

Task Slugs.

—Most of the papers of Pennsylvania are seizing time by the fore-lock and telling the Governor what they think of him before he signs his pet muzzler.

—This is the time of year when a thrifty man or woman has a chance to make their mark in the world. Lots of fences and little houses need white-washing.

—The hog that pollutes public places with great puddles of spit may continue its filthy progress, for the Governor has vetoed the bill making it a crime to spit in public conveyances and on the streets.

—It is strange that just when the War Department permits the lifting of the lid that has been kept nailed down tight on the Philippine atrocities the administration organs should unite in the assertion that the incident is closed.

—The manner in which Japan bristles up as Russian encroachments in Manchuria appear is a warning to the Bear that the little brown men, who displayed such unexpected bravery and craft in the Chinese trouble, have more of it left for another emergency.

—AL ADAMS, the New York policy King, has gone to prison. All of his millions wouldn't save him. The gray and black stripes of Sing Sing will appear very different to the slick gambler from the red and black that he has been playing so many years.

—It will be interesting to watch into which camp the Republican falls. Brother TUTEN is nothing, if not a Republican, but then as both LOVE and REEDER are Republicans it will be rather hard for him to decide which of them is the least of the two evils.

—When Governor PENNYPACKER vetoed the bill making an additional law judge for Cambria county he spoiled a nice little game concocted by a party of politicians who were sore because the people of that county had gotten "onto their game" as early as last fall.

—When Governor PENNYPACKER discovered that the bill to protect bears protected them even so far that a woodsman could not kill one with an ax, even though it attacked him when he had no other means of defense, he decided to swing his little ax himself and the bill was vetoed.

—The calibre of the American girl who permits a titled nothing from the other side to tell her how much money she must give him to spend before he will consent to marry her is not the kind that will make us feel that we have lost very much to England in the recent YARMOUTH-THAW wedding.

—People who quibble because ANDREW CARNEGIE gave only \$600,000 to Tuskegee institute and BOOKER WASHINGTON, the negro educator, when he gave double as much to erect a peace hall for the Hague tribunal to meet in, do so in very bad taste. What if Mr. CARNEGIE had not given a cent to Tuskegee? It would have been far worse off than it is, and he would not have been the object of such silly criticism.

—The fate that overtook the newly elected burgess of Chambersburg is so terrible that he will have reason to regret the popularity that elected him, a Democrat, to the highest office in a Republican borough. After he was sworn in it was discovered that his popularity had been purchased by funds he had in trust for other people and he has gone to the eastern penitentiary for eight years. Such is glory.

—Philadelphia Reformers are now consoling themselves with the promise that the next Republican state platform will pledge the party to favor the payment of all official fees into the county treasurer. Some people are easily consoled. The same crowd supported Mr. QUAY last fall because he promised ballot reform. They know how much of that they got and yet some are ready to swallow his fresh bait. Verily the fools are not all dead.

—With the mountains up north of us showing signs of bursting forth in volcanic eruptions and those on the south already working over time in the same direction we can hardly say that we are between the devil and the deep sea. We are between two hells and there doesn't appear to be any way out of it. A little church Sunday morning and evening and a little prayer meeting on Wednesday night might make the restless ones a little easier.

—There is little use of guarding the Declaration of Independence so jealously. What does it matter what becomes of the original instrument over which the founders of our government gave the best thought of their liberty loving minds when it has become the policy of the dominant party to pay no more attention to its principles than they were the vapors of idiots. Quite consistent, isn't it to look the Declaration up in a safe to keep it from decay while imperialism ruthlessly tramples out the last vestige of its ideals. Commercially, the plan may be a good one, for the day is fast approaching when King Trust will pay a fabulous price for the rare old curio that sets forth the imbecilic notions of our fore-fathers. He will want it for a race of free people then extinct.

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## General Miles Report.

