

Ink Slings.

The longest pole knocks the persimmon—Western Union poles excepted.

It is beginning to look as if the Reliance will lash the new Shamrock to her mast the very first time they meet.

The reign of the Panama hat was short lived and there was enough money sunk in them last season to have built the Panama canal.

Senator HANNA has withdrawn his opposition and now the Ohio Republicans may endorse ROOSEVELT. How happy they must be.

Those terrible storms still carry destruction throughout the West and the President doesn't seem to have sense enough to come home.

Investigations in the Post Office Department are beginning to disclose a great big fire behind the smoke that has been blinding the public eye for some time.

HANNA must have held that if the Ohio endorsement was worth having it was worth asking for, since he forced ROOSEVELT to say: Please Mr. HANNA, may I have it.

If the Republicans of Centre county who are looking for a candidate for judge would call at the office of Col. EDWARD CAN-I-GIT-IT CHAMBERS they will discover that their search is o'er.

The automobilists who were killed in that great Paris-Madrid race on Sunday—and the spectators, too, who fell victims of the fatal machines—might all have been alive had they been in church.

The editor of the Republican has appeared in the role of a Wise Man. He has seen 'a star in the east' and urges all good Republicans to follow it. He will probably be in the pilgrimage, himself, if this new star of his doesn't travel too fast.

Philadelphia's law and order society burned thousands of dollars worth of slot machines and other confiscated gambling devices in that city last week, but it is safe to say that there are thousands of other ways left in that city for burning money.

The Republicans nominated a leading press muzzler for Auditor General on Wednesday. Now let us see how many of the state papers that have called PENNYPACKER what he is for having signed the bill will oppose Mr. SNYDER for having voted for it.

Tomorrow will be Memorial day. How many will observe it in a manner that will be real tribute to our hero dead and how many will scarcely have time to realize what the day is for, between the base ball games, races, dances and picnics that will be going on?

The farmers down through the eastern part of the State whose fields were destroyed by a cloud burst while they were at church praying for rain, must have been thoroughly convinced of the efficacy of prayer though they couldn't have gone about it with moderation.

After thirty-five years of success as a negro minstrel GEORGE PRIMROSE has retired from the stage and it is said that he remembers all the jokes that were cracked by the black face artists when he began his career. The wonder is that Mr. PRIMROSE didn't retire long ago.

That Paris-Madrid automobile race demonstrated one thing that is worthy of the consideration of our War Department and that is, if devices for killing people are what is needed the modern racing auto seems to be an improvement on any of the large guns that have been tried by the army for some time.

Mr. WHITNEY, the VANDERBILTS and other wealthy residents are spending thousands of dollars experimenting with the hope of exterminating the mosquitoes about New York. Experiments to the contrary notwithstanding the mosquitoes are still doing business and WHITNEY and VANDERBILT corporeity is just as good as any other for operating on.

The American Society of Equity is the name of a new organization that has been formed at Indianapolis for the purpose of raising the price of wheat to one dollar a bushel and maintaining it at that figure. Theoretically, the plan may work out, but the old law of supply and demand will fix the price of the cereal, notwithstanding the best land plans of this new society.

Rear admiral BOWLES, the chief constructor of the navy, should have been a little more explicit in his report of luxuries that have no place on our warships. Among other things he says some of the larger ones carry three hundred and fifty tons of bath tubs and radiators; there being two of the former for the Admiral, one for himself and one for a guest, used about once a year. Admiral BOWLES' statement would either make the public believe that the Admiral doesn't have guests very often or that he doesn't take a bath very often.

Republicans who have been anxious to see QUAY get out so that they might be able to have a hand at the wheel are taking heart because of a remark he made in Pittsburg during the fore part of the week. The old man is reported to have said "There is no need of my going to Harrisburg, the young men can run the convention."

Of course they can, but as long as he runs the young men there will be little hope of any one else doing any of the steering on the Republican barque in Pennsylvania.

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An Honorable Position.

Our Republican contemporaries, the Altoona Tribune and the Altoona Gazette, entered into an agreement to oppose the election of State Senator Wm. P. SNYDER, of Chester county, in the event of his nomination for Auditor General.

As we have heretofore stated we have no idea that the average Republican paper will have the temerity to antagonize QUAY. Honor, manliness and every consideration of decency would require them to oppose Senator SNYDER, who voted for the iniquitous press muzzler at every stage of the proceedings.

Both of our Altoona contemporaries are under deep obligation to the Republican party. One of the proprietors of the Tribune is in the consular service of the government and one of the owners of the Gazette is an official in the revenue service of the federal government.

But if they adhere to their agreement, notwithstanding the opposition which will be brought forward to force them, they will create a journalistic standard in this State which will continue for all time.

Horses and the Auto.

While automobile races are attracting the attention of millionaires everywhere and murdering people wantonly in continental Europe the horse is doing fairly well, it may be said.

Of course a multimillionaire who has ambitions in the horse line would be getting off cheap if he could establish a first class stable at that aggregate.

Our purpose was not to show the expense or extravagance of keeping up a first class stable for breeding purposes or a winning string for racing operations.

