

What Slings

Old man fairly distancing the fellow who has a habit of calling "Liar" in the face of making people hot.

Fusion in Pennsylvania will be reaching its height before the Democratic convention convenes, if a shade isn't put over the sun pretty soon.

One swallow doesn't make a summer, nor does one political convention sound the death knell of the issues of a great political party.

What is to become of NED CHAMBERS and Judge LOVE, now that the Napoleon of their gang has made goo goo eyes at DANIEL?

The great strike is spreading over Pennsylvania and it will not be surprising to hear the call to arms to bayonet the men who voted for just what they are getting into submission to it.

It is needless to say that the two old rail-rollers who went to sleep on the main track at Hinton, W. Va., while waiting for an express to pass their train are not about to tell how it happened.

It has cost us \$300,000,000 already to open the door in the Philippines and the good Lord, above, knows how many more millions we will be willing to put up to have it closed some day.

What's that, we hear from Boston? "BRYAN favors DAVID B. HILL for the Presidency and under no circumstances will he be a candidate himself." That story sounds very much as if raised on baked beans.

Governor STONE has cleared his desk of all bills presented to him by the Legislature and says he is now ready to take a rest, as if such a thing were possible for a man who has played fast and loose with his conscience as he has done.

Look Haven is boasting about a rain of toads last Thursday afternoon, but there was a reign of lobsters when the Republican convention met down there that the Clinton county newsmongers won't have so much to say about.

The Dutch seem to be in trouble. They have run out of wind to keep their stocks up in the air and the Kaiser's people are very much down cast. What is the Kaiser doing all these days of depression brought on by lack of wind.

As to whether it is to be BRYAN or HILL or some other great man we know not, but we do know that it would be better for the hopefuls, as well as the party, if they could bide a time when presidential possibilities will be more relevant.

The Republican county convention is called for Saturday, July 29th, and chairman REDDER states that part of its business will be to elect two delegates to the state convention. What's the use. This thing of electing HASTINGS delegates for a QUAY convention to unsent is getting kind o' monotonous.

JOHN W. GATES, the steel wire magnate, is said to be one of the best amateur billiard players in the country, but the steel workers who went out on a strike this week have invited him into a balk-line game that he won't play off as handily as he does the ordinary fourteen inch one.

The Berk's county farmer who got drunk and went forth into his fields with a lightning rod on his head to defy the lightning came out of the encounter a little more than disfigured and clear out of the ring. A bolt struck a tree near by him and just tickled his rod enough to bring him to his senses, the first of which was to scoot for cover. This thing of playing Ajax isn't a job that anyone is cut out to perform, much less a drunkard.

The SAMPSON-SCHLEY controversy having about petered out some papers are doing their best to start a discussion as to whether SHAFER has "magnized his operations" about Santiago. No matter what the conclusion the fact remains that the Century magazine ran a story of the Santiago campaign over SHAFER'S signature, but perhaps the fat general wrote the story with some other writer's pen, after the fashion of fighting the Santiago fights with other officers' swords.

With Look Haven bidding for notoriety through a reign of frogs; Tyronie all ajog over a mysterious wildcat that we have a suspicion might have escaped from the famous old "white horse" rookery, and Philipsburg swelling up like a poisoned pup over the prospects of a street railway Bellefonte has no sensation to match her sisters with. Unless the recent political feat of JACK DALE, in making two revolutions in the political arena and landing in bed with HASTINGS, might be called one.

If the drouth keeps up the grass hoppers will be jumping over the earless and leafless Kansas cornstalks and the noise of the hopping will completely drown the silly prattle of partisan papers about MCKINLEY'S having "blessed the Sunflower State with plentiful harvests, paid off the mortgages on her farms and made work for twenty thousand more in the fields than can be found." Circumstances always did alter cases and here is an unfortunate one that the Republicans evidently didn't count on. If MCKINLEY was responsible for the big crop of last year he is certainly responsible for the great failure now staring the Kansas farmer in the face, but the horns of the enemy will be kept silent until there is another big crop.

Democratic Watchman

A Doubtful Proposition.

There is grave doubt as to the expediency of nominating a fusion state ticket at the Democratic convention which meets in Harrisburg August 15th. The names generally suggested to comprise the ticket are admirable. JUDGE YERKES is all that could be desired as a candidate for Justice of the Supreme court or any other office.

Both these gentlemen, it will thus be seen, have the JEFFERSONIAN qualifications for the respective offices to be filled, well developed. They are competent, honest and faithful. CORAY is not what you would call a hide-bound Republican.

Mr. CORAY is a Republican, but as a choice between an honest Democrat and a machine Republican he invariably prefers the honest Democrat. This fact has been proven, time and again, in the Legislature and out of it. His standard in official life is honesty rather than politics.

There justified themselves on the ground that as between two Republicans they had the same right to make their own choice that their colleagues had. They forgot that "in the multitude of counsellors there is wisdom," and that the majority had decided to vote for KOONTZ.

The Test of Fitness.