The worst that has ever been charged against the conduct of affairs in the Philippines is more than proved by the testimony of General MILES, commander of the armies of the country, in his report of his recent visit to the archipelago made public the other day. It will hardly be said that his purpose was the vilification of the army. Nobody is likely to allege that his observations are in the nature of stabs in the backs of our soldiers who are performing perilous service for the honor of the flag. Everybody knows that NELSON A. MILES is a model soldier and that what he says on the subject is absolutely true. And yet he has said precisely what the Democratic Senators in Congress said and for the saying of which they were condemned nosparingly.

General MILES reports to the Secretary of War that during his brief sojourn in the Philippines he found evidence that the water torture has been inflicted on many of the natives, including clergymen, and that there had been frequent murders of prisoners in custody with the consent if not by the direct orders of officers of rank as high as Major. In one instance Major GLENN ordered Lieutenant CAULFIELD to take eight prisoners out and in the event they didn't point out the camp of the natives "he was not to bring them back." Can anybody imagine a more atrociously cruel order than that? No Chinese Boxer or unspeakable Turk has ever been accused of a greater outrage upon humanity. In another case three or four prisoners were tied together and shot or bayoneted to death.

Yet we would not condemn the soldiers altogether. The history of savage or semi-savage warfare teaches that such antagonists are capable of such cruelty in harassing bodies of soldiers in an enemy's country, in a bad climate and under adverse conditions, as to make them absolutely lose that reason which restrains men in rational moments from the perpetration of cruelties. It is the policy of conquest which has been undertaken, in spite of the traditions of this country and in violation of the principles expressed in the Declaration of Independence, to force an alien and unsuitable government upon a people without their consent and in spite of their protest. No people are so illiterate as not to feel the impulse of liberty and a yearning for self-government and when we undertake to force our rule on the Asiatic archipelago we made cruel masters of our own soldiers and treacherous enemies of the natives whose birthrights we were usurping.

## The Postoffice Scandal.

The Postoffice Department scandals in Washington are increasing in interest. One day last week the wife of General TYNER, formerly assistant attorney general for the Department, entered the office previously occupied by her husband and according to Postmaster General PAYNE, with the assistance of a safe expert, opened and rifled the safe of important papers bearing upon the criminality of some of the accused. Thereupon he summarily dismissed the venerable official in a letter in which he charged the lady with burglary. On Monday of this week General and Mrs. TYNER came out in a statement in which the charge is emphatically denied and the Postmaster General is accused of having "lost his head."

Whether the Postmaster General "got rattled" or not or whether the wife of a high official of the government committed burglary in order to destroy evidences of criminality, is of little public concern. It is a matter of importance, however, that the Department over which General TYNER presided has been under suspicion for more than a year and that until about the 9th of March nothing was done to safeguard the interests of the government or correct the faults in the service. Then, according to the published statements, General TYNER was asked to resign which he consented to do at his convenience fixing May 1st as the time that would be agreeable for him to vacate.

The truth of the matter is that while the public service is literally rotten the Postmaster General is "working politics" and the President is rambling over the country feeding his vanity by crazy exploits and adding to his notoriety by foolish enterprises. When the Department first learned of the corruption it was the plain duty of the Postmaster General to apply the correctives and in the event of his failure the President ought to have taken the matter in hand. But neither of them was at his post of duty and the result was that the plundering went on uninterrupted until the participants were ready to quit and then they abstracted the evidences of guilt and laughed at the officials.

—Those German newspapers that are so elated because American warships have been showing a very decided tendency to go wrong lately are respectfully referred to recent engagements for proof that they never go wrong when there is anything else for them to do.

## The Humbuggery of It.

It may be set down as a certainty that there will be no serious trouble between this country and any other on account of Russia's attitude in Manchuria. Such incidents are always made the subject of some sensational dispatches in the newspapers and during the present administration and its predecessor they have been followed by the claim that Secretary of State HAY has achieved "another great triumph in diplomacy." But as a matter of fact the incidents amount to nothing, and there is no diplomacy involved in the settlement of them. The present affair is no exception to the rule.

