

Ink Slings

-It is not to be wondered at that the Inmherman's trouble is mostly about his board

-Don't throw your hats up yet, there are twelve more days of the present Legislature.

-Surface indications would lead us to believe that the Democrats of Clearfield are busy digging up their hatchets.

-The rapid transit business that we have heard so much about, seems to be the kind that is to be run in every way except upon the level.

-The graveyard stillness that prevails about the ROOSEVELT headquarters would indicate that his advertising bureau is taking a long needed rest.

-There is no community in the Commonwealth that would kick against a strike of the workers on the state machine for an eight-hour day and fewer duties.

-With the thermometer up in the nineties, the chronic complainer can have no cause to charge the temperature maker with a neglect of summer duties.

-Possibly the fact that the temperature maker has been kept busy opening up the Klondike will account for his failure to get things warmed up hereabouts earlier in the season.

-The reformers at Harrisburg, if they try right hard, may yet be able to save to candidate has been discussed between the State its constitution and grave yards. himself and the Major more than once The want of material value in these may possibly preserve them intact for the peo- The suggestion of General GROSVENOR ple

-It will take but a little more of the same kind of work to have the country be- MCKINLEY and HANNA quite as much as lieve that Senator DEPEW and Congressman GROSVENOR are both laboring to scatter the germs of a second third-term epidemic.

-\$18,750,000 is the amount England be built during the present year. Really it is costing the country of his royal nibs, King Edward VII, right smart to keep in the swim!

-Now that the "roosters" about Harrisburg have been generally cared for, the Legislature is finding time to attend to the less important matters of providing for the State's charitable and educational institutions.

-A reward of \$50,000,000 is offered for the head of SEE SHI CHIN the Chinese think of it more seriously in the future. leader which leads us to remark that it must be a much more valuable head than those carried around by leaders of the administration in this country.

build larger vaults in the State Treasury to accepting our sovereignity would be in this State, let us know it and we can



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The Third Term Question.

Early Work or an Early Convention. Major MCKINLEY takes the trouble to CHAIRMAN CREASY has called a meetinform the public that he is not a candiing of his executive committee, to the meet date for re-election. He has never given at Harrisburg on the 27, to fix the time the question of a third term a thought, he and, place for holding the Democratic adds, and singularly enough Senator State Convention. It is generally conced-MARK HANNA who was about four huned, and we believe is generally desired, dred miles away knew that that is just that the Convention will meet in Erie. what he would say. The President is ad-Whether that be the place or not is immamonished to speak because "there are now terial. The most important matter in this questions of the gravest importance before connection being the time that may 'be the administration and the country and fixed.

their just consideration should not be prejudiced in the public mind by even the suspicion of the thought of a third term''. Mr. HANNA is moved to speech by different impulses, however. "According to my judgment" says Sir ORA-CLE, "it is too early to discuss Presidenjournment the hot weather and busy-

But it isn't to early to discuss Presidential candidates and nobody knows that better than HANNA. The Presidential since the last election, it is safe to say. that the traditions be dispensed with hardly originated with him. He spoke for to accomplish more than make an ostentafor himself in the matter, "I don't registered and paid their taxes, and wait to think the precedent set by WASHINGTON see how badly the party had been beaten. has a great deal to do with the matter,"re-If the same policy is to be continued marked HANNA. "WASHINGTON knew

foxy than either. He avoids such dangerous thoughts. He knows that there is he wouldn't think of talking about it. Besides he has learned from the comment and the details necessary to make a systemaof the press that it is an unpopular idea tic and hopeful campaign mapped out and and therefore he believes it is prema-

But don't imagine for a moment that both MCKINLEY and HANNA haven't to accomplish anything, is the underlying thought of the matter or that they won't the party in the State at this time.

big as a Rocky Mountain eagle and he intends to be the candidate of his party for

-After all, the taxpayers of the State chance of election. When the Paris usual practices are to be observed during the dianer given them at the White House, will be no necessity for them to be bled to that an attempt to coerce the Filipinos in-us so hopelessly at the mercy of the enemy the West, they were turned over to Roor.

was interpreted by his former associates as a mark of great personal popularity. When the President of the United States

started on his trip across the continent on a train, the most magnificent that has ever been made up, his vulgar admirers were delighted with the exhibition as an evi-M. Depew, Senator from New York, the other day, when they said the time had

come to break down the tradition against overcome the public prejudices on that point.

