

Ink Stings.

It is beginning to look as if CORAY will take the PALM.

To a competitor that is green with envy any successful newspaper is likely to look very yellow.

The ROOSEVELT children promise to dim even the luminous white house light of baby MCKEE.

One or two more of those juvenile jabs from the esteemed Republican will make us "go away back and sit down." Maybe.

The city papers are announcing that Mr. and Mrs. ALFRED G. VANDERBILT expect the stork. Now that is real news, isn't it?

The report of State Treasurer BARNET shows a balance of \$7,853.06 in the treasury on the last day of September. How in the world did it happen?

Apple peelings will undoubtedly become popular as a means of amusement for spinsters since scientists have declared that apples make people young.

As might have been expected ghoulish stories are now the meaus of Canton space writers to gather in a last harvest over the body of the dead President.

The W. C. T. U. has repudiated CARRIE NATION, but up to the present writing CARRIE hasn't made any demonstration of regret at being cast out of the elect of white ribbons.

The Governor said that "the Democratic party is dead," in a speech that he made at Franklin, on Tuesday evening. But the Governor really don't believe what he says. He will find it alive enough for all purposes this fall.

The young man whose mother is probably bending her back over a wash tub now dons his yachting cap and talks about the races with about as much intelligence as a cow would show in a discussion of the workings of wireless telegraphy. The world is full of such Willies off the yacht, however.

Again they get through with this SCHLEY investigation business there will be very few officers in the navy who will not be wanting vindication. They seem to be as bad as those Harrisburg Methodist preachers at calling each other liars, except that they are a little more choice in the use of words to mean the same thing.

Pennsylvania needs more than such a homeopathic dose of reform as one Democrat and one Union Republican will be. The only thing that will purge the State of such a pernicious canker as QUAYISM has been is another one of those allopathic doses such as it received in 1882 and 1890, when PATTERSON was elected on a straight ticket.

My, the saucy little devil! Why, we can't ask a civil question any more without making the Republican's editor clout up. Now we didn't really care why DAN wasn't at the Union party convention, only we thought that if there were no negro proxy for him to get in on we didn't want the Republican to "scoop" us on making the fact public.

As far back as 1899 Senator TILLMAN, of South Carolina, said at his own table one day: "The President embarrasses me with his consideration and confidence. He is the most lovable man I know." He did not wait until he was dead to eulogize the President, yet there are plenty of bigoted, lying sneaks who would call TILLMAN an anarchist.

Judging from the woeful tale that came from the Philippines Lord KITCHENER isn't the only leader of a great nation's field forces who has to "regret to report." The killing of forty Americans at one time looks as if our war is going on at pretty near the same disastrous rate that characterizes the English outrages in South Africa.

A strange fatality seems to hang over the SCHLEY court of inquiry. It was only a few days ago that SCHLEY's senior counsel, Judge WILSON, died suddenly and the court had scarcely recovered from that shock when it was startled by the sad news that Capt. LEMLY's sister had been burned to death at her home at Charlotte, N. C. The Captain is Judge Advocate General of the board.

The statement of the United States Steel Co., just published, showing that the net earnings of the great corporation during six months have been \$54,954,871 is enough to engender anarchism. Such enormous profits, in the face of a refusal to give employees even a considerate hearing of their request for better wages, are brought about through governmental favoritism that makes the masses feel that all is for the few.

It is a most unseemly squabble that Dr. SILAS C. SWALLOW and Rev. C. V. HARTZELL, two ministers of the Methodist church residing in Harrisburg, have gotten into. Calling each other liar may not be far from "giving the devil his dues," in this particular case, but it would be far better to keep up the deception than to drag the clergy and the church into such unfortunate publicity. It does seem strange that a Methodist minister can be counted on nearly every time, to lose his head about as quick as the owner of a fighting dog. Of course there are exceptions in the ministry who seem to comprehend their real mission, but much of their efficiency is counteracted by the effects of just such incidents as this SWALLOW-HARTZELL name calling match.

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Governor Stone's Speech.

