

Ink Slings.

You can talk about the Sousa's and And the Cappa's of the land, But none of them are in it with Mister Johnny Fagan's band. It was on the streets the other night, Since that piece you haven't heard, Old Orpheus, was interred, It marched about with horns and drum And played a stirring strain, A foot toot toot and him bum bam, That racked Bellefonte with—joy.

—What we are going to claim from China and what we are going to get will probably be very varying quantities.

—The reason that the Republicans don't take the Hon. TIMOTHY WOODRUFF as their candidate for Governor in New York is probably because party precedent has made it necessary to nominate a man, not a peacock, for the office.

—It is little wonder that BOSS HANNA is reported to be short of funds already. He has recently bought up three big western papers that were feared to be leaning toward BRYAN. Such things come high but MARK must have them.

—The latest campaign humbug sent flying from the HANNA headquarters is that civil law is to take the place of military authority in the Philippines after September 1st. Be that as it may the demand for hospitals, undertakers and coffins for American soldiers is still going on at the same rapid rate.

—Interest in local politics took a decided jump during the fore part of the week. "Our DAN" took a flying trip to Pennsylvania and another one to Philadelphia and the stirring around now is something wonderful to behold. There is nothing like a boss and "the real thing" to make Republicans get a move on.

—There will probably never be anything said about hauling down the flag from the Chinese wall. The loud-mouthed braggarts who insisted that not one foot of soil won by the bravery of American soldiers should ever be given up will keep quiet enough now that we have the powers of the world to contend with, instead of poor, petered out Spain.

—Now that the American flag has been planted on the walls of the Chinese capital, at the cost of good American blood, we are waiting to hear some of the Republican harangues repeat the declaration that "it shall never be hauled down," that they have been so fond of making about Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine points over which old glory has waved.

—Among whom ROOSEVELT has branded as cowards shrinking from duty there are thousands who bared their breasts in defense of their country in far more troublesome times than were those in which he stuck his light head into the lion's jaws. And it would have been there yet had not it been for the colored regulars who have since been spurned by his party.

—Look Haven dairyman are talking about increasing the price of milk and cream after September 1st. It is not a libel on the dispensers of the lactical fluid to remark that the price is going up because of the continued drought. Short rain fall, makes short grass, short grass makes short milk yields and short milk yields make longer prices.

—The English thought they had the back bone of the Boer, war broken when poor General CROKJE was crushed in the bed of Modder river and then deported to St. Helena. But General DEWET was left and it has remained for him and his seven thousand brave followers to elude eighty thousand British, capture regiment after regiment of them, keep their communications broken up and to make monkeys of the English soldiers so that even the home government is becoming disgusted with it.

—The Chicago enthusiast who started off from that city, with a message from Gen. JOE WHEELER to Gen. MILES, to make an automobile run to Washington, with the hope of demonstrating that the new vehicle would prove just the thing for a gun carriage in the time of war, has subsided. The mobility of his auto was only two and one half miles per day and after getting thirty miles away from Chicago in fifteen days it stuck in the mud for keeps and the driver abandoned the auto. And so he ought to.

—In speaking of the Republicans who attended the Liberty Congress at Indianapolis and declared for BRYAN, the Chicago Times-Herald says they were in "a temporary frenzy which they will regret in becoming the tools of men whose political heresies they abhor." After all a great many things depend on whose ox is gored. The Times-Herald wouldn't have said such a thing about the Gold Democrats who met at Indianapolis four years ago and practically endorsed McKinley by putting up that stool pigeon ticket, PALMER and BUCKNER.

—The story goes that former Congressman W. C. ARNOLD has deserted QUAY and henceforth will be a political free lance or tie up with insurgents. Could this possibly mean that he is preening himself for congressional honors again, but has decided to trust his luck to the other crowd. Inasmuch as Mr. CLEMENT DALE would like to be the Republican nominee also, and made himself a tail to the insurgent kite to years ago in the vain hunt for the honor, it will be interesting to observe how he and ARNOLD will make out. The sight of these two old QUAY leaders marching in the rear rank of the HASTINGS procession is a sad one indeed.

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A Good Sign for New York Democrats.

