

-Kansas will probably vote and pray to "go dry" hereafter with more fervor than ever.

-And now the fear in Pittsburg is that if the city is reformed it will be a stranger to itself.

-Really Kansas is doubly to be commiserated;—so much water and nothing to mix with it.

-It is hardly right to call that muzzler a "bastard" but so far we fail to find anyone willing to be known as its daddy.

-Possibly that flood was sent as a suggestion to the CARRIE NATIONS, of Kansas, that an over-abundance of water is dangerous also.

-It is quite probable that Mrs. NATION'S lectures, hereafter, on the virtue of water will be more effective the further they are scattered from Topeka.

-To a fellow this far away it would seem that the great need in Kansas is a scientific system of drainage, rather than government appropriations for irrigation.

-Judging by the red streaks that are appearing on the necks of a number of our Republican contemporaries that muzzle must be chafing some people pretty deeply.

-If the trusts' brand had not shown so plainly on its flank that Ohio endorsement might have proven some glory for Mr. ROOSEVELT. As it is everybody knows the owner.

-Possibly that undertakers meeting in Pittsburg this week is to arrange for the proper burial of the reform promises that have died since that reform party took charge of things.

-Lebanon is to have another paper with ex-Lieutenant Governor GOBIN as its sponsor. A proper appreciation of the power behind it leads us to suggest that it be named The Bladder.

-Whatever else Judge LOVE may be able to accomplish in the way of organizing his political love feast it is not likely that Col. SPANGLER'S name will appear in very conspicuous type on the program.

-It is but proper that the leaders of the country take courage and rejoice. Senator ELKIN has announced his intention to introduce into the next Congress a bill to protect American bottoms.

-It may not be the exact thing to "look a gift horse in the mouth," but if Mr. ELKIN will examine the political pie that Mr. QUAY promises to dole out to him he will likely find a very soggy undercrust.

-When we come to consider that Georgia cyclone we are almost compelled to doubt the theory that the recent wind storms in the west were the result of the President's blowing throughout that section.

-Yes, it largely depends upon where it was committed. Had that Pittsburg "riot," that first tried to hang and then cornered and shot its coon, happened down South it would have been called a lynching pure and simple.

-It was DOGBERRY who plaintively cried: "O! that some one would write me down an ass." Had Mr. D. lived in these times he might have learned from the Governor of Pennsylvania how to do that job for himself.

-It was real cruel in Gainsville to step in and have her cyclone just when Topeka was getting to the head of the disaster procession. But some how or other the South is always throwing obstacles in the way of Kansas getting to the front.

-It would hardly be supposed that the removal of the Liberty Bell from Philadelphia would, for the time, remove from its inhabitants the fear of being wronged and robbed. It does however. Philadelphia councilmen always go away with the bell.

-Between taking his dose of crow on the muzzler bill and his share of responsibility for the crimes out of which have grown the post office scandals, the summer vacation of the Hon. CHARLES EMORY SMITH does not promise to be one of unalloyed pleasure and rest.

-When we read the statement of Republican papers about the "excellent" record of WILLIAM PRESS-MUZZLER SNYDER and then remember the kind of measures he has always been ready to vote for, our real wonder is not at their conception of what "excellence" means, when connected with legislation, but how ANNANIAS got so many descendants.

-It would be getting dangerously near the truth if some unmuzzled newspapers should remark that, if the President's press bureau worked half as vigorously to expose the rotteness of his Post Office Department as it does to exploit his horse back rides, and baby kissing performances, the public would at least know much more about that moth-ball smell, that sticks to his administration, than it now does.

-After a careful measurement of the thing it has been discovered that Judge LOVE'S harmony platform is not wide enough to include Col. CHAMBERS and his crowd and he has concluded not to march with that procession. The Colonel has conceived the idea that the judicial robes would just about fit his size, if they should prove a little scant when it comes to covering his dignity, and as a consequence there is a great promise of a profusion of fun ahead for somebody in Centre county. By the way it would seem funny to call him "Judge CHAMBERS" wouldn't it?

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Welcome News from Washington.

