

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. Justice WILLIAMS, late of the Supreme court, himself a Republican of the straightest sect, declared that the action of BROWN was the worst form of political immorality and official dishonesty. If he is capable of such things as a deputy in the office there is no telling what he would do as chief.

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. As an officer of the State it was his duty to have the error corrected or if that was impossible to have the property escheated to the State. The faulty patent had served the purpose of a valid title for nearly a hundred years and had passed from one owner to another several times. Instead of performing his duty to the State, however, BROWN got out a new patent conveying the property to himself. When he undertook to take possession the rightful owner appealed to the board of property, of which BROWN was at the time a member and the only member sitting. By reason of that fact BROWN as the board of property, according to the evidence brought out in court, decided in favor of BROWN the citizen and proceeded to take possession. The owner then appealed to court and common pleas Judge OLMSTED decided against him. He took it to the Supreme court and the lower court was sustained in a decision which practically denounced him as a swindler.

The people of Pennsylvania are now asked to promote the man who has thus violated the principles of public policy and common honesty and vote him into a position in which he will have greater opportunities to do harm. He is a fit associate of the ticket with Judge PENNYPACKER, whose only claim for public favor is that he wrote an absurd panegyric of QUAY and revealed an infatuation which implies a mental aberration. He is also a suitable companion for W. M. BROWN, QUAY's candidate for Lieut. Governor, who shared with DICK QUAY the profits of the investment of the \$100,000 of the people's money drawn from the People's bank of Philadelphia which would have resulted in Senator QUAY's conviction on the charge of converting the public funds to private uses if he hadn't pleaded the statute of limitations.

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. That the party will split on that problem seems more than likely for the President declares Congress must pass some kind of a bill embodying the principles expressed in the Ways and Means committee's measure which recently passed the House. In that body it was amended by inserting a provision which strikes out the differential duties on refined sugars and thus improved was passed by the votes of sixty-four Independent Republicans and all the Democrats except two or three from Louisiana.

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. But the twenty per cent reduction on raw sugar grown in Cuba will help the eastern sugar trust without in the least benefiting the Oxnard beet sugar trust and the beet sugar men propose to clip the wings of their cane sugar rivals at the same time that their own pinions are curtailed. With this purpose in view the Senators representing the beet interests propose to join with the Democrats and pass the House measure as it passed the House.

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. But the repeal of the differential is something for it will make the importation of refined sugar from all producing countries possible and cheapen the price of all grades of table sugars to consumers considerably. That is the purpose of Democratic policies and if it is not possible to achieve all that is desired at once, it is wise to do the best possible.

-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. It has been discovered that he also paid \$25,000 as a bribe to General GOMEZ to prevent an outbreak at the time that the last presidential campaign in this country was on. It was believed that an outbreak at the time would be disastrous to the Republican ticket and WOOD was instructed to take money out of the treasury to be used, illegally, to prevent it.

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. It will be remembered that the Major justified the wanton killing of natives on the ground that his superior officer, General JAKE SMITH, had ordered him to make war on those lines, and as a soldier he couldn't disobey orders. That was probably a valid defense for a man in the position of WALLER but hardly adequate for a man situated as General WOOD happened to be. He might have safely refused to obey an order to commit a crime.

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. But that is not a question to be determined by the criminal. It should be determined by the court. Embezzlement of the public funds is a serious offense. Whoever is guilty of it ought to be punished promptly and severely. If General WOOD is to be excused because he was a subordinate, acting under orders, then the superior who gave the orders has business in court. Secretary ROOT is due for a trial.

Salterizing the State.

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. It has been made possible in the past by an acquiescent bench and the judicial courtesy will be invoked this year to help PENNYPACKER. If the Judges had been faithful to their obligations and just to the community the practice would have been broken up long ago. But they have encouraged ballot box stuffing by making it as difficult as possible to convict the perpetrators of the crime.

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. But with the help of the courts the witnesses were spirited away or induced to commit perjury in order to make the defense set up possible. PENNYPACKER was not himself concerned in the transaction, possibly, but his friends, who he helped to procure for him the nomination, were. They will likewise be concerned in the ballot pollution which will be perpetrated in November to compass his election.