Before our Republican friends get their hopes of carrying New York too high, because of division among the Democrats of that State, we would advise them to think back a little. If they have good memories past facts will deter them from boasting too loudly about having New York, until they really win it. It is a peculiar State, has peculiar ways, and in political matters is particularly peculiar.

In most States harmony among the leaders of a party means that its organization is in good condition; that the sentiment among its members is united; that all are satisfied with existing conditions and will work together for one end. In New York it seems to be otherwise. Harmony is indicative of indifference, and the failure to have factional feuds is a sure forerunner of defeat.

Going back to 1876, when SAM'L J. TILDEN was the Democratic nominee for President, there never was a more bitter or deeper seated fight among party managers that then. He had uncovered the TWEED ring and had forced into exile or imprisonment every prominent man connected with it. Their friends, their money and their influence were against him. The divisions in the party as to the propriety of his nomination were open and violent. Many of the prominent men of the country believed it would be suicidal to name him, because of the factional fights in his State and in which he was one of the leaders. But TILDEN was nominated. The Democratic vote of the State was aroused, by its local contests, and the State went Democratic, and TILDEN was elected.

Again in 1884, factional feuds raged in New York, and TAMMANY, headed by JOHN KELLY, went to Chicago determined to defeat the nomination of CLEVELAND. In spite of their bitter opposition and threats of defeat the convention made him the party nominee. The TAMMANY followers bolted the convention and declared that BLAINE would carry New York by 50,000. He didn't, however. In the face of that factional fight CLEVELAND carried the State and was the next President.

It was the same in 1892. The bitterest feuds among the leaders of the Democracy of that State that were ever known, were showing themselves at the beginning of the campaign. HILL was brought out as a candidate against CLEVELAND and New York's delegation went to Chicago "dead set" against the nomination of the latter. Its members presented a written protest in which they declared it was impossible for him to carry his own State. The convention disregarded their protest and threats and nominated CLEVELAND. That fall, with factional fights much more intense than at present the State went stronger Democratic on the presidential question than it had ever done before.

In 1888, when CLEVELAND ran the second time for President, New York Democrats were harmonious to a degree never before known. Everyone of them was for him for the nomination and the organization was as peaceful and united as a body of brothers could be, yet he failed to carry the State and the Democracy lost the President. It has been the same in all their gubernatorial contests for the past quarter of a century. Whenever they were particularly harmonious a short vote could be expected and defeat the result.

It is a queer way of looking at things, we admit, but judging from the past and from what we know of the Democracy of the Empire State, we would bet more on their success when they get to fighting among themselves as to who is to lead them than we would when they seem to be harmonious and no one caring who is at the front.

At this distance it looks very much as if the New York leaders really believed there is something worth fighting for and that each side is anxious to have the glory of winning it.

If there was no hope of carrying New York then there would be neither excuse for, nor sense in, the contests the wrangling factions up there are making to control the organization and direct party management. Defeat would mean the political burial of those who would lose or waste present opportunities, through mismanagement or carelessness, and neither one of these factions are working because they want to be the corpse.

It will be well for Republicans to remember these things and probably they will not boast so loudly, and may possibly have less reason to regret that they did not see in the wrangles of would-be leaders in New York, the evidence of an awakened, a determined and a hopeful Democracy.

—If you are not registered attend to having it done at once.

—It is delightful to note that the Clearfield papers have settled down to the real work of legitimate journalism and their columns are no longer filled with vicious personal flings at each other. This augurs well for the Democracy in Clearfield county.

Spreading the Doctrine of Christianity.

Ministers of the gospel who have endorsed Mr. McKinley's imperialistic efforts because they profess to believe their success would spread the doctrines of christianity among the heathen Filipinos; humanitarians who have helped the administration along in its war of conquest under the impression that it would bring liberty and enlightenment to an oppressed and benighted people; and well intentioned citizens who have hurried for everything that looks to a continuation of this inexcusable and inhuman effort to rob a people of their birthright because of the glory they imagine there is in it for us and the good it will prove as a world civilization, should read the following:

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—In a letter from Thomas J. Jones, private in Troop G, Eleventh Cavalry, writing from Santa Cruz, Philippine Islands, to his brother here, a massacre of Filipinos, in which he took part, on June 25th, is described. Sixty members of his regiment were ordered to kill or capture a Filipino general who was known to be living in the neighborhood.

