Ink Slings.

- They say Justice is blind,
- So keep this in mind, And you'll understand how she got lost Midst the wiles and the schemes
- Of the Quay machine And said "not guilty," but "pay the costs.
- -The ground hog's days are numbered but he is giving us chilly reminders of it.
- -- Well, the libel suit is over and the WATCHMAN is not such a notorious misrepresenter of the facts after all.
- -What if the Oregon did cost the most. Didn't she do the most. Aye, even the mostest, when it became necessary?
- -With Japan and England in an offen sive and defensive alliance with the ultimate purpose of stopping Russia's designs on China we wonder what is to become of the course of this paper. the poor old celestial empire.
- -Thank you, Mr. Sheriff of Clearfield county, but twelve of your good men think I had better not stop with you and though I know you would be good to me I couldn't think of being rude to them.
- -Let us hope that whatever may be the outcome of this latest combination of England and Japan it will not involve this country in any more foreign complications than we have on hand at the present.
- -Prince HENRY has decided to come whether TEDDY ROOSEVELT Jr. gets better or not. We hope TEDDY will get better, however, as his serious illness at the time of the Prince's visit would put a damper on all the celebrations.
- -When an unpleasant incident is over have a job on his hands, when he tries to jury in his own county court convicted him | truth in order to hide the shame of a great of last week.
- -A team of horses ran away in Philipsburg a few days ago and dashed into a bottling works, with the result that one of the horses was very badly "done up" It self. This paper had charged that he is not strange, though, for men usually meet the same fate when they "go up against" a bottling works.
- -We can easily pay the fiddler as long as Mr. HARRIS has to do the dancin'. And don't you think he won't have to do a big lot to explain why a jury in his own county should decide that he was not libeled when he was called a "king of crooks" and
- 'an unblushing bribe taker." Justice stands with scale in hands Her way oft times is lost For instance, she acquits a man Then makes him pay the costs
- -The Lenten season began on Wednesslay and there will be a period of self abase- gation of all my official records be made." ment and negation among sincere chris- It was not so in this case. While fourtians, while the butterflies will stop eating | fifths of the withesses subprenaed were percandy, playing cards and going to the theatres in order to have a little more time in which to scatter scandalous stories about who were interested in his vindicationtheir neighbors.
- -The fact that chairman GUTHRIE of the Pittsburg Democratic city committee has \$50,000 in his hands with which to prosecutor, by his attorneys. In fact every pay for evidence that will convict fraudulent voters and those counting returns in that city may have the effect of uncovering the hiding places of the thousands of Democrats in that city who are never heard from at the polls any more.
- -FRANK DAMROSCH'S idea of making the children of the public schools of New York lovers of music is a most excellent one. There is nothing more ennobling than some of the grand old symphonies and hymns of the masters, that penetrate to the MAN has neither censure to offer nor critiinnermost recesses of the mortal soul, calling forth all that is good and honorable in cordance with the technical rules governing it. Teach a child to love music and you the presentation of evidence. We do not make its life higher and happier for having know. They may have been right, but if given it a desire for something that will al- they were God help the opportunity the ways uplift it.
- -The statement of the auditors of the county, which is published in another column in this issue, gives unanimous approval and commendation to the present county officials, for the careful and econom ic manner in which they have kept the trusts reposed in them. It is a matter of which all have reason to be proud; the officials concerned, because of this unmistakable evidence of their ability and integrity; the public, because of the good judgment displayed in the selection of such men.
- -While we don't doubt for a moment that there were some who would have gloated in seeing the editor of the WATCH-MAN behind the bars in Clearfield we can't say that we are sorry that their wish was not gratified. The sneaking mutterings of the few were unheard, however, in the great deluge of telegrams, letters, telephone and personal calls of congratulation that were received at this office after the verdict was made known. It was the most gratifying incident of the whole affair, that is to know that so many good people are in sympathy with the WATCHMAN in its fight for purity
- and honesty in politics. -The Pittsburg Dispatch points to an independent coal and coke company in the Pittsburg district that has just showed earnings of \$150,000 on a capitalization of \$250,000 as an example of competition that has been most successful outside of the railroad combine. There are numbers of such illustrations all over the country. Business enterprises that are able to live and flourish without the pampering security that trust legislation throws about them. Right here in Bellefonte we have a great scale works, two magnificent match making plants and a glass works that are all being successfully operated in the face of the meanest competition the respective trusts can make for them.

STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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That Libel Suit.

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Whatever may be the opinion of others as to the result of the finding in the HARover the result, and to accept the verdict of "not guilty" as a complete vindication of

The case, brought as it was at the home of the prosecutor, where if he had friends, or admirers, or local influence, they could be called into service, and by one promiresponsible position of State Treasurer; the prosecution backed by the power and influence of the Republican state machine; tried before a jury drawn by the friends of that machine and by a court whose sympathies and support it has always had; compelled to submit to "judicial rulings" that prohibited the presentation of the most convincing evidence, and confined to the parrowest limits a biased court could prescribe for such testimony as could be given to the jury; to win in the face of all this was a victory for the truth, and the right to the best thing to do is to forget it, but the criticise corrupt public officials, greater than next State Treasurer of Pennsylvania will a score of triumphs under circumstances where fair play could be given, or political dismiss from his mind the charge that a necessities did not require the hiding of the

> What State Treasurer-elect HARRIS may think of the ending, is a matter for himcould, as a member of the Legislature, well lay claim to the title of "king of the crooks" and that "from betraying his constituents in 1899 he became an unblushing bribe taker in 1901." These were the expressions he charged as being libelous, and to show that there were good grounds for these assertions and "probable cause" for their publication was the duty of the defendant. An innocent man in Mr. HAR-RIS' position would have said : "Tell all you know to establish the truth, bring all the witnesses you can and let them testify as they will. I feel that I am innocent and now ask that the fullest and freest investisonal and political friends of the prosecutor -men who knew of his official actions and their evidence was objected to and every avenue of information closed by technical objections presented, at the instance of the scintilla of evidence, except that which could not under any rule of court he excluded, was ruled out at the request or upon the demands of the individual who regarded himself as libeled, and yet in spite of these efforts to hide the truth, the verdict came-"not guilty."

What must be the inferences that will be drawn from these facts?

On the rulings of the court the WATCHcism to make. These may have been in accourts furnish to get the truth and the facts to a jury! Such rulings in a case to determine the truth of the resurrection, would eliminate all teachings of the bible; all knowledge of its truths; all beliefs and all evidence that christianity could produce, unless it could put upon the stand the doubting Thomas who thrust his hand into honestly seeks to do its duty to the people. the bleeding side of the resurrected Savior. They were sufficient, however, for the purposes of the machine, that profited by them.

They prevented THOMAS S. BIGELOW from affirming, or denying, that he furnished \$460,000.00 to secure such legislation as

the Pittsburg ripper bill. They prevented A. M. BROWN from retterating, or denying, the charge he made in a public declaration that the Governor of the Commonwealth demanded to be made the custodian of this corruption fund. They gave the Governor of this great State an excuse for not testifying as to the truth or falsity of Mr. BROWN's statement, as well as for the failure to explain to what purposes this money was put and into whose hands it went for distribution.

They relieved Insurance Commissione ISRAEL DURHAM and Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, T. L. EYRE, from swearing as to the safes and places this money was kept in until divided and placed in envelopes ready for distribution, or as to the lesser lights of the ring who acted as messengers and agents in distributing it.

They excused Lieut. Gov. Gobin from testifying as to the truth of the statement, published as coming from him, that "Senators and Members of the last Legislature were sold like sheep in the shambles, and votes for or against zertain measures were placed upon the auction block and knock-

ed down to the highest bidder."

er. of Philadelphia, the opportunity to keep hidden from the public the exact amount it cost to secure from a Republican Legislature, franchises for which a citizen of

They relieved the Attorney General of the State and prospective Republican candidate for Governor from explaining the conditions that were imposed upon Mr. HARRIS in return for a check of \$250 sent him by Mr. ELKINS, prior to his election as a member of the Legislature, and denied nent enough to be selected out of all the him the opportunity of telling why an inother adherents of the State ring for the dividual not sworn as a clerk and responsible to no one, was placed in charge of the corporation desk in the transcribing room of the House of Representatives and why he should pay him for work done in that posi

> They relieved Representative VOORHEES, a leading Republican member of the Legislature, and who is said to know all about the transactions of that body, from explaining on the witness stand why he told, in the presence of a number of persons in the in return for his betrayal of Col. ED IRVIN, for whom he was instructed to vote for for United States Senator, and in addition had judged inferentially or by circumstances. the gall to demand a "divvy in every- It must be admitted, however, that in Harthing that was going."

