Ink Slings.

-The head-gates of the congressional mill will be raised next Monday.

--Mr. HANNA must be working his ship subsidy scheme this fall in his stocking

-General Demoralization must be in charge of the Republican forces in and about Pittsburg.

-Possibly if you hadn't been so thankdul yesterday you'd feel more like being thankful today.

-Only a little over a week more to wait for that hilarious document known as the

"President's Message." -Mr. ALEXANDER PATTON, of Clearfield, is the last Republican Ajax to defy congressional lightning in this district.

-From the quietness that prevails all along the line an armistice must be doing business between the contending forces

in the Oleo war. -We don't see that the Democracy of the State has any kick comin' for the office was first tendered to THOMAS S. tangled condition of Republican politics BIGELOW who was the promoter if not the about Pittsburg.

-So the President's forthcoming message is to contain thirty-thousand words? it through the Legislature and his declared TEDDY must have something to say to the people, if such verbosity is necessary.

-We presume Thanksgiving is fixed for just before Congress meets to avoid the chances of having nothing to be thankful for after it gets down to business.

-Notwithstanding Judge Love's hopes for a Superior court seat there are serious signs that his expectations, in that line, will find a final resting place on the political scrap pile.

-The neighbors aver that Judge LOVE hangs his stockings in the chimney every night now and prays earnestly that Santa Claus will drop a Superior Court seat into them before morning.

-Come to think about it why couldn't fire it at the Bulgarian brigands. It might tested that he was opposed to the removal not scare them much, but it would at least of Major BROWN and the appointment of show to the world we haven't forgotten J. O. BROWN. The BIGELOWS were un-Missionary STONE.

-If Mr. WILLIAM FLINN keeps pegging away right industriously he may yet succeed in getting his name as high on the list of reformers in the State as Mr. B. ARNOLD did his on the roll of patriots of the coun-

-It is given out that the forth-coming message of the President will be the longest ever given to the public. We don't wonder. When it comes to a matter of wind Mr. ROOSEVELT is able to hold his own with any of them.

-If the all-knowing dailies were only half as wise as they think they are there would be no use for a Congressional Record have a particle of honor or honesty. STONE falsely, even to shield himself from the for the coming session. They are telling us all that it will do, long before that Justice POTTER. FLINN wanted a restoraspeech factory is put in operation.

-If Governor STONE still sticks to it he will yet be able to place the ex-Republican Governors of the State under enduring obligations to him. He is making their admistrations appear so everlastingly respectable when compared with the one he is

-The Philadelphia Record credits Pittsburg with 35,000 Democrats. Possibly it the settlement was postponed until after may have that many, but if it has, they the November election. must be twin brothers to the kind they have in Philadelphia, who don't go to the election or when they do, vote the other

-It is now said that President Roose-VELT will sit down heavily on Mr. HAN-NA's ship subsidy scheme, which tempts us to suggest that our strenuous executive might easily find something that will prove much softer and decidedly more restful to

-Surely a belt has slipped in some one's expectation factory. Here's that Filipino war on again as fierce as ever and yet there has been, since November, 1900, no more danger of BRYAN being made President, than there is of the North star becoming the head light for a beer saloon.

-Since Mr. Recorder BROWN, of Pittsburg, has lost his job what would be the matter with him doing the Hello! business for Telephone POTTER hereafter. He seemed to understand it thoroughly before the election and his acceptance of this work might relieve the supreme court judge of continuing in the sneak business.

-The Kansas wheat and corn crops this year are said to foot up in value a hundred million dollars. For their prosperity this season the citizens of that State generally give credit to a Republican administration. But then that is natural for them. They have always been a queer lot and can get on the wrong side of a thing that is right and stick there more pestiferously than any crowd of cranks who get their grub outside of a crazy asylum.

-The Clearfield Raftsman's Journal Esq., of Curwensville, as a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in Cameron, Clearfield and McKean counties. He is a son of the late Hon. JOHN PATTON, who represented the old 28th district in whelmingly Republican such a combina-



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Stone and the Browns.