Governor STONE'S Pittsburg speech of Saturday night was disingenuous, to say the least. He denied too much and asserted too much. He denied the charge made in the Democratic platform that the state government is honey combed with profligacy, and cited the reputation of the only two public officials who have never been charged with corruption to support his denial. The Rev. Dr. REED, State Librarian, is not a corruptionist and Dr. SCHAEFFER, Superintendent of Public Instruction, is not a profligate. But notwithstanding their freedom from blame the charge is correct. The state government is honey combed with corruption and the Governor himself is culpable above all. He has not only contributed largely to the venality of the Departments but he has encouraged and promoted profligacy in the Legislature.

The Governor declared that the reelection of Senator QUAY was a ratification of an issue that was settled by the people at the last November election. He must have known that that was a falsehood. The people within the sound of his voice knew that a majority of the General Assembly were chosen with the understanding that they would vote, not for QUAY but against him. They knew that Senator WASHBURN, of Crawford county, was elected to vote against QUAY. They knew that Senator BUDKE, of Washington county, was instructed by the voters of his district to vote against QUAY and they knew that the five traitorous Democrats who voted for MARSHALL for Speaker of the House never would have been elected if their perfidy had been even suspected. Governor STONE well knew those things and he knew that if MARSHALL had not been elected Speaker and the machine which he represented been thus deprived of the patronage of the office to use for bribing Legislators QUAY would not have been elected. His statement that the people shared in the crime of electing QUAY was a slanderous lie out of the whole cloth.

His statement that the Democratic platform is anarchistic is no less reckless and false. That platform simply condemns the immoralities that have become common in the public life of the State and if that is anarchistic then every clergyman who performs his duty is an anarchist. Would the Governor have us remain silent while crimes are committed before our eyes. It is a principal of law that a man who is cognizant of a crime, either before or after the fact, and neglects to prevent it, if in his power, or to invoke punishment, is culpable. Governor STONE, therefore, promotes crime by denouncing the condemnation of crime as anarchy and the people should rebuke his disregard of moral obligations by voting down the candidate of his party.

To-morrow, Saturday, October 5th, will be the last day on which taxes to secure a vote may be paid. Remember this, especially you young fellows who voted on age last fall. You will have to pay a tax before you can vote again.

The Notification Meeting.

The Democratic notification meeting in Philadelphia last week was the most inspiring incident of recent politics. It was not only largely attended but it brought together the representatives of all factions of the party for a common purpose, the success of the party. There were present from all sections of the State the old and the new leaders of the organization. Gray haired men who a quarter of a century ago were familiar figures in Democratic conventions were fraternizing with the hustling young fellows who are the present managers of the campaign and equal interest in the work was revealed by both.

The speeches on the occasion were likewise exceptional, measured by modern standards. Judge DOTY, who presided at the meeting, conveyed the official notification in an address worthy of the best tradition of the party and the responses were of the same high character. Judge YERKES pledged himself in the event of his election to perform the duties of his office to the best of his ability and his long and able service on the bench of Bucks county is a guarantee that it will be well performed. Representative PALM was equally clear and emphatic in his pledge of reform in the conduct of the office for which he has been nominated.

No political campaign was ever more auspiciously opened in this State. Chairman CREASY has revealed the highest order of ability as a political manager and organizer and the splendid success of the organizing meeting of the campaign is a most substantial evidence of the fact. It made the most favorable impression upon the minds of all those who were brought to the scene by personal or political interest and commanded the admiration of others who happened to be spectators of the event willingly or unwillingly. It is to be hoped that there will be no relaxation of interest as the campaign progresses.

Accept the Opportunity When Offered.

The election of an efficient and able Supreme Court Judge and of an honest and competent State Treasurer is an important matter to the people of Pennsylvania. It is, however, not half so important as a change in the constitution whereby registration and election laws can be secured that will insure honest elections and honest returns. It is within the reach of the voters of the State to secure both these results at the coming election. The election of Judge YERKES or Mr. PALM or Mr. CORAY would insure the former and the adoption of the proposed amendments to the constitution would give an opportunity for the latter.

