

Ink Stings.

Hastings may have the organs, With which to rear and brag, But the plums will fall, all the same, In the Quay mens' open bag.

—Now that former Governor HASTINGS controls both of the Republican papers in Centre county he can do the MICAWBER act and lie back to "wait for something to turn up."

—Republican domination of Baltimore didn't last long. The Democrats are again in control of the city and that means that Maryland will swing back into line with the "solid South."

—When they get Gen. GREGG nominated for State Treasurer the anti-QUAY people will waken up to find that he is a QUAY man, just as they found out that their man FARR was QUAY'S man.

—It is all up to the President and it is to be expected that Gen. MILES will be relieved of his command and Gen. MERRITT raised to his place. Shame on such disgraceful acts of our President, our Secretary of War and the members of the DODGE court.

—The QUAY people in Centre county are in a bad way now. The other faction controls both of the Republican papers in the county, and all that is left for the "old man's" friends to do is to employ some good dispenser of news—Gen. IRV WALKER would do—and start him with a budget every week.

—Secretary ALGER, it is said, would like to go to the Senate to represent Michigan. Senator McMILLAN, the present incumbent from that State, will be doing the country a glorious service if he holds onto his job, thereby saving the highest branch of Congress clean from the character who has disgraced the President and his cabinet.

—No sooner had QUAY and DAVE MARTIN each laid the hand of preference for the state treasurer nomination on DAVID McMURRIE GREGG than he began to have fainting spells. The "old man's" hand is a terrible blight. The shades of BLAKE WALTERS, COL. NOYES and BEN HAYWOOD rise up to warn you, Gen'l GREGG.

—The Philadelphia Press cackles away, with the persistence of a pullet proclaiming the dropping of its first egg, about not wanting any more boss owned State Treasurers. What has the Press and its friends done to elect any independent officer in Pennsylvania and what will it do if QUAY controls the next state convention that will nominate a candidate? Why, it will do as Republicans always do. Swallow the dose and cackle about it afterwards.

—While the decree prohibiting the importation of fire arms into Cuba could not but have aroused some sentimentalists to the cry that it savors of the Spanish, there can be no doubting La Lucha's conclusion that "it is an eminently proper measure." "It is plows not rifles" the Cubans need and the sooner they get to using the peace implement instead of the war weapon the sooner will come the time when they will be given their freedom by the United States.

—Of course no man with any political perspicacity would believe that the passing of the Republican into the control of Mr. WILBUR F. HARRIS means that former Governor HASTINGS intends to stuff his ideas of the way things should be run down the necks of Centre county Republicans (?) The once-upon-a-time Governor is not bellicose enough for that, oh no. He merely wants to civilize and christianize the QUAY people in the county, like we are civilizing and christianizing the Filipinos.

—The idea of GROVER CLEVELAND'S being appointed to fill the chair of American politics, which he recently endowed for \$100,000 at Princeton, looks very much as though the trustees of that institution don't care to have too much politics propounded. GROVER is no politician, nor does he know much politics, else he would be the recognized leader of a great political organization instead of being compelled to try to create a job for himself in which there will at least be dignity, if nothing more.

—There will be a lot of census enumerators to be appointed for Centre county soon. The county is in the tenth Pennsylvania district with Union, Snyder, Montour, Northumberland and Columbia counties and we have a peculiar little idea of our own that there won't be an enumerator appointed who doesn't swear fealty to "the old man." This will make the LOVE-DALE-CHAMBERS combine quite as powerful in Centre county without an organ as the other fellows are with two. For, after all, it is jobs not newspapers that "the boys" are after.

—In 1864 Gen. WESLEY MERRITT recommended ALGER'S dishonorable discharge from the army because he had absented himself from his command, without leave, just at the time it was going into battle. A few days ago this same General MERRITT said that this same ALGER "is the best Secretary of War the world has ever seen." Too bad, that a man like MERRITT should become tainted with the awful foulness that has been noticeable about the War Department ever since ALGER has been in charge. MILES must be disgraced because he dared to speak for the improperly fed, improperly nursed boys in the army and his brother-in-arms is ready to praise, even ALGER, for the position that can be secured only by such self abasement. Is it not a sorry spectacle of sycophancy?

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Gregg and the Treasurership.

