

Ink Stings.

All stocks are up in a balloon. A sailing through the air. A time is coming good and soon. When they'll come down "for fair."

NJOBE has at last found her male counterpart in Mr. CHAMBERS.

A great many people think that doing good means "doing" everyone.

All hope of ballot reform went a glimmering at Harrisburg on Wednesday when the bill presented by the Democrats was overwhelmingly defeated.

Talk about old mother GOOSE'S cow that jumped over the moon. Why she was a novice at high jumping compared to the bull of Wall street these days.

The Legislature of the State might have passed the capitol removal bill, but the people of the State would have settled its hash when it came to the question of voting on it.

This is the kind of weather that brings to mind that line of the old song "Marching Through Georgia" that runs: "How the sweet potatoes fairly started from the ground."

A boiler blew up in a distillery near Uniontown on Tuesday and two men are dead. Which simply goes to prove that old John Barleycorn is dangerous, whichever way you take him.

Soon the sweet girl graduate will be smoothing out her white dress and imagining that the eyes of the entire community will discover a single hair out of place on her learned looking brow.

LORD KITCHENER still has frequent "I regret to reports" from South Africa. The unholy war is costing England dear. JOHN BULL had better borrow our FRED FUNSTON for a few days, if he ever hopes to capture DEWEY.

BROOK'S dinner hack route is likely to work all right until JERRY DONOVAN comes to town with his horn and then there will be danger of a mixup that might result in getting some of the lawyers up town laid away on JERRY'S junk pile.

If some of the stories that are going the rounds now are true it might be well for Judge LOVE to urge some of the young lawyers at the Centre county bar to be a little more discreet in peddling the statement that they have "influence with the court."

It won't do to keep CARRIE NATION in jail much longer. The freedom that her confinement affords her husband is proving rather disastrous to the family exchequer. He attended a circus at Maron, Indiana, the other day and was fined \$1.00 on account of \$73.

The refusal to remove a freight train from a street crossing in Chicago on Sunday prevented the fire engines from getting to a fire in a tenement house and seven people were burned to death and a number of others injured. Now what shall be done with that train crew? It won't be enough to "roast" them.

If the miners in the anthracite regions are really thinking seriously of marching to Harrisburg, twenty thousand strong, to compel certain legislation in which they are interested, we would advise some of those scowling Legislators to take the first boat they can find on the Susquehanna and make for Havre de Grace as fast as possible or some of these desperate miners will consign them to another place beginning with H.

The miners of the anthracite regions may march to Harrisburg to threaten the Legislature into enacting legislation promised them by the Republican party last fall and march in vain. But next fall they will march up to the polls again and vote the very same crowd of lying, hypocritical, pretentious fellows into office. That is the Republican idea of running things, you know.

Because a fraction less than one hundred thousand voters in Pennsylvania might want to out their ticket at some election is that any reason why the million and a half who want to vote straight should be deprived of the ring, the easiest and surest way of doing it? Abandon the ring and you accomplish nothing in the direction of ballot reform. In fact you increase the reasons for demanding assistance, by depriving the voter of the simplest way of making his ticket.

The "Constitution," the new American cup defender, was launched at Bristol, R. I., on Monday evening. "Shamrock II" SIR THOMAS LIPTON'S new racer has been having trials of speed for some days and is showing herself a far superior yacht to "Shamrock I," the boat that was beaten here last season by the "Columbia." However fast she may be able to go it will be all the same to the "Constitution." She will give the Irish boat a new name and it will sound more like "Dennis" than "Shamrock II."

The government is going to take off its transport services between the United States and the islands of the sea into possession of which we have lately come. This will sound like good news to some who will be glad to hear of a reduction of some of the war expenses, but, in reality, it will prove only a case of saving at the spigot to waste at the bung hole. We will have continued need of the transport service so that trade will have to be farmed out to the shipping corporations and you have all heard of MORGAN'S great shipping trust now forming. Think you not that this abandonment of the government transports is to help fatten MORGAN'S new trust?

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Intimidating the Miners.

