

Ink Slings.

Intrusions for the Cuban scandals are being erected in Philadelphia.

Indications indicate that Mr. QUAY is about to resume business as a boomer of reform.

After all that "open door" in China seems to be letting out more of trouble than it lets in of benefit.

TEDDY ROOSEVELT may not be so very old, but it is evident that he has reached one of his declining years.

This is the busy season for the "man with the hoe," as well as the time for exhibiting the "dark horse" in politics.

Its the "Boxers" who have gotten all China into an uproar, while the grabbers have done the same thing for Pittsburgh.

Prosperity proclaimers are worrying over the proposed base-ball union. Evidently they fear it may increase the strikes.

So far we have failed to observe any effort on the part of Mr. QUAY to make Mr. HANNA's stay in Philadelphia particularly pleasant.

Mr. SAM DIEHL believes that he will be one of the anti-QUAY nominees for Legislature from this county, but it will be a deal of a long time before he is elected.

Since their experience at Rodeo-val the English will probably conclude that wiping out the name of the Orange Free State, was an easier job than wiping out the men who were defending it.

The Lyeing county farmer who had fifty sheep killed by a stroke of lightning knows what it is to suffer from an abundance. If he had had but five his loss and his regrets would have been that much less.

We know now what a "dense and death-like silence," is. Its the same kind of stillness that comes over every department of Mr. CHARLES ENORY SMITH'S Philadelphia Press, when the postal scandals in Cuba are referred to.

There can be no question about the St. Louis strikers having lost their senses. Whenever they began tearing the clothes off of women they made cases that demand redress, no matter what comes of the cause for which they are contending.

The papers tell us that Mr. HANNA has reached Philadelphia. We fail, however, to see any description of the overwhelmingness of the demonstration, or the uproarious enthusiasm, with which his arrival was greeted by Mr. QUAY and his crowd.

Of course we can look happy and appear contented but it will take work to do so. Just as we were in hopes of getting over the QUAY blight here in Pennsylvania, word comes that the seventeen-year locusts have made their appearance all through the Western part of the State.

The coming man in the State. Republican party seems to be Mr. JONATHAN DOLLIVER. He comes, as do other western scourges, preceded by a blow. When that is over, and people measure the amount of wind he carries, they will not wonder at the noise he makes or the little else there is about him.

Philadelphia ballot box stuffers have reason to be watchful of their laurels. Lackawanna county Republicans succeeded in having 3,000 more votes in the ballot boxes a their primaries, on Tuesday, than there were voters in the county last fall. And nobody suspects that SALTER has located in that locality.

ORIS still sticks to it that the war in the Philippines is over, and the fellows who were sent out there to fight it continue to be ambushed and killed, just as if it was going on. What is wanted now is a better understanding between the deposed general and the Manila news sender, as to the line of information that is to be worked off on the public.

It was unnecessary for either Senator HOAR or Mr. BRYAN to deny the absurd and lying story that they had each written to AGUINALDO "to keep up his courage and the war, and that help would be sent them from this country." An idiotic lie of this kind would be believed by no one, and could not but help disgust sensible people.

How short our memories? If it wasn't for the fact that the same individual, who helped to cover up the job, was to be re-nominated in Philadelphia next week, scores of people might not have thought of ALGER's embalmed beef again until time to decorate the graves of the boys upon whom it got in its work. It's too bad how forgetful of events we are getting.

Rear Admiral SCHLEY hasn't waited for the bull to get near enough to be taken by the horns, but hurriedly cries out that if nominated for Vice President at Kansas City he will positively decline. As there was nobody pressing this nomination the country will conclude that the bump of cautiousness is unusually developed in his case, and the world will doubtless move on as usual.

So far, that guiding star of Republican pilgrims in Pennsylvania—MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY—has not been occupying a front seat in Mr. McKinley's convention at Philadelphia. It may be sad, but it is nevertheless true, that brethren do not always dwell together in peace. And this may account for the fact that Mr. HANNA's arrangements fix Mr. QUAY's place in the vicinity of the back door.

