

Ink Slings.

Recent events prove very conclusively that Democrats are still remembering the MAYNE.

Ain't it about time to examine your Fourth-of-July whoop and see if it is in condition for business?

Philadelphians have reasons to be happy and feel secure for this week at least. Its councilmen are enjoying a six days junket in Boston.

The one great question that now hawks the soul and weights down the spirit of ordinary mortals is, shall it be overcasts or shirtwalsts?

What Servia most needs now is a blue-pencil editor who can revise its new King's name into a size and shape that can be printed and pronounced.

Evidently the President's press agents are off on their summer vacation. We have not heard what the ROOSEVELT family has had for breakfast for four days.

War, it is said, is still brewing between Turkey and China. Well, if they don't work their war breweries over-time why the deuce should us unionists care?

Senator BEVERIDGE, it is said, is booked to be ROOSEVELT's running mate in the next campaign. What wind storms may be expected during the season of 1904.

Auditor General HARDENBERG has already begun his canvass for the nomination for State Treasurer two years hence. Mr. HARDENBERG's hope crop must be of the long distance variety.

It is a good way off till the next congressional campaign but Bellefonte has fellows who lay awake at nights, already, wondering how deep down they will get their hands into DESSER'S 'b'l'.

Newport is worked up to an exciting pitch over the voluble gibberish of a strange parrot that has recently reached that place. Won't some one look about Harrisburg and see if our Governor is missing?

Anyhow Mr. PENNYPACKER will not figure in the history of that Indiana county celebration. Mr. ELKINS and bonquets were there in plenty, but the name of the press-muzzler appeareth not upon the list of the honored.

Judge LOVE, we are told, boasts that his road to re-election is an easy one. Well, he may ride on a free pass to nomination but he'll find that fall fare will be charged over the balance of the route. And the judge is not used to paying fare either.

Come to think about it if that new Democratic Club, that has just been organized in Philadelphia, is to follow the same line that other Democratic organizations in that city have its most appropriate appellation would be the Sand Bag.

The Hon. JOE MAYNE, Lehigh's representative, who voted for the press muzzler, has come to the conclusion that he is not a Democrat. This makes the verdict unanimous. The balance of the inhabitants of the State arrived at that conclusion months ago.

For the information of King KARAGEORGEVITCH we would just remark that he need not trouble in advance about keeping his hold on the Serbian people. Anytime he wants it our QUAYOVITCH will give him pointers as to the way of holding his gripovich.

Some of Judge LOVE's friends say that in place of looking for the Judgeship about this time next year, Col. ED. CHAMBERS will be out behind his barn hunting a hole to hide in. Which, literally interpreted, means that the sand in the Colonel's box gets low when a fight begins.

What's goin' to happen? Almost two weeks have gone by and we don't recall that a single Republican paper has charged the Democracy with the floods, the cyclones, and cloudbursts that have been so prevalent over the country. Ain't somebody missing a great opportunity.

Some one asks: "What is the matter with the Republican press of the State?" Really we can't guess, unless it may be that their editors have gone to the woods to undisturbedly examine themselves and find out whether they are for or against WILLIAM PRESS-MUZZLER SNYDER.

The Philadelphia Press, itself a Republican paper, says: "no Republican journal can with self-respect justify or defend the nomination of WILLIAM PRESS MUZZLER SNYDER." This fully explains why both Republican papers of this place can be for him.

Won't the crowd at the front of the platform please step aside a moment and give Mr. ROOSEVELT a chance to tell the audience about that "open door" policy when it comes to investigating a post office scandal? There are those who are anxiously waiting to hear. Speak, Mr. ROOSEVELT, speak.

Since Secretary of Internal Affairs, BROWN, last week, announced his determination not to take orders, an anxious public has been keeping its ear close to the ground in the hope that it would hear something about not trying "to take" any more land titles. So far it has heard nothing but a deep and dense silence on that subject.

Since they have struck the trail toward that post office scandal every new sent seems to lead directly toward the late first Assistant Post Master General, and the present Secretary of the Republican National Committee—PERRY S. HEATH—as the muck pile at the bottom of it. Phew! Who would have thought it.



Teddy's Running Mate.