There is no exaggeration in the statement that the removal of Recorder A. M. Brown, of Pittsburg, by Governor STONE and the appointment of J. O. BROWN as his successor, last Thursday evening, was the politcal sensation of recent years. Major Brown was the friend of Senator QUAY. the OLIVERS and the BIGELOWS. J. O. Brown is a faithful and not too conscientious adherent of State Senator FLINN. Major BROWN was appointed to the office immediately after the Supreme court decided the "ripper" law constitutional. The projector of the same. It is understood that he paid all the vast expense of getting purpose was to "rip" the FLINN machine out of office, which was so entrenched by force and fraud that it was impossible to dethrone it by the ordinary methods. When

BIGELOW declined Major BROWN was chosen. His character for respectability strengthened confidence in the law and justified the Supreme court in declaring it valid in spite of the law and the facts to the contrary. His antipathy to FLINN and FLINNism made him acceptible to the Governor who doesn't usually associate with

respectable men. Rumors had been current for some time that the Governor intended to remove Maj. BROWN and appoint J. O. BROWN in his place, but nobody believed them. That is to say nobody imagined that STONE would we hunt up an old Filipino ultimatum and act in opposition to QUAY and QUAY proquestionably opposed to such action and QUAY owed one of them much. The OLI-VERS were emphatically opposed to the action and they are very rich and influential. The BIGELOWS and the OLIVERS had proven their friendship for QUAY and they depended on QUAY to show his appreciation by restraining STONE's impulse to remove Major Brown and appoint the other BROWN. But up until the time of the Republican state convention the BIGELOWS and the OLIVERS had been unable to shake FLINN's hold on that body and after the "round up" it was found absolutely. Neither STONE nor FLINN wanted the delegates for his "lame duck" tion to a position in which he could plunder the people. FLINN had what STONE wanted and STONE had what FLINN craved for. Neither of them bad either conscience or principle and they came together just as DAVID HARUM approached a horse trade. FLINN voted his puppets for STONE'S "lame duck," but when STONE attempted

to recompense him according to promise

QUAY interfered and by mutual consent

Both STONE and QUAY assured the BIG-

ELOWS and the OLIVERS that A. M. BROWN would not be removed. STONE guaranteed FLINN that he would and strangely enough both sides had faith. A condition was put on the BIGELOWS and OLIVERS that they and Hon. CLINTON ROGERS WOODRUFF, of must do their best for the ticket in order to Philadelphia, have already practically comguarantee the retention of Major Brown. FLINN was required to hump himself for the next session of the Legislature providthe ticket to secure the removal of Major ing for personal registration in the large Brown. Both did their best and a saturnalia of fraud was the result. Fifteen thousand fraudulent votes were polled not made public the text of the measure for the ticket in Allegheny county and but enough has leaked out to indicate that STONE was delighted with the result. But one or the other of the parties in interest New York law. That is to say it will prohad to be cheated and the Governor set to vide for three registration days, sixty, thirthinking which would be the most use to ty and fifteen days, respectively, before the him with the idea of cheating the other. It election. is easy to imagine his process of reasoning under the circumstances. The OLIVERS measure will provide for a complete elecand Bigelows are comparatively decent tion organization at each of the polling and therefore could have no permanent re- places on each of the registration days. lations with him. FLINN is a disreputable The applicants for registry will be subjecttiary and there was a natural affinity between them. "Birds of a feather flock towater runs down hill. QUAY protested, IN remonstrated but to no purpose. Two crooks without conscience or character had come together and were bound by the co. election to investigate the question. besive power of corrupt natures to a common purpose. One having by one means or another acquired all the money be wants feeds the cupidity of the other that his own electoral frauds is the padding of the reginordinate ambition may be gratified.