The Governor is still cutting away at the appropriation bills according to the information from Harrisburg. They are a matter of two millions of dollars in excess of the resources of the State and there is nothing to do but cut them down.

This all comes from the machine methods in politics and legislation. If the Supreme court had not by an unjust decision asserted the absurd doctrine that the Governor has a right to cut any appropriation through the constitution specifically declares that he can only veto separate items, the appropriations would have been held within the revenues.

There was a time that the chairman of a committee on appropriations who would allow his committee to report or permit the House to pass bills making appropriations in excess of the revenues even to the amount of half a million dollars would be set down as an incompetent. But it is not so now.

Right But Inconsistent.

Last week the Governor, with a good deal of ostentation, vetoed a joint resolution adopted by the Legislature during the closing period of the session which donated to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the furniture contained in their respective rooms in the capital building, if we may call it that.

The law to which the Governor refers provides that all old furniture and other discarded property be sold at auction after it has been properly advertised in newspapers of this and other cities of the Commonwealth to the highest bidder.

The veto of the joint resolution was both just and commendable under the circumstances. But it wasn't consistent with practices at the capital, according to reports from there. For example, we are assured that during the past week or ten days workmen have been busy in and about the Senate chamber packing up the splendid desks and chairs used by the Senators of two years ago in order that they may be shipped to the residences of the Senators of the recent session.

Blair county Democrats are the first to officially declare for a fusion state ticket. Their convention, on Monday last, instructed their delegates to the state convention to support Judge YERKES, of Bucks county, for Supreme court judge and Representative CORAY, of Luzerne county, an anti-QUAY, Republican for State Treasurer.

An Insult to Democracy.

The Democrats of York county persist in the statement that they will present a candidate for State Treasurer to the next Democratic state convention and ask the party to nominate him. Among those who will be on the floor of the convention, asking that such an honor be conferred on the county as nominating one of its citizens for so important an office, will be SENATOR HAIXES who was one of the principal boodlers during the past session of the Legislature.

Years ago, when a citizen of York county betrayed his party by voting for SIMON CAMERON for Senator in Congress against the regular nominee, he was condemned in the most emphatic terms. At that time SIMON CAMERON professed to be a Democrat and as a matter of fact had never supported any other than Democratic candidates. But voting for him was a crime against party integrity and the people of the county would have nothing to do with the traitor.

But this year it is different. The party leaders took the traitors to their bosoms and pronounced their perfidious work the perfection of political integrity and statesmanship. That taints them all with the crime committed by their representatives and makes them fit political associates for each other.

Will Stand Some Explanation.

It is scarcely to be expected but certainly would not be out of order for western farmers to demand of the MCKINLEY administration that the blistering weather that is blighting vegetation and destroying crops should cease.

There is a different out-look-to-day for the farmer throughout the entire West. In that section vegetation is withering up, and crops stand burned and blighted. Where there was plenty four years ago, dust and dryness reign at present—grubs are empty, and granaries useless—crops that gave promise of great plenty are withered and not worth gathering.

And we have the same administration to-day that we had four years ago. We wait patiently to hear what the powers and the party that took credit for all the people enjoyed when they had full crops have to do with the prosperity of the western farmer now, when conditions are so different and their prospects are so unpromising.

Our Republican friends down in Clinton county showed no hesitancy, on Tuesday last, in indorsing all that the state ring has done and all that it stands for. The QUAY wing of the party seemed to have everything its own way, and went ahead just as if no demiliver had ever been accomplished or there is no hereafter for those who betray the people's interests.

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The Party's Reliance.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. We hear talk, chiefly in the Republican papers, of Gold Democrats. There are no longer Silver Democrats or Gold Democrats. That question has been settled.

Now, as in days gone by, it is the boys in the trenches upon whom the party and the country must rely. Some of the old boys have passed in their checks and turned their toes to the daisies. God be good to them where they have gone!

Could Have Been Better Invested.

From the Pilgrim. The people of Washington with a taste for statistics say we have spent in the neighborhood of \$300,000,000. They further inform us that the appropriations of the last Congress for expenditures growing out of war exceeded \$481,000,000.

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The Reputation Republicanism is Making Us.

From the Boston Herald. Pennsylvania now supplies the Nation with the worst example of political vice. It has achieved unenviable notoriety in this line. The corruption of the reconstruction era in the South is surpassed by our obduracy which flourishes almost unrebeked in the Keystone State thirty years afterward.

The Boot on the Other Leg.

From the Jacksonville Times-Union. The South has been lectured a great deal—not so much recently as years ago. Our people have been accused of being too violent—of having too little respect for law. The lectures continued until the imitation began.

The Foot Path to Peace.

From a Sermon by Rev. Henry VanDyke. To be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars; to be satisfied with your possessions, but not contented with yourself, until you have made the best of them; to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness; to fear nothing except cowardice; to be governed by your admiration rather than by your disgusts; to covet nothing that is your neighbors' except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manner.

Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-A local company will build a \$70,000 opera house at Altoona.

-Frank McCroy, of Halstead, claims that he has rediscovered the lost art of tempering copper.

