-If our muzzle is not on straight please tell us.

-Col. REEDER fell off his dignity with a very undignified flop, under a very small dose of laughing gas on Tuesday.

-What do you suppose Judge LOVE meant by that rather extraordinary quotation he made in the Republican convention on Tuesday?

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taken the trouble to read it.

their victim who is unable to reply owing

It is safe to say that the measure is per-

prosecution under it will result in the

judicial declaration of its invalidity. But

the intention of its framers was malicious

beyond question. In other words Senator

QUAY, Senator PENROSE and the Governor,

himself, hoped to muzzle the press in order

to facilitate their schemes to loot the State

their plans because in their zeal they over-

stepped the mark and lost their quarry.

Whatever execration would have attended

the success of their scheme is therefore

properly due them notwithstanding the

evident and certain failure of their pur-

On the Anxious Seat.

It was five years, on Tuesday last, so we

have been informed, since Judge Love ap-

peared in a Republican county convention,

as a participant in its proceedings, a sympa-

thizer in its actions or an encourager of its

work. There were reasons for this. His

Governor HASTINGS had so incensed the

members of his party that his room in a

to his person, and he judiciously kept to

his back office and contented himself with

encouraging his few followers to make what

and responsible for the organization within

It is somewhat different now. It is

within one year of the time when his hon-

or will be seeking a re-nomination. The

avoided as a neighbor, maligned as a citi-

zen and official, and labored to defeat as a

cure it he must have the good will of those

who were true to Governor HASTINGS. This is the why of his crawling back into

his party convention—a convention con-trolled and under the influence of those

who were proud to be known as friends of

and the wrongs that had been perpetrated

against him who now lies silent and help-less in the cemetery, be forgotten and for-

Under the circumstances it may be an

easy matter for Judge LOVE to come to the

front bearing an olive branch is his hand and pleading for the "dead past to be al-

lowed to bury its dead," now that he needs and must have friends.

Will it be as easy a matter for those who

respect the memory of the man he traduced, labored to humiliate and defeat to forgive

the county.

their work.

The Odious Press Muzzler.

--While the thermometer is bobbing around 90° in the shade here it is sort of refreshing to read of the great snow storm that is raging in Montana.

-Poor old Col. COBURN. After five years of silence. it was not to be wondered at that he should express "surprise at being called upon to speak."

-Western people are astonished at the wind storms they have been experiencing since the opening of spring. But they forget they have had ROOSEVELT among them most of that time.

-The New York woman who laughed herself to death over the funny things she saw in a paper one day couldn't possibly have been reading Puck or Judge. It must cent history. have been the Sun

-Come to think of it it is right that the ly necessitates days of recreation for any thing with liberty about it.

-When you remember what led up to it and consider the purpose of the muzzler there will be no question in your mind about Governor PENNYPACKER's thorough undertanding of what Mr. QUAY put him there for.

-If it doesn't rain pretty soon there will be no field corn in Centre county to speak of next fall. The new high heeled, pointed toed shoes which women are affecting, however, will make up for this shortage with a large crop of the other kind.

-And if Governor PENNYPACKER "had lived in England one hundred years ago" he would have had about as much chance of being Governor of anything as he has now of climbing out of the dishonorable oblivion into which he has plunged himself.

-Governor PENOYER, "Bloody Bridles" WAITE. CARRIE NATION and even poor MARY ELLEN LEASE will have to take a back seat now among the political moustrosities, while cousin SAM blunders about trying to find something to put his press muzzle on.

-It has been intimated for some time that there is something wrong with CHARLES M. SCHWAB's think tank, but ever in holding him up to popular ridicule as long as the trouble runs in the direction and public execution. In revealing his the public will have to admit that if there is anything wrong it is really all right.

-Brother REEDER threatens to "show the Democrats of the county something next fall." As he does not say what, we take it that it will be about 1000 Democratic majority, as that's about the size of the showing he has made when acting as bell wether for those who are willing to follow

-The chestnutty old story about the elephant and the drunken man that the brains (?) of the Republican party in Centre county told on Tuesday would have been far more to the point had he likened himself to the elephant and said that the drunken man didn't know which end was the nether.

