

Ink Silings.

The melancholy days have come, But not without their cheer; For Ods is to be called home, Before the next new year.

—DEWEY arrived in New York two days ahead of time. What a speedy fellow the Admiral is.

—When PENROSE and BARNET get on the stump in Ohio the poor old Buckeye State will be wind swept from the Ohio river to lake Erie.

—Should Sir THOMAS LIPTON'S "Sham-rock" win the America's cup in the yacht races next week the hardest result of victory will be to hear will be the poem ALFRED AUSTIN will write about it.

—Among other things that candidates RIDDLE and FISHER ought to tell the public is whether they really do run on railroad passes and, if they do, who got them for them and in return for what service on their part?

—QUAY has bought another farm in Lancaster county. The "old man" seems to be keen on farms lately. Perhaps he wants several places in that county where he can go and get hay on his horns when things don't suit him.

—The Reading Telegram is worried lest there won't be a Reading day at the Philadelphia exposition. Why, bless your dear heart, the BETZ, SCHEM and BEGNER and ENGELS breweries can be relied on to make every day a Reading day, if you want it.

—The OTIS censorship of news from Manila is said to be in substance as follows: Let nothing go that will hurt the administration. The General's desire to avoid hurting anybody or thing seems to include the Filipinos, as well as "the administration."

—"OOM PAUL can be depended on to be for war as long as he is in South Africa and the English soldiers are in England, but when the transports now en route for the Transvaal arrive there things will be different and OOM PAUL won't want war at all.

—When GEORGE SHOLL sits at home these nights trying to figure out how he was flim-flammed out of the nomination for commissioner we wonder whether he thinks about the way NELSON ROBB took Walker township away from him and gave its delegates to RIDDLE and FISHER.

—The San Francisco millionaire who was sent to jail for twenty-four hours for spitting on the floor of a street car, after having vainly tried to escape serving the sentence by appeals to all of the state courts, doubtless realizes by this time that it is a serious matter to spit in the face of justice.

—"Old man" SPEER, as they call him, is setting the stiffest pace for his young opponent that he ever tried to follow. The "old man" is so active and his honesty and integrity are so apparent that he is making scores of new friends every day who say that he is the man for county treasurer.

—The Spaniards are trying Admiral MONTEJO for having surrendered to Admiral DEWEY, which certainly is a peculiar way of bringing an indictment in his case. As near as we have been able to learn from the circumstances of the fight in Manila bay the Spanish Admiral had nothing left to surrender.

—Paying forty dollars for each Filipino gun that is turned in to OTIS recalls the Republican state platform in Pennsylvania in 1894. It promised a circulation of \$40 per capita to the whole county and the machine came about as near fulfilling the promise as this scheme of paying \$40 each for Filipino guns will come to ending the war over there.

—The Columbia Spy wants to know whether or not politics pay and the wise man of the Philadelphia Inquirer answers by saying that "men who are economical and saving can make politics pay." The Inquirer knows that a man who is "economical and saving" stands about as much chance of staying in politics long enough to make it pay as a fellow would have of keeping from burning in the infernal regions with nothing more to cover him than a cotton roundabout.

—The Maryland Republicans are having very much the same kind of a kick up in their organization that the Democrats had to their sorrow and the loss of the State. State chairman WELLINGTON has resigned and accuses Governor LOWMEYER of political duplicity in trying to set up a new machine with SYDNEY MUDD as one of his leaders. They say there isn't much in a name, but we fear that the whole Republican organization in Maryland will be mud before long "Maryland, my Maryland" very soon again either.

—The New York woman who committed suicide because she thought she had enlargement of the heart, two tumors, a diseased lung and liver must have felt, when she wakened up in the other world and found out that there had been nothing the matter with her, much like the old Methodist brother who was telling his experience one night in meeting, and was praising the Lord that he had survived a terrible cut on the leg with an ax. In his enthusiasm he offered to show the wound to the rest of the experience meeting attendants, but when he rolled up his trouser legs to find it, none was there. Then the old man concluded that it had not been his leg at all that had been cut. It was his brother SAM'S.

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Faking the Public.