His own nomination assured the President is now engaged in the not too agreeable task of picking out his running mate. Usually the candidate for first place leaves that work to his party friends in the convention. But the result of the last convention admonishes ROOSEVELT that that is not a safe course to pursue. McKINLEY had a clearly defined choice for Vice President on that occasion. He would have been delighted beyond measure if the convention had hitched up Senator FAIRBANKS, of Indiana, in a team with him. But QUAY and PLATT had a little spite against McKINLEY, certain political interests in New York wanted to put ROOSEVELT on the shelf and the Vice Presidential nomination was forced on him and on McKINLEY and HANNA.

QUAY and PLATT probably have something up their sleeve with respect to the Vice Presidential nomination this year, but TEDDY is not quite so easy as McKINLEY was. In other words the President doesn't intend to let these conspirators force an unpleasant political partnership on him and in order to make certain that such a thing won't happen he intends to pick the candidate for that office himself. But it is not what you would call an easy task. In other words, even to a man invested with unlimited power in the matter, it is not easy to select out of a dozen or more aspirants one who will give needed aid to the ticket and at the same time be agreeable to the Presidential candidate. In other words those who are most agreeable might not be quite available.

For example the President has two men in mind either one of whom would satisfy him, but neither of whom is certain to satisfy the party. His first choice is Judge TAFT, now civil Governor of the Philippines. But the two Ohio Senators can not agree in the support of an Ohio man and the nomination of such a man might incite the opposition of one or the other of them and the opposition of either would be fatal.

Next to TAFT the President would prefer Senator BEVERIDGE, of Indiana. But his selection would provoke such a storm of indignation as might wreck the entire outfit. In other words BEVERIDGE has been so fresh since he broke into public life that he has made himself unendurable to everybody except ROOSEVELT who is somewhat priggish himself.

Mr. Mayne Happily Out.

The feature of the Lehigh county meeting which was held last Saturday was the part played by the Hon. JOSEPH MAYNE, now happily, an ex-Representative in the Legislature. We say an ex-Representative because the part he took in the meeting was to announce his resignation as a Representative in the Legislature and present his withdrawal from the party organization. Both these actions were appropriate and timely. His work in the Legislature was completed with the adjournment of the last session, unless in the improbable event of an extra session, and his association with the party organization ended when he voted for the press muzzler to promote the interests of the QUAY machine. But it was eminently fit that a public announcement of the fact should be made.

We are constrained, however, to disapprove of the manner in which Mr. MAYNE fulfilled an obvious duty in the premises. That is to say if he had frankly declared that he had betrayed his constituents by perfidiously selling out to the QUAY machine and was consequently no longer justified in claiming to represent them or in pretending to be a Democrat, his conduct would have been many if not honest. But he predated his action on a false and fraudulent pretense. In other words he said in his letter announcing his resignation and withdrawal from the party that he was influenced to the action by a report that ex-Congressman SOWDEN had accepted a Republican nomination last fall was to be taken back into the Democratic organization.

We have neither the inclination nor the intention to condone the grave offense of Mr. SOWDEN. It was an inexcusable violation of party faith. But he infringed no fundamental principle of the Democratic party in his preposterous course. An inordinate ambition misled him into a violation of his party obligations but not into an infraction of a cardinal party doctrine. But MAYNE can set up no such defense of his conduct in voting for the press muzzler. That was a violation of the keystone of the party faith, the cardinal principles upon which the organization rests. Such action under any circumstances is a grave crime. But when in the service of the party in a representative capacity it is perpetrated it becomes an unpardonable sin.

After looking at the thing from all sides we are forced to admit that the muzzle now worn by the Postmaster General is much more effective than those fashioned after the PENNYPACKER pattern.

Mr. Knerr Attacks the Muzzler.

The Rev. Mr. G. A. KNERR, of Pottsville, "took a fall" out of the press muzzler from his pulpit last Sunday and it may be said that he crumpled it pretty badly. The occasion was peculiarly appropriate. He was officiating at a patriotic-religious flag day celebration. During the Spanish war he served as chaplain of the Fourth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers and it was appropriate that he, of all the preachers in the city should have been chosen to deliver the discourse on such an occasion. It was quite natural, also, that the press muzzler, which is subversive of the fundamental principles which the flag represents, should come in for a share of attention.

