

Ink Stings.

The Commissioners "have come and went" The Shrimers are on deck They have a camel and a goat, And some other things I see, But what they are we'll never know For that's the mystery That's only told to Pilgrims bold Of Koran's Nobility.

Gen. GOBIN might have added that the National Guard makes him sick, as well as state politics.

Every man must stand on his own legs these days. They don't make one pair to carry two people any more.

While straw hats are being pretty generally called in, straw stacks are just beginning to be put out.

The successful man is not the one who makes the most money, but the one who gets the most money out of the opportunities he has.

How did it happen that DANIEL was not present at the Union party convention? He might not have been needed or missed, but it seems to us that he ought to have been there.

Prince CHING need not be so sarcastic in his thanks to the Americans because the wood-work of the Chinese imperial palace was not carried away as loot. He can thank his pig-tailed head that there was any of China left on which an imperial palace could stand.

The Hon. T. LARRY EYRE, superintendent of public buildings and grounds, can probably "see no reason why a personal registration amendment should not pass the Legislature," but LARRY isn't one of the kind who looks for reasons until the "old man" gives the word to kill a bill.

Lieutenant Governor WATRES has had his ear to the ground and heard the duty calls. It is necessary to the salvation of Pennsylvania—so he probably thinks—that he become the Governor and he has announced himself accordingly. Of course QUAY stands between Gen. WATRES and the salvation of the State.

There were great crowds and great enthusiasm at the Union party convention in Philadelphia on Tuesday. It remains to be seen whether all of their energy was expended in speeches and cheers in the Academy of Music or whether they will have enough left to get out to the polls and vote the way they talk now.

It will only be a matter of a few days now until CZOLGOSZ will be ushered into a place where he will be able to preach anarchy to his heart's content. It won't make much difference about his being opposed to law and order down here. So long as the fire keeps hot he'll have enough troubles of his own to look after without making more for other people.

If the Pennsylvania Legislature would only give the people a chance to use voting machines instead of the corrupt ballot there would be no need for Union parties and reform movements. But, we fear, the only machine the poor old Keystone State can have is the one invented by boss QUAY and not the honest device of J. H. MYERS, the Rochester inventor.

The dispatch with which the assassin CZOLGOSZ has been tried and convicted will have a very reassuring effect on the public. Everything was done with becoming dignity, yet it was done speedily enough to satisfy every clamor. In fact the law's delays and the loop holes afforded through technicalities have done more to foster lynching and such lawless outbreaks than any other agency.

Since the board of navigating officers of the fleet that was in the Santiago engagement have decided that the chart they made themselves, and subscribed to, is a humbug the public will begin to realize that there are some other craft, besides SAMPSON, that will need to have their bilge plates readjusted before they can sail out into the sea of full publicity with impunity.

The Irem Shrimers, who are in town listening to the complaints of about forty novices, ordered them all to wash their feet and soak them in coal tar to keep them from taking cold while riding the camel over the hot sands of the desert. One of the eager novitiates, when he saw the carload of scenery, camel and goat, thought the order was genuine and now he is probably conferring with CAL GREEN as to the best way of getting the tar off.

The Philadelphia Record is of the opinion "that it is more clearly revealed than ever that the navy is divided between two warring factions." Upon the numerical strength of the two it would be difficult to determine. Not at all. While SAMPSON has all of the "revolving chair" sailors and the most of the junior officers who are afraid to open their mouths for fear of an appointive set back, SCHLEY has the men behind the guns and they have both numbers and courage on their side.

The WATCHMAN had every confidence in former Governor PATTERSON'S ability to reorganize and rehabilitate the Philadelphia Democracy, but he has failed. The failure was not for want of sincere effort, however, and we still believe that had he been given the support he had every right to expect there would have been a different result. The whole trouble in the situation lies in the fact that the former Governor is honest and the men with whom he was dealing are not. And honesty and dishonesty can never pull together.

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Overlooking an Important Matter.

The WATCHMAN may be wrong in the matter of which it proposes to speak. It earnestly hopes it is, but from present appearances and the little interest that seems to be manifested in the question it looks very much as if the proposed amendments to the constitution are to be allowed to go by default or take care of themselves.