When a rumor spread abroad Saturday that an industrial army was about to march on Harrisburg for the purpose of impressing on the State Senate the importance of enacting certain pending legislation in the interest of miners, the administration sent a representative of the military power of the State to exercise surveillance over their operations. Subsequently the emissary for the administration stated to a newspaper reporter that he went to Pottsville on "a little visit," but declined to state the nature of the business. "I have nothing to give to the public concerning it," he said. But the records of the railroad company show that the State ordered a special train for him which left Harrisburg about noon on Sunday last, and the expenses of the train are charged to the State.

The legislation which the miners ask is such as was promised them before the election as a consideration for their support of the Republican candidates for Senators and Representatives in the Legislature in the several districts in the anthracite regions. In the absence of such promises at least one Senator and several Representatives, of that party faith, would have been defeated in which event the Republicans would have been unable to organize either branch of the Legislature, and QUAY would not have been chosen Senator. The Democratic candidates favored the legislation as Democrats always support just measures in the interest of the working men. But the miners who cared more for their personal interests than for party politics were told that the Democrats couldn't help them in any event, because that party would be in the minority, and they cast their votes for the Republicans and have been cheated.

Most Governors under the circumstances would have joined the miners in their demand for the fulfillment of the pledges made. The leaders of another party would have said this obligation to the men is due and must be paid. But no such thoughts entered the mind of the present Governor or of those of the present leaders of the Republican party. The only thing that occurred to them was that there was a chance of fooling the men and having enjoyed the advantages of their support, the measures in which they were interested could be buried in committee. In the House the opposition force was too strong to permit of such a thing. When bills repose too long in the committees of that body they are brought out by a resolution. But in the Senate the majority is strong enough to accomplish anything; the bills were buried and when the miners showed restlessness a military spy was sent in a special train at vast expense to defeat their purpose.

And this is the treatment this class of laboring men are receiving from the party that has benefited by the support of a large majority of them for years. And we suppose that support will continue just as it has been, whether they get the legislation asked for and promised them or not. It is the way the miners have of doing:—swearing at and kicking against the many wrongs they are made to suffer, and then going to the polls and voting for the party that refuses to correct these wrongs when it has the power to do so.

Is it strange that thinking people have ceased to listen to their complaints, or to sympathize with their distress?

An Impending Danger.

When the Pennsylvania Steel company, which comprises the extensive plants at Steelton, Pa., and Sparrows Point, Maryland, was reorganized with its capital increased to \$50,000,000, the public was justified in the hope that it meant to operate as a competitor to the billion and a-half dollar steel trust recently organized by Mr. J. PIERPONT MORGAN. But recent developments tend to dissipate that hope. In other words there are indications present which lead to the suspicion that there is a movement on foot to consolidate the newly reorganized Pennsylvania Steel company with the MORGAN trust.

The new scheme is to consolidate the Pennsylvania company with the Bethlehem Steel and Iron company and merge the combined concern with the MORGAN trust. This would practically put all the steel industry of the country under one management, and so long as the existing prohibitive tariff duties are in force that concern would enjoy an absolute monopoly of the business. In other words the consumers of steel of the country would be utterly and completely at the mercy of a monopoly with a capitalization almost equal to the financial resources of the government. That would be a calamity of the gravest character.

But this is the natural and logical consequence of the economic policies of the party in power. It is a twin evil of the militarism which is inevitable unless there is a turn in the tide of affairs. And where are the people to look for escape from the impending danger? The ballot box used to be the anchor of safety, but with the opportunities for fraud and the facilities and resources for debauching the voter, there is no hope from that source. The country is indeed in imminent danger. It remains to be seen whether or not the people will rise to the measure of manhood which may avert the peril.

Removal of the Capitol.

The Legislature reached the climax in its "Comedy of Errors," on Tuesday when by a vote of 110 to 47, it passed on second reading the VOORHEES bill providing for the submission to a vote of the people the question of the removal of the capitol of the State to Philadelphia. When the measure was introduced it was regarded as a huge, but not very witty joke. Nobody dreamed that it would be taken seriously, and probably Mr. VOORHEES, least of all, imagined that it would receive a majority of the votes at any stage of the game. The chances are, however, that the vote of Tuesday was only another joke. It was probably intended to make the Harrisburg hotel keepers "loosen up" a little, so to speak.