When Mrs. McKINLEY celebrated her birth anniversary the other day there was such a lavish display of flowers and presents that there was difficulty in finding room in the Executive mansion to store them away. This was likewise regarded as an expression of confidence in and affection for the President. But as a matter of fact, like the other incidents refered to, it is effect. proof of a vulgarity if nothing worse. The railroad companies conferred favors on the President which they never would have dared to offer to any of his predecessors in speaking when it sent Representatives to office.

Some years ago the President was relieved of financial embarrassments, the result of unfortunate speculations, by financial contributions made by the beneficiaries of the Republican tariff policy. Subseries of the Republican tariff policy. Subse-quently he appointed some of the contribu-situation. Perhaps another one is that a tors to office and gave others favors of other politician ought never to make a bluffkinds. For the favor of the Imperial train he has no doubt paid in similar terms. How the obligations, which made the celebration of his wife's birthday an exhibition of vulgarity, will be paid for has not been revealed but no doubt it will be in the usual manner of the beggar on horseback.

Cuban Affairs Muddled.

Cuban affairs are in a muddle, according to the news from Washington, and Secretary of War, 1.00T, is to blame. That gentleman talked too much to the Commissioners when they were in Washington, it appears. It will be remembered that after have some reason to be thankful. There treaty was under consideration he declared the coming campaign, that have placed on the eve of the President's departure for uents and with those of the leaders as Whatever he says will be all right, they were assured. What he said to them was for nomination and the convention approplenty. He got them into an excellent priately indorsed their administration of humor in a brief period of time. Within a day or two they went away satisfied and it was immediately stated that they would straightforward way to resist the election accent the PLATT amendments So they did but with a string to the acceptance. That is to say they took Mr. District Attorney who will be in Root's promises that the amendments didn't mean anything in particular as an in- cratic incumbents and candidates and capterpretation of the amendments and incorpo rated them into the acceptance. That puts the President in the attitude of altering an ment in renominating men who have given act of Congress to which he objects. If such a creditable account of themselves as that were all it wouldn't amount to much. But the President adds that Mr. Roor had no business to make promises which it was impossible to fulfill in the open, and, to save their fellow Democrats paid them in the himself Roor has been obliged to deny that he made such promises. This of course raises a question of veracity between Roor justly deserved and in conformity with our and the Cuban commissioners which is had

The People Want a Say. From the New York Journal.

What Senator Tillman and McLaurin started to do was to apply the principles of the referendum to their differences. Their method was an awkward one and expen-sive, but it was the only one at hand, and would have been effective if it had dence of his popularity. An echo of this thought was expressed in the suggestions of General GROSVENOR, of Ohio, and Chauncey

ocracy. The American voter—who is the most conservative of human animals-is still come to break down the tradition against the election of a man to the Presidency for referendum." He has a vague feeling that the third term, because the personal popu-larity of McKINLEY would be certain to something incompatible with prosperity. But all the time, in one way or another, he as adopting the principle for which they stand and finding it good.

Out in Illinois the other day the Legislature adopted an act which provided that 25 per cent. of the voters of any political district could call for a ballot to test public sentiment on matters of legislation affecting that district. The expression of senti-ment thus gained is not to be mandatory upon the officials to whom it is directed, but nevertheless may be expected to have

The fact of the matter is that this manyheaded populace of ours wants to have something to say in the regulation of its own affairs. For a time it thought it was capitols to speak for it, but it duly discovered that the Representative did not al-ways deliver the message he had been entrusted with. So the people are looking for ways to make their talking direct and effective, and the politician who aspires to popularity was to help them in the search. even in the excitement of a stump speech -unless he is quite prepared to have it called.

Kind Words for the Democratic Nominees. From the Bellefonte Republican.