It is now, but little over six weeks until the election. Everything else that pertains thereto has been discussed and re-discussed and contended over for weeks and weeks, while up to this time we have not noticed a half dozen papers or heard from half dozen meetings that have considered or referred to these amendments—the most important question that has been before the people of the State for many, many years.

In fact, the election of local candidates for the city of Philadelphia and the part the Democratic voters are to take in determining whom they should be has attracted much more attention and roused a much greater interest among the people of the State than has the more important matter of what kind of registration and what kind of election laws we shall be allowed to make for the future.

This should not be so. The people should not allow questions of fusion, of coalition, or re-organization, or of the individual success of any candidates to overshadow the great question of changing our constitution so that such election laws as the people of the State desire can be enacted and such registration acts be placed upon the statute books as will secure an honest and unpadding registration of voters.

The adoption of the two proposed amendments will change neither our present registration nor election laws. They are only intended to widen the authority of the Legislature so that laws suitable to existing situations can be enacted. Their success will fasten no new system upon the State; will add nothing to the expenses of the people, but will simply give authority to coming Legislatures to meet changing conditions and enact such laws as will secure to the people an honest poll of the vote and an honest return of the same. Their failure will continue the present inadequate laws and present corrupt systems for years to come, for under no conditions can the amendments now proposed be again submitted to the people for a period of five years.

With so important a matter to be determined at the election we can scarcely understand why so little attention has been given it. There may be time yet to arouse the people on this subject or no opposition may manifest itself to the adoption of these resolutions, but under any circumstances it might be well for those having the management of the different campaigns in their charge to pay a little more attention to this matter, even if it has to be done at the expense of time that is devoted to settling the wrangles of discordant leaders or the disputes arising out of factional feuds.

Somebody Ought to Act.

More than two weeks have elapsed since Lieutenant Governor GOBIN publicly declared that bribery and corruption had been practiced during the last session of the Legislature to an unprecedented extent, but no one of those concerned has thus far called him to account. He even particularized sufficiently to fasten venality on five Democratic Senators and made the charge so direct that everyone understood who he meant. But neither of the gentlemen has raised a word of protest. By their silence they practically plead guilty to the charge. As MRS. MALAPROP would say, they "own the impeachment."

But why is it that others are silent? The district attorney of Dauphin county has a duty to perform in the premises, and why has he taken no action? He is under sworn obligation to bring matters of that kind to the attention of the grand jury and summon such witnesses as he is able to get to support the accusation. Or in the event of his failure there are other means of bringing the matter to a judicial determination. Either of the common pleas judges of Dauphin county has the right and it is a duty to refer to the matter in charging the grand jury. In that event it might be necessary to postpone the investigation for a term of court, for the judge would not be expected to provide the witnesses.

The grand jury itself, moreover, has the right to take the initiative in the matter, and summon General GOBIN to tell what he knows and that would probably reveal other witnesses. Even a private citizen or a public official connected with one of the departments of the state government is capable of acting as prosecutor. It fact some of "the HILL" officials have been so aspersed by General GOBIN'S statement that nothing less than a judicial investigation will relieve them. It was intimated that the Attorney General was embroiled by the corruption and insurance commissioner DURHAM has been accused. Why don't one of those gentlemen appeal to the courts. There is something rotten in Denmark.

Wares Won't Do.

New interest was put in the political gossip of the day by the announcement, on Monday morning, that Lieutenant Governor WATRES, of Scranton, is a candidate for nomination for Governor. It was not entirely news for there have been intimations of such a possibility for several months. But it was not expected that the formal announcement would be made for some time to come and for that reason it came somewhat in the nature of a surprise on Monday. But there was no lack of authenticity in the announcement. It appeared in the form of a personal letter signed by Mr. WATRES himself and addressed to his friends, and frankly solicited their report.

