

Ink Slings.

Now if we're to have real fusion Let there be a great infusion Of Democrat and Union push and go. It's no longer a delusion That the State's in great confusion So let's turn MAR's crowd out into the snow.

Let us make GARDNER'S vote a big one. He deserves it. Representative PALM'S withdrawal from the Democratic ticket makes fusion certain.

It is a good thing to encourage a good official. Let us re-elect Mr. GARDNER with a great vote.

So CHAUNCEY DEPEW is to be married again. Well, that will end the after dinner talking.

Every vote cast in this county for the machine state ticket is a vote of approval for every theiving act and every vicious measure passed by the last Legislature.

TAMMANY has spiked the opposition gun in New York by nominating a man for Mayor who is the equal in respectability and integrity of any of the so-called reformers.

Philadelphia may be a slow city but when it comes to the matter of kidnapping women its enlightened denizens seem to get in their work about as effectively as do the benighted Bulgarians.

If this naval investigation continues much longer it will seriously shake the public faith in history, but the fact will still remain deeply engraved upon the mind of all that SCHLEY won the Santiago fight.

What in the world do you suppose the crew of the English ship Easingwold could have been drinking? They swear that in the Indian Ocean recently they sailed for fourteen miles through a sea of writhing wriggling red snakes.

ALLEN BRIT STEELE once said, "a dying mule kicks in all directions" and that is very probably the reason ALGER'S book flays everybody connected with the War Department but himself and the few others who shared with him the distinction (?) of trying to feed the American soldiers embalmed beef.

Almost simultaneously with the appearance of the North American's first Sunday edition—that "sensible Sunday newspaper"—two of its employees went to jail for one of the most nonsensical crimes committed in that city in years. Perhaps they exhausted all their good sense in the salutatory issue.

Judge LOVE, it is said, is showing particular interest in the county campaign this fall. He is doing this because every vote he can secure for the machine ticket is a vote of approval of a state platform that charges "our" Daniel with having left a deficit in the State treasury when he left the gubernatorial office.

Miss STONE, an American missionary who is in the hands of brigands in Bulgaria, was not killed on Tuesday, as they threatened to do if the \$125,000 demanded as ransom was not paid by that time. While every one is shocked at the misfortune that has befallen this good woman she might have met a very similar fate had she remained at home and gone to work in Philadelphia. They need missionaries down there.

The latest bit of news that is going the rounds is to the effect that architect PHILIP JOHNSON, who designed the magnificent Pennsylvania state building at Buffalo, is to design the new four million capitol building at Harrisburg. If it is true the Commission has certainly secured a peach and we would suggest that the new capitol be planned somewhat after that Pan-American building that we are all so proud of.

The Altoona Tribune calls an officer of the law who permits a profane exclamation to pass his lips "an unconscious anarchist." Whether he is or not he ought to be bounced for swearing. There is no practice so altogether useless as swearing. It serves absolutely no purpose and while it has fastened itself on many people as a habit it is none the less indicative of a short vocabulary, lack of refinement and gentility and a streak of coarseness in one's character.

It is coming very close to the time when their votes will show just how many Centre county Republicans endorse the course of their late Representative, JOHN K. THOMPSON. Every ballot cast for the machine state ticket will be a vote of approval of the course of the man whom Governor HASTINGS denounced "a liar, a thief and a bribe taker." THOMPSON'S acts are endorsed by the machine State platform and the man who votes for that votes to say THOMPSON did right.

M. I. GARDNER'S candidacy for re-election is meeting with most cordial support on all sides. The people of Centre county recognize that in him they have an extraordinarily competent official and a man whose clean character warrants the respect of everyone. The three years he has been in office equip him for even better service—if that is possible—during the second term to which he is entitled. While his re-election is almost a foregone conclusion it would be only a fitting recognition of such a capable official if he were given a rousing majority.—Think this over, citizens. There is no serious opposition to Mr. GARDNER, so why not turn in and make his re-election as much of a compliment as possible by piling up a great vote for him.

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The Withdrawal of Palm.

