

Ink Slings.

—Hall Columbia, natty boat. You're the trimmest craft afloat; The Shamrock wasn't in the race, She didn't even give good chase.

—Well, Sir THOMAS, it looks as if the best boat had won.

—Philadelphia will be full of repeaters on the 7th of next month as the best gossip society in the land.

—The President says it was "the Providence of God" that put the Philippine Archipelago into our lap, but whether the President is right or not it cost us twenty million.

—They boast so much about the wonders that are being performed by wireless telegraphy now-a-days that one would imagine that it hadn't been discovered and in use by political bosses for years.

—If FISHER did tell on RIDDLE it was a mighty mean trick, but if he read the hand writing on the wall there was nothing left for him to do, but something desperate, to protect himself.

—The tide of public sentiment is towards SPEER for treasurer. He is the older and wiser man and the far thinking voters of Centre county will conclude that it is the safest to have him in that office.

—The Y. M. C. A. workers at Camp Meade immersed eighteen soldiers in the Susquehanna on Sunday. Their baptism by water now being over they will have to wait until they get to the Philippines to get their baptism by fire.

—MEYER and HECKMAN are the men who should be elected commissioners of Centre county, because both are pledged to an economical conduct of affairs and neither one of them would be guilty of taking county money before they have earned it.

—Judging from the inaccuracy of their shooting on the occasion of their first battle with the English, had the Boers undertaken the capture of Manila on the day DEWEY did it they would have been banging away at the Spaniards over there yet; with neither side hurt.

—It sounds like a dream to hear that the Republican is accusing the Democratic papers of the county of overcharging for county printing, when everybody knows that it would scrape the nails off its front feet in about one minute, if it could ever get them into the trough.

—Col. BARNETT has taken the stump again in his own behalf for State Treasurer. His campaign was ridiculous enough up to the time he was called off, but now he is out with a quintet of singers; which proves, beyond a doubt, that QUAY is only playing to the galleries with this military marionette.

—You don't see CYRUS BRUNGART, the Democratic nominee for sheriff, standing around in the alleys and dark streets. He isn't making that kind of a canvass, BRUNGART is a christian gentleman and isn't buying votes with whiskey. He prefers not to be elected at all if he has to be elected by methods of that sort.

—England has an army of 135,000 men but she is not satisfied and the militia, consisting of 135,961 more, has been called out. Of course it is not granted that it is going to take this quarter of a million of armed men to subdue the Boers; but it might also have the effect of raising a little "goose flesh" on the young German Emperor, who has been "nebbing" in some what.

—The Republican's attempt to fight a county campaign on the number of mortgages that have been paid off by a big corn crop in Nebraska is about as ridiculous as anything could be. The Centre county farmers haven't much corn this year and as they look through the slats of their empty cribs they doubtless have a vision of MATT. RIDDLE using their hard earned taxes for his "private necessities."

—The fact that the HASTINGS element in Centre county was in knocking FISHER out doesn't exactly prove the rumor that it was FISHER who gave away the overdrawn account of his fellow commissioner RIDDLE, but it has started RIDDLE's friends on the war path. It is a fight to the finish between the two now and, in the language of LIPTON, "may the best one win."

—ALEX ARCHER is too much of a Presbyterian to believe anything else than that his future is all laid out for him, but that isn't changing his course one bit and he is getting over the county with that open-handed, straight forward manner of his and he is making friends galore. He wants to be register of the county and no mistake will be made if he is elected to the office, for he is qualified, both by education and culture, to make a very efficient official.

—The Philadelphia North American is peppering JOSIAH R. ADAMS, the QUAY nominee for Superior court judge, with a series of arraignments that ought to condemn the man to overwhelming defeat in November. The trouble will be, however, that all Republicans are not as clean and desirous of honor and integrity in our judiciary as is the North American. MR. WANAMAKER, its owner, realizes that something must be done to save the Republican party in Pennsylvania from this latest and most disgraceful attempt of the boss to force the support of unworthy men. The North American is a Republican paper and Mr. WANAMAKER is a Republican through principle, but neither of them are partisan enough to tolerate such infamy as QUAY would perpetrate under cover of their fealty.

