

Ink Stings.

It is for harmony, a little wee piece, It stands, too, for Hamilton, old oleo grease, Its very first letter in Hastings, as well, But, on Tuesday, it was the big H that starts hell.

The German flag has been reviled by Cartagenians but Germany remains on the map of Europe all the same.

Between being TOM TAYLOR's proxy and ABE JACKSON's proxy the Hon. DANIEL HARTMAN HASTINGS can scarcely be accused of being stuck on being himself.

THOMPSON should get a job as a fire eater with some show. If he could swallow that dose on Tuesday he is certainly worth a good bit of money to some freak manager.

The great steel strike is still unsettled and the army of workers about Pittsburgh are having ample opportunity to discover how much their demands really do amount to when the wishes of plutocrats also find expression.

Though TOMMY MITCHELL was in Europe DAN dug up another secretary who seemed to be as dexterous with his digits as was the secretary of the notorious convention in which the former Governor sat as TOM TAYLOR's proxy.

JACK DALE's first night with the new gang didn't turn out very well. A HASTING's kissing bug caught him on the eye and Wednesday morning he started off to Atlantic City with one of his lamps swelled clean out of business.

Mr. BRYAN is still a much talked about man, notwithstanding his statement that he is not a candidate for any office. It is not to be wondered at, however, that he is so much talked about, because he is a wonderfully brainy man and makes himself felt everywhere.

Old ROGER BROUSE, the last of the Mohicans, staid out entirely, because he thinks there is still use of tinkering with that old over-seer of the poor clock. Why, bless your dear soul, ROGER, go in for all you can get, we'll fix your clock for you next February anyhow.

HOWARD HOLZWORTH, the Unionville diplomat, who tampered with WILLIAM WOODRING, of Worth township, once when it was necessary for DAN's good, was on hand on Tuesday, but we failed to see JIM WATT, the Tyrone steerer, who is usually looked up to fix Ferguson township.

With ROBERT E. PATTISON at the head of the Democratic organization in Philadelphia there is every reason for the country Democracy to take heart. If there is any hope for the rotten old hulk in that city PATTISON will remodel it and steer it into the clear waters where it once met an with an occasional success.

Secretary of Agriculture JOHN HAMILTON might have been sent up here to do what he did, but we think he came because his conscience told him to. You know he is such a conscientious gentleman. It was his conscience that prompted him to leave the deputy Secretaryship and HASTINGS for the Secretaryship and QUAY.

JOHN LUMBAGO THOMPSON's threat to bring suit against DAN for libel would make a very pretty case in court, especially if he could back up the story that REEDER carried \$10,000 over to Phillipsburg with which to buy him. He cost more than ten, however, and that is probably the reason that the other fellows are so mad.

SAMMY BENNISON didn't look as if he enjoyed the job of being "It" near as much as JOHN C. MILLER did when he was "It." The captain got quite pale once and came near losing his balance pole while trying to keep his eye on HASTINGS and his other on REEDER. They seemed to have very little consideration for him or they would have kept closer together and not necessitated such a strain on his optics.

It was awful nice in Judge LOVE to tell the boys not to jump over the benches and punch ABE HASTINGS, if he said anything mean. Rumor has it that they were ready to do so upon the first provocation and as there is no doubt of the provocations having been there, long and often, they must have held themselves in lest because it would have been too bad to have spoiled the furniture in the Judge's nice court room.

Based upon the belief that there is still some manhood, some desire to appear before the world as something more than mere puppets, left in the Republicans of Centre county, the WATCHMAN makes the prediction that DANIEL HARTMAN HASTINGS has dominated the last convention of that party in this county for some years. There comes a time when men cannot be cajoled into blind obedience or bought in herds like cattle and we believe that that time has come in the history of Republican politics in this county.

Prof. LUDWIG MARENBERGER Ph. D., of the University of Berlin, says that the earth has a case of locomotor ataxia and is getting nearer the sun every summer and further away every winter and that accounts for the excessive hot and cold weather periods we have been having of recent years. According to this theory it will only be a question of time until we will all be either frozen or roasted to death. Had our ancestors only lived to see this day they would have come to the conclusion that Nature is going back to the old country school idea of roasting our bellies and freezing our backs.

