

Ink Slings.

—You have a little less than a week in which to arrange your thanks and fix your cranberry sauce.
—President ROOSEVELT gives great promise of providing plenty of future trouble for the Republican party.
—Since PLATT has succeeded in getting into the reform conclave in New York, there seems to be a decided lull in the reform business.

—There is considerable promise in the political sky that next fall will witness the fall of a number of political machine meteors.
—Judge LOVE may be wearing a Superior court look, but we have not heard that he is drawing any of the salary of a Superior court judge.
—Talking of the effects of the election, wasn't it that that started the epidemic of getting-it-in-the-neck now raging among the anti-QUAY postmasters in the county?
—When people remember that Luzerne county gave almost 15,000 majority for the fusion ticket the wonder grows what the Hon. JOHN M. GARMAN was doing on election day.

—The shortage of cars, and the congested condition of the freight traffic is possibly due to the fact that the shipment of the new congressional speech crop to Washington has been begun.
—"Lest we forget," it might be well to keep in mind that Republican anarchists still find safety from the penalties of the law under the protecting wings of a Republican Governor of Indiana.

—The BAKU oil well of Russia is calculated to reduce Col. GUFFEY'S oil enthusiasm to about the same point that the Democratic vote cast in Pittsburgh at the recent election did his political expectations.
—Ever since Mayor LOWE has arranged for a meeting with Senator PLATT to consult about the future government of New York, he has been subject to attacks of paralysis of the mouth whenever reform is mentioned.

—To a fellow out in the country it looks very much as if the Democratic leaders of Philadelphia had met the fate of Miss STONE. We don't hear of anybody, however, who is bothering about raising a ransom for them.
—Gov. HASTINGS, it is said, has declared his purpose not to be a candidate for Congress at the next election. Evidently his ex-excellency has political vision enough left to see a mountain when he comes to it.

—We have not noticed that Mr. HANNA has been named as mediator between Miss STONE and the Bulgarian kidnapers. This can possibly be accounted for by the fact that neither side in this controversy has any votes to give.
—It would be a small ransom that would be raised if Pennsylvania's STONE were in the place the missionary STONE now occupies. The Bulgarian brigands would be very hungry before the people would pay for his release.

—It is said that members of the Cabinet shed tears over the earnestness of parts of the President's forth-coming message. Which leads us to remark that a message with tears over it should at least escape the usual charge of dryness.
—A Republican exchange boasts that Pittsburgh has the largest proportionate Republican vote of any city in the United States. We believe it has and it has more dirt and darkness, too, than any other city of its size in the world.

—So far this season there have been fewer storms on Lake Erie than for many years back. Some people attribute this windless condition of the atmosphere in that section to the fact that FORAKER made no political speeches this fall.
—The gathering together of the irritations of Mr. PLATT, Mr. ADDICKS, Mr. HANNA and other Republican leaders over the appointments of the new President, give great promise of the formation of a good sized political carbuncle for the back of the neck of this administration.

—Verily, there are communities born to affliction, and we rather guess we are among them. For a long time our people have hoped that Judge LOVE would get the Superior court seat about to be vacated by the resignation of Judge MITCHELL. Now it is hinted that it is to be used to help quiet the troubled political waters about Pittsburgh.
—President ROOSEVELT may preach against anarchy, until his wind gives out, and the good Lord knows that would be a long time, but while the Kentucky anarchists find protection in Republican States from even arrest for their crimes, the people will think that in this out-ry against anarchy there is much more of wind than of wish to destroy it.

—It is said to have been a desire for place and position in party organization that divided and broke up the Democratic party of Philadelphia. If this is correct there ought to be no trouble now in re-organizing there. From the number of votes that were cast for the Democratic ticket in that city at the recent election we would judge that if they would get a good, healthy organization started there would be from one to a half dozen places for every man who proved his Democracy by voting the party ticket.

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Roosevelt a Disappointment.