> They excused Representatives BLISS and STULB and Speaker MARSHALL from telling the cost of defeating game bills and how the fund furnished by the cold storage bribe taker" were in the nature of frozen people disappeared, before reaching the individual for whom a goodly portion of it on the state's charity to the unfortunate, was intended. They also served the purpose of keeping from the public information, that these gentlemen are said to possess, about the rake offs from charitable appropriations, and the whereabouts of short- a hundred dollars, but the importance of ages that certain hospitals in the State have

reason to complain of. payment of money in the corridors of the capital for legislative work; of the debauchery that he witnessed in the committee rooms : of the falsification of official records under the orders of the Speaker and chief clerk; of the shamelessness with islation at Harrisburg last winter. obtained for their votes, and of other acts, monwealth.

They gave the representatives of the great newspapers of the State no opportunity to tell of the crookedness they had witnessed, or causes that led them to write the last Legislature of Pennsylvania down as the most venal and corrupt body of lawmakers that ever disgraced a Commonwealth, or to explain why they always counted the prosecutor as one of the chiefs in the debauching and disreputable work of that body.

It was facts like these that "judicial rulings" kept from the jury and the people. Possibly as a whole the Republican state ring may imagine it did well in keeping the lid tight over the caldron of official corruption it has made. It backed the prosecution in the hope of securing a conviction-not for HARRIS' vindication-but for the purpose of frightening Democratic papers into silence about the public pillage it has been guilty of, and the disgraceful wrongs it has been perpetrating. Its failure to make a victim of this paper is only notice that the fight for decent government, with honest men at the front, can and will go on, while the verdict of the jury can be read by all as meaning there shall be no muzzling of

Democratic Convention Delegates.

a newspaper in Pennsylvania because it

The apportionment of delegates to the next Democratic state convention has been completed by chairman CREASY and aunounced. It reduces the total membership of the body to 311 and takes from Philadelphia and Pittsburg the vast power of control which they have hitherto exercised. For example in the last convention Philadelphia had upwards of sixty delegates and Allegheny county about thirty, making an aggregate in the two counties of about 100 out of a total of a fraction more than 400. This year Philadelphia has twenty-nine and Allegheny county thirteen, a total of fortytwo out of 311, or a fraction over seven per cent of the whole now, instead of a fraction less than twenty-five per cent.

-Senator J. H. COCHRAN in the past eight years has won a reputation for honesty, faithfulness to public duties and true manly acts which is unsurpassed by any member who has ever had a seat in the Sennate Chamber at Harrisburg. Such a record for a member of Pennsylvania's law-making body is indeed hard to find, and it is not surprising the electors of the Lycoming-Columbia district are practically a unit for his return to the Senate. It is predicted that Mr. COCHRAN will win in November next by a phenomenally large majority.

-There are times in a man's life when be would give a great deal to know who's They gave Mr. CLARENCE WOLF, bank- Tuesday, for instance.

## OUR EXCHANGES ON

From the Pittsburg Post. Mr. Meek, of the Bellefonte WATCHMAN, is to be congratulated that the Clearfield county jury found him "not guilty" as to criminal libel on State Treasurer-elect and Legislator Harris, and to be condoled on the money question that the jury also found that he should pay the costs. On the whole, however, it is a stinging rebuke of Harris and a vindication of Mr. Meek, that there was strong "probable cause" for his publication, and that it was not made maliciously or negligently. If the lid could have been lifted, and the witnesses in court allowed or compelled to testify as to and for deterring them from future assaults the bribery and corruption at Harrisburg during the first six months of last year, the trial would have been an epoch in the history of the State, and impressed facts on the people it is well they should know to govern their future action. But the rulings of the court shut out his testimony, confining the evidence to acts in close relation with the prosecutor, Harris. This, Commonwealth hotel, that the prosecutor of course, is most difficult to secure. had "held his party up for a political office Bribery is not committed in the open market as beef and potatoes are sold, but is the outcome of secret conspiracy and bargain-The facts can only be reached or

ris' negotiations with the Philipsburg hospital, money influence directing his legis-lative work was brought closely home to the prosecutor, and justified the jury in truth. If levying toll by a state Legislator sick or maimed is not unblushing bribery it would be difficult to define the difference between the commonplace of knavery and its most despicable methods.