The withdrawal of Hon. A. J. PALM, as the candidate of the Democratic party for State Treasurer, practically assures the fusion of all the political elements of the State that favor honest government, against the candidate of the QUAY machine. As a matter of fact in the nature of things fusion was inevitable from the beginning. Events have been leading up to it for years and leading Democrats and Independent Republicans have alike contributed to the result. Fusion failed at the organization of the Legislature in 1899 only because the combined vote of the Democrats and Insurgents was inadequate to compass the defeat of the QUAY machine in the House of Representatives. It failed at the organization of the Legislature of 1901 for the reason that some recalcitrant Democrats proved treacherous. The withdrawal of PALM and the substitution of CORAY is the logical sequence of these failures.

In his letter to the members of the Democratic state central committee, conveying the information of his withdrawal, Mr. PALM recites the reasons which influenced him to his course in language that is alike forceful, timely and eloquent. "I am convinced that the Democratic sentiment of the State is strongly in favor of uniting our strength with that of the Independent Republicans," he declares, "in what promises to be a successful contest against the political organization which is so lost to all sense of honor and shame as to endorse the last Legislature in a state platform." Entertaining such views there was nothing for Mr. PALM to do other than that which he has done. Because of that conviction he writes "I deem it my duty as a citizen, as well as a candidate, to make the way clear for a fusion ticket." In that he is both unselfish and patriotic. It is the act of an honest and earnest man.

Whatever opinions may have been entertained of fusion hitherto, in the light of existing circumstances all must agree that it is the wise course to pursue now. As Mr. PALM says "every good Democrat should cheerfully acquiesce in the judgment of the majority." That has always been our idea of party and patriotic duty and when, as Mr. PALM adds, "the principles of the decalogue itself are forced upon us as the gauge of battle and we are called upon to decide whether bribery, perjury and general political corruption shall be rebuked or whether they shall be willfully endorsed at the ballot box," there is no alternative for men who have the preservation of popular government and the prosperity of the people at heart. What Mr. PALM says of Representative CORAY is likewise literally true. During a service in the Legislature covering three sessions he has been the WARWICK in the cause of reform and honest government. No man of any party has worked more persistently to encompass the destruction of machine rule and we, as Democrats, can readily support him on such a basis.

Roosevelt and the Machine.

The signs of an impending break between President ROOSEVELT and such leaders of his party as HANNA, PLATT and QUAY are multiplying. He recently gave them something like a shock by declaring that he believed in the merit rather than the partisan test in making appointments to office. The new President's long service in the civil service commission gave a peculiar significance to the statement and a corresponding uneasiness to the machine. But an announcement which he subsequently made to the effect that he will appoint Democrats to office, when no fit Republicans are presented, is even more startling.

Such a policy would be had for the political machine but it is not certain that it would have the same effect on the party or on the President. In fact it may be conjectured that the abuses in the appointment of public officials under the partisanship test has about reached the stage which provokes revolution in public sentiment and compels a reversal. ROOSEVELT is just the sort of man that would act the pioneer in the new system and if the party organization drives him too far, as it is more than likely to do, he may throw it overboard altogether. As a matter of fact he did that in the case of the District Attorney of Kansas.

No doubt the President's first thought in making appointments, as in other things, will be the public welfare, but he will not through it all remove his eyes from the fact that he desires a nomination and election to the office which he now fills as the result of a national tragedy. If therefore it should appear to his mind that the strict adherence to the merit system in appointments, or the selection of Democrats where fit Republicans had not been presented, would promote his ambition for an election it may be confidently predicted that he would adopt the policy promptly and adhere to it tenaciously.

It is only three weeks from next Tuesday until the people will have an opportunity of showing their condemnation of machine methods and machine management.

Quay Building Up False Hopes.

Senator QUAY expresses confidence that President ROOSEVELT will support the "organization" in this State, which is surprising. The Senator bases his opinion on the fact that ROOSEVELT has always been an organization man in the past, but that only shows that the "old man" is becoming credulous. In other words Mr. ROOSEVELT'S attachment to organizations that were decent before he became President is no reason why he should or evidence that he will give the benefit of his support to a band of pirates, claiming to be an organization, since he acquired that great distinction. Besides his present associations indicate that he is not in sympathy with the "organization" in this State. His Postmaster General is not supporting the organization and if the President were not in accord with him there would be what Senator TELLER characterized as "a parting of the ways."

