

Ink Stings.

The foot ball season's on apace, With weather crisp and fair; And college youths are in the race, To grow the longest hair.

The Columbia led the Shamrock up to the last leg she had to stand on, then the Irishman sailed around our defender.

Look out for the big deal that is intended to defeat the Democratic county ticket and glorify the Republican boss of Centre.

If the Boers and English get to fighting along the Buffalo river in the Transvaal that stream will become as popular in verse as the Wabash once was.

Their sending SCHLEY off to South Africa isn't going to make the people forget the hero whose crown of laurel SAMPSON would like to pilfer.

The dogs of war are barking so ferociously over in South Africa that LILLIAN RUSSELL ought to be sent over with her "Bride Elect," that she might give orders in song to have them unchained.

It is said that the Americans use two hundred and fifty million poker chips every year. This is only another evidence of the patriotism of our people. They love to gambol with the red, white and blue.

The editor of the New York Sun more than likely would have taken a duck fit had he seen DEWEY embrace SCHLEY. You know the Sun has been one of the robbers that has tried to despoil SCHLEY of the laurels he won at Santiago.

From the frigidity of the atmosphere around here lately we are almost led to believe in the theory that the great Muir glacier in Alaska was broken up by the recent earthquake up there and is floating down this way in chunks.

The signs seem to point to the conclusion that Prof. ANDRE has found the north pole, but the trouble now will be to find ANDRE. Why not have our government take a hand in the hunt for the explorer. Here would be a good mission to send OTIS and SHAFER on.

Those who keep a record of such matters say that Spain has more days of sunshine than any other European country. Three thousand hours is given as the yearly average, but the statistician certainly couldn't have figured 1898 in it, for had that been done the sunshine would certainly have been pulled away down.

Another aeronaut has been killed by being shot out of a wooden cannon while high in the air. The experience of NED CRISSEY, at Punxsutawney, and young TOWNSEND, at Des Moines, ought to prove that cannons are dangerous, whether they be iron ones on a battle field or wooden ones hung from the bottom of a balloon.

As might have been expected the State College Times has twisted the legs of its editorial tripod and is now shouting for the HASTINGS' county ticket with all the vociferousness of its boiler plated lungs. Gymnastics are not new in this world of politics and money, but the fresh paint sign is very apparent on the Times' editorial page.

The members of the Tenth Pennsylvania are sensible men, as well as brave soldiers, and they will certainly be able to see through the scheme to use them for political purposes. The Republican machine is behind it all and rubbing its sides with glee as the battle stained khaki uniformed boys are paraded over the State by Col. BARNETT, who has fallen a victim to the machines' intrigue.

Filthy flings from a filthy maw will not detract from the good reputation CYRUS BRUNGAARD, the popular candidate for sheriff, enjoys about his own home. There is where the people know him best and there is where the best testimonials of his sterling qualities are to be had. Go ask the people who had dealings with him to the amount of thousands of dollars about what kind of a man he is.

J. P. REESE, of the National Mine Workers Union, is of the opinion that all capitalists ought to be driven into the ocean and that no miner's kit is complete without a winchester or a krag-jorgensen. While we can't say that we approve of such a display of arms among the implements of a peaceful class of workers, perhaps Mr. REESE only suggested the rifles in order to perorate the capitalists after they are driven into the ocean. He knows that the most of them are so tight that they would float in the sea and could only be made to drown after being pumped full of holes by a winchester.

It would be rather hard to guess just what President MCKINLEY thought when he read HANNA's remarks about the talk of making DEWEY a presidential candidate. HANNA said: "To force upon this brave and gallant sailor the necessity of again and again declaring he will not accept any political office is, in my opinion, contemptible, and places this man of integrity, stern purpose and determination in the ranks of those shifting aspirants for political honors, who have not the stamina to resist the flattery or blandishments of political schemers." Now what do you think MCKINLEY thought when he read what MARK had to say. Of course the dollar-mark statesman only gave voice to such an expression in order to carry his Washington pet a little farther out of danger, but if the President has any conscience at all it must have smarted a little.

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What They Stand For.

The great Democratic carnival which has been holding at Dallas, Texas, this week has had the effect of attracting to that place many of the recognized leaders of Democracy in the United States.

Naturally the expressions of policy as voiced at such an important gathering will be heralded, everywhere, as indicative of what the party will incorporate in its platform for the presidential campaign of 1900.