But it is a grave matter to treat thus lightly. If there was even a remote possibility for a reasonably fair vote on that or any other question, the proposition would not be so absurd, for in many respects Harrisburg is deficient in most of the things which go to make up the requirements of a state capitol. That is to say that city is provincial in many respects and insular in others. But with all its drawbacks it is infinitely preferable to Philadelphia as a seat for the state government. It is more centrally located, easier of access to a vast majority of the people of the State and less objectionable from a moral point of view. Altogether the proposition for removal to Philadelphia was destitute of merit.

Besides, the matter of expense is an important element in the affair. Philadelphia has expended something like \$25,000,000 in the construction of a municipal building which is still unfinished and defective. It may be presumed that the construction of state capitol buildings would cost as much and probably more, for the larger part of the expense would fall on the people of the State outside of the city. The talk of using buildings left over from the Centennial Exposition of 1876 may be dismissed as fudge. Those buildings are neither adapted nor susceptible of alteration to adapt them. The promise of donations to a building fund are equally worthless. They come from no responsible source and cannot be depended on. In the face of these facts it is manifest that the removal of the capitol to Philadelphia would put a vast burden on the State for which there is no just reason or hope of adequate recompense.

Neither of the Centre county Representatives in the Legislature are recorded as voting on the measure. But on the final test, on Wednesday, when the bill was killed on third reading Mr. ALLISON voted against it, while Mr. THOMPSON did not vote at all.

An Accusation Suppressed.

What threatened to be an interesting controversy between our esteemed Philadelphia contemporary, the Press, and the Governor of the Commonwealth has been silenced in a most mysterious and significant way. The Press charged that Governor STONE'S former law partner and now a Justice of the Supreme court had revealed to the Governor some of the secrets of the bench. To this charge, a most unusual and extraordinary one, the Governor and the Justice promptly entered emphatic and unequivocal denials. But in publishing the denials, the Press reiterated the charge and declared that the statement was made on authority in which it had implicit faith. Against this reiteration there has been no answer made.

Revealing the secrets of the bench is a grave offense. One of the Judges of the Supreme court of the United States, in commenting on the case in point, declared that it put the entire court under suspicion and another occupant, of the high tribunal expressed the opinion that a Justice thus offending should be impeached. Under the circumstances one would have thought that both the Governor and the Justice would have insisted on a prompt and searching investigation. The honor of both was impugned and high minded men do not usually tamely submit to such aspersions. But when Governor STONE'S attention was called to the reiteration he said he had nothing more to say. It may also be added that the paper dropped the subject without further discussion.

We are certainly in degenerate times when such things may happen. When Governor STONE, or his law officer, made arrangements with a Judge who was without jurisdiction to pass affirmatively upon a question of the legality of one of his official acts, public confidence in the judiciary of the State received a hard jolt. Patriotic men marveled that such things could be and freely expressed doubts of the future. But that incident was trifling when compared with the enormity of the offense committed by this creature of the Governor, for the offending Justice was POTTER, of Pittsburg, who was appointed to the office by STONE. In view of this incident no thoughtful man can have faith in the integrity of the judiciary.

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Just Where It Belongs.

Many of our Democratic contemporaries are regretting the fact that the much advertised conference on ballot reform between Senator QUAY, speaking for the Republicans and Col. GUFFEY, representing the Democrats, ended as it did without agreement and without hope for anything better in the way of election laws.

The WATCHMAN has no feeling of that kind. It is in no way disappointed. It expected nothing, looked for nothing and can see no reason to regret that nothing was done by these two gentlemen, for the simple fact that it never was glibly enough to believe that Mr. QUAY would ever consent to any measure that would secure real ballot reform, and an agreement on any other kind of a law would only have made the Democracy responsible for such an abortion as Mr. QUAY would have endorsed.

In fact it is our firm belief that the Democracy is better off with the cumbersome and fraud protecting law we now have, than to be responsible for the kind of a bunco bill that would meet the approval of the present Legislature and receive the signature of Governor STONE.