-Don't make up your minds too hastily about the "manliness" and the "independence"of all the Republican editors who are now so volubly writing down the press muzzler. In less than two weeks there are those of them who will be whooping it up just as vigorously for the gang that needed and the creatures that made the muzzler. Do you wonder that a yellow dog feels proud at times-he always knows enough to know when he is kicked. There are some editors who don't.

-It is less than a week from to-day until the editor of the Gazette, who has been denouncing the press muzzler and its authors for the past four weeks, will be in Harrisburg voting to place one of the makers of that muzzler at the head of the Republican state ticket. Who was it that wrote about the "pup returning to its vomit" and could he have had in mind cases of this kind?

-Of all the attempts to insult the intelligence and broad mindedness of the members of Gregg post we have ever heard of that to refuse to allow an essay on ROBERT E. LEE to be read at the Belle fonte High school commencement exercises is the worst. Whence the agitation arose no one seems to know, but that is probably because the source of it is so narrow, and warped and dark that it is not discernible to more enlightened people. The essay in question had won the J. C. MEYER prize and was written unassisted, by a little girl, four of whose uncles had been among the most valiant fighters for the Union. According to all precedent she should read it at commencement, but some the 'dead past be allowed to bury its who prefer to live in the dark days of '63 dead;" that the ingratitude, the bitterness and who seem to be too ungenerous to forgive and too narrow to forget tried to prevent it, giving for their excuse that it given. might offend Gregg post. Why, bless you, there isn't a man wearing the blue to-day who would have ever heard the rattle of musketry and stood his ground mid the scenes of that terrible carnage had he been endowed with such a puny spirit as would take offense at the opinion of a little northern girl of a brilliant southern General.

STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

BELLEFONTE, PA., MAY 22, 1903.

Quay's Gravest Crime

In his marvelously made apology for Widely conflicting opinions have been expressed of the iniquitous "press muzzler" signing the atrocious "press muzzler" Govand the readers of the daily press have ernor PENNYPACKER asserts a monstrous been given a vast range of thought from proposition with respect to the relations which to estimate its character and effects. of the Executive to the legislative branch of the government. Whatever the Legis-There are hysterical, defiant and placid, commentators in plenty and out of them lature does in violation of the constitution all the fact may be drawn that Governor of the State and the rules of the Houses. PENNYPACKER has made a monumental the Governor has no right to interfere or blunder. Whether he will be able to re- even criticise, he declares substantially. cover from it during the period of his offi- He might as well have declared that percial, or reconcile the people to it during his sonating members, counting absent memnatural life, remains to be seen. But the bers and perverting the records in every present indications are that he will go out way has the sanction of the Governor and of the office under a burden of popular ex- is guaranteed immunity from punishment. ecration that has not been equaled in re-

It is susceptible of proof that one afternoon during the last session of the Legis-So far as we are concerned it can truth- lature, when there was no unusal excitefully be said that we have not been disapment in the chamber, one Philadelphia Liberty bell should take a trip. Kept in pointed in the action of Governor PENNY- Representative voted eighteen times on one the atmosphere of the "muzzler" natural- PACKER. We have not been carried away bill, fifteen times on another and twelve by the expressions of independent thought | times on still another and those fraudulent in which the Governor has indulged in votes made the majority by which each vetoing a few unimportant measures which | bill was passed. The constitution requires he has thus disposed of. We have noticed that every measure in order to become a that in every essential he has been a more law must "be read three times on three obedient and subservient slave of QUAY separate days," but the "press muzzler" than any Governor who has ever occupied was only read in the House of Representathe office. QUAY had no interest in the tives once and then as an amendment. season of killing bears and the Governor | Nevertheless Governor PENNYPACKER, who was permitted to freely indulge his pen- confesses a knowledge of the facts, declined chant for humor in killing it. He was to make that a reason for vetoing the bill, equally indifferent with respect to the though he is under the obligation of a other measures vetoed and His Excellency solemn oath "to support, obey and defend" was generously indulged. But the "press | the constitution.

muzzler" was QUAY's pet measure and it The Governor is a part of the law makhas been approved, notwithstanding its un- ing power of the Commonwealth because constitutionality must have been obvious his assent is necessary, except under certain to every intelligent school boy who has unusual conditions, to give force and effect to the work of the Legislature and his dis-We have not been deceived in the result approval, except under circumstances which of the approval measure, either. It has rarely occur, is fatal to a bill. But he renever been possible to enforce legislation fuses to take cognizance of a violation of which is manifestly obnoxious to public the fundamental law of the State and in sentiment and the enactment of such leg- doing so practically invites future frauds islation invariably provokes excesses in the to the complete satiety of the crooks and direction which it is intended to restrain. thugs of Philadelphia.

