

Ink Slings.

Election day is near at hand, Mark Hanna's at the throttle, He'll try to wreck our dear old land...

Don't trade. Vote for WETZEL and KEPLER. Make no propositions for trades. Democrats have no reason to trade this fall.

Every Democrat has reason to be proud of the candidates for Legislature. They are both good men. Vote for them.

Old General Prosperity hasn't been doing much marching over the farms of Centre county during the past four years. Probably the reason that Sir THOMAS LIPTON couldn't preserve the corner he had in Chicago pork was because he had forgotten to buy up MARK HANNA.

HASTINGS would like to form a political trust among the Republicans of Centre county. That is, he would like them to trust everything to him. Will they do it?

Vote next Tuesday for men who were nominated fair and square by the masses of their party and not for two who were appointed by one man against the wishes of many others.

If you are offered a vote for BRYAN for a vote for ALLISON or THOMPSON don't make the trade. Any person who wants to vote for BRYAN will do so from principle and you would gain absolutely nothing by such a deal.

The friends of ALLISON and THOMPSON will have all manner of propositions to make next Tuesday. Listen to none of them, Democrats, but vote for two men who will be your representatives and not the tools of any one man.

If either THOMPSON or ALLISON should be elected Centre county will not be represented in the next Legislature. All the other counties in the State and DAN HASTINGS will be represented, but Centre county will be without representatives.

ALYDOR, the New York banker who stole \$700,000 of his bank's money, couldn't have been a man who cared much for little things. He weighed 300 lbs. and it is reasonable to suppose that now that he is behind the bars there will be no squeezing out of it.

Adjutant General CORBIN has just reported that Uncle SAM's army numbers 98,790 men. During the past year 74 officers and 1,930 men have died, in addition to the thousands wounded. Imperialism comes high, both in life and money, but MARK HANNA and MCKINLEY say we must have it.

Director MERRIAM of the census bureau has just announced that the population of the United States on June 1st, 1900, was 76,295,220. Two of the most important individuals to Centre counties, who are counted in this great multitude, are Messrs. WETZEL and KEPLER, the Democratic nominees for Legislature. Vote for them.

President MCKINLEY has definitely promised to attend the launching of the battleship Ohio at San Francisco next April. Next April is a long way off and by that time the President MCKINLEY of today might be back again to the status of plain WILLIAM MCKINLEY, of Canton, Ohio. In other words, they will have no use for "has-beens" at the launching of the Ohio next April.

According to the last census Centre county had a population of 43,190. If KEPLER and WETZEL are elected to the Legislature each one of these 43,190 persons will be represented at Harrisburg, but should ALLISON and THOMPSON be elected it would be quite different. They would represent DAN HASTINGS only and the other 43,189 could whistle, so far as having any representation is concerned.

The miners won every point they claimed in the great strike that has just been called off in the anthracite regions. Their victory was as much due to the sympathy gained by conducting themselves in an orderly, lawful way as by any other cause. It was a case of right triumphing over money and might and next Tuesday it will have a parallel, when the cause of the common people triumphs over that of aristocracy and plutocracy.

Every Centre county farmer who used fertilizer to sow with his grain this fall paid a tribute to the fertilizer trust of \$4 on every ton he used. The leaders of the Republican party say, "trusts are good things." Do you think so, farmers, when you have to pay \$4 extra just because a trust controls the fertilizer market. Trusts might be good things for those who have stock in them, but here is one that is not a very good thing for the farmer.

GROVER CLEVELAND was reported, on Monday, to have said "you will see a landslide for BRYAN on the day after the election." This significant prophecy was supposed to have been made to R. J. BLACK, a reputable gentleman of Vinton, Iowa. Next day GROVER denied having made such a prediction and Mr. BLACK promptly made affidavit that he did and now it remains to be proven whether GROVER or BLACK is the biggest liar. But that has nothing to do with next Tuesday. There will be a BRYAN landslide all the same.

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Prosperity for Trusts Only.

It is a fact that trusts have prospered under the rule of the Republicans. It is equally true that aggregated capital employed in many lines of business has had large returns. But how about the farmer or the workingman? These two classes make up nine-tenths of the population of the country and if there is general prosperity they should have their share.

How have they prospered? If you will ask the farmer he will tell you that he has worked just as hard and lived as sparingly during the past four years as he has ever done and that his financial condition is not improved a particle. In fact he is worse off now than he was this time four years ago. His reapers and rakes, his plows and cultivators, his wagons and harness, and all of the many implements he must have are wearing out and must soon be replaced. To do this, at the prices trusts have run these articles up to, simply wipes out all profit he has had from any increase in the value of his products, and leaves him nothing additional to show that there is prosperity in the country. He has expended nothing on his buildings, made no improvements except such as could be made with his own labor, has added nothing to the comforts of his home, he has taken no time off, nor has he reduced his hours of labor, and yet, when he comes to balance up matters, he is even worse off than he was four years ago, with all the boasted prosperity.