The leaders of the House of Representatives in Washington are determined to take steps at the opening of the next Congress to resist the dominance of the Senate in the matter of legislation, according to newspaper gossip. Every observing citizen has noticed during recent years that the Senate has not only been usurping the prerogatives which belong exclusively to the House of Representatives, but has actually been "bossing" the House in matters of legislation. During the last Congress Representative CANNON, who is to be Speaker of the next House, frequently remonstrated against this invasion of rights but to no purpose. Speaker HENDERSON and his immediate advisers refused to make the protest effective.

The Federal constitution declares in unequivocal language that all revenue legislation must originate in the House. But as a matter of fact all recent revenue legislation has arisen in the Senate and the fact that it has retained the House stamp is merely a legal fiction. Take the DINGLEY law, for example. That measure as it was presented to the President for approval was no more like the bill that passed the House than the elephant jumbo resembles the thorough bred racer Irish Lad which achieved such a splendid victory the other day. The internal revenue bill which was enacted at the beginning of the Spanish war was altered in the Senate in the same way and still later the Senate has been undertaking to enact revenue legislation by treaty without consulting the House of Representatives at all.

The reasons, given by the correspondents for the purpose on the part of the House leaders to assert their rights to an equal share in the determination of ordinary legislation and its constitutional prerogative with respect to revenue measures is, that Speaker-to-be CANNON is under no obligation to Senators for his office. He asked no Senator to help him to the distinction, they say, and therefore he can tell them to go to DAVEY JONES' locker or some other uncomfortable seaport. That leaves us to infer that Speaker HENDERSON was under such obligations to certain Senators that he couldn't stand out against the impudent encroachment of the body of which they were members on the prerogatives of the House. Their ultimatums came to the service Iowan with the force of a command and he yielded without resistance.

The country is to be congratulated if the reports with respect to the matter are well founded. During the last half dozen years senatorial usurpations have cost the tax payers millions upon millions of dollars. Every appropriation bill which has been passed since the elevation of HENDERSON to the Speakership has been vastly increased by the Senate and when the House refused to concur in the increase the senatorial ultimatum came and the Speaker forced the body to acquiesce. But it wasn't obligations to Senators which worked the result. It was the fact that HENDERSON is the slave of the trusts and they compelled him to yield in every instance. They are interested in extravagant expenditures because it compels the keeping up of tariff schedules.

The Popular Form of Corruption.

In the platform of the Republican state convention the boast is made that during the half century of the political dominance of the party not a dollar of public money was lost to the people. If that were true it would really create a record of which the party might be proud. And it may be true so far as such defalcations as are amenable to the criminal courts are concerned. No account is taken, of course, by the platform in question of the incident some years ago which led to the threatened suicide of a distinguished Republican statesman, "who tells the truth and pays his debts," because a defalcation amounting to \$100,000, unless the money was made up by his political associates. The threat worked the desired result and there was no loss to the State. But it was luck rather than management that compassed the end. That is to say if Senator CAMERON and the late Senator MAGEE had not supplied the amount there would have been a defalcation which would have cost the people that amount of money. Nor is there reference to the crookedness in the Treasury Department that made WILLIAM LITSEY a target for life. That too may have been fixed up. But there have been "grafs" and "excisions" and "rake-offs" and other forms of stealings which have aggregated millions of dollars.

The New York World gave the details, in a carefully considered article the other day, of the operations of the Postoffice Department in that city which is pertinent in this connection. It showed that the annual rental of buildings for use as sub-post-office stations in the city amounts to several thousand dollars more than the market price of the buildings. The buildings in question are owned or controlled by political favorites and the excessive rent is the "rake off," which compensates for the trouble and labor of running the machine. These are the forms of corruption which are practiced by the Republican machine and when they are brought to public notice they make their boasts look silly.

A Sycophant's Advice.

The Philadelphia "Press" pretends that it can discover no good reason for opposing Senator SNYDER, the Republican candidate for Auditor General, on the ground that he voted for the press muzzler. The measure is iniquitous, it admits, and voting for it a dastard act. But an Auditor General hasn't anything to do with legislation, it inferentially states, and therefore the fight for the honor of the press against the legislators who voted for the measure should be made when they become candidates for legislative service. It would like to convey the idea that if Senator SNYDER ever becomes a candidate for the Legislature it will scourge him to beat the band.