"The American press," remarked Mr. KNERR, "has always been the foe of the conscienceless demagogue and dishonest politician." That is literally and historically true. But it affords no reason for muzzling the press, according to Mr. KNERR's notions of public morals. On the contrary that is a substantial reason why the liberty of the press should be cherished and defended. There are other reasons too, to which he referred. "As a free people," he added, "we must give to the press the privilege of uncovering the crookedness of men in official position. It is a bulwark of safety," he continued, "and has often proved its worth and power in the past history of the country."

In view of that opinion what is Mr. KNERR's duty with respect to the candidacy of Senator WM. P. SNYDER for Auditor General. Senator SNYDER voted for the press muzzler. He contributed all he could toward the perpetration of that crime against the people and the fundamental principles of the government. His expectations and those associated with him in projecting and supporting the measure was that it would silence criticism of "the crookedness of men in official position and permit venality in public office to escape censure." That such expectations are disappointed is no fault of his. But the man who would entertain such expectations is himself a crook and ought to be defeated.

Senator Snyder's Record.

We have not thus far discovered any of our Republican contemporaries anxious to exhibit the public record of Senator WILLIAM PRESS-MUZZLER SNYDER as a recommendation for his election to the office of Auditor General. The Auditor General is an important functionary in the government of the State. He practically regulates the amount of taxes assessed against every corporation in the State. According to his fancy this corporation or that must pay into the public treasury for the support of the schools and other purposes. In view of that fact it is important that the Auditor General shall be a man of the people rather than of the corporations.

Senator SNYDER served nearly a dozen years in the Legislature. During that time hundreds of measures were considered in which the interests of the people and those of the corporations were diametrically opposite. Which side did Senator SNYDER take on such questions. Our Republican contemporaries, are silent on the subject. He is the candidate of their party and it is their duty to give reasons why he should be elected. The only reasons which can be given for or against his election are contained in his legislative record. Yet the papers of his party are as silent as the grave on that subject.

Why is this? We can tell them why. During the entire term of his service in the legislature Senator SNYDER was the obedient servant of the corporations.

Every bill introduced for their benefit, however inequitable received his support. Every measure presented to promote the looting of the treasury by corporations or politicians received his earnest and active support.

Every job proposed had his co-operation and every pinch bill his endorsement. The Journal of the Legislature will show these facts and we challenge our Republican contemporaries to publish the record if they dare. That the people of the State have the right to know they will admit. Then they are recalcitrant if they fail to give the information.

Secretary Wilson's Victory.

Secretary of Agriculture WILSON has achieved a great triumph according to the statements of his friends. He has made a successful attempt to grow macaroni wheat in some of the western States. That is certainly a wonderful thing. Many years ago other food plants indigenous to other sections of the world were planted and cultivated successfully here, but that was unimportant. What we have been yearning for during all the time that has elapsed since the Pilgrim fathers landed at Plymouth and the cavaliers planted their flag-staffs at Jamestown, Va. has been macaroni wheat and Secretary WILSON has gotten it for us.

Macaroni wheat, it must be observed, is

very much like other wheat in most respects. In fact the analogy is so close that in the absence of minute particulars we are unable to point out the difference. If the Secretary had by his expensive experiments discovered a process by which macaroni "straw," by which we mean the long, thin, delicate sticks of macaroni dough dried and ready for the pot could be picked from trees or bushes, it would be something worth talking about. But to grow macaroni wheat from seed sown in soil practically the same as that of Italy in a climate similar and cultivated by processes the same is nothing very great to our mind.

Many years ago it was regarded as a marvel that strawberries could be grown in midwinter and if there are any persons still living who are unaware of the fact that by heat and steam any temperature can be put into the soil under glass it would be surprising. But those truths are expressed in the primary school books now and nobody wonders at tales of that type which made us stare in our young days. Yet nobody has gone into the business of growing strawberries in midwinter for commercial purposes on an extensive scale. They cost too much for a popular market and maybe Secretary WILSON'S macaroni wheat will have the same fate.

Roosevelt's Open Saffronery.

President ROOSEVELT having in turn given the country exhibitions of his capability as a clown and his adaptability to the life of a gypsy, he is now doing stunts as a mountebank. That is to say, having ridden like a cow boy for miles on a bucking bronco and slept without shelter in a snowdrift on a Sierra mountain, he is making brief speeches wherever he can get a chance in which his manifest purpose is to flatter voters into support of his candidacy. WASHINGTON said that the Presidency was an office which could neither be sought nor declined. ROOSEVELT entertains a different view for he resorts to expedients in soliciting votes which would be regarded as fresh if he were a candidate for coroner.

