

—Good morning! No, we were not ducked yesterday, thank you.

—Mr. Spring Creek, to the WATCHMAN office last Thursday morning: It's up to you. Now move.

—Forty years of favors, old boss QUAY has got; but another term as Senator, he has—nit—not.

—The DINGLEY tariff law ought to be ashamed to lay claim to the credit of the growing india rubber industry when there are millions of rubber-necks looking right at it.

—Gregg post didn't have a show or big dinner yesterday and instead of there being a big flood, it was a balmy spring day, with Spring Creek flowing placidly on, with no sign of getting full.

—We are still losing soldiers in the Philippines. The millions of dollars don't count, but the precious lives do, when thrown down before a worthless, half-civilized race that could do us no possible good.

—OLGA NETHERSOLE, the actress, has been held for trial for offending decency in New York. As FANNY LEGRANDE in "Sapho" OLGA is said to be very fierce and just a little naughtier than the law evidently intends to allow.

—The ladies of the Village Improvement society might unite their efforts in getting old Spring Creek to sign the pledge. He's getting full regularly now, once a week, and there is no one around here who seems able to arrest him.

—There was a time when a drunken man was never seen on the streets of Bellefonte on Sunday. They have become very numerous of late and it almost seems as if the Sabbath day has become the popular one on which such mandrin degenerates disport themselves.

—The Philadelphia Inquirer is happy because New York wasn't foxy enough to cover up the fact that two "Rubes" blew out the gas over there last week and are among the missing now. We would advise our Philadelphia contemporary not to go too far in its glee, for the facts in the case might reveal that the victims were two of its distinguished "Colonels."

—How happy the poor Porto Ricans must be that they welcomed Gen. MILLS and McKINLEY's army of conquest with open arms. How easily mortals may be deluded. They thought they were to be freed from Spain's extorting tyranny, but they only jumped from that impoverishment into the despair of American tariff taxation. Porto Rico is poor, devastated and weak beyond the comprehension of most men, yet the greed of Republican tariff gourmands has not hesitated to sink its voracious fangs into her puny, industrial structure.

—Noting that the Phillipsburg Journal hails the appearance of a robin in that place Wednesday morning as the first real harbinger of spring we do not wish to throw cold water on the Journal's ecstasy, but robins cannot be considered spring birds. It has been a note-worthy fact that for a number of years past robins have been wintering in the woods in the Centre county. The writer has personal knowledge of several of their "roosts" and while the popular idea that they are migratory may be founded on the general fact, yet it is none the less true that some of them winter here.

—The latest story of real political interest in the State is to the effect that QUAY is grooming Congressman JOE SIBLEY, of Meadville, for the Senate, in the event that he can't get there himself. The story is only interesting because it shows to what bubbles the dotage of the old boss has led him. QUAY, himself, will only be defeated because he is too bad to represent this State any longer and SIBLEY as his successor would be a veritable case of jumping out of the jaws of Scylla into those of Charybdis. In selecting a new Senator Pennsylvania will scarcely be satisfied with such a political fence jumper as the Meadville Congressman.

—Senator DAVID B. HILL, of New York, has come to the conclusion that "the American people are governed too much." There is no doubt of it. We have federal and state enactments to burn. Laws that were introduced and passed for no other purpose than to lead the constituents of their authors to believe that they were "doing something while in the Legislature or in Congress." A lot of such dead letters on the statute books have induced a certain contempt for law and a disinclination on the part of officials to enforce it, consequently useful and beneficial measures remain inoperative and the public suffers for want of law, when in reality there is too much of it.

—Mr. McKINLEY's axiom that "trade follows the flag," don't seem to hold good in the one place, above all others, that he hungers for a reason for having "old glory" floating. A recent statement from the War Department shows that for the quarter ending September 1st less than one third of the exports from the Philippines were sent to the United States, while of the goods imported we furnished but \$331,475 worth as against \$2,295,520 purchased from European countries. Considering that we are spending over \$1,000,000 a week to keep the flag flying over those islands, the profit we are realizing from the "trade that follows it," is a good deal like Mr. McKINLEY's statesmanship—bigger in the imagination than anywhere else.

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Is Quayism to Win Again?