Ask him and he will tell you that this is a fact. The trusts and syndicates may have prospered, but not the farmer.

And so it is with the workingman. He may have had steady employment, but how about his gains. What has he to show for his four years of labor under the reign of MCKINLEY and the rule of trusts? Has he bought a little home? Has he been able to clothe his children comfortably and send them to school? Have comforts been added to the scanty furniture that his wife is compelled to get along with? In fact, is his condition a particle better, or his future a whit brighter, than it was this time four years ago?

Ask him and he will tell you it is not? Where then is the prosperity that we hear so much about? The coal oil trust, the cracker trust, the sugar trust, the flour trust, the rail trust, the steel trust, and the hundreds of the other trusts that have sprung up and fattened under the protection of Republican rule, can answer this question.

Is this the kind of prosperity you want? Are not the people deserving of some little share of the good things that are going? Should the masses be enslaved that the few may live like lords?

These are questions you can answer by your vote on Tuesday next? If you are getting, out of this boasted prosperity, all that you want; if your condition or prospects cannot be brightened; if you are receiving all that your labor or products are worth, in these times when trusts are making you pay double for everything you must have, or if you are satisfied to see the few accumulate by millions while you toil on for a bare living, you should vote for a continuation of present conditions.

IF NOT, YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR A CHANGE AND A CHANCE FOR YOURSELF.

A Faithful Representative.

Democrats, you have a candidate for Congress of whose record you can be proud—a candidate whom every citizen of the district, who desires an active, intelligent representative in Congress, should delight to vote for. He began life as a bare footed boy in Milesburg. He has worked, and won his way to a position of prominence, not only in political, but in social, charitable and business circles. In the great State of Pennsylvania there is no one man, to-day who commands greater respect or yields more personal influence than does he. He has served one term in Congress and has proven himself one of the most efficient, popular and worthy Representatives the district has ever had.

He is one of the hardest working members of Congress from the State. He is liberal and generous to the deserving, wherever they may be.

He gives employment to more labor than any individual in the district.

His employees to a man are for him.

He never turned man or woman away, if he could in any manner assist them.

He never asked a resident of the district who applied to him for aid or influence, what his politics was.

He never tired of serving the people of his section of the State.

He never forgot the interests of his district.

He was always approachable and at the service of his constituency.

There is no discounting his faithfulness, his ability or the fact that he will be re-elected.

The people, however, whom he has served so faithfully and well, should see to it, that he is returned by an overwhelming majority.

Unworthy Aspirants.

The coming session of the Legislature will be one of most serious importance to every voter and to every citizen who takes pride in the welfare and good name of the Commonwealth. It will be a session at which a change of registration laws, a change of election laws, a change of congressional, senatorial and legislative apportionments, a change of tax laws, a change of the constitution, and a change of official methods in the several departments at Harrisburg will all be considered.

There is not a voter in the county who has not an interest in some of these proposed changes. There is not a citizen, whether he be rich or poor, white or black, who would not be benefited by them. And yet, with these important questions pending, men are asked to vote for Representatives who refuse to tell where they stand on any of them.

Up to this date, and it is now within a few days of the election, neither ALLISON nor THOMPSON, nor anyone for them, has pledged their votes on any of these reforms. It is not because they have not had an opportunity or been asked to do so, for this paper has weekly, since their nomination, called attention to these questions and asked of them, or those who speak for them, where they stood and what they would do when these propositions are brought before the Legislature.

To this day neither one has opened his mouth on any of these questions. Neither one has pledged or promised his support to any reform, whether it relates to the ballot, to taxation, to public expenditures or on any other subject. On what they will do they are as silent as the Phinx.

Possibly, when we consider how they were nominated and for what purpose they were made the candidates of the two or three individuals who put them upon the Republican ticket, the fact that they will make no pledges may be to their credit. They are not their own masters, nor do they know where they will be or what they will do when the time comes. They are the creatures of ex-Governor HASTINGS. If elected they will represent him and his wishes. It will not be the people of Centre county that they will ask what to do, or what is wanted. It will be Governor HASTINGS, who will dictate every action and who will dominate every effort that they may make.