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A Miserable Failure.

The fifty-sixth Congress quit its pretense of enacting laws for the benefit of the people and left the Capitol on Thursday last for—as many people conscientiously believe—the country's good. For this the public has reason to be thankful. It was in session a full half year. With greater opportunities than ever before confronted an American Congress it left the capital city, after a six months' session, with less of important legislation enacted and less attention given to matters of pressing public importance than any Congress that has ever preceded it.

With the grave questions growing out of Mr. McKinley's efforts at expansion it did nothing.

With the currency of the country, that it stood pledged to reform, it contented itself with handing it over to the bankers and trust companies to control or increase as their necessities or interests demanded.

With the Porto Ricans, who had been pledged a Republican form of government under constitutional guarantees, it shamefully broke its promise and left them to the tender mercies of a hybrid management, composed of military authority and imperial dictators, with the details to be carried out by official thieves.

With the trusts, that are springing up like weeds smothering individual effort and staying individual enterprise, it refused to interfere.

For our new possessions, the control of which, their conduct, welfare and future prosperity, Congress alone is responsible, it failed to make even an attempt to provide proper legislation or adequate protection.

It overlooked the collusion between the Secretary of the Treasury and favorite bankers of New York, through which millions of the public money was used as private deposits to save gambling stock brokers.

It oppressed the already impoverished Porto Ricans with the most thieving tariff system that ever robbed any people.

It attempted to gloss over and cover up the outrages committed by the army of the United States on the Coner'd Alene miners by order of the President.

It endorsed the obsequious action of Mr. McKinley's Secretary of State in making a treaty to build an Isthmian canal and to allow England to command it.

It voted money without stint to continue a war to prevent a people, upon whom we have no claims and with whose affairs we have no business, enjoying the right of self-government.

It refused to recognize the representatives, or to sympathize with the efforts of the struggling Republics of South Africa, because of the secret alliance existing between the administration it represented and the British government.

It voted money to keep the American flag floating over the harem of the Sultan of Sulu and made our country the protector of the immoral practice of the licentious worshippers of Mohammedism in the far East.

For profligancy in public affairs; for recklessness in public appropriations; for foolishness in matters of serious import; for enactments that rob the people, and for a subservience to foreign interests, this Congress, that quit on the sixth of June, never had an equal.

It was a Republican Congress and to that party must cling whatever of disgrace and wrong its record of cowardice, its inefficiency and failures bring to the country, and to the people.

It is dead and God be thanked that it is.

Piling Up the Expenditures.

The average annual expenditures for governmental purposes during the administration of President HARRISON was \$361,291,373. During Mr. CLEVELAND's term the average per year was \$360,418,546. Under our present imperial Chief Executive these expenditures have jumped to \$514,450,254. But you will say, "this includes the war and other expenses, that former Presidents did not have to meet." It does not. "The figures given simply cover the ordinary and every day expenses of the government." The war expenditures are a separate and distinct matter and have nothing to do with the amount stated.

Possibly some of Mr. McKinley's admirers can explain why it costs the people so much more for ordinary official expenditures under his administration, than it did under those of President HARRISON and CLEVELAND. If they can, won't they please step to the front and enlighten us on this subject?

It is one of a good deal of importance, for an increase of over one hundred and fifty million a year in ordinary expenditures is not a thing to be sneezed at.

G. W. Rees, census enumerator for the West ward of Bellefonte, has completed his work.

The Ticking Process in Politics.

Its not more than four months ago that ANDREW CARNEGIE was writing and preaching most vociferously against both expansion and imperialism. In one interview he went so far as to intimate that whatever money was needed to defeat the re-election of McKinley, and his imperialistic purposes, would be furnished by himself. This was at a time when the quality of his armor plate was in question, and the price was being haggled over in the United States Senate.

His threat, however, to put up money to defeat imperialism brought the answer. The Senate, that acts as the mouth piece of the President, forgot all about the question of the quality of armor plate he made; it fixed the number of tons it would take at 37,000, and raised the price that could be paid for it to \$545 per ton—an increase of more than \$100 per ton over what the government had been paying.

