

Ink Stings.

Has any one heard the Republican nominee for sheriff state whether he is with the HASTINGS faction in earnest.

The Scranton school board has about decided to taboo the bicycle skirts worn by the teachers in the public schools of that city.

With Honesdale as a shining example of what an active Village Improvement society can do in the way of cleaning up and beautifying a town, would it not be a good plan to let the women organize a State Improvement society and go to work cleaning up on Capitol Hill?

The President has telegraphed the New York reception committee that he can't participate in the naval parade and reception or the military parade and review in honor of DEWEY's home coming.

LIZZIE KING, the St. Louis girl who refused to let HERMAN CRIGE take his forfeit after he had caught her in a kissing game, deserves to suffer with blood poisoning as a result of HERMAN'S having bitten her cheek in his desperate effort to steal the kiss he had earned.

ANDY CARNEGIE declines to run for a seat in the British Parliament and while making such a declination he has announced that his naturalization papers as a citizen of the United States are locked up among his most valuable papers at his home in New York.

The sudden death of CORNELIUS VANDEBELL, head of the millionaire family of New York, simply goes to prove the oft repeated phrase that riches can't buy all things. Though surrounded with every luxury and attention that fabulous wealth can command he was only mortal and when that one disrespector of persons, death, comes no sum of money or proud manner can buy it off.

The Shamokin doctor, who tried to hypnotize a four foot rattlesnake on Tuesday night and was bitten so badly that he only escaped dying through the concerted efforts of all the other doctors in the town, couldn't have been as meek as his name would indicate. When it comes to hypnotizing rattlesnakes a man must be either a fool or drunk before he would undertake such a dangerous job, but since this Shamokin doctor's name is MEEK we certainly must cast about for another reason for his mishap.

Up in Boston, where culture is so much prated about and the moral atmosphere is so pure that a statue of a Bacchante sends it into morified, shocking waves, it requires three hundred and forty more police to maintain order than it does out in St. Louis, where they are not traveling on their correct English all the time.

Senator FLINN'S announcement that he will support the stalwart Republican ticket this fall is only what might have been expected. Any one who knows anything at all about the kind of a reformer Senator FLINN really is knows that, so far as he is concerned, it is only a sham and a delusion. He played to the galleries during the last session of the Legislature and some might have been fooled, but FLINN is FLINN, all the time, and whenever you get him mixed up with any honest effort for reform you have another geyser comin'.

The peculiar part of the reform movement in Pennsylvania is the number of sources from which it emanates and its invariable failure to reform. The Democrats, Independent Republicans, Prohibitionists, People's party and Socialist Labor voters are all striking for reform and if they would combine on the same road against the Republicans they could win easily.

It is they who give power to the ring. It is the ring that is responsible for this disgrace and wrong. Shall it continue to rule? That is the question that has now to be determined by the very people who must tax themselves additional to make up the million of dollars that was taken from their school fund, or still further reduce the wages of their teachers or the length of their school term. Have they the spirit or determination to assert their manhood and stand for their own interests?

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Goodness gracious, what an arrogant assumption. The Christian world has always held that the church's only hold is on God and here this young Dutchman sets it all by the ears by proclaiming a new doctrine with himself as the inspiration. According to his notion COGHLAN'S song didn't go far enough. Instead of being "Me und Gott" it ought to have been "Me."

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A Disgrace and a Wrong.

It is a pitiable condition of affairs, in a great and productive Commonwealth like this, that teachers in the public schools of some of its districts receive less pay by the year than the average cost of keeping its criminals in certain of its institutions, or the paupers in many of its almshouses, amounts to. Yet this is a fact, or the last annual report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction is wrong. The figures he gives show this to be the case and the showing is the more shameful because the wrong that makes this condition of affairs could be so easily righted, if the people but would that it should be so.

In Massachusetts the average pay of teachers per diem for the whole year is \$1.56; in New Jersey it is \$1.54; in Connecticut it is \$1.20, while in Pennsylvania it does not come quite up to \$1.00. This, in some instances, may be due to parsimony, but in very many districts is chargeable alone to the inability of the taxpayers to meet the demands made upon them for other local purposes and the additional amount necessary to pay their teachers living wages.

Such are the tax laws in this State that a larger proportion of its wealth escapes local taxation entirely. Corporations owning property running into millions of dollars and enjoying franchises denied the individual taxpayer and from which unlimited profits are realized, pay neither to road, school, poor nor municipal expenses. The entire burden of these, along with a full share of state, taxes fall upon the unremunerative acres of the farmers, the homes of the laborer and mechanic, and the occupation of her citizens. To equalize, to some extent, this unjust system of taxation corporations were made to pay a small proportion of the school expenses, through a system of state appropriations from state funds, a part of which was collected as corporate taxes. It was the only way corporations could be made pay school taxes.

