

Ink Silings.

As the price of coal goes higher, There will have to be less fire. Notwithstanding it is getting awful cold. And its partial to inquire, For the optimistic liar Who said the miners' Union wouldn't hold.

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Shirking the Real Issues. The spellbinders who will do the spouting for the Quay machine in the pending campaign have been instructed to be shy of the issues that concern the direct interests of the State, but to expand their oratory on questions of national policy that are in no way connected with a state contest.

A Disingenuous Candidate. The reverend gentleman who heads the Prohibition state ticket as a candidate for Governor has become a familiar figure in the political arena of the State, and in his case there is a risk that familiarity may breed contempt.

Roosevelt's Curious Speeches. The President's speeches and interviews continue to both amuse and amaze the public. After escaping death by the narrow margin in a trolley accident at Pittsburg last week he plunged into another junket in another section and thus kept his jaws in motion.

Mr. Blankenburg's Letter. MR. RUDOLPH BLANKENBURG, of Philadelphia, has made an interesting contribution to the literature of the campaign.

Candidate PENNYPACKER, in his first campaign address, delivered to the farmers of Lehigh county, obeyed the instructions of his managers by making no reference whatever to the real issues of the state campaign.

Fortunately candidate SWALLOW's following will prove to be but an inconsiderable fraction of the vote he secured four years ago for Governor, when he materially assisted in defeating GEO. A. JENKS and incurred the responsibility of helping to bring about the carnival of political crime that has characterized the unspeakable STONE administration.

Can't Shift the Responsibility. The Union party state convention which was held in Philadelphia on Wednesday of last week was raided by a party of ruffianly thugs, friends of State Senator "DAVE" MARTIN, and driven out of the hall in which the body was in session.

It was Mr. BLANKENBURG's duty to write as he has. In his long experience in the public life of Philadelphia he has come to know precisely the meaning of this new trick of QUAY'S.

The reverend candidate displays a disingenuousness unworthy of his clerical character in representing, as he has recently done on the platform, that the Democrats are no better than the machine politicians for the reason that some miscreant Democratic Representatives participated in the scoundrelly schemes of the QUAY gang at the last legislative session.

One is better acquainted with these facts than the Prohibition candidate for Governor, and his attempt to implicate the Democratic party in the treachery of a few traitors, whom it promptly cast out of its membership, is a style of disingenuousness that borders closely on dishonesty.

Roosevelt's Bad Blunders. In accepting the very graceful compliment conferred on him by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, the other day, President ROOSEVELT committed a blunder which frequently characterizes his oratory.

There are signs of a systematic effort to debauch the ballot in every section of the State this year. Heretofore the machine managers have felt able to poll enough fraudulent votes in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh to carry the State, but this year they are not so certain.

But in what way are the farmers' crops connected with the question of correcting abuses in State government? In what way are they to be credited with their crops? In such a political contest as is about to be waged in this State, the crop of fraudulent votes gathered at every election in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and other populous centres, by which the QUAY machine overbalanced the honest vote of the farming districts, is the crop that is most to be taken into account as calling for corrective treatment.

Congressman OLMSTEAD did not deny that the ballot was shamefully perverted in the interest of the Republican machine. He had not the face to either defend or excuse the manifold iniquities that have developed in the state government under machine misrule.

But having had the game Senator QUAY must not accept the blame of the affair because he was responsible for it. It has disgusted thousands of decent Republicans and driven many who intended to vote for PENNYPACKER into the ranks of PATTISON's supporters.

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The fact that former Governor ROBERT E. PATTISON, Hon. GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, JAMES NOLAN Esq. and other prominent Democrats will be at Grange park, Centre Hall, next Thursday, should be an attraction sufficient to draw many Democrats and others interested in the better government movement from all parts of the county to the rally that is proposed for that day.

Even ROOSEVELT himself has earned more distinction by his labors in the field of literature than by his achievements in war. His books have been read by millions and with pleasure and advantage. His efforts as civil service commissioner in Washington and police commissioner in New York are a better and more enduring monument than his operation on San Juan bill, though his habit of canonizing the brutal work of war and deprecating the civilizing influences of literature have perverted his mind on the subject.