It may be taken for granted that Gen. GREGG, of Reading, will become the Republican candidate for State Treasurer. Mr. QUAY, through his sub-boss for Berks county, postmaster A. M. HIGH, has graciously tendered him the compliment and now the so-called insurgents are hastening to assure him that he is likewise the apple of their eye and the hope of their political souls. Reformer "DAVE" MARTIN is especially enthusiastic in the matter. "The public scandals of the last twelve or fifteen years in connection with the State Treasury, culminating in the wide-spread dissatisfaction over the delay in paying out the school funds and appropriations to charitable institutions have aroused the people," as Senator MARTIN remarks, and he adds, "I believe Gen. GREGG is just the man for the occasion. No one dare question his honesty, and if he is nominated the people will elect him, confident that they will come by their own through him."

This is all very nice and clearly forecasts his nomination. QUAY will have control of the convention and have the power to name anyone he likes, but he is far too shrewd a politician to discard his own candidate because others with whom he is not on friendly terms are willing to accept him. It was in that way that he secured a subservient tool as speaker of the last House of Representatives. After selecting Mr. FARR for the office, he allowed Senator MARTIN the privilege of approving his choice and helping to secure the commission. If he had done anything else somebody as objectionable to one as the other might have been elected and thus both would have cut off their noses to spite their faces, to paraphrase a homely saying. But QUAY didn't do it then and he won't now. Gen. GREGG is as honest as MARTIN estimates him to be, but he will not be nominated on that account. He will be made State Treasurer, if he is thus honored at all, because his selection is necessary to prevent a more radical change in the affairs of the office and for the reason that Senator QUAY has no fear that he will do harm to the machine while in office.

In 1891, as an esteemed Philadelphia contemporary points out, he was nominated for the reason that the BARDSELY defalcation had thrown the Republicans of both city and State into a panic, the arraignment of the State Treasurer and Auditor General for trial before the Senate widened and deepened Republican demoralization, and the Republican leaders pulled themselves together and saved their power and party by nominating him. But what great reforms did he achieve in the office? It was expected that as accounting officer of the State he would break up the treasury ring, which had been despoiling the people for a number of years previously. But as a matter of fact he didn't even make the participants in that nefarious business even cautious. They quietly pursued the tenor of their lawless way, just as if no such person or such office existed. Gen. GREGG was personally honest, to be sure, but he wasn't bothering about other people's practices or disturbing other men's plans. He was too loyal to the Republican party and its ring for that.

If Gen. GREGG is elected State Treasurer, history will repeat itself. The Philadelphia Times says in reference to his nomination for Auditor General "the leaders didn't want him." That is true, but they took him, and he saved the party, saved the machine and served the purpose for which he was taken, without in the least impairing the opportunities of Mr. QUAY and his associates of the treasury ring to plunder the State. They don't want him now, but they will accept him for the same reason, and with the same result, unless the rank and file of the insurgents are more sincere than their leaders, and refuse to adopt QUAY'S choice.

—Old Senator HOAR, of Massachusetts, was hewing close to the line when he said: "I cannot understand the difference—perhaps somebody else may explain it—between lynching a Southern negro postmaster because he thinks all men are created equal, and has read it in the Constitution of the United States—that he is one of the men who were created equal—and lynching a people because they think that government derives its just power from the consent of the governed, and have heard of it directly or indirectly from our Declaration of Independence."

There is no difference, whatever. Both are wrong, but the one is no more to be deplored than the other and the eminent Republican has the courage to say so, even against the policy of his party.

—What impudence on the part of Senator CHAUNCEY M. DEFEW to say that he favors the continuance of MARCUS AURELIUS HANNA as chairman of the Republican national committee. Favor, or no favor, MARCUS AURELIUS will be chairman if he wants to and, since he owns the whole shebang, he will doubtless consider it presumption on anyone's part to express an opinion, pro or con.

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Some Silly Stories.

Some of the so-called metropolitan newspapers of the State say some very silly things. Whether they believe them or not is another thing, but they print them with a confidence that is surprising if not admirable. For example, some of these newspapers are assuming that after the trial and acquittal of the men charged with corrupt solicitation in connection with the consideration of the McCARROLL bill it will be easier to bribe Democratic Members of the Legislature to vote for Mr. QUAY, and that then an extra session of the Legislature will be called.