Our esteemed contemporary simply reveals its own base servility to the QUAY machine in giving such craven advice. If it has the intelligence of a clam it must know that the election of Senator SNYDER to the office of Auditor General this year is a condonation of the offense which he and the other Senators and Representatives in the Legislature who voted with him for the atrocious muzzler perpetrated and that to attempt, afterward, to create an opposition to any man on account of it for any office would be as absurd as PENNYPACKER'S silly apology for signing it. The fight must be made this year, if ever, and against Senator SNYDER, if against anybody. That is as plain as a pikestaff.

Senator SNYDER, of all men in Pennsylvania in or out of the Legislature, was bound in honor to vote against the press muzzler.

During his service of several years in the General Assembly he has participated in every looting scheme that has been considered.

During all the time he has been the servile tool of the corporations sacrificing the interests of the people for the benefit of the corporations.

But the newspapers have not exposed him. For one reason or another they have permitted him to escape the censure which he deserved. Probably it was because they didn't think he was worth minding and maybe it was for the reason that he was considered by the correspondents a good fellow. But whatever cause influenced them the papers were kind to SNYDER and he repaid their kindness by obeying QUAY'S orders to muzzle them. He has simply written himself down as an ingrate and a wretch and the advice of the "Press" to let him alone is a sycophant's advice.

Where the Blame Lies.

Captain DELANEY and BIRDIE WARREN, respectively Chief Factory Inspector and Dairy and Food Commissioner, take upon themselves the blame for two of Governor PENNYPACKER'S most inexcusable and absurd blunders. That is to say it was announced the other day that Representative CHARLES N. SELBY, of Philadelphia, had been appointed Factory Inspector and Representative SAMUEL RIPP to the office of agent for the Dairy and Food bureau. Being Representatives in the Legislature they are ineligible for the places and when the Governor's attention was called to the fact he revoked the appointments. Thereupon DELANEY and WARREN, with characteristic obsequiousness, declared that it was they and not His Excellency that committed the blunder.

That's all well enough as far as it goes but the average man won't be fooled by such transparent subterfuges. In other words everybody of any measure of intelligence understands that the appointing power is vested in the Governor and that claiming the right to exercise such prerogatives is a piece of preposterous impudence on the part of both DELANEY and WARREN. Besides not long ago the Governor himself announced the appointment of Representative HARRY DAUGHERTY of Mercer county to the office of counsel for the Agricultural Department or rather for the Dairy and Food bureau and violation of the constitution was quite as clear in that case as in the others. What servile slave of the machine will come forward and put his shoulder under that blunder!

As a matter of fact the appointment of all three of the persons named was in the shape of a reward for voting for the press muzzler and the fact that the payment was in conflict with the constitution made no difference as long as it wasn't found out. If Governor PENNYPACKER has intelligence enough to understand the provisions of the constitution he cares as little for it as SAM SALTER does for justice in the returns of an election. His purpose is to promote the interests of QUAY at any expense and oaths of office, fundamental laws, conscience and everything else must give way to that purpose. The machine managers must pay for their expensive views and the Governor is expected to aid them in doing it.

The Spring township school directors have reorganized by re-electing all of the old officers as follows: President, William Hampton; secretary, Charles Heisler; treasurer, Emanuel Noll.

Elkin as Quay's Vicerey.

Senator QUAY and former Attorney General ELKIN lunched together in Pittsburg the other day, and ELKIN was appointed Vicerey of the Republican party for the summer session. QUAY has gone to the Maine tall timber, PENROSE is going to some wild retreat in the British possessions DURHAM is in Europe, and ELKIN has been appointed guardian of a net of contradictions. He had labored so hard to discredit the accusers that he convicted him self.

The present situation is that PAYNE may be forced to make an honest and earnest investigation. But if he does that it will be only for the reason that he couldn't avoid it though he tried to do so to the full measure of the possibilities. His last card in this matter was to use Mr. SMITH'S character for integrity in order to boost his own bad reputation up to a level of credibility. There is no possible chance of achieving that result but there is imminent danger that in the effort, SMITH will wreck himself. It is other words in putting his name on PAYNE'S accommodation paper the political notes thus floated may go to protest without a possible chance of making them good. As a friend to SMITH, rather than as an enemy of PAYNE, we refer to these facts.