Those who have an idea of the political situation in the State can judge closely of the chances of election of a competent judge and an honest treasurer. But so little has been said about the proposed amendments and so little attention been given them by the people that it is a very difficult matter to form any opinion as to the chances of their success. Unless public sentiment can be aroused on this subject and the people be made to understand the great importance of this matter it is fair to presume that they will be allowed to go by default and the State be left for another period of from five to seven years with its present inadequate and unsatisfactory election system. This should not be allowed. Every man who takes an interest in politics, who desires to see honest elections, to have election laws that will prevent the work of repeaters, ballot-box stuffers, false counters and intimidations should interest himself in arousing public sentiment on this question. It is really the most important matter the people of Pennsylvania have been called upon to determine since the adoption of the present constitution. The machine, and those who profit by frauds at election, will, in all probability, be against these amendments and because they will be against them is the strongest reason why the people should be for them. In the adoption of these amendments lies the hope of better things for Pennsylvania in the future, and every man who casts a ballot, and every individual who has the honor and welfare of the Commonwealth at heart should devote his time and his energies, until the close of the polls on the 5th of November, to arousing his neighbor and associates to the great importance of securing their approval of these amendments.

Should Be Satisfactory To Them.

If the contention of the Philadelphia newspapers that are favoring fusion in that city is correct, they should be satisfied with the situation. During the entire summer they have been charging that the organization claiming to represent the regular Democracy is nothing more nor less than an adjunct of the QUAY-ASHBRIDGE machine. If this charge is correct then the placing of a regular Democratic ticket in the field is exactly what they should desire. Without a Democratic ticket to vote for those belonging to this organization would, if guilty of the duplicity laid at their door, vote straight for the Republican candidates. With a ticket of their own, a godly portion of these voters must cast their ballots for it; thus preventing the swelling of the votes cast for the Republican nominees. In the light of the information that independent papers have furnished us on this subject, we take it they should be thankful that these QUAY-ASHBRIDGE Democrats, as they call them, have concluded to vote for other persons than the QUAY-ASHBRIDGE nominees.

Support the Constitutional Amendment.

If the friends of ballot reform in the State are wise they will not fail to give attention to the pending constitutional amendments. The tone of the Governor's Pittsburg speech in referring to the matter is not reassuring. That is to say while he did not declare an opposition to the amendment providing for personal registration in the proposition which is ominous. "So far as I know," he said, "it will meet with no serious opposition at the polls." But he preceded that remark by expressing a doubt as to the efficacy of such a cure for the existing evil.

It may be true that the proposed amendment will not cure all the evils of the present election law. But it will provide a means of stopping the most prolific source of election frauds. In other words it will minimize the opportunities for repeaters and personators to operate where they are able to completely control elections by fraud. If election frauds are practiced in spite of personal registration, those who engage in the work will take greater risks than they do at present and the chances of punishment will be correspondingly increased. That is a sufficient reason for supporting the amendments if there were no other.

The present indications are that the amendment will be adopted. But nothing in politics is certain and those who favor honest elections should proceed on the theory that every effort is necessary to guarantee the victory. Men are liable to forget side issues when a bitter campaign is on for important offices and the machine

will make a strong fight to retain control of the State Treasury and maintain their present strength on the Supreme court bench. If the proper effort is made, however, the Democratic ticket will not only be elected but the constitutional amendment will be adopted by a safe majority.

The Bill Settled at Last.

The last chapter in the celebrated ETTLINGER tragedy which occurred at Woodward on March 6th, 1896, was enacted in this place on Wednesday.

The awful scenes that aroused that ordinarily peaceful community on that fatal day have been kept vivid before the public eye ever since, but now the last case arising from it has been settled and the details of the harrowing story will pass into memory, only to be recalled as parallels to some equally atrocious crime.

The story of the murder of constable BARNEE, the burning of the GOODMAN house in which ETTLINGER, the murderer, resided, the subsequent suits against the county and Sheriff CONDO to recover for the building and the unjust verdict of a jury holding the latter responsible is too well known to need retelling here. Suffice it to say that on Feb. 9th the WATCHMAN took the matter up and never for a moment ceased working until the Legislature of Pennsylvania said that Centre county, and not her defaulting Sheriff, should bear the burden.