If any new bill is passed it will not be one that will cure the evils that are now complained of. And if by any accident, a new law should get upon the statute book that would insure some reforms, the Republican ring that controls all legislation would, and could, justly claim the credit for it. On the other hand had there been an agreement upon a measure, and after enactment it failed in the results expected, it would have been hurled back at us that it was the Democratic idea of reform, and that the minority was responsible for the failure to secure honest elections.

As it now is the responsibility is with the Republicans alone. We are glad that it is so. It is where it belongs. It is where it should stay.

They promised the public ballot reform. They pledged their honor and their truthfulness that it would be given the people. They are in a position to fulfill their pledges. They have the Legislature, the Senate and the Governor and no act on the part of the minority should relieve them of their responsibility in this matter.

We have no regrets that the situation is such that accountability for the failure of honest election laws has been placed squarely upon the Republican party.

A movement is on foot to make WARREN WORTH BAILEY Esq., of the Johnstown Democrat, one of Pennsylvania's representatives to the Civic Tax Conference to be held in Buffalo the latter part of the present month. We don't know what that conference will do; nor what is expected to come from its deliberations, but if it is to consider the broad questions of equalizing and minimizing taxation we know of no one who has given more thought to this question, or who is better qualified to intelligently discuss it before a gathering of the kind, than Mr. BAILEY. We hope that Governor STONE will appreciate the necessity of having this State ably and creditably represented at the conference and that Mr. BAILEY may be named as one of the number to speak for Pennsylvania.

The President's Trip.

President MCKINLEY'S journey through the South appears to have assumed the character of a triumphal tour. We have heretofore referred to the splendor in which he is traveling. The public is familiar with the magnificence of his train, the costly service and the princely appointments. But nobody was quite prepared for so enthusiastic a reception to a man who, even though the Chief Magistrate of all the people and in consequence entitled to the respectful courtesies of all citizens, has never been a friend of the section which is thus honoring him. That is the surprising feature of the affair, but it is not an unpleasant surprise.

At New Orleans the President was honored in an extraordinary manner. He was dined and entertained to satiety. His receptions were attended by everybody in the great city of the South. His speeches were listened to by vast multitudes and applauded with generous liberality by all. His every wish was gratified in so far as he revealed his inclinations and General Jackson, himself, could not have been more heartily or hospitably entertained. In this respect, however, the metropolis of the South was not singular. The smaller cities on the route from the North Carolina border to the Mexican line were equally energetic and no less hospitable.

And when it is all over what will the harvest be? The President is traveling in the South for one of two purposes, or both. His mission is to build up a political organization the aims of which will be inimical to the interests of the people who are honoring him, or to promote an ambition to tear out the cherished traditions of the country and secure his own election to the Presidency for a third term. Neither of these objects is commendable from any point of view and they become more objectionable if accomplished by false pretense or fraudulent representation.

Ballot Reform Bill Defeated.

Guffey-Ikeler Measure Falls in the House by a Vote of 92 to 87. Cray Leads Argument. State Chairman Says the Democrats Have Taken Republicans at Their Word.

HARRISBURG, May 8.—The Guffey-Ikeler ballot reform bill, which was prepared with considerable care, was killed by the House this afternoon. It received 95 votes, and the votes of 57 Members were cast against it.

When Mr. Cray, the Democratic leader, called the bill up he made a short speech explanatory of its vital provisions. The Democrats, said he, drew up the bill in conformity with the views of the leading Republicans as expressed before the November election. Senator QUAY, he said, in a speech at West Chester, October 11, 1900, promised an honest substitute for the Baker ballot law, and on February 6, 1901, the senior Senator, in an interview in Harrisburg, said: "We are ready to help pass any good bill the Democrats may offer."

Mr. Cray said the Republican leaders have been taken at their word, a good bill has been drawn up, and it now remains for the Legislature to pass it.

Mr. Dixon, of Elk, who followed Mr. Cray, in speaking of the disability feature of the bill, said that at a recent congressional election one man went in a booth with a hundred voters.

Representative Cooper, of Delaware, said among other things that the disagreement over the bill was not caused by the difference in the views of Quay and Guffey, but by the lieutenants that were called in at the conference at the executive mansion.