The general's house was found and the Americans crawled through the underbrush until they secured positions only a few yards from the house. Then they discovered that they had unwittingly chanced upon a wedding. The bride, whose hands had been blown out, the bridegroom, who had received a bullet in the stomach, was lying nearby in a dying condition. Twelve of the Filipinos had been killed and about the same number wounded. An elderly woman was shot through the leg, and a little child had her arm shot off.

Possibly the presentation of such facts, may open the eyes of some people to the way the "civilizing process" they are endorsing works, as well as show them how effectually we are spreading the kind of christianity that is implanted with the sword amid the horrors of war.

Great is the glory that must grow out of such acts and convincing the christianity that is taught by such methods!

Who wouldn't shout, "On with the war?"

—Ex-Governor MOSES is in trouble again. This time for the larceny of \$5,000. Since he helped Republicans reconstruct South Carolina, away back in war-times, he has served terms on both Blackwell's Island and in the Charlestowne prison of Massachusetts for swindling operations. Some fellows never can forget their early training, and as MOSES got his from the Republican rascals who originated and carried out the reconstruction theories of that party, it is not probable that he will ever be anything else than what he is, a teacher of Republicanism and an unblinking thief.

The Right Thing in the Right Place.

Mr. HANNA opened his campaign for McKinley, at Asbury Park, New Jersey, on Tuesday last. It was an opening by the proper party, and in the proper place. Altogether it was a recognition of the properties, seldom seen in Republican efforts.

If there is any one class more than another that Republicanism, as advocated and represented by the HANNA-McKINLEY, combination that controls that party, is working to benefit, it is trusts. Mr. McKinley is the mortgaged tool of them. Mr. HANNA is their faithful and never flinching friend. The place he chose to open his campaign in their interest and for their candidate, is at the home of the mother of trusts.

Of all the States of the Union, New Jersey is the one that glories in being known as the hatchery of these robber combinations. Under its Republican laws they are given a legal standing and under their protective care they are nurtured and sent forth to crush competition, stifle individual effort and paralyze legitimate business.

How appropriate then for Mr. HANNA, the beneficiary and representative of trusts, to open his campaign for the candidate of trusts at the place of their birth and amid the surroundings that have nurtured and sent them forth.

Verily in this opening he has recognized the properties, and given an exhibition of consistent courage that it might be well if Mr. McKinley would try to emulate.

Which?

Judge LOVE asserts that the State does not pay mileage in addition to the extra salary of \$12 per day for holding courts in districts outside of that in which they are elected to preside. Will his honor explain why such an entry as the following should appear in the Auditor General's Report, if there is no mileage allowed him.

JOHN G. LOVE, President Judge, salary from Aug. 31st, 1897, to Aug. 31st, 1898, \$1,000.00
Compensation and mileage for holding courts in other districts per Act of May 2nd, 1871, and per Act of March 24th, 1887, \$412.40—\$412.40

Is the Auditor General guilty of the crime of cheating the people, or would the Judge of the Courts of this county deliberately attempt to deceive the public for the purpose of covering up the fact that he rides on a pass and charges up to the State that for which he does not pay a penny?

No Hope of Such Good Luck.

Notwithstanding the fact that Judge LOVE's application for appointment to the Supreme Court is backed by the endorsement of the entire bar of the county, with the exception of a very few names, we rather imagine it will find a rocky road to travel before it lands him on the bench of the highest court of the State.

Judge LOVE ought to be politician enough to know that only those who can be of use politically to the State ring, that he serves, has a ghost of a show for this appointment. He would be its tool if on the bench, it is true, but it doesn't need him there, and for that reason he must be able to be of service to it somewhere else. If any one knows where Judge LOVE can turn over anything to the ring in return for its backing, he knows more than the people who know him best and live nearest to him. In the contest that is now on hand and in which the boss of the ring has everything at stake, Judge LOVE can be of no more assistance to those whose assistance will be necessary to secure the position he is after, than the "hobo" who is homeless, friendless and voteless.