Colonel WATRES makes no bones of his desire to be Governor. It is a laudable ambition that every citizen has a right to indulge, he says, substantially. In his own case, he intimates, there is something more than the ordinary right to aspire, for he has served the party and the State to a considerable extent and therefore has had the requisite experience and has the necessary ability. He tells his friends that he served eight years in the State Senate and four as Lieutenant Governor. Beside that he served a brief time as chairman of the Republican state committee and ten years on the executive committee of his party. There is not only a wealth but a variety of experience in such a record.

It is safe to predict that Mr. WATRES will not be nominated by the coming Republican state convention, however. The job is already bespoken and though Col. WATRES is all right he won't do. Senator QUAY wants a different kind of a Governor. He has now tasted the sweets of ownership and doesn't propose to relinquish the game so soon. There was a time when Colonel WATRES might have made his calling and election sure, but that time has passed. It may come again after QUAY is dead, but not before. WATRES revealed a conscience when he was Lieutenant Governor and that ended him. A Governor who is owned has no business with either conscience or character and for that reason WATRES won't do.

Our New President.

The new President is going to be President of the United States and not of a section, if his present plans are not altered. "I will have no use for dividing lines or sectionalism in this country during my administration," he said to a group of southern visitors the other day. Continuing in this line he added that his mother was a southern woman and that he is proud of the fact that one of his uncles was an admiral in the Confederate navy. These expressions cannot fail to have a reassuring influence on public feeling in the South. It ought to exercise a wholesome influence on the country, North and South.

All things considered it may be said that the administration of the new President is beginning under the most auspicious conditions. President ROOSEVELT has practically declared himself in favor of tariff reform and given pledge that his influence will be for such reduction in the tax burdens of the country as present conditions justify. Of course that is a negative proposition and may mean much or little. Senator HANNA would have said the same any time within the past four years. But to him mind no tax reductions would have been justified, as long as there were subsidy mongers unsatisfied.

But it is different with President ROOSEVELT. What he says he means, literally. He hasn't learned to simulate. He accepts without qualification or mental reservation the statement made by his lamented predecessor in office that it is our duty "to sell wherever we can and buy wherever the buying will enlarge our sales." That declaration is susceptible to but one interpretation. It means tariff for revenue only, a cardinal Democratic policy, and what is more important and significant it seems that he will be the President of all parties as well as of all sections.

The Pan American Exposition.

It is to be regretted that the recent national tragedy at Buffalo is working an adverse influence on the Pan-American exposition then and now in progress in that city. Late information from there indicates that the attendance has fallen off very materially during the past three weeks and the success which was practically assured, is now enveloped in doubt. There is no just reason for this. Neither the exposition managers nor the city authorities in Buffalo were responsible for the great national calamity. No precautionary measure to secure the proper policing of the city or the grounds was neglected.

If the change for the worse is influenced by a sentimental sympathy for the late President it is most grievously out of place. The President cherished no resentment against the exposition or the city in his dying moments. In fact, after he was wounded he expressed the hope that no blame would be put on either and that there would be no impairment of the pros-

perity of either on account of what happened. In fact he had a deep interest in the exposition and an abiding faith in the results of it. If he could speak to the people of to-day he would most probably urge the generous patronage of the exposition. The Pan-American is a vast undertaking, but not a selfish enterprise. It was not intended entirely for the city of Buffalo. Its purpose and the aim of those who prepared it was to promote friendly relations between the various peoples on this hemisphere and expand the trade between the several Americas. Why should this purpose be defeated because a miscreant obtained entrance to the exposition and committed an atrocious crime? We all join in regrets for that but conditions are not improved by taking spite out of the exposition. On the contrary, we can show respect for the martyred President by doing what he would have done, namely by visiting the exposition and encouraging its purposes.

Senator Hanna and Tariff Reform.

Senator HANNA'S statement that if President ROOSEVELT fulfills his promise to adhere to the policies adopted by his predecessor in office, he, HANNA, will cordially and loyally support him, indicates a new and important convert to the principle of tariff reform. The policy recently adopted by McKINLEY and announced in his able and timely Buffalo speech was "tariff for revenue only." His language will admit of no other interpretation. We must sell wherever we can," he declared, "and buy wherever the buying will increase our sales." That meant that we must cultivate trade relations with Great Britain by sacrificing tariff schedules.