Such immorality was never before reveal-Since the signing of the bill, therefore, it is not surprising that the newspapers ed in the official life of the State. which had previously offended the Gov-In forcing PENNYPACKER into the office ernor and his exacting master, Senator of Governor QUAY committed his greatest QUAY, have gone to greater extremes than crime against Pennsylvania.

posed to annoy him a target for their who attempted to "muzzle" the efforts o sharpened shafts. That they have taken the tattered and starving followers of of the stock, had bought new instruments advantage of the better facilities of attack | Washington at Valley Forge, by selling is only natural and the helplessness of them flour mixed with lime and plaster, and it is a Governor of the same name who. to the weakness of his weapon gives zest to a century and a quarter later, attempts to mite explosion in the town on April 30th "muzzle" the press in its efforts to expose the looting of the treasury and the defectly harmless for the reason that the first bauching of the State.

Quay's Little Game.

Senator QUAY will personally conduct the Republican state convention in Harrisburg next week, we learn from the Philadelphia papers. During recent years the Senator hasn't given such attention to unand they are only prevented from fulfilling important conventions. He attended that of last year because he was somewhat uncertain of the result and ELKIN kept up a claim of victory to the moment the roll call began. His determination to be present this year, and to spend three days on the ground, indicates that he is not quite certain on some point. The concensus of opinion is that he is apprehensive that a resolution censuring the Governor for signing the muzzler will be introduced and pressed to passage.

We are of the opinion that QUAY is "taking council from his fears" on that point. In other words, we have no idea that any delegate in the convention will betrayal of and his bitter fight upon ex- have the temerity to offer such a resolution, though everybody knows it ought to be offered and adopted. It may be added Republican gathering was vastly preferable | that if nobody except the Governor was concerned it would be passed. But as a matter of fact the press muzzler is QUAY's measure. The newspapers had interfered trouble they could for those in charge of with his looting operations during the two previous sessions of the Legislature. In 1901 he tried to get a bill of the same character through but failed because Governor STONE took no interest in it. This year he prevailed on PENNYPACKER to become distinguished head of his party, whom he sponser for it and it passed.

At present QUAY professes to be satisfied with silence on the muzzler. But it may worker for the betterment of his party, is be said that he will ask for more when the dead. He wants a re-election and to se- convention meets. The endorsement of PENNYPACKER'S administration would be very gratifying to him and the chances are that he will demand it. No mention will be made of the muzzler in the resolutions, but subsequently it will be claimed that the dead Governor-and whiningly ask that the endorsement of the administration includes everything. The nomination of SNYDER who voted for the muzzler and the endorsement of PENNYPACKER who signed it will and must be taken to mean an approval of the measure itself and after that opposition to the Legislators who voted for it will be laughed out of court. That is QUAY'S little game.

> -Under the appropriation of the last Legislature the Cottage hospital at Philipsburg was given \$22,600 but on Friday the Governor clipped \$5,000 off that amount and signed the bill.

The Postal Scandals

The full text of Mr. TULLOCH's charges of frauds in the Postoffice Department put a vastly different face on that affair. TUL-LOCH was once cashier of the Washington postoffice and when his rather indefinite statement of irregularities was first made public there was a good deal of inclination to dismiss them as the ravings of a disappointed man. The light and airy way with which the Postmaster General brushed them aside strengthened this impression, for his demand for particulars was reason able but disregarded. Now that the particulars have been given, however, they carry with them a force which commands

at least decent consideration. The frauds of which Mr. TULLOCH complains began almost simultaneously with the induction of PERRY S. HEATH into the office of First Assistant Postmaster General. The first break was the presentation of a warrant for a considerable sum of money for traveling expenses for Mr. HEATH. The cashier protested that the precedents were against the allowence of such charges and Mr. HEATH's reply was that "this is a new administration and a new crowd and we will make our own precedents." Under the circumstances the warrant was paid and soon afterward the protesting cashier was discharged. Meantime, however, extravagant furniture and other bills were presented and paid.