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A Chance for the Philadelphia Democracy.

If the individuals claiming to be Democrats and who have lately made a movement to reorganize the Democracy of Philadelphia were half as much in earnest in the interest of the party as they appear to be in their effort to get control of the organization, more faith could be put in their pretense and more hope for harmony would grow out of this work. It is without question that the Philadelphia Democracy is without standing in the State, without the sympathy of any one, and have neither the respect nor confidence of either friends or enemies. It has come to this condition through its trading with the different factions of the Republicans and its betrayal of Democratic principles, as well as from neglect on the part of the substantial men of the party to take that interest in party affairs that all good citizens should. It is not the fault alone of either side, but is chargeable to both. Neither have shown themselves worthy of trust and neither will be trusted until by their actions they prove themselves worthy of it.

For years past the GORDON-MCALEER element of the party has made no effort to conceal the fact that its principal work has been to reduce the Democratic votes in order to discredit the organization that it was unable to control. To offset this kind of work on the part of pretended Democrats, those held responsible for the results entered into trades with factions of the Republican party and the result has been the crucifixion of Democracy in that city.

Within the past few days conditions have been brought about that promise the regeneration of the party in Philadelphia, if there is any honesty in pretenses or honor in men. Mr. CHAS. DONNELLY, the much decried, and to a very great extent unjustly abused head of the regular organization, has had the manliness to step down and out and the committee over which he presided has exercised the good judgment of selecting as his successor the one man in Pennsylvania in whom every Democrat has the utmost confidence—Ex-Governor ROBERT E. PATTISON.

His election and his acceptance of the position is a guarantee to every Democrat that there is to be a rehabilitation of the party in that city, a revival of interest in party welfare, and an honest effort put forth to increase and poll the Democratic vote. With him at the head, exercising the power given him under the rules through which his organization exists, there can be no question as to the character of the work his committee will do or the honesty of purpose with which it will enter the campaign.

If those who were organizing against the old order of things in Philadelphia were in earnest in their professed zeal for the Democratic cause they will devote their effort now to harmonizing their differences, and building up a party that can be relied upon—a party that will be a credit to the city and that will give hope and encouragement to the Democracy of the State. If they are not they will go ahead in trying to create a self appointed committee, and continue the divisions that have brought distrust, disgrace and demoralization to the Democracy of that city.

Tuesday was too busy a day for farmers to take any stock in the Hastings-Reeder convention. The job of playing delegate was left for the few fellows who are willing to come to town whenever the ex-Governor demands, and are satisfied with a pat on the back for doing his bidding. Minus these political flunkies there would have been no convention, and no boss' ticket to receive a good licking.

Better Wait Until Conditions are Right.

The fusion movement that Blair county Democrats started out so ostentatiously to boom a week or so ago seems to have met with a rather chill reception in the county conventions that have been held since. The Democrats of almost half the counties in the State have already placed their tickets in nomination and chosen their delegates to the state convention, and in but two of them has it been deemed wise to instruct their delegates to support a fusion ticket. The most of the Democrats we have heard express themselves upon this subject feel, as does the WATCHMAN, that fusion can only be made effective where there are organized bodies to enter into the arrangement. There are none such now. Next fall, when a Legislature is to be elected and large tickets will be in the field, in every county in the State, the situation will be very different, and a union of all the voters opposed to the state ring might be made very effective. There would be chances then to give and take that are not now in sight, and there will then be reasons for Independent Republicans joining hands with the Democracy that can not be used in the present campaign. In this line the drift of public sentiment is all right, but there is no sense in spoiling a good thing by premature action.

Admiral Schley's Blunder.

Last week we observed that new developments in the SAMPSON-SCHLEY controversy indicated a conspiracy to provoke Admiral SCHLEY into asking for a court of inquiry concerning the matter. We were led to that conclusion by the actions of Secretary of the Navy LONG. "If SCHLEY asks for a court of inquiry," he said, in a published interview, "I will appoint Admiral DEWEY and Rear Admirals So-and-So as members of the court. Such a court would be absolutely just and impartial. DEWEY has shown not only that he is a man of the highest honor, but well equipped in mental temperament to conduct such an investigation." SCHLEY grabbed at the bait with the greatest eagerness. All he wanted was fair play and here was his chance to get it. Nobody could tamper with Admiral DEWEY and Rear Admiral So-and-So and Rear Admiral Thimblebob. Therefore he asked for the court of inquiry.

