

Ink Stings.

—Ere the frost is on the pumpkin And the fodder is in shock...

—ROOSEVELT has the brains and nerve to make a great President. May he show no indiscreet use of either.

—The Democrats had better put a strong lock on the stable door ere the Republicans steal out a free trade donkey and call it a reciprocity elephant.

—Monuments are begun with splendid enthusiasm and if they could only be builded by the completion of so many would not become so laggard and indifferent.

—We sincerely trust that "Terrible Teddy" wont meet with the same fate on the Ship of State that befell "the terrible Turk" on the Borgoyne some time ago.

—Buffalo justice promises to make a speedy end of the assassin CZOLGOSZ. Neither do we feel like a barbarian when we deplore the fact that he will be executed in the most humane way known to law.

—For the good of all let us hope that President ROOSEVELT will regard the great responsibilities that have so unexpectedly fallen upon him far more seriously than anyone would have believed him capable when PLATT forced him on the Republican party.

—The members of 125th Pa. Vols., in reunion at Huntingdon on Tuesday, publicly condemned Governor STONE, but will their condemnation go far enough to record itself in votes against POTTER and HARRIS, two men who will prove just as obnoxious as he is in office?

—If there ever had been any question about President MCKINLEY's christianity his death-bed scene would have removed all doubt. None but a thoroughly christian man could have died as he did—sustained and soothed, even to his last fleeting breath, by the knowledge that he was saved. It is certainly beautiful to die in the Lord.

—If we are to hedge our Presidents about with bristling bayonets and drawn swords we will be wiping out one of the fundamental democratic features of our government. Better, far, to remove conditions that make anarchy and fanaticism and not clamor for the President to expose himself on any and all occasions.

—HENRY HERBERT PIGGOT, the one time Philadelphia lawyer who ran off from a wife and family in that city to marry Miss CHARLOTTE BYRAM in Colorado, has discovered that the Centennial State doesn't propose affording an asylum for fellows who want to "pig it" in the matrimonial market.

—Whatever may have been the incentive and however their relations may have appeared to some in the heat of political conflict there is no one so hard at heart or so devoid of sentiment as to fail to respect the deep sorrow that afflicts Senator HANNA in the passing of his friend "WILLIAM" MCKINLEY.

—The latest creations in riding habits for women of the smart sets are nothing more nor less than plain, every-day, manly pants and, right here let it be known, that if the women continue usurping our prerogatives in the matter of "wearing the pants" we men will have to scurry to the folds of the mother Hubbard to hide our blushes.

—If the corrupt machine that has dominated Pennsylvania ever since there has been a CAMERON or a QUAY in politics in the State is to be continued you must vote for the leaky Justice POTTER and for "Can-be-seen" HARRIS. They are the pair the Stalwarts are holding up and in this game you can expect dealing from the bottom as well as from the top of the deck.

—Rear Admiral HOWISON's removal from the naval board of inquiry into the SAMPSON-SCHLEY controversy is a tacit acknowledgment that public sentiment is right, sometimes, at least. The public thought it would be unfair for him to sit in judgment of a man whom he had criticised adversely, so did Admirals DEWEY and BENTHAM and he was removed.

—General KITCHENER's latest manifesto that proclaims the Boers out-laws and bandits, instead of belligerents, is not likely to change the actual status of DEWEY's forces. While the English have laid down a new official regulation for exterminating the sturdy Dutch who think they have a right to fight for their own homes, they have also given license to a resistance that the rules of civilized warfare can no longer govern.

—F. H. THOMAS, GEORGE L. POTTER, HARD P. HARRIS and JOHN C. MILLER will represent Centre county Insurgent Republicans at the Union party convention in Philadelphia next week. While we have no desire to bring misfortune of any sort on the gentlemen there is little doubt that they have written their own political epitaphs in accepting the honor of such a mission.

—While there can be no doubt as to the genuine sorrow of the American people at the death of President MCKINLEY its expression is in such marked contrast with that of our English cousins, so recently manifest over the death of their beloved Queen, that it can not escape the notice of the entire world. While we stop but a moment to drop a passionate tear of sorrow on the bier of our dead President, all of England and her colonies don sombre garments and observe a period of genuine mourning that lasts for a year.

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Lynch Law Ineffectual.