The deliberations of the convention were in the camp of the Centre county Dem- by smaller ones. ocracy and unanimity in sentiment and concord in purpose cements the ranks of the unterrified foe of Republicanism. The convention from start to finish was indeed a veritable political love feast and the delegates must of a certainty returned to their espective homes content with the knowledge that they performed their functions in accord with the wishes of their constitwell.

Prothonotary M. I. Gardner and District Attorney N. B. Spangler had no opposition the duties of their respective offices by a unanimous renomination. We expect to do everything we can in an honorable and of these gentlemen and we expect the Republican county convention to nominate men for the offices of Prothonotary and way worthy to succeed the present Demo able of giving commendable public service. But we feel that we can compliment the Democratic convention for its good judgpublic servants. Messrs. Gardner and Spangler have made exceptionally good officials and their records certainly merited action of their county convention. The censure of the state administration embodied in the convention's resolutions is views, hence we have nothing but praise for the action of the convention in this The truth is that there is no escape from of Mr. Gardmer and Mr. Spangler.

Spawls from the Keystone

-Petroleum has been discovered on the farm of 'Squire Womelsdorf, one mile east of Huntingdon

-There was a heavy frost in the mountains east of Pittsburg Sunday morning, and the thermometer was down to 28.

-Four new cases of small pox and a strik e of 200 girls working in a silk mill is the latest news that Wilkesbarre furnishes the public. -Judge Bittinger, at York, has scored court house officials for taking a half holiday on Saturdays. He said the offices should be open for the convenience of the public.

-Mrs. Ezra Louser, of Oley Line, Berks county, was bitten on the arm by a spider two weeks ago. The arm swelled to large proportions, blood poisoning set in and her life is despaired of.

-Some time during Sunday night of last week Mrs. Solomon Henry, of Reedsville, Mifflin county, discovered that her 6-weeksold daughter, had passed away. The child had been in good health

-It is reported that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company intends to have the figure of a man carved in a large rock at Cotter's Hole, about a mile above Mifflintown. The scaffold is already in position for the sculptor to commence work.

-John Pepper, of Lusk Run, while workng in the woods near Hyner, the other day. had all the toes nearly severed by an axe, which was in the hands of a fellow workman, glancing and striking him on the foot. Mr. Pepper is at his house.

-At Lock Haven a team of horses attached to a wagon loaded with open barrels became frightened by the fall of one of the barrels, and, running away, plunged into the river, swimming a full half mile before they were rescued.

-A resident of Glen Campbell, Indiana county, tells the Johnstown Tribune that crops out there have been badly damaged, and that in many instances in his neighborhood corn and other grains have been put out of business for good.

-Counterfeit money is afloat along the Juniata valley, mostly dollars and half dollars. Saturday at Landisburg, where the Junior Order United American Mechanics reunion was held, a large number of counterfeit dimes were put in circulation.

-Friday while Earl, the 12-year-old son of John Wolf, of Harvey's Run, near DuBois, was planting corn, he reached out to pat a dog of Samuel Smith. The dog jumped on the boy, tore his mouth open wider and bit his cheeks through. Several stitches closed the wounds.

-Fifteen-year-old Lawrence Park, of Pittsburg, has developed into a hypnotist of wonderful power. His "subjects" are playmates. and he puts them under his influence and saturated with harmony, indication, it they obey all his orders. His specialty is to must be assumed, that sweet peace dwells make larger boys submit to being whipped make larger boys submit to being whipped

> -A movement has been started to have the church authorities select Renovo as the headquarters for the new Catholic diocese of Central Pennsylvania. The parish in Renovo is one of the largest and wealthiest in the diocese, and its handsome new church can be used as a cathedral.

