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Ink Slings.

-CROKER's change of front is likely to give AUGUST BELMONT a pain.

-If BRYAN accomplishes nothing more by his trip to Kentucky he will certainly he brevetted a colonel.

-It will be but the matter of a few days until the ice cream festival will extend the hand of welcome to the oyster supper and usher it in as the replenisher of church and secret society treasuries.

-The ruling of the Philadelphia park commissioners whereby they prohibit the use of horseless vehicles in Fairmount park | new map of Luzon island, at least for some shows them to be as bad off for horse sense as the automobile is for a horse itself.

-BRYAN says "the platform should fit the party and the candidate should fit the its war, on the Filipinos, has been a success platform" and right he is. Let there be no question as to the Democracy of both and there will be no trouble about the fit.

-The inconsistency of Pennsylvania Republicans who elected a state ticket several years ago on a platform that demanded a circulation of \$40 per capita is seen when they kick at a policy that proposes far less.

The DREVEUS trial seems to be little more than an official license for men to air their views on everything under the sun, except the question at issue. The French idea as to the relevancy of testimony must be very comprehensive, to say the least.

-What the new Secretary of War wants to do more than anything else is to keep there need be no expectation of a general Rooring until he has the last trace of distribution of these maps. It is not infor-ALGERISM removed from that Department. mation that this administration is distrib-The smallest portion of that diseased regime is enough to contaminate the whole army information, and contents itself with the organization.

-If Mr. MARK HANNA or Mr. President McKINLEY would only include a little rain in this prosperity deal they are making Centre county pumpkins might be saved from looking like Egyptian mummies and the people have enough water to make the name of much of this dust mud.

-The tide of political events is beginning to take its way and it looks as if there would be a united Democracy to fight against trusts and expansion and a single gold standard. Most of the old luke-warms are getting back under the banners that will be arrayed against McKINLEYism.

-Attempting the assassination of the lawyers who are defending him will not help the case against DREYFUS. France evidently sees that a shameful army scandal is about to be exposed and prefers to exterminate the Jew, with all of his friends, to having such a disgrace brought

back to the bottles of one or the other side. but, on the whole, things are very quiet and we have heard it rumored that the vanquished would be willing to forgive and forget if they were assured of being placed on the calling list out at the mansion.

-TOM REED and RICHARD CROKER came home from Europe on the same boat and as soon as the Tammany chieftan had landed he had himself interviewed on BRYAN: stating that he thinks the fearless free silver leader to be a great man. The five day's association with the Czar of the Republican party probably brought CROKER to a realization of the nobility of the principles for which BRYAN is fighting.

-Let us see. The Republicans are in charge at Washington just now and didn't the Philadelphia Press of Monday, state that most of the mob that made up that Alexandria lynching party was from the capitol city? Strange, isn't it? The wonder is that the Press didn't try to make it appear that the lynchers were Texans, Louisianians, or citizens from some other one of the Democratic southern States.

-The DREYFUS trial has developed the fact that the French can fire up over the milkiest kind of language. Now the papers were full of the great excitement that DREYFUS caused when he said to MERCIER, who was on the stand, "you ought to tell the truth." Why those very mild words nearly caused a revolution in France and the question arises in our mind, what would have happened if they had heard SAM MILLER the morning after the Republican primaries in this county?

-The flood of contributions from the United States is sweeping over Puerto Rico in gladsome contrast with the great tidal wave that carried so much of desolation to that island only a week ago. Of course the expansion organs are making a great ado but that those best informed on matters about this munificence of the new owners of Puerto Rico, in contrast with what might have been expected from Spain, but dare one of them intimate that COLUMBIA would not have held out the succoring hand of charity to the distressed, no matter whose possession Puerto Rico might have been.