That anarchy must be stamped out of this country is so obvious a proposition as to require no argument to support it. But there can be no greater folly than attempting to stamp out anarchy by lawless methods. In other words, lynching an anarchist, however atrocious a crime he may have committed, is encouraging rather than repressing anarchy.

The guilty wretch who shot President MCKINLEY at Buffalo two weeks ago deserves the severest punishment which is known to the law. But lynching wouldn't have fulfilled these conditions. Pounding the life out of him would have caused no more bodily pain than hanging or electrocuting him. After the first few moments he would probably have been insensible to physical suffering.

Besides there is always a chance that a judicial inquiry into a crime will reveal the confederates of the culprit and it is certain that such a chance is lost in the event of lynching. No criminal will reveal the impulses which influenced him on the moment. He must be persuaded to that course and persuasion requires time.

Moreover the experience in the present case proves that there is no risk in trusting to the operations of the law. The crime was committed two weeks ago today, and the death of the victim occurred less than a week ago and the criminal has already been arraigned and a speedy trial and just punishment is certain.

At a time of this sort politics is not thought of. The President of the United States has been murdered and a blow has been struck at every man who has any concern for the government. There is a vast difference between criticizing the executor of one party's policies and taking the life of the head of the great American Republic and that difference is what makes all parties one at a time of this sort.

A Cause for Congratulation

The country is to be congratulated on the defeat of General D. E. SICKLES, of New York, for the office of commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at Cleveland, O., last week. SICKLES was a good enough soldier, no doubt. His courage has never been questioned and the orotiches that he carries would be sufficient refutation of the charge it was accused of cowardice.

General SICKLES' candidacy for the office of commander-in-chief of the Grand Army voiced opposition of Pension Commissioner H. CLAY EVANS for no other reason than that he has properly guarded the treasury. There are in Washington a lot of pension lawyers who will swear to the requisite conditions, whether they are existing or not.

Every right thinking man in the country favors liberal pensions for the deserving veterans of the civil war. Those who are entitled to pensions at all ought to get more than most of them receive. But bounty jumpers and camp followers are not entitled to pensions and every real soldier ought to set his face against putting their names on the list which should and does represent the roll of honor.

Wait and Be Wiser.

It is not always best to jump at conclusions. People who make up their minds in haste usually have the opportunity of repenting at leisure. Just at this time those who believe that the beginning and the end, the prosperity and glory of all governmental affairs, are regulated by civil service reform are telling us what a stickler for this principle President ROOSEVELT will be, now that he is in position to prove its full effectiveness.

It is true that Mr. ROOSEVELT began his public career as a member of the Civil Service Commission. It is also true that while a member of that commission he kept it and its purposes as thoroughly advertised as he did his own doings while commanding the Rough Riders or his more recent exploits of hunting jack rabbits on the plains of Colorado.

Since being a member of the Civil Service Commission and preaching civil service reform for all it was worth, Mr. ROOSEVELT has filled the positions of Police Commissioner of New York City and that of Governor of the State of New York. In neither of these places did he show any more disposition to enforce his doctrine of civil service reform than did those who preceded him or those who have followed him.

As Governor of New York, it was the same. Democrats were ousted from positions with an alacrity that made the most stalwart Republicans smile. It mattered not how fit they were for the place nor how long and faithfully they had performed their duties, if their politics was wrong, all was wrong and out they had to go.

Until he is tried as President it might be well for those expecting so much in this line to limit their expectations and withhold the glory they would scatter in such profuseness; until he has shown that he is more of a civil service reformer than he has ever yet proven himself to be it will be well for the country not to bank too heavily upon any good that might come from an honest enforcement of this doctrine.

It Means Freer Trade.

The efforts of some of the ultra protectionists to accommodate themselves to the newly declared policy of the Republican party are amusing, if nothing else. Here is Mr. THEODORE JUSTICE, of Philadelphia, for example. He tells us that the reciprocity indicated in the late President MCKINLEY's speech "is the Republican answer to the Democratic cry of tariff revision or freer trade."

But it may be confidently asserted that President MCKINLEY had no such idea in mind when he made his great Buffalo speech. We must not deceive ourselves, he said in substance, by the delusive idea that can sell everything forever and buy nothing. We must sell wherever we can, he added, and buy wherever buying will enlarge our markets.

Mr. THEODORE JUSTICE may deceive himself by such sophistries as are embodied in his declaration that the reciprocity spoken of by MCKINLEY is a Republican answer to the Democratic demand for tariff revision. It is simply a yielding to that demand and a fulfillment of the inevitable. President MCKINLEY understood that and the leaders of his party realize it.