Of course this was only a small matter of the issues ready for presentation at Clear-field, and the single fact determined by the They locked the lips of record clerk Busch, who was present to tell of the open guided by the small grab from the hospital. It was simply a hint of what had been going on. What was Stone's postscript but a hint and admission. We have seen a careful estimate set down in black and white, with abundance of names rightly placed showing an expenditure of over a million of dollars in buying ripper and franchise legwhich Legislators boasted of the price they have seen lists of names of those who sold obtained for their votes, and of other acts, well votes for various sums to lobbyists that should make a Pennsylvanian blush to think they were committed within the Commonwealth We have no more doubt these cattle." lists told the truth than we have that Stone is the de facto Governor of the State where such crimes are practiced. What a story Marshall and his backers could have told of the purchased speakership. The testimony was ruled out. investigation was not permitted. The truth was suppressed. Still we believe the people of Pennsylvania understand the facts and will act on them in their own good time. The Meek verdict is a strong index. The contempt expressed for Stone wherever he goes is a stronger one.

An Unwelcome Reminder to the Ma-

chine. From the Philadelphia Times

The acquittal of the editor of the Belle fonte WATCHMAN upon the charge of libel brought by the State Treasurer-elect is an unwelcome reminder to the machine managers of one of their failures in the recent Legislature. The repeal of an act which secured the constitutional liberties of the press was the very first measure underaken, as a preliminary to the contemplated debauchery of the session. Even subservient party organs were compelled to protest against this scheme, and it failed. Such changes in the existing libel laws as were finally enacted, as a sequel to this attempt, did not impair their general character, but defined rather more clearly than before the liberty and responsibility of pub-lic criticism of public officials.

In the case tried at Clearfield the court interpreted the statute with severity, going apparently to the extreme in excludstimony in justification that did not directly and personally connect the plaintiff with the accusations of legislative cor-ruption. Thus Mr. Meek was not allowed prove the general and notorious prevalence of bribery, unless he had specific member. On this ground the numerous witnesses who had been summoned to testify what they knew of the purchase of legis lation were ruled out, and the revelations or confessions that had been looked for by

the spectators were not recorded. edent and is substantially sound. An accusation that a certain man committed certain offenses may not be justified by proving that various other people comm same or similar offenses. On the oth er hand, the court charged, it is not necessary for the defendant to prove that the allegations in the publication were true; if the information upon which they were based was such as would be satisfactory to a prudent man and justified an honest and nable belief in their truth. It is assumed, of course, that the publication is proper for public information and is not negligently or with malice.

All these are questions of fact, to be de-termined by the jury. The Clearfield jury found Mr. Meek not guilty, which is clear ly right. The qualifying condition that he pay the costs may be intended to mitigate the discomfiture of the plaintiff, or i may be an intimation that while the Bellefonte WATCHMAN had not been guilty of libel, it had used unparliamentary language, for which it should be fined. This es not impair the essential significance of the verdict. If Mr. Harris should care to press his civil suit for damages, the range be would give a great deal to know who's who and what's what. Now there is next associates will probably advise him to let the matter rest.

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From the Philadelphia Record.

A verdict of acquittal, or at worst a disa greement of the jury, is what was generally looked for as the result of the Harris-Meek libel case. Such is the character achieved by the late Legislature that it would be next to impossible to secure a jury in the Commonwealth to convict a journalist of criminal libel for accusing of corruption and crookedness" an individual member who habitually shared in its conjunct iniquities. This was perhaps as favorable a loss of \$1,000, which is about half covered a case as could have been offered the Machine for wreaking vengeance on its enemies upon its agents and adherents in the Legis-

lature and State Government. The prosecutor, Frank G. Harris' is the State Treasurer-elect, and in the last Legislature he voted without a variation for each and all of the measures upon which the public has put a stigma of corruption. The defendant was a veteran Democratic editor whom the Machine would have rejoiced to punish with an ignominious inprisonment and a heavy fine for defaming the character of one of its prominent adherents. The prosecution if successful in landing P. Gray Meek in a county jail, was expected to have a most wholesome effect upon the coming campaign for Governor and State Legislature.

