

The back bone of the drouth is broken, but there has been a dry spell in judicial territory in Centre county ever since Col. NED CHAMBERS left town.

If President ROOSEVELT permits QUAY to become chairman of the Republican national convention he will have to be classed among the press muzzlers too.

Whenever Mr. QUAY finds nothing else to do he writes a farewell interview, and then works himself tired trying to find out how it takes. His last one did not show the ear-marks of a howling success.

Recent developments in the labor situation disclose the fact that to be a walking delegate means that you will eventually gather in enough coin to ride in automobiles or air ships.

The Philadelphia Press is devoting some of its editorial space to the seal catching question pending the moment it is ordered to begin catching suckers to vote for press-muzzler SNYDER.

The National school of dancing masters of the United States and Canada have decided that free park dancing is harmful to the grace of the participants. Nothing was said of its effect on the morals.

President BAER who, less than a year ago, claimed to be in partnership with the Almighty in producing the coal supply, now says he made no money at it. We presume that firm will be ready to go out of business shortly.

Why didn't some one think about it and get out one of those Republican injunctions against that western flood. When ever they want to stop anything else out there they usually have been able to do it by injunction.

Governor PENNYPACKER may be right in his theory that we don't make heroes enough of our great men, but however that may be he is one whom it will take a microscope to find the minute he is out of office.

Brother CHARLES EMORY SMITH don't seem to be letting up a particle on the infamy of "muzzler" legislation, but his gingerly tread when he gets near candidate SNYDER indicates an almost painful respect for the corrus of those who made it.

As the Republican party has taken credit for everything the west has produced for years it oughtn't to have any hesitancy in shouldering the responsibility for the over-supply of water that has been observed recently throughout that section.

The scandals in the various departments at Washington are something appalling. We presume that ROOSEVELT will take the PENNYPACKER view of them and try to re-assure the country with one of those "no ills worthy of mention" cracks.

The pie bakers of Baltimore having gone on a strike for higher wages that city is without pies, except the "ones that mother makes." It is only reasonable to suppose that there has been a corresponding falling off in the sale of dyspepsia cures.

The importance of the Ohio Republican state convention received quite a jolt last week when Mr. HANNA notified the party that it would have to be postponed because his daughter desired to be married on that day and it wouldn't suit him to be there.

Talk about Missouri being doubtful for the Democracy. Gee whiz! Why, if that Democratic District Attorney of St. Louis don't let up on the rascals out there the big end of the Republican party of that State will be in the penitentiary when the other fellows are doing the voting.

WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON II says "ANDREW CARNEGIE did not acquire his millions by industry and thrift, but by means of the protective tariff on steel and iron. The people do not believe that iron was stored in the earth for CARNEGIE, or coal for BAER or oil for ROCKEFELLER." What foolishnesses. Rouse mit 'im.

High tariff duties received a knockout blow in the English House of Commons on Tuesday when the Hon. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN, Colonial Secretary, was repudiated by his colleagues by their defeating his preferential tariff bill. It was the most dramatic crisis in the English Parliament since the split on the Home Rule bill and threatens a dissolution of the House. What a difference between English and American legislation. Over there a tariff bill fails because the people don't approve of it. Here, in the language of Mr. VANDERBILT, "the people be damned" the tariff bills carry because the trusts need them and the people submit to the plundering.

The Star, the interesting little monthly published in Williamsport by HUGH FIEDLER, the sixteen year old son of J. A. FIEDLER, formerly a resident of this place, has taken exception to a "Curfew" ordinance recently passed by the common council of that city. While some of HUGH's arguments against the ordinance are worthy of consideration when he states that "there are some other Williamsport boys and girls—and some of them are old enough to be grandparents—who should be kept from roaming around on the street after 9 o'clock;" he presents the best reason possible why the ordinance should be enforced. Had these "other boys and girls" been compelled to remain in the wholesome, pure atmosphere of the home when they were young they would not be street-walkers today.

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Quay for National Chairman.