Last winter it was discovered that the state taxes levied were insufficient to meet state expenditures under the profligate management of the Republican state ring. Either the taxes had to be increased, or the expenditures reduced. To increase the taxes was to make corporations pay a proportionate share of that increase. To reduce expenditures was to cut down the emoluments of useless officials who are paid fat salaries for their services to the ring. Neither of these propositions would suit the necessities of the state machine, and the happy thought was originated that a million of dollars could be taken from the school fund of the State, and thus save both the corporations and the fat salaries paid their official henchmen. It was done, and the public school system, that compels districts in the State, in consequence of the poverty of its individual taxpayers, to pay to its teachers less than the cost of keeping state criminals and paupers, is further crippled to the extent that either the disgracefully small wages now paid their teachers must be reduced or the school term, now short enough, lessened.

These are the inevitable results in districts in which taxation for school purposes is up to the law's limit. In others it means either of these or increased taxation for our already over taxed people. And for this condition of affairs—for the disgrace of a State that places a less valuation upon the service of its school teachers, than it pays as a charity for its criminals and paupers, as well as for the wrong of robbing the individual taxpayer, that corporations should escape their share of public burdens, the people themselves are responsible.

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Which Will You Endorse?

The Republicans of the county are placed in a very peculiar position this fall. Their county ticket was placed upon a platform that unqualifiedly endorses and unstintingly praises every official and partisan act of ex-Governor HASTINGS. At the same time it openly condemns the Republican state administration and utterly ignores both Senators QUAY and PENROSE.

On the other hand the Republican state ticket is placed upon a platform that strongly approves all that the state administration has done, endorses both QUAY and PENROSE, and shows its disgust with Governor HASTINGS by failing to refer to him or his conduct while acting as chief executive.

To vote for the Republican county ticket, and the platform it stands upon, is a vote to commend and endorse ex-Governor HASTINGS, and will be so construed.

To vote for the Republican state ticket, and the platform it stands upon, is a vote to endorse Governor STONE and all that he has done, as well as to commend both Senators QUAY and PENROSE and the ring rule they represent.

We give below the resolutions referred to and Republican voters must choose for themselves which of these leaders they will cast their ballot for:

A VOTE FOR THE REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET IS A VOTE FOR THE FOLLOWING: We view with gratification the administration of our distinguished fellow citizen, Governor Daniel H. Hastings. We approve his fearless and unflinching efforts to protect the State Treasury against political raiders and machine jobs. We applaud his exposure of the wicked pay rolls and indemnity bond, and his wise use of the veto power at all times in the interest of the people. We commend his observance of strict regard for constitutional prerogative and state law regardless of partisan demand, as well as his concern for the varied institutions of the Commonwealth, educational, charitable and penal. His devotion to the interests of the volunteer soldiers of our State, whose every movement was under his watchful eye, was fully exemplified in his organization of state hospital trains for the relief of the soldiers in the camps in the South, and we are deeply grateful to our fellow citizens of the State at large, who shared with us these humane and unselfish ministrations.

Taking Care of Themselves.

Evidently the bankers consider the people a blind lot, generally, or they don't care a bobbe as to what public opinion is about their own selfishness. Last week they held their annual convention at Cleveland, Ohio. As the usual business of their meetings is to attend to the money matters of the country, but more particularly to attend to them in such a way as will best serve their individual and corporate interests, they proceeded to do so by mapping out a financial policy for the administration, and in a series of resolutions instructing Congress what to do on the money question. In their estimation the next session of Congress, "should move firmly and unequivocally establish the gold standard by the enactment of laws making all obligations of the government and all paper money including the circulating notes of national banks redeemable in gold." They don't say a word about corporate or individual obligations. They have not a suggestion as to their own obligations to the public.

Their indebtedness to depositors could be paid by them in such money as they saw proper to hand out over the counter, but when they have their deposits with the government cashed, it must be handed them in gold. Considerate bankers! Unselfish citizens! How their liberality bubbles up and their pockets expand when they are considering matters that pertain to their own welfare?

They paid the government for the bonds they now hold in greenbacks, silver and in just such money as they could get hold of. Why should their demand for gold for that for which they gave other kinds of money be heeded! Are they better than others, that laws should be special in their case and that those owing them should be required to pay in gold, while those they owe could be put off with any kind of money? In short the bankers position is—"gold for us and let the people take what they can get." And its position of a large majority of single standard advocates.