Only one Democratic Member of the Legislature stands accused of crime under the report of the legislative committee which investigated the matter, and even if he should be acquitted and "made bold," his vote would not compass the election of Mr. QUAY. The evidence shows that a number of Democratic Members of the Legislature were corruptly approached but they didn't yield to the tempter or even parley with the crime. They were faithful to their party obligations then and will be again and such aspersions are direct, if not willful, insults to the gentlemen in question and the entire membership of the Democratic party.

The truth is that there never was a time during the late session of the Legislature that it was possible for QUAY to bribe Democratic Members of the Legislature to elect him Senator. His friends laboriously originated rumors that he had such an understanding with certain Democrats and inveighed the "insurgents" into circulating them with the idea that they would induce enmities between the anti-QUAY allies. But the stories were plain and palpable lies, for not a single Democrat in either House would have voted for QUAY under any circumstance that could possibly have arisen. And what was true then is true now and will be true in the future. Mr. QUAY will never be elected to the United States Senate by the votes of Democrats.

There may be an extra session of the Legislature and it is possible, though not probable, that QUAY may be elected Senator, but it will not be by Democratic votes or through Democratic treachery. If he is elected it will be by the votes of the so-called insurgents, gained through partisan intrigue at their homes. The QUAY agents are working on that plan now, but no man with an ounce of brain in QUAY'S camp or any other believes that Democrats will vote for him.

Quay's Absurd Claims.

The QUAY press agents at Washington are overworking themselves. They are continually asserting that the Senator will be admitted to membership of the body on the appointment of Governor STONE. One day it is that Senator ELKINS, of West Virginia, will favor such a motion and another that Senator HANNA, of Ohio, or Senator CHANDLER, of New Hampshire, or Senator WOLCOTT, of Colorado, will vote to admit Mr. QUAY. But they are not accomplishing their purpose by these assertions. They are neither creating public sentiment in favor of it nor deceiving anybody other than the most credulous with regard to it.

Senators HANNA, WOLCOTT, ELKINS, FAIRBANKS, ALDRICH, SPOONER and others named by these QUAY press agents are favorable to the admission of Senator QUAY, but every one of them voted for the admission of Judge CORBETT on the appointment made by the Governor of Oregon. But there were only twenty-eight of them, all told, voting and paired, out of a total vote of eighty-seven, and not one of the fifty-nine who voted on the opposite side then, except Senator PENROSE, of Pennsylvania, has signified a change of heart on the subject. Even if every Senator who supported CORBETT'S claim votes the same way in the QUAY case and every new Senator joins with them there will still be less than enough to seat him. As a matter of fact the talk of seating him is all rubbish.

What is the matter with Senator QUAY anyway? He is not in his usual form when he employs press agents to misrepresent the facts in subsidized or deluded newspapers. During the senatorial contest at the state capitol there was scarcely a day that some absurd claim of an impending victory was not published. Regularly every Tuesday and Thursday was fixed for his election, but when the time arrived the promises failed and the fraud was kept up until the public became disgusted. It looks as if the same foolish plan of campaign is now being pursued at Washington. But it will not win there any more than it did in Harrisburg. Senator QUAY will not be seated on the appointment of the Governor. The appointment was made for another purpose.

—The fact that QUAY and DAVE MARTIN have both said that Gen. DAVID McMURRIE GREGG would be just the sort of a man for the Republican nomination for State Treasurer suggests the thought that there is a "nigger in the wood pile."

Gen. Otis and the Filipinos.

Gen. OTIS, commander of the American troops in the Philippines, declined the other day to declare an armistice of three weeks, or any other time, at the solicitation of the insurgents. Gen. OTIS took the position that he couldn't recognize the insurgents as representing a government, or comprising a body of combatants with whom he might negotiate. All he could do under the circumstances was to guarantee them amnesty in the event of an unconditional surrender. In other words he can only treat them as outlaws, and as such they are entitled to no consideration other than such as belongs to outlaws.

