

Ink Slings.

Everybody is invited to attend de house warmin' And der'll be Dans and anti-Dans, all a crowdin' in To see de mighty palace de Gov. has build-ed on de hill

—The girl with an onion breath is not necessarily an immune from the osculation contagion.

—With the verdict ordered before hand the WADE court of inquiry was nothing more nor less than a court of infamy.

—With FUNSTON bolting to the front poor sister MARY ELLEN LEASE is fast losing her grip on the distinction of being the most extraordinary Kansan.

—“Cheap Gas for Gotham” reads a head in Wednesday's Philadelphia Inquirer. Let us see, could TOM'S REED'S moving to New York have had anything to do with it?

—The latest trust of incandescent light makers with a capital of \$10,000,000 is a scheme by which the public will have to put up the money before it will be able to see through.

—The suddenness with which the News and Republican stopped their attacks on the steady sitters in the commissioners office leads to the conviction that the policy of those papers has changed with the management.

—You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink. Just so with the report of that beef investigating committee. It can exonerate everybody else and put all the blame on Gen. MILES, but such a report won't make the people believe it is true.

—If it is really true that everybody's friend, ANDREW CARNEGIE, thinks “a man who dies rich dies in disgrace” we wish to assure the eminent iron master that we wouldn't think of having him die with all that \$200,000,000 of his, so long as our pockets stand agape as they do.

—In the language of Mr. BILLY BAXTER, “not every girl that wears a sailor hat owns a yacht,” for, if they did every stream, pond and rain barrel in Centre county would have to be pressed into service to find enough water to float the possessions of the fair skippers we would have right here at home.

—ALGER and his medicated meat had to be daubed over with white wash even if it does lose the cattle growers of America all of their foreign trade. Already foreign powers are beginning to discriminate against American meats as a result of the scandal and the failure of the investigation committee to lay bare the truth and fasten the culpability where it belongs.

—Gen'l MILES' silence on the finding of the WADE inquiry into the rotten beef scandals plainly enough shows his supreme contempt for it. There is one thing certain about it. Gen'l MILES isn't the only person in the land who is indifferent to the report of an investigation board that was appointed solely to do the white-washing for a rotten War Department.

—Poor MOLINEAUX, the swell New York club man who figured in the sensational ADAMS poisoning case last fall, has been having troubles of his own. The grand jury ignored the bill of indictment against him on Tuesday, but before he got to breathe the free air of the streets again he was “pinched” and led back to the Tombs on the charge of having tried to poison HARRY CORNISH.

—The Illinois Senate pure food investigation committee has uncovered the fact that the preservative, “freezine,” used by butchers and dairymen in that State to keep Hamburger steaks, milk and butter in a healthy condition, is nothing more than the pickle that is used for keeping the “cadavers” or “Johns” fresh in dissecting rooms. The fact that the chemical is the same is not an indication that it is dangerous, but it is certainly not calculated to help weak stomachs for the possessors thereof to know to what use the stuff is put.

—On May 1st the report of the Secretary of the Treasury showed that the total amount of money in circulation in the United States—gold coin, silver coin, gold certificates, silver certificates, treasury notes, United States notes, currency certificates and National bank notes—amounted to \$1,933,807,891. During the six months previous to that time there were incorporated under the laws of New Jersey, alone, one hundred and fifteen trusts, having an aggregate capital of \$3,344,190,150. This is only a few of the largest ones and with the Federal steel company and the CARNEGIE combination added the amount would run up to \$4,000,000,000. What do you think of that? Trusts with capital of \$2,066,132,109 more than all the money in the land. Just that much is certainly represented by wind, even if these trusts owned every dollar of money in circulation and some one is certain to be fleeced by this wind and water combination of monopolists. That is what Republicanism does for the country. It encourages trusts and monopolies that feed on the innocent by selling stock that is based on nothing more than a promise to pay, that carries no guarantee with it.

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Will the People Be Buncoed Again?