If the forecasts of the President's message given in our metropolitan contemporaries are anything like accurate it may be predicted that some of the fond hopes entertained of ROOSEVELT will be disappointed. For example, the greatest measure of independence of thought was expected to be expressed in his annual message. There are those who would have wagered any reasonable amount that he would declare most emphatically for that sort of reciprocity expressed in his predecessor's Buffalo speech when he said "we should sell everywhere we can and buy wherever the buying will increase our sales." But the metropolitan papers now tell us that he will do nothing of the kind. "There will be no specific recommendation to Congress as to tariff revision," writes the Washington correspondent of the New York World, "although a reduction of the revenue taxes may be advised."
In his speech the late President MCKINLEY said, "what we produce beyond our domestic consumption we must have a vent for abroad." In other words, unless we have markets for our surplus there will necessarily come a glut which will put a stop to industrial activity. In this connection the late President continued: "We must not repose in fancied security that we can forever sell everything and buy little or nothing." There was no misunderstanding the meaning of that sentence. It clearly implied the policy of expanding our commercial relations, not in directions where there are few consumers and less money to buy, but where are both in abundance. Therefore when ROOSEVELT, on taking the oath of office, declared unequivocally that he would pursue the policies expressed by his predecessor in office, it was expected that he would recommend tariff revision in his annual message.
But meantime the tariff mongers have been with him almost day and night. Almost from the moment that the remains of his predecessor were deposited in their last resting place one or more of these pensioners on the treasury has been constantly pleading with him to let them alone in their robbery for a season or two yet and if the conjecture of the papers is correct, we may infer that they have succeeded. QUAY'S plan to take the tax off beer and whisky and other luxuries has been adopted by him, the World tells us, and the hopes of a diminution of the burdens upon the property of the people are to be disappointed. The party machine insists on that and the Rough Rider hasn't the strength of character to resist. He can face the hostile guns of an enemy but shrinks in the presence of a tariff pampered machine that is plundering the public before his eyes.

The Railroad Trust.

The new railroad corporation with its vast capital and gigantic schemes of conquest in the transportation and industrial world is not to be allowed to proceed with its plans unopposed. In other words, Governor VAN SANT, of Minnesota, has announced that he will take steps to prevent the carrying out of the scheme. The constitution of that State forbids the merging of competing lines of railroad in the State and the Governor proposes to enforce the constitution under existing laws if they are adequate and under statutes, if new ones are necessary to the work.
This gigantic railroad may work beneficial results if it is permitted to proceed with its organization and operation and it may produce the opposite effects. The day its plans were made public RUSSEL SAGE expressed the opinion that unless it was conducted on conservative lines it would be a disappointment. It has nothing to fear on that score. Mr. J. PIERPONT MORGAN is always conservative and can be depended upon to keep within safe lines. But if the law of a State in which it runs be violated by the organization, it can be defeated at the outset, whether its plans are conservative or not.
It is hoped that the question will be brought to an issue at once if there is to be a contest at all. The bonds have not been issued as yet and the general public has had no chance to lose in the deal thus far. If the organization is unlawful a prompt legal process will prevent a general public loss, however hard it may be on the multimillionaires who have been juggling with the stocks of the constituent companies, and that is a consummation devoutly to be wished. That is to say everybody will hope that nobody will lose except those who can afford to lose.

Commissioner Powderly's Report.

Immigration Commissioner POWDERLY is indignant, according to Washington dispatches in a Philadelphia paper, because his annual report has been edited. That is to say a lot of stuff which POWDERLY thought would sound well in a stump speech concerning the question of Chinese restriction was blue-penciled out of the text of the report before it was sent to the printer and the Commissioner who likes nothing so well as to exploit his views, is greatly disappointed. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury TAYLOR, who has charge of the bureau with which POWDERLY is connected, had notified him in advance that facts were wanted and not opinions. But POWDERLY never knew much about facts while he always was "long" on opinions and he paid no attention to the admonition of his superior officer.
The time and circumstances were auspicious for POWDERLY. The GEARY Chinese exclusion law, which was passed in 1891, and became operative in May, 1892, expires by limitation next May. Everybody in the country is in favor of re-enacting it, or to speak more accurately nobody is opposed to the extension of the law for a time at least. But POWDERLY assumed that a vast force had been organized to flood the country with Chinese coolies and starve the life out of every workingman who wasn't willing to live on vermin of one kind or another. Accordingly he proceeded to exploit his theories or opinions in the report and his superior officer couldn't stop him. The notice that facts and not opinions were wanted made no impression. Opinions all he had to give and he gave them freely to the editor, but they got no further.
The truth is that Mr. POWDERLY has plenty of opinions. They are ill-digested as a rule and worthless nine times out of ten, but he has them. It may be added that he doesn't hold to them very tenaciously. In other words he is always willing to change his opinions on any subject for a consideration and has been known to change them half a dozen times in as many days when he found it worth while to indulge in such intellectual athletics. But when he has the chance to play the demagogue and is not paid for foregoing the opportunity he sails in "to beat the band." In the case at point he thought he had the opportunity of his life. The average citizen is ready to deny the Chinaman any rights and forgetting that we claim the right to do as we like in China it is esteemed a great virtue to refuse to the Chinaman even the right to breathe the air of this land of liberty.