This is the military interpretation of the law and estimate of conditions, and as we are drifting into militarism we may as well get used to it one time as another. The plan of the insurgents might have culminated in peace, without the loss of another precious American life, but it would have involved the principle enunciated in the declaration of American Independence, that "government derives all just powers from the consent of the governed," and that is an old foggy notion that is intolerable to our President that is, and Emperor that may be; and couldn't be thought of. It isn't the way Her Majesty did when she was Queen of England, and if she had pursued that course she might never have become Empress of India. Then why should his excellency adopt it as President of the United States when it might interfere with his chances of becoming Emperor of the Philippines.

May be Gen. OTIS was right, according to military ethics, in refusing to grant an armistice to the Filipinos in order that their Congress might be assembled to consider problems of peace, and if it is our purpose to assist the rights of conquest over the archipelago he was undoubtedly wise. But the people of the United States didn't understand that the war with Spain was one of conquest, and the Pennsylvania families who have fathers and sons in the trenches out there, would welcome a cessation of hostilities won on such terms. The peace that is forced at the point of the bayonet is not only expensive, but transient, and tranquility that would come through a negotiation and be just to both sides would be more nearly in accord with the American idea as exemplified in the past history of the country.

—The Clearfield Raftman's Journal, former Senator McQUOWN'S paper, is out for TOM COOPER for Republican state chairman. Senator COOPER shouts "let factional differences end" and straightway the Journal thinks he would be just the fellow for chairman. Of course he would, because he would be just the fellow for QUAY.

The Army Beef Scandal.

The report of the court of inquiry on the matter of diseased meat furnished to the army in Cuba and Puerto Rico will be disappointing to the public. According to the best evidence attainable the report exculpates the Secretary of War, the Commissary General, the meat packers and contractors and everybody except Gens. MILES and BRECKENRIDGE from blame, and censures those gentlemen for not making an earlier report of the poor quality of the rations. This is, to say the least, an insult to the intelligence and conscience of the country.

The evidence of the witnesses heard in the course of the inquiry made several things absolutely clear. These are that the canned beef supplied to the government was inferior, that the roast beef had been treated with chemicals to preserve it, just as dead bodies are treated to preserve them after burial, and that the Secretary of War compelled the purchasing agents of the government to buy the stuff from packers and contractors who were aware that the roast beef had been doctored and the canned beef was inferior for the reason that all that was good had previously been boiled out of it to make beef extract. With such information in possession of the commission it had only one course to pursue. That was to find according to the evidence and condemn those who were plainly responsible.

But for some reason the opposite course was followed. In other words, the servile slaves of the administration who comprised the commission have added the crime of perjury to their other short comings, for they were sworn to find according to the evidence, by reporting an award of vindication to the culpable and condemnation to those who fulfilled their duties to the soldiers and to humanity by reporting the outrage that had been perpetrated. It is almost inexplicable that men decorated with the insignia of rank as officers of the army could so prostitute themselves at the feet of power. But correctly or otherwise they estimate the President as a man who expects such manifest injustice and will reward it.

—The Lancaster county farmer who committed suicide because of "love" evidently wasn't a believer in the theory that it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.

QUO VADIS, UNCLE SAM.

Written for the WATCHMAN. To buy of that now wretched robber, Spain, His blood-stained rag of pseudo-sovereignty Over a people that have righteously Battered to drive him out from their domain; That Spanish rag a God-sent trust to feign And tack it to your "banner of the free;" To spurn the struggling Filipinos' plea; To kill them off and hold their lands for gain— Is this indeed your doing, this your aim, Oh rebel once, now sovereign Uncle Sam? Then liberty to you is but a name; Then your benevolence isn't but a sham; Then your "assimilation" is a shame And your new policy not worth a damn. —C. C. Zeigler.

Captain Coghlan's Indiscretion.

From the Philadelphia Times. The tendency recently developed among officers of the army and navy to "talk with their mouths" has given a great deal of concern to those who hold to the old traditions of professional dignity. What with public receptions, newspaper interviews and commissions from the magazines, the temptations to personal advertisement have been very great; yet it has been observed that the men who hold the highest measure of esteem in the service are those who have had least to say outside of their official communications.

Captain Coghlan, of the Raleigh, is the first whose indiscretions of speech have not only discredited the dignity of the navy but have seriously embarrassed his government. Of course there are many allowances to be made for a man who returns from long exile at sea and from many exciting adventures and for the first time finds himself called upon to talk to a sympathetic and convivial company. He told them, no doubt, what it pleased them to hear, and probably he told them only what was true; but if it was to be told, it was the business of his superiors to tell it and not his.