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Tired of His Own Work.

Lieutenant Governor Gen'l J. P. S. GOBIN has announced to the public that he has grown tired of politics and disgusted with ring rule. We do not know anyone in this broad Commonwealth who has more reason to be tired of the kind of politics that he has always stuck to than this same Gen'l GOBIN. From the time that the memory of ordinary mortals runneth not to the contrary, he has devoted his time to holding office and playing politics.

While professing to favor reforms and pretending to great independence of thought he has never failed to turn up on the side of such measures as the ring has forced upon the Commonwealth nor to stultify his professed independence by the advocacy of the most infamous legislation the machine desired.

He served in the State Senate for over a decade and during that time he failed to cast a single vote against such measures as the machine demanded or such thefts as have brought its rule into general contempt. His voice and his vote were ever at its service and we do not wonder that he has grown tired of the kind of politics he has practiced, particularly since he failed in securing the major-generalship of the militia of Pennsylvania.

This seemed to be his great ambition. But one, MILLER, who, if he had less mind than GOBIN, had more money, was thought by the machine to be entitled to this distinction and GOBIN was left.

It is not that he has reformed or is any better or purer than when he served QUAY as Senator that has disgusted him with the machine rule in Pennsylvania; it is the fact that he did not get another office. Office holding, has been his chief aim in life. The loss of one office almost within his grasp was too much for him to bear and now that one has actually eluded him he renounces politics, turns his nose up at the rest he has befouled and will undertake, we presume, to parade as a reformer and to teach the public, which he has helped the machine to fleece for so many years, the benefits of honest administration and the blessings of correct rule.

It is not much stock that those who know GOBIN will take in GOBIN's reformation. It seems to us entirely needless to make any comment on the thoroughness and accuracy with which the Pittsburgh Post covers the news field of the entire world, though it may be supererogation we cannot but congratulate that journal on its signal success in handling all the incidents to the tragic assault and the sad death of the President at Buffalo. The Post's stories were most complete in every particular and proved to be singularly accurate in detail.

Up to Frank Harris.

Now that the excitement attending the tragic death of the late President is subsiding the people will have a better opportunity to estimate the statement recently made by Lieutenant Governor GOBIN with respect to the prevalence of venality in the Legislature during the last session. In other words the great grief of the nation having past with the funeral of the victim of the assassin, the people will have time to consider other questions that deeply concern them and such a declaration as that made by General GOBIN, in his recent Pittsburgh interview, must concern all.

Even if the Republican State convention had not, with a full understanding of the facts, given its unqualified endorsement to the Legislature and its work, the fact that corruption ran unrebuked through all its proceedings would have caused the blush of shame to mantle the cheek of every honest citizen of the State. But when it is remembered that the resolutions of that convention, written by a trusted leader of the Republican party, approved that corruption, the people have no option but to believe that the triumph of that party in the coming election will be interpreted to mean a license to continue the looting processes.

The charge comes from no irresponsible source. It is not the assertion of any obscure, ambiguous or prejudiced person. It came from the mouth of the Lieutenant Governor of the State and in a form that implies the ability and readiness to support it with ample evidence. In view of these facts the failure to resent or the neglect to deny it implies a confession of guilt. FRANK G. HARRIS, the Republican nominee for State Treasurer, was a part and parcel of the Legislature which the Lieutenant Governor accuses and unless he proves that he has been slandered he pleads guilty to the charges.

The Unequal Distribution of Wealth.

From Political Science. "Ninety-one per cent of the 12,690,152 families of the country own no more than 29 per cent of the wealth, and 9 per cent of the families own about 71 per cent of the wealth."

"Among the 1,096,265 families in which 71 per cent of the wealth of the country is concentrated, there is still a further concentration which may be indicated by taking account of the wealth of the very rich. The New York Tribune's list of 4,047 millionaires affords the best basis for this. Without going into details, the conclusion adopted in this article is that the 4,047 millionaires are worth not less than \$10,000,000,000 or more than \$15,000,000,000—say \$12,000,000,000—or about one-fifth of the nation's wealth. We are now prepared to characterize the concentration of wealth in the United States by stating that 20 per cent of it is owned by three-hundredths of 1 per cent of the families; 51 per cent by 9 per cent of the families (not including millionaires); 71 per cent by 9 per cent of the families (including millionaires), and 99 per cent by 91 per cent of the families."