It is beginning to look as if Senator QUAY, in the new shake up of the political dice box, was turning up higher numbers than his warmest friends had ever hoped for.

So far in the contest for legislative nominations he has made almost a clean sweep, and if the political current, in the Republican party, keeps running as it has been it will be but a beggary dozen or so of Republican candidates, who, if elected, to the Legislature, can be depended upon to cast their ballots against him.

We had hoped that the situation would be otherwise; that the Republican voters of Pennsylvania had seen enough of his rottenness, and sufficiently felt the humiliation that his methods had brought upon their party, to refuse a further endorsement of him. But that hope seems without foundation, and from the present outlook it is almost certain that the same corrupt power, the same disgraceful machine, and the same old roosters will control and be at the head of the Republican procession in the coming campaign in this State.

This means that if Republicanism is successful QUAY will be victorious, and that for another five years the ring and its roosters will give to the State such legislation as suits their theiving schemes, and that the Beaver boss will continue to disgrace a seat in the United States Senate.

While a majority of the Republican voters of Pennsylvania may still be willing to wear the QUAY collar, and submit to the dictation of his machine, there are still enough of voters left who have sufficient respect for the honor of the Commonwealth, and desire for reputable representation at Washington, to elect a Legislature that would repudiate his demands, if they would work together. Why they cannot, or do not, do this is a mystery to us.

That a majority of the people of Pennsylvania are against the return of Mr. QUAY to the Senate goes without contradiction, unless the professions of those styling themselves anti-QUAY Republicans are as hollow and meaningless as are his professions of reform. And if a majority of the voters are opposed to his return as a Senator, there is neither excuse nor reason for a failure to so organize this opposition that it will insure his defeat.

And right here is where the influence and efforts of those controlling the Democratic State Committee, and other political organizations that are opposed to QUAYISM, should exert themselves and show their usefulness. A fusion of Democrats and anti-QUAY Republicans will prevent the election of a QUAY Legislature. It is an important matter, not only in politics, but to the welfare of the State that this be done. It cannot be accomplished in a day, nor can it be made successful without intelligent and active effort.

Will those who are at the head and have oversight of the different political organizations, that would defeat QUAY and save the State the disgrace of his continued rule, size up to the situation? The opportunity is here. The public feeling is right. The people are ready.

Will those who have a right to look to as leaders blaze the way?

Or is QUAYISM to win again, through the negligence or incapacity of those who should lead the fight against him?

A Job that Don't Deserve Commendation. However fair it may seem to return to Porto Rico the two millions of dollars that have been taken from her citizens as a duty on exports to, and imports from, this country, there is an injustice about the whole matter that can neither be condoned nor excused.

If it was right that this money should be returned, it was certainly wrong to collect it. If it was wrong to collect it then the fees and salaries, attendant upon its collection, were an official robbery of those from whom it was taken to the full amount that its collection cost.

Again, if its return, after deducting the fees and expenses of collecting, placed its balance in the pockets of those from whom it was taken, there might be some claim of justice for it. But it does not. The whole amount goes into the public treasury and those who paid no portion of it are the chief beneficiaries. Boiled down it is simply taxing one class of citizens to relieve others of an equal share of the burdens of government—the barefaced robbery of individuals of all the costs, that the collection of tariff dues amounts to, and the return of the money taken from them to others who were in no way entitled to it.

Possibly Mr. McKINLEY and the Republican party may get credit for such work, but if they do it will only be from people who would approve of everything they do, whether right or wrong.

—Out of respect to their late official brother, MATTHEW F. RIDDLE, the board of County Commissioners adjourned, immediately upon hearing of his death and will not reconvene until Monday.

—Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

A Situation that Should Bring Us to Our Senses.

Carrying on a war for the glory of a political administration may be a pleasant matter for those who are, and who expect, profiting by it, but for the brave boys who have been fooled into enlisting; for the families and friends they leave, and for the people who pay the taxes it entails, it is quite another matter.

Last week we published dispatches, coming from Washington, in which it was stated that over one thousand pair of handcuffs, and hundreds of shackles, had been ordered by Gen. OTIS with which to prevent soldiers in the Philippines who had lost their reason from doing themselves personal injury. This week we give other dispatches showing that the climate has so undermined the health of the army that it is practically worthless, and that a new call for volunteers will have to be made if the prosecution of the war is to be continued.