While the farmer is getting 63cts. for his wheat, 30cts. for his corn and 25cts. for his oats is the time for him to look around and find out where the prosperity is striking him. He is paying more for his clothing, more for his plows, forks, mowers, rakes, and everything else that he uses, while he is getting less for all of his products than he did a year ago. This is the McKINLEY prosperity, but it is not calculated for the farmers.

Reform Day at Grange Park.

The principal day at Grange park next week will be the one on which the great rally for reform and honest government will be made.

Hon. W. T. CREASY, the farmer candidate for State Treasurer who is pledged to reform the management of the public funds and straighten out the crooked ways of the State Treasurer's office, will be there as will also Hon. GEO. R. DIXON, of Elk county, who was Mr. CREASY'S main stay in the last Legislature when the great fight for honest government was made.

CREASY and DIXON were the two recognized leaders of the reform movement and their coming to talk to the farmers of Centre county should attract a great crowd to Centre Hall on Wednesday. While it might appear that their visit is purely political this is not the case. Mr. CREASY is a Granger himself and will attend the picnic as one of the order who is unselfishly giving his time to heading a fight that it is hoped will some day end in an economical state government and an equalization of taxes. Candidate CREASY was a reformer before there was a possibility of his getting into office through it. He was a reformer because he is a poor man and a farmer and feels the burden so hard that he can bear it no longer. He struck for reform at Harrisburg last winter. Then the effort was without avail because the plunderers were in control. Now he is going before the people seeking them to clean out this political mire's nest at Harrisburg and make a government that will be a credit to our great State.

Go to hear CREASY and DIXON. Lend your presence at least to their laudable crusade against vice and corruption pampering. —Erangelist MOODY has spoken to those tender, solicitous words that he always employs when it is his heart that is talking. He has spoken of the inhumanity and shamefulness of the DREYFUS conviction. But while sympathy is sweet solace to the sorrowing all that can be felt for the persecuted Frenchman will not militate against the harshness with which his superiors in the army will treat him.

A Crippled Issue.

Its wonderful how quiet Republicans are on some of their former issues. Last year the principal stock in trade of the state ring was the "Little Red School House." It was in all of their papers, their speeches, their songs, their pictures and their thoughts. It was the child of their creation and a blessing that they had built up, protected and handed down to us. There was no going back on the public schools, or the record of the Republican party as their advocate and defender. All the intelligence and good and glory that had come from education and enlightenment was due to it and they were its daddy. How different now? Do you ever hear one speak of what his party has done for the public schools, or how it fosters and cares for them? Not much. They did that once, boastfully and effectually. It was only last fall that the air was full of it, and the State reverberated from end to end with their hurrahs for the "Little Red School House," and the glory it had achieved. But it is all over now. A condition arose that forced them to choose between the corporations and the schools. To save the former they attempted to strike down the latter, and, as a campaign issue, the public schools, their progress, usefulness, future welfare or benefits are now as useless and obnoxious to them as are the ten commandments to those proselyting for the devil.

How suddenly some people must change. How plainly the hypocrisy of some is exposed. That million of dollars stolen from the schools seems to have played thunder with their public school issues. —Moving on the Enemy. A most important meeting of Democratic editors and those in charge of the Democratic organization of the State was held in Pittsburg on Tuesday last. The situation in the State was thoroughly gone over and a line of action adopted, which if earnestly carried out, both by the organization and editors, is sure to give the state ring more trouble, than it has yet anticipated in its efforts to continue its corrupt rule and debauching influences. At the instance of the editors steps were taken to organize a movement that, if successful, will minimize the frauds perpetrated at the polls in Philadelphia and will secure as far as it is possible, under our inadequate election laws, fair elections in that machine manipulated, and repeater-ruled city. Efforts to thoroughly organize and arouse the Democratic vote of the State are to be made in every school district and with a full Democratic vote at the polls, reasonably fair elections in Philadelphia and such help as the Independent Republicans may give, there is no reason under the sun, why the end of QUAYISM, ring-rule and its rottenness and robberies should not be in sight.

THE STARS OF MEMORY.

The brave, the free, the wise the good, Whose names about the world are blown, And other souls whose angelhood Has been revealed to me alone—

Like stars they shine in memory's sky With faithful and unwavering light, And I may well on them rely For guidance through the frequent night. Oh ye benighted souls for whom The sun of righteousness has set, Thrice fortunate that through your gloom Those stars of God are shining yet! When on the shore of life's sad sea My bark unattended shall lie, May I behold and welcome me Among the stars in memory's sky. Aug. 26th, 1899. C. C. Ziegler.

