

Ink Slugs.

You may talk of rows on hand, Mr. Quay. You may tell of efforts grand, Mr. Quay. To drive Elkins from the track And to give your party back Rights that you had taken from it, Mr. Quay.

But the public won't be tricked, Mr. Quay. Or the voter be gold bricked, Mr. Quay.

By a fight that's but a fake To have people think they make The candidates upon your state, Mr. Quay.

O, it's easy to see through, Mr. Quay. The thing that you would do, Mr. Quay.

You'd lay others on the shelf And name the man yourself Just to keep the old gang in it, Mr. Quay.

—ELKIN isn't out, nor is CAMERON in, but its up to the point where the fun will begin.

—How could DURHAM be expected to stay with ELKIN, "sink or swim," when the latter isn't "in the swim" any more.

—Mr. ISRAEL DURHAM, not having sent up any rockets, or other signals of distress, leads to the belief that he isn't sinking, so he must be swimming.

—Old Ship Subsidy seems to be having hard times getting his barque off the ways at this session of Congress. Even chief designer MARK HANNA isn't able to apply enough "grease" to make her slip.

—It isn't such a grave matter to Pennsylvania that BOISE PENROSE be returned to the United States Senate. What he has done for the State since being its representative could be told of in three lines of non-parallel.

—The turn affairs have taken in the Republican machine camp indicates that when the army marches out to battle next November there will be a new standard-bearer in the saddle, but the same old fox will be in the rear directing the movements.

—Many of those fat English peers who will find trouble in squeezing into the sixteen inch seats allotted to them at the King's coronation ceremonies would have little trouble in poking their heads through a six inch hole were they given a chance to "rubber" in that way.

—The failure of the opening of the trout season to produce any big catches might be taken by some people as an indication that liars are gradually passing away, but we are of the opinion that such is not case. They are still with us, but there weren't enough trout caught on the opening day to form a foundation for a good story.

—We hope that the friendly relations existing among the New York Democratic leaders at the Jefferson banquet on Monday night were more than mere pretense, for with HILL'S directing sagacity and Tammany's working ability combined there would be no question as to what column the Empire State would stand on.

—Judging from the way Mr. ELKIN has been dumped by "the boss" it would appear that "the old man" isn't exactly sure as to which would be the better policy: To have an army of lions led by an ass or an army of asses led by a lion. Of course we look upon the latter condition as fulfilling the ELKIN candidacy.

—Rev. T. DEWITT TALMAGE is dead. He was neither a great theologian nor a deep thinker, but he preached what the people wanted to hear and his sermons have been more widely read than those of any other divine. He was a peculiar man of the cloth. Peculiar in that he used his peculiar pugilistic gymnastics to arrest the public attention long enough to hold it ever after interested in his discourses.

—The Chancellor of England's exchequer estimates her war expenses for 1902 at \$227,250,000, which goes to show that OOX PAUL knew what he was talking about when he predicted, two years ago, that if the Boers were conquered it would be at a cost of blood and treasure that would stagger humanity. Surely England is staggering under such a terrible burden and if it continues much longer Johnny Bull, himself, will become an "absent minded beggar."

—Benevolent assimilation is progressing lovely in the Philippines. At the trial of Maj. WALLER, a member of the marine corps for wanton cruelty, a few days ago, it developed that he had been instructed by Gen. SMITH, commanding the department, to kill every native over ten years of age and make the country look like a "howling wilderness." Some of the vast sums of American church money spent on foreign missions had better be diverted to home missions, with directions to put some of the best workers in the field at Washington.

—A woman up in New York State gave birth to a quintet of babies on Sunday and we have been looking ever since to see how GEORGE H. DANIELS, the enterprising publicity promoter of the New York Central, is going to turn the remarkable procreative feat to the exploitation of his road. The time the wife of one of his engineers gave birth to triplets he spread the news broadcast over the world. What for no one could figure out unless it was to show how long New York Central engineers could stay awake nights.

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Watt Awhille and You'll Know More.

Don't take too much stock in the seeming fight now on between the boss of the state Machine and his former intended candidate for Governor. It may be in dead earnest and again it may not be.