When we remember that an army of 70,000 men have already been sent to the Philippines; that most of that army has experienced less than one year's service; that it is now reported to be so decimated by diseases and incapacitated by the climate as to unfit it for further service, we can begin to imagine the price we are paying for the glory and greed of a Republican administration.

Throwing aside all money cost; forgetting the taxation that must follow to meet the expenditures already made and that are daily increasing; saying nothing about the inconsistency of a people who preach about the right of self government attempting to govern another people by force; over-looking the responsibilities and troubles that these coveted possessions are sure to bring in the future, have we not, in the loss of the thousands of brave men who have already fallen in the conflict; in the physical condition our army of 70,000 soldiers is now in, and the sorrow and suffering that has already ensued, paid a thousand times more than all these islands are worth?

This is a question that should come home to everyone of us. We many not have dear ones endangered and suffering in that far away country. We may not be fearing each day that news will come that one whom we love has been slain by those who believe they are fighting for their homes and their families, or is dying from disease and without comforts or care. We may have none of the feelings that come when the life or welfare of our own are at stake, but common humanity should cause us to think of others, to feel for others, and to appreciate what it must be to those whose dear ones are wearing "hand-cuffs" or "hoobies," or are at death's door, all for the glory of an administration that imagines that because it has been entrusted with power in this country, it is able to govern the world.

With an army of 70,000 sick and disabled soldiers to be cared for; the wet season that intensifies their suffering and walks arm in arm with death, approaching; with the war no nearer a successful termination than it was one year ago, it is time for the American people to seriously consider, if there is not some other way out of this woeful situation than by the path that follows brute force.

Striking For Terms.

There was a time when Mr. CARNEGIE could command any price he demanded for his armor plate. That was when Mr. CARNEGIE was in full sympathy with the Republican administration and gave to it cordial and effective support. It is different now. Mr. CARNEGIE doesn't believe in everything that party is doing. He don't believe in imperialism and expansion by conquest, and his former friends pretend that they don't believe in paying him the price asked for his armor plate.

What their difference in beliefs will result in, of course, no one can tell, but it is evidently the intention of MARK HANNA's administration to put the screws to the great steel king, and, if possible, squeeze a different opinion out of him.

It is not the price of armor plate that troubles Mr. HANNA and his man McKINLEY. It is public opinion and those who are helping to create it. And as Mr. CARNEGIE has been laboring to arouse a public sentiment against a public policy that he deems unjust and cruel, it is kind of natural, if not commendable, for those who are responsible for that policy to strike back as best they can, and Mr. HANNA and Mr. McKINLEY are striking at the price of armor plate.

They will pay the price cheerfully if Mr. CARNEGIE will keep quiet on imperialism.

—We congratulate editor GRIER, of the Jersey Shore Vidette on his good fortune in having been appointed post master of that place. We are always pleased when a nice plum falls for a newspaper man for, poor souls, they deserve all they can get.

Of the Same Stripe.

Senator CARTER, who is known principally because his name appears in the Congressional Record as representing the State of Montana in the United States Senate and occasionally in the newspapers when a yea and nay vote is taken in that body, blossomed out the other day as the principal advocate of seating Mr. QUAY. In his speech he flung all manner of mud at Pennsylvania Republicans, who have been opposing the aspiration of the Beaver boss, and ended up by declaring that the prosecution of QUAY and his son DICK, for speculating with money belonging to the State, was a "deep, dark, damnable, diabolical plot," to prevent his election by the Legislature. That as soon as that body adjourned the courts acquitted him, and that but for the holding up, or continuation of the case, the Legislature would have elected him.

Senator CARTER evidently knows as little about conditions in Pennsylvania as he seems to about most other matters. Mr. QUAY, it is true, was indicted for the misuse of public funds months before the Legislature of 1899 met. But it is equally true that it was his grip upon the courts and the efforts of his attorneys that secured the delays that kept him from facing a jury until after the adjournment of that body. It is just as true that had Mr. QUAY the most remote hope of being elected by the Legislature that that body would have been reconvened months ago, for the sole purpose of doing his bidding. Governor STONE is known to be his most subservient tool. What he wants Governor STONE does. If there was any expectation, or the faintest hope, that his election could be secured in any way, the Legislature would be called to meet in less time than it took the Montana Senator to show how little he knew of what he was talking about.