There is where the hero of Santiago made the blunder of his life. Of course the Admirals of the Navy and the two Rear Admirals above referred to are all that has been said about them with respect to honor and probity of character. If they had been appointed with freedom to make a searching and exhaustive investigation of the questions in dispute SCHLEY would have had a fair trial and a just verdict and if he is innocent, as we believe he is, a splendid vindication. But no such thing will happen. In the Secretary of the Navy's statement to the court every slander which has been uttered against SCHLEY during the two years last past, is repeated as if there was no doubt of its truth, and the court is directed to conduct the inquiry along those lines and taking the records of the Department, which have been cooked up to convict SCHLEY, as corroborative evidence.

But SCHLEY has asked for the court of inquiry and though the pledge of honest men to compose the tribunal has been fulfilled the conditions are such that it will be impossible to prevent the verdict of guilty, unless the "gentlemen of the court" protest to the limit of insubordination the moment the fraud becomes apparent. If that is done SCHLEY might get an honest verdict and a magnificent vindication. But he will have the malice of the bureaucrats of the Navy Department to fight at every step of the road to the triumph which he deserves. It will be a glorious victory when it is achieved, to be sure, but if it is not achieved it will be because of the perjury of witnesses and the suborning of perjury by some who are very close to the President, which can be proven to exist by the records of the Department. But the public will know and whether the verdict acquits or convicts the public is satisfied as to who was the hero of Santiago.

The Paramount Duty.

The certainty that Justice POTTER, the first member of the Supreme court bench to bring reproach on that tribunal since its creation more than a hundred years ago, will be nominated by the Republican convention to succeed himself, increases the responsibility which devolves on the Democratic state convention, which meets in Harrisburg a week from next Thursday. While the question of the constitutionality of the vicious "ripper" legislation, enacted during the recent session of the General Assembly, was pending before the court POTTER, who was appointed to the office by STONE, "electioneered" among his associates in behalf of a palpably absurd decision and informed the Governor at intervals of the result of his several canvasses.

One of the judges of the Supreme court of the United States said that a justice guilty of such an outrageous performance ought to be impeached if his identity was discovered and the entire court deserved such punishment if the innocent justices didn't compel the guilty one to reveal himself. An eminent Philadelphia lawyer, in commenting on the incident, said that it was an atrocity unparalleled in the history of American jurisprudence. Yet the QUAY machine has determined to nominate the author of the outrage after his identity has been clearly established for election for a full term. The man who has brought such disgrace and shame on the body during the brief time he has occupied the seat under an executive appointment is to be vindicated by election.

Among the Democratic lawyers of Pennsylvania there is plenty of material from which to select a candidate who will be certain to command a majority of the votes of the State against such a candidate of the dominant party as Justice POTTER. The lawyers of the State who revere the splendid traditions of the Supreme bench will forget their politics when they are brought to the choice of voting for an able and honorable jurist or a petty-fogging lawyer, whose sense of propriety is so dulled as to not realize that he was committing an unpardonable crime when he was serving his equally ignorant master. But the Democratic convention must be equal to the occasion. The convention on the 15th instant must have the courage and character to nominate a candidate who will command the necessary support.

The Capital Building Commission.

On Saturday evening just before starting on another vacation Governor STONE publicly announced the names of the gentlemen who will compose the capital building Commission. They are in addition to himself, whom the law designated as ex-officio member and president of the Commission, W. H. GRAHAM, of Allegheny city, now a Representative in Congress and successor to Governor STONE in the seat; Dr. N. C. SCHAEFFER, of Lancaster, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Mr. EDWARD BAILEY, of Harrisburg, president of the traction company, the Harrisburg National bank, and the Harrisburg Trust company and connected with various other companies and businesses; and Dr. WM. P. SNYDER, Senator in the Legislature for Chester county and during the last two sessions, president pro tem of the body.