One of the oldest fakes that has ever been worked on the people of Pennsylvania is the one that a party of Harrisburg boys are hauling about to county fairs and granger picnics this season. They are playing on public credulity with "a wild man" from Manila. The fakirs are all dressed in the uniform of the Tenth Pennsylvania, which regiment only recently returned from the Philippines, and they stand on their platform shouting out a hair raising story about the manner in which they captured the wild man whose ferocity is only satisfied by great chunks of raw beef. When the story becomes most thrilling and every one of the bystanders is ready to break and run the wild man throws a bunch of straw towards the top of the iron barred cage, strains at the chains and the fake soldiers scamper about shooting off blank cartridges, as if to frighten the unruly creature into subjection. The wild man is nothing more than a big Harrisburg nigger, who has hired himself to live in a cage and eat raw beef so that these boys, who never saw the Philippines, except on a map, can fake the public.

While there will be a great cry of indignation go up in every community that is duped by these make-believe soldiers with their Harrisburg "wild man" they are not nearly as deserving of condemnation as are some other fakirs who are trying to "work" Pennsylvania with soldier clothes. With a blare of bugles, and a rattle of drums FRANK REEDER and his crowd are escorting Lt. Col. BARNET over the State as the QUAY candidate for State Treasurer. The Colonel is honorably entitled to wear the uniform of the famous Tenth Pennsylvania, but the question of honor is not bothering the QUAY outfit. They want the uniform of the Tenth to fake the people with. They don't have a "wild man from Manila" to exhibit but they have a whole flock of treasury vamps to maintain and must gain support for their cause in some way. Accordingly they take up the honorable uniform of the Tenth and go before the people with a claim that it must be supported, because it is the Tenth; thus trying to cover up the faking, thieving band of political robbers behind it.

The "wild man from Manila" fake that the Harrisburg boys are working on the county fair patrons isn't a bit worse than the fake that the QUAY machine is trying to work on Pennsylvanians. The only difference is that in the one case fake soldiers are exhibiting a tame black man, while in the other men blackened in political crimes and wild through fear of at last being found out are exhibiting a real soldier with the hope of roping in the State once more.

A Waste of Efforts.

A telegram from this place to the daily papers, the early part of the week, tells us that Governor HASTINGS has returned home ready to use every energy and all the influence he possesses and to put up his money without stint, to elect the Republican county ticket. Rumors on the streets on Wednesday have it that he was attempting to arrange a trade with some of the supposed leading Democrats about town, through which his county ticket was to be given what Democratic votes could be influenced by those in the deal in return for the Republican votes he could influence against the Republican state ticket.

We have not the least doubt that the ex-Governor would be glad to make such a deal, or any other deal possible that would pull his county ticket through. It is upon that that he has set his heart, and upon his success this fall largely depends his power to control the organization of his party in the county in the future, and will have much to do with his future influence in the politics of the State.

It is for the Democrats to say whether his efforts in this line shall succeed. Whether good, reputable and worthy citizens who have always been true to the principles of the party, shall be sacrificed for Governor HASTINGS' glory and ambition. There may be a few who would enter into this deal for the money it would bring them and the future favors they would hope to secure, but the number can be counted on the fingers of one hand and the influence they exert will reach but a short distance in securing help to betray their party. The rank and file of the Democracy of the county is, and will be, as true to their party principles and to the ticket that represents them as is the needle to the pole. Governor HASTINGS may try to make a trade. He may attempt the debauchery of voters, as he did at the last Republican primaries, but he will find that Democrats know what a trade means, and when it comes to buying he will discover that they are not like sheep, to be sold in flocks, as were the Republicans last August.

We have referred to this only that the Democrats of the county may be placed upon their guard. Neither Governor HASTINGS' influence, his money or his trade is going to win this fall.

The Return of Admiral Dewey.

The rather unexpected arrival of Admiral DEWEY and his gallant ship "Olympia" off Sandy Hook Tuesday morning caused almost as much consternation in New York as did the hulls of the American fleet on the morning of May 1st, 1898, when they steamed into Manila bay. The admiral had not been expected to arrive until yesterday, even under the most favorable circumstances on a voyage from Gibraltar, but DEWEY-like, he just slipped in two days ahead of time and dropped anchor quietly in the harbor to await whatever disposition the committee of welcome has to make of him and his crew.