On Thursday evening last Mr. THOMAS has launched ALEXANDER E. PATTON, S. BIGELOW went to Harrisburg to make a measure of vigilance every bogus name can final appeal to STONE to be honest. He found him in a recalcitrant spirit, whereupthe new 27th district, composed of Centre, on he sent him word by a friend that if he removed Major BROWN the newspapers of Pittsburg would publish the fact that he fifteen days to gather evidence against him had demanded \$200,000 as compensation on election day and that ought to be suffi-Congress. While the new district is over- for signing the franchise grab bills. Mr. cient. The proposed measure ought to be BIGELOW knew all about that matter. He a success. tion of issues is possible that would make added that failing to get the amount he it impossible for certain Republicans to be asked, the Governor accepted \$150,000 for the service, and stated that the facts would had a silver lining.

be published. But STONE couldn't be frightened. He had nothing to expect from BIGELOW at that stage of the game his removal from office MAJOR A. M. and he removed Major Brown, accompany- Brown, late Recorder of Pittsburg, deing the order with a hypocritical and lying clared that Governor STONE tried to bribe apology at which everybody laughed except those who bowed their heads in shame at the humiliation of the great State of Pennsylvania. STONE denied the allegation of bribery but that influenced no man's denied the allegation of his telephone talk with Justice POTTER and it was proved. Today he stands convicted in popular esti the first Governor of Pennsylvania who has deserved such epithets. Pray Heaven that he will be the last.

### Poor Figure in Heroics.

In his famous, or rather infamous address "To the People of Pittshurg," issued as an "accompanying document," or apology for the removal of Recorder BROWN last Friday morning, Governor STONE states that at a late hour of the previous night a friend came to him excitedly and said that BIGELOW had said that he, (STONE, ) had "demanded \$200,000 for signing bills, but finally compromised for \$150,000, which sum was paid him.' Thereupon his excellency jumped upon the back of his "high horse" and attempted heroics. "I am neither to be influenced by bribes nor intimidated by threats," remarked the indignant WILLIE. "I have never received a dollar from any person," he

continued, "improperly." Softly, WILLIE. We understand that it would be practically impossible to prove the accusation, for probably nobody saw the operation, if it actually occurred, except yourself and the person who paid the money, who would be equally guilty with yourself of corrupt solicitation and punishable to precisely the same extent. Besides if he should take the risk in order to punish you he would fail for you could deny under oath as he asserted, and as that would put the oath of one boodler against that of the other and under the law the accused is entitled to the benefit of the doubt, the court would probably be compelled to order a verdict of acquittal, however confident he felt of guilt.

Of course it is a trifle strong to intimate that the Governor of the State would swear penalty of the crime. But after all perjury is only a lie sworn to and a man who violates his oath of office every day during two or three calendar years is not likely to hesitate about making affidavit to a falsehood, especially if he is in the habit of lying, as Governor STONE appears to be. At any rate, he denied the story of his telephonic communication with Justice Por-TER which was subsequently proven by direct and overwhelming testimony. Besides, self-preservation is the first law of nature and a fellow of STONE's temperament would be likely to save himself at any hazard.

# Personal Registration in Cities.

GEORGE W. GUTRIE Esq., of Pittsburg, pleted the draft of a bill to be presented at cities, agreeable to the amendments to the constitution, recently adopted. They have it follows closely the lines laid down in the

As nearly as we can learn the proposed municipal robber who has already been ed to examination, must answer under oath brought within the shadow of the peniten- all pertinent questions put to them and having thus established their right to vote will not forfeit it unless they move out of gether" and STONE drifted to FLINN, as the precinct between the date of registration and that of voting, or have procured but unavailingly. Attorney General ELK- the entry of their names on the list by frand or false representation. The party watchers have all the time between registration and

We can see no reason that such a law will not achieve excellent results. It is well known that the most prolific source of istration lists, thus affording bogus names for bogus voters to use. With a reasonable be kept off the list or at least made useless encumbrances on it. That is to say if a name is fraudulently put on the list the watchers of the opposite party have at least

--- Mr. FLINN's gold brick seems to have

Juggling With Justice.

In an interview given to the public since him to resign the office he held by offering appointment. Major Brown is a man of high character and unquestioned integrity. Governor STONE or any other man of that or any other crime unless he knew he was conviction in court to make him a crimi-

Last summer the first stain that was ever put on the Supreme court of Pennsylvania was placed there by Governor STONE. His law partner, having been elevated to that bench by his appointment, was be- Court a tool of political cracksmen, was guiled by the Governor into revealing the placed upon the State ticket as the represecrets of the court to a litigant. It was secrets of the court to a litigant. It was the gravest kind of an offense. A justice only as an endorsement of all that he repof the Supreme court of the United States resented, a ratification of the ripping up of said that if Justice POTTER was guilty, as charged, he ought to be impeached. The enormity of the act outraged everybody. of their affairs. The vote of But POTTER was not altogether to blame. He was without experience and had little knowledge. He was misled by the Governor who participated with him in the crime and lied as a defense against the partisan than patriotic. There are good

