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Ink Slings.

Rain or no rain the Republican fight throughout the county continues to grow.

Very little is heard of OLGA NETHERSOLE'S clinging kiss, since the HOBSON smack has come to be the style.

The Republican who doesn't get a big fat slice of the swag that is going around now must be virtuous indeed.

Judge LOVE and his forces are very likely to discover where the Governor's mines are planted, to-morrow afternoon.

It is dangerously close to the firing line that both the Republican "ringsters" and the Republican "wreckers," in the county, are at this time.

The best of evidence that all of the hungry horde have not been fed is to be seen in the fact that there are already ten thousand applications for census bureau jobs. Their slogan is: We are the hungry and we must be fed.

Financial statistics report that there are \$180,000,000 of German capital invested in American railroads, not to say how much there is in American breweries and how much we invest in this German brewed American beer.

DREYFUS seems to be getting gay since his return to France. He now proposes to appear before the court of cassation as the accused, instead of the accuser. Whether the change will do the prosecuted Jew any good remains to be seen.

It is not what Governor HASTINGS did for him the last time he was a candidate that Judge LOVE need bother about now. It is what he'll do to him the next time that "his honor" will have reason to give some thought, when his thinker gets to working properly again.

The sad(?) sad(?) news has just been made public that Secretary ALGER intends to resign just as soon as he has made a report on the conduct of his department. We suppose that some great lime or white washing trust is about to be formed and he has been offered the presidency of the corporation.

Don't you see, brothers LOVE and CHAMBERS and DALE, that all that glitters is not gold; The former Governor wants you to see with his eyes, if your own are blinded by the gilded rays of that old QUAY gold brick. He went after it, himself, once and they say that a child once burnt has a mortal dread of the fire.

Granting that it be true that Populism is dying out in the West, what is there in that to indicate that Mr. BRYAN is not as popular as ever? He never was a Populist. His attitude toward Democracy has always been of the clearest cut and the fact that the Populists were able to endorse him for President only goes to prove that he was a man capable of inspiring the faith of all parties.

Entomologists, having discovered a new bug that springs into life every time the osulatory organs of two persons come in contact, have been considerably put out to find just what class in which it might be properly classed for biologists of the future. The name for it seemed to come without thought, for with one accord all persons said its name should be HOBSON.

The visit of the German Emperor, to that French training ship is hailed by the nations of Europe, as a truce to the French, who have been fawning over the Germans for years, with the hope of making up their differences of the past. Whatever may have been the real motives of the bumptious young war lord of Germany in doing as he did it looks very much as if he were really paving the way to visit the Paris exposition in 1900.

President HAVEMEYER, of the sugar trust, still maintains that trusts are the offsprings of the tariff and now Senator JONES, of Nevada, has come out with the announcement of his discovery that they are the progeny of the gold standard. While the two distinguished men have traced the origin of this pernicious growth upon our institutions by different means there is no gainsaying the fact that the Republican party is the sire.

The allusion which Mr. GEORGE NOX McCAIN made to the gold brick swindle in his now famous letter to the Philadelphia Press concerning Centre county politics was probably inspired by the bitter experience the former Governor had when he thought he was going to be made a United States Senator. Experience is a dear teacher and it is little wonder that the former Governor is solicitous about Judge LOVE and Mr. DALE now, though he is the last man in the world who ought to point the finger of scorn at them for playing for an evanescent glittering treasure.

The Cubans are learning Republican methods fast. At Bayamo the merchants combined to raise the price of food stuffs to an unreasonable figure immediately upon learning that six thousand of their fellow patriots had arrived in that place to lay down their arms and be paid off. This is the first evidence of studiousness on the part of our new acquisition and is sure to go a long way toward carrying favor with the Republicans. Any people who catch onto the idea of trusts, monopolies and syndicates so readily are surely ripe for admission to this monopoly dominated Republic.

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Put Them on Record.

A few of our cotemporaries, that have expressed an opinion on the suggestion of a mandamus to compel the Secretary of State to advertise and submit, to the voters of the Commonwealth, the amendments to the constitution proposed by the last Legislature, are of the belief that such a proceeding would prove futile.

But this is not the reason given by these papers for their belief. They assert that because the Secretary has not avowed his purpose not to do his duty, in this matter, no mandamus would issue, for the reason that the offense, which such proceeding was purposed to prevent, had not been committed.

To the writer, who knows little about the technicalities of the law and less about the rules of the courts, this seems like queer reasoning. If a mandamus means anything at all, or is of any use, it is to require the performance of a duty, just as an injunction is to restrain from the commission of a wrongful or illegal act.

Surely no sane lawyer or no just judge would hold to such a dangerous doctrine. This question of a mandamus on Secretary GRIEST is one of intent—and the intent in this case is as clear as could be shown in any case.

That there will be no amendments submitted, unless the courts are called upon to interfere and compel their submission, is just as certain to-day as is the fact of the Governor's interference by veto.

Possibly the courts, which are largely the creations of the State ring, would make the excuse that lawyer WOODRUFF and the few newspapers, referred to, presume they would, and refuse to grant a mandamus.