-The town council of Bellefonte went on record as in favor of charging distressed farmers 15cts. a barrel for water when every day of the year there are 448,272 barrels flowing out over the flood gates at the beau- taken. If there is not, if this reduction is listen for CROKER. tiful spring that gave the town its name. Nature was lavish with Bellefonte. Of the profits of a mammoth concern; to take from 21,024,000 gallons that the spring pours the mouth of labor the bread the prosperity has taken another boy to raise. She has out every 24 hours we consume only 1,300,- of the country should assure it, that cor- been married to HUGO GERALD DE BATHE. 000 when our greatest needs are drawing upon the great spring. The enormous over should be no protection for that capital altar. It wasn't quite necessary for the flow goes to waste and Bellefonte councilmen have actually gone to such an extreme as trying to realize 15cts. out of a few barrels of it that are needed by thirsty people But these are not that kind of times in the folded, if she were to be set down three



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Would Make an Object Lesson.

It is not probable that the War Department will make general distribution of its time yet. That publication, if sent broadcast over the country, would knock thunder out of the claims of the administration that and that it is nearing a glorious(?) conclusion. The map is four feet square and shows none of the islands of the Philippine group except that of Luzon. To appreciably understand what we have secured and accomplished by the payment of \$20,000,-000 to Spain and the active and fearless efforts of an army of twenty-five thousand brave and determined men, in nine months it is but necessary to place a child's hand on this man so that the lower part of the palm covers the city of Manila when it is seen that the balance of it covers all the territory now under our control.

An object lesson of this character ought to open the eyes of the people, and for the very reason that it would is the reason why uting to the people. It "blue pencils" belief that they are satisfied with promises, professions and expectations. To some extent this maybe true.

But there will be an awakening.

It will come when the people understand how persistently and determindedly they have been deceived. How information has been withheld from them, and the truth distorted by governmental censors, until they have been led to believe that a war that has scarcely begun is ready to be closed. It will be impressed upon them when they realize just what the War Department's map shows, that it is as this character. At least we don't see that near over as a baby's hand will cover a those persons who are always taking care square of five feet; that it is costing them of the "old soldier," or those papers that over \$200,000,000 a year, and that when it have so much to say about them when they is over and everything it brings is gathered want votes, are worrying anything about under our flag that all put together— the eleven old veterans who have been turnglory, hemp, naked niggers, chattering ed out by Governor STONE. In fact we chinese, cannibals, earthquakes, Filipinos have not seen that any Republican has and the whole sunbaked outfit-it won't be raised his voice against it or that the G.

As an object lesson this map would prove a blooming success. But the trouble is it won't be given circulation.

---- When GEORGE SCHOLL gets to figurcounty convention he will discover that he seems determined to travel, appears to was actually nominated for county commissioner, but had to be turned down at the order of the boss and that is probably the reason the clerks disagreed in their tally.

An Unexplainable Cut in Wages.

On Monday a most startling and what. at this distance, seems a most unwarranted seems, to those acquainted with the situation, so exceedingly strange.

The clear profit on every pound of iron turned out both from the furnace and the finishing mill has reached figures that should satisfy the most gluttonous of money makers. It is clean, clear profit, they can conjure up columns of stuff for a far above the expectation of any investor, and so promising of continuation that those who are enjoying it pretend to be of nor tolerated. anxious to make additional investments in the same line that they may enjoy it the

Can there be a cloud on the horizon of this iron boom that the public can not see, pertaining to it discern, and are preparing to meet?

Can it be that in the hour of its prosperity corporate greed is beginning a policy that is sure to produce strikes, for a subject and have reason to try to distress and destruction? Is this a feeler of the pulse of labor for other great concerns, or what does it mean?

than a greed for greater profits underlying ing public may know exactly what to exsuch action as this iron company has peet for months to come. Look out and but to add to the already unparalleled porate greed may be satisfied, then there a 28 year old, who "led" the beauty to the when the day of its tribulation comes.

wages are excusable and must be made, enough to know that she could find it blind there.

Sitting Down on the Old Soldier.