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McKinley Prosperity.

The strike of the skilled mechanics at CRAMP's ship yards, of the coal diggers in the anthracite regions; the street car men in Cleveland, and of other day laborers and mechanics, all over the country, is the strongest proof that can be furnished of the fallacy of Mr. McKINLEY's claim, that his administration has brought unparalleled prosperity.

If that claim was confined to great corporations, to syndicates, trusts and aggregations of wealth, that under Republican rule are crushing out individual efforts and blighting individual hopes it would be admitted correct. There never was a time in the history of the country when monopolies were as prosperous, or when the prospects of combined capital were brighter than they are to-day.

But prosperity for trusts, and corporations, is not prosperity for the people, or we would not hear the complaints from farmers that we do, or see the strikes of laboring men and mechanics that are on hand in every part of the country. While President McKINLEY is blathering publicly to the farmers of the West about the good times they are enjoying under Republican rule, he has only to go in to one of their homes, to learn that they are paying fifty per cent. more for every particle of machinery they use, forty per cent. more for all the groceries they need, twenty-five per cent. more for the clothing they and their families use, twenty per cent. more for their furniture and household goods, than they did before his prosperity struck them, and are receiving for what they have to sell less than these products have ever brought.

For the past two years a merciful providence has given to the farmer most bountiful crops. It has helped him because he has had more to sell. With this fullness of the granaries Mr. McKINLEY has had no more to do than with the rising and setting of the sun. His administration has not added an ounce in weight or a quart in quantity to anything the farmer produces or markets. The only thing it has done for the farmer has been to increase the cost of that which he is compelled to buy, by placing the control of nearly every commodity, he needs or uses, in the power of trusts to demand such prices as their greed may dictate. This is what Mr. McKINLEY has done for the farmer and it is all that he has done.

And so it is with mechanics and laboring men. They may have more work in consequence of the improved prospects of combined capital, but their condition is not bettered, or why the strikes, look-outs and difficulties between them and their employers. Like the farmer the price of everything they have to purchase has advanced faster than the wages they are paid, and a man getting a dollar and a quarter a day now, can purchase fewer of the necessities of life for himself and family than he could when receiving one dollar a day, prior to the McKINLEY prosperity.

It is this condition of affairs that confronts us: Republican rule has offered great opportunities for combined capital—great prospects for those who need no more than they now have, but for the people it has done nothing except what the voracious demands of capital will give them. It has undertaken to take care of the rich and expects the rich to take care of the rest of us.

This is the kind of prosperity that McKINLEY has given the country—the only kind he has to boast of.

The Result of the Yacht Race.

No event in the history of international yacht racing has been freighted with the same interest that has surrounded the struggle for the America's cup of 1899, because no foreign yacht owner or boat has enjoyed the confidence and admiration of the American people like Sir THOMAS LIPTON and his "Shamrock" have.

While they have not yet succeeded in wresting from us the trophy that the old keel schooner "America" won at Cowes, on August 22nd, 1851, they have been manly in defeat and were so fair in the preliminaries that everyone will feel a sense of sorrow for the "Shamrock" and her owner should the result terminate, as it now seems certain, in a victory for the Columbia. Up to today ten attempts at a race have been made and out of them only two finishes have had. In the first of the two the "Columbia" clearly outailed the "Shamrock" and beat her over every point of the thirty mile course. In the second race the "Shamrock" met with an accident to her mast that enabled the Columbia to win without trying, and yesterday the elements were unfavorable again so that the race was declared off because neither boat finished within the time limit, though the "Columbia" was far enough ahead again to demonstrate that she is the faster boat.

The result now stands "Columbia" 2, "Shamrock" 0. Another race will be run to-day when, if the weather is favorable, our boat will probably make it three straight.

Creasy and Barnett—a Contrast.

The intelligent voter of Pennsylvania needs no better informer than his own faculty of looking into and through a man by means of the words he uses, to direct him in the proper casting of his ballot this fall. The side of right is all with the one party, while that of wrong is all with the other. It is not the intention to convey the impression that the Republican party is always wrong and on all questions, for such is not the case, but this fall it seems to be borne down under such a terrible burden that many of its best members are getting out from under, with the hope that those who are willing to stay will be crushed to oblivion by the fall of the structure they have under-mined.