-Robert Bloom, a well known timber jobber of Curwensville, died in the Warren hospital Tuesday, aged 43 years.

-While adjusting a window shade Mr. S. Wm. A. Isenberg fell from a chair at Port Royal and was seriously injured.

-The State Sunday School Association will hold its annual convention in Oyster, beginning Oct. 8th.

-Thieves have taken 3,000 feet of copper wire from the Philadelphia and Delaware county trolley line, near Secane, within two days.

-Bruce B. Guttshall, a well known school teacher of Springfield township, Huntingdon county, committed suicide on Friday by shooting himself.

-A fight is being made by the American railway Co., of Philadelphia, which owns the Altoona trolley lines, against the passage of an ordinance by councils conferring franchises on the new local belt line company.

-The excursion steamer Montour, at Sunbury, was wrecked Saturday morning by the explosion of her boiler. The engineer, a man named Frymire was killed. A boy named Fetzer was killed and two others, Keller and Pullen by name, badly hurt.

-In tearing down an old building at Sharon, out in Mercer county, an account book was unearthed covering the years 1831-32. Whiskey sold for 37 cents a gallon and calico and muslin at 33 cents a yard. These were good old times.

-Squire Samuel Stally, a venerable resident of Ray's Hill, Bedford county, went to the fields recently and cut and bound a few sheaves of wheat. This is the seventy-seventh harvest that Mr. Stally has participated in. He is in his 89th year.

-The heavy rains in Lancaster county the last few days have caused heavy losses to the farmers. About half the wheat crop has been put in shock. The frequent rains have prevented putting it into the barns, and much of it is moulding and sprouting.

-Joseph Shiner, of north Barnesboro, cut his foot with a corn hoe and was seized with lockjaw. No solid food has passed his lips in ten days. Recently his spine began to curve and Wednesday he was bent backward into a complete circle his head touching his knees. Physicians say the case is unprecedented.

-The body of a man was found hanging to a tree in the woods near White Haven on Sunday. The suicide had removed all his clothing except his stockings, in one of which was found a letter and a cashier's check for \$40 on the White Haven bank, drawn in favor of Frank Lorenz.

-Of the six members that composed the family of Morris W. Allen, of Centre valley, all but two died in the past year. Mrs. Allen and her son died the same day. They were followed by another child, and Wednesday the father died. He was baggage master on the Philadelphia & Reading railway.

-Miss Cora Selfert, of Fern Glen, Luzerne county, is said to be dying from continued attacks of sneezing. She was first affected last Wednesday and sneezed for eight hours, the physicians being unable to relieve her. Since then she has had attacks each day and is now very weak.

-Leo Bodish, of Williamsport, was found dead Monday in a field near Rockville bridge, one mile north of Marysville. His throat was cut in four places and by his side lay a bloody razor. The authorities are not positive whether Bodish committed suicide or was murdered. He was 24 years old and was a wood worker.

-Jacob Hartman, aged 62 years, Sunday celebrated the thirty-first anniversary of his service as mail carrier for the Reading company between the railway station and the post office at Tamaqua. During his service he has been off duty but eleven days, four days of the time lost being due to sickness. Mr. Hartman makes seventeen trips daily, and in thirty-one years has traveled 46,000 miles in the discharge of his duty.

-It is asserted that the wife of Jules Kupst, a Belgian miner at Sandy Run, Bedford county, gave birth recently to her twenty-sixth child—nineteen boys and seven girls. The oldest is twenty-seven years of age. Of the total number eighteen died in infancy and eight are yet living. These births consisted of triplets once, twins three times and seventeen single. The mother is 45 years of age and was married when 17 years old. The father is 58 years old. Both are in good health.

-General Superintendent, Wallis, Friday announced that the wages of engineers on the large engines on the Pittsburgh division had been increased, in compliance with a request of the men. The raise took effect at once and advanced the wages for a low rate day from \$4.30 to \$3.70 and for a high rate day from \$4.10 to \$4.25. The high rate day is counted on a run from Pitcairn to Altoona. A low rate day applies to any partial trip less than that distance. The time is to be counted, under the new arrangement, from the time the engineers report for duty until they are relieved.

-While the young wife of Solomon Haas was bending over a wash tub in her home at Wilburton, a mining hamlet near Shamokin, last Friday morning, her husband, insane from jealousy and drink, crept up behind her and without saying a word jammed a revolver against her back and fired. The bullet crashed through her spinal column and lodged in her stomach, causing a fatal wound from which she died on Saturday. She screamed for help and he immediately shot himself near the heart, dying soon after.

-On Saturday evening, Wilfred Lanbag, aged 45 years, a mill hand at Duncansville, his wife, Sadie Lanbag, aged 41 years, and their horse, were struck by a fast excursion train, hauling the employes of the Pennsylvania railroad at Altoona from a picnic and instantly killed. The Lanbags were returning home from a drive to Hollidaysburg and reached the crossing when the train came speeding along. They were cut to pieces, their heads being found lying apart from the bodies along the tracks. They had a family of eight children, the eldest being 16 years of age.