Public opinion was so general in its expression of regret that the case should have ended as it did that the WATCHMAN first undertook the work of lifting the burden from him by a popular subscription. The amount had reached \$175.00, when the calls for other purposes became so numerous that it was decided to withdraw the CONDO fund for a time. The thought then occurred that the proper course to pursue would be to have the Legislature pass an act instructing the Commissioners of Centre county to pay the bill. This seemed to be the most equitable course, after all, since it would apportion it among all the taxpayers of the county. Accordingly a bill was drafted and presented to the Legislature. It passed both Houses without opposition and was signed by the Governor on Wednesday, May 23rd.

On Wednesday Sheriff CONDO was in Bellefonte and the Commissioners handed him \$1405.03, being the balance of \$1805.03 necessary to cover all the bills of expense incurred by him in the litigation. While there will be general satisfaction in knowing that justice has been done an official who was plainly in pursuit of his duty it will be but natural if there is wonderment as to why the old board of Commissioners, then in office, did not settle with the GOODMAN'S, when an opportunity to do so for \$1,200 was offered.

Such a settlement would undoubtedly have resulted in a saving of \$605.03 to the county, but the conditions of the case were so peculiar as to give rise to doubt as to whether the Commissioners had any right to deal with it. It stood almost without parallel in legal history and the course taken was considered to be the right one at the time, although it came very near fastening a large bill of expense on an official who was acting under the advice of counsel and the concurrence of the public at the time.

A Proper Way to Vote.

If the Democrats of Philadelphia desire to do themselves an honor and their city a good turn they will cast their votes for W. FRED ROTHERMEL for District Attorney, notwithstanding the fact that Mr. W. WILKENS CARR is running as a Democratic candidate for that office. Mr. CARR may be a very good lawyer and a respectable citizen but his Democracy was of that character that thought it no crime to assist in the election of a Republican President both times Mr. BRYAN was a nominee. This, however, has nothing to do with the present situation. It is a fact that he stands no more chance of an election than a wingless bird does of flying to the moon and that his candidacy can only assist in making the machine nominee successful.

In the election of Mr. ROTHERMEL lies the hope of seeing out punishment to the denouncers of elections in Philadelphia. It was his persistent prosecution of these offenders that caused his own party machine to turn him down. It is the knowledge that they can neither control nor prevent these prosecutions, in case of his re-election, that creates the bitterness the machine shows towards him and inspires its efforts for his defeat.

With no chance to elect a Democrat, the best Democrat in the world is excusable for casting his vote where it will do the most good. It should be left to the friends of the QUAY machine to divide their votes between WEAVER and CARR while it is the plain duty of every honest citizen, no matter what his political predilections, to cast his ballot for the one man who has proved himself true to the people's interests and thus made himself the target for the QUAY-ASHBRIDGE outfit.

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Some of Pennsylvania's Ills.

From the Pittsburg Post.

A brilliant writer in the "Atlantic Monthly" for October attempts an explanation of the corrupt condition into which Pennsylvania has fallen under the heading of "The Ills of Pennsylvania," signed by "A Pennsylvanian." There is a great deal of truth in the paper and much that is left unsaid. The usual explanation we hear from our own people is the ignorance of great masses of our population and the fact that they are foreigners. This the "Atlantic" writer demolishes. He compares our population with that of Massachusetts, as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Percentage. Includes Massachusetts (Native-born of native parents 44%, Foreigners 56%), Pennsylvania (Native-born of native parents 66%, Foreigners 34%), Boston (Native-born of native parents 25%, Foreigners 75%), Philadelphia (Native-born of native parents 47%, Foreigners 53%).

As Webster said, "Massachusetts—there she stands. And Pennsylvania—there she stands, too. Philadelphia is the most native-born and the most evil large city in America. You can't dismiss Pennsylvania's problem with a shrug of the shoulders and an easily uttered, "Oh, hordes of foreign-born foreigners!" You may go over the whole list of the bosses and sub-bosses of the State, and find hardly ever a "Mac," or an "O," or a "berg," or a "stein," or a "ski." It is sons of the Revolution, descendants of the first inhabitants, that are responsible for Pennsylvania's condition. Now why? Why is Massachusetts, with her native-born in a numerical minority, the best governed Commonwealth in the Union, while Pennsylvania, with native-born in large majority, wallows in corruption?