Are these the kind of Representatives the tax payers of Centre county want to send to Harrisburg? Are these the kind of men that independent, honorable and fair minded citizens desire to vote for? Are such tongue-tied, place seekers, who, to get an office would sink their manhood and their independence and become the mere puppets of a boss, fit to represent the voters of Centre county?

We think not, and we believe that your vote on Tuesday next will say that you want Representatives who will voice the sentiment of the people and who would soon be the tool or creature of any man.

There Has Been No Deception.

One of the remarkable features of the campaign that is fast drawing to a close in this county has been the courteous and straightforward manner in which all the Democratic candidates have met the issues before them. No one can point out a single instance in which either Mr. WETZEL or Mr. KEPLER has spoken depreciatingly of their opponents. In fact, both have been uniformly considerate and fair, and whatever the outcome of next Tuesday may be they need have no regret for the course they have pursued since entering the contest.

As the youngest man on the ticket naturally the most interest has centered in the conduct of Mr. KEPLER and it is said to his lasting credit that he has faithfully maintained his position as a young man with honorable motives. He has kept no skeletons locked up in his closet, but with a courage seldom witnessed in any man has gone before the people with his past laid before them like an open book.

Mr. KEPLER has shown that he is the possessor of a rare character. In all of his conversations with men he has been fearless and frank, never hesitating to admit a fault nor equivocating when questioned as to his future actions.

By reason of his education, by reason of the fact that he is the only representative of the farming classes on the ticket, by reason of the earnestness he has evinced ever since he was honored with the nomination, he is entitled to every Democratic vote in Centre county.

There isn't a single reason why every Democrat should not be proud of Mr. KEPLER and work to give him the full party vote on next Tuesday.

His qualifications for the office he seeks are equal to those of either one of his opponents in all respects and superior in that he stands committed to represent every person in Centre county, instead of the one man who appointed and controls his opponents.

KEPLER is an admirable candidate. Wide awake, alive to the needs of the farmers and one of those men who considers an effort too much trouble if it favors a friend.

Vote for KEPLER.

One of Congressman Hall's Many Kind Acts.

The popularity of Congressman J. K. P. HALL in this District is unprecedented. On all sides we hear of the many gracious acts he has done for his constituents while in office and they simply bear out the record of his generous life as a private citizen.

One incident worthy of special notice occurred down in Liberty township, this county, that we want the public to know.

CHRISTIAN BECHDEL, a minor child, without the consent of his parents, joined the regular army. He served with his regiment in Cuba, about the city of Havana, until about the time the regiment was to be transferred, when he asked for a leave of absence. He was told that he was getting it and, acting on the assumption that it was all right, he went into Havana to spend a few days. When he voluntarily returned to his regiment he was court martialed and sentenced to a year's service on Governor's Island.

After he had been there for some time his health failed. He wrote of his condition to his mother and his statements were corroborated by letters from the surgeon of the barracks. His frequent appeals alarmed his mother and she consulted her friends about what was best to do in the case.

They advised her to go to Washington and try to have Congressman HALL intercede for her. With letters of introduction she sought Mr. HALL, who, according to her own words, "was very genial and obliging." He introduced her to Mrs. HALL who, at once, insisted on her remaining as a guest of their family. Mrs. BECHDEL remained with the HALLS during her stay in Washington and was delightfully entertained.

The Congressman arranged for interviews for her with prominent men about Washington and took her in person to see the President, who heard her state her case.

Mr. HALL went right ahead in Mrs. BECHDEL'S behalf and she states that she knows that it was entirely through his untiring efforts that shortly after she returned home she was rewarded with notice from the War Department that her son would be sent home to her.

CHRISTIAN did arrive home shortly after and Mrs. BECHDEL does not hesitate to speak in the warmest praises of our Congressman.

Just as Mr. HALL treated this sorrow-stricken woman from Eagleville he has treated everyone else who has had anything to ask of him and for that reason the people of Centre county will not go back on HALL next Tuesday.

Republicans Resorting to Trading.

We warn Democrats against trading. It is through this means that the Republican boss of Centre county hopes to elect one, if not both, of his candidates for the Legislature.

From different sections of the county word comes of Republican offers to trade. In every instance it is an effort to secure votes for their candidates for Legislature. In some places the proposition is to give a vote for the entire Democratic ticket down to the county nominees in return for a vote for ALLISON and THOMPSON.

In other places they offer a vote for the Democratic state ticket and for HALL, in return for a vote for their candidates for the Legislature.

In other parts of the county they offer to vote for MEEK and HALL in return for a vote for either one of their Legislative candidates, and in other places a vote is offered for any candidate on the ticket in return for a vote for ALLISON.

It is the plain duty of Democrats to spurn all of these offers.