Judge JAMES TAYLOR, of Kentucky, president of the Ohio Valley League of Bimetallists, who made the first address at Tuesday's carnival, expressed some personal sentiments about the plan of campaign for 1900 that would be anything but practicable, but he certainly displayed keen insight into the political vista when he said:

"The Republican party of the United States stands today as the tool and the machine and the representative of the money power and the trusts and the corporate interests of the United States. It is dominated by HANNA, its figurehead, MCKINLEY, and its principal ornaments are GRIGGS, HOBART, QUAY, CLAPP, EAGAN, CORBIN, HOBART, QUAY, CLAPP, EAGAN, CORBIN and ALGER, with the demagogue, ROOSEVELT, as a sideshow."

Here we have the most concise and effective declaration of what the two great parties stand for that is possible to be made. The present condition of governmental affairs shows, beyond a doubt, that the Republican party is the willing instrument of the trusts and corporate interests, while the Democratic organization has been impoverished and made unpopular with the money classes, because of its constant contention in the interest of the laboring classes.

The one stands for all that is selfish and avaricious in government; the other for all that is equitable and honest. The one is dominated by men who order laws to be made to suit their own private ends as the return for fat campaign subscriptions; while the other includes the poor masses who have to bear the burdens of unequal taxation placed upon them by these dictators of what is popularly supposed to be a free government.

The question comes home to every voter in Centre county today. It should be given the serious consideration that its serious nature demands. There is no State in the Union in which the people have had more opportunity of seeing the reins of government taken from them by the dictators—the moneyed bosses—than in Pennsylvania. Its schools and hospitals have been closed to save money for the creatures of the boss who want places; its treasury is emitting a mighty stench that betrays the rotten methods that have prevailed there for years; its judiciary is prostituted to the demands of the wealthy classes who stand behind the great boss and keep him in power with their corrupting contributions so that he may be in a position to direct legislation as they will.

These are the conditions that confront the free people of the Union and of Pennsylvania, as well. Are they to be acquiescent or will they make the beginning of the end this fall? Kill the QUAY octopus in this State in November and be in trim for the finish of the HANNA drag next year.

ALEX ARCHIE, the Democratic aspirant for register, is a man fitted in more ways than one to fill the office he seeks. His years of life on the farm have made him straightforward and practical, his experience as a school teacher has made a scholar of him and his service as a justice of Ferguson township has had the effect of acquainting him with the legal side of the work in the register's office.

Be Honest With Yourselves.

If there is a single taxpayer in the county who can give any plausible reasons for voting for either the Republican state or county ticket, it would be a relief to the public if he would step to the front and let others know what they are. There are scores of voters, no doubt, who will vote that way because their party affiliation and inclinations are too close and strong to permit of enough independence to do otherwise; and there are others, very many of them, who do not know exactly what they will do, but whose prejudices incline them to vote the straight Republican ticket, all of whom would be delighted to hear some valid reason why they should stick to the ring in the State and to Governor HASTINGS' ticket in the county.

As yet we have failed to see a single reason given why any man should vote that way. There is no end to the argument why they should not. There is no denying it from any quarter, nor is there any question about the fact that the best interests of the taxpayers, both in the State and county, demand that a change be made in the management of the State Treasury, as well as in that of the office of county treasurer and county commissioner. Politics ought to have some sense in it—and the sensible thing for those who pay the taxes to do is to vote as it is best for their interests.

If it is best that the State be kept in the power of the ring, that is squandering the public money; that is excusing great corporations from the payment of their share of the public burdens; that has multiplied offices and increased salaries until the expense of the state government is greater than that of the United States government prior to the war; that discriminates in its tax levies against the individual and in favor of syndicates and corporations; that farms out the State's money, in place of paying the State's debts with it; that reduces the school appropriations in order that beer brewers and those whom it is under obligation to for campaign contributions may escape taxation; and that commits all kinds of offenses against public interests and the people's welfare, then these are all reasons for men voting to continue its control.

But in place of giving any legitimate reason for endorsing an administration that has shown itself as unworthy as it is incompetent, the people are appealed to vote for the Republican state ticket, because MCKINLEY is President, and because there is a war going on in the Philippine Islands. They are the only arguments used by the supporters of the ring; why BARNETT and ADAM'S should be supported in the State, and why the Republican county ticket should be voted for here at home.

In the name of all that is reasonable or sensible what has a State Treasurer or a Superior court judge in Pennsylvania, or the Republican nominees for county offices, to do with the war in the Philippines or with questions of national import? Surely the people are not fools? Surely there is sense enough in the hearts of taxpayers to see through and understand this evasion of the question most vitally important to them.

