

—Take an oyster cocktail on the first day of the month that brings back to us the luscious bivalve.

—McKean county will likely be plagued with the itch as a result of the biggest buckwheat crop in its history.

—WALTER WELLMAN is back from the arctic regions with another route to the North pole. Of course it is not the one he failed on last.

—The window glass trust having fallen through it won't be necessary for people to resort to green apples and corn in order to procure cheap pains.

—Yellow fever has broken out again among the soldiers at Havana. It seems that the ROOF frost hasn't killed all the germs of ALGERISM yet.

—If Uncle SAM should visit the Sultan of Sulu and happen to be pleased with that dusky potentate's harem the world can look out for a few more Miss Columbias.

—The latest from the Filipinos is to the effect that Gen. PIO DE PILAR called Aguinaldo a liar and then shot him dead. It is good that PILAR shot the Filipino leader, for the latter would never have felt himself aggrieved by merely being called a liar.

—The President won't begin to get happy until all these home coming volunteers have arrived from Manila and been stowed away in the country and the DEWEYS case is ended, for then, and not until then, will the people have time to listen to the toot of his re-election horn.

—The fact of the two Italian sculptors having fallen dead while at work on the DEWEY triumphal arch in New York has led a great many Gothamites to believe that it is a hoodoo. Nothing singular about this. They are not the only foreigners who have fallen dead while getting mixed up in DEWEY triumphs.

—No one can successfully challenge Lt. Col. BARNETT's bravery in the Philippines, but we fear he will not be so courageous if elected State Treasurer. A dozen regiments of Filipinos didn't have near the effect on him that Mr. QUAY will. He will be the AGUINALDO whom BARNETT will not dare to defy.

—Word comes from the Philippines that Gen. ORIS has been displaying acts of mercy toward men who have been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for crimes against the military regime there. Mercy is at all times a christian visitation and it is well that we can extend it some times, but it has proven dangerous with the Filipinos as the beneficiaries. Unhappily for us they mistake it for cowardice.

—The people of Philadelphia sent \$50,000 worth of provisions to the suffering Puerto Ricans and the very next week reached down in their pockets and raised enough money to send the 1st Reg. from that city to Pittsburg to participate in the reception of the 10th. During the same time Bellefonte's council was charging famishing farmers 5 cts. a barrel for water. What a contrast and yet we all believe that there is only one good town in the State.

—Six years ago, last Tuesday night, President McKINLEY, then Governor of Ohio, began his campaign for re-election by speaking from the porch in front of the Col. JOHN TAYLOR home in East Liverpool, Ohio. The President was there Tuesday night, the sixth anniversary, and made another speech. This time he needed not to make a formal opening of his campaign for re-election to the Presidency, but his being on that TAYLOR porch on Tuesday night looks as if the President might be a little "superstitious."

—In mentioning the passage of the presidential party through that city on Saturday afternoon the Altoona Times concludes as follows: "The President shows but little of the weight of the cares of office." Good joke. No one knew that the "cares of office" had been bearing down on the President very hard, for if they had his conscience would not have permitted him to run off up into New England when the boys in the Philippines needed looking after. About the only "cares of office" that seriously worry him are the cares of his second term boom.

—The Philadelphia Press seems determined to stir up trouble whenever it is possible. In throwing bouquets at ex-Representative EMERSON COLLINS, of Williamsport, because of the speech he made at the Republican convention last week, it is encouraging that defunct Legislator to usurp the Hon. BILLY SWOOPER's treasured nom de plume "Boy Orator of the Susquehanna." The new DEMOSTHENES of Lycoming had better be careful of the usufruct of the Carwensville Statesman or the waters of the Chesapeake.

—Dr. SWALLOW says President McKINLEY has bowed to the liquor interests and the Harrisburg Star-Independent says "Impossible!" Because he has been too busy carrying water on both shoulders to risk spilling any by making obsequies to either side. The Independent's ground is well taken, but it seems to have forgotten the fact that in the President's first campaign TOM REED accused him of doing the country circus act of riding two horses at one time and if he was political acrobat enough for that trick then he must surely have learned enough since to bow with out spilling the water on either shoulder.

