

Ink Stings.

When John C. gets his hammer out And knocks a time or two There are some men who never fail To tell John what he can do.

—KITCHENER'S "regret to report" is all forgotten in the \$250,000 voted him for bringing the Boer war to a close.

—There will be no cousin SAMUEL business at Erie. The choice of that convention will be the choice of the Democratic people of the State.

—There is no suspicion that QUAY will try the water cure on any of the recalcitrant machine members. It is other methods that will be evoked in the interest of cousin SAMUEL.

—The predominance of physicians in the new French cabinet suggests the idea that the President wants to have lots of advice at hand in treating with the feverish people of that Republic.

—The nominee of the Erie convention next week will be a man whose honor would spurn a nomination stolen from another or purchased of men willing to betray their people for the price an unscrupulous boss was willing to pay.

—The strike in the anthracite coal regions continues, with less prospect of a settlement than at any time since its inauguration. Thus the public is made the victim of a process of extortion among operators that makes slaves of their employees.

—The New York and Chicago fliers seem to be the greatest achievements of rail-roading. Their every trip will be applauded until one of them flies off the track and kills about twenty-five passengers, then they will get a chance to be fliers themselves, that is, if they have been good enough here below.

—If Col. H. C. DEMMING, the geologist of Harrisburg, is correct in his assertion that the land in Pennsylvania was raised from two to twenty-four inches by the recent volcanic eruption of Mt. Pelee Pennsylvania should rejoice that nature at least, is trying its best to save the old State from being dragged down to the lower regions by a corrupt political machine.

—All that the Democratic convention at Erie next week will need to do is to name a man whose character is above reproach. Then the game will be up to the voters of Pennsylvania. Upon them will rest the burden of choosing between one whom they know to represent all that is corrupt and disgraceful in the state government and one who stands pledged to redeem the State from the depths of shame to which it has fallen.

—The advent of Dr. J. M. LOCKE, of Bellefonte, as a congressional aspirant complicates matters in this county where CLEMENT DALE Esq. had been looked upon as the only one. The former coroner seems to be sincere enough, inasmuch as he has announced in all of his regular party papers and that is a little too costly to be done for the mere pleasure of trying to scare a few field mice out of those lovely whiskers which aunt CLEMENTINA sports.

—The conferring of the highest degree ever received by an American citizen upon the Hon. GROVER CLEVELAND, by Villa Nova college, on Wednesday, was in itself a noteworthy incident, but it has additional significance because of the fact that Villa Nova is a Catholic institution and Mr. CLEVELAND is a strict Calvinist. Harvard and Yale have both conferred honorary degrees upon eminent prelates of the Catholic church and as long as the great educational institutions of our country exercise their prerogatives in such an impartial manner the relations between the protestant and catholic churches cannot but be pleasant.

—President HARPER, of Chicago University, is getting worried lest the girls become so numerous at the great ROCKEFELLER institution that the boys will hesitate about going there. Such a fate has befallen the Northwestern University and for fear of a petticoat domination president HARPER is mildly intimating that, hereafter, efforts will be made to educate the boys and girls separately. From this it would appear that the president has a suspicion that the girls flock to Chicago more for the boys than for educational purposes, which might be true in part, but if he thinks he is going to stop that by educating them separately he is not the "wise guy" the world has looked upon him as being.

—Just why the Philadelphia Democrats should assume the right to flame the candidate for the party is a matter that the country Democracy will hardly be able to figure out. Philadelphia will not elect a single Democrat to office and if the Republican machine should need ten, twenty, forty or even sixty thousand extra votes to offset the work of the Democrats in the country districts that city is the place it will look to to receive them and that city is the only place so corrupt in the country that their delivery is unquestionable. And the very fellows who are now clamoring loudest to be heard in the naming of a ticket will never raise a voice against or try to bring to justice one of the ballot box stuffers of their city, who have been stealing the elections in Pennsylvania whenever it is necessary to do so for the salvation of the machine.

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Quay's Two Browns.

The disclosure of ISAAC B. BROWN'S attempt to steal a large tract of land in Forest county through the medium of the machinery of the office in which he was then a deputy and now aspires to be the chief should admonish the people of Pennsylvania against voting for him for that or any other important office.

The facts in the case are that in his capacity as a public official he discovered a flaw in the title of a tract of valuable land which in a measure nullified the patent under which it was held.

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The Sweet Bone of Contention.

If, as now appears probable, the Republican party will split on the question of Cuban reciprocity, the country will have reason to rejoice because the subject was brought forward.