If the ring had done right, and the State Treasury management, while it has been under their control, had been honest and correct, would then its supporters not come to the front with the evidence of its good work and prove to the people that its continued rule would be for the best interests of the taxpayers? Would it be ashamed to publish or refer to its own record? Would it fail to find reasons why its ticket should be supported?

The one fact that it does not, can not, and dare not refer to its own management of state affairs, is the strongest evidence that can be given why that management should be changed and why those interested, and every taxpayer is interested, should join in making that change.

Ask and answer yourself, frankly; and conscientiously, what reason you have for voting either the Republican state or county ticket this fall. Be honest with yourself. There is not a man to be elected who can enforce or influence a political principle, after it is done. Why then should your partisan feeling prevent your acting as is best for your individual interests?

"I believe the Senate will seat Mr. QUAY," said Senator CHANDLER, of New Hampshire, in talking over the situation in Washington on Sunday evening. While his belief, as chairman of the Senate committee on privileges and elections, has considerable significance and may be taken as a sort of straw showing which way the wind blows, yet it is by no means final. If it should happen, however, that Mr. QUAY is again seated in the United States Senate we hope the people who are responsible for his being the misrepresentative of Pennsylvania will have the manliness to father their work. The insurgents will be the guilty ones. Guilty, because they did not turn in with the Democrats at the last session of the Legislature and elect GEORGE A. JENKS.

A Fair Count in Philadelphia.

If the assurance of Senator DAVID MARTIN, of Philadelphia, that he purposes that there shall be a fair count of the votes cast in that city this fall, would carry conviction to the voters of other parts of the State that such will really be the case it would prove the most hopeful incident that could be looked to for the success of the clean government forces in their fight against the machine. The returns from Philadelphia have been so notoriously manipulated in past years as to discourage any effort on the part of other sections to accomplish any reform movements. And, unfortunately, Senator MARTIN has been so intimately connected with the machine in that city that this stand of his for a fair count will hardly be accepted in good faith.

He has been credited with having said that "there will be an honest election in Philadelphia. Those who have a right to vote will cast their ballots, unmoled, and know that the count will be fair." If Senator MARTIN means what he says and intends to see to it that a fair election shall be held he will do more for the people of Pennsylvania, in their effort to throw off machine rule, than can be accomplished through any other agency.

No man knows better than he does the practices that are resorted to to swell the machine vote. MARTIN knows how repeating is accomplished; how pug dogs are registered as voters and votes counted for them on election days, how returns are made unanimously Republican from certain precincts, notwithstanding that there is a Democratic inspector with a Democratic clerk on the election board who might be reasonably expected to vote the Democratic ticket, he knows how returns have been made from Philadelphia just to suit the ante-election predictions of majorities in that city. All these schemes of the ballot box manipulator are known to the gentleman, who now declares for an honest count, as well as his own name and if he is sincere in his avowed intention he has certainly the advantage of being fore-armed by virtue of being fore-warned.

While the determination to have a fair election in Philadelphia for once, if carried out, would doubtless result in the election of honest farmer CREESE to be State Treasurer the fear that it will not be done should not deter the good people of the State from going out to the polls on election day and casting their votes where conscience and purity direct.

CREESE, MESTREZAT and REILLY are better men than the machine candidates, because they do not wear the machine collar and this latest hope that is inspired by Senator MARTIN's statement will certainly bear fruit, if the Senator means what he says.

If ever there was a competent official in a public office CAL HARPER, the recorder of Centre county, has been that one. No one can question his acquaintance with the business of the office, nor dispute our assertion that his treatment of those who have had occasion to go there has been anything but courteous and obliging. For this reason CAL will be re-elected to the office of recorder.

Did They Keep Down Valuation to Get Passes.

It is seldom that favors are done either individuals or officials by great corporations unless a return is made in some way or the other. People who have known the fact that the Republican county commissioners have been riding on rail road passes since they took charge of that office, wonder what return these officials have made for the favors granted. We will not allege that they paid for these in any way, but when it is called to mind, that the Pennsylvania rail road has taxable property, upon which the commissioners have the last say as to its valuation, in a half dozen districts of the county, it is very easy to imagine the influence that could secure them free transportation. A few hundred dollars on what the assessors would return the property as worth would pay the railroad company to issue passes over its roads within the county in return for such reduction. The railroad company has assessable real estate in Rush, Taylor, Snow Shoe and Spring township and other boroughs of Bellefonte and Milesburg, amounting, as now valued for taxes, to a little over \$9,000. Possibly it is because the properties are not valued higher that the courtesy of free travel is extended them by the great corporation. We don't say that it is, but taking everything into consideration there is a look that way that is at least raises suspicion. One thing is certain, the rail road company is not in the habit of granting favors without some adequate return. What return has the Republican commissioners given for the favor extended them? The columns of the WATCHMAN are open for any explanation they can make.

