

Ink Slings.

It isn't for a horseless carriage That the housewife longs today; It isn't a divorcee marriage...

The farmers of Centre county have survived the harrowing time they had with their corn ground.

There is no royal road to success, they say, but what of the gambler who makes a specialty of a royal flush.

The news from South Africa seems to show that the Boers are in retreat, but it is not so precipitate that any of them are being shot in the back.

Well, well, well! WELLS has resigned already. This will certainly be well for the welfare of the dairy and food branch of the Agricultural Department.

The seventeen year locusts are advertised for this season, but the Centre county farmers are not to be scared with this bug-boo. Few of them have enough grain to make even a light lunch for a seventeen year locust.

The Populists now require two national conventions in order to express themselves. Their party has split and the "Middle of the Roaders" are switched away off on a side track, so the other wing of the Pops believes.

On Monday the State Treasury passed into the control of Col. JAMES E. BARNETT and it was reported that the balance on hand was \$3,500,000. That might have been the balance, but were the funds on hand or had they all been farmed out to machine banks?

They accused State Treasurer JAMES E. BARNETT, of having gotten "cold feet" when he was Lt. Col. of the Tenth and that gallant regiment was in action. Let us hope that he won't get the same complaint and walk off when he has the most in the treasury pile at Harrisburg.

With JOE NORRE's death the machine's chances for making false election returns in the dago districts of Philadelphia are seriously crippled. He was a wily Italian and was a power among the foreign element in the lower end of that city. His affiliation with the QUAY faction was sufficient to condemn his political methods.

The engagement of ALFRED VANDERBILT to Miss ELISE FRENCH has been announced and when those two interesting youngsters get "hitched" there will be a union that will be a gilded one "for fair." He is worth thirty-six million and she will have ten more to give him. How would you like to have the job keeping the wolf from their door?

The Philadelphia North American has started after the state hospitals for the insane with the same sharp stick that stirred up such a nauseating smell in the Agricultural Department. If it keeps on the atmosphere about the latter will become so unwholesome as to probably make the heads of some of the Agricultural Departments fit subjects for the insane hospitals.

With IGNATIUS DONNELLY, of Minnesota, on their ticket for President, and WHARTON BARKER, of Philadelphia, for Vice President, the Pops would have a hard team to handle. We fear IGNATIUS would take the bit in his mouth and run clear away from PFEFFER, JERRY SIMPSON, MARY ELLEN LEASE and all the other tallow-dips that furnish luminosity and guiding light to the populist propaganda.

The mischievous youngster who filled a companion full of compressed air at CRAMP's ship yards in Philadelphia, on Wednesday, thereby causing his death, unwittingly revealed to the world a great fact. Under the light of this singular fatality it is apparent that some men are "blowing off" all the time as a matter of self preservation. It is probably not (?) because they like to blow so much on an account of the instinctive knowledge they have that they would meet the fate of this poor lad were they to keep their mouths shut.

The American navy officer who has invented a shell that will easily pierce a 14 inch Harveyized armor plate has made a fortune for himself, not to mention the cost of new armor for all battle ships. The 14 inch Harveyized plate was the best known, but now it is as weak as the worst, because it is penetrable by the new projectile. What a lovely thing it would be if some one would invent some kind of a shell that would send bullets of public indignation through the HANNAIZED brass plate that surrounds the present administration.

With the helpless human beings dying like flies in India and brave soldiers being moved down like grass before the cyclone in South Africa England had better throw a few spasms of commiseration in those directions, instead of tearing her great big (?) heart asunder over the Ottawa fire. In the latter disaster six people were killed, a thousand or more rendered homeless and quite a considerable sum of money lost. But what is that in comparison to the millions who are starving in India and the thousands of widows and orphans this attempt to kill a struggling Republic in South Africa has made? If your sympathy goes out at all JOHN BULL, let it go where it is needed most. Don't let your eyes become so blinded with tears for Ottawa that you can't see India or the Vaal.

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An Opportunity to Show Its Honesty.