It was announced some time ago that the Governor would name practical men of high character for this Commission. The only building of which they have ever had any practical knowledge is building Republican majorities by fair means or fraud. But they have no knowledge of building edifices or of the materials used in them and their appointment to service on such a Commission is an insult to the intelligence of Pennsylvania. SNYDER, it is true, was a member of the Commission which superintended the building on the Buffalo exposition grounds known as the Pennsylvania building, which was erected at an expense of about \$2,500 and charged up to the State at \$16,000 or more. If he will employ the same ratio of spoliation to the proposed four million structure his friends will be well off when it is completed.

Candor and justice combines to compel the statement that neither we nor anyone else, so far as our observation goes, believes for a moment that either of the gentlemen named will steal a penny of the State's funds. But they will close their eyes whenever others are engaged in the robbery as long as a fair proportion of the loot goes into the treasury of the Republican campaign committee. No doubt that is what they were appointed for, however, for a Governor who will put his incompetent cronies on the bench of the Supreme court in order that he may learn the secrets of the tribunal will do about anything else that is wanted of him. But the appointment in question fulfills our expectations. It will probably result in the erection of a \$2,000,000 building at a cost of \$4,000,000 at first and an indefinite amount later.

A Bangling Financier.

While the question of reducing the war taxes was under consideration during the last session of Congress Mr. RICHARDSON, of Tennessee, leader of the Democratic membership, insisted on a cut of \$75,000,000 and held that even a greater reduction might safely be made. The surplus revenue for the then current year amounted to \$80,000,000 and Mr. RICHARDSON figured that the falling off for this year as compared to last would be comparatively trifling. There might be a decrease of \$10,000,000 or so he said in substance, but the war in the Philippines will be ended before the expiration of the year and the decrease in expense would almost equal the diminution in revenues.

Secretary of the Treasury GAGE nearly went into a convulsion fit when the report of RICHARDSON's statement reached him. He was ready to admit that he was the only really able financier in the country and offered to stake his reputation on the assertion that if the revenues were diminished a penny more than \$30,000,000 there would be a vast deficit at the end of the present fiscal year and the country would be lucky to escape bankruptcy. The President and others of the White House clique added their opinions to that of GAGE and succeeded in dragging Congress into limiting the reduction to about \$40,000,000. Rather than to defeat reduction altogether the Democrats accepted that much.

Now we are beginning to find out who was right in the matter of estimates. As we have said the surplus for the last year amounted to upward of \$80,000,000 and the surplus is piled up in the treasury while the country is threatened with a currency famine in the channels of commerce. But that is not the worst of it. The receipts thus far on the present year show no falling off and as it has been decided to greatly reduce the strength of the army in the Philippines at once, the indications now are that the surplus this year will be greater than last. Of course the cursory observer will see no harm in a full treasury. But as a matter of fact there is the greatest danger in it, for it needlessly draws money out of the pockets of the people and encourages profligacy in expenditures. The wise statesman limits the revenues to the necessary expenditures and takes nothing from the earnings of the citizen, beyond the sums that are actually necessary to the preservation of government.

Warning From a Republican.

Lieutenant Governor Northcott, of Illinois, a Republican of good standing and head officer of the Modern Woodmen of America, sounded a timely note of warning in a speech recently delivered before the Illinois bar association. Responding to the toast "How Laws are made," he said that legislation today is largely secured by combinations which work not in the interests of the people, but in their own interests. Concluding, he said:

"I want to say to you, my brother, that unless we go to the rescue of the government the political future is very dark. Don't be satisfied with going to the polls and voting to ratify the choice of either one of the two party bosses. The citizens of this country must interest themselves in politics. He who strives for the elevation and purification of the government is as much a patriot as he who shoulders a musket in the defense of the Nation."

It is gratifying to hear such words from so conspicuous a member of the Republican party. The government will be good only so long as the people will exert themselves to make it good. It will become corrupt just as soon as they become careless or indifferent.

A Republic is not a lazy man's government. It requires constant watchfulness and constant service. But a Republic is the best form of government, not only because under it the people can have as good a government as they deserve but also because the watchfulness and service demanded by a Republic develop and strengthen citizens. Greatness is measured by usefulness and a Republic makes its people great by making them useful. If the Republicans would only heed Governor Northcott's words there would be a house cleaning in Illinois.

The Cost of Demagogy.

From the New York World.