Among the "many wise and beneficent laws which will redound to the credit of our Commonwealth" is the press muzzler, we presume.

The Responsibility Fixed.

If there were any doubts concerning the relationship of the press muzzler to the Republican machine, the state convention on Wednesday dispelled them.

As a matter of fact the convention might justly be designated as the "press muzzler's parliament."

Of course the odium of signing the bill is still on the Governor. With a Legislature composed largely of irresponsible and to a great extent immoral hangers on of the machine in the large cities little is to be expected.

But the muzzler now stands as part of the Republican party of Pennsylvania. Whatever is baneful in it has the endorsement of the party managers who must take the blame for it, as whatever is good in it goes to their credit.

The Postoffice Scandals.

The latest developments in the postoffice scandals leave no doubt of the culpability of some of the high officials of the Department under the administration of President McKinley.

For example, in the answer of one of the accused officials he acknowledges the signing of a letter in which these words occur: "You may take up for examination any postmaster's accounts for the fiscal year 1890 except New York city and Washington, D. C."

The serious accusations are that officials of the Postoffice Department drew money from the treasury which didn't belong to them on warrants fraudulently issued and every effort has been made to prevent an investigation of those charges.

The Pennsylvania Reserves have notified Gregg post of their intention to send a tribute to be laid on the grave of Gov. Curtin on Memorial day.

The Republican state convention at Harrisburg on Wednesday expressed its contempt for the Pennsylvania newspaper by endorsing Governor PENNYPACKER, who signed, and the Legislature, that passed, the GRADY-SALUS libel bill and the editor of the Gazette voted contempt for himself by voting for such resolutions.

End the Robberies Now.

The Republican state convention has declared against any revision of the tariff by the present Congress. It has also declared its abiding confidence in the wisdom and patriotism of President ROOSEVELT.

As a matter of fact the Pennsylvania Republican platform is a guarantee of security to monopolies for two years more. It will be remembered that about two years ago the Manufacturers' club of Philadelphia announced that it would consent to a revision of the tariff involving a substantial reduction in schedules.

In no instance in the history of the world has any robber voluntarily relinquished his loot. Sometimes, when the officers of the law get too close on him, he will hide his plunder or if possible throw it away.

POULTNEY BIGELOW might succeed in making the British believe that the United States army soldiers are a lot of weaklings and their officers "men incompetent to lead a brigade," but if he does the English will have to forget history that tells them of what the grand sires of these "weaklings" and "incompetents" did one hundred years or more ago.

Hanna and Roosevelt.

The protest which HANNA, of Ohio, made against the endorsement of ROOSEVELT by the state convention of his party in Ohio this year might have been regarded as the beginning of an opposition which would probably have been successful.

The protest which HANNA, of Ohio, made against the endorsement of ROOSEVELT didn't necessarily mean that Mr. HANNA was himself a candidate for the nomination.

At the risk of a greater danger, therefore, we approve the attitude of HANNA. The investment of the commercial element with the power of control would be dangerous to be sure, but it is a danger which might easily be controlled.

In the impending conflict HANNA might have triumphed, therefore the wonderment at his change of front just at a time when his opposition to ROOSEVELT had begun to gather strength.

The head of a Slav family living at Salona went home drunk on Monday evening and when his wife began to give him the linguistic lambastin' he deserved he plucked into her with his fists.

Our Luxurious Navy.

Rear Admiral F. T. Bowles, chief constructor of the navy, has figured that the larger warships carry about three hundred and fifty tons of bath-tubs, radiators, ice machines and other luxuries which have no proper place in a battleship.

It is something of a shock to find that General von Walderssee's idea of making a campaign with a seven-roomed house and a bathtub has permeated the American navy.

The Kind of An Open Door Needed.

Philippine Commissioner Henry C. Ide declines to recede one inch from his matter of fact declaration that the Philippines cannot be successfully governed by the United States unless the Dingley tariff bars against them are taken down and put clear out.

Protective tariff Republican imperialists are invited to put that in their pipes and to smoke it with deliberation. He argues that successful government always depends in some degree upon the prosperity of the people governed, and that in the case of the Philippines we cannot give them prosperity without giving them free trade with us.

In the Grip of the Trust.

The latest reported victory of tariff trusts in the Republican party is that Governor Cummins of Iowa has agreed to give up his scheme of tariff revision altogether in consideration for support for the vice presidential nomination, and the "Iowa idea" will be suppressed in the platform of the Republicans of that State.

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The Difference Between a Judge and a Governor.

The Atlanta Constitution tells of a Georgia magistrate who said to the prisoner at the bar: "I can't convict you on the evidence, but I'm agoin' to fine you \$10 for contempt for lookin' like I couldn't."

Where They Make the Mistake.

President Roosevelt, General Miles and others unite in saying: "Agriculture is our principal industry." There is a slight mistake in the sentence. As far as the course of this government as now directed is concerned, the sentence should be amended to read: "Robbing agriculture is our principal industry."

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Spawls from the Keystone.