A reason for anticipating success was in the belief that no actual money bribe could be traced to the prosecutor. Although the defendant had summoned a numerous array of members of Legislature and of beneficiaries of corrupt legislation none of them was bound to deliver any testimony tending to incriminate himself. Nor was it likely that a bribe taker or a bribe giver would balk at perjury to save a confederate But the failure to bring proof of any specific act of corruption was not necessary, to secure for the defendant acquittal by an honest and intelligent jury. With the whole history of the last Legislature and with the record of the processing the processi with the record of the prosecution before it the jury made no nice distinction between a sordid money bribe and the corrupt motive of obtaining official preferment through subserviency to the Machine. If Harris were not proved guilty of taking money be got the Machine nomination for State Treasurer as a reward for his uniform support of iniquitous Machine measures of legislation. This in the estimation of the jury justified Editor Meek's charge of crookedness and required a verdict much from the virtue and excellence of the

jury system.

This is the first prosecution for libel that has arisen from the scandalous history of the legislative session of 1901, and it is likely to be the last. Harris has a cival suit for damages against the defend ant, Meek; but this verdict will not afford him any encourgagement to persevere in it. Though newspapers throughout the State have held members of the late Legislature up to public opprobrium for corruptly be traving their constituents not one of them besides Mr. Harris has sought vindication at the hands of a jury keen as has been their humiliation over exposure. On the whole the result of this Clearfield county trial has been a gain to the cause of freedom of the press. The journals of the State will be less afraid of becoming involved in the technicalities of the libel law when they dare to defend the Commonwealth against Machine misrule.

Crooks and Costs.

From the Philadelphia Press (Rep.) The illogical Clearfield jurymen who thought Editor Meek was justified in calling their immediate fellow-citizen, Treasurer Harris, "a crook," and who yet made the editor pay the cost of proving it to their satisfaction, saved a few dollars to Clearfield taxpayers at some expense of consis Either Harris or his constituency should have been made to pay the costs Sending such representatives to the Legis lature is an aggravated offense against the public well-being which might well have been punished by direct pecuniary reclama-

As to the probable cost of witness fees and mileage The Press, commenting on the

case yesterday, said: The great men who play so large a part

in the government of the Commonwealth who were summoned to Clearfield to tell the truth, but were not permitted to do so, will surely waive their claim to witness ees and mileage in view of the fact that all these costs fall on the innocent editor. The legislator who charged an attorney's fee for getting an appropriation for a hospital is very little nobler than the statesman who after traveling on a free pass, would make Editor Meek pay him mileage for testimony he did not give. It is a pity this testimon was ruled out. The whole State is eager to hear particulars from Lieutenant Governor Gobin of the purchase of votes that he says he saw going on in Harrisburg last winter. They wanted to hear from ex-Recorder Brown about the money that he says was put in Governor Stone's hands to pass the "Ripper" bill. They want to bear from Thomas S. Bigelow about the money he expended for legislation in Harrisburg. They would like to hear Governor Stone explain more in detail about that charge of

bribery that some-body made against him Mr. Harris was part of this outfit. He voted for all the dubious measures, but the inexorable rule of evidence, born of a com passion for human weakness, did not per mit the truth to be told. Only the smallest part of it came out, and it so balanced the minds of the jurors that they tell Harris that Meek had excuse for thinking him crook, and is therefore innocent of libel, and they tell Meek that for expressing his thought so boldly he must pay the costs of the suit

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Spawls from the Keystone

-It is estimated that only about eighty million feet of logs will reach the Williams port boom this year. This will be 45,000,000 feet less than last year.

-Mrs. Francis Gallo, the Mt. Pleasant woman convicted of arson, and who was sentenced to the penitentiary for eighteen months, tried to commit suicide in the Westmoreland county jail Friday afternoon, but was prevented by the other women confined therein.

-Shooting himself through the breast, Lucas Blazovsky, aged 20 years, committed suicide Tuesday night in the Shenango hotel bar at Sharon. He left a letter, in which he gave as the reason for the deed that his sweetheart, Mary Klernbara, had rejected his offer of marriage.