Senator QUAY's friends apparently have in mind his election to the chairmanship of the Republican national convention. His service in that capacity in 1888 was the beginning of his operations in national politics and the means of giving him a firm place in the leadership in Pennsylvania. Ever since he has been doing business with that victory as his principal capital. Recent events have admonished him that the fund is about exhausted and that unless it is reinforced there will necessarily be a declaration of bankruptcy. Therefore he has aspirations for another term and believes that the conditions are auspicious for the gratification of his desires.

In the first place, Mr. QUAY reasons, the President has no love for Senator HANNA. The moment ROOSEVELT began weeding out HANNA's friends from the federal public service the Ohio Senator began showing an antipathy to McKinley's successor. There is no doubt that he intended to organize an opposition to his nomination next year but deferred action until it was too late. Then he made the best out of a bad situation and bargained himself into the assurance of a re-election. But his antipathy to the President was in no manner abated by the circumstance. As a matter of fact it may be said that it was vastly increased and greatly intensified. Out of this condition grew QUAY's hope of an election to the chairmanship.

It may be added that there is no love lost between HANNA and QUAY. HANNA's vote against the admission of QUAY to a seat in the United States Senate on the appointment of Governor STONE created an unquenchable enmity between them. HANNA who was then the absolute boss of the party wanted another than ROOSEVELT nominated for Vice President in 1900. QUAY took up ROOSEVELT, not because he admired the Rough-Rider but for the reason that he wanted to disappoint HANNA. He succeeded in his enterprise and his purpose. He even "bided wiser than he knew" for he had no idea that McKinley would die and make ROOSEVELT President. But that happened and QUAY has since had a more equal battle with his enemy. Thus far, however, he has made little progress in his battle.

All things considered, therefore, we are of the opinion that QUAY will not succeed in his present ambition. At least he will not be elected chairman without HANNA's consent and that will only be obtained in the event that the chances of victory are meagre. In other words the party managers understand that the trusts must provide the money for the campaign and unless HANNA is in sympathy with the organization they will not give up. They have little faith in ROOSEVELT as it is. With QUAY at the head of the organization they would have less for, though he is with them body and soul, he is too profligate and ROOSEVELT changes his mind too frequently to be depended on.

Comedy on Capital Hill.

The comedy on Capital Hill, Harrisburg, took on a new form within the time that has elapsed since the editorials for last week's paper were written. The Governor's attention was finally attracted to the unconstitutionality of appointing Senators and Representatives in the Legislature to "civil offices under the Commonwealth," and revoked some which had been made by dairy and food commissioner WARREN and factory inspector DELANEY. As a matter of fact the Governor declares that they had not been appointed at all and wouldn't be, but the records of the department and the books of the treasury show that some of them had already drawn a considerable part of a month's salary.

Under the circumstances the question resolves itself into one of the veracity of the Governor and WARREN and DELANEY, or the accuracy of the records. If, as the Governor states, the appointments had not been made how on earth did the gentlemen said to have been appointed get their fists into the treasury? The records show that the money paid them was on account of salary and if they had not been appointed there would be no salary coming to them. If they were appointed, on the other hand, the Governor foolishly convicted himself of falsifying. We say foolishly for unless he is entirely oblivious of public events about him he must have known that the falsehood would be made public and its character understood.

There is one hypothesis which might acquit the Governor of a charge of lying but he would hardly like to have the public adopt it. It is that his subordinates in office pay no attention to him and usurp his prerogatives whenever it suits them to do so. In fact both DELANEY and WARREN declared that the appointments were made without consulting the Governor, which is the more surprising because the law vests the appointing power exclusively in him. Therefore if it is true that those appointments were made without consulting him it must be admitted that he is considered of no account and somebody else than himself is the real Governor, though during the campaign for election the one thing which he declared emphatically was that he would be the Governor.

Governor Pennypacker's Notions.

Governor PENNYPACKER expressed his deep regret, in an address delivered during the commencement exercises of Franklin and Marshall college at Lancaster, the other day, because there is not just appreciation shown of the great men of Pennsylvania of the past. We are inclined to the belief that the Governor is either ill informed on the subject or gravely mistaken in his estimate. That is to say our observation leads to the belief that the greatness of the Pennsylvanians of the past is fully appreciated and generally acknowledged. Of BUCHANAN, STEVENS, HANCOCK, MEADE, CURTIN in recent years and FRANKLIN, and his compers of earlier periods, there is certainly no want of appreciation. Their memory is fitly cherished.