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To Be Expected.

We don't blame Republicans for attempting to divert public attention from their management of state affairs to that of questions growing out of the attempt to gobble the Philippine islands.

It is not to be wondered at that they would rather hear encomiums on the flag than about their debauchery of public offices and their betrayal of public trusts.

It is not strange that they show so much interest in the necessity for good government for the Filipinos and so little in the effort to get honest government here in Pennsylvania.

It is not surprising to learn how much they have to promise to the naked negroes, and the leprous half-breeds, of the Philippine islands and how few professions of better things they have for the business men, farmers and taxpayers here at home.

It should astonish no one that they devote so much time, and waste so much effort, to interest voters in matters that have no kind of connection with the offices that are to be filled in this State this fall, and have nothing to say about the way the duties of these positions have been performed under the direction of the ring.

There are reasons for this course. Substantial, imperative reasons. Reasons that appeal both to their hope of success and to the political existence of the machine.

A depleted treasury!

Crippled charities; inadequate asylums; unsupported hospitals; stolen school funds; closed trade schools; useless officials; overpaid and unworked clerks; padded pay-rolls, and all the long list of wrongs, by omission as well as by commission, that are chargeable to Republican control in Pennsylvania compels Republican silence when these questions are raised.

It is to avoid meeting these; to escape explanations that dare not be attempted, and cannot be made, that commands such grave-yard silence on the part of those who speak for the Republican party of Pennsylvania, when questions vital to the interests of tax-payers are in the balance.

It is to be wondered at that they point to the flag, to the Philippines, or to anything else on God's green earth, rather than to their own rotten and disgraceful record?

A Good Example For Other States.

The fact that a fusion of all parties opposed to Republicanism, as interpreted and attempted to be enforced by McKINLEY and MARK HANNA, has recently been accomplished in Nebraska creates no little consternation among those who imagined that Mr. McKINLEY's way was clear to a re-election because of the division of sentiment among those opposed to him. The New York Sun, which wants to be considered a mouth piece of the administration, warns the Republicans that what occurred in Nebraska may be expected in "a broader field and on a larger scale a year hence."

And we cannot see why it should not. If the voters are opposed to the policy of party in power, there is only one feasible way of changing it and that is by putting that party out.

This ought to be a government by a majority of the people. But it is not and seldom has been. The foolish and frivolous divisions among voters; the cranky idea of having everything just as each individual wants it or having nothing at all, so divides up the people into parties and organizations—each with its own ticket in the field—that in many instances, both of state and national elections, the successful candidate is elected by a minority vote.

In this State, which has been tax cursed and boss ridden for years, the majority of the voters are against the party and ring in power. The present Governor is a minority official by 12,680 votes. He was not the choice of the people, nor is his administration such a majority of the voters approve of. Why should this be so? Why allow prejudice and individual ideas and political whims to divide and distract the many until the few who are banded together, for their personal advantage, are able to win elections, rob the State, oppress the people and disgrace and demoralize things generally?

Pennsylvania could be made anti-Republican and anti-QUAY if those opposed to its present rule would only work together. Would there not be glory and benefit in doing so? Honest political effort leads, we believe, in this direction.

We are glad to see that the people of Nebraska have sense enough to lay aside irrelevant issues and join hands to secure the rule of the majority. It should be done in every State. If there were there would be much less cause for complaint and more reason for respect for governmental authority supposed to be made by the people for the people.

Nebraska's example, if followed by other States will prove the end of state rings, as well as the death knell of expansion, imperialism, trusts, syndicates, McKINLEYISM, and MARK HANNA'S dictation. It will make his "government of the people, by the people, for the people."

What Such Reports Mean.