If the entire Republican vote of the county was cast for the Democratic presidential and state ticket it would not carry Pennsylvania for them, so that Democrats would make nothing by trading for them.

Mr. HALL will be elected by the votes of Democrats and Republicans who appreciate his worth as a Congressman and who will vote for him without a trade, so that he neither needs nor would he approve of such an effort in his interest.

The editor of this paper, while appreciating the friendship and kindness of Republicans who feel like giving him a complimentary vote, wants no vote of the kind if it is to be had at the expense of any other candidate on the ticket.

Democrats should remember that the chief effort of Governor HASTINGS and the few Republican bosses who are backing him is to carry the county for his legislative ticket. It is only through a trade or a failure on the part of Democrats to get out their full vote that Governor HASTINGS and his crowd have any hope of success.

A full and a straight vote will elect every man on the ticket from HALL down. Let every Democrat work to this end. Centre County must be kept Democratic. The way to do it is to vote early, and to vote STRAIGHT.

DON'T TRADE or don't wait until evening to get in your ballot.

Poor Men's Homes Under the Hammer.

It is a loud boast that Republicans have made about prosperity. So loud that many people actually believe that everybody, except themselves, has been enjoying a share of it.

But this is not so. Nine out of every ten men in the country have neither seen nor felt its effects, except in the increased price they pay for everything. In the city of Philadelphia, proudly referred to by its citizens as a city of homes, and a locality where Republican prosperity has been boasted of to the greatest extent, the sheriff's docket shows surprising facts:

In 1898, the homes of 3,294 poor men were sold under the sheriff's hammer.

In 1899, this number was increased six hundred and forty-five, or a total of 3,939, homes went in the same way.

In the nine months that have passed up to October of the present year, the sheriff

of that same prosperous (?) Republican city had seized and sold the homes of 2,685, workingmen and mechanics.

And in the face of these records it is claimed that the people are prosperous.

Surely there is something wrong and rotten about this claim. Surely it is an effort to deceive, and to deceive for a purpose.

And yet this is the kind of prosperity that Mr. MCKINLEY wants to continue.

Should Attend to Our Own Affairs.

Don't do it. It is a waste of time to sit around speculating on what other States or other counties will do at the election. It won't make a vote. It don't help the cause. It don't assist a particle in winning an election. It is what your own district will do that should interest you most. It is right at your own home that you should be looking. There is where your work is, and about it your figuring and speculating should be done. It is the district you vote in that you should know all about and when you have it down fine it is time to give your attention to and be concerned about others.

The hours that are wasted figuring out how New York, Illinois, Indiana or some other distant State will vote, if devoted to ascertaining how your neighbors feel, how to capture the doubtful vote in your own district, and planning a way to have every Democratic vote at the polls, would add from three to a dozen votes to the Democratic tally in every district in the county. It would almost double the usual majority and would secure a result that we would all have reason to rejoice over.

Let us try it from this until the election. Let us plan and work to get out our own vote, and show that we are willing to do that which we can do.

Other States will take care of themselves. Let us take care of Centre county.

Will Test Their Manliness.

We have serious doubts if the Republicans of Centre county who believe in regularity and are opposed to the disruption of their own state organization will vote for ALLISON and THOMPSON. In fact, if they do, they are no better Republicans than the men they denounce as "Insurgents." Both of these candidates stand pledged against going into a Republican caucus or abiding by the will of a majority of Republican Representatives in case they name M. S. QUAY for United States Senator, and both stand pledged to act as ex-Governor HASTINGS and W. F. REEDER dictate. How straight-out and self-respecting Republicans can assist in building up and strengthening a self constituted boss, who is openly and avowedly seeking to carry the county for his own glorification and to place him in a position to fight his own party organization in the State, we do not know. It is possibly none of our business, however, and we can only wait and judge of the manliness and independence of the men who claim to be the Simon pure Republicans of the county, by the vote that is cast for the candidates whom HASTINGS appointed as the nominees of his party.

The President, by the usual proclamation, has set aside Thursday, Nov. 29th, as a day of general thanksgiving for the people of the United States.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

—John Maxwell, a tramp, aged 35 years, had his head cut off at Brockwayville Monday, by a freight train running over him.

—A burglar entered the home of Charles Smith in Jersey Shore Saturday morning and stole from the bedroom a gold watch and nine dollars. Other houses were also entered.

—Chicken stealing is annoying the owners of poultry in and around Mackeyville, and threats are made that if it is not stopped, shooting irons will be brought into play, when the visits are made to the roosts.