-The general conference of the United Evangelical church—the law-making body certainly has just reason to be gratified Philadelphia openly offered \$2,500,000.00. A Stinging Rebuke for Harris—A Vindi-October. It will be composed of about sixty ministers and sixty laymen, the most distinguished members of the church through-

out the United States. -The explosion of a lantern caused the destruction of the barn of George Hass, four miles southeast of Mechanicsburg, Westmoreland county, Saturday evening. A calf and two pigs were burned, and all the owner's

by insurance. -When Mrs. Thomas Rickert, aged 45 years, of South Allentown, was ready to go to bed Tuesday night, she blew down the lamp chimney in order to extinguish the light. The lamp exploded, scattering the blazing oil over Mrs. Rickert. The unfortunate woman lingered in agony for several

hours, dying from the effects of her injuries early Wednesday morning. -Zane B. Gray and James B. Grazier, of Tyrone, has secured a patent for a spike puller and car mover. The merit of the machine is rapidity and accuracy in the performance of the work for which it is intended. They claim for it great superiority over all devices now in use for such work. They will place the right for its use in States on market at once. They have applied for patents in Cau-

ada and in Europe. -A Greensburg dispatch says: Wolves from the mountain districts in this county are playing havor with sheep, hogs, chickens and other fowl. Scores of the grav species are sheltered under the rocks, and as a result very few people venture out after midnight. Their howls can be heard for miles at night. Vestry Egan, a farmer, set a trap recently and caught a gray wolf of unusual size.

-A Williamsport woman is bringing suit against that city to the amount of \$25,000 for her husband's life. The man was walking on a boardwalk in the city, in company with a friend, when the latter stepped on a loose board, which flew up and tripped the other man, inflicting injuries which ultimately resulted fatally. The widow has a strong case, as the boardwalk was in a

very bad condition. -Forestry Commissioner Rothrock has an acquittal. The imposition of costs upon the defendant for no other offense than that of nounced that the forest property in the South serving the Commonwealth is one of those Mountains required by the State would be encies that sometimes detract so turned over March 15th. It comprises 40,-000 acres in Franklin and Fulton counties The Barre lands in Huntingdon county, comprising 8,000 acres, have been purchased. Negotiations for the purchase of the 28,000 acre tract, in Union, from which timber has been cut by ex-Congressman Kulp, are con-

> cluded. -James C. Begley, ex-editor of the Windber Journal, has received through his attorney, nearly \$16,000, damages allowed, with interest and costs, in his suit against the Pennsylvania railroad company for the loss of his child and wife and injury to himself in an accident at the Johnstown depot July 18th, 1900. He has been in a sanitarium near Pittsburg for some time and is reported to be getting along well, but it is said that between the 15th and 20th of every month he is attacked with fits of insanity and has to be carefully watched at those times.

> -The following officers were elected at the Odd Fellows' home, near Sunbury, for the ensuing year: President, W. H. Holman, of Patterson, Juniata county; vice president, E. C. Wagner, Girardville; secretary, S. B. Hillard, Watsontown; treasurer. Emanuel Malick, Shamokin. Superintendent Burgess was re-elected and his salary increased from \$700 to \$900 per year. Mrs. Burgess was re-elected matron and her salary increased from \$200 to \$300. The delegates were pleased with the excellent condition of the institution, which reflected much credit on the management of superintendent Burgess. There are at present forty-six children inmates, all of whom are making rapid progress in their studies. The report of treasurer Malick showed the receipts for \$7,435.91, expenditures \$7,285.11, leaving a balance of \$150.80 in the treasury with no debt outstanding. During the past year \$76.59 in outstanding bills were paid. From the farm were gathered last year 387 bushels of wheat, 92 bushels rye, 1,400 corn, 225 oats and

> -At the inspection of Company E, Fifth regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, on Wednesday evening, at Clearfield, about half a dozen members of the company appeared at the armory under the influence of liquor and during the inspection became insubordinate refusing to obey the commands of the officers. They engaged in a fisticuff affair, and the proceedings were altogether disgraceful. General Gobin, commander of the third brigade, was present, and so was Maj. John S. Bare, commander of the first battalion of the Fifth regiment. The inspection was conducted by Major Samuel W. Jeffries, inspector of the second brigade. It is said the object of the rowdies was to put the company in such bad repute as to secure its disandment, but instead charges will be made against the insubordinates and they will be court-martialed and punished. The resignation of Captain John L. Watson has been received by Colonel Burchfield, commander of the Fifth, who approved and forwarded the paper, and issued an order directing First Lieutenant John F. Weaver Jr., to take command of the company. The extreme penalty that can be imposed in this case, is a fine of \$100 for each of the offenders, or go to jail for thirty days in default of payment, and be dishonorably discharged from the service.