If President ROOSEVELT adheres to that policy, we will likewise cordially and loyally support him. That is the policy for which we have been earnestly contending for years. It is the policy which means commercial, rather than territorial expansion and which promises constant instead of intermittent employment of our industrial forces. It means uninterrupted industrial activity for there can be no overproduction when the markets of the world are open and if we "sell wherever we can, and buy wherever the buying will increase our sales," there will always be a demand equal to the supply. This is the logic of the laws of trade. It is the consequence of the survival of the fittest.

It is possible, of course, that Senator HANNA makes his promise with a mental reservation. That is to say he may insist that a part of the price of his support is that President ROOSEVELT shall favor the atrocious ship-subsidy schemes in which he and a few other multimillionaires are concerned. In that event Senator HANNA indicates the parting of the ways between him and us. One form of robbery of the people is the same as another, to our mind, and in objecting to largesses under the tariff robbery we object to bounties under the subsidy scheme of spoliation. We should be glad to have Senator HANNA with us in all things, for he is an able man. But we can't stand for robbery of any sort.

Grief for McKinley.

The funeral of President McKINLEY was among the most solemn and impressive events in the history of the country. The obsequies of the first of our martyred Presidents ABRAHAM LINCOLN occurred at a time when the country was emerging from a prolonged and devastating war and in the shadow of military glamor it took on a measure of ceremonial that was absent from the event of last Thursday. The tragic death of GARFIELD likewise created a profound impression and the funeral was imposing. But the burial of McKINLEY stirred the country to a depth never before reached and in that measure it was the more striking.

It would be hard to estimate the reason for these differences. Curiously enough the three murdered Presidents were alike in some respect. They were among the most amiable of the men who have reached distinction in the public life of the United States. LINCOLN was almost like a child in the simplicity of his life and the benevolence of his character. GARFIELD, more subtle in his nature, was nevertheless exceptionally frank and amiable in disposition. McKINLEY was more austere than either, but nevertheless exceptionally kind and generous in his impulses. One would have thought that the similar death of all would have excited similar emotions in the minds of the people.

But we find that such was not the case. The others were widely and even deeply mourned, but as a stranger mourns for a man of good repute whose useful life has attracted friendly notice. McKINLEY, on the other hand, was followed by his grave by the hearts of all the people with feelings akin to those which would be stirred by the death of the nearest relative. Just why this is so is left to conjecture, though it may be assumed that one who would attribute it in large part to his constant and chivalric devotion to an invalid wife would not be far away.

Union Party Nominates.

It is in Opposition to the Regular Republican Party, Verkes at the Supreme Court. Elsha M. Coray Jr. Nominated for State Treasurer, and it is Understood Palm, the Democratic Candidate Will Withdraw. The Philadelphia City Ticket.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 24.—The first state and city convention of the union party, which has been organized in opposition to the regular Republican organization in the state and city, were held here to-day, and the following tickets were placed in the field:

For Judge of the Supreme Court—Judge Harman Yerkes, of Bucks county; democrat and the nominee of the democratic state convention.

State Treasurer—Elisha A. Cray Jr., of Luzerne county; Independent Republican.

For District Attorney—P. F. Rothermel Jr.; Republican and present incumbent.

Recorder of Deeds—John Virdin, Republican and present incumbent.

Controller—John M. Walton; Republican and present incumbent.

Clerk of Quarter Sessions Court—Frank A. Hartrauf; Democrat.

Judges of Common Pleas Court No. 5—G. Harry Davis, Republican; and Henry Budd, Democrat.

Members of the board of Revision of Taxes—Simon Gratz, Republican, and Rinaldo A. Luken, Democrat. Both present incumbents. The city ticket is identical with that named by the Municipal League last night, and the same candidates will be nominated tomorrow night by the town meeting of the union party. The Democratic party which has broken away from the regular Democratic organization because the latter body refused to fuse with the union party. The state convention delegates selected a full state central committee of which ex-Director of Public Safety Frank M. Ritter, of this city, was elected chairman. The campaign in both the city and the state will be pushed from now on with great vigor. There was not the slightest friction in the convention, both Republicans and Democrats vying with each other in honoring the candidates selected. It is understood that in a short time Andrew G. Palm, of Crawford county, the Democratic nominee for state treasurer, will withdraw in favor of Coray, thus making fusion between the state Democratic organization and the union party.