The number of pensioners added to the pension roll during the fiscal year ending June 30th, thirty-six years after the close of the war, was 40,392.

The total number added in the year 1872, seven years after the end of the war, when, in the opinion of the Pension Commissioner then in office, "practically all the old soldiers who had suffered grave disabilities might be supposed to have put in their applications," was 13,712.

That is to say, the additions to the list have increased threefold in twenty-nine years.

The total number of pensioners now on the list is just about a round 1,000,000 against 282,000 in 1872. The annual cost is nearly \$140,000,000, or 110,000,000 more than in 1872. And the greater part of this enormous increase is due to the demagogism and cowardice of the politicians of both parties. They have voted pensions, both general and special, for every conceivable cause, with an eye to the "old-soldier vote," until now the cost of the roll exceeds that of any standing army in Europe and the combined pension lists of all the rest of the world.

It Looks Like a Machine, Sister Annie.

From the Phillipsburg Ledger.

The farce of a Republican county convention was held at Bellefonte yesterday. Hastings and his lieutenants had everything out and tried all over the county, except Phillipsburg and Schoonover, and a solid delegation of twenty and a couple of delegates from Snow Shoos was the only interruption to the schedule arranged previously. Phillipsburg was solid against the slate at the primaries and the convention, voting for no one else. The Governor winked his eye and chairman Reeder was re-elected. He winked his other eye and Messrs. Allison and Dale went through as delegates to the state convention. A nod of his august head, and William McKinley, of Miles township, was named for prothonotary. The slate broke here and no nomination was made for district attorney. If this is not machine politics will the insurgents name it for us?

Kindly Advice for Hamilton.

From the Philadelphia North American.

Secretary Hamilton and Representative Thompson have been turned down with emphasis by the Republicans of Centre county. Thompson needed a coat of whitewash on his legislative record, and "Old John" thought he saw an opportunity to secure "vindication" at the hands of the farmers by allying himself with the pledge-breaker. They set up a candidate of their own for county chairman, and tried to boom him with a circular defaming the anti-machine candidate, but their stalking horse balked and kicked them into the ditch. If Secretary Hamilton wants to regain the confidence of the farmers his only safe course is to let politics alone and devote himself exclusively, diligently and efficiently to the suppression of the oleo swindlers.

Reputed by His Own Party.

From the Philadelphia Press (Rep).

The primary elections in Centre county were all one way. The convention will be held to-morrow, when Hon. William M. Allison and John M. Dale will be elected delegates to the state convention and Colonel Reeder will be again chosen chairman of the county committee. Mr. Allison is a member of the Legislature who throughout the late session resisted every attempt at corruption and kept his public pledge. This was in marked contrast to the indecent course pursued by John K. Thompson, the other member from that county, for whom no one has any respect. One gets a just endorsement; the other is justly reputed.

A Place For It.

From the Wilkesbarre Leader.

Since Mr. Bryan does not favor the Republican Bryan-Democratic bolt in Ohio, Chairman Dick will exercise a wise discretion in keeping his corruption fund in his pocket until he can find better use for it. It will all be needed to keep the floating element of his own party in line.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Thermometers on the streets of Erie on Sunday registered 128 degrees in the sun.

—Excessive heat in Altoons Monday caused the death of John Stiller, aged 70, and 12 children.

—Returning to his home after preaching a funeral sermon in Erie, Rev. A. B. Kendall found that his mother had died during his absence.

—The corner-stone laying of the new Zion Evangelical Lutheran church at Kratzville, Snyder county, took place Sunday. The edifice will cost \$10,000.

—Governor and Mrs. Stone have closed up the executive mansion in Harrisburg and gone to Wellsboro to spend the remainder of the summer at their home there.

—James Condon, who lives at the Sheep Rocks, Clearfield county, killed a 4 weeks' calf Saturday week, which weighed 112 pounds, and which he sold for nearly \$10.

—A bold, but unsuccessful attempt was made at Montoursville Saturday night to kidnap James Ebner, an eleven year old boy. The lad is a son of Captain William C. Ebner, a well known politician and wealthy hotel keeper.