The first answer is, Because Pennsylvania has an overwhelming majority. But this is too obvious to be good. It doesn't carry us anywhere. Why does Pennsylvania have such Republican majorities? Again the obvious answer, because it is a manufacturing State, and wants a protective tariff. But so is Massachusetts a manufacturing State, so does Massachusetts want a protective tariff. Massachusetts' delegation in Congress have been just as largely in favor of protection as Pennsylvania's; Massachusetts has just as uniform a Republican in general elections when protection was involved: yet the Massachusetts Republican voter does not obey the Pennsylvania behest, "Hold your hands up, shut your eyes and vote the Republican ticket."

Looking deeper, the "Atlantic" writer discovers Quayism as the cause of the moral degradation of the State. The corrupt politician demoralizes and corrupts the people. That is precisely what has happened in Pennsylvania. Mr. Quay's first maxim is that every man has his price. The "Atlantic" philosopher says it applies: "For car loads f. o. b. at Baltimore to serve as repeaters at the Philadelphia elections, \$1.00 per head; for a member of the Legislature at a critical pinch, \$37,000; for a respectable business man and church official to lend the dignity of his name to a Quay meeting, a reduced assessment on his property, or a franchise to a company of which he is a director; for a socially ambitious nouveau riche, the appointment of his son as under secretary of a foreign legation."

The First Lady of the Land.

From the Philadelphia Times.

Mrs. Roosevelt is a type of the finest American womanhood.

She is thoroughly domestic, devoted to husband, children and home.

One of the few clubs in which she takes an active interest is the Mother's association of New York state, of which she is a member. President Roosevelt is on the advisory board of the National association of mothers.

Mrs. Roosevelt has published a volume of poems.

She knows how to sew.

She is exceedingly fond of reading.

She is a good horse woman.

She knows politics like a man.

She is an accomplished linguist. "At her official receptions," according to one who knows her, "she will be able to chat in their own languages with half the ambassadors there."

She has taught her children to say "Father" and "Mother."

She is deeply religious.

Mrs. Roosevelt has brown eyes and brown hair.

She wears her hair in one way always—brushed away smoothly from her face and then coiled at the back.

She dresses simply especially in the street, wears no jewels excepting with evening dress, which is always very handsome.

She has the enviable faculty which helped to make Mrs. Cleveland so popular of remembering not only the personality of those she meets even only occasionally, but their names and facts regarding them.

Young Men at the Head of Colleges.

From the Success.

The youngest college President is said to be John H. McCracken, who at 25, presides over Westminster College at Fulton, Mo., while his father, Henry M. McCracken is the executive head of New York University. Jerome Hall Raymond, president of the University of West Virginia, was elected to that office when 28 years old. President Booth of New York, was elected when 35 years old. Rev. Burriss A. Jenkins was two years younger when he became President of the University of Indianapolis. Dr. Daniel E. Jenkins, President of Parsons College, Iowa, was just 30 years of age when he took the place, in 1896, Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman was 38 years old when he went to preside over Cornell University.

It is a good thing for the young men of the county, who voted on age last fall, to remember that unless their taxes are paid by to-morrow, Saturday, they will be unable to vote at the coming election.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—District Attorney W. I. Swoope, of Clearfield, has been elected a vice president of the League of Republican Clubs of Pennsylvania.

—Harry W. Lentz, a well-known business man of Williamsport, died suddenly Sunday morning from a paralytic stroke. He was 42 years old.

—Dr. F. P. Ball, of Lock Haven, was elected president of the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania at the annual meeting of the society at Philadelphia Wednesday.

—Monday night thieves broke into the barber shop of Ira Stoops, New Bloomfield and stole therefrom eight razors, hair clipper, all his tonics and five boxes of cigars.

—Early Monday morning James Foltz, of Milton, fell out of bed and was a corpse before his wife could reach him. He was 46 years old and died from paralysis of the heart.

—Pine Flats, Indiana county, and vicinity are suffering from an epidemic of typhoid fever. There have been several deaths and there are still in the neighborhood of twenty cases.

—The second annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Congress of Mothers will be held in Williamsport at the Park hotel, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24th, 25th and 26th.