It has been twenty-three months since DEWEY left the America on whose scroll his name has been written among the greatest, and many changes have occurred in the meantime. Little did he dream of the future awaiting him when he steamed off of Hong Kong on April 24th, 1898, because his boats were violating the neutrality laws in lying there. On he went in that triumphal cruise until MONTEJO'S fleet was at the bottom of Manila bay and DEWEY held the key to the Philippines. That single victory crushed Spain's last hope of retaining any of her colonial possessions against our arms and made for an earlier peace between the countries. While it had the effect of precipitating the end of our troubles with Spain it was but the beginning of a trouble with the Philippines, the end of which no man can tell.

The Admiral's home coming ought to throw considerable light on the situation and if the interviews that have been accredited to him already are to be relied on there will be no end of the trouble until General OTIS is relieved of his command and a man put in his place who will know where his authority begins and ends.

"One great trouble out there," says DEWEY, "has been that General OTIS has tried to do too much. I told him so. He wants to be general, governor, judge and everything else; to have hold of all the irons. No man can do this. It is enough for a man to do one thing and be one thing, but when a man tries to do everything and be everything it is easy to imagine the result."

Yes it is not hard to imagine the result and those whose imaginations are not vivid enough for the situation will probably be impressed into comprehension of it by the knowledge that the trouble is estimated to cost us fifty million dollars a year. But this is not the time to look on the dark side of the situation. DEWEY is a hero and deserves a hero's welcome, let come what may of the Philippine trouble.

The last day for paying taxes in order to secure a vote this year is Oct. 7th.

A specimen of how the present Republican board of commissioners will distort facts and juggle with figures is shown in their attempted explanation of where the money comes from to make up the difference between their alleged expenditures and their known income from taxation. They say \$3,000 of it is from taxes on unseated lands and \$700 of it from dog tax. Now as the unseated land valuations constitute part of the total valuations, amounting to \$12,292,624, upon which at 3 1/2 mills the gross revenue of \$43,424.18 is raised, there can be no additional \$3,000 collected as taxes upon these lands, so that in this one item there is a deception of just \$3,000. And the same with the dog tax of \$700. Every cent of that is levied and held to pay for sheep that are killed and which have no connection with county expenditures whatever. Here is another deception of \$700. It will take a different showing than these instances make, to convince the people that there is not something wrong in the books or accounts of the commissioners office that on their face show a deficit between the county income and outlay of over \$19,000 and still pretend that no debt is being created.

—Stir your neighbor up about his taxes. Don't let him lose his vote because of neglect to pay them. Oct. 7th is the last day this can be done.

—Congressman J. K. P. HALL of this district expects to be present at the Democratic national carnival at Dallas, Texas, on Oct. 2nd and 3rd, at which O. H. P. BERMONT, of New York, will deliver an address. While it is only natural to expect that the "real things" in Democracy are to be found down in the "Lone Star State" there won't be a better Democrat or a better man among them than is the Congressman of the 28th Pennsylvania.

—As Congressman JOSEPH C. SIBLEY, of Franklin, has presented the Venango county bar association with his law library, it is only natural to infer that JOE is like some of Bellefonte's lawyers: He has the whole thing in his head and has no further use for books.

—You don't want to miss your vote and yet you will unless you have paid a state or county tax before the evening of Oct. 7th.

The Issue.

The question that seems most discussed in the Pennsylvania political forum at this time is not one of the merits of the men who have been named by the various parties but rather a controversy as to the issue upon which they are seeking election. Strangely enough the one great party is trying to make it appear that the questions involved in the campaign that is just opening are not ones that have arisen out of conditions in this State. The machine leaders are putting forth every effort to elect a candidate for State Treasurer, a candidate for Supreme court and a candidate for Superior court of Pennsylvania on purely national issues. They say that the voters should look over and above purely local issues at a time of this kind and vote to sustain the government that is immersed in a humane war. They assert that a vote against the machine ticket in Pennsylvania this fall will be a knife thrust at the President, a move to tear down the flag from the soil on which it has been planted at the cost of American blood.