It is useless, we know, as a way of con-

The fact that Governor STONE, who made such loud profession of friendship for the of them from positions about the capitol hill, and filled nine of the places with men who were never near the army will possibly not change the mind of any veteran, but it certainly should show the inconsistency of Governor STONE and the folly of depending on the promises and professions of the Republican ring. If it eyes of some to see that when the ring wants a thing it wants it, and when it has the power and don't need their votes, it will take a place from a crippled soldier as soon as from any one else.

Eleven old soldiers turned out and nine heelers and howlers put in their places is not a commendable record for a soldier Governor who plastered himself over with flags in order to secure votes. It is a record which, if made by a Democratic official, would furnish issues for a dozen campaigns. The G. A. R. would be up in arms, its flags flying and its patriotism boiling from one end of the State to the other and there would be neither rest nor quiet until such a wrong was righted and such an "outrage" duly and effectively redressed.

But we presume it is all right when a Republican Governor commits a wrong of

-It may be a mistake in vision, or it may be a wrong conclusion as to situations, but at this distance every finger board. ing over the vote of the recent Republican along the way the Philadelphia Record point directly towards the spot where the McKinley camp will be located in 1900.

A Prolific Subject.

The return of RICHARD CROKER to this country must be a great relief to the Republican press just at this time. In fact, if we are to judge by results, it is a kind of a political God-send. The way things are cut in the wages paid workers in the beam | running with the administration, the changvard of the Cambria Steel Company at | ing and squirming and dodging of policies Johnstown occurred. The reduction is and positions has left the horn blowers of said to be from 75 to 80 per cent. and is be- the party in power, so to speak, in a hole. lieved to be the greatest ever made at one They don't know what to say or what to time at any works of this kind in this rant about. They don't know what to decountry. Why it was done is not made fend or what to denounce. And then the public, the management refusing to make awakening suspicion that Mr. McKinley's any explanation. That it should be done | ways and Mr. McKinley's ideas may not just when the iron business is enjoying the be the ways and ideas that will do to preboom it now is, and when those engaged sent to the people in 1900, so encompasses in it are reaping a harvest of profits such them about with silence on all subjects as has never before been hoped for is what connected with this administration that these purveyors of news, these discriminators of ideas, are actually run dry for something to talk about.

CROKER's return relieves them. He is a never failing well in the desert waste of ideas for them. Out of and through him gullible public that under a different condition of affairs would neither be thought

For the time the Philippine war, the financial question, Mr. BRYAN's actions, southern lynchings, Mr. McKinley's morning rides and all such matters will be allowed to take a rest, for CROKER is back and the "crookeduess of CROKER" and the "toughness of Tammany" will give thought and inspiration and new life to the columns of these journals.

Whenever Republican papers run dry befog the public mind they invariably fall back on BRYAN or CROKER and Tammany. They have had BRYAN all summer. Surely there must be some other reason | CROKER is comparatively new and the read-

-Mrs. LANGTRY, the English actress telegram to state that she "was led to the There are times when reductions in altar," for everybody knows LILY well miles distant from a strange church.

The One Question.

What part the Independents propose vincing the "old soldier" that Republican taking in the coming campaign seems to be promises are not to be relied upon, to point | the one thing that a few of the Democratic to instances of comrades being ousted from leaders and papers are bothering considerplace to make positions for able bodied ably about just now. What the Democrats civilians, but such instances are a good are doing or are going to do is the matter thing to have on record and for that reason that should most concern them at this time. we take up the little space this item occu- For, after all, if this State is to be saved from the further disgrace of ring rule; if its offices are to be run in the interest of the people; if the collar of the boss is to be takboys in blue, has already discharged eleven en from the necks of those who administer its affairs; if we are to have a government of the people for the people, in place of a government by QUAY for QUAY and his henchmen, it must come by and through the efforts of the Democratic voters.

The Independents may be all right, or they may be all wrong. If they are right, it is so much the better. If they are wrong don't even do this, it will, at least, open the it is only so much more work for the Dem-

But whether they are right or wrong the one great vital question is-are the Democrats at work? Are they organizing? Have they perfected and adopted a system of organizations that will reach to the humblest voter in the State; that will secure his registration, see that his taxes are paid, have him cast his vote and not let up until the vote is properly counted; and on the other hand will be prepared to prevent fraudulent registration and repeating in the cities and false counting wherever attempted.