Now that the delinquencies of the Republican state administration, in failing to enforce the anti-oleomargarine laws, have been exposed by the North American, the organ of that administration—the Philadelphia Inquirer—comes to the front in great style demanding the prosecution of those who have been caught in violating the law.

Unfortunately for the Inquirer's pretended abhorrence for the crimes committed, it has failed to discern that the real culprits in this dirty work of palming off cottonseed grease as pure butter are the agents of the Republican state administration. It is either blind to this fact or over-looks it entirely, and until it has the honesty of purpose to demand their removal and punishment the public can have but little confidence in its professed indignation or demands for justice.

This work of cheating the people, and at the same time robbing the farmers through fraudulent competition, has been going on a long time. There are a score or more of Republican officials who are paid good salaries to protect and prevent just such violations of law. It is what the pure food bureau of the Agricultural Department was organized and paid for doing. It is what Secretary HAMILTON and those under him are expected, and paid, to prevent.

It is to these men, and the necessity of dealing with them as worthless or corrupt officials should be dealt with, that the Inquirer should turn its attention. The courts will take care of the other fellows. They are in the hands now of the powers that are constituted to punish for the misdeeds they have committed, and it won't take outside influence or exertion to have that punishment inflicted. But there is some influence and honesty needed in riding the State of a lot of worthless, overpaid ring officials, who, if not in actual conspiracy with the oleomargarine syndicate, are either too dumb to know what they are hired for or too negligent to report a wrong if some one was to call their attention to it.

In getting rid of these men and in saving the State the disgrace their incompetency is fastening upon it, as well as the salaries they are drawing, this organ of the QUAY administration can do great work. Its advice to Governor STONE will go much farther than will its demands on the courts. If it is in earnest in this matter it will suggest in the most positive manner that every one of the parties connected with this department, and who are in anyway responsible for the crookedness that has been going on or the inefficiency that has been manifested, be given a ticket of leave at once.

This would be taking the public text out of the mouth of many a QUAY squaler, but it would do more to stay the stench this oleomargarine exposition has made than all the howling that can be done about the duty of the courts or all the punishment that can be meted out to the dealers in cotton-seed butter.

Republican papers are making great ado about the big balance they now report as being in the State Treasury. \$6,000,000, we believe, is the amount they claim to have on hand. Possibly if they will take into consideration the income the State has to fall back upon, the excessive taxation that is imposed on everything taxable for state purposes, and then remember how they have robbed the school fund; starved the public charities; crippled and crowded the state asylums; closed public hospitals and left uncompleted the disgraceful looking barracks that is called the State Capitol, they will not feel like crowing so loudly over the accumulations in the Treasury.

The truth is that the State has been at an expense for the past year except the beggarly amounts paid out to charities, and the salaries and expenditures of its ring officials. The fight in the last Legislature among the Republican thieves prevented either gang getting away with the State's money, and the result is the Treasury now promises the richest kind of stealings for those who can handle and control its accumulations. It is well, however, that whatever blow is to be made about the amount of money on hand be done now. A new Legislature will soon convene. The chances are great that it will be Republican. If it is, the whole big sum now get-at-able will vanish, as does a stack of fender before a Kansas cyclone.

Plainer Than Day-Light.

It is a very black eye that Judge LOCHREN'S decision, in the ORTIZ habeas corpus case, gave to Mr. McKINLEY's doctrine of governmental authority outside of the constitution. In rendering it that eminent jurist said he

"Considered Porto Rico territory of the United States and subject to the constitution the minute it came under the control of this government. Unless the constitution extended to Porto Rico in advance of action by Congress, Congress would have no power to legislate for the island at all, because it has no authority to legislate for any except territory to which the constitution has extended."

Just how Mr. McKINLEY, or his advocates, will meet a decision of this kind and show that Congress has a right to legislate for territory outside of that to which our constitution extends, is a matter for him or them to explain.

How any man can believe that a President has a right to use the power of the constitution to raise armies, appropriate money and carry on a war, to acquire territory and then claim that the government of that territory is not subject to the restrictions, or entitled to the privileges, provided by that constitution, is a matter that we cannot understand.