Russia has been doing some rather extensive railroad building in Manchuria and in other ways developing that portion of the Chinese Empire under "concessions" made by China. The bear that looks like a man, according to RUDYARD KIPLING's notion, has simply been taking measures to protect his interests and safe-guard his investments and Japan and Great Britain jump to the conclusion that the Chinese Empire is going to be carved up and divided. Secretary HAY humors this foolish notion sufficiently to get into the papers as protesting against violation of a pledge to maintain an open door for commerce in China.

After a while Russia will have secured what she wants in Manchuria and will then invite the United States to come over with any articles of commerce which we happen to have to sell that the Manchurian Chippewas want to buy and that will be the end of the affair. We will probably go over there all right with a cargo or two and find no customers and give up the enterprise as a losing game, but meantime the friends of the administration will boast incessantly of the great achievement in diplomacy which opened up the doors of China to our commerce. Maybe there are a few gudgeons who will believe that humbuggery.

## Bogus Love of Soldiers.

The interest which the Republican machine has in the veterans of the Civil war when the danger to them comes from the other side challenges admiration. But when a veteran stands in the way of their own party schemes, they brush him aside as ruthlessly as a bald-headed man disposes of a pestiferous fly. At present the storm centre of that kind of warfare is Pittsburg. The new Recorder, or as he may now be called the Mayor of that city, having removed some of the machine adherents who happen to have been soldiers of the war of the rebellion, they are threatening to bring suit against him under the provisions of the law which forbids the removal of veterans for political reasons.

At the expiration of the term of office of Governor PATTERSON in 1895 there was a general clearing out of the officials appointed by him, including soldiers. Some of the Democratic veterans objected and threatened to put the law on the subject to the test, just for curiosity. But they soon found out that the law is invalid. That is to say the consensus of worthy legal opinion on the subject was to the effect that the law in question is class legislation and consequently absolutely worthless, at least so far as protecting Democratic veterans is concerned. The scheme to prosecute under the law was therefore abandoned and the subject has not been discussed since until now.

Four years ago Governor STONE absolutely disregarded the law in making his appointments. A conspicuous case on that occasion was that of Captain JOHN C. DELANEY, who was superintendent of public buildings and grounds under the preceding administration. DELANEY was not only a soldier but a "medal of honor man." Congress had voted him a trophy for conspicuously gallant service on the battle field. But LARRY EYRE who hadn't been in the army at all wanted the snug and according to common understanding lucrative berth and the veteran was thrown out without ceremony and the more efficient politician installed in his place. The truth is that Republican affection for the soldiers is bogus.

—With the last issue JOHN C. MILLER retired from the editorial management of the Bellefonte Republican and Daily News. When Mr. MILLER entered the field of journalism several months ago there was considerable speculation as to what figure he would cut at such an entirely new occupation. Suffice it to say that both of the journals under his control have been conducted with a dignity and force that has given them a standing they hadn't enjoyed for many years. Mr. MILLER easily followed up the plan of improvement begun by Mr. WILBUR HARRIS during the short time he was in charge and leaves the Republican knowing that he was anything but a misfit in an editorial chair. Fair and honorable in business competition, aggressive and forceful in politics, the WATCHMAN regrets Mr. MILLER's retirement because it was a pleasure to be associated with him in work even as a business competitor and political foe.

## Mr. Hall is Chairman.

The Democratic state central committee wisely elected Senator J. K. P. HALL, of Elk county, as its chairman at a meeting held in Harrisburg, on Wednesday, of last week, and thus makes to the public ear the promise of a vigorous and efficient campaign. Senator HALL needs no introduction to the people of Centre county and enjoin upon his fitness for the office to which he has been chosen would be a waste of space in these columns. Every reader of the WATCHMAN and every citizen of the county knows of his ability, his experience and his fidelity to the cause of Democracy and that is sufficient.