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Spawls from the Keystone. A man named Geary, of Carverville, has been isolated in Clearfield, physicians having decided that he has smallpox. J. J. Waltz, of Lycoming county, threshed from six acres of ground 398 bushels, or an average of 66 1/2 bushels per acre of oats. The Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, is to have a gymnasium to cost no less than \$6,000. Ground was broken for the new building recently. The Baptist congregation at Eaglesville are making extensive repairs to their cosy little church at that place. A new steeple is being erected and the interior is being repaired and re-painted. Clarence A. Waite, of Huntingdon, indicted upon a charge of burning a stable, was acquitted at his trial last week. Landis Steel and Harry Miller had been indicted for the same offense, but were acquitted at the May term of court. By the lamp falling from the board on which she was ironing and exploding, Mrs. James Bogle, of near DuBois, was so badly burned Saturday night that she died Sunday. She was 92 years old and had been married only four weeks. The trial of Tom Trisbie, the colored man held on the charge of murder, committed at Deer Creek, closed at Clearfield on Saturday, and resulted in his acquittal. The prisoner and two other colored witnesses, held in jail for several months, were allowed to go free. A mortgage for \$10,000,000, made by the Bethlehem Steel Company of Pennsylvania, was filed with the County Register of Hudson County, N. J. It is in favor of the Colonial Trust Company, of New York, and is to secure an issue of \$10,000,000 of twenty year 5 per cent gold bonds. Colonel William Jack, the oldest resident of Hollidaysburg, died at his home near Dell Delight park Sunday evening, at 6:30, of infirmities due to old age. Mr. Jack was originally from Westmoreland county, and was aged 92 years. In early years he edited a newspaper at Washington, Pa. One hundred and twenty men, who volunteered their service without pay, made a house to house canvass in as many election precincts in Philadelphia, Sunday, collecting money for the striking miners. About \$1,500 was collected. The canvass will be continued each Sunday until all of the 1,100 precincts have been visited. The Pennsylvania Double track work between Nisbet and Jersey Shore is being rapidly pushed to completion. The grading is nearly all done, and ties have been distributed between the tower and Big Run. There will be three tracks for a distance of two miles west of Nisbet tower and two tracks from Big Run to Jersey Shore. The Pennsylvania has completed plans for the practical reconstruction of the Juniata locomotive shops east of Altoona, which will mean an increase in their capacity of something like fifty per cent. All of the departments of the plant are being added to, and by the beginning of the coming year at least five hundred men will find employment with the present force. Secretary Kabbius, of the Pennsylvania state game commission, on his return to Harrisburg from a tour to Lycoming, Clinton and Sullivan counties, where he has been inspecting the game conditions said: "Game is more plentiful this season than it has been for years." He attributes the large quantity of game this season to the protection which has resulted from the efforts of the game wardens throughout the State, and the men interested in the preservation of game. Oliver W., the great racing ostrich, the driving of which became a fad among the "four hundred" at Saratoga this summer, choked to death on the race track at the Lycoming fair Thursday afternoon just as it was about to start out on an exhibition half mile to beat its record of 1.04. The bird first got one of the reins round its neck. Then the rein became entangled in its foot, and in its struggles Oliver W. was choked to death. Oliver's owners were offered \$10,000 for him at Saratoga. He was booked for engagements which would have netted his owners thousands of dollars. George Hoskins, of Norristown, an employe of Walter I. Main's show, is in the Altoona hospital suffering with a compound fracture of the left leg and a laceration of the scalp. He says on Friday night, while the show was on the way from Huntingdon to Everett, over \$200 worth of stuff was taken from the cars. Saturday night, at Everett, he obtained permission from the manager to ride on the flat cars, and in company with Monroe Everett, to see if they could not apprehend the thieves. Accordingly they went on flat cars when the train left Everett to return to Huntingdon, and while the train was in motion, some person or persons stole up on the two men, struck them over the head and then threw them over an embankment. Hoskins fell in about twelve inches of water, and, as he lay there, called to his companion, but he could get no answer, and from the way he fell believes Everett was killed. Hoskins did not remember Tuesday night how he was picked up, but some one found him and he was taken to Huntingdon, where Dr. Brumbaugh dressed his injuries, which were as above mentioned, and he was then sent to the hospital. An awful struggle occurred between two tramps and a pair of bloodhounds late Saturday evening in the public square of New Bedford, Mercer county. The dogs rushed upon the men from behind and bore them to the ground before the hoboes realized what was occurring. The cries of the dogs raised a crowd and the struggling mass. The canines were finally beaten off, but not before a blacksmith released their hold. The tramps were covered with blood and badly injured. The bloodhounds had broken away from deputy sheriff Joseph Smith, of Mahoning county, O., who was using them to trail a party of gypsies that had passed through Youngstown a few hours previously and were supposed to have kidnapped a small boy. The officer kept a leash on the animals, but they had broken the thongs as they neared the tramps and attacked them before the deputy was aware of their intentions. The tramps were the unfortunate victims of a mistake. They had met the gypsy band and had traveled with them for some distance before separating. When the tramps divided the dogs had become mixed and followed the tramps afoot instead of the gypsies in wagons.