

Ink Slingers.

It is not always the "fast" man who comes out ahead in the political race.

Those who know say that Dr. LOCKE has Aunt CLEMINTINA beaten already in the congressional race in this county.

It couldn't be possible that Admiral CROWNFIELD ran his boat aground because the coronation had to be postponed and he didn't get a chance to show himself.

Since Governor STONE has expressed his intention to take the stump for PENNYPACKER the blow pipes of the Republican machine are not nearly so loud and vigorous as they were. In fact, that announcement seems to have taken the wind out of their bladder completely.

With living expenses increased, thirty percent and wages put up ten, why shouldn't the workman hoard for the prosperity that these times of the trusts have brought him? Just think of the ingratitude of the man whose earnings are increased ten cents a day, complaining because his means of expenses have been boosted thirty cents.

MAY YOHE, the actress, who described LORD FRANCIS HOPE for the American of Capt. PUTNAM B. STRONG now finds herself deserted by the American, for whom she gave up so much. While MAY says it was love that caused her to leave the English nobleman it was her three hundred thousand dollars worth of jewels that caused STRONG to leave her. He took them with him.

With HUSTON as architect, EDWIN E. ABBEY in charge of the mural decorations and GEORGE GRAY BARNARD doing the sculpture, the best American talent has been employed for the new capitol at Harrisburg. Now if the commission doesn't get its "hooks" in too deep the pen, brush and chisel might be able to give Pennsylvania a building to be proud of.

Perhaps the young Madisonburg girl, who lost a finger while splitting kindling a few days ago, has a father or a brother whose hearts will bleed in sympathy with her. Had they done the man's work, however, the unfortunate girl would not be in need of sympathy and her maimed hand would not be a daily reminder in the future that some man left for a woman to do something that is certainly not in her province.

A certain Baptist clergyman in New York is attracting large congregations by the introduction of such choir specialties as whistling solos. While we are not ready to discuss these brass band, open-air assembly innovations ministers are resorting to that to attract the people we would suggest that this particular one might try a few swimming exhibitions after his whistling soloist has ceased to draw any more. It would be right in line with the Baptist idea too.

All honor to the Democrats of Adams county! At their convention on Monday they did everything possible to wipe out the stain placed upon them by MADISON A. GARVIN, the man whom they elected to represent them in the last Legislature. He had the impudence to ask for a re-nomination and that was not only denied him, but he was given the stinging rebuke his treachery merited. The Democrats of Adams have redeemed themselves, but GARVIN's crime can never be effaced. It will go with him to the grave.

It is needless to say that Mrs. BRAGG will never hear the last of a letter her husband recently wrote to her from Havana, Cuba. General BRAGG is the Consul General of the United States at that port and in a letter to his wife he said some complimentary things about the Cubans. On the principle that "the King can do no wrong" Mrs. BRAGG revealed the contents of the letter and now he is to lose his official head. He will indeed be unique in the world of husbands if Mrs. BRAGG is permitted to forget this incident for one day of the rest of her natural life.

We pay \$2.25 per keg for wire nails made in our own country. The same nails are laid down in England and other foreign countries for \$1.30 per keg. The same sewing machine that our wives pay \$40 for the foreign woman gets for \$17 and the type writer that adds \$100 to the expenses of our office can be bought in any foreign country for \$55. This is what the tariff does. It enables unscrupulous American manufacturers to make the home consumer pay nearly double the price asked for their products. If American made wire nails can be sold in London for \$1.30 per keg, what fools we American people be to enact laws through which we can't get the same article for less than \$2.25.