But it is easy to know why Mr. McKINLEY and the syndicates that are backing him want to govern Porto Rico, and other territories acquired by the war with Spain, outside of the constitution. In that instrument there are restrictions as to patronage and prohibitions as to the grants of power. It is to evade these that they would have different governments for different territories belonging to the United States.

Outside of the constitution they can make the patronage what they please. It is this that Mr. HANNA's President is after. With patronage unlimited he can feed, at public expense, the party heebers whose fealty follows the party flesh-pots, and whose services are only to be had when there are prospects of pay ahead. Mr. McKINLEY needs these heebers. It is to make places for them, in order to secure their services to retain him in power, that the out-lying dependencies that have been saddled upon the United States, are to be governed outside of the constitution.

And then outside of the constitution there are no restrictions as to franchisees or no limits as to privileges that can be granted. McKINLEY wants the patronage to continue his power. HANNA wants the franchisees and the opportunities they offer, that he may organize syndicates and benefit by the extraordinary privileges they can enjoy. It is to rob the people, do the business of the country and pocket the profits that Mr. HANNA is after, and outside the constitution this can be done much more effectively and safely than under it.

Its easy for a blind man to see what Mr. McKINLEY and his man behind the throne are after.

How the Political Wind Blows.

The local elections which were held in Indiana on Wednesday of last week don't present that hopeful promise to Republicans that causes them to rejoice. In fact they are regular wet blankets on the burning enthusiasm of the followers of HANNA, imperialism and trusts.

In nearly every city in which partisan contests were made returns showed universal Democratic gains and, in some, surprisingly large ones. Anderson, the home of the present Republican candidate for Governor, ranged itself on the side of the Democracy for the first time since it became a city. Many other important places did the same. The labor vote was cast almost solid for the Democrats, and among the farmers the sentiment and voting was decidedly against the Republicans.

There is no question as to which way the wind is blowing out in the Hoosier State, and if it keeps on increasing as it has been doing the last few months, November will see such a cyclone that there will be nothing left of the Republican party but the recollection of its rottenness and the heritage of its efforts to establish imperialism and benefit trusts.

A Real Business Boomer (?)

Business may, as it is asserted, "follow the flag" but in some instances, it evidently goes, like the legless soldier, on crutches. At least this is the way it seems to be following "old glory" out in the Philippines. In April all our revenues from every source in that far away land amounted to \$831,255.50. This seems like a big sum and as if a rattling business was rushing after the flag out there. And so it is if we consider the business that must be done to keep this flag following business going. To collect the \$831,255.50 of revenue stated it cost us just \$30,000,000.00 or when we come to figure up results we find we are out just \$29,168,744.60 in this transaction.

At this rate "following the flag" is a business boomer at both ends. If it fails to make business that has profit in it for the people, it at least gives promise of furnishing a flourishing and long continued prosperity to both tax collector and sheriff.

Should Make Judas Envious.

How poor old JUDAS would curse the fates that he lived at a time when treachery rated at only thirty pieces of silver, if he knew what work of that kind brings in these days of Republican trials and tribulations. One would scarcely give credence to it, but it is given out as a positive fact that the failure of ex-Senator QUAY to secure his seat in the Senate was not in consequence of the unconstitutionality of his appointment, or senatorial precedents in such cases, but because of the amount of cold cash promised the McKINLEY campaign fund in case of his rejection.

\$250,000 is the sum said to have been pledged.

This fully accounts for Mr. HANNA's action. When it comes to a question between cash and manliness or friendship every one knows on which side to look for HANNA. It is the "real thing" that he is after all the time, and as \$250,000 will go farther towards re-electing McKINLEY than the seating of QUAY would have done, it is easy now to understand some actions that were considerable of a mystery a few weeks ago.

For the "old man" this knowledge that his party had been trafficking in his hopes and expectations—has sold his opportunities and official position for a price—must be a pretty bitter dose. After what he has done for, the risks he has taken, and the extent he has gone to secure Republican success to waken up now and discover that the controllers of that party, and those reaping the rewards his efforts have made possible, have sold him out for the cash to continue themselves in office, must be a bitterness compared to which gall would be sweet.