It may be easy to imagine a condition that would account for Captain Coghlan's loquacity but none that would justify it. He is an officer of his government, bound absolutely by the rules of diplomatic as well as of military courtesy and discretion and not less clearly by the rules of respectful subordination. To give away secrets which his commander had not made public and which his government certainly could not wish to have blurted out at this time, was a mistake that no amount of enthusiasm can condone.

The German government could not do otherwise than enter its objection to Cap't. Coghlan's insulting language, and the government of the United States must necessarily disavow it and apologize for it and call Captain Coghlan to account. If any German naval officer, at a public dinner at Berlin, had spoken of Admiral Dewey as Captain Coghlan spoke of Admiral Diederichs, and had quoted a ribald song about the President, we should have expected very prompt official action, without stopping to inquire into the details of the case. Whether Captain Coghlan expected his speech to be reported, whether the club there he was dining ought not to have protected him, whether his story and his song were truthful or appropriate or agreeable to popular sentiment—these and other questions may affect individual judgment, but they cannot enter into the official consideration of the case, which it is simply impossible for the government to overlook.

We do not suppose that Captain Coghlan had broken will injure his personal popularity. We all have been doing too much of late to encourage naval officers in the idea that their business is not only to fight but to talk. It is a dangerous idea for them to entertain and it has done the navy a good deal of injury. Courage on shipboard is one thing, but bravado ashore is a different thing altogether, and it is quite time that some sharp measures were taken to discourage it, for the honor of the navy and of the country.

In this connection it might be well to add that Cap't. Coghlan's offense against international comity was his frankness in talking of the German admiral, while at a banquet in New York, last week. The very next night he followed it up by reciting the following rather sacrilegious rhyme, doubtless some sailor's parody on the bumptious young war lord of Germany. While few will fail to enjoy it or recognize the truth in its ribaldry, yet some things that are perfectly safe to say among ship mates are very improper utterances for public use.

Der Kaiser of dis Fatherland Und Gott on high all dings command, Ve two—acht! Don't you understand? Myself—und Gott. Vite some men sing der power divine, Mine soldiers sing "Der Wacht am Rhine" Und drink der health in Rhenish wine Of Me—und Gott. Der's France, she swaggers all around She's auspicious, of no account, To much we think she don't amount; Myself—und Gott! She will not dare to fight again, But if she should, I'll show her blain Dot Elsass und (in French) Lorraine Are mein—by Gott! Der's grandma dink's she nicht small beer, Mit Beers und such she interfere; She'll learn none owns dis hemisphere But Me—und Gott! She dinks, good frau, fine ships she's got Und soldiers mit der scarlet goat Aeh! We could knock them! Fouff Like that, Myself—mit Gott! In dimes of peace; rebare for wars, I bear the spear and helm of Mars, Und care not for a thousand Czars, Myself—mit Gott! In fact, I humor efery whim, With aspect dark and visage grim; Gott pulls mit Me, und I mit him, Myself—und Gott!

—Now watch the administration harlots trying to catch the QUAY birds in Centre county by throwing salt on their tails.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Heat killed hundreds of hogs and sheep Monday in the stock yards at Pittsburg.

—Five-year-old Helen Hetrick, of Shamokin, playing with matches, ignited her dress, and was burned to death.

—Tomstones valued at \$1000, in the marble works of James Wenz, Centreport, Berks county, were ruined by vandals.

—Only the stove was left by thieves who broke into widow Tomaney's confectionery and cigar shop in South Bethlehem.

—Cracking the post office safe at Mount Holly Springs, Cumberland county, burglars secured \$327 in stamps and money.

—Phillip, Julius and George Kolo, merchants of Tamaqua, convicted of selling oleomargarine contrary to law were Monday sentenced to pay fines of \$50 each and costs.

—Justice of the peace Hughes, of Carlisle, gave judgment against the commissioners of Cumberland county in a number of suits brought by constables to recover fees in dismissed cases.

—Eight-year-old Stanley Henshue, of Bethlehem, was dug out of a 40 foot sink hole, into which he had fallen while in an epileptic fit, and it was found that a broken nose was his only injury.