If the people of Pennsylvania want honest elections they must vote down the machine which at present promotes ballot pollution. The Republican platform declares for ballot reform, but that is for the purpose of deceiving the people. Two years ago Senator QUAY pledged his sacred honor to the support of ballot reform legislation, but when asked to make good the pledge he protested that he couldn't control DURHAM. The recent action of DURHAM in deserting ELKIN, after he had pledged his support, "sink or swim," shows that QUAY lied when he said he couldn't influence him. The truth is that all of the machine men stand for ballot frauds and will never consent to honest elections.

-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. The horse beater was George Farey and we were astonished that anyone, raised as he was and on a farm, would abuse a horse as he did that one and with so slight a cause. The horse was a pretty, young one and was, like the spectators, totally unable to comprehend the reason of the lashing and jerking, and though it does belong to the driver should be rescued by law from such cruel and brutal treatment as was given it that evening.

-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. The Republicans have outraged every principle of decency by an exhibition of bossism unparalleled. The candidate of that party wasn't known to a hundred men in the State, outside of Philadelphia, until he was brought forward as a candidate in reward for an absurd personal service to QUAY. Even now he is known only as a man with a blind infatuation for the most unscrupulous politician 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. In other words the convention should be an essentially deliberative body and the candidate chosen because of eminent fitness for the service. Factional politics should be avoided like a pestilence and the former association of a man have no weight in the consideration of his merits. The people want a man of ability and integrity in the office of chief magistrate of the State and if the Democratic convention offers them such a man he will be accepted.

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. That being the case there ought to be no trouble in nominating a successful ticket. In most instances the delegates have been wisely chosen. The convention will be an exceptionally strong and capable body. If the delegates will summon to their assistance the same intelligence which they exercise in their private affairs the deliberations will result in the rescue of Pennsylvania from the odious machine which has been despoiling it for years.

Pennypacker Stands for Salterism.

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. The same men who aided SALTER in polluting the ballot in the first place and procured his acquittal by stuffing the jury wheel subsequently, composed the Philadelphia delegation in the convention and nominated PENNYPACKER. He accepts the favor at their hands and thereby assumes responsibility for their crimes.

Thus far the people of the State may not have suffered greatly because of the ballot frauds in Philadelphia. They have suffered some, unquestionably, because without the frauds fewer machine men would be elected to the Legislature from that city and with fewer of that type of men in the Legislature infinitely less vicious legislation would be enacted. Besides, if the Democrats had had a fair proportion of representatives in the last Legislature QUAY would not have been elected to the Senate and the State would not have suffered in reputation as it did as was shown by the article in the Atlantic Monthly Magazine which brought out PENNYPACKER's absurd panegyric.

But the people of the State will suffer in the future from the ballot frauds in Philadelphia, if they are continued. Every reasoning man knows that with a fair vote in Philadelphia this year PENNYPACKER can't be elected Governor. His election means the perpetuation of the SALTERS and ASHBRIDGES in control of the politics of the State and that is a menace to political morals which cannot be measured. The way to overcome such evils is for the people in the country to not only increase their votes against PENNYPACKER but to elect honest men to the Legislature. Pennsylvania can drive out the rascals and must.

The Watchman's Guess.

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. Watch and see if it don't read.

- For Governor ROBT. E. PATTISON, of Philadelphia. For Lieut. Governor GEO. W. GUTHRIE, of Pittsburgh. For Secretary of Internal Affairs VANCE McCORMICK, of Harrisburg.

-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 Pennypacker, as an honest man, can accept the Harrisburg nomination at the hands of delegates who sold themselves for so much gold. "If he does," say the Prohibition candidate, "what must we conclude as to his own personal character?" The turning down of Elkin in the peculiar way it was accomplished. Dr. Swallow says, ought to be worth several hundred thousand votes against QUAY's candidate.