From the way the Republican congressional steering committee had to fight it out up at Narraganset Pier a few days ago it is beginning to look as if they are not going to have as smooth sledding on the currency question as they thought they were.

No matter how others may object to dragging the judicial ermine through the dirt and disgrace of local politics, ex-Gov. HASTINGS has no such scruples. He is willing to drag Judge LOVE'S ermine, and for that matter anything else he has on, through any dirt that he can find, and then wouldn't think that he was adding a particle to its defilement.

Alger Will Resign.

Current and fairly well authorized reports indicate that Secretary of War RUSSELL A. ALGER has consented to resign his office on the first of January next. This promise was obtained from Secretary ALGER by the importunities of Secretary of State JOHN HAY and Secretary of the Treasury LYMAN J. GAGE.

Under these circumstances the country must submit to another six months of ALGERISM with all the blunders and sacrifices and humiliations it implies.

For the reason that President McKINLEY doesn't dare to compel him to resign at once.

Because ALGER bought and paid for the place he occupies as much as he has the clothes he wears or the furniture of the house he lives in.

ALGER contributed to the payment of McKINLEY'S personal debts in consideration of the opportunity to reimburse himself by army contracts, and though ALGER'S blunders and venality "have embarrassed the President," as Senators HAY and GAGE state it, he was unable to relieve himself because the mortgage on his manhood is "still alive," as the legal phrase puts it.

Since the above was in type, ALGER has been induced, by vice President HOBART, to send in his resignation at once.

Now let McKINLEY follow his example.

The Extra Session Talk.

The rumors of an extra session of the Legislature have been revived though in a form that will hardly deceive any one. That is as published the story is so manifestly made to order that its effect could be certain to be discounted at sight.

The truth is that there has been no change of sentiment on the subject at all. WARD R. BLISS, Representative for Delaware county, publicly declared his regrets for having voted against QUAY the other day, but that impressed nobody.

There will be no extra session of the Legislature unless assurances are given in advance that QUAY will be elected, and the only chance for that is in the plan suggested by the WATCHMAN some time ago.

Some Washington Secrets.

Mr. SMITH D. FRY, the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Times, has been writing a good deal of history lately. Mr. FRY probably doesn't aspire to be known as a historian and sets up no pretense at all to being a maker of history, but he is where history is being made, and evidently not only a close but intelligent observer of events, and he has, what all newspaper men ought to have, the courage to tell what he sees.

Among the revelations recently made by Mr. FRY is the statement that RUSSELL A. ALGER is not responsible for the snubs and humiliations put upon General NELSON A. MILES, commander of the armies of the United States since the beginning of the Spanish war.

In his letter to the Philadelphia Times of last Sunday Mr. FRY treats of this question at length. After reciting some contemptible incidents, such as that by order of the President the mail of the War Department is withheld while MILES is acting under the law as Secretary, he quotes an official as saying that "WILLIAM McKINLEY does not believe that any citizen has the right to aspire to the Presidency while he has the bee in his bonnet."

This is putting a low estimate on the character and patriotism of Wm. McKINLEY. But it is an estimate amply justified by the facts. From the beginning of his course he has pursued a selfish and not at all an honorable course.

In that case he not only obtained public sympathy, under false pretenses, but secured contributions of money by fraudulent representations which is a crime under the law.

Risking Impeachment.

Mr. Secretary of State, ELWOOD GRIEST, may think there is no way by which he can be compelled to do his duty, and submit to the people the constitutional amendments proposed by the last Legislature.

The organic law of the State, Article 18th, Section one, provides that when any proposed amendment "shall be agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each House such proposed amendment or amendments shall be entered on their journals with ayes and nays taken thereon, and the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall cause the same to be published three months before the next general election in at least two newspapers in every county."

To fail to do that which the constitution requires is to take the chances of impeachment and removal from office.

Is Secretary GRIEST willing to take this risk?

Against These From Principle.

Our cotemporary, the Dispatch, seems to think it has made a strong point in charging the Democratic party with really being against protection under pretence of being against the trusts.

This issue was so overshadowed by the money question in 1896 that it was deliberately put in the background because nobody had anything to say about it at that time.

In course of time our esteemed cotemporary itself will be talking about protection having had its day, being no longer needed, etc., etc., in company with most of the other organs of its party.

Not of the Resigning Kind.

While predictions concerning the resignation of Alger may be classed as "extra-hazardous" it is a safe conclusion that the President would not hesitate long about accepting his resignation if it were offered.

This is hard, but it serves Captain Neall right. His life is ruined utterly, of course, but then it is more important that the standard of honor in the service should be maintained than that any man should escape the penalty of misdeeds, even of a kind for which charity can find excuses.

Mr. Bryan and New Issues.

William J. Bryan is the leader of the Democratic party and he fills the position in a brilliant manner, but so far he has not been successful. There is no reason, however, why he should not win success if he will deal in a wise and practical manner with the present conditions and make his campaign for the presidency on issues that will be approved by the majority of the American voters.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

The York banks have \$4,000,000 on deposit.