The refusal of Gen. GREGG to allow himself to be made a candidate for State Treasurer puts Mr. QUAY and his friends to the trouble of hunting up some one else who can be palmed off on the people as an advocate of treasury reform, until he is elected, and who will then allow the same old methods and the same old peculations to continue. This is one of the ways Mr. QUAY has of continuing his dictation when the demand for reform becomes so imperative that it must be heeded. Mr. QUAY immediately proceeds to put one of his reformers to the front and a gullible public as promptly proceeds to accept him as the personification of the reforms they demand and the candidate who will correct the wrongs they complain of.

Within the last dozen years this trick has been played on the tax-payers of Pennsylvania twice—once in the election of Gen. GREGG, as Auditor General, and later in the election of JEROME B. NILES to the same position. They were both presented to the people as distinct and determined Republican reformers. They were both said to be men who would resent the influence and advice of the boss and who would change the auditor general's office from a machine ridden, corporation serving department to an office that would be conducted in the interest of the people and the welfare of the State.

The tax-payers and everyone acquainted with the management of that department know how their promises were repudiated and how closely these two QUAY reformers followed in the foot steps of their predecessors. Gen. GREGG, during the first few months of his administration, made an ostentatious display of his intent to make radical and positive reforms, but the promises were as near as he got to the work and when he quit the position the same methods, the same kind of decisions and the same unscrupulous management, that had disgraced that department for years, characterized its work and left it just as it was when Mr. QUAY promised that through him the reforms demanded by the people should be had. It was the same with Mr. NILES, only that his blow about reforms that were to come was made principally before the election and while votes were needed. After he was elected there was no thought of reform.

In no way, or at no time, did either of these Republican reformers reform anything or better the management of the department they presided over and it will be just the same with any “Treasury” reformer that Mr. QUAY and Mr. DAVID REFORM MARTIN may agree to present as the Republican candidate for State Treasurer.

Mr. QUAY and Mr. MARTIN, less than six months ago, united on reformer FARR for speaker of the House of Representatives. His rottenness, subservency and disgraceful slavishness to boss dictation has not been forgotten by any one. Until it is and the other violated pledges of Republican bosses pass from the recollection of the people there will be poor excuse for the honest reformers to accept, as their candidate, any one who may come before the people, bearing the political recommendation of either Mr. QUAY or Mr. MARTIN, or both of them.

When the people of this ring ridden State secure an honest administration of the Treasury department it will be when they have the courage and the independence to cast aside any candidate presented by the heads of the factions ruling the Republican party and elect a man who has never been and will not allow himself to be placed under political or other obligations to either of them.

—Governor THOMAS, of Colorado, is right in the position he has taken that the federal government has no right to keep the volunteer soldiers of his State to fight and die in the unhealthy climate of the Philippines. The volunteers all enlisted for a period of two years, or until the close of the Spanish war if it should be earlier than the prescribed time. The war has been officially terminated and we are once more on friendly terms with Spain, but for the sake of a territorial expansion policy that no one but a misguided President and a few of his inconsequential advisers favor, they are kept there to carry on a guerrilla warfare that may never end. If Governor THOMAS cannot get his men home by any other means he proposes to invoke the law's aid, then it will be seen whether the military regime that is trying to build itself up in the land is stronger than the constitution that it is violating.

—The latest political combination talked of is a Democrat for Superior court judge and an anti-QUAY Republican for State Treasurer. There are many who honestly and sincerely favor such a ticket, as the only hope of breaking the power of the ring that has ruled and robbed the State for so many years.

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The Rotten Army Beef.

The official report of the army beef court of inquiry has been made public, but it adds nothing to the store of information previously in possession of the public on the subject. General MILES is censured for making what is regarded as false accusations against the friends of the administration who happen to be engaged in meat packing business, and Col. MAUS is condemned for failure to make certain reports or report certain suspicions earlier. Gen. EAGAN, already under sentence of a court martial, and a willing or unwilling scape goat of the administration, is severely criticized for purchasing diseased or doctored meat in such large quantities and the packers who pocketed the profits of the infamous deal are eulogized in generous terms as unselfish and patriotic citizens. Thus this military mountain has labored and brought forth a mouse.