The recent special message of the President has aroused a good deal of feeling. The President doesn't want the differential duty repealed because it will take something like \$30,000,000 from the profits of the two sugar trusts.

This would not fulfill the desires of the Democrats in Congress, but it would be a long stride in the right direction. That is to say the Democrats believe that we ought to have absolute free trade with Cuba or, at the very least, such a reduction in the DINGLEY rates, say 75 per cent, as would beyond doubt open our markets to Cuban sugar.

—Sixty thousand expatriated Russians have been granted permission to return to their native land. Is it possible that the Czar has not had enough bomb excitement lately?

Misuse of Cuban Funds

The payment of a considerable sum of money to bribe votes in support of the Cuban reciprocity bill appears to have been not all or the worst of General LEONARD WOOD'S misuse of the public funds during his administration of the office of Military Governor of that unhappy new Republic.

Such a misuse of public funds is clearly a malfeasance in office and if a prosecution should be inaugurated there would be no escape from the penitentiary for General WOOD, except on the basis that Major WALLER escaped from conviction on the charge of murder in the Philippines.

In the case of WALLER the crime was admitted by the accused and the case of WOOD it is acknowledged by his superior officer. In other words Secretary of War ROOT confesses that the money was used to bribe General GOMEZ, but insists that it was justified by the exigencies of the case.

The nomination of QUAY'S candidate for Governor means, if it means anything, that ballot box-stuffing is to be perpetuated in Philadelphia. The practices of SALTER are to be continued and perfected.

Salterizing the State.

When SALTER disappeared in order to avoid trial, he knew that he was within the shadow of the penitentiary. If the machinery of justice had not been perverted in the interest of the machine, he would now be serving time at Cherry Hill.

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—On Monday evening the inhabitants and loungers along West High street were treated to a horse beating exhibition, which would not have been so extended if a policeman had been in sight to carry out the orders of a member of the society for prevention of cruelty to animals.

—It is not so much a desire to do right as fear of the strong arm of the law that keeps most men from being bad.

The Erie Convention.

The Democrats of Pennsylvania will meet in convention in Erie on Wednesday next and no more important gathering of the people has ever been held in the State.

It will be the duty of the Democrats, when they assemble in Erie next week, to pursue a policy directly the antithesis of that of the Republicans.

The Democracy of Pennsylvania is rich in material for the office of Governor. There are dozens of men who would adorn the office and scores who fulfill the JEFFERSONIAN requirement of fitness and ability.

The nomination of Judge PENNYPACKER for the office of Governor by the votes of the Philadelphia delegation in the Republican state convention can be interpreted in no other light than as an endorsement of the acquittal of SAMUEL SALTER by the packed jury by which he was tried.

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Since the refusal of Congressman HALL and Senator COCHRAN to allow their names to be presented at the Erie convention for the nomination of Governor, the WATCHMAN, while making no predictions, will record its guess as to the ticket that will appear at the head of the Democratic papers of the State this time next week.

—On page 4, col. 1, of Tuesday's News the editor of that paper undertook to make himself solid with the local Temperance ladies by acknowledging the receipt of a number of tracts and other temperance literature. It was only natural for the new editor to make it appear as if they were sent him for publication, but in Saturday's issue, page 1, col. 3, appeared such a knowledge endorsement of Speer's wines that we are almost led to the belief that John C. needed the tracts for himself and that the ladies knew it.

Bribery Will Not Down.

From The Pittsburg Post, June 15. Dr. Swallow, the Prohibition candidate for Governor, raised the question whether Judge Penneyacker, as an honest man, can accept the Harrisburg nomination at the hands of delegates who sold themselves for so much gold.

This question of the triumph of bribery and corruption in the Republican State Convention is one that will not down. It is evident that Mr. Elkin does not intend to keep quiet. The office was put on the auction block as street railway franchises and officers were disposed of by Stone last spring.

We quite agree with Dr. Swallow, the Prohibition candidate, that Judge Penneyacker must speak out, either in defense or condemnation of the way the nomination was handed over to him.

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Traitors.

The individual who goes to a state or county convention with certain specific instructions from his constituents, and who casts his ballot for candidates for whom his county or precinct did not instruct, is a traitor to his constituents.

An Important Discovery.

The national platform of the Republican party will show that William J. Bryan and the Democracy are, together, responsible for the Martinique eruption.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—The University of Pennsylvania graduated 700 students at the commencement on Wednesday.

—Charged with using boracic acid to preserve oysters, G. W. Shaffer, an Altoona grocer, was found guilty at Hollidaysburg.