It is not a case of Republicans becoming Democrats; rather one of Republicans being men enough to rebuke the political heeler, who have sapped everything of nobility from their party in this State and are now trying to disgrace them with a most brazen attempt to flout an unconstitutionally appointed United States Senator before the world as the avowed leader of Pennsylvania Republicanism, and the endorsed member of the upper branch of Congress. This is the real case in Pennsylvania. It is not one of the merits of a man for State Treasurer, or Supreme court or Superior court.

Merits have nothing to do with it. QUAY selected men who who would be willing to shoot the bullets he makes and that is the reason he selected BARNETT and BROWN and ADAMS. Principally the former, because it is with the State Treasurer's office that QUAY has had most to do and he knows that he will have to hold control there if he wants to hold the whip hand of the Republican organization in the future. That is the last leg he has to stand on and if it is knocked from under him he is hopelessly lost; just as certainly as he will be more firmly entrenched if he is able to hold onto it.

The surprising part of it all is that Lt. Col. BARNETT, a man who has a brilliant military record for service in the Philippines, should lend himself to such a scheme. But the lust for gain seems to have gained the ascendancy over the soldier so that he is now running over the State with a party of singers, exhibiting himself on about the same plan adopted by the "quack" doctors who hold forth for one night in the public square and then are gone, after having sold a mixture of flour and cayenne pepper, as a panacea for all ills, from ingrowing toe nails to softening of the brain. BARNETT's minstrel quintet sings a few songs to amuse the crowd and then he attempts to dispose of QUAY's gold bricks to the people. He talks about anything and everything except the things that the people really want to know about. And so far as his speeches having any bearing on the present issue is concerned they might just as well have been made twenty years ago.

In direct contrast to this evasive shuffling on the part of BARNETT is the straightforward, fearless declaration of "farmer" CREASY at Williamsport. He was not afraid of a boss who had given him a place on the ticket only for the use that could be made of him when he said: "The millions of the people's money, have been held as the estate of the party machine, and administered at the behest of the party boss; they have been deposited with political banks and political bankers for private gain; they have been loaned out to the political boss, to the members of his family; to his lieutenants and to his mercenaries and his tools; they have been handed over for stock jobbing stock gambling to corrupt politicians; their use has been sold by the same agencies for interest paid to the treasurers, and other public officials, and to conspicuous managers of the machine; they have been made to pay annual tribute, regularly, to furnish the machine itself with funds to debauch the elections and elect machine candidates; they have been in steady and systematic corrupt manipulation by political state treasurers during decades of machine rule."

And "Farmer" CREASY meant every word of it, because he knows whereof he speaks and is not one of the kind who would hood-wink the people after the manner of a "quack" with a lot of singers and a bag full of gold bricks put up by the worst counterfeit of a statesman ever known.

HARPER has been so obliging as a recorder that ROBB has practically given up the fight against him. It is a hard matter to turn votes away from a man who has done so many personal favors and CAL. HARPER has been obliging to so many men of all parties in the county that he will have an overwhelming vote.

A vote for RIDDLE is a vote endorsing the practice of using unearned county money for private ends.

If you want fine job printing of every description the WATCHMAN office is the place to have it done.

Is Adams a Swindler?

THE INFAMOUS WORK OF THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE EXPOSED.

Poor Men Fleeced and Laborers Robbed Under Pretense of Providing Them Homes. Testimony from Republican Sources Shows the Rascality of Josiah R. Adams and His Unfitness to Fill the Position that Quay Has Chosen Him for. A Record That Should Place Him in the Penitentiary in Place of on the Superior Court Bench.

On Monday last the North American, a leading Republican paper of Philadelphia, made exposition of the swindling operation, with which JOSIAH R. ADAMS, the Republican nominee for Superior court judge, has been connected, that should drive him from the ticket, or overwhelmingly defeat the party that attempts to disgrace the courts of the State by placing him upon the bench of one of its highest tribunals. That paper gives names and dates and figures in such a way that it is impossible to deny them, and up to this writing no attempt at an explanation, denial or excuse has been made. It charges "That Mr. ADAMS was attorney for the Granite State Provident Association, a swindling combine which plundered thousands of Pennsylvania assets, and that he is now, and has been for three years, receiver of that concern's Pennsylvania assets, and has never paid the defrauded shareholders a dollar, or even filed an account.