Everybody knows LYDIA PINKHAM and W. L. DOUGLAS, because their pictures are lying around thicker than leaves in the autumn, but there is a new favorite in the field and these two old prints are likely to be turned to the wall so that the angelic expression of Dr. MELLIFULOUS JUVENILE LOCKE can be seen. He is throwing his pictures around over Centre and Clearfield counties by the thousand, but what good he hopes to accomplish by this method of campaigning no one seems to know. He shaved his whiskers off so he wouldn't look so much like the twin brother of his opponent, CLEMENT DALE, and that has revealed such an I-wish-I-was-in-Congress expression that already the people are beginning to say that he is too anxious. It is going to be a pretty fight in this county next Saturday and if Aunt CLEMINTINA, the bearded lady, goes down Dr. MELLIFULOUS JUVENILE will be sending out red plush albums with the next consignment of pictures.

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And There Are Others to Complain of.

It is an easy matter to find fault. It is quite as easy to see the shortcomings of others. In fact, since the days of the prophets it has been a difficult thing to get the fellow with the "beam" in his own eye to see anything but the "mote" in the eye of his neighbor.

Knowing that this is the natural instinct of most people, it is not strange that Democratic voters charge almost every body but themselves, with the condition of the party and the results of elections, when they are not what they should have been.

It is true, as some complain, that the organization in this State particularly, is not as effective and vigorous or as earnest as it might be. It is equally true, as others assert, that Democratic leaders do not give the time and attention to party matters that they should. It is the fact, as others tell you, that corporate influence is permitted to take too active a part against us, and it is just as certain, as others argue, that money and fraud are allowed to play a too important part in the results of elections in the State.

With all these reasons, and there is basis for all of them, it is not to be wondered at that the party is in the condition it is, and that the majority against us in the State mounts up to the figures shown in the returns.

But who is responsible for this condition of affairs but the rank and file—the individual Democrats of the State?

It is they who make the organization. It is the creature of their own creation, either directly or indirectly. Without their cooperation—their work and their efforts, no amount of energy on the part of the organization would change conditions. That body is helpless in itself as an engine without coal or water. With their assistance it could and would doubtless accomplish much.

And just here is where the principal trouble is to be found.

All of us expect some one else to do that which we should each take a part in doing. One Democrat has just as much interest and should take just as much pride in having decent government and an honest administration of public affairs as another. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is not the property of any individual or any class of individuals. One man has no more right under its constitution than has another, and if each man would look out for his own rights and his own interests by an active support of the party that represents and will protect them we would have other conditions in state and party affairs. The organization of the party, the prospects of the party, the result of party efforts, would all be very different.

Neither is it right to expect a few leaders to bear all the burdens and devote all their time to party success, while we do nothing but sit back and complain of the way the work is being done. They have no more interest in the welfare of the State or in the manner in which its laws are made and administered than we have. They are usually men of means who can live and enjoy life, no matter what the tax-rate is or how the State is plundered. For the benefit of others they do what they do in politics, while many of the others put in their time complaining of how some things are done and how other things are not done.

Even the leaders, if they were to try, could not attend to the organization and work of the different school districts, or townships and wards and boroughs of the State. This is particularly the work of Democrats residing within such districts. How many of them pay any attention to it? How many of them are willing to devote a day's time to seeing that all Democrats of their school district are registered; or to polling the vote of the district; or to reporting the list of doubtful or wavering voters; or to ascertaining where the absent voters are and how they can be gotten home to vote; or to seeing that the taxes are paid and arranging means to have every vote at the polls. This is work that the rank and file must do if it is done at all; that each locality must do for itself and that individual Democrats can do, whether the "organization" or the leaders are doing their duty or not.

And how can they do it?

This we leave for each individual Democrat to answer for himself.

In writing as we are we do not want to be considered as excusing the "organization" or "leaders" or any others, for lack of energy, of interest, or any practical work. We understand their shortcomings as well as anyone, but we understand the difficulties they have to contend with when the rank and file of the party fail in their duty and their efforts for party success.

Present Party Duty.

It has been practically determined that the Democratic candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Internal Affairs shall be formally notified of their nomination in the city of Reading and about the first week in September. It also appears to be generally understood that that event shall constitute the opening of the campaign and it shall be followed by a fast and furious canvass of the Commonwealth covering all sections. The local organizations will determine whether mass meetings shall be held in the several counties and wherever they are so recommended they will be held and supported by the State organization. We are in for a campaign of extraordinary vigor and it ought to produce good results.