This is all very pretty, so far as sentiment goes, but it will hardly hold water as an argument in favor of the machine ticket. We say machine ticket because the fight in Pennsylvania is not between Democrats and Republicans for control, as has been the case in past years. For most of the honest, well thinking, clean government loving members of the Republican party present the imputation that BARNETT, BROWN and ADAMS constitute their ticket. These men are the nominees of the one man QUAY who has ruled the Republican party in the State until he has ruined it and driven its best men from it with the hope of purging it of the debauching boss. Therefore, we feel that the fight this fall should be designated as one purely between the machine, which is symbolical of all that is corrupt and pernicious, and the Democratic party, which for the sole purpose of giving needed reforms has allied with it the better element of the Republican organization.

Such being the nature of the fight it ought to be apparent to the most obtuse that the issue upon which it is based must be purely local.

The tariff can have nothing to do with this fall's campaign in Pennsylvania, because no one is to be elected who will have a voice in any matters concerning federal legislation. The money question can have nothing to do with it, because all currency laws must originate in the lower house of Congress, and, excepting a successor to the late DANIEL ERNESTROTT, of the 9th district, no Congressman will be elected in Pennsylvania this fall. The question of expansion or imperialism can have nothing to do with it, because a State Treasurer of Pennsylvania or a judge of any of her several courts would have about as much effect in settling such momentous questions as would the braying of a government mule on the deliberations of the strategic board of the army. The question of upholding the hand of the President in a war into which he was plunged for humane purposes can have nothing to do with it, because Pennsylvania has already displayed her loyalty in a far more emphatic and undeniable way than is possible by ballots at an election that has no bearing on the case. The State has been first to send forth her quota of volunteers; was first at every call and will be first at every call to come. On Tuesday the 28th Reg. U. S. Vols. left Pennsylvania for San Francisco and within a month the 47th will start. These are the real evidences of the State's support of the President and only the foolish will be deceived by the hypercritical protestations of the machine campaigners.

The issue, then, is purely local. It is not one of tariff, currency or military sentiment. It is whether the people of Pennsylvania are to continue to be robbed and rained by a plundering band of political highwaymen or whether they will rise in their might to wipe out such practices forever. If the machine can have its creatures retained in power it will naturally take it as an endorsement of its corrupt methods, on the part of the people of the State.

What a fine commentary on the machine's war sentiment feeling is it that Pennsylvania should be sending her noble sons to the far off Philippines to give the ignorant blacks of those islands better government, when this school dotted, highly civilized State of ours has the most corrupt and debauched government itself of any Commonwealth in the land.

—If your taxes are not paid by Saturday, October 7th, you cannot vote.

—The shoe manufacturers of Pennsylvania have organized a trust and advanced the price on all grades of shoes; thus it is that the trusts which the Republican party favors are making the very soles of man's feet dearer.

—Have you your state or county taxes paid. Oct. 7th, is the last day upon which payment can be made to entitle you to vote at the coming election.

Labor Pays It All.

Municipal, township, county, state and national taxes are all paid by labor. We are told that railroads, banks and other corporations pay their share—their pro rata of tax. Let us examine this statement and see if labor and not capital does not pay the taxes assessed against a railroad.

The coal baron will tell you that he pays to the railroad corporation thousands upon thousands of dollars yearly in freight charges. The manufacturer says: "I pay railroad corporations eight per cent. of my gross receipts." The miner tells you that he pays from twenty to fifty per cent. of his receipts for freight, and the farmer pays from twenty-five to seventy-five per cent., and in some cases, as with fruits and melons, the entire product goes to the railroad for freights.

Where does the farmer get the money to pay his freights? The products of labor that he ships is held for the freight. Where does the miner and the manufacturer get their money to pay their freights and taxes? It comes from the profits made on the labor employed. Where does the money come from that the railroad corporations pay in dividends and taxes? It comes from the labor of the farmer, the mechanic, the merchant, the miner and the manufacturer.

Real estate when rented to a laborer or other person does not really pay the taxes levied thereon. The owner has charged up to the person renting his property the per cent. of taxes and necessary improvements, which charges are collected in the rent levied for the property.