DAVID H. LANE, of Philadelphia, defined the organization of Pennsylvania in his speech the other evening. He said:

The cohesive power of the organization is the offices. There are 10,000 of them at the disposal of the organization.

The Poles, Hebrews, Hungarians, Italians and other foreigners who come here vote with us because we control the offices. They want favors, and know they cannot get them unless they are with us.

The organization is strong because it controls the offices which contribute all that goes to make it strong. Without the offices this great organization would crumble and fall.

Mr. LANE spoke of Philadelphia but he manifestly meant Pennsylvania. The head of the Philadelphia organization is QUAY and ISRAEL W. DURHAM is his executive officer. The head of the state organization is QUAY and DURHAM is his executive officer. Therefore the two organizations are identical, except for a difference in some of the subordinate officers. That is to say in the state organization JOHN P. ELKIN occupies the position which Mr. LANE fills in the Philadelphia organization.

Does Senator QUAY expect any self-respecting man to affiliate with such a combination of robbers and black-mailers as Mr. LANE describes the Philadelphia organization to be? During the recent session of the Legislature FRANK G. HARRIS, the candidate of the Republican organization for State Treasurer, was a conspicuous supporter of every job which was presented in the interest of the machine. He led in the fight for the atrocious "tripper" legislation and in the infamous raid on the rights of the people as expressed in the vicious measures for grabbing franchises. According to Mr. LANE he is the candidate of the organization and if the President supports him he must endorse every line of his wretched record in the Legislature and out of it. QUAY must know that President ROOSEVELT will not do that. He must be aware that such a man must be abhorrent to the President and in alleging that the President will support the organization he slanders the Chief Magistrate of the country, or if he does not the people are woefully deceived in the lamented McKINLEY'S successor.

A Practical View.

Representative SHAFROTH, of Colorado, who has just returned from the Philippines, where he spent four months investigating conditions, has given the public his views. Mr. SHAFROTH was first elected to Congress as a Republican in 1894 but left that party to join the forces of the Silver Republicans after the nomination of McKINLEY and the declaration for the gold standard. But in everything else than the money question he is still a Republican and is not averse to expansion on the Republican plan. But he is a man of keen business intelligence and discusses the question of the retention of the Asiatic islands with peculiar clearness and force.

Peace is practically restored in the Philippines, Mr. SHAFROTH declares, and except in one of the unimportant islands the conquest of the natives is complete. But it has cost more than the property is worth. The present expenditure, he adds, is about \$75,000,000 a year and though the land is fertile and resources great it will be impossible to recover the vast sums that have been expended. Even after peace is completely established, he continues, 30,000 men will be required to garrison the territory so as to preserve order and therefore the expense will equal the gain for all time and there will be nothing left as recompense for the labor or compensation for the risk.

There is probably no use in further discussing the moral side of the question. Until the military spirit, which has grown up in the country during the past few years, subsides conquest will be the ruling passion among the people. Right or wrong, until the change which is certain comes, the people of this country will favor the retention of the Philippines unless they are influenced by other considerations to another view of the subject. For that reason the opinion of Mr. SHAFROTH is valuable. It appeals to the most potent power in the American heart.

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A Plain Duty Now.

Today, Friday, fusion between the Democrats and Independent Republicans of the State will be formally effected at Harrisburg. The Democratic state committee meets there for the purpose of accepting the resignation of Mr. PALM, Democratic candidate for State Treasurer, and substituting for his name upon the ticket that of Mr. CORAY, an Independent Republican. As to the wisdom of this act there are many Democrats who have grave doubts. Some, because they hesitate to cast their vote for a Republican, others because they question the legality of the nomination in the face of the resolution passed by the Democratic state convention, instructing the state committee to fill any vacancy that might occur by the nomination of a Democratic candidate and others because of the effect failure or success of the movement may have upon the question of fusion next fall, when the issues to be determined will be of vastly more importance than are those of the present campaign.