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. It went to the highest bidder, and QUAY made the best offer. He was handing the Pennypacker end. In his speech to his neighbors at Indiana on Thursday evening Mr. Elkin made statements as to how forty-one pledged or instructed delegates were got away from him that leave no doubt of the use of money in systematic bribery. "When I went to Harrisburg last Monday," said Elkin, "I had 193 delegates for me. I fully expected victory. Before last Wednesday, forty-one of these men deserted me." Who induced them to repudiate their pledges and instructions? It is not only the admitted fact, but the boast that QUAY did the business. Elkin has been lose to QUAY for years, and no one knows his methods so well. "This has been QUAY's most costly campaign," says Elkin, and he has posted QUAY's book in the past. The fact has leaked out that one Allegheny county delegate got \$5,000 for his vote for Pennypacker. One, two, three and four thousands dollars are the figures set down for other delegates. Offices were used to corrupt delegates or influential leaders when cash dealings were inconvenient and dangerous.

We quite agree with Dr. Swallow, the Prohibition candidate, that Judge Pennypacker must speak out, either in defense or condemnation of the way the nomination was handed over to him. We don't suppose there is a well informed candid politician in the Republican party of the State who does not have personal knowledge of the strong belief that Judge Pennypacker's nomination was the most audacious deal in corrupt politics ever known in Pennsylvania. The Prohibition candidate, Rev. Dr. Swallow, declares that it was. Attorney General Elkin, who in reality had a majority of the convention until it was bought away from him, says the same. The Quayites virtually admit it—they even boast of it as one of "the Old Man's smartest tickets." What has Judge Pennypacker to say? Does he believe the receiver of the bribe? He has probably expounded this bit of law from the Bench. What does he say when it enters directly into his relations with the people of Pennsylvania.

The Two Browns.

From The Phila. Evening Bulletin (Ind. Rep.) Neither the Brown of Lawrence county, for Lieut. Governor, nor the Brown of Erie county, for Secretary of Internal Affairs, is a source of popular strength to the Republican state ticket. They are both likely to put the Republican managers on the defensive in the campaign. Brown, of Erie, now Deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs, already owes to the voters in Pennsylvania an explanation of his connection with the transaction on which the Supreme court passed judgment unanimously nine years ago, when an attempt was made to take away several hundred acres of former public land from a citizen in Potter county on the ground of defective title. This action was carried on in the name of Deputy Brown, who caused a patent to be issued to himself, and the Supreme court condemned it as not only irregular and against public policy, but denounced it as a dangerous proceeding in the exercise of powers not authorized. There was a charge against the integrity of the deputy, but the peculiar manner in which the case was pushed, together with the condemnation of the court upon it, demands that the candidate shall explain his relation to it in order that the people may judge his fitness to stand for Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Traitors.

From the Altoona Tribune. 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 institutions, for his vote makes possible the complete overthrow of the popular will and thus does grave violence to every principle of right and justice.

An Important Discovery.

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

Clark Nominated for Rear Admiral.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—The President to-day nominated Captain Charles E. Clark, now in charge of the Naval Home at Philadelphia, to be advanced seven numbers in rank, and to be a rear admiral.

The President has desired to make this promotion for some time, and had assured Captain Clark that he would do so as soon as the opportunity offered. In the meantime Secretary Moody has been looking into the matter, and had determined that there was authority for the promotion. When he made this known to the President he sent the nomination to the Senate. There is no question, it is said, of Captain Clark's confirmation. No naval officer stands higher in general estimation than he, and the Senate will probably be glad to act promptly upon his case. A bill recently introduced by chairman Foss of the house naval committee, to promote Captain Clark. It was believed Mr. Foss' bill would pass. But the bill now seems unnecessary.

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. The movement shows that when the ladies undertake anything it is generally accomplished.

-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. The funeral which was in charge of the Knights of Pythias grand lodge officers, was held Tuesday.

-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. He struck a joist and was turned around so that he alighted feet first in a keg of water and escaped practically uninjured.

-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. The boy fell into the water and his sister in attempting to rescue him, got beyond her depth and both were drowned.

-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 Deiterick 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.