After all, all taxes, whether assessed and paid by the bank, railroad, manufacturer, miner, or the gentleman of leisure that lives on his income, comes out of labor, and lessens its profits, restricts opportunity and curtails the blessings that rightfully belong to the bread winner.

When the bread winners break away from politicians and vote in their own interests they may lessen their burdens and increase their holdings, but not until they learn that to a great extent they are their brother's keeper.

How Kipling Became a Prohibitionist.

Rudyard Kipling tells how in an American concert-hall he saw two girls made drunk by their companions. Kipling had not been a total abstainer, but of that scene he wrote: "Then, recanting previous opinions, I became a Prohibitionist. Better it is that a man should go without his beer in public places, and content himself with swearing at the narrow-mindedness of the majority; better to poison the inside with very vile temperance drinks, and to buy lager furiously at back doors, than to bring temptation to the lips of the young fools such as the four I have seen. I understand now why the preachers rage against drink. I have said, 'there is no harm in it, taken moderately' and yet my own demand for beer helped directly to send these two girls reeling to God alone knows what end. It is not good that we should let liquor lie before the eyes of children, and I have been a fool in writing to the contrary."

Mild Weather for the Next Three Months.

The fellows who have put away their straw hats are fooling themselves, that's all. A weather prognosticator from way back, who knows what he is talking about to the letter, has posted the Herald, and we are able to predict mild weather till the holiday season. The autumnal equinox occurred last Thursday. What is known as the equinoctial storm, usually due about that time, happened this year on the exact day, and when it cleared up toward evening the wind was coming from the southwest, which is a sure sign of mild weather for the three months immediately following. So the straw hat may be hauled out again, and the ice men may count on not cutting much ice before Christmas. D. B. Egan has been secured as special prognosticator for the Herald this winter, and our readers can count on things being put down about correct.

Stone in Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 27.—Governor William A. Stone arrived in Pittsburg this morning on a brief business trip. There has been a good deal of talk about an extra session of the Legislature for the purpose of electing Quay United States Senator. Asked if he thought it probable that the United States Senate would seat Quay when Congress meets, the Governor replied: "I certainly do."

"What prospect is there for an extra session of the Legislature?" "I shall never call an extra session for the purpose of electing a United States Senator. I shall never call an extra session for any political purpose whatever. All this talk about an extra session has been in the newspapers only."

Gunboat Captured.

MANILA, Sept. 25—4:30 p. m.—It is reported that the insurgents have captured the United States gunboat Urdaneta, in the Arani river, on the northwest side of Manila bay, where she was patrolling. One officer and nine of her crew are missing.

LATER—The United States gunboat Petrel, sent to investigate the matter, returned and reported that the Urdaneta beached opposite the town of Orani, on the Oran (not Arani) river. She was riddled with bullets and burnt and the following guns, with their ammunition, were captured: A one hundred pounder, one Colt automatic gun and one Nordenfeldt twenty-five millimetre gun. The crew of the Urdaneta are prisoners or have been killed. Further details are lacking.

—Your taxes must be paid by Saturday, October 7th.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Ex-Mayer Elliott, of Williamsport, who is suffering from paralysis of the muscles of the right hip, is seriously ill.

—The Edison Electric company, of Williamsport has been sold to Philadelphia capitalists, the price paid was \$120,000.

—Mrs. Frank Houser, residing west of Everett, dug out of her garden the other day a beet measuring twenty-six inches in length and three and one-half inches in diameter.

—Frank Calhoun was found dead at Watertown, a few nights ago. He was a bachelor and lived in a houseboat. He was about 40 years old. Alcoholism was the cause of his death.

—While working in the Bloomington mines at Winburn Wednesday, 12-year-old Oscar Berlin, a Swede, was instantly killed by a fall of slate. The boy was working with his father.

—The small pox quarantine was raised from the home of the last case of that disease in Altoona thus far reported to the health officers, and the city is now free from the dread disease. Since the 15th of January, 64 cases developed in the city, the largest number at one time being sixteen.