In welcoming the coming, however, we would be unjust to ourselves as well as faithless to our obligations if we failed to speed the parting chairman. Hon. WM. T. CREESEY, who has filled the important office for two years in as earnest a Democrat as he is a capable and conscientious public servant. During his service at the head of the state committee he has been alike industrious, faithful and efficient and during the last campaign created a nucleus of an organization which Mr. HALL will develop into complete proportions. The committee was therefore just in expressing appreciation of his services to the party.

All things considered we can call to mind no recent time in which the outlook for Democracy in Pennsylvania was brighter than it is at present, in view of the action of the committee at its last meeting. With memories of the iniquities of the last Legislature in mind, with the betrayed promises and dishonored pledges of the Republican party in view, it can hardly be that the people will long endure the dominance of the atrocious QUAY machine and the present indications are that the impending revolution will break before the present calendar year closes. Meantime, it is the duty of every Democrat to help chairman HALL in the work which he has unselfishly and patriotically undertaken.

## Some Curious Antics.

Governor PENNYPACKER is indulging in some strange if not startling antics in his treatment of the legislation left over for his consideration after the adjournment of the Legislature. The latest surprise which he has given the public in this connection was in the signing of the bill to increase the compensation of the chaplains of the two houses from \$3 to \$6 a day and adding mileage every day. This bill was passed for the benefit of the Rev. Mr. SULLIVAN, of Philadelphia, who was chaplain of the Senate during the last session and has been promised a re-election for the next session. The machine feels very kind to him.

SULLIVAN is a clergyman less distinguished for piety than for some other qualities. He was appointed chaplain at the last organization at the instance of Senator VARE, of Philadelphia. When VARE asked for the favor president pro tem. SCOTT partially promised to oblige him but suggested that the candidate ought to be presented to him. Accordingly VARE brought his candidate around and is said to have introduced him in these words: "Senator SCOTT, this is my friend, the Rev. Mr. SULLIVAN and he is a hell of a good fellow." SULLIVAN had presided at a machine meeting in Philadelphia one night and declared that reformers weren't of much account anyway and the voters might as well stick to the machine candidates.

The Governor has done some other curious things with respect to the signing of bills. For example, he expresses great fear that the appropriations will over tax the treasury and threatens to scale some of the donations to public charities in order to make both ends meet. But he signed the bill increasing the salaries of Judges though it puts an addition to the cost of the courts amounting to \$100,000 and is clearly in violation of the constitution which declares that the salary of no public official shall be increased during the term for which he was elected, and the Governor is sworn to support, obey and defend the constitution. The Governor has done many other curious things which will be referred to at another time.

## Party Organization Work.

The Democratic state convention will not be held until September 2nd, this year, which is just one day before the expiration of the legal limit for registration and assessment. That being the case, it is obvious that such important campaign work must be performed before the convention. It is purely local work and devolves on county and school district committees anyway. But too frequently every detail of the campaign is left until after the state convention and this year if that happens it will not be performed at all for the reason that there will be no time in which to attend to it.

The earlier the organization work of the party is begun the better it is performed. Hasty campaign work is never either accurate or effective. The best results are obtained where constant attention is given.

In other words, committeemen who would have a perfect organization ought to have their voters list always at hand so as to be able to correct it whenever changes occur. This sort of vigilance inspires activity in the rank and file and minimizes the labor of getting out the vote, besides making it possible to get out the full vote. The committeeman who hasn't the name and residence of every voter in his district can't expect to get every voter to the polls on election day.

The Democrats of this county ought to begin at once on the organization work for the next campaign. We have a most energetic state chairman and he will waste no time in getting the forces into motion. But the local work must be performed by the local organizations and the organization which is most efficient in it will be in the highest favor at the close of the contest. Centre county ought to stand in the front rank when the alignment is finally made, and it will if the local committees are vigilant and industrious. By beginning now and continuing until the end an absolutely perfect organization may be secured.