Mr. CARNEGIE is now one of the most jubilant and enthusiastic McKinley men that we hear of in any country, the Sultan of Sulu not excepted. From his castle in the highlands of Scotland, he writes that he will travel clear to America to vote for McKinley's re-election, and ANDREW CARNEGIE does what he says, unless—well, unless he can make more by not doing it.

An increase of \$100 per ton on 37,000 tons of armor plate makes a net profit, over and above the enormous profits formerly realized; of \$3,700,000. This is worth something to Mr. CARNEGIE and it is expected to be worth something to the fund that is to be raised from trusts and other monopolies for the re-election of the Republican candidates. Sixty per cent. of the increase is said to be pledged for this purpose, and it was this sixty per cent. promise that inspired Mr. HANNA's speech insisting on the increase being allowed.

Two million two hundred and twenty thousand is a nice nest-egg for the McKinley campaign fund. This amount coming from a single trust gives great promise that the fifteen million, Mr. HANNA assured his party he will have to re-elect his candidates, will be forthcoming. It also aids the people to see "the tickle me and I'll tickle you" policy of the administration and the trusts it has bred and fostered.

Whether their seeing this, as they must in this case, will open their eyes to the way they are being fleeced for the benefit of the Republican party, and the corporate monopolies it has built up, is as doubtful as the transaction referred to shows Mr. CARNEGIE's political professions to be.

The End of the Buzzard's Feast.

Pittsburg's Director of Public Works, doesn't seem to have directed his efforts in those channels that brought credit to his administration or harmony among those who placed him in position. As a consequence he now finds himself without office, and his party in a condition that would make a Killkenney cat-fight a tame affair, compared to the manner in which Pittsburg Republicans are snarling and scratching at each other. On Tuesday the councils of that city removed him for failing, as it charges, to discover frauds that were being perpetrated in his department, and one half the Republican party of that dark and disagreeable municipality is up in arms, alleging that he was put out of office because he wouldn't do what the bosses required, or assist in covering up the corruption the councils winked at.

At this distance we don't know how it is, or where the wrong is the most noticeable, but we have a very positive opinion that both sides are justified in believing the other corrupt.

Pittsburgers, like Philadelphians, have allowed themselves to be fleeced and swindled by Republican officials, for the sake of party, from a time that the memory of man knoweth not to the contrary. They have submitted so long and so loyally to the domination of Republican thieves, that they have come to be considered the easiest kind of subjects, for official rascals to fatten upon; and it is not to be wondered that political vandals roost in every public position, and cav over every contract the city has to give.

The present disgraceful condition that Pittsburg finds itself in to-day is but the natural result of the political bias that characterizes her people in the choice of officials. They are narrow enough to carry their political prejudices into every election and no matter how rotten, how incompetent, or how unworthy a nominee was he had only to prove his political fealty to secure an election.

It is the fruits of this partisan bigotry that our neighbors of the smoky city are now gathering. That they are getting more than they want of it, this wrangle over their buzzard's feast fully demonstrates.

—It isn't much wonder that GRAY was relieved of the chairmanship of the Republican party in Centre county. He was one of the first to pay 10 cents for a cent's worth of ordinary whitening to two fakirs who were selling it for tooth powder on the "Diamond" Tuesday night. It will take more whitening than that to cover up such greenness.

Where the Responsibility Belongs.

Centre county's loss through the veto by Governor STONE of the public school appropriation amounts, in the two years to which that veto applies, to \$6,867.08. For this loss, which falls exclusively upon the individual tax-payers, Republicans, who think it wrong, place the blame exclusively on Governor STONE. They forget that he is but the representative of the party to which they belong. They overlook the fact that their party has endorsed the administration under which this wrong was committed, and by that endorsement approved the act of which they complain. They ignore the truth that it was done more for the benefit of the party they cling to, than for that of the official upon whom they seek to throw all responsibility.