The fact that Mr. QUAY prefers taking his chances before such men as CARTER, rather than submitting them to the representatives of the people of Pennsylvania, shows how well he knows the hopelessness of an election at the hands of those he would represent. It is proof that he understands the situation and feels that the only way for him to again draw the salary and fatten upon the emoluments of a Senatorial position is to steal into that body through the efforts of men no better than himself. And he has found one in the Senator from Montana.

—It was a fitting testimonial to a capable man that council shod, on Monday night, re-appointed Hon. J. H. WETZEL to the position of borough engineer. This will be the seventh year in that office and the fact that the re-appointment was made entirely without his solicitation and by a Republican body is evidence supreme of the reliance the members have in him. In his relations with the borough Mr. WETZEL has been faithful and given his best efforts to the work of street making. That is why the people here have confidence in him, and that is why he was continued, without opposition, in his office.

The Man for the Position.

Months ago while chairman JONES was sojourning in Europe in the hope of regaining his health, the WATCHMAN suggested that in case a change in the chairmanship of the Democratic National Committee became necessary it would be the proper thing to do to place Col. JAS. M. GUFFEY in that position. We are glad to see that a movement looking to that end is now talked of.

Chairman JONES, it is understood, is adverse to continuing as the recognized and responsible head of the party organization. The duties it imposes, the sacrifices it requires, and the obligations that go with it have been borne by him for years. He now thinks they should be shared by others. Col. GUFFEY is not anxious, we know, to assume these responsibilities. He knows what they are. He understands the work and worry and time the position requires, but like any other good citizen he is willing to do his duty to the public and to his party, and if it falls to his lot to make the sacrifices that acting as chairman of the Democratic committee will demand there is none who will shoulder the troubles and undertake the work with a better grace than he will.

And Col. GUFFEY's strong points lay in the fact that what he undertakes he does. There is no child's-play or half-hearted work about any job he goes at. If he accepts the chairmanship it will be with a purpose of making such a fight for his party as is surest to succeed. There will be no sacrifices too great for him to make or no time too precious for him to spend for the welfare of the party.

We earnestly hope that the movement to place him in this position will be pushed to success. It will mean much for the Democracy. It will create new life; it will inspire new hope; it will revive and encourage the party, and it will mean the prosecution, from the day he is chosen, of an intelligent, earnest and hopeful, campaign for Democratic ascendancy in the coming contest.

By Me and Almighty God.

Harry Rohm is a traveling man, his home is in Huntingdon and he is always full of business and sometimes assumes a humorous mood. He knows Huntingdon county all over, having even penetrated the wilds of Dudley and vicinity. Harry was here yesterday and meeting one of our justices of the peace proceeded to impart to him a budget of valuable information about squiring according to the rules of a rural and diminutive court in the vicinity referred to above. The 'Squire, he said, is a whole court in himself; judge, jury, lawyer and sometimes presumes to assume the roll of witness. He never condescends to return a case to court, but always settles it on the spot. One of the most important acts of his official career was to divorce a pair of people some years after he had married them. He argued the case before his own court, and concluded that if he had the power to hitch the couple he had also the authority to loosen the traces, so he decreed that the obligation placed upon Mr. and Mrs. Blank to live under the same roof, and love and care for each other, was no longer in force, and they were directed to each choose a congenial path and proceed at once to follow it independently and alone, though the one from the other should be as wide as the continent. The 'Squire's form for swearing witnesses is said to run this way: "You swear by me and Almighty God."

A Sure Cure for Hard Times.