Its platform it says among other things: "The union party has been called into being for the single purpose of overthrowing the evil combination now in control of the state and electing men without regard to affiliation who will administer with simple honesty and ability the office to which they are elected. It does not aim to sever citizens from their affiliation with the great parties that are divided upon questions of national politics. Its struggle is for an honest ballot and for the restoration of integrity and capacity in state and municipal affairs. We heartily recommend the emphatic expressions of the Democratic state convention in favor of a closer union between that organization and all others of different political convictions who are ready to make patriotic and earnest efforts to regenerate the government of both city and state; and we welcome the aid of this great party and of all good citizens and organizations in the cause we have at heart. "We especially condemn the revolutionary acts of the late legislature in summarily deposing the municipal officers of cities of the second class, whereby the people of those cities were disfranchised for a period of nearly two years and denied any voice in the control of their own local affairs. "We denounce the secret plans and the legislation that brought them to fruition, whereby franchises of incalculable value have been voted away by the legislature and by councils, and also the executive officials who have used the power of their great offices to consummate the wrong thus inflicted upon the whole body of the people."

Nor Do We Expect Any.

From the Johnstown Tribune. The Bellefonte WATCHMAN says Theodore Roosevelt was at one time a very pronounced Civil Service man, so much so that he was made a member of the Civil Service Commission, but since serving in that capacity he has filled the office of police commissioner of New York City and Governor of the State of N. Y., in neither of which places did he appoint Democrats to positions, but on the contrary only Republicans of the most pronounced type. Maybe he could not find any Democrats who could stand as good an examination as Republicans; and then perhaps he looked at things differently when he got into a position by partisan influence from what he did when put into one on a non-partisan platform. But whatever the reason, there is ground in for the suspicion that the Democrats will receive few of the leaves and fishes to be distributed by the present National Administration. "And we will ever pray," etc.

Yes, a Change is Needed in the Navy Department.

From the York Gazette. It would be a blessing for President Roosevelt if the rumors that Secretary of the navy Long is about to retire were founded on fact. Secretary Long has made a failure as a cabinet officer. He doubtless is an honest and able man but he lacks the elements of tact. We suggest that the President accept Secretary Long's resignation if he sends it in and appoint as his successor Secretary to the President Cortelyou. That gentleman has proved his eminent fitness to fill almost any position in the service of the government and he would without a doubt be just the man to overhaul the useless and trouble-creating bureaus and build up in their places a system for the administration of the affairs of the navy which would be satisfactory all around.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

The annual conference of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be held in Harrisburg, October 23rd, 24th and 25th.

John Kemmerer and Edgar Schwenk, of Sugar valley, gathered eight bushels of wild grapes in the narrows a few days ago, and Jesse Schrack, John Zellers and Lewis Geyer gathered sixteen bushels.

Fred H. Freeborn, formerly of Jersey Shore, was accidentally shot and instantly killed at Buffalo Monday. Mr. Freeborn was auditor of the Buffalo and Susquehanna railroad. He was 35 years old.

Warren Gilger, of Shamokin, was held up in his bed in a hotel on Wednesday, in order that he could see the funeral of his wife, whom he killed on Saturday, go by. He afterwards shot himself and will not recover.

Frank Togan died Tuesday at his home in South Scranton as a result of injuries sustained in a practice game with the high school football team last week. Togan was injured while engaged in a centre rush play.

A cow owned by Al. Wilson, near Williamsport, stepped on a board that covered a well, and was precipitated thirty two feet to the bottom. There were several feet of water in the well. The animal was drawn up by a windlass. It was not seriously injured.

The Twenty second Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment association will hold its annual reunion at Marklesburg, Huntingdon county, on Friday, October 18. A grand old time is anticipated and all old soldiers with their friends are requested to meet with the "boys" on the above date.