An English View of the Boer War.

From the Lincoln (Neb.) Commoner.
In a speech recently delivered in London John Morely said: "The government is aggravating the essential mischief of the situation in South Africa by its management of the concentration camps. The death rate of children, measure it as you will, is hideous, excessive, and appalling. The policy of devastation has been admitted to be a mistake. I wonder what Lord Palmerston would have said of a government justifying itself by saying that Russia, Poland and Austria in Bosnia had done something like the same. The war has entirely changed in character and is drifting into a war of extermination of people fighting for their own land. The policy of unconditional surrender and submission means extermination and annihilation. The present attitude of the government is one of sullen desperation. There is nothing worse than mette in a blind horse. The king will perhaps at no distant date have to seek other ministers with a better insight and a more pliant mind in the face of the dangerous and complex situation which confronts the country." It is significant that many thinking men in Great Britain are exerting every effort to open the eyes of the British ministry to the folly of its course in South Africa. It is strange that there are any men in any portion of the country who cannot realize that Great Britain has assumed an enormous burden in the Transvaal, and that unless a change comes soon, civilization will stand aghast at the barbarities practiced by a nation that claims to be the leader in law and in morals.

Proficiency in View.

There is to be a river and harbor bill this year, according to reports from Washington, and it is safe to say it will be a big one. Last year a bill was promised, but at the last-moment the President called it off for the reason that it jeopardized his reelection. But this year it is needed just as the ship subsidy bill, the Nicaragua canal bill and the Pacific cable are needed. Not only that, but it is essential that they be pressed forward early in the session. A big bill of expense must be run up at the start in order to prevent revenue reduction in the end.
The river and harbor bill, which was kept alive until almost the last moment of the session last year, aggregated \$75,000,000. The one contemplated this year will go beyond the hundred million dollar mark unless the signs are misleading. Anything less than that will not serve the purpose of the party machine. It is not only necessary to exhaust the treasury surplus but a basis for log-rolling must be provided. In other words, promise of contributions through the river and harbor bill will be made to Senators and Representatives in order to get their votes for the ship subsidy and other jobs.

Right on One Point at Least.

From the Shelbina, Mo. Democrat.
Andrew Carnegie has made between one and two hundred million dollars, enough to make 15 to 20 thousand families 175,000 people very comfortable, by means of the protective tariff, that robs the many to enrich the few. He knows exactly how it works, and having become enormously rich by this legal robbery, and having retired from business he says, "The best policy is to reduce protection duties." He is right in this. Every principle of justice and fairness demands this.

Elkin Won't Do.

It begins to look as if Attorney General ELKIN'S ambition to become Governor of Pennsylvania as the successor of the present incumbent of the office is to be disappointed. The margin by which the machine ticket was elected the other day was too narrow to take the risk of ELKIN. STONE, whose mental operations are slow, hasn't tumbled yet to the facts as yet, and he still appears to be for ELKIN. But QUAY, who sees farther into a millstone than his stupid representative at Harrisburg, understands the facts and it is said he is already looking about for an eligible candidate.
The machine majority at the recent election was less than 45,000 and nearly, if not altogether, that many fraudulent votes were polled in Philadelphia alone. It is susceptible of proof that 10,000 fraudulent votes were polled in Pittsburgh and Allegheny City, so that on a fair vote the ticket was beaten. Now it is not certain that fraudulent votes will be available next year. That is to say it may be assumed, with reasonable confidence, that there will be an honest minority representation on each election board in the several cities next year. In that event unless the ticket is stronger than it was the other day it will be defeated.
It may safely be said that ELKIN is no stronger than either HARRIS or POTTER. In fact it is not improbable that he is even weaker than either, for it was under his inter-pretation of the law that Governor STONE violated the constitution and perpetrated most of the other malfeasances which brought condemnation to his machine this year. Who the party will take in place of ELKIN is a matter of conjecture, however. Congressman CONNELL, of Scranton, would hardly do for the friends of Colonel WATRES would cruelly him and WATRES wouldn't be satisfactory, for he wouldn't even obey orders.