Meantime there is a great deal of important work to be done which can't be performed by stump speakers or at public meetings, and which must be attended to before the close of the first week in September, the time indicated for the notification meeting. First is the completion of the school district organization upon which chairman CREAMER has been engaged for some time and after that the registration of the voters, payment of delinquent taxes, the locating of absent voters, and the care of doubtful ones. Unless those things are attended to properly there is not much use in holding public meetings later to work up enthusiasm. In other words it is no advantage to have a man anxious to vote if he can't vote and unless the law has been complied with in respect to registration and the payment of taxes he can't vote.

There are many and potent reasons why every voter should be anxious to cast his ballot this year. The manner of the defeat of Attorney General ELKIN for the nomination for Governor is evidence that the QUAY machine has been perverted into a personal organization and unless it is defeated this year the Boss may order his son DICK to be elected Senator just as he ordered his cousin SAM to be nominated for Governor. In any event the robberies begun during the last session will be continued and enlarged on during the next unless public indignation is expressed by the defeat of the ring at the election this year. Unless rebuke is administered the machine will have a right to assume that its operations have been approved and after that no complaint will be justified.

But all voters will not qualify to participate in this just rebuke of the machine unless they are urged to do so between this time and that fixed for the close of registration and the payment of taxes.

Therefore not only the local candidates but all their friends should be both vigilant and active between this time and the first week of September. If the Democrats poll this year ninety per cent of the vote cast for the presidential ticket in 1900 not only the state ticket will be elected by an overwhelming majority but the county tickets will be successful in two-thirds of the counties and the Legislature will be wrenched from the machine. That will be ample reward for the effort and every Democrat ought to perform his duty.

Another murder has been added to the list of grave crimes in Centre county. DAVID MILLER, an aged veteran, will have to answer for the killing of his son-in-law. He seems sorry enough for the tragedy, but sorrow will neither restore the life he so ruthlessly hurled into eternity nor mitigate against the proper punishment that should be meted out to him. While he says he did not shoot to kill, but only to frighten his victim, human life is far too precious to be subjected to the passionate whims of an intoxicated man without making of him an example that will be a terrible warning to others. A Winchester rifle is too deadly a weapon to be trifled with and while MILLER is to be pitied for the terrible predicament he has placed himself in, nothing should withhold the stern hand of the law in administering the proper penalty for such a crime.

The Williamsport Sun has just done a great service to the fraternity and the public, as well, by bringing to justice H. O. SHAFFER, of that city, a young man who knowingly furnished that journal with an untruthful statement of a marriage. SHAFFER went to the Sun office and personally vouched for a marriage ceremony that he knew had not taken place and while the item that was published really resulted in no greater harm than the embarrassment of the young lady and gentleman concerned editor SWELLY accomplished a good work when he arrested the peddler of untruthful stories. The prosecution was brought under the act of June 3rd, 1893, and will serve as a warning to those who imagine they can tell a newspaper man "any kind of an old story" without being made to answer for its truthfulness.

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Quay's Plans Disarranged.

Senator QUAY'S scheme to further complicate the political conditions in Allegheny county has unexpectedly run up against a snag. It may be said that the Senator's scheme contemplated helping Cousin SAM at the expense of the regular Republican county ticket and the change of program was not a voluntary action but one that was enforced and reluctantly adopted. The Senator is a great stickler for regularity when it benefits himself or the interest he is promoting. But when it happens to impair that interest he is perfectly willing to let it go to the dogs. In the case in point he had things fixed for a big vote in Allegheny county for Cousin SAM but what would have been done to the regular county ticket, including candidates for the Senate and Representatives in the Legislature, would have been plenty.