This fact was revealed in an address which he delivered to a delegation of Hebraews who called on him the other day in relation to the Russian outrages at Kesenew. If he had properly expressed his sympathy with the sufferers of that atrocity it would have been all right, for in that he would have voiced the sentiments of a vast majority of the people of this country. But instead of that he launched into a fulsome flattery of the Jews so rank that the most intelligent of those present could hardly conceal their disgust. He was working for votes and o'erstep't the mark and instead of gaining his object he repelled those inclined to be friendly to him.

It may be predicted that no man who electioneers for the Presidency of the United States in that way will ever succeed. HENRY CLAY was the first to open a strike for the office and though he was infinitely more able and quite as dashing and popular he failed to reach the goal. BLAINE fell short of his too openly expressed ambition for the same reason and no man will deny the full measure of his magnanimity. But they were mild and modest in their methods when compared with ROOSEVELT.

They never descended to the base tricks of gutter snipe politicians and quarter sessions demagogues. They openly declared their desire for the office but preserved a decent respect for the traditions which surround it. ROOSEVELT hasn't done that.

At Last.

Well, he has gotten something at last, and we congratulate him from the bottom of our boots. To think of a man working ten years for a position, hopeful one day, hopeless the next, but still longing, begging, working for it, as if his existence depended upon securing it, or his prospects of immortality would fade without it, and then all at once, unannounced and almost unexpected to drop into his lap, how happy, how important, how elated he would feel!

And this is the exact situation and condition of the editor of the Gazette to-day. Since the election of Governor HASTINGS he has wanted something and wanted it badly. It didn't matter much what it was only so it was a thing that had something in it. He tried for Superintendent of Public Printing, then for the post office, then for a Deputy Collectorship, then for the Senate, and at last was willing to beg to be made stamp clerk for the deputy revenue collector, but none of these materialized. Hope had grown weary struggling against defeats and disappointments, and existence seemed a blank because there was no office along with it. Suddenly and without warning, on Tuesday last, a Fish Wardenship was handed him, and life, to him, is again worth living.

There may not be much of that which he most admires "in it," but still it is an office, a state position, a recognition of his worth and standing—a place that he can fill just as well as JOE RICHMOND now does—and one that just about fits his size—politically, mentally and otherwise. Again we extend our congratulations, Mr. HARTER.

Wherever It Falls Short.

From the N. Y. World.  
The modesty of the Ohio Republican platform is its most striking characteristic. From it we learn that the Dingley tariff "has made the United States the greatest industrial nation," "added vastly to our foreign commerce," given the farmer his prosperity and labor "the best scale of living ever attained." We learn further that it is the high mission of the Republican party to defend the tariff to which the people owe all their greatness and happiness against "the Democratic plan of destroying all American industries by tariff revision otherwise."

Think of the Democrats—numbering one half of the nation, or thereabouts, and more than one half of its wage earners—with a "plan" carefully prepared for "destroying all American industries!" Who would have thought it if the Ohio Republicans had not discovered and exposed it? There is one omission in Mr. Hanna's platform, and it is a serious one. There is no explanation of the scandalous behavior of the two chief rivers of the country, the Mississippi and Missouri, which has caused so much distress in the western states. Mr. Hanna may say that those rivers are not in Ohio, but he cannot deny that they are within the jurisdiction of the Republican party, and the people have a right to know why the party has neglected to restrain them.

The Opportunity and the Kind.

From the Meadville Democrat.  
State chairman Penrose is reported saying that the nominees of the convention of last week will not make a campaign of oratory, simply because it is unnecessary, the Republicans being able to win "hand down." If Senator Penrose has decided upon a campaign of silence, so much the more insistent the reason why the Democrats in convention should nominate candidates not only of the highest character, but also men of fluent tongue and ready wit. It would make the State ring for a couple of months with trenchant analysis of machine reform hypocrisy, the press muzzler outrage and the cowardice of the Republican platform in dodging state affairs to enlarge upon the glory of a war and of a tariff dating back forty years.

He Didn't Look Through Pennypacker's Glasses.