There are but few reasons why it should be as bitter and determined as many of the papers allege it is. There are many reasons why it may be a mere trick, intended to unload from the candidacy of Mr. ELKIN, the contumely that he must bear as the creature of a boss and the tool of an oppressive and corrupt Machine.

Mr. QUAY has said that "if he had the naming of the next Governor he would choose ELKIN AS THE MAN." We do not doubt it. He knows him. He knows he would be a pliant tool in any work that the Beaver county boss would order done. He could count on him for any dirty job he wished to have accomplished. There is no man in the State who would be more subservient to his demands, and no one whom he could own more absolutely.

From the time that ELKIN entered politics, up until the present, he has been nothing except what QUAY wanted him to be. He has followed him when others faltered. He has responded to the demands of his master as the dog does to the whistle that calls him in. He could see nothing above or beyond QUAY nor had political thought or ambition for anything except that which served the purposes of the man who now makes the pretense of pulling him down.

Mr. QUAY has seldom been charged with ingratitude, nor does he give up a good thing when he has it. To drop ELKIN, after the uses he has put him to, and the bedrabbed political condition he is in, after his long service for the boss and the Machine, would be the work of an ingrate. No one will lay his sin on QUAY'S shoulders. To give him up is to lose one of his most useful and pliant henchmen. This he is not in the habit of doing.

To elect him is to get just what he wants—a Governor whom he can use and an executive whose only purpose will be to advance the interests of the Machine of which QUAY is the head.

Why then should the old man have any desire to, or purpose of defeating his nomination? We have serious doubts if he has. He is smart enough to see that his machine is in bad odor with the people. He knows that ELKIN is, or was, the candidate of that Machine. He understands the danger there is of its defeat at the polls, in the present condition of politics in this State. May not then his pretentious opposition, and ELKIN'S much vaunted defiance of his orders, simply be a trick to relieve the latter of the contempt that honest people hold him in as the tool of the Machine for after convention effect?

If ELKIN could be relieved of QUAYISM he would be much stronger before the people. QUAY will resort to any scheme that will help him accomplish his purposes, and if his purposes were to make ELKIN the Governor, so that he might have what he wanted when he sought to elect DELAMATER—a Governor whom he could call his own—is it not a fair suspicion that their present advertised differences, is not as much of a fight among the gang as it is a trick to deceive the public to aid the election of ELKIN.

There is one thing, however, that we can be certain of, and that is, that unless QUAY can find a candidate who will serve him better at Harrisburg than ELKIN would, that the latter will have the old boss' support if he has to take his followers out behind the barn and whisper his commands to them.

The new policy that is proposed by Indian Commissioner JONES, in dealing with the Nation's wards, has such a suspicious look that it would be well to go into it very thoroughly when it is taken up by Congress. The idea of binding out the Indians to contract labor is repulsive, even though they are a lazy, indolent class, but behind this proposition of the Commissioner there may be more than a mere desire to force unwilling ones to work. The Indian reservations contain much land that is coveted by the cattlemen of the west and some of the Indians have made modest beginnings at cattle raising themselves it looks as though this new plan might be one to force them to quit their farms and go elsewhere to do contract labor under the supervision of the government, while favored interests secure the privilege of herding cattle on their reservations.

When the exports of this country were exceeding the imports, there was no end to the glorification Republican newspapers were showering upon the Republican administration. Now that these have changed, and the last nine months show a falling off in exports of 59 millions and an increase in imports of 79 millions over the same months of last year, the shouts from the amen corner of the Republican congregation are not nearly so loud and long. Evidently we are approaching the end of that boasted prosperity that Republicanism banked on continuing in power for another term.

Governor Stone's Junket.

Governor STONE left Harrisburg on Tuesday morning to visit the Charleston exposition and preside at the ceremonies of Pennsylvania Day, on Wednesday. He had a company of eighty guests in his special train, the expenses of which including the feeding and sheltering of the party, were paid out of the fund appropriated by the last Legislature for the purpose of making an exhibit of the products and resources of the State. The remainder of the fund was expended in the construction of a Pennsylvania building and paying the expenses of the commission which has made two or three trips to the southern city.