Senator QUAY'S scheme was to have PENNYPACKER endorsed by the Citizens' party of Allegheny county. He is already on the regular ticket, but the OLIVERS and the BIGELOWs declare by all that is sacred that they will not support a man on that ticket. Among their followers there are a number of course, who are equally determined to prove their antipathy to the local machine but there are also a number whose desire to be regular would lead them to support PENNYPACKER if he were on the regular ticket and the county ticket of the regulars with him. But he if were on both tickets they would support him on the Citizens ticket and the Citizen's local ticket so that under the circumstances the regular local ticket would stand to lose a considerable number of Republican votes.

For that reason the managers of the machine have notified QUAY that if PENNYPACKER'S name is put on the Citizens' ticket they will cut him off the regular ticket.

This threat puts QUAY in a serious dilemma. If he yields to the machine Cousin SAM is certain to lose a large number of votes controlled by the OLIVERS and the BIGELOWs. If he gives in to the persuasions of the OLIVERS and BIGELOWs and gets PENNYPACKER on the Citizens' ticket he will lose the support of the regulars, so that he is "between the devil and the deep sea," so to speak. His original intention was to follow the advice of the OLIVERS because he believed that the machine managers would consent to a sacrifice for the benefit of his cousin.

But FLINN is not overly friendly to him or his cousin and will not consent to the sacrifice of those to whom he is sincerely attached and the result is that QUAY will probably abandon his purpose of catching votes "a-comin' and a-goin'."

Quay's Reasons for the Nomination.

Some of our esteemed contemporaries are wasting brain power and mental energy in pursuing an inquiry as to what causes influenced Senator QUAY to nominate his cousin SAM for Governor. It will be remembered that the Senator gave ELKIN to understand that the success of the party was the only consideration that came into his mind. ELKIN'S record was so rotten, QUAY said inferentially, that his nomination would result not only in the election of the Democratic candidate for Governor, but in carrying the Legislature by that party. There can hardly be any doubt of the accuracy of that estimate but it was unkind, for whatever of evil attached to ELKIN'S reputation was the result of his efforts for QUAY.

But as a matter of fact that was not even, in a remote degree, the reason which influenced QUAY to take up his cousin SAM. The fact of his relationship had something to do with it, and if there had been no other reasons that would have inclined the Senator toward his absurdly false panegyrist. But the fact that cousin SAM became the panegyrist was the paramount cause of his preference. When he wrote that QUAY "fails in no duty and is never beaten;" when he added that "the capacity shown by QUAY for the organization and direction of men in masses in the important field of state craft," "has rarely if ever been equaled in American politics, and approaches genius;" Judge PENNYPACKER made his nomination sure.

After While.

From an Unknown Exchange.  
We're going to be just to our wards o'er the sea,  
After while,  
But we're going to exploit them upon the "Q. T."  
All the while,  
And till we have gobbled their lands, every foot,  
You can bet your last dollar the flag will stay put,  
And the right of our actions we'll prove by the E. Book,  
After while.

I'll shackle the trusts with a strenuous hand,  
After while,  
I'll strangle the throats of the robber trust band,  
After while,  
I've got my own method, and got it down pat,  
And by the broad brim of my battered felt hat

We've got to go slow till we're done' frying fat,  
After while,  
We've got to have money to make a campaign,  
After while,  
And I'm hoping that Marcus will fry fat again.

So I've got to be careful and not alienate the big corporations that pay all the freight,  
So a trust-burdened people must patiently wait,  
For a while,  
Mr. Knox is preparing the shackles with care,  
Now don't smile,  
He knows all the trusts—he was usually there—  
All the while,  
He'll shackle them all in the sweet by and by,  
But not until Marcus has fried 'em all dry,  
Then Knox will get busy, with a wink of his eye,  
After while.

I'm going to get ready to tackle the job,  
After while,  
And shackle the combines that ceaselessly rob,  
All the while,  
But now I must ponder and perspire and pore  
Over schemes to connect me with nineteen hundred and four,<  
And meanwhile I'll strenuously rip, rant and roar  
All the while.

