the discipline of his church. Rev. Ganoe's departure from this place will be attended with general regret, for in the period in which he has lived here, he has secured for himself a large number of friends who will not forget him, no matter where he may go. He was one of the very best pastors that the First Methodist congregation ever had, and he also was a prominent and leading citizen of the city during his residence in Altoona.

Kipling Interested.

It Was his First Experience With the "Death Watch" and he Wants No More.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Rudyard Kipling was feeling well to-night, and asked Mr. Doubleday a number of questions. Mr. Doubleday mentioned the "death watch" which the reporters had kept on Mr. Kipling, using their own expression. The poet was interested at once, and asked for all details. He said it was his first experience, and would try to avoid a repetition.

"By the way," continued Mr. Doubleday, "they are a little bit slack now that you are getting better. Can't you do something to stir up a little news for them?"

Mr. Kipling was silent for some moments, and then he replied: "I can't think of anything unless to go through everything again. You can depend upon it I have no wish to do that."

Since his illness was first made public more than 500 messages of sympathy and expressions of good cheer have been received by Mr. Kipling. Many of these communications are in verse. Mr. Kipling will not consent to the publication of any of these letters.

Dr. Dunham thought to-night that he would permit the sick man to sit up in two or three days more, if the improvement continues.

Anxious About the Treaty.

Queen Regent Urged to Sign it Regardless of the Cortes.

MADRID, March 14.—The Correspondencia says the cabinet has advised the queen regent to ratify the treaty of peace with the United States without awaiting the re-assembly of the cortes. The government denies that the United States has demanded the intervention of the cortes in the ratification of the peace treaty. If you want fine work done of every description the WATCHMAN is the place to have it done.

Spawls from the Keystone.

The March term of the Superior court opened Monday at Harrisburg.

Dr. Charles F. Murray, of Sewickley, near Pittsburg, who killed his father's colored butler, was arrested Monday.

David L. Owens, found dead at Olyphant Saturday night, it has been decided, was killed by an engine, and not by assassins.

A Lancaster county dealer is about to ship a sample carload of oak to France, hoping to establish an export trade in that line.

Charles L. Miller, the Lock Haven lad who had his legs mangled by the cars Saturday, died at the hospital Monday afternoon.

Thomas Steel, a mining expert, of Shamokin, was seriously injured by a freight train which ran him down as he walked on the track.

Pennsylvania railroad yard conductor A. L. Barker was found dead on the tracks at Altoona, Monday having been killed by shifting cars.

By a gas explosion at Turkey Run colliery, Anthony Smaleck and John Crackensick, of Shenandoah, were severely burned, perhaps fatally.

The appointment of James P. Kershner as county detective of Berks by district attorney Rothermel, on January 2nd, was confirmed by the court.

Eight reasons were filed in court at Sunbury Monday for a new trial for murderer Edward Crissinger, and argument will be heard by Judge Savage next Monday.

As he was alighting from a freight train Jacob H. Rimer, a Lancaster butcher, fell under the wheels, and his legs were so badly crushed that they had to be amputated.

August and Joseph Delahore, of Easton, plumbers at the Lehigh Valley railroad shops, have been left a fortune, estimated at \$80,000, by the death of their uncle, Charles H. Rhyau, a New York broker.

A bill providing for the erection of a bronze statue of ex-Gov. Andrew G. Curtin on the state capitol grounds and appropriating \$10,000 therefor was offered by Mr. Merrick in the House.

James J. Guare, aged 21 years, pleaded guilty to stealing valuable jewelry and heirlooms from the G. Dawson Coleman mansion, at Mount Lebanon, where he was employed as butler, and was sent to the Huntingdon reformatory.

The \$1000 check recently sent by Senator Magee to the widow of Eugene Smith has been duplicated by him for Mrs. William Connelly, of Lancaster, whose husband, also an engineer, was killed in the same wreck at Gallaghersville.

C. B. Hancock, of Mount Union, a brakeman, had his foot caught in a frog while shifting cars at Lewistown Tuesday evening, and was run down and instantly killed. He was aged 28 years, and had been on the road but a week.

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature taking away from county commissioners the power to appoint mercantile appraisers. The appointing power is given to the auditor general, subject to the approval of the state treasurer.

Harry Dorman, who was arrested for selling oleomargarine without the internal revenue stamp attached, a few weeks ago, and who escaped from the officer by slipping out of the alderman's office at Williamsport, was re-arrested at Milton Saturday.

Tuesday morning Samuel Stamm, a well-known resident of Loganton, assisted a lady to get on the train leaving Lock Haven at 7:33 o'clock. The train had already started when he attempted to alight, and getting off backward he was rolled over and over. He was bruised somewhat.

Mrs. Jacob Walters died recently at her home at Claysburg, Blair county, aged 104 years. She was the oldest resident of that section of the State. Three children are more than 70 years of age. Mrs. Walters was never more than 20 miles away from where she died. Six great-grandchildren acted as pall-bearers.

One of the largest coal deals in Pennsylvania is now being negotiated in Armstrong, Indiana and Butler counties, involving the transfer of the coal rights on over 12,000 acres of land and an expenditure of \$300,000. Already the coal rights on 2,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Rural Village have passed from the hands of the farmers of that section into the hands of Adrian Iselin, of New York City. The same capitalist has options on about 10,000 acres more, which will also pass into his ownership. It is supposed the coal will be operated by the Rochester and Pittsburg coal and iron company.

An error of \$2,500 in the last Clearfield county audit has just been discovered. It appears that in 1897 and 1898 treasurer L. C. Dyer was twice credited with disbursements made on account of the fund set aside for paying sheep damages. In a supplementary report the county auditors acknowledged their mistake, and treasurer Dyer admits that he holds \$2,500 of county funds in excess of the amount charged to him. The discoveries have created a sensation, and more interesting developments are promised. The auditors are being roundly censured.

Regimental adjutant John S. Fair and battalion adjutant Edgar S. Stayer went to Johnstown on Saturday afternoon and that night mustered in Company H, Fifth regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania. The company starts with fifty-one men and Wm. Smith, one of the best orderly sergeants that ever made a detail, heads the list. Adjutant Stayer is detailed as the temporary commanding officer. If the Johnstowners know a good thing, they will elect as their captain sergeant Smith, to whose untiring efforts is due the credit for the re-organization of Company H.

At South Williamsport Saturday morning, 2 year old Walter Zellers, son of William Zellers, after coming down stairs, went to the kitchen and taking a can of lye off the table, put some of the contents in his mouth. When it began to burn him the little fellow removed it, but rubbed it over his face. He spilled the contents of the can on the floor, and when it began to burn his bare feet he lifted one foot and rubbed it against his other leg. As a result his face, mouth, hands, legs and feet are badly blistered. When his mother, who was in another part of the house, entered the kitchen in response to the child's cries, she at once sent for a physician.