James B. Dunn in Leaflet Series. THREE BEERS A DAY OR 1 Barrel of flour, 50 Pounds of sugar, 20 Pounds of corn starch, 10 Pounds of macaroni, 10 Quarts of beans, 4 Twelve pound hams, 1 Bushel sweet potatoes, 3 Bushels Irish potatoes, 10 Pounds of coffee, 10 Pounds of raisins, 10 Pounds of rice, 20 Pounds of crackers, 100 Bars of soap, 3 Twelve-pound turkeys, 5 Quarts of cranberries, 10 Bunches of Celery, 10 Pounds of prunes, 4 Dozen oranges, 10 Pounds of mixed nuts. FIVE BIG BARRELS HEAPED UP! In the bottom of the last barrel, a purse with two pockets. In one pocket a five dollar gold piece marked "a dress for mother," in the other pocket a ten dollar bill, marked, "to buy shoes for the children."

Look at that list. What is it? That's what three beers a day would buy. Do you hear that drinking men? Three beers a day would buy that whole list and a five dollar dress for mother, and ten dollars' worth of shoes for the children thrown in.

Congress Has Equivocated Gen. Miles' to the Porto Ricans.

When Gen. Miles went to Porto Rico he issued a proclamation to the people in which he said: "I have not come to make war against Porto Rico, but against the Spanish government; and Porto Rico under the American flag will enjoy the same privileges and immunities as the citizens of the United States and territories of the Union." This pledge, given under these circumstances should be fulfilled. But Congress repudiates it, and now proposes to tax Porto Rican goods entering our ports 15 per cent. This is both a violation of the constitution, and of a solemn promise to the Porto Rican people.

Most Men are Out for "the Staff," Now-a-days.

A private detective has filed a bill for \$5,881.55 against New York city for services in watching members of the jury that tried Roland B. Molinoux for the murder of Mrs. Catherine Adams. What have we come to? Could a grosser insult to these jurymen, and to New York citizenship in general, be imagined? Has integrity and honesty, and faithfulness "ten to each a low ebb in New York that private detectives must be employed to watch men fairly impanelled and sworn to do their duty? God save New York if this be the case.

Cronje Thanks British.

Beer General and Men Appreciate Treatment by Their Captors. LONDON, MARCH 4, 11.45 P.M.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Osofstein, Sunday, March 4: "General Cronje, on behalf of his party and Commandant Wolmarans, on behalf of 3000 other prisoners, who have all now left Modder River, asked the British officers to thank me for the consideration and kindness with which they have been treated."

"General Clements reports that his advance troops hold Aochtertang and that railway communication would be opened to Jonberts Siding to-day. The enemy is still in force at Norvals Pont bridge. General Gatacre telegraphs that the number of Boers at Stormberg is daily diminishing. "Colonel Baden-Powell reports that all was well at Mafeking, on February 12 and that the enemy's activity was being met everywhere by equal activity on the part of the defenders."

"G. T. B.," writing for the Daily News of Tuesday, urges that something be done in the way of celebrating the centennial anniversary of the erection of Centre county and suggests that the soldiers monument be gotten under way at once so that the laying of the cornerstone of that memorial might be made the occasion of a public demonstration. The idea is undoubtedly a good one and it seems a gross lack of spirit to leave such an event pass unnoticed, but Bellefonte is too busy at this time to pay much attention to fetes and it is not probable that any other community in the county will take the initiative.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Mrs. Anna J. Bat., has been appointed postmistress at Hollisville, Bedford county.

—A barn belonging to Moses Tzig, at Centreville, Bedford county, was destroyed by fire on the evening of February 23rd.

—The dog poisoner is getting in his work over in Williamsport. Several valuable canines have lost their lives recently by reason of his activity.

—The Curwensville opera house took fire at an early hour last Wednesday morning and the interior was completely destroyed though the walls were left standing.

—William Bridgens, who was born and reared at Karthaus, and who later in life removed to Kansas, was killed by the cars in that State Friday. The telegram gave no particulars.

—At a meeting of the Perry county Democratic committee held at New Bloomfield last Saturday, Frank A. Fry, of Newport, and James E. Wilson, of Loysville, were elected delegates to the State Convention.

—At Ebensburg on Monday Judge Barker handed down his conclusions in the applications for liquor licenses. There were 229 applicants. 127 of these licenses were granted, thirty-nine were refused and three were held over.

—The Clearfield National bank is one of a group of sixteen banks that have brought suit in the sum of \$5,000 each against James S. McCartney, administrator of the estate of the late William M. Singler, editor of the Philadelphia Record.