The importance of one vote has been demonstrated in Berwick. At a special election held there a proposed loan of \$60,000 was defeated by a single vote.

The Western Union Telegraph Co. is trying to arrange with the Huntingdon & Clearfield Telephone Co. for the use of the latter's poles between there and Clearfield.

The stockholders of the new steel plant at Clearfield propose to increase the capital stock of the company from \$500,000 to \$750,000 in order to secure a larger working capital.

General orders have been issued from the headquarters of the National Guard of Pennsylvania announcing that the First Brigade will encamp next July at Perkasie, the Second Brigade at Somerset and the Third Brigade at Mt. Gretna.

Word has been received that L. R. Gleason, of Canton, Pa., died Sunday evening. Mr. Gleason is the senior member of the tanning firm of L. R. Gleason & Sons, of Gleason, Pa., and father of I. W. Gleason, who operates the tannery at that place.

The following postmasters in this section will have their salaries increased after July 1st: Phillipsburg, from \$2,900 to \$3,300; Osceola Mills, from \$1,400 to \$1,500; Patton, from \$1,000 to \$1,100; DuBois, from \$2,500 to \$2,600; Barnesboro, from \$1,300 to \$1,500 a year.

The Lock Haven Paper Mills have been awarded a contract for furnishing 1,500,000 pounds of paper to the internal revenue department this year, a contract that these mills have been filling for ten years past. They also furnish the paper for government stamps.

The lady telephone operators, employed on the middle division of the Pennsylvania railroad, held a meeting at Renovo Sunday evening and effected a permanent organization. There were also representatives present from other divisions of the Pennsylvania system.

St. John's Catholic church at Milton was struck by lightning last Friday morning and damaged to the extent of \$1,000. Running from the steeple through the interior of the structure the bolt damaged the organ and choir box, tore out bricks and wrought havoc generally.

George C. Shaw, of near Oak Grove, has in his possession a remarkable egg which was laid by one of his hens last week. The egg is as large as a goose egg and in it are two complete eggs of regular size with shells complete. Besides these, there are three other eggs without shells.

Sullivan's Bressler, of Flemington, the twirler for the Williamsport base ball team, in the game Monday with Reading, struck out eleven batsmen and prevented each man from reaching first base, a feat which it is said has not been accomplished in twenty-five years. Pitcher Bressler is on the straight road for one of the major league teams.

Two of DuBois' councilmen are charged with having accepted pay for attending special meetings of council relating to railroad franchises. No charge is made of any attempt to influence the vote of either member, but the law expressly forbids councilmen taking pay from anyone for attending a meeting.

Strange as it may appear, smallpox has been increasing in some sections of Pennsylvania since the warm weather came. This is contrary to theory and experience. Smallpox is supposed to be a cold weather disease, and as a rule disappears as summer approaches. In Philadelphia the number of cases has doubled since the last week in April.

The Clearfield county authorities Tuesday buried an unknown man who fell from one of John Robinson's cars at Woodland and was so badly injured that he died at the county home on Sunday. He was picked up along the track in an unconscious condition and never rallied. The unknown was but partly clad and the general supposition is that he fell from the train while asleep.

Dr. P. S. Wycoff, for some time a practitioner at Loganott, is having a distressing experience at Glen Campbell, Indiana county, where he recently located. The doctor, his wife and all his children are down with malignant diphtheria. Monday his eldest daughter, age nine years, died from the disease and was buried that evening. The many friends of the family in the eastern part of this county will regret to hear of their sad plight.

Some thief or thieves broke into a freight car in the New York Central yards, at Newberry Junction the other night, and stole \$50 worth of tobacco. The tobacco, with the exception of two ten pound packages was later found under the coal dump over along the Pennsylvania tracks, where it had evidently been carried and hidden until such time as they could remove it. It is supposed that some tramps who were loafing around the yard committed the theft.

Andro Erickson, a Swede employed by the New York Central railroad, had a pick driven clear through his body Friday. He and a companion were using their picks, striking alternately at a tie. In some manner Erickson's companion struck high and the sharp point of the pick entered his right thigh. The blow was delivered with such force that the instrument went clean through the fleshy part of the thigh and protruded out of his back.

While giggling along the wing wall of the chute at Williamsport Friday evening Clarence Riley, a boy, drove his harpoon into what he at first believed to be a whale says the Gazette and Bulletin. It proved to be a German carp three feet in length, twenty-eight inches in circumference and weighs twenty three pounds. When struck the fish put up a game fight, and without assistance young Riley would not have been able to land the monster. It was finally pulled out, however, and it attracted much attention as it lay on the river bank.

Mrs. George Guelich, mother of Charles Guelich, of Phillipsburg, whose home was in Lawrence township, about one mile distant from Clearfield, met her death Sunday under very sad circumstances. She and her husband were driving from their home to Clearfield Sunday afternoon, when their horse frightened at an automobile just a short distance from their home, ran away at a frightful speed, threw them both from the buggy and injured Mrs. Guelich to such an extent that death resulted about four hours after. Mr. Guelich was also badly hurt, but his injuries are not thought to be of a serious character.