Wherein the Difference Is.

From the Mt. Holly (N. J.) Democrat.

If there is one thing more than another that is to be condemned in the Republican party, it is the abominable system of bossism that has grown up and been fostered by that party, until it has become a part and parcel of its organization and one of its fundamental principles. Bosses exist to a great or lesser extent, in all political parties; but they have never, in their palmy days, obtained such a hold upon the Democratic party that the rank and file of that party were not able to shake them loose. A Democratic boss rises now and then in some section of the party; but his influence is limited and of short duration, and there exists today not one single man who can say he rules the Democratic party. Our party is to-day purged by adversity. It is free from bossism in its most repugnant forms. It is a more purified party. The Republican party is bound down by its bosses. If ninety nine per cent of the rank and file of the Republican party advocated a principle that did not meet with the approval of its bosses, the wishes of the ninety nine per cent would count for nothing. The Democratic party of to-day has leaders. The Republican party has bosses.

Yes They Take the Kick and Look As Pleasant As Possible.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch. (Ind. Rep.)

The real question is whether that harmony can even by the tactics of suppression be extended to the State at large. The interest which must first return the answer to that question is the newspaper press of the State. To those exponents and informers of public opinion the convention presents an interesting aspect. The complaint at the wanton buffet administered to the press was not deemed worthy of direct notice. But Senator Penrose, who jammed the Salts-Gray measure through the Legislature, is placed in charge of the party machinery, and Snyder, who voted for it, is made one of the leading candidates. By that act the Republican organs of the State are notified that their complaints are not worthy of attention, and that they are expected to take their kicks and look as if they liked that treatment.

On His Knees to the Representative of the Trusts.

From the Johnstown Democrat.

After all it was the mountain which came to Mahomet. Mr. Hanna has reason to be in good humor. He has brought the President a suppliant to his feet and, magnanimously, he has consented to let the Ohio Republicans endorse the great man for the nomination next year.

No President perhaps has ever so humiliated himself as Mr. Roosevelt has done in this case. He has shown himself a craven and a weakling. He has truckled and kow-towed to the Ohio boss. He has crawled on his knees like a beggar before a prince and he has fawned upon the hand which threatened to strike him. Mr. Hanna can therefore now afford to permit his convention to hand out a cold lunch to the man on the back stoop.

Doing That Very Thing.

From the Hartford Courant (Rep.)

The Quay program went through at Harrisburg yesterday—resolutions and nominations without hitch or jolt. Quay did not think it necessary to watch things in person; he sent his Man Friday Penrose instead. Probably we shall now see a characteristically Pennsylvania sight—Republican editors who have denounced the Pennsylvania law as a crime and an infamy turning a sharp back-somersault and advising their readers to vote for one of the men who put that crime and infamy in the statute-book.

Other People Deserving of Credit.

From the Atlanta Constitution.

Here in Georgia, where the negro pays one-third of the taxes, we are giving four of the negro's children a common school education to five of our own. Mr. Carnegie's gift to the cause of negro education is a princely one, but it is small compared with the millions that the white taxpayers of Georgia alone have spent upon the negro's education since the war; a drop in the bucket compared with what the whole South has spent upon him during that time.

Servility the Proper Word.

From the Pittsburg Press (Rep.)

The convention is said to have been harmonious. That is hardly the right word. Servile would be better. It was in session hardly an hour and a half, and not one out of a half dozen of the delegates knew what was done except in the most general and don't-give-a-continental sort of way. Quay was in the saddle, and the beast rode well.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-The members of the G. A. R. are holding their state encampment at Allentown this week.

-The June term of the Snyder county courts began on Monday with no criminal business and only one civil case on the list.

-The revenue receipts for May in the Lancaster district were \$243,947.78, and of this amount cigars contributed \$183,085.51.

-State taxation appeals constitute the bulk of the knotty problems for the Supreme court to solve during its present sittings at Harrisburg.

-The delegates to the State convention of letter carriers concluded their sessions at Wilkesbarre on Saturday. The next meeting will be held in Altoona on Labor day, 1904.

-Thomas McDonald, of Plymouth, has been subject to licoencing spells for some time. A few days since he had a severe attack and in the violent paroxysms two of his ribs were broken.