An Official in the Dark.

Attorney General Knox declares with well developed symptoms of anger that he is not officially aware of the existence of a steel trust. Of course a high official with a place in a presidential cabinet would not deny anything without being honest about it. The existence of the steel trust may be an official secret to Mr. Knox, but its existence certainly is known to the ex-attorney of the Carnegie corporation, who is now Attorney General in the MCKINLEY cabinet. Perhaps Mr. Knox is like the South Carolina father who had so many children he found himself unable to provide names for all of them. After the twelfth was born he had recourse to numbers, and gave each child a number. When asked how many children he had the proud father replied: "I ain't no good at figures. When I done run out o' names I begin numberin' 'em from 1 up. If I knew how many 'em had names I might add up and tell yer."

The Troublesome Tariff.

One result of the benefactions of the millionaires is rather curious, but perfectly plain and reasonable. Mr. Schwab, for instance, joined the noble band of givers, and for a while was handing out money by the thousands and tens of thousands. Mr. Carnegie is still far ahead in the size and frequency of his bestowals. Other gentlemen connected with the steel trust do not mind the number of naughts they place upon their checks. It is a demonstration of generosity without precedent in history. Naturally it follows that money so freely given must come from extraordinary opportunities, and thus the public is learning a fact which the steel magnates are proving by their own action: that they are enjoying golden privileges under the tariff legislation of the United States. The matter is further clinched by the United States steel manufacturers who sell steel, after paying the large sums in freight, to English customers for less than they will sell it in the home market. Out of these conditions something interesting should certainly come.

Tribute From Bryan.

Eulogizes McKinley as a Citizen and Demands Adequate Vengeance to Protect Future Presidents.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 17.—A tribute from William Jennings Bryan to the dead President was given to The Associated Press today. Quoting the words of Major McKinley, "God's will, not ours be done," Mr. Bryan recalled the pathetic scenes at the deathbed and continued: "The terrible deed at Buffalo, rudely breaking the ties of family and friendship and horrifying every patriotic citizen, crowns a most extraordinary life with a halo that cannot be extinguished by the passage of history, while his bravery during the trying ordeal, his forgiving spirit, and his fortitude in the final hours, give glimpses of his inner life, which nothing less tragic could have revealed."

"But inexpressibly sad as is the death of McKinley, the illustrious citizen, it is the damnable murder of McKinley, the President, which makes 75,000,000 hearts into one, and brings a hush to the farm, the factory, and the forum. The death, even when produced by natural causes, of a public servant charged with the tremendous responsibilities which press upon the President, shocks the entire country, and is infinitely multiplied when the circumstances attending constitute an attack upon the Government itself."

"No one can estimate the far reaching effect of such an act as that which now casts a gloom over our land. It shames America in the eye of the world, it impairs her moral prestige and gives enemies of free government a chance to mock at her, and it excites an indignation, which, while righteous in itself, may lead to acts which will partake of the spirit of lawlessness."

Pronounce It "Shollgosh."

Written according to its sound, the name of Czolgosz or its nearest equivalent, "Shollgosh," or more broadly speaking, "Shollgosh," "Cz" is represented in the Russian alphabet by a character which is pronounced sch, the same as though one were suppressing a sneeze—"tch." The next two letters, "ol," are pronounced in themselves as though written "oll," and the remaining letters of the name, "gosz," have the sound of "goosh."

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Harry M. Rose, of Johnstown, was killed while attempting to board a Pennsylvania railroad train Friday night to return to his work.

—While using kerosene to kindle a fire Saturday night Mrs. John Settle, of Northampton, was so badly burned that she died Sunday morning.

—Stewart Hall, a 7-year-old boy residing in Williamsport, is dying from 200 stings from bees. The lad's body is almost covered with swellings.

—George Edmundson, of Johnstown, aged 11, died Saturday of hydrophobia. He was bitten in the face by a dog six weeks ago, but the malady did not appear until last Thursday.

—Miss Barbara Brown an aged lady of Jersey Shore, while walking in the garden was stricken with paralysis. In falling a sharp pointed stick, which she was using as a cane, ran into her eye, gorging the ball out.

—Richard Allen, the veteran engineer who ran the first passenger engine over the Pennsylvania railroad between Altoona and Pittsburg is dead at his home on Penn avenue in Pittsburg. He was in the 84th year of his age at death.