Pat Dunn, while driving one of T. F. Smith's lumber teams on the Kettle creek road, went over an embankment, near Snyder's, in Clinton county. Dunn was severely injured, but no bones were broken. The wagon was demolished and the horses were badly hurt.

Joseph McGuire was cut in the neck by an unknown man at Hudson, near Wilkesbarre, Wednesday night, receiving a wound an inch long. He wore a high collar which saved the jugular vein. The collar was stiffly starched, and a slit over two inches long was cut in it.

Ira Burket, aged 18 years, and his brother Edward, aged 22 years, sons of Edwin Burket, were on their way from Altoona to Claysburg last Wednesday night, when Ira attempted to kill himself. He fired three shots, but one of which taking effect. The bullet lodged under the skin on the forehead.

Martin Sevison, an employe of Danowski's sawmill at White Deer, was backing up to a table, in the top of which swiftly revolved a small circular saw. He placed his hands on the edge of the table, drew himself up and sat down squarely on the saw. Nineteen stitches were required to close the wound.

It is expected now that the new West Branch Valley railroad will be completed and trains running over it by March 1st, 1902. The heaviest piece of work on the new line is said to be the Fulton tunnel, two miles below Clearfield. It will be 2,000 feet long. Half of that distance has already been drilled through solid rock, 500 feet each end.

Joseph Woodley, 34 years old, and married, and William Cole, Jr., 17 years old, met with fatal accidents at the sawmill of William Cole, Sr., at Patton, on Saturday. An axle of a lumber truck broke and let a pile of lumber fall on them. Woodley's left arm, shoulder and side were crushed to a pulp. He died. Young Cole cannot recover.

It is seldom that a homestead reverts to four generations of a family and retains its name. "Elmwood Farm," three miles north of Greensburg, owned and occupied by David C. Gourley, is the exception. It was descended from Mr. Gourley's great-grandfather, John Gourley, who obtained a government patent for it and settled on it in 1772.

Alex. Burd, a 12 year old boy of Kingstown, Westmoreland county is dying from the effects of an explosion of a home made bomb. Burd and several playmates filled a gas pipe with dynamite on Sunday afternoon and lighted it. The fuse did not burn rapidly and young Burd went to investigate. As he reached the bomb it exploded. The youth's skull was badly shattered.

James A. Dinehart, veteran riverman of the West Branch valley, and for the past 30 years superintendent of the Susquehanna Boom Co., died at Williamsport Sunday morning from paralysis, 53 years old. In the 30 years he has worked for the Susquehanna Boom Co. it is estimated he handled a total of 4,000,000,000 feet of logs, a record that makes him king of the rivermen.

On the return of the Williamsport excursion train to Munson on Saturday night about 9:30, Henry Molick and a companion were standing on the track about a half mile east of the depot in the act of taking a drink from a bottle, when they were struck by the train named. Molick was instantly killed and his companion seriously hurt. The deceased leaves a wife and five children. He was a native of Poland.

Mountaineers say that there will be a very light chestnut crop this year. The small boys have been patiently awaiting the first big frost to loosen the nuts. Last fall the sure sign of a big crop was noticed, and it has failed. The old saying is that the trees bloom for a year ahead, and, according to the sign, the crop should be very heavy this fall, but those who live near the groves say that this is not true.

Four valuable horses of John and Harry Bash, of Pleasant Unity, Westmoreland county, were killed on the railroad, at a short distance below their farm house, at Thomas's school house, Sunday morning. The animals were caught on the rail bridge and terribly mutilated. One of the horses killed was valued at \$300, the owner having refused \$285 for it a few days ago. Another horse which was purchased for \$175 was among the four killed.

Governor Stone has appointed John O'Breiter and Dr. S. T. Davis, of Lancaster; William A. Robinson and Henry F. Kneeps, of Pittsburgh; George W. Sklamer, of Scotland, Nally, of Philadelphia, members of the Commission to erect a monument to commemorate the services of the 77th Pennsylvania regiment at the battle of Shiloh, for which an appropriation of \$4,000 was made by the last legislature.