Postmaster General PAYNE continues to mind on the subject. No man could invent charges and support them with so perfect a chain of evidence. HEATH was a protege of Senator HANNA and introduced into the service RATHBONE and NEELY who were subsequently convicted of postal crimes in Cuba. HEATH, himself, was obliged to resign later on and though the reasons were never revealed it may be presumed that he was forced out in order to prevent the exposure of his corrupt opera-

Under the circumstances if the Postmaster General is wise he will make an investigation and quit back talk.

-Yes, very queer traits crop out in a new paper mill in Williamsburg on Tuesday it was announced that Chas. M. Schwab had subscribed for \$100,000 worth and uniforms for the Williamsburg band, had set aside \$10,000 for the benefit of widows and orphans left through a dynaand agreed to take all the stock in the mill not subscribed for by others.

The Time to Begin.

The Republican state convention will meet at Harrisburg next Wednesday and unless present plans are changed or miscarry, Senator WILLIAM P. SNYDER, of A BLESSING IF IT OPENS PEOPLE'S EYES. Chester county, will be nominated for the important office of Auditor General of the State, with practical unanimity. Senator SNYDER not only voted for all the iniquit-ons legislation which was enacted during and defeat; if it open the eyes of the peothe session of 1901, including the rippers and the franchise grab, but he supported the "culminating atrocity" of the recent session, the GRADY-SALUS "press muzzler." There was no time during the con sideration of that measure in the Senate that he couldn't have stopped it by a protest. But he voted for it at every stage.

Republican papers in Schuylkill, Me-Kean, Fayette and other counties throughout the State have declared that they will not support for re election to the Legislature any Senator or Representative who voted for the "press muzzler." But why do they wait a year to administer just punishment to men who have proved recreant to the American principle of free speech and liberty of the press? In other words the time to begin that work is this year when the offense is fresh in the public mind and a just punishment will appear reasonable. If Senator SNYDER is allowed to escape the penalty of voting for the muzzler there will be no justice in inflicting it on others who have sinned less.

The independence and grit of the Republican newspapers of the State will be determined by their action in the impending campaign. If they yield to the commands of the machine this time there is no hope for them in the future. In fact, some intelligent observers are of the opinion that they lost in their effort to get the muzzler vetoed more because of the half heartedness of the protest than for any other reason. The meeting the night before the hearing of their protest was managed by the emissaries of QUAY with the view of shielding his feelings and PENNYPACKER naturally inferred that so considerate a lot wouldn't be hard to placate even if they did take offense at his action.

-During January 1903 the State Department of Agriculture found 15 cases of impure butter and 18 of impure foods and brought 33 suits under the laws pertaining to such infractions.

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NO. 21. How the Press Outside of Pennsylvania Looks at Our Muzzler.

TO MAKE ITS SHAME PERPETUAL.

From the Norfolk Virginia Pilot. The Pennsylvania of to-day is the problem of the future—the greatest problem the country has to face. Its shame is the shame of a State government by a compact be-tween organized wealth, purchased brains and branded criminals. And that this shame may be made perpetual, the right of appeal to public intelligence and the civic science has been taken away, if the Courts sustain the infamous law passed for that purpose.

ABOUT THE SIZE OF IT.

And so Governor Pennypacker has sign ed the Pennsylvania press muzzling bill. He thinks he finds warrant for his action in the way the newspapers have treated Mr. Quay and other Pennsylvania statesmen of his like. Perhaps the best description of this bill, which has now become a law, was given by the Philadelphia Press, thus: "An act to promote barratry, to encourage blackmail, to breed legal harpies, to shackle the printing of news, to shield offenders against public morals and rights, and to intimidate and terrorize the newspapers."

A VILE PIECE OF MUSCOVITE-LIKE DESPOT-

That's about the size of it.

From the Mobile Register.

The Pennsylvania law is an infringement of the liberty of the press. It is intended to protect rascals from deserved criticism. It is so drawn that if a man's feelings are hurt, or he thinks they are, he can sue for damages. The editor must go ahead and run the risk of violating such a law a huntreat the charges as of no consequence, but dred times every day, or cease to express opinions on subjects of public concern. It even if it is performed in the name of the people of the free Commonwealth of Penn-sylvania.