The intentions of the Legislature, at least the expressed purpose of some of the Members, was to make an exhibit for the information of the people of the Southern States and the West India Republics, of the character and quality of our agricultural products. There was a provision in the resolution requiring that \$5,000 of the fund appropriated would be disbursed in that way. But up until the time for the opening of the exposition no thought was given by the Agricultural Department, at Harrisburg, or the commission appointed by the Legislature to carrying out that requirement of the joint resolution. Then the legislative committee of the State Grange called attention to the omission and the machine undertook to prepare an exhibit. It was then discovered that it was too late to make such a display as would be creditable to the State and the attempt to do so was abandoned.

Within a year the State has spent \$70,000 for the purpose of making exhibits at so called expositions. If the money had been judiciously expended it couldn't have been put to a better purpose. There is no duty of government more important than assisting the producers in finding markets for their products and a proper exhibit at the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo or the Southern States and West India exposition at Charleston would have assisted greatly in this direction. The people who attended those exhibitions did so largely for the purpose of learning where they might make profitable exchanges of products. In neither instance had Pennsylvania anything to show for the money drawn from the treasury and it is safe to say that not a dollar will be returned to the people of the State for the \$70,000 expended in that way. The reason is that the money was frittered away in paying the expenses of junkets for Governor STONE and those whom he gathe.s about him for such periodical sprints.

Attack on the Trusts.

The operations of the beef trust during the past few weeks have about exhausted public patience and there has come a qualified promise from Washington that legal proceedings will be inaugurated at Kansas City and other seats of the trust industries to compel relief. But this promise may be dismissed as a bluff intended to placate public sentiment and appease popular wrath. The beef trust will make concessions of its own accord in a few weeks and that is as soon as the legal machinery could be put in motion, even if there was an earnest purpose to do so which there isn't. When the trust has forced people to a vegetable diet and thus curtailed the demand for meat it will reduce prices and the taidy law department of the government will boast of its marvelous vigilance.

The meat trust is like all other trusts, has its origin in the same influences and is built up and strengthened by the same causes. That being the case an attack upon it to be effective must be accompanied by an attack upon all other trusts along the whole line. As a matter of fact it is less amenable to the laws than some of the other trusts for the reason that it is not a combination of industries in which the management of a number of properties is surrendered to aliens or other owners, as the steel trust, the coal trust and other trusts, are. The meat trust limits its operations to a regulation of prices and output while the others go the whole limit and surrender their executive and operating interests as well as their control over prices. One is probably as offensive as the other but not as clearly a violator of the law.

The remedy against trusts is to attack the most odious of the lot and force it to a dissolution which might be done if the laws are efficient and the officers vigilant and capable. The trust to operate on is clearly the steel trust which is not only the boldest in its disregard of legal restraints but the most impudent in flaunting its power. If the Attorney General means to rid the public of the trusts, let him begin proceedings against that billion dollar concern and the lesser combinations of capital will promptly pause in their operations until they ascertain the result of the proceedings. The movement against the meat trust is all right in its way but it isn't going to the root of the evil. The steel trust is the great offender and it can be attacked at a dozen different points.

General Schofield's Joke.

One of the most interesting witnesses who has testified before a Congressional committee in recent years is Lieut. General SCHOFIELD, retired, who was before the Senate committee on military affairs the other day. The new army bill was the subject under consideration and the General frankly declared himself in favor of the proposed general staff. As Lieut. General MILES had expressed a decided opposition to that feature of the pending bill, the opinion of SCHOFIELD caused some surprise and a good deal of curiosity. Asked why he favored that manifestly monarchical notion he replied that it was for the reason that it would enable the President to change the commander of the army every day and thus he would be certain of a man obedient to his whims all the time.

In this connection General SCHOFIELD gave the committee some surprising information. "The President never speaks to General MILES," he remarked, "except to censure him, and the Secretary of War and the commander of the army never see each other at all." In other words the man who under the law is in command of the army and through whom all orders to the rank and file must go is not on speaking terms with his only superiors in rank and necessarily the affairs of the army are in confusion. But General SCHOFIELD will hardly say that the fault is in General MILES. He will sorely lay the blame for an unfortunate condition of affairs on the soldier. On the contrary, soldier as he is, he must know that the responsibility for the condition he deprecates is with the lawyer who is masquerading as Secretary of War and the "broncho-buster" who happens to be President.