-James Farley went to Scranton to witness a circus, and unconsciously played the role of a blind man. He fell asleep on a hotel porch, with his hat in hand, and when he awoke he found the hat well filled with glittering coin.

-Mrs. William Oude, who died at Shamokin on the 28th ult., dreamed fifteen years ago she would expire on May 28th. During her last illness she frequently mentioned her dream and firmly believed her death would come just when it did.

-What for two days was believed to be a dummy floating in the Susquehanna river opposite Chickies Rock was on Sunday, brought to shore, and proved to be the body of a man. There was nothing by which the body could be identified.

-A riot growing out of a fight between a lot of Sunday base ball players and gamblers, in the suburbs of Pittsburg last Sunday resulted in the killing of one, the fatal shooting of two and the serious wounding of four other coons. It is said to have been the worst riot Pittsburg has had in many years.

-Thomas Sutton, son of James Sutton, of Collier's Run, five miles north of Bellwood, was killed while out with his dogs early Sunday afternoon. The dogs started a ground hog and while on the chase a rock fell on the boy, who was following, and he was instantly killed. The body was found between 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

-Paymaster John P. Jones and his force of clerks on Saturday completed the job of distributing \$750,000 extra pay to the employers of the Reading Coal and Iron Co. The distribution was made in accordance with the requirements of the anthracite strike commission's decision. The extra money paid out was distributed without interfering with the regular pay.

-The largest lumber company in the State has just been organized at Williamsport with C. S. Horton as president. It is the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Co. which had acquired by purchase all the timber land of the Penn. Elk and Union companies, representing several hundred thousand acres in Central and Northwestern Pennsylvania. The capital stock of the concern is \$30,000,000.

-A Berks county correspondent declares that crows are starving in that county, in consequence of the great drought. He says: "The intensity of their starvation was forcibly illustrated last week. A wreck occurred on the Berks and Lehigh railroad, in which a car laden with corn was smashed and the corn scattered upon the tracks. In less than an hour 1500 crows had gathered about the wreck to enjoy the feast."

-Probation officers have taken in charge the five children of Mrs. Catharine Voeder and ten children of Mrs. Elizabeth Morton. For over a month the fifteen children, it was brought out at a hearing, slept on the hills and in the woods on the outskirts of the East End Pittsburg because their widowed mothers had been evicted for non-payment of rent. They had been living on scraps from kitchen doors. They will be cared for.

-Saturday last Mrs. James Waters, of Lewisburg, who had been suffering from heart trouble for several weeks, became unconscious and apparently ceased to breathe. Her husband and two women made a vain effort to revive her, and an undertaker was sent for. In preparing the body for the embalming process one of the women raised Mrs. Waters' arms, at the same time observing that she breathed. This means of respiration was continued until the woman regained consciousness.

-Lewistown is enjoying the benefit of its first building and loan association, a local association having been organized at that place recently. The Baldwin works becoming one of the industries of that town was a great impetus to building projects and new buildings are going up on every hand. If Bellefonte had an enterprising board of trade, backed up by a number of public-spirited money men, with our natural advantages, it would in a short time double in size.

-Wilson Kinney who left his home at Birmingham late Monday night, May 18th has not since been seen nor heard of there. He is said to be, at least at times slightly demented, and it is thought that he wandered, off while mentally unbalanced. The man is about 45 years of age and little more than 5 feet high. He has a long black mustache and whiskers, and he is likely well dressed as he wore his best suit when he disappeared. Kinney is a shoemaker by trade and has a wife and three children at Birmingham.

-About 6:30 o'clock Monday morning Howard Laird of Petersburg while walking on the railroad track about a mile above Huntingdon was struck by an engine and instantly killed. He had been riding a bicycle, but when struck was walking at the side of it. A train was slowly moving on a track next him and a fast freight approached on the track upon which he was walking, but owing to the noise he did not hear the whistle of the engine that hit him. He was a son of Judge Robert Alexander Laird, deceased, of Alexandria, and was about 40 years of age. He was an elder of the Petersburg Presbyterian church and a highly respected citizen. He had recently entered the employ of the J. C. Blair company at Huntingdon and was on his way to work. He is survived by his wife and one son, two brothers and three sisters.