A BLOW AT CIVIL LIBERTY.

From the Chicago Daily News. Among all the great states of the union Pennsylvania is the one where the fearless. honest and impartial criticism of a free press is most needed. Its Legislature is responsible for some of the most infamous "ripper" bills and other specimens of corrupt legislation ever enacted. Its larger municipalities are in the clutches of political rings which have betrayed the people's in-terests repeatedly. That the Legislature of this boss ridden and execrably misgoverned commonwealth should have pas libel bill especially aimed to throttle free -At the laying of the corner stone for criticism is therefore entirely natural, since it logically follows from the wish to enact and enforce legislation which will not bear public scrutiny. The bosses whose aim it is to exploit the public and profit by corruption naturally object to anything which interferes with their iniquitous operations.

The bill is one of the most dangerous and outrageous attacks on free speech and free discussion ever made in this country. Uu-der the law newspapers may be punished if any citizen of the State can establish that sion ever made in this country. Uuthe matter published "injures his feelings." Boodlers, bosses and corrupt politicians generally, to say nothing of members of the avowedly criminal class, could thus hold over the heads of the Pennsylvania editors the threat of constant persecutions and blackmailing suits.

From the Trenton True American. If the gag law shall be the turning point of Pennsylvania's history; if it show to what extremes political rascality must go ple of Pennsylvania to the depths of degradation into which they have been plunged, by silent support of those who have perverted every element of honest government—then it will be a blessing.

A PITIABLE SPECTACLE. From the Atlanta Constitution

Even the members of the disreputable Republican gang in whose interest he has acted must feel sorry for the pitiable spectacle which Governor Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania, has made of himself in his attempt to justify approval of the libel bill which he inspired and which was railroad-ed through the Legislature at its session recently ended.

A CONFESSION OF THE POLITICIANS. From the Kansas City Star.

That the Governor of Pennsylvania and its Legislature have sanctioned a scheme to estop criticism and discussion in the newspapers of acts and policies that are of the greatest importance to the people is the fullest confession that has yet been made of the odious political immorality that pervades the Keystone State.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF POLITICIANS. From the New Orleans Times Democrat

In the fight against this law the press of Pennsylvania will have the sympathy of the whole country. The new statute was framed by the politicians for their own protection against the truth. Nowhere in the Union are the politicians more corrupt, nowhere is it more difficult to oust from power the political gang in charge of the great cities of Philadelphia and Pittsburg. That mighty task is almost impossible with out the assistance of the press. The only hope of rescue lies in shaking off the gag and chains that the Libel law is seeking to place on the newspapers. If they should "weaken," if they should abandon the fight for good and honest government, the ring will have nothing to fear and will remain forever in control of the government, with full power to rob and despoil

A TRIBUTE TO THE NEWSPAPERS.

From the Brooklyn Eagle.

Probably the newspapers of the country were never paid a higher tribute than that paid them by the enemies whom they have made, the grafters and spoilsmen who have exercised their autocratic power over the Pennsylvania Legislature and Governor to secure the enactment of a law to punish a free press for exposing political crime. Spawls from the Keystone

-York's preachers and many of their parishioners favor a city curfew ordinance

-Farmer C. O. Hohe, of Lanark, Lehigh ounty, has a tuneful piano that was made in London in 1797.

-Lycoming county commissioners hav awarded a contract for \$35,950 for building an addition to the court house.

-Helen Dawson, of Pittsburg, aged 22, wanted to go to the circus and because her lover refused to take her she swallowed four poisonous antiseptic tablets. She is at the Allegheny General hospital, with little chance for recovery.

-Cupid has been playing havoc among the force of Scranton City school teachers, and the announcement was made Monday that no less than 10 would enter the bonds of matrimony. School directors are besieged for promises of appointment in the fall.

-The St. Luke's Reformed congregation of Lock Haven, has received word that the large pipe organ recently ordered was shipped on the 14th inst., in a specially chartered car which will come right through to that city. The organ fills an entire car and weighs 8,000 pounds.