—While trying to board a lumber train at Cammal, Orange W. DeLong, 26 years old, fell under the wheels and received fatal injuries.

—The Milton Iron company, which had been shut down for several weeks, owing to labor troubles, started work Monday morning in all departments, the men returning on the company's terms.

—Sunday afternoon during the storm, two horses owned by Andrew Ferguson, Pine Creek township, Clinton county, were killed by lightning striking a tree under which they were standing. Two trees at Oak Grove were also struck by lightning.

—The station and freight buildings of the Pennsylvania railroad company at Petersburg, below Huntingdon, burned on Tuesday, together with a large amount of stored freight. Loss, \$9,000 partially covered by insurance.

—The ladies of Emporium have succeeded in collecting money enough to purchase a town clock and the same has been ordered from the manufacturers and will be put in position as soon as it arrives.

—Harry Beam, aged 10, was drawn into a hopper of corn at the grist mill of McDermott, Wertz & Co., at Johnstown, Friday afternoon, and suffocated. Tons of corn had to be removed before the body could be recovered, the pressure having been so great that the corn was forced into the flesh.

—The Knights of Pythias throughout Pennsylvania mourn the loss of Grand Chancellor Dr. Charles G. Ernst, who died at the hospital at Pottsville, Sunday, from the effects of uremic poison.

—At Jersey Shore Sunday, 7 year old Guy Bassett climbed onto a scaffold outside the third story of a new house that he was exploring, and lost his balance falling rapidly toward the ground.

—Dewey, aged 4 years, and Irene, aged 12 years, children of Jeremiah Small, were drowned near Hendricks Station, Adams county last night by falling into an abandoned stone quarry.

—John G. Lawson, who went insane nearly thirty years ago, through brooding over the death of his young wife, and who subsequently murdered Amaziah Livingstone, an attendant at the Harrisburg insane hospital, has been pronounced sane by the trustees of Warren hospital, where he is now confined, and an order for his release is petitioned for in the Dauphin county court.

—Miss Katie Mckland arrived at McKeesport last week from England to join her lover and with the intention of becoming his bride. She attempted to fill a lighted lamp with kerosene, when an explosion occurred. Her clothing caught fire. With her dress a mass of flames, she ran from the house and fell exhausted in the street, where she burned to death.

—The Fifth regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, will not be mustered out of service, but will be strengthened and put on a good footing. For some time past rumors have been thick that the regiment would go, but these all have been stamped as untrue by word received from Governor Stone that the command would be strengthened out and the full quota of men enlisted.

—John Hamilton, a druggist, of New Castle, dislocated his right shoulder Monday night while sneezing. He was at the prescription case when he felt the inclination to sneeze, and grasped a rail for support. The violence of the sneezing drew him into a position that threw his shoulder out of joint. Chloroform had to be administered before the bone was set back into place.

—Wide circulation has been given to the report that the locomotive No. 3016, that was wrecked near Jersey Shore recently on the P. & E. railroad, and which caused the death of Engineer Schriener, was the engine that hauled the McKinley funeral train. This is a mistake, as the photographs taken of the funeral train show that it was hauled by engine No. 1098. James Bird was the engineer.

—Adjutant General Stewart held a conference on Tuesday with officers of the commissary department of the National Guard as to the fare to be furnished at the annual encampment at Gettysburg, in July. The whole matter of the rations allowed the soldiers during the encampment was considered and it was decided to relieve the austerities of soldier fare. Cocos will be served, and green cabbage and other modifications of the fare will be allowed.

—Capt. Frank J. Geissinger, of Morton, is the owner of a well preserved copy of "Das Neue Testament," believed to be a genuine Gutenberg, printed in Mainz in 1527. The author was burned at the stake in the time of Martin Luther. It originally came from the monastery of that city, and is believed to be one of the two copies now in existence. The Revelation of St. John is illustrated by large hand painted pictures. The book was purchased by the owner's father from a German tramp in 1810, and has been in the family ever since. An offer of \$1000 has been refused for it.

—The Berwick merchants and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union are at war over the question of Sunday selling, and many arrests have been made and fines paid. As a result, so many members of the Dairywomen's Association have been refused and fined that the association now refuses to deliver milk between Saturday evening and Monday morning, and the Sunday supply is cut off. A majority of the merchants arrested have paid their fines, but Druggists Deisterick and McMichael, who have been arrested three times charged with selling soda water, have in each case waived a hearing and will appeal the matter to court.