Mr. QUAY may not be worth what \$250,000 will be to the McKINLEY outfit in the coming campaign, but a word from him to the "faithful" in Pennsylvania would require Mr. HANNA, who sold him out, to expend every cent he got for his treachery to hold this State in line for his protector of trusts and his grabber for imperialistic power.

There was a hanging after JUDAS completed his job. Will there be a political hanging as a result of this betrayal?

Farmers on Whom Sympathy is Wasted.

It is only a few months since Governor STONE was speaking out boldly in favor of trusts. Of late he has been turning his attention to the protection of dealers of oleomargarine. He must be a thick headed farmer, indeed, who cannot see the way he is being robbed by exorbitant prices he is compelled to pay for everything that trusts manufacture; and only a man with a head like a pumpkin would be unable to understand and appreciate the great wrong that the sale of oleomargarine as butter does to the butter makers of the country.

And yet the farmers of the State, to a very large extent, go on voting the Republican ticket while Republican leaders and Republican office holders go on advocating the interests of monopolies, and the protection of syndicates, organized especially to rob them with high prices for the necessities they have to purchase and by forcing down the prices, by unfair competition, of such products as they have for sale.

If there is any set of men on God's green earth upon whom sympathy is wasted it is the fool farmer, who, knowing he is fleeced and who is fleeing him, sticks to his Republican politics, notwithstanding the fact that Republican laws and Republican officials are the guilty powers, and the forces whose influences and efforts are with those who are dead against him.

That they are against him has been exemplified so often that it is like repeating an old song to refer to this fact. The boldness with which Governor STONE defends trusts and the manner in which his Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. HAMILTON, allowed full swing to the illegal work of the oleomargarine syndicate only emphasizes their efforts in this line, and leaves the farmer no excuse for sticking to the party of his enemies.

The fact that the Philadelphia Press of Sunday last claims thirty seven of the sixty nine Republicans already nominated for the Legislature, as independents or belonging to the anti-QUAYites, don't make it so, by a long slide. Not does the editorial course of that paper in belittling the authority of a party caucus go to show that it has faith in its own figures. If there was any hope of the anti-QUAY portion of the Republican party nominating and electing a majority of the Republican members of the next Legislature every mother's son of them would be advocating caucus rule, and the fellow who expressed any doubt about its binding authority would be denounced by them just as they are being denounced now by those who wear the boss' collar. In opposing QUAY the Press is right, but in doing so it might as well show a little consistency between its statements and its general political policy.

A Lesson for Republican Farmers.

For many years, or, in fact, ever since the protective system was devised to feed and fatten one class of citizens at the expense of another, Republicans have insisted that it was the seller and not the buyer who paid the tariff. Their contention has been that it was the foreigner whose goods were imported that paid the duties imposed, and that it was out of his pocket that this tax came.

Tens of thousands of Republicans, and particularly Republican farmers, believed this fallacy, and still believe it. Because they do is reason for them now to see the great injustice that the Republican tariff for Porto Rico does them. They are in the same position towards Porto Rico that European manufacturers are towards us. If it is the seller, and not the buyer, who pays the tariff then, under Mr. McKINLEY's new bill, the farmers of this country will have to pay 2 1/2 cents on every bushel of corn; 3 cents on every bushel of corn meal; 2 1/2 cents on every bushel of oats; 10 cents on every bushel of beans; 1 1/2 mills on each pound of oat meal; 3 mills on each pound of dried apples; 1 1/2 mills on each pound of candles; 3 mills on each pound of lard; 6 mills on each pound of butter and 3 mills on each pound of soap, shipped from the United States to Porto Rico.

It will be seen that there is not much that the farmer raises or has to sell that he will not have to pay a tax on before he can dispose of it in the new market that this new possession was to open up for us, if this Republican doctrine is correct.