-The fire which was started in the Luke Fidler mine at Shamokin by a blast, and which forced the mine to shut down, is still

For years back it has been the custom with those having charge of the Democratic organization of the State, to put off the work of arranging and preparing for the campaign until after the ticket was placed in the field. The Convention has usually been called in mid summer, and after its ad-

farmer would be used as an excuse for further delay in the work of the organization. Things would be left drift along without any effort to harmonize differences, consolidate efforts, secure a full registration or get the party in trim-for a contest, until within a few weeks or months, possibly, of the election. Then it would be to late tions effort to get out the voters who had

the present year. it don't matter much he would be beaten anyway," observes when the Convention is called, for it will has agreed to pay for three battleships to GROSVENOR. But MCKINLEY is more only be a question of the size of the licking we are to take when the time comes. But if any effort is to be made to improve "undoubtedly strong sentiment against the condition and prospect of the party, such a proposition," and consequently the work should begin now or the Convention be called at the earliest date possible,

> begun immediately after its adjournment. The everlasting delay and putting off of the work that brings success, until too late

cause of the almost hopeless condition of The Major has the bee in his bonnet as It is time there was a new departure.

If we are going to try to do anything let us get at it when there is a chance of acthe third term if he thinks there is half a complishing something. If not, and the

after the Legislature adjourns. For this much at least let us make our acknowledgment.

third term question would only stand the wear, the dark horses in the Republican Cuba. Now he is striving with all his presidential stalls would know exactly what to do. Unfortunately for them everything is not "all wool and a yard wide" about the presidential think shop.

-While the balance of the population of Pittsburg were shivering with the cold last week, Senator FLINN found it entirely too hot for him to remain at the head of the Republican city committee. There are other things than the rays of the summer sun that are calculated to make some men boil.

-Please don't ask us to give you the WATCHMAN for \$1.00 a year when you do not pay for it in advance. We positively can't afford to do it and we hope our readers will kindly hear this in mind. We want to treat you all alike, so don't expect to get this paper for less than \$1.50 if you do not take time by the fore lock and pay in advance.

-The fields, the orchards and the gardens all give promise of a most prolific yield. People may imagine this due to the 'season, and the toilers who planted, pruned and cultivated. But let them wait and learn. When the dinner pail is filled from the abundance that is promised, every Republican squawker in the country will stretch out his neck and quack about how the McKINLEY administration has done it all. And the country is full of idiots who will believe them.

-A Tuesday's telegram from Washington tells us that "President McKINLEY, this morning, declared his intention not to accept the renomination for a third term." After working up our thinker it comes back to us that Mr. McKINLEY has"declared" himself on several matters, and events have proven him about as reliable as a "declarer" as Mr. ANANIAS was as a disseminator of the truth. As the departed Mr. WARD put it, "thar air them as kin stik to what tha say and then agin thar air them as kant.'

-When it is understood that the resoluwritten in the office of Republican Chairman, REEDER, the fulsomness with which chine.

"oriminal aggression." Now he doesn't prepare for the result. h esitate to declare that we shall never relinquish our sovereignity in the Asiatic -If Mr. McKINLEY's last think on the Archipeligo. Then he spoke unctionsly

> might to hold that people in subjection. The truth is that he is like CÆSER in everything except brains.

The Boodle Bill Passed.

The capitol building bill passed the That is to say they didn't want franchise House of Representatives on Tuesday with an easy majority. It was amended last who happened to know a desirable place

liberal rake-off with the \$4,000,000 ap- and no more, a-men." be made of the rather substantial shell thirst for plunder.

The Democrats in the House of Representatives made a dignified but futile prowilling to have appropriated a larger sum. acquired except by ring managers. But they are not willing to abdicate their

legislative power which belonged to them intend the building and disburse the fund. them. Among them, it may be said, the Moreover the Democrats of the House were one he clung to most tenaciously provided not willing to invest with the authority, for advertising in one or more newspapers to name a commission to disburse such an of the section concerned, for thirty days, fers as political associates men who have by padding the pay rolls of the State.