R. H. McGarvey has been appointed postmaster at Spangler.

A bicycle was found in a cesspool at York, where it had been buried by a thief.

While on duty at York, car inspector Jacob F. Baumeister was run over and killed.

Work has been commenced on the new \$40,000 boulevard between Bethlehem and Nazareth.

Harry Lyter, of Halifax, accidentally shot himself through the head Monday evening with a shotgun. He died soon after.

The corner stone of the new Methodist Episcopal church at Lewistown will be laid Sunday, July 30th, with appropriate ceremonies.

The new silk mill at Hazleton will be the second largest in the country. It will contain 60,000 feet of floor space and 1,000 hands will be employed.

Everett's school board has contracted for the erection of a new public school building, the price complete being \$12,210, nearly \$400 less than the architect's estimate.

The furniture and boot and shoe department of A. Feldman & Co. was destroyed by fire at Houtzdale Thursday evening. The loss is fully \$10,000, partly insured.

Mrs. Mary Williams, of Tyrone, was bitten on the hand by a copperhead snake while picking berries. Her life was saved through the immediate attention of a physician.

Harry E. Park, of Sinking valley, Blair county, scorched 30 miles on the bicycle, Tuesday. He then ate a hearty dinner and drank a large quantity of ice water and fell dead.

The Monastery Coke works, west of Latrobe, after an idleness of nearly five years, have been fired up. Seventy-five ovens are in full blast. Every oven at Hecla is now fired.

The Reading iron company has purchased the Ringold furnace and the land surrounding it at Pottsville from the Philadelphia and Reading coal and iron company. It is said the new owners will operate the furnace, which has been closed for the past 35 years.

Mrs. Isaac Birriolo, who was maliciously set on fire by her husband, Isaac Birriolo, on Wednesday, July 5th, died last evening. She made an ante mortem sworn statement accusing her husband of the terrible deed. Birriolo is in Wellsboro jail. Mrs. Birriolo resided at Blossburg.

During a severe storm recently, lightning struck the house of Thomas Glendon, in West Clearfield, entirely wrecking it. The house was split from roof to cellar, but the front part, in which the family was gathered, was left standing. A cow in a lot was instantly killed.

Six revenue officers, headed by deputy collector Dickson, recently captured two illicit whisky stills near Springfield, Somerset county. One of the stills had a capacity of eighty gallons; the other forty. The officers hid themselves and wounded one of the moonshiners, who fled at sight of them.

At Williamsport yesterday, while Isaac Taylor, aged 60 years, was adjusting an oil cap on a shaft in the Star mill, his long beard caught, and was rapidly wrapped around the shaft. Mr. Taylor succeeded in jerking his head away, but he tore off his whiskers. His face was badly cut.

At Hyndman while removing a pile of old cross ties near the railroad station, a few days ago, William Manges killed thirty-nine snakes of different species. They were garden snakes, house snakes, copperheads, blowing vipers, black adders and water snakes. There were as many as four under some ties, and from that many to one.

Otto Hess, of Clarkstown, went to Hughesville Friday night to deposit \$140 in the bank at that place. He found the bank closed and started back home. While he was driving along Glade Run about 10 o'clock, two men jumped in front of his horse, covered Mr. Hess with their revolvers and took his money. No clue to the thieves.

In Williamsport Saturday afternoon, Daniel Sholder, Mrs. Mullenkopf and Mrs. John Sholder, all of Locomotion creek, were thrown from a wagon, by the vehicle upsetting, while making a short turn. They were dragged about sixty feet under the wagon bed before the team was stopped. The three were badly bruised and cut. They were taken to the hospital.

A fourteen-year-old son of John Elkton, of Bradford county, was killed and his body terribly mangled a few days ago by a harrow passing over him. Mr. Elkton was sowing grain and the boy was harrowing it. The team passed over a nest of bees and the insects stung the horses and caused them to run away. The boy was dragged some distance beneath the harrow.

John Miller, a wealthy farmer of Indiana, who had been visiting his brother near Ceesna, about eight miles from Bedford, committed suicide Friday evening. He placed the muzzle of a double barreled shotgun against his abdomen and pulled the trigger with his foot. The heavy charge of shot tore a large hole through his body, killing him instantly. When his trunk was opened \$2,000 were found in it. He was a sufferer from stomach trouble.

Darius Cripp, while plowing in a field on the John Friday farm in Snyder township, near Tyrone, the other day, unearthed a rare coin. It is an English shilling of 1775 date, once worth 15 cents in American money, but now on account of rarity considerably more valuable. This coin, though one hundred and twenty-four years old, and likely nearly a century under the ground was as bright as if newly minted. The finder's father, John Cripp, of Tyrone, has already refused an offer of \$10 for it.

An explosion of dynamite, at Lopez, Sullivan county, a few days ago resulted in the annihilation of one Hungarian and the terrible wounding of another. The two men were engaged in blasting stumps with dynamite for a farmer. One of the men dropped some of the dynamite and an explosion followed that blew him to shreds. All that was found of his body was the back portion of his skull, and his feet, which remained in his shoes. His companion was terribly injured, his eyes being blown out.