Some one who is either a political idiot or is working for the pay he gets for furnishing such news, has been telegraphing from this place to the daily papers that the Democratic hopes of carrying the county this fall are based on the belief that Governor HASTINGS does not intend supporting the local Republican ticket, for the reason that most of the candidates upon it were considered QUAY men before their nomination. Whether the purpose of the writer of the dispatches is simply to get so much pay for filling so much space, or whether it is an attempt to leave the impression upon the QUAY voters of the county that the ticket is made up of their friends in the hope of rallying them to its support we do not know. But we do know that the hope of the Democrats of carrying the county is based upon no such idea. And we know, further, that any one who is green enough to expect that Governor HASTINGS will allow the election of a ticket, made at his dictation and with his vote, to go by default if his work or money can save it—especially if his success be used as evidence of what he can do when having control of the party organization, is too green to know much of politics and too obtuse to understand the motives that actuate men.

Governor HASTINGS' position may be a peculiar one, but it is just such a one as will compel him to bend every energy, and use every means in his power to secure the success of his county ticket, in order to hold the ground he has won here at home. He has made himself the Republican boss of the county. He has placed his recent partner and closest friend at the head of his organization. He has put himself in the position to show what he can do as a leader and a boss. He dictated the ticket. As a delegate he voted for every man upon it, and through his manipulation defeated those whom he did not want nominated, as was the case with GEO. W. SCHOLL, who aspires to be Commissioner. He boasts that he now controls, and intends keeping control of, his party organization, and he knows, just as well as any one else, that any lukewarmness shown on his part, or any betrayal of his county ticket at the coming election, would end all hope of his longer rule and all expectations of the nomination and election of two HASTINGS Republicans to the Legislature in 1900.

This last is what he is after. Should the Republican county ticket prove successful, now that he is home taking an active part in local affairs and with him the acknowledged boss of his party in the county, is there any one silly enough to think that he would not both claim and deserve the credit for that success? And if under his management he could secure the election of his ticket, in a county that gave 1300 majority against Governor STONE only last fall, would it not strengthen and build him up all over the State?

His ambition has not yet been satisfied. He is hopeful that in the fight for United States Senator next year, his name will be the one the Independents will present as their candidate. To aid in this he wants two members of the Legislature from this county at the next election. To secure these, the influence and support of the county officials would assist materially. If he can win these this fall it will assist him just that much next fall and his success then would go a great ways toward putting him at the front again in the Republican politics of the State.

This is his hope and the Democrat who could be foolish enough to imagine that Governor HASTINGS would, under the circumstances, give him any assistance, would have about as much political sense as the QUAY Republican, who imagines he can help the ex-Governor carry the county for his local ticket and not be adding to his political influence and power.

At Work.

The Democratic state committee rooms were opened at Philadelphia on Tuesday last, and it is promised that the work of perfecting the organization, registering the voters and preparing for the election will be vigorously pushed from this time on. It is to be hoped that this promise will be faithfully fulfilled. It may be late in beginning the work, but it is better late than never, and as conditions now appear to be in this State, intelligent well directed work on the part of those in charge of the committee may produce results that everybody but the state ring will be thankful for.

With the Democracy united and harmonious as it is; with the dissensions there are among Republicans, and the general disgust there is with the rule of the ring, there should be no trouble in making such a contest as would relieve the Commonwealth from the disgrace of being controlled by a dictator, and from the debauchery that has depleted her treasury and left her charities and schools without adequate support.

There is plenty of work for the state committee to do and if it sizes up to the job there are substantial reasons for hopeful results in November.

Closer Communion Needed.

It is very evident that Mr. QUAY, ex-United States Senator, and, by reason of its cowardice and subservency, boss of the Republican party of Pennsylvania, is not in President McKINLEY'S confidence—at least not to any very confidential extent. Boss QUAY, for the sake of the patronage he could get and the power that patronage would secure him, was anxious to have his party hurrah for and endorse just whatever policy that patronage distributor desired.

Had he known what that was there would have been no question about what his convention would have resolved and in place of blabbering about "supporting the war" and "maintaining the supremacy of the flag," his party in the State would have been as positively committed to a policy that demands the "permanent possession of" and "sovereign control over" the Philippine islands, as the President now is.