The minority in the legislature was wise, moreover, in declining the doubtful bill now shows how insincere the promoters honor of representation on the commission.

for minority representation. If that had izing the machine managers to take out ings point out as the proper ones. There tions adopted by the recent Democratic been allowed to stand, the Governor would charters and forbidding competition in the county convention were revised and type- no doubt have put one of those recreants work. known as QUAY Democrats on the board to have borne a share of the blame for the they slopped over on some subjects, and the boodling that is certain to follow. For dense silence they observed on others, will that reason the Democrats insisted on the not seem strange. It will, however, be a elimination of the provision and the Resurprise to the Democrats to know that the publicans will be compelled to saddle uphead of the Republican county organiza- on themselves all the responsibility as well tion is so nearly a Democrat, or, that as the consequences. We want none of some of their own would-be leaders are so either and when the time for reckoning closely allied with the Republican ma- comes there will then be no chance to shift the blame.

Want a Change Already

The machine managers of the Legislature of our duty to humanity, with respect to don't appear to have known what they wanted last week. They hurried the trolley franchise grab bills through both branches of the Legislature, and the Governor's office, with lightning rapidity and now they have discovered that the measures

don't mean what they wanted to express. grab bills that would be open to everybody

week so as to cut the appropriation down for a trolley railroad. They simply wanted to \$4,000,000. But the Senate refused to bills which would enable them to grab concur in that and other amendments, so franchises, as they discovered the opportunthat it will go to a conference committee, ities, and nobody else. They are like the where it is a safe guess that the original old man whose prayer was "Bless me and figure will be restored. There would be a my wife, my son John and his wife, us four

propriation, for a fairly good building can The fact is shown in the introduction on Monday evening of this week by Senator which the last building commission left by SCOTT, of Philadelphia, of a measure which an expenditure of \$2,000,000. But the is practically a repealer. In other words cupidity of the QUAY. machine can't be the Philadelphia Senator has introduced a satisfied with a steal of that amount. It bill which provides that after its passage will take another million to satiate their no charters shall be issued, under the provisions of the FOCHT-EMERY bills, ex-

cept after thirteen days notice of the purpose to apply and the route of the test against villiany. Representative proposed road has been given by advertise-IKELER, of Columbia county, speaking for | ment in the newspapers of the neighborhood the minority said, as the WATCHMAN has and the consent of the Governor, the Atfrequently stated, that those for whom he torney General and the Secretary of the spoke had no objections to the amount of Commonwealth has been obtained. Under sult they have meantime put the governthe appropriation. They would have been such circumstances no charters could be

When the bills were pending in the House of Representatives CREASY tried -that of naming the commission to super- hard to put some limiting amendments on amount of public money, a man who pre- notice of the intention to apply for the charter and a statement of the streets or violated the law and their oaths of office highways it was proposed to occupy. But that suggestion was resisted with great vehemence. The introduction of the Scorr

of the FOCHT-EMERY bills were. They The Senate had put in the bill a provision might as well have asked for a bill author-

The Pace That Kills.

We are traveling at the pace that kills! Not long ago at the funeral of a ward politician in Philadelphia, the papers informed the public, two large express wagons were required to convey the flowers to the grave. He was one of the machine men who could depended upon to stuff a ballot box or swear to a false return, if such service were necessary to achieve a desired result. The vulgar display of flowers was in keeping solid Democratic ballot cast in the district date fixed in the re with a disreputable life, and the exhibition in which he exercises the right of franchise. final adjournment.

the conviction that the scheme was to fool the commissioners. The intention was The Weal or Woe Depends on All Classes obviously to make certain verbal promises in order to secure the acceptance of the PLATT amendments and after the event re-

pudiate the promises. But the Commissioners were too smooth to be worked in that way. They put what they believed to be the facts in black and white. Of course they will be compelled to recede from their position and accept the amendments literally. But in reaching that rement of the United States in a shameful and humiliating light before the world and for all time this country will bear the stain of the dishonor of this transaction.

Should Vote As He Talked.