That it is correct, of course Republicans will insist, and if it is, it is for them to explain the injustice to American farmers that Mr. McKINLEY's Porto Rican tariff bill imposes.

The Honorable Court and the editor of the Gazette are friends again; at least they went out fishing in the same carriage on Friday. Who saw them kiss and make up?

A Five Thousand Salary and a Pension Beside.

Here and there a particularly rabid Republican editor now and then points out that one of the awful dangers to follow national Democratic supremacy in the penning of Confederate officers and privates. Now, low and behold you, Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, Republican, has introduced a bill to pension at \$50 a month General Longstreet, who was one of the Confederacy's ablest captains. Service in the Mexican war is given as the ground for the pension, but that does not alter the fact that Longstreet was a rebel. Jeff Davis could have gotten a pension on the same ground. We fail to see, at present anyhow, that Longstreet is in any need of a pension. As a railway commissioner he is drawing a salary of \$5,000 a year from his country, and has been doing so for some time. The Republicans have always taken good care of him since the war.

Terror Now Reigns in the Philippines.

Former Vice Consul Wildman Contradicts Otis' Statement That War is Over.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Edwin Wildman, former Vice Consul at Hong Kong, contributes an article on "A Reign of Terror in the Philippines" to Leslie's Weekly, of which the following is an abstract: "Although General Otis would have us believe that the war in the Philippines is over, I learn from private sources of information of the highest authority that there exists a veritable reign of terror in most parts of the archipelago within a gunshot from our army posts. Either General Otis is blind to the situation or is keeping the real facts from the American people. Aguinaldo's forces have scattered into marauding bands and, leaguely themselves with the mountain Tulsanes and Ladrones, terrorize the country and effectually check the cultivation of crops and the sale of marketable products.

TREASURY REPLENISHED.

The few ports that have been opened have shipped away what little supply they contained, and the tons upon tons of hemp sugar and rice that are stored in the interior are beyond the reach of buyers. The money paid for the thousands of bales of hemp shipped from garrisoned ports has found its way into the insurgents' coffers, and the revolutionary juntas at Hong Kong and Singapore are making extensive purchases of arms, preparatory to a renewed season of filibustering and general hostilities as soon as the rainy season is over. Our army are busy protecting their posts, while the insurgents carry on their operations in the interior and paralyze agriculture and trade.

Scattered bands of armed insurgents wage war against all who hesitate to support the Aguinaldo government, and the inhabitants are in a state of terror that prevents honest industry or open alliance with American sovereignty. The American troops make short work of these robbers, but our garrisons are so far apart and so few in numbers that they invariably are obliged to fall back to a seaport town where they can get supplies from Manila. For the insurgents have so thoroughly ravaged the country that it is impossible to supply even a small battalion with native products.

If we ever hope to put an end to this Indian warfare we must send additional forces to the islands. Our present corps is totally inadequate to cope with the situation and bring the war to a close. The islands, commercially or otherwise, will be utterly useless until life and property are made safe."

Spawls from the Keystone.

The Newport Ledger says shad fishing continues with good catches. There have been upwards of 600 caught at the several fisheries already this season. Very few roe fish have been caught.

A. B. Wright shot a fine specimen of eagle along Loyalsock creek, several miles above Montoursville. The bird measures six feet from tip to tip of wings. It was bought by a Williamsport gentleman who had it mounted.

A 14-year old daughter of James Young, of Clearfield, was severely burned Thursday afternoon while burning brush in the back yard. Her screams brought assistance, and when the fire was smothered out of her clothing it was found that she was severely burned. She has since lain in a precarious condition, and it is not thought she will recover.

Forest fires completely consumed the fences surrounding St. Mary's Slavish and St. Joseph's Lithuanian cemeteries Tuesday, despite the efforts of several men to prevent it. The fences once away the flames leaped across the yard from grave to grave destroying headboards, crosses and other emblems erected over the dead. Many granite stones were also badly damaged.

The barn owned by Wm. App, near Muncy, was destroyed by an incendiary fire Thursday night. Just before the blaze was discovered a man was detected running away from the structure. A horse, 100 chickens, thirteen hogs and several cows perished. Several dwelling houses in the vicinity were saved with great difficulty, as a high wind was blowing.