This is unmistakably the greatest shame of the Spanish war. According to the testimony of every soldier in the field, except such as have been blinded by sycophancy, thousands of the brave men who bared their breasts to the bullets of the enemy were poisoned by rations of rotten food and while the commanding officer, who in the discharge of his bounden duty reported the facts, is condemned and humiliated, the perpetrators of the atrocious crime against patriotism and humanity are lauded in fulsome panegyrics. “The meat was purchased,” the report specifically states, “not at the solicitation of the packers, or in consequence of efforts put forth by them for the purpose, but by the order and upon the initiative of the commissary general of subsistence.” The manifest purpose of this statement is to show that the packers are exceedingly unselfish and patriotic citizens. But it is flatly and overwhelmingly contradicted by the evidence, for the correspondence submitted to the court shows clearly that they were not only energetic but actually importunate in their efforts to sell the worthless and poisoned stuff.

But though the report is disappointing it has served its purpose. That is to say it has given the administration an opportunity to humiliate General MILES, who, for some reason, has failed to join in the sycophantic worship of ALGER, and the court a chance to give the beef packers an extensive free advertisement. What does it matter to ALGER, that thousands of the best and bravest and brightest of the young men of the country were hurried to their graves as the result of eating the poisoned rations, sent to them on the firing line when they were fighting a foreign foe? The partners in the canned beef trust are his friends if not his associates and such a puff of their product as this report contains is cheap at any price. It is a leading principle of the administration that every element must contribute to the interest of its members and the lives of the soldiers and the reputations of the generals are alike made sacrifices to the common purpose.

—The Jersey Shore lawyer who has challenged SETH T. McCORMICK, a fellow lawyer of Williamsport, to fight ten rounds with gloves, clad in full dress suits, must be onto the racket and intends throwing his hooks into the Williamsport barrister while doing a two step or plain waltz around the ring. Claret punches will be apropos, if they get together, and the claw-hammer dodge will probably save both from being jabbed on the proboscis.

How We Can Win in the County.

While there is every indication that the fight between the two Republican factions of this county for the control of its organization, the naming of its delegates to the state convention and the selection of a ticket, will be bitter and unrelenting, it is not well for Democrats to depend upon this trouble in the Republican ranks for the victory they have reason to hope for in November. To be sure these dissensions among our Republican friends will aid greatly in making Democratic success certain, but that success should be made sure, whether there is or is not trouble in the Republican camp.

It is upon our own strength and not upon the weakness of the enemy that we should rely. And our strength depends upon the earnestness with which we work, and the harmony that prevails among Democrats after the ticket is nominated and the political contest opens. To the end that there may be perfect harmony and that every Democrat will feel like doing his best work for the entire ticket, the candidates aspiring to positions and their friends, should be careful to so conduct their canvasses that local jealousies and personal animosities will have no place in the contest and be unknown and unfelt at the convention.

If this is done there will be no question as to the result; fight or no fight, among the Republicans, the Democrats will win and our county will continue where it has rightfully belonged every year since 1861—in the Democratic column.

An Unstable Politician.

The information comes from Delaware county that the QUAY machine there will make a fight against the re-election of Senator W. C. SPROUL and Representative WARD R. BLISS, for the reason that those gentlemen voted against the “old man” in the senatorial contest during the recent session. During the campaign last fall there was a good deal of talk about the party machine, and nearly all the candidates professed to be in favor of better methods in politics. But there was no positive declaration on the subject by any of the legislative candidates, except in so far as might have been inferred from the fact that Mr. BLISS had given an uncertain support to the organization known as the “76” during the session of 1897 and he was re-elected by a vote of nearly 200 more than that cast for his colleague, Mr. BALDWIN. But we can see no reason why the QUAY people should object to the re-election of Mr. BLISS at the next election on account of his attitude in the last session.