—While crossing the tracks of the Northern Central railroad at Marysville, Perry county, last Saturday afternoon, Percy Palmer, aged 12 years, son of Albertus Palmer, night watchman in the yards there was run down and killed by main line express.

—Henry Bingham, of Friend's Cove, Bedford county, was severely injured recently while at work in a saw mill. He was attempting to move a log when the whole pile rolled down on him. His right leg was badly crushed between the knee and ankle.

—Joseph Hood, aged 15 years, son of James Hood, of West Wheatfield township, Indiana county, was badly injured last Saturday by the accidental discharge of a revolver which he was handling. The ball struck him in the forehead above the left eye and took a downward course. Fortunately it did not penetrate the skull and was removed by a physician.

—Propped up in bed in the hotel Washington in Chambersburg, late Saturday night, William S. Clark was married by Rev. Dr. J. A. Crawford, to Miss Nannie Mortimer, of the Willows, near Bedford. Their wedding had been set for the coming summer, but Mr. Clark became so ill that his affianced was telegraphed for and arrived a few hours before the ceremony, which was witnessed by a few close friends.

—A curiosity attracted a good many people to the depot in Tyrone on Friday evening. It was a calf with two heads. Though small in size the body was well formed and everything about the animal was natural and well formed, except that it had two heads, each being perfect in formation, having the necessary complement of ears, eyes, nostrils, etc. It was dead of course and was being shipped from Clearfield to Coalport.

—The funeral of H. M. Cadwallader, of Norristown which occurred Monday, presented a novel appearance by reason of the absence of the usual services. It had been Mr. Cadwallader's wish during life that only men should compose his funeral party. This request was granted and not a member of the other sex was present with the funeral party, not even his wife. There was no speaking, either at the house or at the grave. —William L. Woodcock, of Altoona, widely known in Methodist circles, has given \$500 to establish a scholarship in Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport. All told he has given \$2,500 to the Twentieth Century offering of the Methodist Episcopal church to be divided among the following institutions. \$500 to Dickinson College at Carlisle. \$500 to Dickinson Seminary. \$500 to the hospital in Altoona and \$1,000 for the University in Washington.

—A meeting of representatives of the various preachers' meetings of Methodist Episcopal churches of Pennsylvania was held in Harrisburg Tuesday, at which it was decided to hold a Methodist convention in Harrisburg next October, beginning on the 22nd, and continuing five days. Bishop Cyrus D. Fos, of Philadelphia, presided, and delegates were present from Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Lancaster, Altoona, Williamsport and Wilkesbarre.

—The family of C. R. Gearhart, at Look Haven have in their possession a circus poster that is valuable as a relic. The poster is printed on white silk, 7x18 inches in size, and is the advertisement of Campbell & Bullen's circus, which was booked to appear at Lancaster on October 28th 1818. William Hamilton was the printer, and a good job he made, too. There were two clowns with the show, so the poster states and some wonderful feats were advertised. Prices of admission were 75 and 50 cents, children 10 cents.

—When the Rev. J. R. Ellis, pastor of the First Baptist church, moved to Oswego, N. Y., from Scranton, Pa., he took with him the family cat—a big black mouser. The cat, however, didn't take kindly to its new home and disappeared the first night. Mr. Ellis mourned and sought for him all over town. He was amazed the other day to get a letter from Scranton, saying that his cat had turned up there. How the animal made its way from Oswego to Scranton, 200 miles across country, is a puzzle, and an extraordinary manifestation of the "homing instinct" of the feline family.

—The Pennsylvania fish commission has prepared a series of trout eggs in various stages of development for distribution among the public schools of the State. The object in preparing this series is primarily to give assistance to teachers in nature study and object lesson teaching among the pupils, and secondarily to advance the interests of fish culture and protection. The embryos in the eggs prepared are plainly visible to the naked eye and will be sent free, except express charges to the cities. Small cities and towns may be supplied through the state superintendent of education at Harrisburg. The commission also announces that a syllabus for the guidance of teachers will be furnished by the assistant secretary before the beginning of the autumn season. All applications must be made immediately to insure their being filled.