A Campaign Expedient.  
From the Commoner, Lincoln, Neb.  
As soon as President Roosevelt returned home from his sojourn in Pittsburgh the papers announced with a great flourish that he had decided to make a vigorous attack upon the trusts.

Now?  
No, after the election.  
It will occur to the student of political history that it is much easier for the Republican party to attack the trusts after a while than it is to attack them now. The President has been in office about nine months, and during that time Congress has been in session for about six months. During all this time the trusts have flourished. They have grown, spread, declared dividends and fattened off of the people. Everybody knows of their existence—except the President and his Attorney General.

The steel trust has stalked abroad, suppressing competition, propping upon industry and accumulating millions by extortion, while the President hob-nobbed with its stockholders and directors, his Attorney General having been the private attorney of those who exercise the largest influence in the management of the steel trust.

If the present law is sufficient to destroy the trusts, why doesn't the President enforce the present law and destroy them?  
If a new law is necessary, why has the President failed to suggest such a law?  
Every day between the opening of Congress and its adjournment, afforded him an opportunity to recommend a specific law for dealing with the trusts, but he recommended none. His party was in power in both House and Senate and every day presented an opportunity for the party to introduce and pass a bill dealing effectively with the trusts, but nothing was done.

To remedy their failure the President, fresh from his visit to Mr. Frick, of Pittsburgh, fresh from his eulogy of Mr. Knox, the greatest trust attorney in the United States, now Attorney General, by demand of the trusts, causes it to be announced that he is going to take the subject up "just as soon as Congress convenes" and do something—no one knows what.

The voters will be credulous, indeed, if they accept a campaign promise of future activity as an atonement for six months of inactivity when action was possible, nay, even imperative.  
If the Republicans make gains in the congressional campaign this fall, the trusts will point to it as an endorsement of them, and will scare the Republicans into inaction again. If, on the contrary, the Democrats make gains in the coming election, the trusts will be frightened into doing something. If the Republicans who want the trusts destroyed, will quietly vote the Democratic ticket this fall and make the country show decided Democratic gains, the Republicans will be so frightened that they may pass a law before the next campaign.

York Loan Goes to Court.  
YORK, July 21.—The refusal of the county commissioners to pay the temporary loans, aggregating \$135,000, which fell due last week, was the cause of the instituting of legal proceedings in the Common Pleas court today before Judge Stewart by attorneys representing the Farmers' National Bank and the York county National bank.

Two writs of mandamus were issued against commissioners Ziegler, Altland and Hildebrand, commanding them to show cause on Tuesday, July 23rd, why they shall not draw warrants for the amount due the banks, each of which holds \$35,000 of the loan. Of the remainder of the loan \$60,000 is held by the Security, Title and Trust company and \$25,000 by the First National bank. No formal action has been taken as yet by these banks in the matter.

Spawls from the Keystone.

While telling how a friend had been stricken with heart disease Lindley Fritz fell dead at Harrisburg recently.

John E. DuBois's big mill at DuBois shut down Thursday after running ten months. About 125 men will seek employment elsewhere.

The Philadelphia Ledger has been sold to Adolph Ochs, owner of the New York and the Philadelphia Times for the modest sum of \$2,250,000.

South Sharon lodges of the Amalgamated Association has refused to accept the 25 per cent. reduction of wages proposed by the American Tinplate company.

While Mrs. Morgan was holding the infant of Mrs. S. J. Goldworthy, at Seek, two miles from Tamaqua lightning struck the dwelling, killing the infant and merely stunning Mrs. Morgan.

Luther Addison the fourteen months old son of Alexander and Alice Miller, at their home in the Friday settlement near Tyrone, on Sunday fell into a tub containing only three or four inches of water, but falling face downward the child was drowned before his mother could reach him.

A cyclone sweeping over Lewis and Cascade townships, Lycoming county, did great damage. In the tract of 75,000 acres, from which the Union Tanning Company had cut all but the hard wood, nearly every tree was uprooted and the work of lumbering is greatly handicapped on that account.