Now we find him juggling with the next highest court. Some months ago, accordwho was elected to a seat on that bench in 1900, sent his resignation to the Governor. Judge MITCHELL never qualified for service on the bench for the reason that soon after his election he was stricken with a a disabling and in all probability an incurable malady. As an honorable man he felt that he had no right to hold a commission and give no service, so he resigned. But instead of reting on his resignation the Governor has held it until it might become available is r trading purposes. Has any State ever been cursed with so venal a Gov-

When the people of the county dis ated \$10,000, instead of \$5,000 the amount originally asked from the county for the soldiers and sailors monument fund, there will very likely be a digging up to find out how it happened. If the investigation is carried far enough some very smooth practice will be uncovered and it will be seen how easily grand juries may be "hornswaggled" into appropriating money. Of course it is for a splendid cause, but the intention was to give \$5,000 and now that the county has been "worked" for double that amount the blame, if there be any, had better be fixed where it belongs.

# First Move in the Game.

There were some surprising speeches delivered at the anniversary banquet of the evening last and none more than that of the president of the organization, Mr. Joseph G. Darlington. That gentleman intimated that probably in the near future the Mormonism. League would be compelled to take a hand in local politics. Heretofore, he said in substance it has not done that. But he added, "I hope the day is far distant when the Union League will stand idly by to see a political wrong hold a triumph either in the councils of the Nation or the State."

This is a most gratifying declaration if it is sincere, for at this moment a political wrong stands triumphant and if the Philadelphia Union League will give its powerful influence to the work of correcting that wrong it will not endure. On the 5th day of the present month the wrong was perpetrated within the shadow of the splendid building in which Mr. DARLINGTON spoke. By organized fraud 50,000 illegal votes were cast in Philadelphia on that day as the result of which defeated and dishonored candidates of the Republican party will be commissioned to perform important official duties unless they are stopped by such a force as the Union League can easily bring forward.

We haven't much faith in the professions of the Union League of Philadelphia. The DOLANS, WIDENERS and ELKINS have so er way. long been using it to subserve their own selfish and sometimes sordid purposes that it would be unreasonable to put much reliance on its professions of reform or pretenses of political morality. But there is a possibility that Mr. DARLINGTON was earnest in his Saturday night declarations and we take pleasure in pointing out to him how he may prove his faith by works. If he is unwilling to stand idly by while political wrong holds a triumph let him move to contest the recent election in Philadelphia.

--- There is many a girl wearing a rain coat who would look better in a rain barReaping as They Have Sown.

From the Philadelphia North American. The plight of Pittsburg in the scrimbetween the "ripper" factions of the Quay machine is not one to excite pitying sympathy. Her city government has been made a foot-ball for the teams with him a seat on the Superior court bench by her full knowledge and consent, and her citizens have "rooted" for one gang or the other as the game progressed. When the Bigelows, backed by Stone, Potter, Elkin tion of bribery but that influenced no man's mind to the belief that he is innocent. He Pittsburg or any one else who knows him. The Pittsburg or any one else who knows him. It is safe to say that he wouldn't accuse down Pittsburg applauded the play by giving to Stone'sman, Potter, a rousing majority Now that Stone has kicked the ball into the middle of the field, and Flinn has mation as a bribe taker and a liar. He is guilty. Such an offer is a crime under the caught it, Pittsburg's yells of "off-side" law, and if STONE made it he only lacks excite only derisive laughter. The score is even, it is Flinn's ball, and the teams are in a confused scrimmage, a squirming, biting, kicking and slugging mix-up in the

mire of squalid politics The devent people of Pittsburg had their opportunity to register a protest against his game when Stone's man, caught in the act of making the Supreme sentative of ripperism. They gave to Pottheir municipal government and a grant of full power to Governor Stone to carry out any deals he had made, involving control shows that there was no revolt of decent Republicans against the machine. Only the old-line Democrats made any fight against the combined forces of the plundercitizens in Pittsburg, plenty of them, no doubt, but they failed to indicate at the late election that they give serious thought to the responsibilities of citizenship or even ing to reports, Judge John I. MITCHELL, have an intelligent regard for their own

Pittsburg, least of all the cities of the State, can pretend that there was anything unexpected in the playing of one local machine against the other in Governor Stone's ripping game. She had received just what she bargained for, and if she finds the price somewhat staggering, she must re-member that government by the worst always comes high

For That Under All Circumstances. From the Auxvasse (Mo.) Review.