But even if MILES were responsible investing the President with autocratic power to change the head of the army once or twice a day would not be a safe remedy. The scheme, as General SCHOFIELD states, would enable the President to appoint any Colonel or Major or even a Captain in the command of the army and invest him with authority to order Major and Brigadier Generals around at his pleasure. It may be possible that there are subordinates who are capable of wisely exercising such authority but even at that it couldn't fail to have a demoralizing effect on the service. But when the authority extends to the limit of making changes once or twice a day or as frequently as the officer revealed a personal opinion on any subject the effect would be disastrous. Manifestly the old soldier was joking.

One fact that makes people doubt the earnestness of the QUAY-ELKIN war is the hesitancy each side shows in the work of telling the truth about the other.

Humiliation in the Philippines.

The inquiry into the conduct of the war in the Philippines is revealing some most humiliating facts. The trial of Major WALLER of the marine corps was had enough but as one of the leading British journals declared in commenting on that affair the wanton cruelty of one man casts no reflection on a whole people. But the evidence brought out in the investigation now in progress before the Senate committee on Philippine affairs shows that cruelty has been the rule and that in most cases it has been carried beyond the limit of humanity. As a matter of fact butcher WYLER in his cruelties in Cuba was mild mannered compared with some of the officers now and recently in the Philippines.

The principal witness before the committee last week was General MACARTHUR. From so excellent a soldier there were reasons to hope a good report would come. But as a matter of fact he confirmed the worst that has been charged. After admitting that the Philippines are men of keen intelligence, deft mechanics, poets and artists, susceptible of the highest order of training, he admitted that he himself had given orders to "kill if possible all natives found with arms in their hands." He might as well have issued licenses to murder. The history of civilization shows no such brutality. It may well be believed in view of that admission that Major WALLER'S superior directed him to kill all he encountered upward of ten years of age and to make the island of Samar look "like a howling wilderness."

How long will it be under such circumstances until civilization is aroused to the pitch that will denounce the United States as a barbarous nation as we denounced Spain on account of less atrocious conduct in Cuba? How long can we hope that the humanitarians of the world will be silent while we are outraging every principle of civilized warfare? As sure as there is a God in heaven this country will suffer for these iniquities and suffer severely and those who have degraded the once high standard of civilization of this great country to so low a level will be scourged by popular sentiment and justly punished by public indignation. It is unnatural and the penalty is inevitable.

Sad Days for the Philippines.

From the Pittsburg Post. Free speech and political agitation are heinous crimes in the Philippines, as is seen by the arrest and imprisonment of two newspaper editors in Manila for making disparaging comments on the Taft commission. Commissioners who enjoy salaries of \$15,000 annually from taxation of the Philippines are not to be lightly spoken of by Manila newspapermen. When General MacArthur was asked by the Philippine commission where Mabini was, he said: "In Guam. I sent him there because he was an agitator." It is a dangerous thing to agitate in the presence of the army. Senator Patterson, of Colorado, speaking of the condition of affairs in the Philippines, as developed recently by unquestionably authority, says:

"There has been simply a carnival of slaughter in the lands. The army has either demanded absolute submission or has no quarter. The acting Governor of Batangas, who has a native name, and in whom, of course, the Philippine commission places implicit confidence, speaks not only of the terrible reduction in the population of the province—one hundred thousand—from war, famine and disease, but says that the result is that the confidence once felt in the American troops has disappeared and that a feeling of hatred has taken its place.

The effect upon the Filipino we know from the reports, but how brutalizing must be the murder and arson committed by American soldiers upon the soldiers themselves! General Bell's orders regarding the conduct of the war in southern Luzon shows that every man should be considered as an enemy who failed to prove that he was actively a friend. This was a license to the American troops sent out on expedition to kill and burn. Thirty days ago I could not have believed that American soldiers would act as these reports show. It seems to me some remedy should be applied, but I am fearful that nothing will be done.

Looking for a New Figure-head.