Has anything been done looking to these ends? This is a much more important question than any query that can arise about the Independents.

What good will fifty thousand Independents do at the polls if a hundred thousand Democrats are left at home? What use for of Mr. Muchlbronner's gush: Republicans who feel the disgrace that bossism has brought upon the State spending their time and money to aid us in changing this condition of affairs, if we off monwealth of Pennsylvania appreciates set their efforts by failing to poll our own and recognizes your valiant services for the ARM OF THE AMERICAN EMPIRE." full strength?

These are the matters our leaders should line of imperial absurdity: be considering. And it is full time that they are considered. There can be no putzation is perfected and in the condition it attempt to lower a flag that cost the life of should be.

Is it in that condition?

This is the question for the leaders.
What the Independents will do, will naturally depend very largely on what we do urally depend very largely on what we do from the sublime to the silly.

If we can show them that with their help we can win, we will doubtless have that help. If we are not in a situation to do From the Carlisle Volunteer this, what is the use of bothering about what they propose doing.

Whats the Use.

Now that Mr. QUAY has gotten his own test between Hawkins and Barnett, and mind made up as to who shall be placed thus removes the danger of a split between upon his state ticket this fall, it will be in order for the Republican press and the Republican people to make up their minds his way home to family and friends, after very quickly that the men he has named arduous and dangerous service in the pesare the indentical chaps they have been the active Quay machine men are rejoicing aching to support. It took Mr. QUAY a over their unexpected escape from a dangerlong time to find out whom he wanted, but it shouldn't take the balance of the Republican party any time to know who it wants. Its wants are just what Mr. QUAY's wants are. He thinks, and acts, and speaks for it. In making up his mind he makes up the mind of the whole kit-air-kaboodle of ing his policy, Secretary of War Root has them. And this, possibly, is why he and already practically placed Major General ANDREWS and ELKINS have been overworking themselves down by the sea-side this summer. Thinking for a big party is to go; when there is no appeal allowed; to go; when there is no appeal allowed; responds with cordiality of co-operation in when the party gives up all thought of cone every official detail. This is a new departwork on the shoulders of one man there is an excuse for the time put in doing it.

As Mr. QUAY has finished the job there is no reason why there should be further work or worrying about it. In truth, we cannot see the sense or use in bothering about pect to have his recommendations favorably a convention next week. Mr. Brown, Mr. QUAY has announced, is to be the candidate for Supreme court judge. Mr. BAR-NETT, Mr. QUAY has concluded, shall be ADAMS, Mr. QUAY says, shall go upon the ticket as candidate for Superior court judge. What is the use of anything further?

Why a convention of delegates?

Why the time and expense of meeting? The work is already done. Mr. QUAY has so announced, and Mr. QUAY's announcement always goes.

Such is the greatness of Mr. QUAY. Such the vassalage of the Republican

There will be a hot time in Philadelphia next month, but DEWEY won't be

-You ought to take the WATCHMAN. | to have it done.

Spawls from the Keystone

-Alexander Reed, a well known resident of Clearfield, fell from his haymow Thursday and was killed

-It is reported that the receipts of Mr. Bernauer, the gentlemen who leased his farm near Gaines to oil drillers, are now

-A stir has been occasioned in National guard circles by the announcement that Lieut. Colonel Clement, of Sunbury, has decided to make a fight for the office of colonel of the Twelfth regiment, in opposition to Colonel Coryell, who has commanded the regiment for ten years. The election occurs on the

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A Difference of Opinion.