That Mr. QUAY didn't get on the ground floor in the presidential push; that the party and State that he owns and controls was not the first to declare for the new doctrine of "imperialistic expansion," and the governmental responsibility for islands, that are no good to any one, as well as the acts of 6,000,000 untutored savages who know no law, is due entirely to the want of confidence the President has in him. Pennsylvania Republicans stood ready to endorse any doctrine Mr. QUAY might announce. Mr. QUAY was ready to endorse any policy Mr. McKINLEY might have, but through the mistrust of the President and his want of confidence in Mr. QUAY the great Republican party, of the greatest Republican State in the Union, is left fighting for the maintenance of the flag while its presidential choice is going over the country fighting for the "permanent possession of" and "the sovereign control over" the Philippines.

To look exactly right there ought to be a little better understanding between the Republican candidate for re-election to the Presidency and the people whom he expects to re-lect him. Want of confidence is sometimes a fatal failure, but in this instance it can doubtless be fixed up by a liberal distribution of official postage.

—We are very happy to have reason to apologize to those ministers whose prayers for rain we charged with not being full enough of faith. It came last Friday afternoon and there was more than one thanksgiving went up to Heaven for the refreshing rain that fell to quench the parched earth in this quarter.

No "Republican Day" This Year.

There was no "Republican day" at the Williamsport Grangers picnic this year. There will be no Republican day at any of the big gatherings of farmers anywhere in the State this fall. And there is reason why there will not be. The farmers are the people upon whom the Republican robbery of the public school funds falls most heavily. It is out of their pockets that the local school tax comes, and they are just beginning to realize how much more their local tax will be in consequence of the reduction of the state appropriations to public schools. Some of the farmers are queer fellows. They are curious enough to want to know the whys and wherefores of matters in which they are interested. They are curious enough, at times, to ask questions, and to answer the questions they might ask about the reduction of the school appropriation, the refusal to tax corporations, beer brewers and others, while the farmers were left to make good the needed school tax, would be embarrassing.

It is to avoid this embarrassment, that there will be no "Republican day" at farmers picnics this year. Mr. QUAY, Mr. ELKINS and the rest of the ring, have determined that there is more for them in talking about the advantage of a freer government for the Philippines, than about free schools and the tax to keep them up here in Pennsylvania. Their speakers are not expected to bother much with the farmers this year. Hence the shutting down on "Republican day."

Paying a High Price For McKINLEYISM.

It is costing the people of the United States \$500,000 a day to carry out an imperialistic policy designed solely to aid the re-election of President McKINLEY. It has been costing them this for many months. It may continue to cost them this for years to come. When you get down to soberly think of this expense, of the lives that are sacrificed, of the sorrow and suffering that comes with all wars, of the little to be gained, and the trouble and never ending care that must be saddled upon this country if successful, don't you think we are paying pretty dearly for the glory of continuing Mr. McKINLEY in office four years longer?

—The President shows a long head in not planning to stay very long at the DEWEY reception in New York. He knows how his poor little glib will be hidden under the DEWEY bush and, who knows, it might be doused entirely.

Annexation Not Advisable.

BUFFALO, Aug. 29.—Before the American bar association to-day Senator William Lindsay, of Kentucky, discussed the legal aspects of the Philippine question. He first argued for the constitutionality of the government's right to acquire the Philippines, by reason of its power to make war and negotiate treaties and he denied the truth of the statement that these islands must eventually be organized into a State for admission to the Union. Discussing the aims of the government in the East he said:

"American dominion in the Philippines will destroy none of the ends of the government; will disregard no one of the inalienable rights of man; will terminate the despotism under which their people have lived for more than 300 years. The Philippines have never been free. In submitting to the authority of the United States they surrender no privilege or immunity. It cannot be that their right to a government to which they give their consent is more sacred than was the like right of the people to the succeeding States."

It may be admitted that we ought not peremptorily to annex a country whose inhabitants are incapable of attaining a capacity for self-government, and the climate of which forbids the migration of Americans or Europeans in numbers sufficient to eventually control political and social conditions. I do not claim that the government of the United States is specially adapted to a colonial policy, or that its methods of administration qualify it, in any marked degree, to hold and govern dependencies in any portion of the world, proximate or remote. On the contrary, it is of doubtful expediency to hold colonies or dependencies at all, and such holding can only be justified by necessity. When, however, duty admits of no escape without the sacrifice of national honor or dignity, the necessity then exists.