It charged that he was president of the American Investors' Trust, organized by the same men to do the same kind of swindling business as the Granite State Provident Association. It charged that he was president of the American Investors' Company, which was "another robbing offspring of the first-named company."

It charged that the charter of the last named company was revoked for fraud by the Legislature of Rhode Island.

IN SUPPORT OF THESE CHARGES.

In support of these charges "The North American" prints copies of letters and telegrams from Mr. ADAMS and interviews with a number of persons who claim to have been swindled by the "Penn Home Builders' Association, a branch of the American Investors' Company, of which Mr. ADAMS was president.

COENELEUS McHUGH, of West Mount Pleasant Avenue, Germantown, says he was induced by the advertisement of the company to apply for a loan.

"I went up to the office, and was told that it was a local branch of the American Investors' Company of New York, and that JOSIAH R. ADAMS was president of it and SAMUEL B. HUEY was president of the local branch. I knew Mr. ADAMS was reputed to be a smart lawyer, and I thought that surely if he was connected with the company it must be all right. I knew, too, that Mr. HUEY was his partner.

"The agent told me that I must pay \$5 to have the property appraised, and that if it was all right I could get \$3,000 by paying \$300 a month. This would let me take the contract. I knew that after I once got started I could easily make the payments every month.

"My wife was sick at the time, and I had used all my money in buying food for us and the children. "So I borrowed the \$5 from a friend and paid it to the agent. A few days later the agent told me that everything was all right, and I could get my money as soon as I made the first payment, but the more I paid at first the easier it would be afterward. I again borrowed \$20, which I paid to him, and a few days later borrowed \$19 more and gave it to him. He said the loan would come along in ten days.

"I went home happy, thinking that after I got my houses started I would be all right, and that my wife would have better care, and I could live more comfortably with my family. So I started my house. I waited two weeks, and the money didn't come. I didn't hear from them, so I went up to the office again. They told me not to worry, that everything was all right, because JOSIAH R. ADAMS was president of the New York company and the money would be along in a few days."

WENT TO SEE ADAMS.

He then goes on to state that he finally secured a warrant but failed to secure the arrest of the agents, and concludes with the following statement:

"The next day I went up to see JOSIAH R. ADAMS again. I met him at the elevator. He had his bag in his hand, and was just going away on his vacation. He told me not to worry about my money, and that he would get it back for me. If he was not here Detective GEYER would have it for me. JOSIAH R. ADAMS said that he had lost \$180 himself, because he had bought all the furniture and was paying the rent for the office, but that he saw STEWART late the night before, and he was a nice fellow.

"Another man named STEVENS, who lost \$70, went with me one day to see JOSIAH R. ADAMS, and he told us he would get our money back all right. I got my papers back from the police on which I swore out the warrants for Goldberg & Weber, but they were given to me in one of JOSIAH R. ADAMS' envelopes.

"You see, I borrowed every cent of that \$44, and I had to work hard to pay it back. I lost my contracts and all my work. Everybody got sore on me, and I lost all my credit and was pretty near ruined. I have not had any steady work since. It has been awful hard to get along, and I need the money very much, for I am a poor, hard-working man, with a large family. JOSIAH R. ADAMS promised me several times to pay me back, but I have not got a cent of it.

THE MONEY DID NOT COME.

OTTO HEWSON, who claims to have paid \$65 on a promise that he would secure a loan of \$800 tells practically the same story. He says the money did not come and adds:

"I needed the \$65 I had paid to the company more than ever. I had counted on getting the loan, and was very much in debt. I went to New York to see STEWART. I could not see him, but a man named PIERCE told me that I would have to get my money back from JOSIAH R. ADAMS, because he was president, and got all the money. So I came back, and JOSIAH R. ADAMS again told me that STEWART had all the money, and I should get it from him. It seemed funny to me, for I had been to New York, and I knew it was no use to go again.