But what the Governor really meant is that we don't appreciate the greatness of Cousin MATT. In other words most of us fail to estimate Senator QUAY by the standard of measurements which PENNYPACKER has adopted. Few of us are able to imagine that he is a greater man than WEBSTER or CLAY. Upon the question of the liberty of the press WEBSTER said: "All is not lost while we have a single newspaper that is free. Given a free press we may defy opinion or insidious enemies of liberty. It instructs the public mind and animates the spirit of patriotism." On the same subject QUAY has said "muzzle the press." There is no analogy between the two ideas. We cannot force ourselves to think that the muzzler is as great a man as the advocate of liberty.

Governor PENNYPACKER is compelling thoughtful men to regard the public men of the present with contempt, moreover. For example, we ought to entertain the highest estimate of his character because he is the Chief Magistrate of the State. But how is it possible when we see him violating the constitution which he has taken an oath to "support, obey and defend," every day of his official life and trample under foot the statutes which he is sworn to "faithfully execute." Honest and intelligent men can't learn to admire a character who violates his oath of office as he did when he signed the bill to increase the salaries of judges and the press muzzler and when he violated the law for the appointment of the Soldiers' Orphans' commission and that requiring that the Dairy and Food Commissioner should be a practical dairyman.

The Manly Course.

The Philadelphia "Press" gives as a reason for not fighting Senator SNYDER for Auditor General its opinion that the Republican majority is so great that it can't possibly be overcome anyway. That is, to say the least, a most humiliating confession. If the early Christians had adopted that view the coming of the Saviour would have accomplished little. If the founders of the Republic had been thus cowardly the sovereignty of Great Britain over this continent would never have been disturbed. Referring to another expression of that esteemed contemporary on the same subject we characterized it as a "Fool's Advice." We can call this last deliverance of the "Press" nothing else than a "Coward's Confession."

Moreover, it is an insult to the intelligence and an aspersion upon the integrity of the voters of Pennsylvania to make such an assertion. The Republicans have an undoubted majority in Pennsylvania. But it is not so great, or at least the servility of the people to the party yoke is not so confirmed that they will elect an unfit man to an important office simply because he happens to be a Republican. In other words we don't believe that the Republican voters of Centre county would support Senator SNYDER if every Republican paper in the county would keep his record constantly before them. Neither can we think that the Republicans of other counties would vote for him under similar circumstances. There is too much manhood in them for that.

Senator SNYDER has been the servile instrument of the corporations all the time since he entered the Legislature ten years ago. He has voted for every legislative job and participated in every legislative iniquity during all that time. This can easily be proved by the records. If the Philadelphia "Press" and every other Republican paper in the State would publish those records the voters of that party would know and we believe they would condemn. That would be the manly and just course to adopt. It would injure SNYDER's chances for election, but the papers owe him no consideration for the "outraging atrocity" of an infamous record was a blow against the newspapers which had befriended him. We shall watch the action of our contemporaries.

Natural gas is said to be about exhausted at Indianapolis. Which leads us to wonder when Senator BEVERIDGE's health began to fail.

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The President's Junket.

The President completed his sixty-six day transcontinental junket a week ago in excellent health and spirits, according to the press reports. During the time on he traveled more than 14,000 miles, made something like 300 speeches, hunted bears and lions without getting any, climbed mountains on snow shoes, swam rivers, slept in snow drifts, rode horseback and did everything which is agreeable to gypsy, clown or tramp. He collected a vast quantity of valuable property, moreover. According to reliable authority his train looked like a traveling museum when he reached Washington and one car was literally packed with saddles, bridles, spurs, leggings and all other kinds of cow boy paraphernalia, besides live animals, skins of dead animals and lots of other things.

But what good under the heavens has been achieved by the junket? An over-ambitious contemporary in Philadelphia declares it has accomplished marvelous results in the direction of promoting patriotism and destroying sectionalism. In what way has it worked those results? The President rushed over the country with the energy and almost the velocity of a cyclone. He has talked with the volubility of a fish woman and the effect of a mule's muzzling. As a matter of fact he has not, during the entire trip, uttered a sentence which will remain in the public mind after the novelty of his absurd junket has been forgotten. It was simply a rash across the continent without useful purpose and absolutely barren of good results.