The speaker referred to the fact that the Filipinos attacked the United States forces before peace had been declared, and then said: "When Aguinaldo and his chiefs determined to resist the transfer of the Philippine allegiance from Spain to the United States, they elected to continue a war which the Spanish government had solemnly renounced and abandoned. They tendered an issue which the United States could not refuse, and doing so, they assumed the responsibility for all the evils that have come, or may hereafter come to the Philippine people, from a contest, which on their part is as inexcusable as it is manifestly hopeless. There can be but one ending to the unfortunate contest. The sovereign authority of the United States will be established, and under and through their beneficent control peace will take the place of war, order will supplant lawlessness, and justice and mercy prevail, where force and fraud and cruelty once seemed to have their perpetual abiding place."

At the afternoon session Sir William R. Kendal, a case of the high court of justice of England, was introduced, and delivered an address on "State Punishment of Crime."

Uncle Sam is Putting Up for a Sulu Harem.

The inconsistency of those who are urging that Congressman Roberts, of Utah, be refused a seat in Congress because he is a polygamist, and at the same time are defending President McKINLEY'S policy in the Philippines would be utterly ridiculous and amusing if it were not so shameful. It may not be generally known, but our government is paying the sultan of Sulu, in the Philippines, a larger pension than he received from the Spanish government. One of the grounds on which the sultan demanded this increase was that our intervention in the Philippines has increased the cost of keeping his harem.

We do not want to be understood as defending polygamy. On the contrary, we approve of every possible legal means of stamping it out here or anywhere else, and if Congressman Roberts has broken the law in this regard he ought to be punished just like any other criminal. But we also condemn the spending of the people's money for the support of an eastern harem.

Presidential Toadyism.

It was solemnly announced in the Pittsburg daily papers the other day that "in deference to the President's religious opinions, both ministers who take part [at the reception to the Tenth regiment] in the exercises are Methodists." In deference to American manhood somebody ought to take a good sized stuffed club and beat some common sense into the heads of a whole lot of "toadies" who do not seem to have enough manhood about them to walk upright, but go crawling on their bellies like a lot of lickspittles. You might just as well say that in deference to the President's religious opinions, there shall be no ministers except of Methodist belief, and that is no more disgusting or foolish than the above expression.

We Have Them Right Here in Bellefonte Too.

Business men expect the newspapers to boom the town, and thus indirectly boom their business. That being true, the business men should do all possible to boom the newspaper. Good newspapers represent the spirit of the town and its people. There are several business men in Phillipsburg who are continually wanting us to do this, that, or the other thing (which generally concerns themselves more than the public), but when we ask them to advertise it is quite another affair altogether. Those who do not advertise nor even subscribe for the home paper are always the worst to complain about the paper.

An Improvement on the French.

In a Louisiana duel all four of the participants were killed. If all duels would terminate in that way the dueling business would soon become unpopular.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Among the enlistments at the United States army recruiting station at Williamsport Saturday were Barney Lucas and Bert Benchan, of North Bend.

—Mary Ricketts, a colored Williamsport domestic, has been jailed in default of \$200 bail on the charge of stealing diamonds to the value of \$120 from Louis Cohn, her employer.

—Several dogs got into the herd of sheep belonging to Andrew Smith on the George Herr farm, near Salona, Sunday night, killing one, and so badly injuring three or four more that they will die.

—The trial of J. C. Harmon, charged with the murder of Ezekiel Hewitt, at Clearfield, has been postponed until the December term of court, owing to the illness of S. V. Wilson, senior counsel for the defense.

—The oldest man in the P. R. R. company's service is Edward Lockhard, 91 years old. He is a laborer in the Altoona shops, and is still able to do a good day's work, although his labor is made light for him.