This Country is Large Enough.

The Philadelphia Record thinks that the Democratic party will not be a unit against the Philippine policy of this administration. It says that the party has always been in favor of expansion, and that it will not unanimously recoil from the imperialism with which this administration has undertaken to possess and govern the Philippines. The Record has long contended to be an enlightened interpreter of Democracy, but that it should be so blind as to fail to see that every Democratic heart rebels wholly against the conduct of this government toward its Philippine possessions is really surprising.

There is no particle of doubt about the Democratic sentiment in the matter, or about the attitude which it will take in convention assembled. Never anywhere will there be found an utterance that is not denunciatory of President McKinley's undertaking to subdue the Filipinos to his will and argue with them afterward; which is, and has been, his enunciated policy, dictated and approved by Mark Hanna and the crop-eared style of statesmen. The war which these men are carrying on to conquer the Filipinos being without the direction of our Congress, they will have to reckon to it, as well as to the people.

There is no chance to question the Democratic unity of attitude upon the administration's Philippine policy. The question is only as to the Republican policy. Presumably it will sustain the President; but there will be many notable exceptions among the statesmen of the party, and many in number among its rank and file. Everyone knows that Reed stands against it, and for this cause retired from the speakership. The latest announcement is that Senator Foraker will lead the opposition to it in Congress. And the suspicion is warranted that before Congress is long in session the anti-imperialist feeling will have so developed as to make it a question whether the party even has not to abandon its President.

The Republican party certainly has an uneasy seat; between the popular outcry against trusts and imperialism it is not easy to see that it can escape a violent overthrow. The general business prosperity, which it has relied upon for its salvation, will not sustain it under its support of the schemes to lead the fruits of this prosperity into the pockets of the few.

Otis a Second Weyer.

A terrific indictment of the censorship maintained at Manila is contained in the letter of the Associated Press correspondent, printed in another column. That the censorship is a political machine to deceive the American people is what the indictment amounts to. Experienced correspondents who have worked in war times in Japan, Turkey, Russia and even under the rule of the despotic ruler of Cuba, say it surpasses all others in rigor. Mr. Collins distinctly charges, furthermore, that there has been a "perfect orgy of looting and wanton destruction of property" by the Americans, of which the people at home have never heard. We should judge from all this testimony that General Otis was more a petty despot than a statesman, and that the quicker the President unloads him the better. Revelations of this sort are very serious; they strike deeply into the marrow of the great issue now before the people. Is it "expansion," or is it imperialism?

The French Army Still Needs a Scape Goat.

There has been no unwonted excitement among the French people over the outcome of the Dreyfus court-martial, since it was taken for granted on all sides that the conviction of the verdict of 1894 was practically a necessity of the case. The nature of the conflicting "evidence" offered as alternatives only the conviction of the accused Captain of Artillery or the breaking down of the existing staff system in the French army. It was easier and less dangerous to victimize Dreyfus than to impugn the honor and overthrow the authority of half a score of the chiefs of the idolized army. France has dishonorably elected to keep its scape goat still temporarily a scape goat; but there will be no fresh degradation of the victim, no brutality in his treatment as a prisoner, no banishment of hope for his future rehabilitation. The sentence has been pronounced; but the full penalty will scarcely be exacted.

Now is the Time to Do It.

If the voters of this State who earnestly desire the overthrow of Quayism fail to accept the opportunity offered this fall of turning the office of State Treasurer over to Democratic investigation and control, they will have aided the enemy in no small degree towards tightening his grasp on the reins of leadership and re-establishing himself in the United States Senate. Another year when the presidential campaign is on and party loyalty is called upon to sustain the administration, re-elect a Republican Congress and return a Republican Assembly to Harrisburg, the chances of rebuking bossism will be less favorable than now.

Spawls from the Keystone.

The Chesapeake nail works, of Harrisburg, is shipping nails to Hawaii.

During the first week of the term 424 pupils attended the Bedford public schools.

Herman Postertiller fell down a shaft at Tamaqua Tuesday and was crushed to a pulp.

The employees of the American tannery at Lewistown have had their wages increased 10 per cent.

During the month of August there were sixty-four deaths and seventy-five births in Johnstown.

Major W. F. Barber, of Lewisburg, was elected lieutenant colonel of the Twelfth regiment, N. G. P.