The Democratic party stands for free speech. It must not now abandon its historic position. It must not now lose its head. The Republican party once stood for free speech. Of late it has moved away from the position of vantage. It has sup-pressed newspapers in Manila and closed the postoffices in America for the circulation of documents printed by the government itself. It has called criticism high treason and has held that courts by injunction may make law-breakers of citizens peacefully talking to neighbors upon a public highway. The Democratic cannot afford to indorse by speech or silence the insiduous attacks upon the bloodbought rights of free speech. To do this would be bad politics and worse principle.

#### Alarming Increase In Mormonism. From the Pittsburg Post.

Bishop Fowler asked in the Methodist Missionary Conference yesterday that \$10,000 be appropriated for the opening of mission schools in Utah, which have closed as he believes that through such schools alone can Mormonism be at all successfully combatted.

Dr. Buckley said Mormonism is alarmingly on the increase in this country, the land of its birth, and that many of its Philadelphia Union League on Saturday converts would as quickly die for the faith that is within them as would any member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He said Mormonism will flourish 300 years hence. Education alone will wipe out

#### Where Prosperity Comes From. From the Philadelphia Record.

In Kansas this year 91,000,000 bushels of wheat, worth to the farmer at first hand \$51,000,000, were harvested. The corn crop of 42,000,000 bushels was worth \$22, 000,000. It is this out-turn of wealth in Kansas and the similar prosperity of the farmers in other States that keep the wheels turning, keep business active and the balance of trade on the right side of the ledger. A propitions providence and persistent dig-ging are the great factors in the present speculative boom which political theorists prefer to attribute to Government policies. Careful observers have noted that when the crops fail the politics also fail; but this

# Not Many of the Former Left.

does not daunt your theorist.

From the Lexington (N. C.) Dispatch That particular and strange class of American citizens who see nothing wrong in a law which enables a certain class of men to sell their products in a foreign market cheaper than they sell them in the home markets, will perhaps follow the lead of the high tariff teachers, while those who see the patent injustice and the iniquity of such a system will turn their faces the oth-

### The Result of Vanished Hope. From the Cadiz (O.) Democrat

It makes a Kepublican a sheep bleat. This time year they were telling us that wool would be 30 and 40 cents per pound this year if the Republican party were kept in power. No wonder they take flight every time they see a sheep.

# Do You Really Think So ?

From the Cameron County Press. Mr. Cleveland has voted the Democratic ticket for the first time in six years. However, he cannot be said to have rejoined the Democratic party because there is really no such thing.

- Subcribe for the WATCHMAN

Spawls from the Keystone.

-Fourteen milkmen have been arrested in Williamsport on the charge of skimming and watering milk and using drugs to preserve and color it.

-James Gunsaules, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gunsaules, who reside near the water tank below the Tyrone depot, killed himself Friday at McKeesport. The young man was about 22 years old

-A. K. Hamilton, an aged and well-known farmer residing near Oak Grove, was struck by a Beech Creek freight train about 11 o'clock Saturday morning, and sustained injuries from which he died in a short time. He was a veteran of the Civil war.

-About twenty-seven seekers have been at the altar during the past week in connection with the revival meetings in progress in the Methodist Episcopal church at Osceola, Clearfield county. Tuesday was one of the greatest days in the history of the church.

-Daniel Miller was found dead in a deserted house at Genesee, Potter county, Monday morning. Beside him lay Clyde Eaton, a companion, who was conscious and almost dead. A third man who was with the party is missing. All the men had been drinking heavily.

-Mrs. Wallace B. Woodruff, of Williamsport, was arrested Saturday morning on a charge of shop lifting. When her home was searched collarettes, boas, dress goods, hats, feathers, table linen, toweling, napkins, lace, table covers, silk patterns, ribbons and various other articles were found.