—There was a head end collision on the Beech Creek railroad near Beech Siding, Saturday afternoon. Through some misunderstanding two local freights crashed into one another. Both engines were damaged, but none of the crews were hurt.

—Altoona accommodation pulled into Johnstown Saturday morning with a large leghorn rooster perched on the pilot of the locomotive. As soon as the train stopped gateman James Greenwood attempted to capture the bird, but just as he reached for it the rooster flew over to the hillside and started to reduce the insect population. The engineer said he didn't know where the fowl boarded the train, nor is he able to understand how it managed to stick to the pilot.

—The safes in the post office and P. R. R. station at Cresson were blown open by burglars early Saturday morning. Only \$2 in cash was secured, but the damage to the safes and furniture amounts to \$700. Probably the same burglars robbed the Cambria county treasurer's office Saturday night. The thieves drilled into the safe and blew the door off with dynamite. They secured between \$300 or \$400 for their pains and escaped.

—The Berwind-White coal company is buying from 4,500 to 5,000 acres of coal lands from some thirty prominent farmers in Conemaugh township, Somerset county. The deal has been in progress for some time and part of the sellers have received their money from the coal company, while others are expected to transfer their property to the corporation within the next sixty days. The price paid per acre is said to be \$18. The land lies in the vicinity of Davidsville, Tire Hill and Bens Creek.

—At Holidaysburg Thursday jail warden Baird inaugurated the prison labor system and had a ball and chain gang, consisting of six burly prisoners, five blacks and one white man, at work cleaning the grass from the public street, gutter and pavement in front of the jail. This gang, which is entitled to the distinction of having inaugurated the ball and chain labor system in Blair county, was selected from a number of hobo tourists who were sent up for thirty days by mayor Giles, of Altoona.

—The citizens of Madera naturally feel elated over the boom their town is likely to experience as a result of the industry now being established there, known as the Carman manufacturing company, composed chiefly of local capitalists, for the purpose of manufacturing a new invention known as the Carman combination couch and bath-tub. A three-story building, 50x100 feet, is now in course of erection. It is expected the plant will be ready for operation about six weeks hence, when perhaps over 200 hands will be employed.

—Marion Werts, of Westport, made a miraculous escape from instant death the other night while driving a horse from Shintown to his home. The boy was turning his horse in the road a short distance west of Shintown when the animal made a plunge over the steep embankment. The distance from the wagon road to the railroad crossing is more than a hundred feet and down this dizzy height horse and wagon went. Young Werts probably owes his life to his presence of mind. While he did all in his power to keep the horse in the road, when he saw the animal going over the steep declivity, he promptly jumped and escaped with but little injury. The horse rolled to the bottom of the hill and was instantly killed. The wagon was a complete wreck.

—George L. Denny, of Fayette county, comes to the front with a curiosity in the way of hatching chickens. Several weeks ago he selected a large fresh egg, which he marked for a nest egg and placed in a nest. He would get over a dozen eggs out of the nest each evening. A few evenings ago while gathering the eggs he was surprised to find a young chicken in the nest. He made an investigation and found that the nest egg had hatched. He said that so many hens occupied the nest during the day that they kept the nest egg at a proper temperature all the time and as a consequence the egg hatched. The little feathered beauty has no mother to hover under but it makes its home in a little box in the yard. Mr. Denny is making a pet of it.

—The history of Mrs. Mary Anderson, who lives in the wilds of Potter county, would make an interesting one of lights and shadows, if it were faithfully portrayed. She is the widow of Ole Bull's secretary in the famous Oleona colony scheme. Before marrying Anderson she was the widow of one of the early settlers of Potter county named French. After his death she became cook at the colony where she got acquainted with Anderson. In her days deer were plentiful, and were seen in droves and panthers and wild cats prowled in every ravine, while wolves made night hideous with their howls. Mrs. French was an expert rifle shot, and killed scores of these animals. One night when delayed on her way home she was treed by wolves. She could see their shimmering eyes, and, aiming, as directly as she could, she killed five before her husband could come to her rescue with a torch and the ever trusty rifle. She is now 86 years old and suffers from rheumatism.