Not Wanted by the People.

From the Glasgow (Mo.) Missourian.
According to the republican press the promoters of the ship subsidy bill will force its passage at the next session of Congress if it is possible to do so. Such a measure would be a rank imposition upon the people, but the Republican promoters, who are largely stockholders in steamship lines, that would be benefitted, care nothing for the interests of the people.

Mr. Schwab's Salary.

An exceedingly disappointing, not to say distressing, story comes from Wall street, New York, concerning the compensation of Mr. CHARLES M. SCHWAB, president of the corporation commonly known as the billion dollar steel trust. Ever since the organization of the trust there has been an understanding in the popular mind that Mr. SCHWAB'S salary is a million dollars a year. That is a good deal of money, but no man was narrow-minded enough to think it too much for Mr. SCHWAB. As a matter of fact most of us wondered how he could afford to waste his time at such a rate of wages, when nobody else could see that he was worth more.
It now transpires that Mr. SCHWAB is compelled to slave his precious life away for the beggarly pittance of \$250,000 a year. Even this meagre sum is not all in the shape of salary. The salary account is only a matter of \$100,000 a year and the balance to make up the full amount is in the shape of a commission on the earnings of the company. The commissions for the last year amounted to \$150,000, making a total compensation for the year of \$250,000, manifestly an inadequate sum. Nobody can be expected to live on that sum, and the only consolation there is in contemplating the matter comes from the fact that his share of the profits of the company may be three or four millions a year.
Still we can see no other way of correcting this obvious wrong to Mr. SCHWAB. Of course we might suggest a popular subscription, which is usually the remedy that occurs to very rich people who do philanthropic work with other people's money. But he might object to that as more or less humiliating. There is the chance that he might skimp himself of some of the luxuries that are frequently indulged in by men with less incomes, but it is remembered that before he got his present job he was making \$350,000 a year in salaries from the several CARNEGIE companies and nearly as much in commissions.

Square on That Issue.

From the Webb City (Mo.) Register.
The Democratic party still stands for an income tax. It still believes in the Jeffersonian doctrine of "equal rights to all and special privileges to none" and for that reason it wants the rich to pay their just proportion of the taxes. Trusts and corporations have long enough escaped from assisting in bearing the burdens of government.

A Kind of a Business Anarchist.

From the Pocatello, Ind. Advance.
That contractor who purchased his iron at \$10 a ton cheaper by pretending he wanted to ship it to England, than he could by letting it be known he wanted it for use in this country, must be an anarchist. Surely nobody but an anarchist would deliver such a blow to a republican law as that.

Mistrust the Government.

From the Hastings (Mich.) Journal.
The national bankers convention at Milwaukee was noted for two things. The vehement demand for the retirement of the greenbacks, and the redemption of silver dollars in gold. Fanny, isn't it, that bankers are the only persons who are not satisfied with the government issue of money?

Are You Sincere in the Desire to Stop It, Brother Savage?

From the Clearfield Public Spirit.
Every indication considering Tuesday's election, points to the election of a Democratic judge in Clearfield county in 1903, if the right Democrat is nominated and the out-throat business is stopped.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Four-year-old Robert Knox, of Lancaster, was drowned in a pond near his home Tuesday.
—A match concealed in a bale of cotton caused a blaze resulting in \$8000 damage at the Fuller Furniture Factory, Williamsport Saturday.
—Setting his clothing on fire while playing with matches, four-year-old Leslie Craine was fatally burned, at Juniata, near Altoona, Tuesday.
—Emory Foster will be managing editor of the evening edition of the Philadelphia North American, which will soon be out. It is said his salary is \$10,000 a year.
—John M. Wilson, of Altoona, was drowned in a bath tub at his home in that place on Saturday, the result, it is thought, of a stroke of paralysis.
—Mrs. Francis Gallo was arrested and sent to the county jail, at Greensburg, charged with knowing something about the many fires which have occurred at Mt. Pleasant lately.
—The Pennsylvania Building at the Buffalo Exposition was sold for \$305. At the sale the furniture brought \$325.31 making the entire proceeds of the sale \$630.31. The cost of the building and furniture was \$16,300.
—David Greene, an old soldier of Oakville a suburb of Latrobe, Westmoreland county, died Friday morning of paralysis. He was seventy-two years old and leaves a wife and eighteen children. He was twice married.
—A few evenings ago a thief entered the house of John F. Harvey, of Renovo, and stole a number of valuable articles. Among the valuables taken were a diamond ring valued at \$100, a plain gold ring and \$9 in cash.
—Five hundred houses have been built at DuBois this year and the Courier says there is urgent need of more houses for the new families moving into the town. There are few, if any other towns in the state that can show a better record.