Meantime what was going on in Washington? Every avenue of the public service was deluged with scandal while our clownish President was feeding his vanity by absurd exploits in the west. Postmaster General PAYNE, himself a professional lobbyist, who has grown rich out of his efforts to impose on the government, was doing his best to suppress the exposures and conceal the crimes. The President assures the country that he will now take personal charge of the investigation and press it to completion, even if he is obliged to sacrifice his summer vacation to achieve the result. But the task would have been less difficult if it hadn't been neglected so long and if the junket had been curtailed there would have been no necessity for cutting out the vacation.

Pennypacker Ignorant or Criminal.

It is up to the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic to make good the assertions of their Department Commander which asperses the Governor of the Commonwealth. The Department Commander has practically accused the Governor of deliberately violating the law in his appointment of the Soldiers' Orphans' schools commission. There is no doubt that he did violate the letter of the statute. It plainly provides that the organization shall appoint five members of the commission and the Governor only permitted it to name three. If the law is valid therefore the Governor has transgressed his authority and is unquestionably amenable to the penalty. The veterans ought to test the matter in the courts.

As a matter of fact Governor PENNYPACKER has paid absolutely no attention either to the constitution or the acts of Assembly since his induction into office. Either he doesn't comprehend or else he doesn't care anything about the restraints which were purposely and wisely thrown about the office. His expressed purpose to appoint Representatives RIPP and SELBY to offices under the Commonwealth is conclusive evidence on that point. He can't say that he wasn't aware of the constitutional ineligibility of the candidates. The same point was held before his face when Representative KUNKEL, of Dauphin county, asked for appointment as the successor of Judge SIMONSON. It was respected then because he didn't want to appoint KUNKEL who supported ELKIN for Governor last year. But he paid no attention when he wanted to appoint RIPP and SELBY who supported him.

Later he signed the bill increasing the judges' salaries though he knew that was unconstitutional if he knows anything at all. The language of the fundamental law on that subject is so clear that no man can misunderstand it unless he is an absolute imbecile. The Governor is under the obligation on an oath to "support, obey and defend" the constitution and yet he gave that bill, unquestionably subversive of the constitution, his approval and unless the courts declare its invalidity he has made himself a party to the violation of the constitution on that point. His disregard of the law in the appointment of the Soldiers' Orphans' schools commissioner is therefore only supplemental proof of his ignorance or indifference to law, organic or statutory.

It is said that the face of Wm. PENN on Philadelphia's public buildings is gradually growing red. We don't wonder. Anything decent that kept watch over Philadelphia would blush for the crookedness and crimes that are endorsed by its one hundred thousand Republican majority.

Reputating Snyder.

From the Phila. Press (Rep.) There is no difference of opinion among right-minded Republican editors as to the Republican nomination for Auditor General. Under the condition it was a grievous mistake and wrong. It was a gross affront to every Republican editor in the State, and not only to them but to all of the people who believe in the "just" liberty of the press. The political managers who first outraged the entire press of Pennsylvania by dictating and enacting a law relating to their rights and interests without giving them any voice in it whatever, and then to this injury added the insult of putting at the head of the State ticket a legislator who had, even though unwillingly, voted for the outrage—these managers perpetrated a blunder which was worse than a crime. They would not have done it if it had not long been slated; some of them would gladly have escaped from it; no matter they did it, and it stands in the reckoning against them.

While there can thus be only one opinion of the nomination of Mr. Snyder, we have not altogether concurred with some of our Republican brethren as to the policy of raising the flag of revolt and entering on open warfare. This doubtless has not come from any sense of party allegiance. There is no party fealty in the case. The nomination immediately absolved every Republican editor from any obligation of support. Every Republican newspaper is at liberty to denounce and oppose the nomination on the highest ground of Republican principle and duty. Indeed, no Republican journal can with self-respect regret or defend it. We certainly shall not be guilty of any such self-abandonment. When the Democratic convention comes to make the issue and the Democratic newspapers open their batteries, let those who are responsible for the nomination find their defense where they can.