Ex-Governor Beaver is quoted in empha-

tic disapproval of the project for the erec-

being opposed to perpetuating the memory

rather inclined to favor a memorial of a

for example, a public library in the war governor's beautiful home town of Belle-

conferred by the heroic figures in cold

bronze or marble, which speak eloquently to the youth of many lands, inciting the

highest aims and the worthiest ambitions?

such memorials, and we have been rather

over anxious to make up the deficiency by erecting monuments of indifferent artistic

merit to many more or less examplary and

For towns, any that lack a public libra-

ry, there could hardly be a better form of

the graceful and proper way to do the thing would be to build the library with a niche

A. Muchlbronner for his reception speeches

to the Tenth, in which they say he indulg-

ed "in the exuberance of superheated pa-

triotism and confessed to imperialism as

the direct result of the United States hav-

ing planted the Stars and Stripes upon the

ippines." This is given as a sample

We have come not only for the love we.

who have known you in your homes, bear

for you, but also because the great Com-

And this further extract is in the same

"We have come to bid you a welcome to

an American soldier to place there.' Considering that the orator was talking

to a regiment not a man of whom but was

Secretly Pleased by Gallant Col. Hawkins

It is shocking to think of, but it is true,

for it crops out in all quarters, that the

Republican machine leaders regard the

death of Col. Hawkins as a fortunate event!

They say it "simplifies the nomination for

Treasurer;" that is avoids the con-

emorial to a distinguished citizens, but

other forms of memorial.

From the Pittsburg Post.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer

-Reuben Garies, of Pine station, Clinton county, recently caught three rattle snakes near his home. One of them is three and a half feet long and has thirteen rattles; the other about three feet long and has seven rattles and the third is about the same length and has nine rattles. One of them is shedding its skin.

-Lightning Friday afternoon struck the character that would benefit somebody; as, Westmoreland coal company's barn at Shafton setting it on fire. Many mules were in the stable, but they were saved. The wagon and General Beaver's position commends itother sheds about the barn also burned and self as sensible, and yet he is not fortunate the loss is estimated at \$5,000. The company in his utilitarian plea for a memorial that carried a small insurance and they will rewill benefit somebody, for how does he know whether great benefit may not be build at once.

-During a heavy thunder storm near Grampian, Clearfield county, Friday afternoon, the large barn on the farm of John Haley was struck by lightning and totally As a new nation we have been deficient in destroyed, together with all the crops and a thoroughbred bull. The barn was nearly new and the loss will probably reach \$1,500, with an insurance of \$500.

distinguished men, until it is well enough that there should be a reaction towards the state hospital for the insane at Danville, wants the name of the Commonwealth to conjure with, in a proceeding to test the right of courts to continue sending patients to that already over crowded institution, which he says, is nothing more than a place in its front for a bronze or marble figure of of detention under the present circum-Governor Curtin executed by a sculptor of stances.

the highest standing.

If the funds are lacking, wait for them. -On last Wednesday a fearful storm of hail, wind, rain and lightning passed over Monuments are for many generations, and what is to be done should be well done. the northeastern end of Cambria county, doing terrific damage to crops and farms. It is said that the hail was frozen together in Muchlbronner's Asininity. chunks so large that a stroke from one of them would surely have been fatal. Two Some of the California papers, just recows were killed by lightning on the farm of ceived, criticise with severity Mr. Charles

Mrs. Johnson, near Lloydsville. -Director-of-the-census Merriam has figred out that he will require a force of 2, 150 employes, including messengers, typewriters and clerks, to do the work of tabulating the census returns in his office at Washington when the job of actually taking the census has gotten under way. The places will be apportioned among the different States according to population. Pennsylvania will be given the handsome

allowance of 170. -During Thursday's storm lightning struck the tenant house occupied by John Koch and family, on the farm of Mrs. J. S. this great country, whose dominion your might and your valor has extended across Tombs, near Jersey Shore. It went through the entire house. Furniture was moved, worth the one, twentieth part of the A. R. in any part of the State has even ting off or evading conditions. The people the seas to another hemisphere and placed pictures knocked off the walls, and the money it has cost, to say nothing of the bothered enough to pass resolutions con- are right. Public sentiment is right. Con- Old Glory so firmly in the Orient that the things were shaken up generally. A steel -Well, the great fight has almost passed into history already. There are still a few "jags" floating around that can be run constructed by the season we home to ner.