Why Not Fix it Up at Once.

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Administrative Inconsistency.

It is recognized that Mr. William J. Bryan in his brilliant canvass concluded on Saturday in his own State of Nebraska got in some very effective work against the McKinley administration on trusts, tariff, imperialism and the money question. On the latter Bryan took as his text the financial resolution of the Nebraska Republican convention, which he described as "one of the most unique and delightfully original planks ever written." Among other things this resolution says that the people of the United States, by a majority of more than 500,000, decided in favor of the gold standard, "after more than twenty years of harmful agitation." Bryan pointed out that during this period of what the Republicans now call "harmful agitation" Mr. McKinley himself voted for independent bimetalism at the ratio of 16 to 1; that Republican platforms endorsed it and counseled Grover Cleveland for opposing it; that even in 1896 the whole Republican party declared against the gold standard, and pledged itself to beg Europe to help this country to let go of it; and that an expensive commission was sent by Mr. McKinley to Europe to try to get rid of the gold standard. Not one of these statements can be controverted. Mr. McKinley not only voted for the free and independent coinage of silver, but he voted to override President Hayes' veto of the Bland silver coinage bill providing for the turning out of silver dollars to the extent of \$5,000,000 a month, and making them a legal tender for all debts, public and private.

Mr. Bryan also pointed out that in 1890—the same year McKinley made his Philadelphia speech opposing imperialism—he engaged himself in making free silver speeches in the West. In one of these he visited Toledo, O., where the Republicans were all for free silver. Mr. McKinley complained that "during all of his (Cleveland's) years at the head of the Government he was dishonoring one of our precious metals, one of our great products, discrediting silver, and enhancing the price of gold," and made it an especial grievance that throughout his first administration Cleveland had persistently used his power to stop the coinage of silver dollars and make "money the master, everything else the servant."

But what's the use? When you come to look into McKinley's record—and it is pretty much the same on all questions—you involve yourself in a web of wrinkles and contradictions that dispel the thought that he has steadfast convictions on any subject.

Both Young and Old Could Learn to Advantage.

We have in our schools in this country classes in the three R's, in grammar, in geography, in history and in various other things, but none in courtesy and common sense. Often it appears as if there was a more imperative need of this class than of any other.

Why not impart a little slant toward morality in the reading of the common schools—not religion, by any manner of means, but ethics. The boy or girl who reads a story or an incident in which the essential wrong of theft is illustrated, who is made to see the self injury it works, as well as the hardship on others, is the less likely to be affected by unwholesome surroundings and vicious example. Education is a moral help in itself, and crime finds its followers chiefly among the ignorant; but conduct ought to be as much an affair of public solitude as information and reasoning have become, and the papers set before us a daily list of circumstances that prove how crude the ideas of many people are in respect of their morals and behavior. A few words spoken in time by a teacher, or an instructor in authority, might check the thoughtlessness of those children who throw banana peelings on the sidewalks to the risk of the whole public; who smash the glass in lamp posts for amusement; and it might inform thousands that in America it is the rule of the road to pass to the right instead of criss-crossing every which way and bumping against all comers. Especially, it might instruct them in the absolute worthlessness of sticks and stones that so many hoard as "relics," because they were stolen from a place of interest.

From the York Gazette.

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When a man attempts to arouse religious prejudices or drag into a political canvass the sacredness of church precedents, he shows his unfitness for the position he aspires to fill, and his little respect for the higher and holier things of this life. To arouse church feeling has been the principal effort of the indiscreet friends of candidate HERMAN, and they are beginning to ascertain that the insult they offer to the members of the church they are striving to embroil in a dirty political contest, is beginning to re-act in a manner that will leave him with fewer votes than any other man on the ticket.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

Mine drainage is killing the fish in the rivers in the vicinity of Latrobe.

The Lycoming county fair association cleared \$7,000 on the fair recently held in Williamsport.

At Kylertown, a few days ago, 12-year-old Frank Smith in attempting to climb over an iron fence, slipped, and his body fell on the sharp pointed pickets. His abdomen was frightfully torn.