—On Saturday morning 6 year-old Clara Bell Grove, of Sheridan station, Cambria county, was accidentally shot by her 16 year-old brother, Harry, who was engaged in cleaning a breech loading gun and did not know it was loaded. The child died 12 hours after the accident occurred.

—While excavations for the new pipe mill were being made on the flat at South Sharon a large silver coffin plate, together with a number of human bones, was unearthed. The plate was engraved with the Masonic emblem. Prominent local Masons are making an effort to clear up the mystery.

—After several delays, the Chatham fire brick plant at McElhattan will begin making brick Wednesday. Mr. Chatham has an order to furnish 300,000 brick for the Oak Grove buildings, and has made an offer to make the 5,000,000 bricks that will be wanted at that place during the next three years.

—Miss Eva Derr, daughter of Mr. Wilson Derr, of near California, Montour county, was seized with a hemorrhage while shopping at Lewiston's store, at Milton, Friday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, and expired almost instantly. She was about 29 years of age and had been afflicted with lung trouble for some time.

—The 63rd session of the Allegheny Conference of the U. B. church in Christ will meet in annual session at Coalport, September 18th to 22nd. This conference is composed of 86 charges, 2 presiding elders, 100 ministers and 86 lay delegates. The membership of the conference is nearly 16,000. Bishop J. S. Mills, D. D. Ph. D., will preside.

—Horace Ereland, of Rohrsburg, was rearrested at his home, Friday night charged with having criminally conspired with Mrs. Alice McHenry to secure the indictment and conviction of Jacob Evans, of Rohrsburg, for the murder of Mrs. McHenry's husband, Thos. W. McHenry, the Rohrsburg farmer, on February 3rd. Ereland was placed in jail to await a hearing.

—During the past few weeks over twenty-five head of cattle have been found dead in the herd that have been pasturing near Pottsville. Fully 1,500 head are in the herd. The owners attribute the mortality to the cattle eating a worm that infects the sassafras leaf, but they are contemplating asking the State Agricultural Department to investigate the disease. The dead cattle are piled up and burned.

—Jacob W. Metlar, of Coraopolis, claims that while he was at the entrance of the Temple of Music at Buffalo that fatal Friday, a woman approached him and said that a man had been shot in the temple. It was then 4:10 o'clock. He says the President was shot three minutes later, and it is his opinion that his informant was an accomplice of the President's assassin. He has sent a description of the woman to Superintendent of Police Bull at Buffalo.

—At a consultation of the doctors on last Friday it was decided to amputate Adjutant Gen. Thomas A. Stewart's leg in order to save his life. The accident in which it was broken occurred a month ago and the fractured ends of the bone have not yet united. An attempt was made to join the fractured ends by a silver clamp but failed. If the operation takes place the amputation will be made at the knee although there is grave doubt that the General is not able to stand the shock of the operation.

—At an early hour Sunday morning robbers entered the clothing store of Lloyd P. Pannebaker, at Cresson, and carried away a large quantity of clothing, shoes and furnishing goods. Mr. Pannebaker lives in Ebensburg, where he has a clothing store, and after closing on Saturday night, went home, leaving the robbers without danger of capture. The post office and the store of Charles Perry, of Chest Springs, was robbed on Saturday night of fifty-two boxes of shoes, and a lot of clothing and groceries.

—On Saturday morning at Mount Dallas, Bedford county, an attack with attempt to rob was made on bookkeeper William Souder, of the iron works at Riddlesburg. Souder had \$6,000 in his possession to pay the employees when two men entered the car in which he sat facing the door and fired a shot at him. Quicker than it can be told Souder drew his revolver and shot the man dead. He was a colored man named William Fry. The other man who was white jumped from the car and has not yet been caught.

—Tuesday afternoon, Reba, the 4 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nichols, of Trumpton, was instantly killed. The mother and her were visiting relatives for the day at Staverstown, near Jersey Shore Junction. The child was playing with a kitten and followed it to a pile. The kitten ran up the pile with the child after it. One of the ties, rolled, threw the child and struck it on the head. The child remained motionless. A neighbor woman saw the accident and called to the child's mother. Mrs. Nichols ran to the tie and lifted it off the child's head. The startling discovery was made that the child was dead, its neck having been broken. A physician was sent for, but he stated that death had been instantaneous.