-Making a misstep as he was boarding his train, at Pottsville, Daniel C. Kline, of Mt. Carbon, brakeman, fell to his death on Monday. Kline dropped clear of the wheels, but the tail of his coat caught in one of the journals and he was dragged in and crushed.

-Langdon Williamson, of Jersey Shore, a N. Y. C. trainmen, slipped and fell under his train, while coupling cars at Keating, but by a quick movement he threw his body from between the wheels and almost miraculously escaped death. His back was severely sprained.

-Saturday night burglars entered the office of the Empire Steel and Iron company, at Catasauqua, and stole \$1,000 worth of platinum from the safe. The same night \$300 worth of like metal was taken from the office of the Thomas Iron company, at Ho-

-In the damage suit institued by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coolbroth, of Curwensville, against the Pennsylvania railroad company for alleged injuries sustained by Mrs. Coolbroth while walking along the track some months ago, the jury at Clearfield on Wednesday returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff of \$3,000.

-C. L. Grimm, a commercial traveler, had the little finger of his left hand cut off by a door suddenly closing on it, while standing on the platform of a Pennsylvania passenger coach at Williamsport Wednesday. Mr. Grimm has placed the matter in the hands of a Williamsport attorney who will institute proceedings for \$10,000.

-A deed was entered for record in the Register's office at Lewistown on Monday conveying 4612 acres and 119 perches of land to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by the William Whitmer & Sons Co. for \$13,-838.23. It is all mountain land, situated in Armagh township, and will be added to the forest preserves.

-From all sections of Eastern Pennsylvania come reports of failure of crops from the drought, the last rain in that section hav. ing fallen on May 3rd, when there was a slight shower. The preceding heavy was on April 15th. Oats are beginning to shrivel, and unless rain comes soon they are likely to die. Other grain is turning yellow, and corn has not yet sprouted.

-Bert Smith, Irvin Smith, Ward Smith and Monroe Houseknecht, Penn township, Lycoming county, were arrested Sunday on a charge of wilfully and maliciously kindling a forest fire. The prosecutor, constable Bull, charges the defendants with refusing to assist in extinguishing a forest fire and for taking fire brands from the fire the constable was fighting and setting fire to the forest in fresh places.

-In order to see a frog that they had captured make a flying leap, Wayne Mahus and Haul Carpenter, of Lewisburg, boys of 12, placed the frog on a handful of gunpowder and lighted the powder. Mahus was burned from head to foot, and lay down in a creek to extinguish his clothing. Young Carpenter was painfully burned about the face and hands. The boys were unable to tell how far the frog leaned.

-Out of the thousands paid at Shenandoah on Saturday two men, Daniel and James Richards, missed their pay in an odd and amusing way. After they had received their six checks for different work they placed them in a jacket pocket and hung it on a post and went up their breast for their dinner pails. They returned shortly afterward. just in time to witness a large black mule devour the last remnant of the jacket checks and all, to their amazement and disgust.

-What is believed to be the oldest building in this section of the state, the log house on the farm of John Knepley, near Jersey Shore was torn down this week to make room for a modern residence. The house was built 140 years ago. The interior was finished with split lath, which were put together with nails hammered by a blacksmith. The bricks in the chimney, it is supposed, were products of England. The house has never undergone repairs and was in a good state of preservation.

-Hereafter the ballots which we use for voting will not be so large. Instead of having a separate column for each party, the names of all the candidates for any office will be put under the head of that office. For instance, all candidates for Governor will be put under the head, "Governor" and all candidates for Congress will be put under the head "Congress," and so with all other offices to be filled. Instead of a circle at the head of the column there will be a square after the name of each political party which heads each group of party candidates.

-Battery A, of Philadelphia has by an order issued from the adjutant general's office at Harrisburg, been transformed into a troop of cavalry, according to a dispatch contained in the morning papers. It has been known for some time that at least two of the three batteries in the National Guard of Pennsylvania would at an early date be con-Pennsylvania would at an early date be converted into cavalry troops. The other one is Battery B, of Pittsburg. The third battery is C of Pheonixville, which it is said will be retained as an artillery company and be supplied entirely with repeating small calibre guns. The changing of the two artillery organizations to cavalry will give the first brigade three troops, the second brigade two, leaving the third brigade with but one.