Here at home he is without political power, without personal influence and helpless to do anything for a friend. Such efforts as he may make to secure the nomination of candidates for the Legislature, who if elected would vote for QUAY, will meet with the most overwhelming defeat. So little does his political influence, in the county, amount to at this time that we doubt if he will be able to carry a half dozen of the fifty-two election divisions in the county for candidate of his choosings at the coming primaries of his own party. In fact we doubt if his own knowledge of his weakness and unpopularity won't deter him from making any effort to nominate candidates who could be depended upon by the ring he serves. Others might do more, but he as a leader cannot.

This is his condition and being helpless to give anything in return it is the most unbounded presumption to even hope that his name will be seriously considered when that appointment is taken up. We are sorry that such is the case. We are sorry for purely local and selfish reasons. We know that he has not a single qualification for the place. We appreciate the fact that he has never done anything that would entitle him to be considered as an available or deserving nominee. We fully understand the bitterness of his partisan prejudice and the depths of his personal animosity, but with all these the WATCHMAN wishes him success. It does it in the same spirit and for the same purpose that nine tenths of the citizens of the county do the same thing—for his personal benefit and that an opportunity may be given the people of the county to choose an unbiased, unprejudiced, non-partisan and reputable Judge.

In fact Judge LOVE's neighbors will vote a chromo to Mr. QUAY and his ring if he will give him this or any other position, that will create a vacancy in the judicial chair in Centre county.

We are sorry now that Judge LOVE does not have some political influence in the county just at this time. It might enable him to furnish a *quid pro quo*, for this appointment.

What a relief and blessing it would be to the people of the county, even if it would be a little rough on those of other parts of the State could his appointment be secured?

—It is now said that his excellency, Governor HASTINGS, has determined to show the people what he is made of in the way of influence in his own party here at home and will make an open contest for the nomination of candidates for Legislature who will pledge themselves against QUAY under any and all circumstances. This he will do, no matter what effect it may have on the aspirations and expectations of his honor, Judge LOVE. He don't care who it takes the "hair off." QUAYISM is not going to be allowed to boast that it controls the Republicans of the political balliwiek in which the ex-Governor resides, nor are they to be used to further the aspirations of our local candidate for Supreme Court honors.

Altogether there is a good deal of political fun ahead, and we are of the opinion that Judge LOVE is one of the fellows who will not laugh very loud when the time to laugh comes.

—It is a colossal kind of a job that chairman REEDER and his Republican State Committee has undertaken in their effort to discipline the independent Republican vote of the State. It is nothing more or less than to read out of that party every man who refuses to believe in QUAYISM or to support the work and wishes of the state ring. Possibly they may succeed but if they do, they will find themselves the most lonesome set of politicians, after the election is over, that ever aspired to party leadership in this country.

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Roosevelt Includes More in His Class of Cowards.

From the Pittsburgh Post.

Governor Theodore Roosevelt, running mate of William McKinley in the present campaign, has, after a long period of silence, spoken. He makes reply to the severe strictures placed on his St. Paul speech, in which he said of Democrats: "They stand for lawlessness and disorder, for dishonesty and dishonor, for license and disaster at home, and cowardly shrinking from duty abroad."

He complains that he was misquoted, and then in the same breath declares: "I ended by saying: 'Study the Kansas City platform and you cannot help realizing that their policy (the policy of its makers and sponsors) is a policy of infamy, that their triumph would mean misery so widespread that it is almost unthinkable and a disgrace so lasting that more than a generation would have to pass before it could be wiped out.' They stand for lawlessness and disorder, for dishonesty and dishonor, for license and disaster at home and cowardly shrinking from duty abroad."

If there is any difference that distinguishes "betwixt" from "between" surely Roosevelt is the man to explain it. In conclusion the Governor says: "You will see that here I most explicitly drew the line between the men who support and ask support for the Kansas City platform and all other citizens, whether Democrats or Republicans. I hold up the policy advocated in the Kansas City platform as a base and cowardly policy, to emphasize our right to appeal to the countless thousands of high-minded Democrats who abhor baseness and cowardice and are quick to see and do down them."