Whatever the wisdom or effect of this movement this fall may be there is but one course now for loyal Democrats to pursue—that is to support the ticket with the same honesty and earnestness that they would one of their own making.

As to the fitness of the two candidates for the Supreme court bench there can be no question. Mr. YERKES is so far above the leaky POTTER in legal ability, in honesty, in integrity and judicial training that no comparison between the two men can be made, while Mr. CORAY is so vastly superior to the machine heeler, FRANK HARRIS, that he would be a queer voter who would hesitate for a moment as to which of these should receive his ballot. It is not a question now between Democrats and Republicans. The issue is between the people of the State and the machine and he who hesitates to vote for YERKES and CORAY simply assists the machine in its efforts to maintain its grip upon the Commonwealth.

As Democrats we may doubt the wisdom of fusion at this time much as we have a mind to, but under the circumstances our duty is plain and positive—and that is to assist in breaking the power of the ring by voting the ticket that is opposed to it. No good Democrat will hesitate to fulfill this duty.

General Alger's Book.

Gen. ALGER'S book, so long looked for, is out at last and if the advance sheets published in the papers the other day are representative of the work, it will be most interesting. As a rule books predicated on spite are not of much value. Senator SHERMAN'S memories, issued a short time before he and General ALGER became members of the same presidential family, greatly disappointed popular expectation, because it was made a sort of sluice way to drain off his enmities. SHERMAN was a man of extraordinary ability and if he failed in such an enterprise it can hardly be expected that ALGER will succeed. Still measured by the demand for the work this newest contribution to the literature of hate will be a success, for the indications are that there will be an enormous demand for it.

ALGER'S book is the sequel of the embalmied beef controversy which followed the Spanish war. General MILES made the charge, upon his return from Porto Rico, that the troops under his command there and in Cuba had been rationed by meat that had been preserved by the processes used in embalming dead bodies, or similar processes. This led to an investigation which resulted in "cashiering" Commissary General EGAN and the forced retirement of General ALGER from the office of Secretary of War. The beef trust which supplied the poisoned meat was vindicated, as most people believe, under orders from the administration, while ALGER was sulking into retirement. He was the cleanest of the lot but became the "scape goat," likewise under orders. His book is his medium of getting even with all concerned.

The book "calls a spade a spade," we are led to infer by curiously glancing over the advance sheets. It denounces General MILES in unsparring terms and accuses Admiral SAMPSON of lying and other things that wouldn't look well in a family newspaper. The publication was delayed on account of the death of President McKINLEY and some changes in text were made necessary by that tragedy, so that it may be conjectured that under other circumstances he would have come in for a share of criticism. Or it may be that the elevation of President ROOSEVELT made it necessary to alter the references to him. ROOSEVELT was the real originator of the scandal which culminated in ALGER'S retirement. It was he who got up the famous "Round Robin" which was the beginning of ALGER'S troubles.

Former county commissioner and recorder James Strohm is being urged by some of his friends to be a candidate for county superintendent of schools.

Time to Waken Up, Democrats!

Now that the party leaders have succeeded in making a fusion with the Independent Republicans and in exposing the divided and doubtful conditions of the Philadelphia Democracy, it might be well if they would take a few days off and ascertain just how much life there is in the party organizations throughout the State. It is true that our knowledge may be limited as to the condition of Democratic organizations outside of the city of Philadelphia, but, if we are not mistaken in our reading of the signs of the times, there is less interest being taken by the masses this fall in the political situation than has been for many, many years. At no time or at no place do we hear politics discussed. Men meet and talk over the ordinary occurrences of the day but when asked as to the political situation in their neighborhood the universal response is "there is no politics this fall." This does not augur well for a full vote and without a full vote on the part of the Democrats, as well as of the Independent Republicans, there will be little chance to do more than lessen the usual Republican majority in the State.