## Represents the Sentiment of the Democratic People.

From the Pittsburg Post.

In the debate going on about the future of the Democratic party, especially in its relation to the presidential contest of next year, the Philadelphia "Record" observes that Mr. Bryan was defeated twice and Mr. Cleveland was elected twice, and hence the fary of the Nebraskan." This is a narrow view, and will not stand the test of close examination. Mr. Cleveland was elected twice because he had the united support of the Democratic party. In fact he had a majority of the popular vote over his Republican opponent, at the three elections when he was a candidate, failing in 1888 in not securing a majority of the electoral vote. His record in this respect is without parallel, but it was because he had the united support of his party. In 1892 Mr. Cleveland, in a letter to a Georgia editor held that a man's status as a Democrat was determined by his loyal support of the candidate of the Democratic party, nominated by the National convention. That was the only test in 1892, as interpreted by Mr. Cleveland. Never was there a stronger appeal made for the unity of the party and the binding force of the organization in its official action.

Mr. Bryan is not out of the way in insisting on this. It is the only way political organization can be maintained. Hence we have no question he is right as a matter of fact that a "bolter" in 1896 or 1900 stands little or no chance of the Democratic nomination next year. Mr. Cleveland is out of place to reaffirm this principle in 1904. It has passed from the field of pertinent political debate, about as thoroughly as the war failure resolution of 1864. We must act on the living present, and the best and only way to do it is to avoid reiteration on what took place in 1896 and 1900. We believe the Democratic National convention will face and dispose of this question with prudence and wisdom. It will not justify the bolting of Bryan in 1896 by nominating a bolter, nor will it close the doors against those who see that their best hopes of the future rest on the issues of the day, and not of four or eight years ago.

## Was it a Democratic Victory?

From the Chicago Chronicle.

The prosecution of the Northern Securities company and the great anti-trust decision of the court at St. Paul constitute a Democratic victory, not a victory of President Roosevelt nor of the Republican Congress.

The public sentiment which forced the national administration to act against the trusts was created by Democratic agitation. The Republicans were forced into a corner. They were compelled to act for the suppression of the trusts or to go before the country at the next election as the party of the trusts, supporting the trusts and supported by the trusts.

In claiming the credit of the anti-trust victory in the courts the Republicans are stealing Democratic thunder. The larceny will not prevail. The Democratic party is entitled to all the credit of the successful war on the trusts, and it cannot be kept out of its own when the reckoning comes.

## So Say We All.

From the Philadelphia Record.

In appointing Colonel James H. Lambert executive officer of the Pennsylvania Commission to represent the State at the St. Louis exposition Governor Pennypacker has done himself credit and conferred honor upon a most deserving newspaper man. It would have been difficult to make a more suitable selection.

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## Spawls from the Keystone.

—The Governor has signed the bill permitting the election of one female overseer of the poor in boroughs and townships.

—Caroline W. Carson, aged 51 years, was found drowned in the cellar of her home at West Chester. She committed suicide by standing upon a chair and submerging her head in a barrel of water.

—Another man, afflicted with smallpox, John Fry by name, boarded day express Friday at Renovo, having walked from near Cross Fork, and passed through Lock Haven to Williamsport, before the nature of his disease became known.

—While little Mahlon Jenkins, of Calvert, Lycoming county, was petting a calf it started to run, the rope winding about the child's neck. The rope was drawn so tight that the boy was choked until he became black in the face. An older brother reached him in time to save his life.

—Mrs. Harry Reamer, of Williamsport, fainted Friday morning while cleaning the outside of a window, at her home on the second floor, and was only saved from falling headforemost to the street by her ten year old daughter, who grasped her by the skirt and held on with all her strength until help came from the street.

—Fred Thomas, 19 years old, of Ralston, is in a very critical condition as the result of four stab wounds received at the hands of Frank Fereranan, an Italian, aged seventeen years. Bands of men are now searching for the latter, who escaped soon after the stabbing, and has not been seen since. The stabbing took place during a scuffle between the two in the barroom of the Carl hotel. The boy will die.