You will notice by this last paragraph that Roosevelt has made a clean out division, placing all American voters who support the Kansas City platform in the category of cowards and by natural implication, all who support the McKinley ticket among the saints. He has, if anything, made matters worse, and whereas, in his first reported address he insulted Democrats he now widens his circle of abuse by taking in all who support W. J. Bryan.

What is the Kansas City platform which Mr. Roosevelt so vilifies? Here are its salient features:

It stands by the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States.

It opposes a half-republic and a half-democracy.

It demands honest treatment for Porto Ricans and Cubans.

It denounces as un-American the present Philippine policy and demands independence for the Filipinos.

It favors such territorial expansion as gives to this country proper material for the manufacture and by natural implication, all who support the McKinley ticket among the saints.

It opposes militarism, which is simply another word for "conquest abroad."

It opposes trusts and private monopolies, and pledges itself to regulate and curb them.

It demands a currency system in which silver is not regulated in the real world.

Look over these points carefully, then consider the injustice and audacity of Roosevelt's latest statements.

Substantial Thoughts for Strong Men.

From the Baltimore Sun, (Gold Dem.)

The Indianapolis speech abundantly justifies the contention of Mr. Bryan's friends that during the past four years he has matured and broadened in his views and his intellectual grasp. While characterized by his usual facility and felicity of expression it is notably free from any straining after mere rhetorical effect, but, on the contrary, is full of solid meat—meat for grown men as well as babies. From its simple and modest exordium to its splendid peroration it is throughout argumentative and unanswerable. The Democrats will have no better literature to circulate than the Indianapolis speech in the campaign of their eloquent leader.

Arguments That Abuses Will Not Answer.

From the Boston Transcript, (Rep.)

The Republican papers show a regrettable tendency to underestimate the strength of Mr. Bryan's arguments, brushing them lightly aside as mere rhetorical tustian. Instead of debating the issue of "imperialism" with Mr. Bryan, as he challenges them to do, they ridicule his style and ignore his arguments. The speech does not merit the contemptuous treatment which it has received from many of the ultra-imperialistic organs. As we stated yesterday, it is the strongest public utterance which Mr. Bryan has yet made and cannot be dismissed with abusive personalities.

Why We Are Trying to Steal the Philippines.

From the York Dispatch.

General Otis has let the cat out of the bag. In Leslie's Weekly he writes of the Philippines and tells why we ought to retain them. He says: "If we ask a reason for their retention we have only to refer to the great richness of the island." The Chicago Public comments on this by telling an anecdote. "If you didn't mean to steal the gold you took," asked the judge of an unfortunate, "why did you keep it?" The prisoner replied, "Because, sir, gold is valuable." Is further comment necessary?

A Most Able Presentation.

From the Chicago News, (Ind.)

Viewed as a declaration from the anti-imperialist-expansion point of view, Mr. Bryan's Indianapolis speech is by far the most able and eloquent presentation of the subject that has yet been made. The doctrines enunciated on this policy are in accordance with American history and the traditions of a freedom-loving people. In discussing the various phases of the matter Mr. Bryan expressed some of these beliefs and traditions of the American people in striking and expressive form.

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Spawns from the Keystone.

—In the Republican primaries in Juniata, Mifflin and Perry counties Saturday the Quayites suffered disastrous defeats. The anti-Quayites were victorious in all the counties.

—Thursday morning a 3-year-old child of David Daubert, of Lewistown, got hold of some corrosive sublimate and drank sufficient to be so seriously poisoned that it was feared at first it would die, but it will recover.

—The people of Dockertown and Black-hole valley are raising a fund for the purchase of headstones for Mrs. Wm. Hummel and her three children, the murdered victims of William Hummel. Quite a sum has already been raised.

—W. P. Mitchell and his surveying party, who are running the boundary lines of the state forestry reservation, have killed 22 rattlesnakes since they began their work. The surveyors are now on Big Run, a tributary of Beech Creek.

—W. R. Dum, of Elliottsburg, was thrown from a spring wagon in Bloomfield Tuesday morning of last week and sustained a compound comminuted fracture of both bones of his right leg at the ankle, and was badly bruised about the head.