"I went into it because JOSIAH R. ADAMS was president of the New York company, and I think he swindled me and stole my hard-earned money. I am more in debt than ever, because of him, and I am afraid now that I will lose my job, because everybody is jumping on me, and I cannot pay my debts. Only a few days ago my children came up to me and said there was no bread in the house to eat. I lay my ruin at JOSIAH R. ADAMS' door. I went down to his office to tell him that he must pay me or be exposed. The clerks would not let me see him."

OTHER SIMILAR STORIES.

MAX COHEN, 701 North Fifth street, tells a story of having paid \$46 on the expectation of securing a loan of \$1000, which he says he never received. He also says he never got the \$46 back.

Mrs. GILBERT, a widow, 845 North Forty-fifth street, claims to have paid \$45 as the first payment on a loan of \$4,000, which she says she was unable to secure. She also states that she was unable to get her \$45 back.

JOSEPH WILLIE, colored, 1613 Annin street, also tells a story as follows: "An agent came along one day and offered to build a nice house for us for \$3000, and we could pay for it on instalments. We had been planning to have a house built, and thought this was a good chance, as the fellow offered easy terms. He told me they had an office in the Drexel Building, and that JOSIAH R. ADAMS was president of the local company in New York. I knew that JOSIAH R. ADAMS had the reputation of being a smart lawyer, and thought, of course, anything he was connected with, must be all right and square.

"The agent showed us plans of a house and promised to have everything fixed up to suit us. "My wife and I talked it over and bought the lot to build on. We left the deeds with them and were told that we could get the money after the first payment was made, but the larger the payment we made at first, of course, the easier it would be, and the less we would have to pay afterward. So we paid them \$100, all the money we could borrow. They promised to have things ready in a few days, but the money did not come.

"We saw them several times, but could not get anything but promises. We wanted either the loan or else our money back, but got nothing. We put it in a lawyer's hands to collect, but he could not get any money. They sent him the deeds and papers, which he still has. It was mighty hard on us to lose all that money after we had been saving so carefully and so long, and we could not afford to be swindled out of every cent we had, but its gone now, and I reckon we will only just have to work all the harder."

Adams was President of the American Investors' Trust, that swindled people in cities and towns in the central and western portions of Pennsylvania, catching, through fraudulent advertisements, many men and women in places remote from the railroads. The succeeding swindle, known as the American Investors' Company, worked the people wherever the name of the Trust was not known.

Here are some of the towns where persons have been defrauded by Adams' stealing corporations and Adams' associates: Allentown, Schuylkill Haven, Walnutport, Hollidaysburg, Tremont, Williamsport, Cannonsburg, Sayre, Sunbury, Newton, Johnstown, Swatara, Rientertown, Branchdale, Greensburg, Tower City, Muir, Orwin, Penbrook, Athens, Canton, Tamaqua, Mt. Carmel, Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Chester, Turtle Creek, Pottsville and Reading. There are dozens of small villages to add to this list.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Young Fred Leidich, of Pottsville, was blinded in one eye by being struck with a stick while he and the other boys were clubbing chestnuts.

—A little Spanish boy who was brought from Porto Rico by the Sheridan troops of Tyrone, has entered as a pupil at the Indian Industrial school at Carlisle.

—Scarcity of coke has caused a partial suspension of operations at the Pennsylvania Steel company's blast furnaces, in Steelton, and unless the supply is increased there may be a shut-down of longer duration.

—At Williamsport Saturday evening, Geo. H. Knauff, after chatting pleasantly with his wife, went to the outhouse, where he was found dead a half hour later by his wife. He had been afflicted with rheumatism for some time. He was 55 years old.

—William Bratton, a Carlisle man, who fought in the civil war and who had been given up by his comrades and friends as having been slain in battle, walked into a restaurant in that town late Tuesday night and gave his old associates a big surprise. He had been residing in Kansas.

—Farmer George Hoyer, of Epler's Church, Berks county, died Monday from the effect of a piece of bone being driven into his heart. He fell from an apple tree and two of his ribs were broken. A splinter from one of them pierced his heart, and was found there by the doctors who performed an autopsy.