—Wednesday last week what is known as the mud plug of the boiler at the saw mill of Simon McFarlin at Uthalville was blown out striking Harold Edlebute, aged 7 years, with such force as to cause injuries which resulted in death during the night. The lad was a grandson of Mr. McFarlin, who in his endeavors to rescue him inhaled steam and was also badly scalded in the back. He may not recover.

—Suffering from a temporary mental derangement, Mrs. Henry Heffner, of near Kutztown, went into the cellar of her home Saturday and is supposed to have poured kerosene over her clothes, then set fire to them. When found she was horribly burned and died early Monday morning. On Friday she received about \$8,000 from her deceased father's estate, which she carried in her dress pocket. This is supposed to have been burned with her dress.

—Privates John Berger, Frank Crumbling and John Sweets, of Williamsport, members of Company G, Twelfth regiment, N. G. P., are in jail and will be given a trial by Lieut. Col. Barber, of Lewisburg, on a charge of non-attendance at drills and contempt of court. They had been court martialed three weeks ago on the first named charge and failed on April 4th to be present at the armory to stand trial. The second charge was then preferred and on Thursday they were all placed in jail.

—An Insurance company, through its Philadelphia agents, has insured L. Rodman Wanamaker, son of John Wanamaker, for \$1,000,000. The premium on the insurance is over \$30,000 a year. This makes Mr. Wanamaker one of the most heavily insured private individuals in the world, as he carries policies for \$2,000,000. His insurances is said to be exceeded only by King Edward VII. John Wanamaker, his father, carries policies aggregating \$1,500,000, and John M. Mack carries \$1,250,000, of which \$1,000,000 was placed recently.

—Quite a commotion was occasioned one day at the recent term of the Elk county court at Ridgway. There were several persons in the district attorney's office, when a juror came in and said he wished to be excused and when asked to give a reason, replied that he had just left two children at St. Mary's with the smallpox and he thought he ought to be there helping to take care of them. The man had no more than finished his statement when there was a hasty exit of those in the room, and the judge learning of the episode promptly adjourned court.

—Some of the newspapers state that Gen. Wiley has determined on Somerset for the encampment of the second brigade, N. G. P., the latter part of August, and that the buildings for the storage supplies will be erected, water main and connections will be laid and every arrangement made for every need of the troops in camp. As a matter of fact no place has yet been settled for the encampment, though it is not unlikely that the Somerset site will be the place. General Wiley and a number of his officers in the brigade will visit Somerset on Monday next and look over the ground there, and on Tuesday they will go to Erie and see the proposed site there. After that a definite statement as to the camp location will probably be made.

—Torbert Johnston, a lumberman in the Black forest region, caught smallpox in a most surprising way. He ate brook trout caught in a stream in which it has since been discovered a number of woodmen who had smallpox had bathed. Johnston lives alone and just a week after his fish meal of speckled beauties the disease broke out. As a result trout fishing has ceased in all the streams in the Black forest region. The woodmen of the camp have been attacked and are fighting the quarantine and in a number of cases have taken to the woods rather than be isolated with other patients. The situation is grave and the state health authorities are doing everything in their power to combat the disease.

—After harmonizing the various existing differences between operators and miners the meeting of the scale committee of the Altoona convention adjourned at Clearfield on Sunday evening. The trouble grew out of the interpretation of certain sections of the Altoona scale, principally sections 2 and 5, which governed the cutting of coal by machines. The time to be taken for dinner also caused much trouble, the operators waiting an hour and the miners half an hour. Where coal is cut by the ton, board or piece, the advance is 12 per cent; where coal is cut by the day, the advance is 12 per cent, on the task basis existing before April. Time for dinner will be forty-five minutes at all mines in the region, commencing May 1. The differences over the harnessing of mules was adjusted locally.