At the time the veto of the school appropriation was made it was publicly and persistently proclaimed, by Republican officials, that either taxes would have to be increased or expenditures reduced. To have increased taxation without requiring corporations to bear a portion of that increase would have furnished explicit and positive proof of the favoritism shown by the Republican party to these monopolizing organizations. This would have awakened the people to a condition of affairs that would not have been condoned. To have increased the taxes of corporations would have aroused and offended them. Neither of these conditions could the Republican party afford. If it lost the support of the people it lost its power to control the affairs of State. If it lost the support of corporations it lost the source from which it derives its campaign funds and its ability to purchase its success at the polls. It was between the "devil and the deep sea."

To help his party out of the situation it was in and himself, only as helping his party would benefit him, Governor STONE acted. He saved the good will of the great corporations for the Republican party of the State and he saved it the contributions that are now being given it, by them, to prolong its rule and continue its corrupt administration.

Republicans who believe that veto was wrong have no excuse for saddling its obloquy and viciousness upon the political back of Governor STONE alone. The party that he represented; that was to be benefited, and that has since endorsed his action, is more deserving of blame than he. It was a Republican necessity, made possible by conditions brought about by Republican administrations, that actuated it, and it was for its success and safety that it was resorted to.

Hereafter let the responsibility for that act rest where it belongs—upon the Republican party. He who would make a scapegoat of an individual for the sins of an organization is neither honest in his profession nor to be relied upon in his actions.

Times When We Pay War Taxes.

Secretary Gage says the war taxes are piling up a surplus that will reach \$70,000,000 at the close of the present fiscal year, and in all probability will be greatly in excess of that amount. And still the government fixes the citizens—

- When he draws a telegram.
When he draws a check.
When he becomes a member of a corporation.
When he transfers his stock.
When he insures his life or his house.
When he assigns his insurance.
When he makes a note to raise money for the payment of his other taxes.
When he buys a money order.
When he executes a lease.
When he sends a paid telephone message.
When an indemnity bond is given.
When a bill of exchange is drawn.
When a citizen executes an instrument necessary in the sale of merchandise on 'Change.
When he ships goods by freight or express.
When he clears a vessel and files a manifest.
When he buys a ticket to go abroad.
When he executes a power of attorney.
When he buys proprietary medicine.
When he chews gum.
When he uses any perfumes or his wife indulges in cosmetics.
When a note is protested.
When a warehouse receipt is given.
When merchandise is entered at a Custom House.
When—will it be ended?

The War Isn't Near Enough Over for the Capture of Aguinaldo.

It is announced that the American troops are again on the trail of the fleeing Aguinaldo. Hardly a day goes by without a report of a number of Filipinos being either captured or killed. It looks as if the Americans do not want the rebel leader very much or that they are able to capture almost any of them but the one they are after.

Yes, and the Boys are Sent to Business College.

When a girl is too thick headed to learn anything in school, her folks send her away to a conservatory of music.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Mrs. Mary Naylor, of Marietta, who was terribly burned while boiling soap, died for her injuries.

—A. L. Miller and John Ferry, while in attendance at a circus at Hollidaysburg, had their pockets picked of \$250.

—Five arrests were made in Altoona on Tuesday against local merchants who are charged with violating the oleomargarine law.

—Michael M. Brown, of Puritan, Cambria county, is on trial for murdering Daniel Woods and wounding Thomas Collier last April.

—In the annual junior oratorical contest at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, the gold medal was won by T. Robert Appel, of that city.

—Hugh O'Hara, who served in the Eleventh United States Infantry in the Philippines and returned home two months ago, was killed by falling coal in the Briggs mine, near Scranton.

—Fourteen hundred early cabbage plants were eaten Friday night on the truck farm of Thomas Humphry in Pike township, Clearfield county, by rabbits, which are usually plentiful in that section.

—L. M. Karstetter has secured control of all mountain pasture on the lands in White Deer, belonging to Kulp & Co., with Schrader estate, and will engage in the business of herding cattle through the summer.