—The Second Methodist Church, of Altoona has about completed negotiations for the purchase of the home of former Congressman J. D. Hicks, which adjoins their edifice. The object in securing the property is to get additional space to erect a handsome place of worship. The price agreed upon is \$12,000.

—Mrs. Simon Reese, aged 55 years, residing near Fairview, Lancaster county attempted to make a fire Monday morning with the aid of kerosene when the oil exploded and ignited her clothing. She was horribly burned from head to foot and cannot recover. She is the mother of twelve children. The house caught fire but was saved.

—John Swope has killed 103 wildcats in Huntingdon county, four of this number having been killed since July. Mr. Swope brought in three gray foxes, six minks, three skunks, five opossums and one coon. In 1896 the county paid this old trapper \$1,300 for scalps of trapped animals. In addition to this he realized a handsome sum for the hides which he tans himself.

—On October 1st, 1885, the present marriage license went into effect, and up to the first day of this month, a period of fourteen years, 4,068 marriage licenses were granted in Huntingdon county, making on the average for each year about 290. Nearly every one of the 4,068 couples granted licenses were married in that county and it is gratifying to state that the divorce list is so small that it pales into insignificance.

—Operations on the large reservoir on White Deer creek, about five miles from the mouth of that stream, are now going on. The reservoir is being built by the Higbee Construction company, of Philadelphia, which company has a capitalization of \$250,000. The reservoir will supply the towns of Watsonstown, Milton, Lewisburg and Sunbury. These towns are at present supplied with water from the river.

—Albert Gould, a Marietta farmer, owes his life to the coolness and bravery of his little daughter, who rescued him from being trampled to death by a young bull. Gould had been playing with the animal, which was somewhat of a pet, when it became enraged and tossed him in the air and then trampled on him. His daughter, seeing his danger, ran to the fence and grabbed the best by the ear and held it until her father could crawl away.

—An oil derrick nine stories high, made out of thirty pieces of hewed timber, has been constructed on the Gibbon lands, at Duncansville, Blair county. The outfit includes a cable line 2,000 feet long. The operators will begin to bore for oil this week. It is an open secret that the precious fluid exists there, but whether the same can be procured in paying quantities forms a question which only the present operations can determine.

—Saxton is to be lighted with electricity within the next 60 days. The Huntingdon & Broad Top railroad company has closed a contract for a 60-acre and incandescent plant to furnish light for its shops, offices and yards in that place and to furnish lights for the streets, business houses and residences of the town. The borough has contracted for 10 large arc lights, with the privilege of taking more, at a very reasonable figure. The plant is expected to be in position in about thirty days.

—Harry Adams, under sentence of two years on the charge of burglary, made a daring escape from the Lancaster county prison Sunday night. Adams besides being the prison barber, assisted in serving meals to the convicts, and it was while attending to these duties that he escaped. Adams by his good behavior was allowed more privileges than the other prisoners, and, consequently, took the first opportunity to leave. All efforts so far to recapture him have proved futile.

—Charles A. Myers, of Williamsport, a member of the board of overseers, had a battle with a rat Friday and was greatly disfigured about the face and body. He was in the act of removing the big rodent from a trap when it sprang at him. Two buttons of a flannel shirt he wore were unfastened, and the rat jumped into his open shirt bosom. It could go no further down than the waistband of the trousers, and it at once commenced to bite. It chewed and clawed until Mr. Myers succeeded in killing it by leaning against the side of the house, squeezing the life out of the rat.

—One of the most remarkable escapes from death in the history of Elklick mining region occurred at the Continental Coal company's mines at Glen MacLaren, Somerset county, last Saturday. Coal from this mine is loaded into railroad cars through a chute 300 feet long, lined with sheet steel, standing at an angle of twenty-eight degrees, containing gates at short intervals to check the fall of coal. The coal became clogged at the upper gate and Urias Roebuck aged 30, son of Mine Foreman George Roebuck, volunteered to go up and start it. In kicking a lump loose his feet were swept from under him and he was shot with lightning speed to the bottom of the chute, escaping with slight bruises. How he escaped a horrible death his fellow workmen cannot explain.