Sitting upright, attired in a black derby hat, gray clothes and tan shoes, the body of an unknown man was found under a tree in a field on Newry Ridge near Hollidaysburg, on Tuesday morning. The dead man is supposed to be Peter L. Gardner, of Troy, N. Y., who disappeared from Duncansville three weeks ago.

Jones & Laughlins, the largest steel company outside the United States Steel Corporation, was re-organized at a meeting held in Pittsburgh on Wednesday. The capital stock will be increased from \$20,000,000 to \$50,000,000 and improvements and extensions are contemplated. There will be no change in the officers.

An item of particular interest to railway mail clerks has been incorporated in the postal appropriation bill by the senate postoffice committee. It authorizes the payment of \$1,000 to the families of railway clerks who are killed in the line of duty. Provision is made for the payment of the sum immediately after such casualties occur.

Operations were resumed on Monday morning at the Penn Iron works in Lancaster, which has been idle for eleven weeks owing to a strike. The men gained their point of an increase from \$4.25 to \$4.50 per ton for puddlers and proportionate increases in other departments. There was a loss of \$50,000 in wages during the period of idleness.

Six persons escaped from the Clearfield county jail Thursday night and five of them are still at large. The sixth, an Italian, fell from the rope used in reaching the ground and broke a leg. They gained their freedom by crawling through the same hole in the wall of the jail made three months ago by two prisoners who had secured possession of a steel crowbar.

Five persons are down with small pox at Rockton, Clearfield county. Scott Luce and wife, John Peoples and wife and Martin Laborde who boards with the Peoples family. On account of the outbreak all employees of the mills at Lawshe, who reside there have been laid off, the usual services at the churches were abandoned and there is great fear of a general spread of the disease among the residents of the village.

A heavy storm passed over Oak Grove Friday morning. When the storm came up, the bricklayers on machine shop walls went into another building and while there a bolt of lightning entered the building and struck seven men, rendering them all unconscious. Three soon recovered, but four of the men were carried to their boarding house. All those stricken were more or less burned and blistered. Charles Lenhart's shoe was cut as though a knife blade had run through. Both his shoe and foot were burned.

By leaping from the Maynard street bridge into the river at Williamsport, a distance of 35 feet, Fred Sorman, of Dubois town, heroically rescued 7-year old Dellar Knight from drowning. The latter with several companions had been playing on some logs when he fell into the water. Sorman was crossing the bridge on his bicycle. Seeing the boy struggling in the water he jumped from his wheel and made the thrilling leap from the bridge. He caught the drowning boy as he was sinking for the last time.

C. L. Cowles, of Bradford, went to Instanter Saturday and shot his 19 year old wife in the left breast. Cowles was unreasonably jealous of his wife, because he alleged she received the attentions of other men. They quarreled, Cowles was put under bonds to keep the peace, and not having supported his wife, she had left him and gone to Instanter, where she was employed as a domestic in the home of Mrs. McCauley. Cowles followed her to Instanter, and walking unannounced into the house, discharged the revolver. The physician said that the wound would prove fatal, and under his direction Cowles took his wife to Bradford, where she is in a dying condition. Cowles has been lodged in jail at Ridgway.

Millerstown is to have a new bridge in place of the old one recently destroyed by fire. It will be built by the state and cost about \$22,000. The bridge as determined by the viewers is to be Pratt pattern steel bridge with driveway twenty-two feet wide and roadway on the upper side eight feet wide. It will be of three spans with a total length of 706 feet between abutments. The material is to be of open hearth steel with an ultimate resistance of 60,000 pounds to the square inch, and is to carry a rolling load of thirty tons on a seven foot centre to centre wheel base. The abutments and piers will be of concrete. To be new, as the bridge will cross the river diagonally and the abutment next to Millerstown will be ten feet nearer the shore. By crossing the river in this way the new bridge and the one over the railroad will be nearly in line and the turn on the bridge between the railroad and river bridge will be avoided.