—Joseph Cochran, of Williamsport, while riding horseback from Otzincabon preserve to Lock Haven, Thursday, saw a buck, raising his rifle, and while the horse was running, Mr. Cochran shot the buck dead. He sent the deer to Williamsport.
—On Friday night of last week fire partially destroyed the tannery operated by the Wagner Tannery company in Lock Haven. Sunday night another mysterious conflagration completed the work of destruction and the building is now a mass of ruins.

—Early Friday morning burglars broke into the Kessler hotel, Northumberland, took a small safe, loaded it on a wheelbarrow, carried it to a barn and blew it open. The explosion waked the neighborhood, but the robbers got away with \$150 and three gold watches belonging to guests.
—At the well managed farm of the Blair county almshouse a huge crop of corn has been harvested this year, the aggregate being about 4200 bushels. The yield was especially heavy upon one tract of eighteen acres where 2500 bushels of corn were secured. This is an average of 139 bushels to the acre, an extraordinary immense yield.

—Adjutant-General Thomas J. Stewart, who was seriously injured in a runaway accident last August, has decided to leave the Harrisburg Hospital November 28th, to be at home at Norristown for Thanksgiving. He expects to walk on crutches as soon as he has received the splints which are being specially made for his fractured leg.

—The body of Miss Emma Heister, aged 45 years, clad only in her night dress, was found Sunday morning along the Pennsylvania railroad tracks near her home at Ryde, Mifflin county. Miss Heister was subject to walking in her sleep, and it is believed that she wandered from her home while in a somnambulistic state and was struck by a train.

—Mike Sucko met a horrible fate in an unusual manner near Uniontown Sunday. He passed too close to the big fan that ventilates the reverse mines, and his coat was sucked in by the strong draft and caught on the steel fan. In an instant Sucko was jerked into the swiftly revolving fan and whirled until the machine was stopped. He was mangled and crushed into a shapeless mass.

—Gas exploded in the furnace of the First Methodist Episcopal church at Carbonate, Sunday morning, causing a conflagration that destroyed the church and entailed a loss of \$30,000, on which there is \$20,000 insurance. Charles Hull, a fireman, was so badly burned that he may die. He is a brother of William Hull, recently sentenced to the penitentiary for murder.

—Under the new passenger time table, which goes into effect November 24th the fast Pan American flyers will be continued on their former schedule. This announcement will be hailed with delight by the traveling public as the old routes were several hours longer than the newly acquired Emporium Junction route to the metropolis of western New York. Since the closing of the exposition the Buffalo express has been well patronized, although there has, of course been a noticeable falling off in the amount of travel.

—Near Milton Sunday morning one William Shaffer, driver of a milk wagon, had an adventure which will not soon fade from his mind. One of his horses became unmanageable and dashed over the abutment of a bridge the wagon alighting on its side twenty-five feet below. The driver was pinned under the milk case, while the lantern which he carried to light his way ignited the straw in the wagon and threatened to burn him to death. A passer-by extinguished the flames and eventually Shaffer was rescued. He was painfully burned but will recover. About 25 quarts of milk were lost.

—Schuykill county grand jury in session at Pottsville last week agreed with Deputy State Superintendent Henry Houck that school teachers should use the rod upon disobedient pupils. Suit was brought by Mrs. Henning and Mrs. Frank Fritz of Barnesville, against George W. Teter, teacher of a public school in that place, for flogging children of theirs. Monday the grand jury ignored the bill and placed the cost on the parents, the prosecutors. Photographs of the marks inflicted upon the pupils' legs were shown the grand jury, but those silent witnesses did not influence the jury to return a true bill.

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