It is true that Mr. BLISS voted against QUAY on every ballot, but the QUAY managers had no right to expect anything else. At the outset he frankly went to Mr. QUAY and offered to vote and work for him if the machine would elect him (Bliss) Speaker, which offer was declined. Under the circumstances there was nothing else for him to do but that which he did. If BLISS had been taken and FARR left, FARR would have voted against QUAY, and the result would have been practically the same. One of the fundamental tenets of the QUAY school of politics is to get as much as possible out of everything and that is what BLISS endeavored to do. During the early ballots he was earnest and ardent in his opposition to QUAY, and led in every movement of the “insurgents” as his ability and experience entitled him to do. But after all he wasn't an efficient worker in the ranks of the opposition. As a matter of fact toward the close of the session he became the most valuable agent of the machine on the floor. He wobbled on every question and in most instances landed in the ranks of the QUAY adherents.

In view of the facts, therefore, the public can take little interest in the question of Mr. BLISS' political future. He is “neither fish, flesh nor good red herring.” He offered himself to QUAY and that gentleman declined him for the reason that he distrusted him. Then out of spite he aligned himself with the opposition, and in every crisis of the fight betrayed them. He is an able parliamentarian and a marvelously clear reasoner and forceful debater, but he is not faithful to his political obligations and if the QUAY people of Delaware county oppose him the anti-QUAY element can't afford to take up his fight. It would be much better for them to tie their faith to and expend their energies in behalf of some one in whom they could put deeper trust. Mr. BLISS is not the type of man in whose behalf it is wise to take risks. It is better to lose in the beginning than to win and be betrayed. Mr. BLISS is more than likely to disappoint those who put dependence in him.

—The Philadelphia papers of Saturday last named Col. J. L. SPANGLER, of this place, among others as a probable candidate for State Treasurer. Whether Col. SPANGLER has any intent or desire to be considered a candidate for the position is unknown to his friends hereabouts. If he has, however, there is no doubt as to the earnest and hearty support he will have from this section of the State, nor is there any question as to the hustling campaign he would make if placed on the ticket. With Mr. BOWER on the ticket for Supreme court judge and Mr. SPANGLER the candidate for State Treasurer, Centre county would have no reason to complain of want of recognition.

—If Gov. STONE removes Dr. J. T. ROTHROCK from his position as state forestry commissioner he will have deprived Pennsylvania of one of the most efficient and generally useful public servants it has ever had. The position is one, the very nature of which ought to remove it from political huxtering and Dr. ROTHROCK is a commissioner who has been wholly absorbed in his work, because he is a naturally inclined forester. His removal to make room for a QUAY henchman would be an offense that even the good sense of the QUAY people should resent.

—The fellow who complained that some people were “everlastingly at it” must have had reference to our present Republican board of county commissioners. They are “at it” so regularly that they don't let a day go by that the full amount of their day's salary is not charged up against the tax-payers of the county.

—When ex-Governor HASTINGS gets his two organs properly in tune and running order there ought to be no lack of music among the Republicans of the county, during the political season at least.

The Supreme Boss.

From the York Gazette. Senator Hanna's little interview the other day setting forth his opposition to bossism in politics was enough to make the sphinx smile or wink. Ex-mayor McKisson, of Cleveland, one of the leaders of the anti-Hanna Republicans of Ohio counters on the Hanna interview by an outburst of solid facts. In the first place the mayor declares that Hanna makes life uncomfortable and promotion impossible to Republicans who oppose his assertion of boss power, and that President McKinley long ago became disgusted at it, but that Hanna “has so deeply interwoven himself into all the different branches of the government that even the President is powerless to act, and nothing short of the power of the people will be able to overthrow him.” However true this may be, it does not hit the nail on the head so squarely as this statement of the Cleveland mayor: “Hanna today is at the head of a syndicate, composed of himself and other corporations, who are seeking to put the entire business of the country on a trust basis and to make all the ends of the government subservient to the trust of which they are the head.”

That makes plain Hanna's tremendous power and states a well known fact. Hanna is the creator of a trust of trusts to achieve and maintain political power. When we witness the growth of trusts within a few years, and see that Hanna has shown a capacity to combine them in the election of a President, with control over Congress and Legislatures, and to some extent over the judiciary, we see “where we are at.” A popular revolution, such as takes place in this country every few years, may break this interlarding power of the trusts, but nothing else will.