—Samuel, the 7 year old son of Rev. C. D. Claus, of Mechanicsburg, on Monday broke through the rotten covering of a well and dropped 40 feet into 3 feet of water. From this he was rescued by a witness of the accident, little the worse for his fall.

—The Allegheny annual conference of the United Brethren church will be held in the Coalport United Brethren church commencing, Sept. 18th and continuing until the 22nd. Between 175 and 200 ministers and delegates will be in town at that time.

—Charles Hale, one of the men arrested for robbing the Reading railroad station at Newberry on June 28th, escaped from the county jail in Williamsport last Saturday night and is still at liberty. The escape was not discovered until 6 o'clock the next morning.

—Edward K. Hess, of Williamsport, a traveling salesman, was driving in the country near Millheim, when a swarm of bees lit upon the tail of one of his horses. By vigorous switching of its tail, the horse managed to rid itself of the swarm, which took refuge in a nearby tree.

—Owing to an Italian with a revolver, Reuben T. Eisenhuth, a son of Henry Eisenhuth, of Fontwell, Cambria county, aged 19 years, lies at the Johnstown hospital with a very bad bullet wound in his left leg. The wound followed a war of words between three Americans and a gang of Italians.

—Edward Hale was inspecting a train on the New York Central siding at Jersey Shore when other cars were bumped against it. Hale was caught between the bumpers. His leg was crushed and his back was broken. He was taken to the Williamsport hospital where he is improving.

—Mrs. D. H. Beach, of Lyncoming, one day last week was greatly surprised and horrified while doing her upstairs work by finding a fair sized copperhead snake lying by the side of her child's crib. It is presumed the snake ascended the vines at the side of the house and crawled in the window.

—At the close of a festival at Monocacy, Saturday night two men were shot in a fight. John Magle, a member of the Forty-sixth regimental band, was wounded in the right hip and Mitchell Care had a finger shot off. William Alderman and James Alderman, brothers, are in the Reading jail, charged with doing the shooting.

—Carl Walter, of Beneteeze, a student of the Lock Haven Normal, while lumbering with his brother for W. D. Johnson near Emporium on Friday, slipped and his arm came in contact with his axe. An artery was severed above the elbow and the young man bled to death before a physician, who had been sent for, arrived from Emporium. He died three hours after the accident and was 22 years of age.

—At Lock Haven on Saturday morning, while a trolley car was going down Main street, the feed wire broke, one end dropping down in front of the car and coming in contact with the brake. The motorman had presence of mind enough to go to the rear and apply the rear brake, but in the meantime, one of the fifteen passengers, Mrs. Rose Hettman, of Flemington, jumped from the car and was badly hurt. It is thought she will recover.

—Peter Pitt, aged 30, of Scranton, was roasted to death Sunday at one of the roasters at the Colebrook furnace. Pitt, John Schlaegel, also of Scranton, and John Williams, of Lebanon, were engaged in what is termed "putting down the roaster," when the one sank. Williams rescued Schlaegel, but was too late to assist Pitt, whose piteous cries for help could be heard some distance away. Pitt's body was recovered with difficulty.

—Five hundred friends witnessed the arrival at Huntingdon of the dead body of private Harry A. Varner, who was killed while on a scouting expedition in the Philippine islands on April 10th. Varner was a member of company M, Forty-seventh regiment. His death is ascribed to two causes; one is that he was killed by Filipino guerrillas, the other that he was shot from ambush by a deserter from his own company. He was buried Saturday.

—The annual report of Dr. Leonard Pearson, state veterinarian and secretary of the state live stock sanitary board, for 1900, shows that during last year 614 herds, comprising 9,274 cattle, were tested with tuberculin for tuberculosis. More than 10,000 were examined physically. Twelve hundred and twenty-seven cattle were condemned as tubercular and appraised. The total appraisement was \$28,339.50, or an average of \$23.10 per head.

—John Lesco, of Scranton, a few months ago was a prosperous butcher with a wife, little daughter and a cozy home. One day he was on his way to Carbondale to deposit a large sum of money, but lost it on the way. This so financially embarrassed him that he could not meet his obligations and the sheriff took charge of his affairs. Then his little daughter fell into a tub of hot water and was scalded to death. About two weeks ago his wife was struck by lightning and killed, and Sunday night of last week his house caught fire and burned to the ground.