Gen. HULINGS address to the graduating class at the State College, on Monday, is most highly spoken of by every one who refers to it. He went promisculously for trusts, for corporate and, individual greed, for combinations to crush individual endeavor, and for all those things that are tending towards imperialism and the forgetfulness of the principle of government that have made of us an independent and happy people. Unfortunately, however, men do not always follow the paths their teachare scores of intelligent men to-day who know and see the dangers that are ahead of us; who understand the rapidity with which we are drifting away A Conference Decides Session Shall Terminate from the land-marks and safe-guards

of the Republic, but who go on voting for, and sustaining, the leaders and policies

From the York Gazette

The Indianapolis News takes issue with the sentiment of Senator Hanna's speech delivered at Buffalo a few days ago where the Ohio boss said :

"The weal or woe of this country depends on men who conduct its commercial affairs. When a man is engaged in profitable business, he is too apt to let public affairs, political and otherwise, take care of themselves. Speaking from my own ex-perience, I would say it is worth the while of any business man to devote at least onethird of his time to such affairs."

The weal or woe of this country depends on its business men, says the News, pre-cisely as each depends on all the rest of its citizens. If this is what Senator Hanna meant, there can be no possible exception taken to his words. But if he intended to suggest that our business men are to be our saviors in a sense that others are not and cannot be, and that the country is to be saved only by the activity of business men selfishly seeking to further their own interests through favoring legislation, he made a serious mistake. The prosperity, happiness, strength and virtue of this Republic can only result from the conscientious discharge of public duty by every And its "weal or woe American citizen. does not depend "on men who conduct its commercial aflairs" any more largely than it depends on the professional men or the workingmen. We cannot be "saved" by business or commerce.

Legislative Adjournment.

On June 27.

HARBISBURG, June 10.-The Legislature will not adjourn on the 21st of this month

raging. It is feared that the mine must be flooded. Fire in the Luke Fidler mine several years ago killed ten men and damaged the workings to the extent of \$1,000,000.

-The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company is tearing down the Hammond colliery breaker, in Schuylkill county, which was closed down on Saturday because the employes, who have been on strike for the nest three weeks failed to return to work Seven hundred men and boys are out of employment.

-Some unknown person visited the farm of Joseph Rue, near Spring Hope, Bedford county, on Saturday night and gave vent to spite by cutting down 189 fine bearing peach trees of four years' growth. The tail of Rue's horse was also cut off and the buggy top and cushions were slashed to ribbons. All the harness was destroyed.

-The fruit crop in Chester county this season promises well. Cherries are not likely to be quite as abundant as they were last year, but sufficient to supply the local demands. Peaches promise a big crop in this neighborhood as well as in other parts. Apple trees are very well set with fruit now. and the prospects for a large pear crop are good.

-George Garies, of Pine, who was a soldier in the Philippines, is at home at present, having served two years in the United States army. He has some very fine relics from the islands. The principal ones are, the hat of the ex-President of Santa Cruz with his blood on it ; a fine species of the bolo, weighing about three pounds, and a Filipino general's sword. They are highly prized relics.

-The supreme court has refused to grant a new trial to J. C. Harman, of Penfield, Clearfield county, convicted of voluntary manslaughter and sentenced to serve eight months in the county jail. Harman was charged with the killing of Ezekiel Hewitt on the 3rd of July, 1899, and was tried before Judge Crawford, of Green county, who, when he was found guilty, sentenced him as above. He will now have to serve his sentence in the county jail.

-The course of true love does not run smooth over in Lycoming county, either. Here is Joe Yeagle, whose home is near Williamsport, who gave Ella Kuln, now a resident of the city, \$15, the idea being that she would spend it in the purchase of various articles needed for a wedding outfit and then marry Joe. But having obtained the prospective bridegroom's money the young lady vanished for a time and when unearthed declared that she would never wed the forlorn Joe.

-While there will undoubtedly be a large yield of peaches, plums, cherries, pears and small fruits in Butler county this season, there are reports that the winter apple crop will be a failure. Late apple trees, at least responsible for the conditions that exist and the dangers that threaten. And Gen. HULINGS is one of them. If he would vote as he talks there would be at least one more continue the session until the 27th, the as was proposed by some of the adminis-tration leaders a few days ago. A conference of the Republicans was held this evening, and it was decided to continue the session until the 27th, the those which bore fruit last year, have but a solid Democratic ballot cast in the district in which he exercises the right of franchise. final adjournment. final adjournment. far developed that only a heavy "freeze" can cause it any damage.