The West Will Not be for McKinley.

From the Potter county Democrat. Mr. McKinley's friends are alarmed at reports of defections among Western Republicans, which have reached Washington. That these reports are not without foundation is shown by the statement of W. C. Newman, a life-long Republican, who is the agent of the Cattlemen's Protective Association, of Montana, and who has been sent East to see if something cannot be done to revive the once prosperous foreign cattle trade. He said: “If the administration had come out boldly and allowed an open and honest investigation of the meat scandal, it would have created the impression abroad that this country was sincere in its efforts to furnish the best of meat to the domestic and foreign consumer. As it is, it will require years to overcome the prejudice the administrator's unwise action has caused. A great revulsion of feeling has taken place in the West within the past few weeks. I recently attended a semi-political meeting of ranchmen and farmers in Southern Montana, and, unless something unforeseen takes place, the administration's attitude will imperil Mr. McKinley's support by the Western states at the next National Convention. The backbone and sinew of the Republican party in the West is thoroughly disgusted with its present national leaders.”

Good Men Must Always be Paid For.

From the York Gazette. Perhaps if the government would revise its salary list so that men with ability and integrity would not be called upon to make sacrifices when they enter its service there would never be such disgraceful cases as that which the secret service officers recently unearthed in Philadelphia. It is a lamentable fact that from one end of the land to the other the national government and the Commonwealths demand the highest order of talent and offer in return a salary which is a mere pittance. The salaries should be revised so that an honest man, though he be poor, can take the responsibility of office. The salary list might amount to astonishing proportions, but in the end it would prove to be a wise move. The experience of the large business concerns is ample proof that this is so.

Even Mushrooms are Better Than Nothing.

From the Philadelphia Record. Although Congress has prohibited the granting of franchises or concessions in Cuba by any federal authority, there still remains the little Island of Puerto Rico as a field for franchise-grabbers. The colonial board appointed in January last to overlook the broad ground for possible concessions has been in Puerto Rico for nearly two months, and now returns with a grip sack full of rights and franchises which may be given away by the War Department chief. It isn't much in comparison with the possibilities of a Cuban loot so rudely interfered with by congressional action, but anything on which stock issues can be based will do in these piping times of speculative activity.

Corrupting Associations.

From the Buffalo Courier. For so innocent a statesman, Quay is singularly unfortunate in his friends. The arrest of Ingham, the former United States attorney, for attempted bribery of an officer to protect a gang of counterfeiters, is another evidence of the beauties of Republican rule in Pennsylvania. Ingham's assistant, H. K. Newitt, was already under arrest.

The People Believe Miles.

From the Harrisburg Commonwealth. General Miles can afford to ignore the petty assaults of the partisans of Secretary Alger. A thousand boards of inquiry cannot make the people believe that the war department has been properly conducted during the past year.

—Gov. STONE is whacking expenses wherever it is possible along the line of appropriations and private gratuities. He is keeping the small expenses down, so that he will have money on hand to favor the QUAY interests in the State.

—You ought to take the WATCHMAN

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Barclay Bros., lumbermen of Sinnema-honing, have announced to their 300 employees that a 10 per cent. advance in wages has been made, taking effect May 1st.

—The Fifth immune regiment which has been doing duty in Cuba, arrived at Camp Meade, near Harrisburg, Tuesday night. They will be mustered out of service some time next month.

—At Karthaus Friday night, Mrs. James Connelly was stricken with apoplexy and died instantly. Mrs. Asa Page, who was visiting her daughter, was stricken and died within five minutes. Mother and daughter together weighed over 600 pounds.

—Saturday a number of children were playing in a lumber yard at Altoona when a pile of boards toppled over and fell on Master Vincent Woomey, aged 5 years, breaking both his legs above the knees and bruising him considerably on the face and other parts of the body. Two other lads were slightly injured.

—In the saw mill at Cross Forks a few days ago, a knotty piece of wood split under the saw, and a huge silver flew back and struck Willard Irwin in the face. The piece fell through the jaw and came out through the upper lip. David Young, another employe, had one of his fingers nearly cut off by the edger.