From the Philadelphia Record. The troubles and quarrels in the camp of Republican bosses and promoters in Pennsylvania are chiefly of public interest in so far as they may be turned to advantage in securing the choice of officials for State and Federal offices whom the bosses and promoters could not control. It is not disguised by Senator Quay, Durham, Penrose and other party leaders who oppose the nomination of Attorney General Elkin for Governor at the coming Republican state convention that he is their personal friend and favorite. He has done nothing they disapprove. They are only against him out of fear of the popular wrath. He has been used for all the base purposes of the machine and is now turned down, only because there is no further safety in using him.

No sympathy need be wasted on Elkin. The talented young man has prostituted his talents to base uses. He has made for himself the bed he will have to lie in. The people of Pennsylvania, however, will have gained nothing by Elkin's downfall if it shall result simply in the turning out of one Quay administration at Harrisburg to turn in another. The Stone experiment ought to be the last experiment of his kind. The man who has been first to last, the Stone administration has been only a candid expression of the rankness and rottenness of the organization that now seeks to retain control of the state government by rallying Republican voters behind a new figure-head.

It will be to the last degree discreditable to the Democrats of Pennsylvania and the independent Republicans who have the manhood to be ashamed of the atrocious misgovernment in the State if they shall not, putting aside all lesser differences, unite to defeat whatever man Senator Quay may name as his candidate for Governor and whatever Quay servitors and underlings shall be selected to do the bidding of the machine in the next Legislature.

Quay's Latest Game.

From the Pittsburg Leader. Whichever explanation is the true one—whether Quay is in earnest about forcing Elkin to withdraw, or whether Quay and Elkin are playing a game with the purpose of leading the people to believe that Elkin is making a heroic, unbossed fight for the nomination and that if he wins, the nomination will come to him on his merits. It is equally plain that the people out no figure in the calculations of the machine leaders. Either Quay is carrying bossism to an extraordinary length by declaring long in advance of the State convention who shall or shall not be nominated for Governor, or he is the prime mover in a game of bluff which is even more obnoxious than announced dictatorship. The people of Pennsylvania are becoming very weary of being bossed and much more weary of being played with and befooled.

Galvin's Impudence.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent. The most impudent politician in the history of the world is William J. Galvin, of Shenandoah, Schuylkill county. Elected to the last Legislature as a Democrat his first official act was to vote for the Republican candidate for speaker of the House, and subsequently he voted for Quay for Senator, and every job presented by the Quay machine. Still he is a candidate for the Democratic renomination. If Judas had claimed to be the closest friend of the Savior after the treacherous betrayal for a bribe there would have been a precedent for Galvin's gall, but Judas had the decency to commit suicide.

An Explanation is Certainly Needed.

From the Altoona Times. Was the policy of Pension Commissioner Evans right? If it were, why was he allowed to resign? If it were not right, why was he given another governmental position? The answers must be interesting.

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Spawns from the Keystone.

—Falling under a train he tried to board at Kingston, John Bizik was killed. —Having drunk poison in mistake for cough medicine several days ago, Mrs. I. B. Remig, of Selinsgrove, died Sunday. —Miss Dorothea Hildebrand, of Ocoola, has just heard of the death of a nephew, Captain Blackett, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action in Africa.

—Eugene, the four year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Keraver, of Minooka, near Scranton, died in great agony Monday, the result of having falling into a tub of boiling water.

—Announcement was made Thursday that all the maintenance way employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad would receive 15 cents an hour instead of 13, dating from April 1st.

—Mrs. Annie Gardner, aged 16 years, attempted to commit suicide on Saturday evening on an Altoona street by swallowing a nickel's worth of laudanum. Antidotes and exercise in the open air brought her around all right.

—Burglars entered the home of John Hanisack, in Laurel Hill, at 3 a. m. Monday, chloroformed Mrs. Hanisack and her babe and then looted the house. Securities amounting to \$3,000 were taken, besides \$300 worth of valuables.

—At a public auction of the household goods and chattels of Mrs. Julia Smith, held in York, last week, an elaborately bound family Bible, which has been the moral prop and comfort of four generations of Smiths, sold for one cent.