Those charged with the welfare of the party have possibly been doing their best to strengthen its organization and secure good results at the polls by their efforts to heal factional troubles in Philadelphia, and secure the co-operation of honest Republicans, but what will the fifty or hundred thousand votes made in this way avail if twice that many Democrats throughout the country should, through carelessness or lack of interest, remain away from the polls. There are but little over three weeks left until the election, there is much to be done in that time if the Democratic vote is to be gotten to the polls and while we have full faith in those managing the campaign we would suggest, in all earnestness, that the remaining days of the campaign be devoted to this purpose and this alone.

Not an Easy Task.

From the Pittsburg Post. The cost of holding on to the Philippines is made manifest by the fact that General Chaffee is to take vigorous measures to punish the natives who took part in the massacre of Company C, Ninth infantry, on the island of Samar. It is very likely the campaign of vengeance will be a risky and arduous undertaking. The bolomen of Samar seem to be a very different type from the more civilized Filipinos that were under Aguinaldo. This was not their first successful attack on American soldiers. A little over a year ago they raided one of our posts and killed 19 soldiers and wounded 5. They are courageous and daring, and intrepid in the use of their bolos or knives, with which they are very effective in close quarters. There are about half a million of them on the island of Samar, which is as large as the State of Ohio, very mountainous and a very difficult region for American troops to operate in. We suppose General Chaffee can take vengeance by killing two or three hundred of the bolomen but that accomplished we will be where we started. There are millions of Filipinos on the islands, and the killing of a few hundred doesn't count. It is believed all the islands are a network of conspiracy and intrigue. No one will be surprised by outbreaks at any time.

Out With the Traitors.

From the Philadelphia Record. It will be found that there is no room anywhere in the Democratic party of Pennsylvania for traitors and traders. The Democratic executive committee of Adams county has formally repudiated M. A. Garvin, who voted for the machine speaker of the House and subsequently absented himself, unpaired, from the election for United States Senator. In York county the Democratic convention, under certain sinister influences, some time ago approved the three traitors who also voted with Garvin for the machine. But as The Record correspondence shows, the Democratic masses of York county are now thoroughly aroused against these traitors to the party, and favor fusion on the state ticket for Yerkes and Coray. The little "Jeffersonian" ring opposed to fusion will make a small figure in the election.

The Milk in the Coconut.

From the Easton Argus. According to the Republican machine in this State the "yellow journals" are those that do not remain quiet while the adherents of the machine are engaged in the interesting occupation of plundering the people. They are doing their best to turn the cry against sensational journalism to their own account, but the attempt does no more than call attention to the greatest sensation of all as evidenced in a corrupt Legislature and a band of machine plunderers of the people. No paper could print a true account of the acts of that Legislature, of the machine and of the disreputable inter-party combats to rob the public without laying itself open to the machine provoked charge of publishing sensations and dilating upon rascality.

The Foxy Chinese.

From the Mercer Press. Earl Li Hung Chang has once more recovered. Now that there is a growing prospect of comparatively friendly relations between China and the powers, he feels almost convalescent. When matters look dark and threatening, the earl was scarcely expected to recover. Earl Harte knew his individual when he wrote that "For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain," the heathen Chinese is peculiar." Earl Li is a superb diplomat, but he has all the characteristics of his race nevertheless.

Spawns from the Keystone.

—Ross B. Snell, of South Williamsport, a soldier in the Philippines, died of fever July 27th. His remains will be sent to Williamsport.

—An early morning fire last Saturday destroyed two dwellings in Huntingdon, occupied by Ed. Clark and Ralph Hunter, colored, and owned by F. M. Bollinger.

—Mrs. Sarah Green, of Woodbury, while on the fair grounds at Bedford on Thursday of last week, was run down by a horse driven by James Seese and badly injured.

—The next meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church will be held September, 1902, in St. John's English Lutheran church, Lock Haven.

—While the family of James Aultz, of Huntingdon, were at supper last Friday evening, burglars entered through the front door, and by going through several trunks and chests secured \$90 in cash.

—Rev. F. B. Riddle, a well known minister of the Central Pennsylvania M. E. conference, now stationed at Bloomsburg, was stricken lightly with paralysis a few days ago. His right side was affected.