A destructive fire occurred at Acme, Mount Pleasant township, Westmoreland county, Friday night, by which the large steam flouring mill of J. C. Brown & Co., was burned to the ground, entailing a loss of \$10,000 or \$12,000, upon which there is said to have been \$8,000 insurance. A frame blacksmith and machine shop owned by the Acme Coal company, situated nearby, was also consumed.

Eric Nelson, a disreputable Swede, was shot and instantly killed near Dubois on Thursday, while entering the farm house of John K. Siple. Mr. Siple was away from home and Mrs. Siple, hearing the noise made by Nelson in forcing an entrance, called to her brother-in-law, Albert Siple, who rushed down stairs and shot the intruder through the heart. The coroner's jury completely exonerated Siple.

Haneyville and vicinity had an old fashioned snow storm Friday afternoon—May 4th. It began snowing about 3 o'clock and continued steadily until after 7. The snow melted as fast as it struck the ground. The flakes were very large and during the prevalence of the storm it was very dark. Passengers who came east on the Beech Creek road Saturday said that there were snow squalls at different places in Clearfield county.

The opinion prevails that Sheets and Walker, who recently escaped from the Somerset jail, are thousands of miles away by this time, and many people who are opposed to capital punishment, and others who have been shocked at the morbid curiosity manifested by thousands upon the occasion of the execution of the Nicely boys, the Roddy boys, and Meyers, express the hope that they will never be captured. Up to this time the commissioners have not offered a reward for the capture of Sheets.

A reunion of the Schell family was held at Schellsburg, Bedford county, Tuesday of last week, in the old Log church, built in 1806 by John Schell, who settled there in 1800. The reunion was in charge of ex-Auditor General Wm. P. Schell, and many descendants from a distance were present. The Schell family is prominent in the history of Bedford county, members of it having held many state and county offices, as well as important positions in the Mexican and civil wars.

At Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, of last Thursday, Charles, the 2-year-old son of L. A. Stonebraker, followed his mother to the rear of the lot, where several hogs were kept. The child reached in through the slats to pat the pigs. One vicious hog grabbed the child's hand between its jaws and began chewing it. The boy's screams hurried the mother to the pen. She was compelled to beat the hog before it would release the child's hand. The little fellow's hand and wrist were frightfully lacerated. The wounds were cauterized by a physician.

Rev. Dr. Hunter, a minister of Williamsport, was one of the passengers on the train that collided with a freight near Viaduct on the Beech Creek road. The reverend gentleman was thrown violently against a seat in front when the crash came, striking his neck and since then he has been so hoarse at times as to be unable to speak above a whisper. He is otherwise injured and bruised, and is suffering from nervous prostration. The doctor is somewhat uneasy over his condition, fearing that the injury to his vocal organs may be permanent, and that he will never recover his voice.

While Sophie Elasser, aged 6 years, was watching the erection of the tents for the Forepaugh and Sells circus at Williamsport, Friday morning, a gust of wind blew over several of the big poles supporting the side show banners, and one of them struck the child on the head. With an agonizing shriek the child sank to the ground under the heavy weight. She was picked up and carried into a tent. An examination revealed that her skull was fractured and that her chest was crushed in. Afterwards she was taken to a residence where she died about 2 hours later. The circus people voluntarily gave her parents \$500.

Oliver L. Stewart, who was recently declared the choice of the Huntington county Republicans for Senator in the Thirty-third district, met with an accident Thursday afternoon which resulted in his almost instant death. Besides being a leading clothier of Huntington, Mr. Stewart had large interests in the Malleable Iron Works, and it was in the plant of the latter concern that he met death. While watching the operations of a new emery wheel, eighteen inches in diameter, the wheel suddenly burst into three parts, and one of the pieces struck Mr. Stewart squarely in the breast. An artery leading from the heart was severed, and Mr. Stewart, after a step or two, fell and died surrounded by shopmen.