—The Scientific American suggests that if you are afraid of lightning, simply put on your rubbers and stand up so your clothes won't touch anywhere. Whether you are in doors or out of doors you are perfectly safe, for rubber is a non-conductor and you are completely insulated.

—The forest caterpillar is making life miserable for many people in Potter county. The fences sidewalks and nearly all the trees are covered with fuzzy worms. Friday night so many gathered on the rails that a passenger train running into Wellsville was compelled to come to a standstill on a slight grade.

—The new Methodist Church at Lewistown was dedicated on Sunday by Bishop C. H. Fowler. The edifice is one of the finest in Central Pennsylvania, costing \$40,000. A window costing \$5,000, erected by Mrs. Robert Pitcairn, of Pittsburg, in memory of her parents, was unveiled and presented to the trustees.

—For the first time in the history of Westmoreland county, its debts will be wiped entirely out within a week. The county commissioners Friday issued notice to bondholders and all debtors that there is sufficient money in the treasury to discharge all indebtedness of the county. The outstanding bonds amount to \$23,000.

—One of the most horrible accidents ever recorded occurred a day or two ago in a saw mill near Belmont, Clinton county. Philip Evingham, an employe of the mill, fell across a circular saw and his body was severed just below the heart. Only thin sections of tissue held the body together. The saw was making over a thousand revolutions a minute.

—While William Mysterer was crossing the railroad bridge spanning Lyeing creek, Williamsport, Friday, he saw a New York Central express train rapidly approaching. Instead of stepping upon an adjoining track out of the way of danger the fellow ran at full speed toward the approaching engine. He was struck and probably fatally injured. He was taken to the hospital.

—Meisel, Coleman & Co., of Lyeing, are operating a large bark job southeast of Carroll, on a timber tract they purchased of the Neice estate recently. Between twenty and thirty men are employed in the camp at good wages. The Sallada Bros., of Rauchtown, have taken the contract to haul the bark to Antes Fort. The tract contains over 1,000 tons of bark and about 2,000,000 of good hemlock timber.

—During the year 1899 Pennsylvania produced 54,030,234 tons of anthracite coal and 73,066,943 tons of bituminous. The average number of days worked in the anthracite region was 120, and 296 in the bituminous region. There were 366 mines in operation in 1899 in the anthracite region, giving employment to 160,553 persons, and 786 mines in the bituminous district, employing 91,442 persons.

—Chairman John O'Toole, of the Blair county Democratic committee, who sent out a circular letter to the rank and file of his party asking for their opinion in regard to a fusion legislative ticket there this fall, is receiving a deluge of responses favorable to the inquiry. As a consequence the Blair county Democracy intends to confer with the Independent Republicans at Altoona, and from all outward indications a fusion legislative ticket seems assured.

—A sheriff's posse of Elk county deputies surprised a gang of four burglars, who had camped in a dense wood near Wilcox, Elk county, Thursday, and in exchange of shots that took place one of the robbers was instantly killed. A considerable amount of stolen goods, which was identified by four different storekeepers who were robbed at DuBois the night before, and a complete kit of burglars' tools were found on the spot where the robbers were found. Three comrades of the dead man escaped, but the posse is still in pursuit of them. Nothing was found on the dead man to establish his identity.

—Two cars of the eastern express were wrecked as the train entered the Altoona depot Friday night. Just how the wreck happened is not positively known but, from the evidence presented by the tracks, the front truck of the dining car picked one of the spring frogs just east of the Fourteenth street switches, pulling the rear truck off with it and throwing the rear truck of the dining car over on another track. The train was brought up standing by the shock. The dining car was empty save the regular crew of waiters and cooks. When the car turned partially over on its side they were thrown over on the floor on the under side of the car. One of the waiters, J. A. White, had his shoulder and back injured by striking against some of the furniture of the car, and was placed under the care of a physician. The passengers in the sleeping car were awakened very suddenly by the jolting of the car as the wheels ran along the ties, but no one was injured, as there was only one truck off the track.