—Benjamin Delozier, of Hastings, met with a painful accident some days ago. While out with a load of beer two of the kegs on which he was sitting started to roll. He was thrown to the ground and a keg fell upon his thigh, breaking it. The broken bone protruded through the flesh.

—On Wednesday morning as Mrs. Job Shinn, of Hollar Extension, Everett, was entering her kitchen, she spied a snake wriggling under the sink. It only took her a remarkably short time to kill his snakeship. The reptile measured about two feet and was of the garter species.

—The W. T. Geddes Lumber company is building fifty new company houses in East Winder for the Wilmore Coal and Coke company. The value of these houses is estimated at \$25,000. They are also building forty-seven large double houses for the Berwind-White company at No. 35 mine, at a cost of \$50,000.

—With a knife A. B. Callahan, of Camm, cut a piece of flesh from his hand in order to save his life Saturday. While picking berries Callahan was bitten by a rattlesnake. He coolly opened a knife and gouged out a chunk of flesh at the affected part before the poison had a chance to permeate his system.

—While James McDonald, of Renovo, was picking berries along Boggs Run Friday, he found a cub bear in a clump of bushes, and picking up the animal, started home. He had gone but a short distance when he heard the mother bear in pursuit. Quickly dropping the cub, McDonald made for the nearest tree, where he was kept prisoner for half an hour before the old bear started off with her offspring.

—The taxpayers of Mifflin and Hunt-ington counties are counting up the cost of a useless litigation, just ended. Some years ago a dispute arose over the boundary line between the two counties. Commissions were appointed, including lawyers and surveyors. The local courts conflicted with the commission for a long time, and now the superior court decides that the boundary line is where it has always been. To learn all this the two counties expended about \$90,000.

—Of two appointments to positions in the railway mail service from Pennsylvania, announced from Washington Friday, Walter Brooks, of Tyrone, has been fortunate in securing one. The young man, who is a clerk in the Tyrone postoffice, made application for route clerk about a year ago. He has not yet received official notification of his appointment, but will doubtless hear from the department in a day or two. He will probably be assigned to a route shortly.

—A curious wreck happened on the Pennsylvania railroad at Grapeville near Jeanette, the other evening. An eastbound freight engine had pulled up to a watering plug and had cut loose from the cars. The brakes were not set tight enough to hold the train and it started backward toward Jeanette. Before it had gone very far the caboose of the runaway train collided with the engine of a train following and ran up on the cowcatcher, landing directly on top of the engine. The next car was telescoped.

—Joseph Miller, of Penfield, Clearfield county, owns a portable saw mill and the operating crew is unique in that it is composed entirely of the Miller family, consisting of Mr. Miller, his wife and their three children. Mr. Miller handles the lever. His wife feeds the fuel into the boiler furnace. Jane, the 12-year-old girl, sits on the carriage. Maggie, the 10 year old daughter, and Joseph Jr., the 6-year-old son, "off-bear" as much as their strength will stand, the mother helping when necessary. The mill cuts 5,000 feet per day at \$2 per 1,000, and the family income is quite comfortable.

—The clock on the Philadelphia city hall is the highest in the world. If the dials were out of the way and tracks were laid, two trains could pass each other running through the holes. The glass in the four faces is fastened by a ton of cement. The glass, if laid on the ground, would make a walk a square long and ten feet wide. The minute hand will finish each year's journey by completing a 110 mile trip. It is expected that this minute hand will travel 110 miles annually for years to come. The clock is strong, and the minute hand is phosphor bronze and weighs 250 pounds.

—Thursday while Albert Evans, of near Hannastown, Westmoreland county, was going to his dinner he noticed that the hogs were in the potato patch and went to drive them out. While passing through the adjacent field in which were some cattle, among which was a bull, the latter animal became infuriated at his presence and made at him. He started to run for the fence and when about to mount it the maddened bull struck him, and at the same time struck the fence, completely leveling it to the ground. Mr. Evans was rendered unconscious, in which condition he was carried to the house and Dr. Cole summoned, who dressed his injuries, and at last accounts he was resting comfortably. The animal was promptly shot and will not further annoy any one.