—The Supreme court has handed down a decision that poultry running at large is wild game and may be killed by anyone without trespass. This will be welcome information for those who pride themselves on their fine gardens and who have the annoyance of seeing their early peas and radishes scratched out by their neighbors' hens.

—For the purpose of double tracking the system from Milton to Potts Grove the Philadelphia and Reading railroad has notified its agents between Milton and Newberry to advertise for laborers. One thousand men are wanted. Two sidings are to be built on the Catawissa branch and several double sidings between Milton and Newberry Junction.

—Governor Stone has granted respites until June 7th for Ralph Wireback, of Lancaster county, and James Preston of Chester county, two murderers, who were to have been executed next week. Wireback murdered his landlord, David B. Landis, who was endeavoring to have Wireback ejected from the house. Preston murdered his wife.

—Detective Keller, of Clinton county, Saturday arrested Daniel McQuay, of Dent's Run. McQuay is charged with being one of the burglars whom the officers have been looking for since Wm. Teats was jailed. McQuay has in his possession upwards of 150 logs, which he confessed belongs to Brown, Clark & Howe, of Williamsport. Other arrests will also be made.

—Tomorrow evening an open air concert and celebration will be held at Jersey Shore by the employes of the Beech Creek railroad in honor of the promotion of superintendent A. G. Palmer and other Beech Creek railroad officials by reason of the absorption of the Fall Brook and Beech Creek lines of the New York Central railroad company. The Fisk military band of Williamsport will give the concert.

—The installation of Bishop John W. Shanahan as head of the Roman Catholic diocese at Harrisburg was an interesting ceremony at St. Patrick's pro-cathedral Tuesday afternoon. About eighty priests, including a number from Philadelphia, were present. Vicar General Koch turned over the affairs of the diocese to Bishop Shanahan in an appropriate address and the new prelate responded.

—President Duffey, of the United States Mine Workers of the Hazleton district, Tuesday notified all miners and laborers employed in the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre coal company's workings that after May 19th members of the Mine Worker's union would not work with men who do not belong to the union. President Duffey said a general strike will be ordered if the coal company made any interference.

—John Wortz, of Osceola Mills, who is de-mmented, seems to be lost. He frequently during the past couple months crossed the mountain to the home of Martin Wortz, his brother, who lives in Decker hollow. Last week he made one of his periodical trips, but it seems did not return home as usual. Saturday he was seen wandering about the woods in the vicinity of Dunlap's shingle mill a couple miles above the reservoir in Sinking Run hollow. It is feared he is lost in the woods. He makes his home with his son Eli, at Osceola Mills.

—Wm. J. Henry, was tried at Towanda last week for the murder of George Rutledge, at Sayre on the night of January 12th last. The evidence adduced at the trial, and the acknowledgment of the prisoner himself, showed that Henry was in Mrs. Rutledge's bedroom and was there discovered by Mr. Rutledge who came home unexpectedly. He threatened to kill both his wife and Henry, and in an affray that followed a pistol in the hands of Henry was discharged and Rutledge fell dead at his feet. The jury rendered a verdict of murder in the second degree.

—The work of transferring the 68,000,000 silver dollars to the vaults on the new mint site from the vaults in the present mint and post office buildings in Philadelphia was commenced Tuesday. By a singular coincidence the first load of the precious metal—\$60,000—was carried in a wagon driven by Benjamin R. Wilber, who was coxswain on the ill-fated Maine when she was blown up in Havana harbor. Twenty millions of the \$68,000,000 have been at the post office, and all of this will be removed to the recently completed vault before the remaining \$48,000,000 at the mint is disturbed.

—The Blaisdell Bros. are building a large kindling wood factory at Portland Mills. The building will be 280 feet long and will contain 60 presses—giving a fifth greater capacity than the large plant operated by the same people at St. Mary's. The firm is made up of four brothers, who have almost exclusive control of the kindling wood industry in the eastern part of the United States; they now have in operation eighteen to twenty factories located in different States of the country. The factory, when completed, will give employment to one hundred and twenty-five hands, and will be a great benefit to that section of the country.