—While playing with a revolver, William Knight, aged 14 years, accidentally shot Guy Harman, aged 12 years, in the hip at Williamsport Friday. Harman is a cripple, having had his foot taken off two years ago in a saw mill.

—Friday morning about 6 o'clock the "pusher" ran into a flock of wild turkeys at Dick's station on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, and cut the head off a big gobbler sick as a sharp ax would do it. Fireman John Priest jumped from his engine and possessed the bird.

—While returning from a funeral as Muncy recently, the horses drawing a carriage occupied by Mrs. Edward Bower and son ran away. Mrs. Bower jumped and was badly hurt. Her son tripped in jumping and was dragged a quarter of a mile, but will recover.

—Mrs. George W. Abbey, wife of a well known farmer residing two miles and a half from Woodhill, near Coudersport, burned to death Wednesday night. She was carrying a lighted lamp, when she fell and the thing exploded. Her husband and son rushed to her aid, but she was so badly burned that she died soon after.

—George H. Batschlet, of Queen's Run, has been annoyed by a bear entering his field at night and destroying a lot of corn in bags. The next morning Mr. Batschlet went into the field and learned that the bear had not only torn the bag open and ate a lot of it, but had attempted to carry a bagful away as the bag was found some distance from where it had been placed by the gentleman.

—George A. Goehrig, a local electrician, of Williamsport, saved his life Friday morning by turning a flipper in mid air. He had trimmed an arc light at the top of a fifty foot pole at Newberry Junction and was descending when he lost his hold, plunging headlong toward the ground. He knew he would be killed unless he could right himself. By a superhuman effort he turned a flipper and landed squarely on his feet, escaping with sprained ankles.

—The post-office at Lilly, Cambria county, was entered by thieves Thursday night and robbed. The burglars secured about 45 cents for their pains. Less than a week ago the same office was entered and about \$1.75 or \$2, all in pennies, was stolen. The thieves in each instance forced an entrance by breaking the bars off a side window and raising the sash. It is thought that the same parties committed both offenses and that they are local people.

—More than 90 per cent of the men discharged from the service of the New York Central railroad company twenty years ago were dropped from the rolls for drunkenness. Now, however, with 30,000 men in the employ of the company, less than 1 per cent of those annually discharged owe the loss of their situations to over-indulgence in liquor. This change in conditions is said to be largely due to the beneficent influence of the railroad department of the Young Men's Christian Association.

—Governor Stone Thursday appointed Addison Candor Judge of the Twenty-ninth Judicial district, Lycoming county, to succeed the late Judge John J. Metzger. He is the senior member of the law firm of Candor & Munson. He was born in Lewistown, in 1852, at the age of 20 he graduated from Princeton, having taken the full academic course. He was admitted to practice at the Lycoming bar in 1875, and soon thereafter formed a partnership with C. Larue Munson, at Williamsport. He declined the appointment however.

—Milton Gibson was in a store at Penruan, Indiana county, recently, purchasing some article, and in making change let a nickel fall on the floor. It rolled behind a nail keg and Milton moved the keg to get his nickel. In doing so he exposed a large-sized roll of bills, which had evidently been there for a long time, as they were covered with dust. Milton promptly handed the roll over to the proprietor of the store and went home and told his wife how honest he was. She viewed the matter in another way, and with decided emphasis made Milton return to the store and get the money, which he did. And now—Mrs. Gibson has the money.

—The Methodist church at Stoneville, one of the appointments of the Woodland charge, of which Rev. C. W. Rishel is pastor, and which recently underwent extensive repairs, was reopened on Sunday last with very impressive services. On Saturday evening Rev. W. C. Cagle gave his lecture on his own personal experiences as a missionary for two years in Africa. He also preached on Sabbath morning at the afternoon service. Rev. J. W. Rue, D.D., of Carversville, preached and the pastor occupied the pulpit at night. All the indebtedness incurred in making the repairs, amounting to \$300, was raised in cash, with a surplus of \$12. A series of revival meetings will be continued.

—Saturday morning about 2 o'clock six small masked men, uniformly dressed, broke into the station of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad at Danville, through a panel in the door. They all pointed their revolvers at Annon Keiser, the operator, seized him, forced a gag into his mouth, tied his arms and legs, carried him into the adjoining room, and threw him on the floor. The burglars then made nine attempts to blow open the safe without success. The tenth time the safe flew to pieces. The burglars secured upwards of \$500 in cash. They then relieved Keiser of his watch and other valuables and left. About an hour later Keiser succeeded in releasing himself and notified the authorities. The police of that town and railroad officers, hearing that the men were seen at Rushtown, near Danville at daybreak, left for that place in pursuit of the men.