—A new oil field has been developed at Stockdale Junction, a station on the Fall Brook railroad on the line between New York and Pennsylvania, 63 miles north of Jersey Shore. A well was shot at that place on Saturday afternoon, the oil gushing over the derrick. The well is good for 50 barrels a day.

—While the apple crop throughout Somerset county is not as large as in former years, there will be an abundance of that wholesome fruit harvested. Trees of certain varieties, notably the Northern Spy, are almost barren of fruit, while trees of other equally choice varieties were never more productive than this season.

—Greensburg may not have a garbage furnace after all. In order to make precisely 50 cents a month was to be collected from citizens for its use. But the major portion of the citizens are apparently willing to put up with the stink and run the risk of paying doctor bills, as they have practically refused to pay the 50 cents.

—By being kicked by another horse on last Friday night, Jesse Groninger, of Millford township, Juniata county, lost a valuable horse. One of his hind legs was broken at the thigh. Dr. Robert R. Crozier, of Port Royal, humanely put it to death with chloroform. Within the past year Mr. Groninger has lost several horses by death.

—A curious coincidence is reported from Greensburg. James Farrall was taken for treatment after being injured by falling from a freight train at Hillside. In the same hospital is Frank Wilson who is convalescing from typhoid fever. Farrall and Wilson were both tried for the murder of old Henry Bonnecke in Blair county and convicted.

—Bedford's new reservoir, work on which was begun in April, 1898, was completed Monday, September 25th. It has a capacity of 25,000,000 gallons. There will be a constant supply of pure water. This is the fourth reservoir that the town has built. The new reservoir cost \$120,500. The town has spent \$120,000 on its water supply.

—Bessie, the three-year-old daughter of Thomas Sheely, of McGee's Mills, last Monday morning saw a bear rolling across the floor which, after the manner of children, she picked up and put in her mouth. The bear slipped back into the windpipe, and the child in a very little while choked to death, although every effort was used to restore her.

—The team of T. R. Everett, a huxster of Lairdsville, became frightened while standing in Williamsport Friday and ran away. While running on Pine street one of the horses slipped and fell and was dragged by his mate until the fallen horse struck the curb with such force as to break its neck. The animal died instantly. The other horse was not injured.

—At Sunbury, Sunday night, 10 year old Atwood Barnhart attempted to board a freight train. He missed his hold and fell beneath the wheels. One of his feet was badly completely severed and the other was badly crushed. The unfortunate lad was carried to Sunbury, and taken to the Mary M. Packer hospital, where both legs were amputated near the knee.

—Union county has the distinction of having the September courts suspended by order of Judge McClure, it appearing that there are no cases for trial in the court of common pleas, few returns from justices of the peace for minor offenses requiring immediate attention, no untied indictments, and the sheriff was directed to notify the juryman summoned to appear that their attendance was not required.

—About two months ago John Gannon, a tramp, appeared at the home of Milt Barner, in Patton, and begged for something to eat. His request was granted. Gannon secured a position in the Riley mines after which he was fed at the Barner home and he managed to secure boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Barner. On Labor day, Gannon eloped with Mrs. Barner, who took with her her husband's money, some of his best clothing and their 6-months-old boy.

—It is reported that the timber tracts of both Jacob Thomas and Mr. Buck, comprising over 4,000,000 feet, located near Eckenrode Cambria county, have been sold to Osborn & Shaeffer, large lumber manufacturers of Dubois, who are now operating a mill at Cherrytree. In all probability a large mill will be placed along the Cresson and Clearfield branch of the Pennsylvania railroad near Eckenrode Mill for the purpose of manufacturing the same.

—Deputy sheriff McIlroy, of Huntingdon county, has some hard cases at times in the county, and occasionally has to adopt stringent measures to bring some of the inmates to a sense of justice. A few nights ago he was awakened by a call from one of his boarders, who presented a sweet appearance. Some of his fellow prisoners had for a joke spread about a gallon of molasses between the blankets of this prisoner, and when he awoke and crawled in the bunk the reader can imagine the rest. None of the prisoners in the "joke" would give the perpetrator away, and as a result no breakfast and a meagre supply of bread and water, with plenty of hard work at the wash tub, soon brought forth a confession from the culprit.