—D. W. Moody, of Renovo, a brakeman on the Buffalo and Susquehanna railroad, fell from his train near Galeton Saturday afternoon and both of his legs were cut off by the car wheels. The unfortunate man died at 10.30 Saturday night. He was 25 years old and married.

—Miss Anna Ewing, of Newton Hamilton, has taken over 2,000 figs from her trees and could get as many more if frost does not kill them before marketing. Figs do not ripen all at once but keep getting ripe from start of season till the frost kills them. The trees have to be buried over winter.

—Rev. Joseph Stevens, D. D., died at his residence at Jersey Shore, Wednesday evening, after an illness of only one day. The cause of death was heart disease. Rev. Jos. Stevens was born in Philadelphia, October 27th, 1817. He served the Presbyterian church at Jersey Shore as pastor 36 years.

—On Friday afternoon while opening a can of lye, Mrs. Cyrus J. Musser, of Bedford, met with a painful accident. In pressing the lid off some of the lye struck her in the right eye which was burnt severely. She does not have any use of the injured eye, but her attending physician thinks the sight is not destroyed.

—Miles W. Pelton, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Morris township, Clearfield county, died on Sunday rather suddenly. He had not been well for some time, but up until his death was able to be around. The deceased was a farmer by occupation, and a gentleman who enjoyed a large circle of friends. He was aged 82 years, 1 month and 13 days.

—The large farm house of Frederick Dale, near Osceola, together with all its contents, was destroyed by fire on Saturday morning about 2 o'clock. The fire originated from a defective flue. The family barely escaped with their lives. All the clothing was destroyed, together with half a dozen watches belonging to different members of the family, pocket books, money, etc.

—An item is circulating in the newspapers which states that the bones of Joseph Homer, of Sharon, are becoming soft and flexible, and it is predicted that in a few years he will be totally helpless. Homer's legs are now affected and can be bent and twisted in all possible shapes, without him suffering any pain whatever. He has been in this condition for several weeks. Osteopaths cannot explain the cause of Homer's condition.

—A distressing accident occurred at Curwensville on Friday whereby Jack and Cal Mallon were seriously injured. They were driving when the horse became frightened and ran away and they were thrown out of their buggy. Cal's left leg was broken, his knee dislocated, and his head and face gashed and bruised. Jack, although escaping more fortunately, was also very painfully injured about the head and face.

—W. H. Denlinger, of Patton, and James H. Allport, of Hastings, both former Philipburgers, are among the incorporators of a new street railway company that filed letters patent in the register's and recorder's office at Ebensburg a few days ago. The line will be known as the Conemaugh Street railway company and will run from Johnstown to Ebensburg, at which place it is expected to connect with the Northern Cambria Street railway, when the latter is completed.

—John Bennett killed his wife and then shot himself near DuBois Wednesday night. Bennett was 35 years old and his wife 27. The two had quarrelled frequently and about a week ago they separated. Wednesday evening Bennett went to see his wife. She thinking that he wanted to effect a reconciliation, stepped into the yard. Bennett shot his wife and then killed himself. When the inmates rushed into the yard they found both on the ground dead, each with a bullet hole in the forehead.

—By the most heroic efforts, Mrs. William Harquist, of Austin, Potter county, carried her infant child and a baby 2 years old from their burning home Tuesday evening. A boy 6 years old after being seriously burned jumped from a second story window. Another child, 8 years of age, was burned to death. The fire, it is believed, followed the explosion of an oil lamp. The mother and four children had retired and were sleeping. William Harquist, the father, was at work. His home is completely destroyed.

—It is said that Chas. M. Swab promised to give \$1,000 to the first couple married in the new St. Michael's church, which he presented to the Catholic congregation at Loretto, and the matter is now up against Mr. Swab for Wednesday morning Miss Susie Little and Edward A. McGuire, both of Loretto were united in the bonds of wedlock by Father Ferdinand Kittel, rector of the church. Miss Fannie Storm, of Altoona, was the bridesmaid, and W. A. McGuire, of Johnstown, a brother of the groom, was groomsman. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's mother and the large number of guests, including members of both families, took dinner at the home of the bridegroom's parents. In the evening the bride and groom went to Cresson, where they will go to housekeeping at once.