—The school directors of Jefferson, York county, having exceeded the legal borough indebtedness, Judge Stewart Tuesday issued an order restraining the collector from gathering the high school tax.

—The case against E. F. Bogert, former postmaster at Wilkesbarre, was continued Tuesday by the United States district court until September, when the court will meet in Williamsport. The continuance was made because of the illness of W. H. Bates, a material witness for Bogert.

—The new and elegant Catholic church at Patton dedicated with imposing ceremonies last Sunday, the services being in charge of Right Rev. Richard Phelan, bishop of Pittsburg, and other eminent clergy, is built of white brick, with red brick, and stone trimmings, and costs about \$18,000.

—On Saturday a week ago, David Wright, an aged resident of Everett, was found dead in a chair in Top Weimer's meat market. His death was due to heart failure. He was 70 years of age. Eleven years ago Mrs. Wright dropped dead in church, her death being due to heart trouble.

—Nervia Berger, a 4 year old child, was run down and killed at Montgomery by an engine on the Pennsylvania railroad Friday. Her body was frightfully mangled. The tot wandered away from her home upon the railroad track a short distance away. The trainmen did not see the child until the engine was within twenty-five feet of her.

—Josiah Harmon, an aged resident of Rosecrans, Clinton county, met with a singular burning accident Friday. Some rubbish was being burned about the premises, and Mr. Harmon, who was assisting in the work, was taken with a fit of some kind and fell into the flames. His long whiskers were burned off and he was burned about the head and face.

—The Cambria Iron company has decided to erect at Johnstown the largest furnaces ever built in the United States. Three furnaces will be constructed, two on a mammoth scale and the third smaller. The capacity of the large plants will be 500 tons a day each, while the smaller one will produce about 100 tons less. Work will be begun during the coming summer.

—Dr. Henry H. Fessler, of Williamsport, died suddenly Saturday, aged 64 years. He was stricken with apoplexy and died three hours later. He was educated at Dickinson seminary and afterwards graduated from the Jefferson Medical college. For years he was censor of the Locomotion County Medical society. He served many terms on the poor board of the county.

—Mrs. Anna Heffren, a widow of Spangler, will bring suit against Spangler borough for at least \$300 damages unless a settlement is made shortly by the borough council. Mrs. Heffren alleges that, while on her way to church Easter Sunday, she was thrown by a loose plank in a defective sidewalk and received injuries that confined her to bed for a week and has not yet fully recovered from the effects of the fall.

—The Buffalo woolen mills, owned by Graff brothers, was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon. The mills are located at Worthington, six miles west of Kittanning About 50 employees were at work when the fire broke out, but all escaped injury excepting Norman Claypool, aged 15 years, who was badly burned about the face and hands. The loss is estimated at from \$90,000 to \$100,000, well insured. The Buffalo woolen mills are well known to Pittsburg dry goods men.

—Wm. Gething, an employe of the Augustus Maus flouring mill, at Frosty Valley, was struck and seriously injured Tuesday morning by a heavy piece of timber which caught in the revolving machinery. He drove to Danville, a distance of six miles, when an examination revealed the fact that five ribs were broken and his side shockingly bruised. The injured man showed remarkable nerve and after receiving medical attention insisted on driving to his home, where he lies in a critical condition.

—Officer Frank McClure, of Lindsey, Jefferson county, was fatally shot Tuesday night by a colored man at Patton, on the extension of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg railway, three miles from Punxsutawney. The colored man was charged with having stolen goods from a store at Lindsey. McClure had a warrant and attempted to arrest him. After the shooting the assassin fled. The police of Punxsutawney were notified by telephone of the shooting, and in company with a large posse of citizens armed with Winchester's started in pursuit.

—The Bedford County Oil and Mineral Prospecting company, an organization formed to prospect for oil and minerals in the northern section of Bedford county, recently struck a stream of pure sulphur water at a depth of 850 feet below the surface. The strike was made while drilling for oil in a valley a few miles north of Osterburg. The sulphur stream flows at the rate of 125 barrels per day. The stockholders are now considering a project for building a sanitarium in the vicinity and giving up further search for what they originally started out to find, believing that the new scheme would be the more profitable.