—James M. Mulville, a Pennsylvania middle division flagman, Saturday morning fell from a train at Westport, and his right hand was so badly mangled that it had to be amputated at Renovo.

—The eighteenth annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Huntingdon county was held in Huntingdon on Thursday and Friday of last week. All the sessions were full of interest.

—N. C. Simpson, of Hamill, Indiana county, harvested, perhaps, the largest crop of hay gathered in the county during the season. The crop on his several farms totaled 325 loads, which fill his many barns.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Barkley, who reside near Blairsville, celebrated their golden wedding Monday of last week. The celebration was held in St. Simon and Jude's church, Blairsville, in which the venerable couple were married.

—While several boys were shooting pigeons at Sunbury Monday morning, 15-year-old Ralph Ramsey ran to pick up a wounded bird. As he ran close to John Specht, the gun in the hands of the latter exploded. Ramsey was instantly killed, but Specht was not injured.

—Louis Craig, a carpenter whose home is in Reward, Perry county, was struck on the head by a stone in Wilmore Tuesday forenoon and so badly hurt that he died at 2 o'clock that afternoon. He was employed by contractor Kerbaugh on the new railroad work and was in the trestle gang.

—A few days ago while the morning train on the Philadelphia and Erie railroad was in the vicinity of the first fork of Sinnemahoning a deer was seen running along on the tracks of the train. After a short race the deer jumped down the embankment and swam the river in full view of the passengers.

—Miss Minta Beamer, of Latrobe, is seriously ill, the result of blood poisoning, caused by being struck on the forehead by the point of a lead pencil, which she requested an employe in Williams' store where she was employed, to throw her. Her face has swollen to abnormal proportions and she suffers greatly from the pain.

—The house of Clarence Bell, near the Lutz school house in White township, Indiana county, was totally destroyed by fire last week. All the family were away from home at the time and it is thought the fire originated from a defective flue. Everything in the house was burned with the exception of one bed, which pupils of the school succeeded in saving.

—A Polish wedding was held at Clearfield recently and the Karthaus Times secured a copy of the original order for supplies for the feast which is as follows: Thirty four kegs of beer, 85 pounds of beef, 60 pounds of Polish sausage, 2 hams, 11 gallons of whiskey, 15 cases of pop, 2 gallons wine. For the ball which followed the order amounted to this: Forty kegs of beer, 15 cases of pop, 7 boxes cigars 400 sandwiches, 8 hams, 3 hushes peanuts.

—According to the Lock Haven Express a dastardly attempt was made early last Thursday morning to wreck one of the flyer passenger trains on the Pennsylvania road near the end of the bridge which crosses the river at Montgomery. The track walter while walking over his beat found a piece of iron a foot in length solidly wedged between the "T" of the switch frog in such a manner as would have derailed and thrown over a steep embankment the first train striking it.

—It has been discovered that Daleville, Delaware county, Ind., a town of about one thousand inhabitants, has not been included in the last census, although the township in which it is located is given. The census officials in Washington say they had to depend on the supervisors and enumerators entirely and if they failed to make a separate notation of a village in a township, the head-quarter officials could not know such a town existed. The town of Daleville does not appear in the census roll of 1890 either. It is a postoffice, but the fact that it was not separately enumerated in 1890 or 1900 is taken as evidence that legally it is merely a part of a township.

—A special dispatch to the Pittsburg Commercial Gazette dated Sept. 29th says: A queer suit for damages comes from the neighborhood of Karthaus. The claimant is a farmer who lives near the line of the new West Branch railroad, now being built from Clearfield to Williamsport. William Hughes is the contractor at this point on the road, and the farmer makes a claim for \$300 damages for the annoyance and fear from the snakes that, he alleges, have been driven from the railroad to his farm and buildings. The farmer sent for contractor Hughes and when the latter arrived he found the farmer and all his family killing snakes; the man declared they had done little else for three weeks. In proof of his assertion he escorted Hughes behind the barn where on a fence were strung 123 copperheads, 45 rattlers and 22 snakes of a less dangerous variety. Contractor Hughes offered to pay \$25, but this sum was refused and the farmer went before a Girard township justice of the peace and entered suit.