Thieves ransacked the house of J. H. Haine, of Liverpool township, Perry county, while the family was at church and stole \$30 which belonged to a camp of the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

Theresa, the 14-year-old daughter of Louis Miller, of New Bloomfield, Perry county, fell from a fence one day recently in her efforts to get away from a cow. Her left arm was broken above the elbow.

The body of Thomas Hush, known as "Tom, the butcher," of Lewisburg, was found in the canal at Milton Saturday. How he met death is not known. He was 45 years old and is survived by his wife and daughter.

The board of health of Williamsport is taking vigorous measures to stamp out an epidemic of typhoid fever which has broken out in the western part of the city. Eighty-seven cases are reported to exist in one block.

Frank McDonald, aged 18 years, attempted to jump a freight train at Chambersburg on Sunday. He missed his foothold, went under the wheels and his left foot was crushed so badly that a portion of it had to be amputated.

John Heavern, a young man of Brownstown, a suburb of Johnstown, was struck and instantly killed by fast line east Saturday night at the Brownstown crossing. He is the second person to be killed at that point within a week.

There is a pear tree in Judge Barnett's vineyard, in Perry county, that had a crop of pears on this year and there are still some on it, and it is now out in full bloom. It is white with blossoms and the ripe fruit can be seen on it at the same time.

G. W. Bell, of Bell's Landing, has harvested his crop of honey. He had 2,150 pounds of comb honey and 500 extracted. He took first premium for fancy honey at the Philadelphia bee keepers' convention and received ten dollars for twenty pounds.

Henry Gable died Wednesday night, aged 82 years. He was the oldest living native born resident of Williamsport, and for sixty years resided in the same house. He was a gunsmith. During his life Mr. Gable never traveled upon a railroad or rode in a trolley car. He was never more than fifteen miles away from Williamsport.

Work was started Friday on the new water supply for Lewisburg. It will provide pure mountain water from a point six miles from the mouth of White Deer creek, where a big storage reservoir will be built. The service will deliver 1,700,000 gallons daily against 500,000 gallons supplied by the present standpipe system of river water.

A few days ago Mrs. Fred Kirchoff, of Remond, this county, while in the garden cutting off cabbage, felt something strike against her ankle. Looking down she discovered a copperhead snake trying to bite her. Her stocking was thick and the fangs of the snake did not penetrate the skin. Mrs. Kirchoff stepped back and struck the snake with a stick crushing its head to a jelly.

Rev. P. S. Kohler, is another Jersey Shore pastor who intends to leave that borough. The Presbyterian congregation was greatly surprised Sunday morning when that pastor tendered his resignation. He has been pastor of the church for the past thirteen years, and during that time the congregation purchased a parsonage and erected a fine church edifice.

The 3-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hilborn, of Slate Run, was roasted to death Sunday. The tot was left asleep in a cradle in charge of a 3 year old sister while its mother went out into the yard to hang up some clothes. The older child began to play with fire and ignited the cradle. When the mother returned she found the cradle in flames and the babe a mass of charred flesh.

While Jacob and Frank Test were drilling an artesian well at Retort last week, Jacob had occasion to go to the crown pulley, which is a distance of 35 feet from the ground. Notwithstanding his 67 years, Mr. Jacob Test climbed the distance hand over hand, did what was to be done, and returned to terra firma in the same fashion. Not many men of Mr. Test's age could rival this feat of climbing.

Mary Flook, an aged woman, was found at her home in Montoursville Tuesday dying from cold and exposure. Sunday night she was knocked down by a bicycle and spectators of the accident assisted her home. When left alone she found that she was unable to move. Neighbors found her sitting in a chair almost crazed with pain, benumbed with cold and halfstarved. She was unable to build a fire. Chances for her recovery are slight.

At Newberry Sunday evening three men driving a horse attached to a spring wagon drove into a carriage, to which was hitched two horses. All the horses started to run. The spring wagon upset and the occupants were thrown out, but were not injured. The horses in the carriages ran until they collided with a fence. They ran through the fence and one of the horses bumped against a cherry tree. It was so badly injured that he had to be shot. The other horse escaped injury, but the carriage was demolished.

A two-year old child of T. L. McBryan, of Danville, had a close call last week. One evening the little one swallowed a whole nutmeg, a drug when taken in sufficient quantities is either fatal in effects or results in stupor and insanity. The nutmeg being whole, however, dissolved slowly in the stomach, so that while the child was several times nearly overcome by drowsiness the effects were not so marked as they would have been had the nutmeg been in a grated form. Dr. Thompson, who has the case in charge, has strong hopes of saving the child's life.