The Pennsylvania steel company, of Steelton, will soon make a second shipment of bridge iron to Burma.

After a quarrel with his wife, Lester Fox, a barber, attempted to blow out his brains at Reading. He is still alive.

On the arrival of Dewey at New York the Harrisburg arsenal will fire a salute of seventeen guns, by order of Governor Stone.

Susan Breneham, of Lancaster, who cut her throat four weeks ago and then attempted to burn herself to death, died Monday.

Clearfield county is enjoying what to it is an innovation. The number of criminal cases returned to the court is so large as to cause a two weeks' session.

On August 19th the big tannery and finishing shop at Curwensville were destroyed by fire. They are now to be rebuilt on a more extensive scale and will employ over 300 men.

Frank McFair, a Baltimore and Ohio brakeman, was struck by an engine on Saturday night at Rockwood, Somerset county, and instantly killed. He leaves a wife who resides at Hyndman, Bedford county.

Three children of George Steinbacher, of South Williamsport, were taken suddenly ill after eating breakfast Monday morning and exhibited symptoms of poisoning. The youngest boy is in a serious condition.

William H. Young and Geo. W. Rice, two miners, employed by the Conemaugh coal company, and residing in Franklin borough, near Johnstown, were killed while at work in the mine about a mile above Franklin Saturday morning.

The Listic coal company, of Somerset county, is at the present time shipping anywhere from twenty-five to thirty carloads of coal daily. Miners are given steady employment, and many of them are making from \$80 to \$120 per month. The next pay will be a large one.

One of the shortest wills ever recorded in Franklin county was that written by the late Dorothy Pittenger, of Antrim township, which was recorded last week by recorder Kennedy. It reads: "Abraham Pittinger is to have everything after I am dead." The signature follows in English and German.

James F. Dovey, a prominent citizen of Blairsville, disappeared from his home some weeks ago, and all search failed to reveal his whereabouts. A few days ago a letter was received from his mother, who lives at Meriden, Conn., stating he had arrived there in an exhausted condition and partially insane.

Mack Eicholtz, of Bedford township, Bedford county, with a number of other lads, visited the new reservoir near Bedford one day last week. They found a dynamite cap, which they exploded. One of the pieces struck young Eicholtz in the right thigh, causing an ugly looking but not serious wound.

A prominent official has given out the following figures concerning the number of people who arrived in Philadelphia over the Pennsylvania railroad during the G. A. R. encampment; Saturday, 66,000; Sunday, 65,000; Monday, 80,000; total, 202,000. The number of people carried Tuesday is estimated at 55,000.

Rosa Gottschall, while walking near Jersey Shore Sunday, was bitten on the ankle by a copper head snake. She stopped back to the house where she was staying. Her ankle began swelling rapidly. Remedies were applied, which did not seem to have the desired effect. Later in the day she was taken to her home at McElhattan. Her condition was considered serious.

Stewart Love, of Oregon Hill, was exhibiting a new revolver in the home of his brother-in-law, William Griggs, at Laurelton, Tioga county, Sunday night, when it was accidentally discharged. The bullet struck Mrs. Griggs in the hip and passing around lodged in the back. Dr. Grunty, of Hoytville, was summoned and extracted the ball. Mrs. Griggs is getting along nicely.

The prohibition party of Bedford county filed nomination papers in the county commissioners' office Monday. The nominees are James Buchanan, prothonotary; Harry Snider, sheriff; C. C. Irwin, register and recorder; Jacob A. Davis, treasurer; Samuel Carpenter, director of the poor; John Coplin and David Mann, auditors. There are no candidates for commissioners or district attorney.

Blatt Hodges, of Millers station, in Blair county, returned to his home on Saturday after 37 years' absence. In 1863 he left his wife and family and went west to seek his fortune. For a time he wrote letters home, but these suddenly ceased. His wife believing him dead, married again. Her second husband died two months ago. Hodges had been mining in Mexico. His wife received him with open arms and the couple are happily united again.

The old adage that "lightning never strikes twice in the same place," is not strictly correct, as Mr. James Graham, of Bradford township, Clearfield county, can testify. The barn on the farm on which he lives has been struck by lightning and burned down, and just lately the electric current came close to repeating the same performance, but deviated from its intended course far enough to strike the granary, tearing it to pieces and killing nine hogs, which had taken shelter there from the storm. Tradition hath it that a tree standing on that spot before ever a barn was built there, was struck and torn to pieces by lightning. It must be that some lightning conducting metallic deposits make that particular spot a target for the bolts of Jupiter.