Mr. Cooper went on to say that the circle in the present ballot has become a means of fraud. "It is used in Philadelphia," said he. "It is used wherever money is used." Mr. Cooper was interrupted by Mr. Voorhees, who said the gentleman from Delaware knows so much about fraud he must be in it himself.

Cray Predicts Party Victory.

Democratic State Chairman Says Ballot Reform Bill Vote is Significant. Split Among Stalwarts. Governor Stone Talks Republican Dissension Over With Political Friends.

HARRISBURG, May 8.—"There will be joy in the heart of every true Democrat throughout the entire State of Pennsylvania," said Chairman Cray, of the Democratic State committee, to-night, "when the news of the disunion among the Republican members of the Legislature becomes fully known."

"Next year," continued Mr. Cray, "there will be successors elected to the present Governor and other state officials. In addition, at the same election there will be chosen, with the exception of twenty-five hold-over Senators, a new Legislature, and I name the successor to United States Senator Penrose. The vote on the ballot reform bill to-day showed that a great many Republican members of the Legislature are inclined to favor an honest election measure, including among the number a few followers of Senator Quay. The vote of itself is of great significance, showing that the entire Democratic party of the State favors an honest election bill, but of yet greater significance because of the need of Republican votes to make Democratic victories, were the speeches made by Representatives Cooper, of Delaware, and Coray, of Luzerne, the former a pronounced Quayite and leader in the Republican caucus at the beginning of this Legislature, and the latter one of the recognized champions of Republicanism as advocated by the Insurgents. Representative Cooper's speech shows plainly that because they saw great division in the Republican ranks the nominees of the Democratic party throughout the State will be supported by Republicans of factions as well as by a united Democracy, if the opposition to the Republican machine continues."

It is said that in addition to Cooper, and other Cameron followers, Ex-State Chairman Andrews, who has always been identified with Quayism, will oppose the nomination of John P. Elkin for Governor. Governor Stone, it is said, and a few of his close political friends discussed the break among Republican leaders of the Legislature to-night at the Executive mansion. This discussion may compel them to set aside the nomination of Attorney General Elkin for Governor, for they will have on their hands a hard battle if they do not.

There will be a conference of leading Republican friends of the Governor in Philadelphia on Tuesday next, prior to the holding of the Quay dinner.

Russel Sage as a Prophet.

Your Uncle Russel Sage may be a little pessimistic, but he is also probably not far off the truth when he says that Wall street is getting itself ready for another "Black Friday." In all the history of that financial center there has never been such inflation of values as at the present time, and when the day arrives for turning this wind and water into something more substantial somebody is going to get squeezed, and squeezed hard.

You Don't Mean to Say You Would Go Back on Harris, Do You?

From the Clearfield Raftsmen's Journal. The present Legislature should see that the apportionment bills are gotten out of committee before the session draws to a close. A failure to pass apportionment bills this session will be a signal for the present Members to remain at home next time. The demand is imperative.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

—Altoona bricklayers and hod carriers have gained their point, and hereafter will get ten hours for a nine hour day.

—There are seven cases of small pox at Lamb's Creek, Tioga county, a woman physician of Mansfield, has charge of the patients.

—The contract for furnishing 1,200 loaves of bread daily for the men on the double track between Lock Haven and Keating has been given to Meisel & Gilliland, Renovo.

—A gas well showing a pressure of over 500 pounds was struck at a depth of 1,484 feet at Roulette, Potter county, the other day. It is said to be the biggest gas find to date in Potter township.

—Near Wayland, Tioga county, Friday, while digging a well, Frank Pook was overcome by gas. His son Charles, evidently tried to rescue him. Both were found dead in the well.

—Ex-State Senator King, of Pottsville, has secured the contract for enlarging the New York Central yards at Clearfield, which means so much to the future of Clearfield. It is variously stated that these improvements will cost any where from \$150,000 to \$250,000.

—The police raided an Italian cobbling shop at Williamsport shortly after midnight Sunday morning. Cunorelli Leboro, the proprietor, and half a dozen employes were arrested for violating the law by working on Sunday. Leboro was fined and his countrymen were warned not to offend again.