Import to season the say nothing of the valuable lives that have been thrown away, demning his action. For this reason we ditions are right. Everything is right for take it that both the Republican people and as he has not had since 1890, if our organime minutes. Fortunately, the house did

> not take fire. -At Williamsport Saturday morning two brothers named Reed one about 12 years old. were on Lycoming creek fishing. They were in a boat of their own construction. It went to pieces. Both boys struggled in the water until the one rescued the other. Later in the day the two boys were half way across the river bridge, when they saw the Niagara express coming. They both jumped to the end of the ties, but one fell through into water fifteen feet below. He would have been drowned had not a man who was in a host near by dragged him out of the river.

-John McGuire Sr., of Chestnut street, Conemaugh, who had been employed by the Pennsylvania railroad company for the past forty-five years, was killed near C tower in the Conemaugh yard at 4.30 Saturday morning. During the past decade he has been making two nightly trips along the tracks between the tower at the Stone Bridge Johnstown, and the place where he was killed. He was walking on track No. 2 Saturday morning and was getting out of the way of the Morrellville shifter, when a train known among the railroaders as "Pink Eye" struck him on track No. 1. His death was instan-

-Guy Halsey, a young man who resides with the family of Morris Wallace, in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, met with a serious accident while hauling grain on Tuesday of last week. He had built his load and was on the way to the barn, but while descending a hill the load pushed forward on the team, which became frightened and started to run. In his effort to get them stopped he was thrown from the load forward, and found himself between the load and the frightened team. One leg was broken and the other sustained a fracture, but little better than a clear break. It was miraculous that the boy was not killed.

-Howard S. Mazarie and Thomas C. Mc-Kee, Pennsylvania railroad planing mill employes at Altoona, drove out on the mountain north of that city Friday night intending to pick berries Saturday. About 2:30 o'clock Saturday morning they were descending a steep hill in a thick wood near Dysart's mill, McKee walking ahead and lighting the way ommanding. Secretary Root did this so with a torch, and Mazarie driving, when the sciousness he looked for his companion and found him lying on the road thirty yards further down the hill. He was bleeding of his head above the temple, but was concity and reported the accident to the authorities and to the family of the deceased. Mazarie was 52 years old and leaves a widow and two children. McKee was painfully bruised by being knocked down by the horse and run over by the wagon. He was almost completely exhausted when he reached Al-

toons Saturday morning.

ous political situation. Miles and Root Work in Harmony. The New Secretary of War Has Quietly Put the Com-

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 .- Without herald-Miles in actual command of the army, and amicable relations now exist between army headquarters and the War Department. Official documents, orders, recommendaa big job and then when that thinking has | tions and suggestions are daily sent to the major general commanding and Gen. Miles sidering anything for itself and puts all the ure. For more than a year no official work on the shoulders of one man there is communication was held between the War Department and the major general com-manding except when General Miles for-mally addressed letters of recommendation to the Secretary of War, solely for the purpose of keeping his military record free from attack, but General Miles did not ex-

received or considered All this is changed now. One of the older army officers said: has nullified Alger's order of July 31st taking the official office of inspector general the nominee for State Treasurer. Mr. from the command of the major general delicately that the general public had no opportunity to appreciate it. Instead of instantly revoking Alger's order, Secretary over him. When McKee recovered conversion and Root should see fit to promulgate that order. He will never do so, consequently it is not necessary for him to revoke the order and thereby publicly rebuke Alger for his last spiteful attempt to belittle the com- from the nose and had a wound on the side manding general. The relations existing now might have always existed, but for the scious. McKee took off his coat and made a fact that Alger stooped to so many little petty deeds for the purpose of annoying and humiliating our foremost soldier. See retary Root is making haste slowly, but he is doing right and that is all that the army or the people can ask of him.

> -If you want fine work done of every description the WATCHMAN is the place