Pennypacker in Russia.

From the Baltimore Sun. The expulsion of the correspondent of the London Times from Russia will doubtless cause Gov. Pennypacker a pang of regret. He might have inserted in his libel law a clause giving him the power to govern on the territory of the Keystone state the correspondence of newspapers published in other states which venture to criticize his policy, or Mr. Quay's policy, which is about the same thing, or which publish unpleasant pictures of his sacred person. The next libel law which the good governor of Mr. Quay's state will have enacted will perhaps be drafted with more care and after the Russian model. In point of fact, we do not believe Gov. Pennypacker will find anywhere in Christendom a system of dealing with the press and public opinion so entirely after his own ideals as he will find in the land of the czar.

Either Wrong or Cowardly.

From the Doylestown (Rep.) While the expected happened at the State convention, it is not too late to call attention to a significant feature now the subject of newspaper discussion in several States. It was the absolute silence maintained with respect to the libel law. As has been pointed out by several papers, the passage of this law was the one conspicuous omission of the Legislature and the signing of it by the Governor and the filing of the paper in which he set forth his reasons have been the subject of even international comment. Now if the sponsors of the law and the Governor really believe it to be a just and wise measure approved by the people which they declare to be the case, why did the silence fall to commend them? Is this silence an abject confession that they are wrong or do they lack the courage of their convictions—or both?

Self Sacrifice.

From the Altoona Tribune. Last Saturday a Russian Jew who had been a resident of this country for five years was found dead in his New York lodging place. It was discovered that the man had deprived himself of food until he literally starved to death, and he did so because he had a wife and five daughters living in Russia, near the scene of the recent massacre, and had been making a desperate effort lately to save money enough to bring them to the United States. Men with that sort of stuff in them ought to make better citizens than the average bar-room loafer of native birth who lives off the money earned by his wife and children.

Crediting the Wrong Snyder.

From the Bedford Gazette. W. E. Snyder, the machine candidate for Auditor General, is not the Snyder who took such a prominent part in the passage of the minimum school teacher's salary bill. His only claim to notoriety in his effort in behalf of the Salus-Grady "press muzzler"—and that should sound his political death-knell.

It Might Have Been Worse.

From the Johnstown Democrat. While at home we are denouncing the feeble libel law of Pennypacker, the supreme court of the Philippine islands calmly upholds a decision by which two American editors were condemned, without even a jury trial, to six months' imprisonment and \$1,000 fine each for criticizing a public official.

Senator Hanna's Daughter Weds.

CLEVELAND, O., June 10.—In intrinsic beauty and interest the wedding to-day at noon of Miss Ruth Hanna and Mr. Joseph Medill McCormick, of Chicago, recalled any similar function ever held in Cleveland. St. Paul's church was decorated with the utmost magnificence. The bridal party entered under an arch of white peonies and dentzia and the pews of the middle aisle were all marked with big bunches of the dentzia. Just before the Lohengrin wedding march was played to herald the approach of the bridal party, President Roosevelt entered with Mrs. Hanna on his arm, followed by Miss Alice Roosevelt, with other members of the bride's family.