—Twenty-six freight cars were piled up in a wreck at Allegrippos, on the mountain above Altoona, Sunday afternoon. The tire on one of the big driving wheels of the engine became loose, slipped and derailed the engine. No one was hurt.

—The eighty-third anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America will be suitably observed by the Odd Fellows of Central Pennsylvania at Jersey Shore on Saturday, April 20th. It is estimated that from three to five thousand people will attend.

—Lizzie Geissinger, of Huntingdon, was admitted to the Altoona hospital Friday, suffering with a dislocation of both jaws. She was yawning when the accident occurred and was unable to close her mouth until she was treated at the hospital and the dislocation reduced.

—Friday morning when the Pennsylvania Railroad passenger car at Woodward went to the station to open for the day's business, he was surprised to find that robbers had entered and ransacked the place during the night. A little more than \$6.00 was all that was secured for the trouble.

—A dispatch from Connersport says the Goodyear Lumber company has purchased 34,000 acres of hemlock timber from Payne, Cochran & Co., of Williamsport, paying \$500,000. The tract is on the east fork of the Sinnemahoning creek in Potter county. The timber will be sawed at Galeton and Antist.

—The Pennsylvania railroad police recently arrested twenty-one tramps at Lewistown, charged with burglary, robbery, larceny and other crimes. This gang has been making its headquarters one-half mile east of Lewistown, at a place known as Bruin Hollow, for more than a week, and it is alleged created a reign of terror. Stores, hotels, dwellings and hen houses, were robbed. The prisoners were held for trial.

—Two woodsmen, Harry Tomb and Jacob Forney, were found dead about one fourth of a mile from Raish's lumber camp near Williamsport on Monday. Forney was aged about 28 years and Tomb about 35. The supposition is that the men died from exposure and alcoholism. They had not been seen for a week and then they had a jug of whiskey with them. Their bodies were found a fourth of a mile apart by a party of searchers who had started out to hunt for them.

—By a shock of electricity from a telephone Thomas F. Delahunt, a florist of Chester, was almost instantly killed Wednesday evening of last week. Delahunt's attention was attracted by a peculiar noise at the telephone, and, going to the transmitter, pulled it down with both hands. He received a tremendous shock and fell into the arms of Wm. Dempster and Horace Lynch. Before a physician arrived he had died. He was a widower, 36 years of age, and leaves one child.

—The friends of Dr. Silas C. Swallow, of Harrisburg, have invited him to attend a dinner to be given in his honor in Philadelphia on Tuesday evening next. The members of the committee of arrangements have the matter in charge are Rev. T. T. Muehler, Rev. W. A. Lindenmuth, Rev. Jos. B. Gaff, Wm. R. Murphy, E. A. Moore and Chas. R. Jones. The speakers, announced, besides Dr. Swallow, are Lee L. Grummine, of Lebanon; Dr. C. H. Mead, of New York; Rev. Chas. Wesley Burns, of Lansdown; Wm. R. Murphy, of Philadelphia, and Homer I. Castle, of Pittsburg.

—One of the most remarkable and cleverly executed pieces of engineering work ever performed in this country took place Sunday when the 2,000 ton bridge of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad, spanning the Allegheny river between Tenth and Eleventh streets, in Pittsburg, was moved a distance of thirty feet to the temporary piers, to make way for the new double deck structure that is to take its place. There was practically no interference with traffic and the huge mass of steel and wood was moved with absolutely no mishap of any kind. The feat was accomplished in less than two hours.

—Mrs. Margaret Brady, of Hillsdale, Indiana county, met a horrible death near Glen Campbell, Wednesday, while attempting to save the life of her two boys. The woman and her children were walking along the railroad track to join the husband and father, who works in the mines near that place. When near Glen Campbell Junction a freight train suddenly emerged from a deep cut at a rapid rate. Before the little party was aware of the danger, the train was upon them. The mother, in her frantic efforts to save her boys from death, virtually threw herself in front of the engine. Her body was literally torn to shreds. The boys were thrown to the side of the track and so seriously injured that her recovery is doubtful. One had both arms cut off and the other was frightfully cut and bruised.