—Mormons are making many converts in sections of Fulton and Franklin counties. A few days ago Mormon elders baptised three women at a place known as George Rocks pool, before a large assemblage. A congregation of 100 is expected to be formed shortly. The farmers furnish most of the converts.

—The body of William Bruaw who was drowned in the river at Middletown by cattle shoving him off the ferry, and who was reported at first to have been killed by a watermelon, was found close to where he fell in the water Friday. The remains were shipped to the man's home at Stranestown. He was drowned April 11th.

—James Harvey, of DuBois, aged 13 years, was given a quantity of powder Friday evening by an older boy. He put the powder in his pocket. While playing with some fire the powder ignited and he was terribly burned. The lad leaped into a creek and put out the blaze which enveloped him, but his injuries were so great that he died Saturday in terrible agony.

—Forest fires are causing great consternation in Potter county. Fires have broken out in the forests at Big Run, Crowley Run and Crooked Run and are rapidly destroying thousands and thousands of feet of valuable timber and bark. The railroad shops have closed in order that the men may assist in checking the flames. The heaviest losers will be the Goodyears and the Emporium Lumber companies.

—Alfred Armbrust, of Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, a veteran of the Philippine campaign, lost his right eye at target practice at the range of Company I, at Oakford park, on Saturday afternoon. Young Armbrust was scoring for a squad of Company I boys, and was standing about forty feet from the target when a portion of a ball was deflected. It struck him in the eye, lacerating it so badly that the entire sight was destroyed.

—About 3 o'clock Friday afternoon a freight train, in charge of Conductor Robinson and Engineer Bawson, got beyond control of the crew and ran into the rear end of the Patton work train, on the Cambria and Clearfield division, at Hastings hill, on the Hastings branch. An Italian laborer, named Roso Ponsoe, was instantly killed. Ponsoe was a married man and resided at Patton. The track was blocked almost an hour.

—Henry Bates, the man who married Sadie Zeigler, of DuBois, early in April and then disappeared with over \$500 of her money was arrested in Buffalo, and the DuBois chief of police was sent after him, but as his arrival and mission was noted by the Buffalo papers new trouble arose for Bates and although he turned over \$500 of the cash to the officer he could not regain his liberty, as it seems he went to Buffalo, wood, won and married another woman, who when she found him out had him arrested on charge of bigamy.

—Mrs. Ann Sullivan Saturday evening threw a glass lamp at Patrolman Shaffer, of Altoona, which struck him in the face and cut the flesh just above the eye and on the cheek bone and also cut his upper lip on the left side. He was in the act of arresting the woman at the time at her home for disorderly conduct, which job he completed and had her placed under \$30 bail for appearance at a hearing, before going to a hospital where five stitches closed the rent in the lip. The other cut needed only a court plaster application.

—Joseph Hamm, of Mosquito Valley, Lycoming county, Monday, saved the lives of his father, aged 79 years, at the risk of losing his own. He was working in the field about half a mile from the house when he heard the screams of his children. Unhitching one of the horses he dashed to the house and found it ablaze. The flames were shooting from the upstairs window where the children were held prisoners. He rushed upstairs through the smoke and soon reappeared with a child under each arm. Joseph Hamm Sr., his father, who is too weak to move about, sat in a chair on the first floor until his son came to his rescue. He was nearly overcome by the smoke.

—Dr. Max S. Reinhold, of Williamsport, Thursday night had a desperate battle with Thomas King, who a few days ago, made his escape from a private insane hospital in Philadelphia and came to his home in that city. Dr. Reinhold was the attending physician before King was sent to the insane hospital and the latter evidently believed that the doctor was chiefly instrumental in having him incarcerated. Dr. Reinhold was summoned to the King home late Thursday night by the family of the insane man. Soon after the doctor entered King sprang toward him and struck him a terrible blow between the eyes with his fist. The doctor is an athletic man and, grappling with his opponent, a desperate struggle began. Members of the family quickly alarmed the neighbors with their cries for assistance, and several men overpowered King. He says he escaped from the hospital by scaling the walls.