Spawls from the Keystone.
—McKeesport's mayor has put a stop to Sunday base ball playing there.
—William Morton has been appointed fourth-class postmaster at Ontle.
—In failing health, Henry Barnhart, of Fontana, Lebanon county, committed suicide with a revolver.
—James Ridgely, of Avoca, was struck by a passenger train and hurled against a rock embankment and killed.
—While swimming in the river, at Pittston, Edward Miller, of West Pittston, aged 10 years, was drowned.
—While trying to evade arrest James Tully was shot through the leg by constable Daniel Rehman, at Goldsboro.
—By pulling the trigger of a shotgun with his toe Jacob Moore, a well-known carriage builder, shot himself at York.
—Edward Wheelan, of Easton, was sentenced by Judge Scott to seven years in the eastern penitentiary for house burglary.
—Nearly a score of residences were struck by lightning at Bethlehem on Monday night during the severest storm in many years.
—Pittsburg elevator constructors, numbering 160, struck Tuesday for an increase from \$3.75 to \$4 a day and an eight-hour work-day.
—A fire in the Neely block at DuBois early Tuesday morning damaged the building and Renass & Thomas' clothing stock to the amount of \$3,500.
—Sixty employes of the Prospect Dye Works at Reading struck Tuesday because the plant is doing work for a Philadelphia textile firm whose employes are out on strike.
—There is a general misapprehension in regard to when the school teachers' minimum salary law becomes operative. The law does not go into effect until the first Monday of June, 1904.
—As flag day this year falls on Sunday, the day will be observed on Monday, June 15th. Owing to the large number of legal holidays, this one is passed by and not observed. Better cut it out; there is too much "flag" nonsense anyhow. The thing is overdone.
—The breaking of a gas pipe in the cellar of a DuBois house caused a fire which totally destroyed the house and its contents, involving a loss of \$1,800. A gasman at work in the cellar with a candle was painfully burned about the face and hands.
—John Brewer, foreman of the Excelsior saw mill at Williamsport, was killed Tuesday afternoon by being struck in the stomach with an iron bar which was sprung from a machine which was being lifted. The injured man was removed to his home, but died an hour after the accident. He was aged 70 years and leaves a wife and seven children.
—A storm of unusual violence occurred at Hyner Tuesday afternoon. The threatening clouds in the north indicated that a storm was brewing of more than ordinary force, when about 3 o'clock a down pour of large hail followed by a cloudburst of rain soon caused Hyner run to overflow the low lands and sweep across the P and E. R. tracks carrying debris of every description with it. The rain storm continued on down the West Branch valley, but by the time it reached Lock Haven it was reduced to a heavy shower only doing no damage but to the contrary much good.
—Dr. William Holland, director of the Carnegie institute, of Pittsburg, announced Wednesday that Andrew Carnegie had purchased from Baron De Bayet, of Brussels, Belgium, his notable collection of European fossils, and that the collection had been presented to the Carnegie museum in Pittsburg. Dr. Holland says paleontologists have long regarded the De Bayet collection as the best outside of the great museums of Europe, and that there is nothing in America at the present time to equal it. When asked the price of the collection, he said the price paid was princely.
—Thomas Powell, a negro, aged 25 years, committed suicide at Harrisburg Wednesday night after shooting and seriously wounding Bessie Keesey, a white girl, aged 19 years. The Keesey girl formerly lived at Marietta, where she became acquainted with Powell, who came to Harrisburg with her recently. Powell called at the place where the girl was working and it is alleged they quarreled because she told him she must stay away from her. He left threatening to kill her and returned some time afterward and shot her twice in the back and then put a bullet through her brain.
—Chester Hinds died in the Altoona hospital Thursday evening as the result of injuries received in the shops at Fourth street in that city Thursday morning. He was at work grinding an angle bar at a thirty six emory wheel when the accident happened. In some way the bar slipped from his hands and got down in the crevice between the bed of the wheel and the wheel itself. The wheel at the time was revolving at the rate of 500 revolutions per minute and the bar stopped it so suddenly that it burst into fragments. One of these pieces struck Hinds on the forehead, fracturing his skull and making an ugly wound, and the man at once lapsed into unconsciousness. He was a member of the Pennsylvania railroad relief and the Federal Labor union. He is survived by his wife, his father and mother and one brother. He was aged 25 years.
—A big demonstration of the Brick Tile and Terra Cotta Workers' Alliance was held at Clearfield, Friday evening. It was representative of the Harbison-Walker Company's employes who have been out over a month on a strike. Charles Hank, of Chicago, president of the National Brick, Tile and Terra Cotta workers organization; Richard Gilbert, of the United Mine Workers; "Mother Jones" and others were the speakers. Brick workers from Phillipsburg, Retort, Woodland, Wallaceton, Gramplan, Lock Haven and Farrisville were there. Fourteen plants with a capacity of 800,000 brick per day are reported closed. The man, or men, responsible for this unhappy condition of affairs, whoever they may be, are deserving the most severe censure. The financial loss alone is a terrible one while the demoralization resulting from this enforced idleness is truly deplorable. It will keep his satanic majesty busy finding mischief for these idle hands to do, if he keeps up the reputation he has acquired for that sort of thing.