-A stranger was found dead at the Patton brick works Wednesday morning. There was nothing about his person to establish his identity. Coroner Miller, of Johnstown, was summoned and held an inquest, at which a verdict was rendered that the unknown man came to his death from causes unknown to the jury.

-Williamsport has had two deaths from lockjaw within a few days. The first was J. Ross Springman, who had his leg and foot burned by molten metal and which resulted in the dreaded disease. The second was Mrs. Elizabeth Wurster, who stepped upon a small nail. The wound healed, and nothing was thought of the injury until lockjaw set in. After suffering intensely two days, she ex-

-The whereabouts of ex-Councilman Thos, Edwards, of Shamokin, was disclosed Thursday, when his wife received a dispatch from Seattle notifying her that he was fatally injured by falling from a bridge near Seattle while looking for work to earn money for transportation home. He left Shamokin two years ago for the Klondike region and nothing was heard of him until intelligence was received of the accident which befell him.

-After being out 15 hours the jury in the Groves murder case at Brookville, in which Earnest R. Groves, 25 years old and a college graduate, was charged with killing his father by pushing him from the roof of a barn during the latter part of August, returned a verdict of voluntary manslaughter. The attorneys for the defense at once entered a motion for a new trial and the arguments on the motion will be heard next Monday. The case has been on trial for six days.

-Mrs. Sebastian Branstetter, of Cambria City, a suburb of Johnstown, left her home on Saturday evening to purchase some groceries. She left her two children, Julius. aged 3 years, and Francis, less than a year old, alone in the house. The smaller child was not large enough to be out of his baby carriage. In a few minutes the mother returned to find Francis enveloped in flames and the carriage in which he rested burning. The child was fatally burned, dying on Sunday morning.

-Mrs. J. R. Pearshall, of Irwin, Westmoreland county, recovered her \$150 diamond through spending several days at detective work. She laid her ring on a kitchen shelf, and did not miss it for an hour, and then, after inquiries, believed a boy knew most about it. She followed him for several evenings to where he met his crowd of friends, and after several days saw him exhibiting it to his companions, saying he had found it. She extorted a confession from him and got the ring.

-Charles Barner, a well-known merchant of Larimer, Westmoreland county, and a companion who were hunting Saturday became separated and the latter, raising a rabbit near some underbrush, fired. Going to the other side of the brush he found Barner writhing in agony. Barner was taken home. and dozens of leaden pellets were found in his body and legs. A surgeon spent several hours picking out the shot, some of them being imbedded quite deep. Barner had a narrow escape from death, for only about fifteen yards separated the men.

-The little 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Campbell, of Cowansburg, met with a peculiar and painful accident Thursday evening. The child was standing near an open grate after some green coal had been placed on the fire. The fuel began cracking and throwing out small embers, when a piece about the size of a pea flew into the child's ear, causing excruciating pain. The little one was hurriedly taken to a doctor who succeeded in removing it after placing her under an anæsthetic. It is thought permanent injury to the ear will result.

-At Sunbury on Saturday night two burglars entered the laundry of a Chinaman named Lam Kee, grabbed him, bound, gagged and beat him. The burglars went up stairs and after ransacking the place they found \$35. While up stairs the Chinaman loosened his bonds and ran into the saloon next door, where, by motions, he made known what was going on. Men from the saloon rushed into the laundry in time to see burglars come down stairs and rush out the rear door. They hastily piled boxes, etc., in the rear hall so as to obstruct the passageway, and made their escape.

-Undertaker Samuel Ewing, of Newton Hamilton, had quite an expensive accident on Tuesday of last week while conducting the funeral of Miss Heister who was killed on the railroad at Ryde. Mr. Ewing had the casket in his hearse and in going up the hill to the church, which is very steep and no road to amount to anything, the ponies no road to amount to anything, the points could not hold the hearse and it upset, throwing the corpse out and breaking the hearse. The total damage done amounts to \$75 or \$80 besides the loss of an overcoat and a crippled hand for Mr. Ewing. The casket, unbroken, was gathered up and the funeral ceremony concluded.