From an address by Senator David Davis, N. H.  
"Every year every local paper gives from 500 to 5,000 free lines for the benefit of the community in which it is located. No other agency can or will do this. The editor proportion to his means does more for his town than any other man, and in all fairness, man with man, he ought to be supported—not because you happen to like him or admire his writing, but because a local paper is the best investment a community can make. It may not be crowded with great thought, but financially it is of more benefit than both preacher and teacher. Today editors do more for less pay than any man on earth. Patronize your home paper, not as a charity, but as an investment."

Rightly Chargeable to the Republican Administration.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.  
The interest the country in general has in the Washington postoffice scandal arises from the fact that the guilt disclosed in its operations goes back to officials in the post-office department. The local postmaster was a mere figurehead so far as appointments to positions in his office were concerned. He obeyed the orders he received from Mr. Perry S. Heath, former secretary of postmaster general, and now secretary of the Republican national committee. On his part, Mr. Heath only did what he was expected to do; what he was put into his high office for the express purpose of doing.

A Job for the Fool-Killer.

From the St. Joseph Gazette.  
It is said that Providence guards drunkards, children and fools, but certainly the rule is not invariable. Pennsylvania has a fool Governor who threatens to suppress the publication of a score of newspapers that have dared to publish cartoons offensive to his excellency! When Providence permits the Governor of a great state to enter upon such an enterprise, evidently Providence has concluded to renounce guardianship and call in the fool-killer.

The Logic of Jeremiah.

From the Newport News Press.  
Senator Beveridge says: "The cosmic lessons of nature should be the decalogue of national living and doing." Therefore the floods in the west justify the watering of stock in the east.

Canal Outlook Very Dark.

Government Quite Certain that Treaty Will Be Defeated.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 16.—The Panama Canal treaty will be defeated unless the unexpected happens, according to the latest information, official and unofficial, from Bogota. If it is not rejected outright, its ratification will be delayed indefinitely, unless there is an entire change in the situation.

It is now admitted that the opposition among the Senators and Representatives is more general, more bitter and more determined than has been supposed here. The Representatives in the Columbian Congress from the Isthmus of Panama are practically alone in their active support of the treaty. This reverses the report that the Isthmian States, Panama, Cauca and Antioquia, will undertake to secede from the United States of Columbia if the treaty is rejected, on the ground that their interests imperatively demand its ratification. Such action might bring about the nullification of the treaty by the exercise of the extraordinary executive authority invested in the President of the Republic in time of insurrection.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Eleven deaths from lockjaw have been reported in Pittsburg during the past two weeks.

—For the first time in his life, Nathan Fryer, 86 years old of Pottstown, was shaved by a barber last week.

—There were 17 applications for divorce filed in the first 15 minutes of court at Lancaster, on Monday morning.

—As the result of pricking a pimple on her face with a pin Miss Marian Jones, of Wilkesbarre, died on Wednesday of blood poisoning.

—Mrs. Kate Rice, of Harleysville, was bitten by a spider on Monday while picking strawberries. On Monday she died of blood poisoning.

—The Lewistown water company has filed a suit for \$7,000 against the burgess and town council for water rent since April, 1897, and interest.

—Officials of the Pennsylvania railroad made a trip over the Kishacoquillas railroad a few days ago and rumor has it that it was with a view to its purchase.

—Snow fell all over the Pennsylvania line between Altoona and South Fork Monday morning. At some points the ground remained white half an hour.

—A turtle that had been killing young chickens belonging to Mrs. Maggie Kendall, near McConnellsburg, Fulton county, was caught in the act and killed.

—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.

—Samuel Shreckengast of Brush valley, on last Friday performed the difficult and dangerous feat of killing a large black snake fifty feet up a hemlock tree, amid loud applause by fellow workmen.

—Because the Philadelphia and Erie railroad was short of telegraph operators, Frank P. Brown, in charge at Cook's run Clinton county, could get but twenty-five minutes off to get married last Thursday.

—The Doylestown, Ohio, councilmen declare that an anti-splitting ordinance, drafted in accordance with the requirements of the Philadelphia ordinance on the subject, won't hold water and refuse to pass it.

—John Reager, of Lewisport, is the owner of a coat and vest purchased by him in Germany over fifty years ago, which he still wears occasionally. He also has an overcoat which he has worn for forty-five years.

—Lackawanna county has had a township—Old Forge—that for years has not had sufficient inhabitants to organize a school board and township government. It will hereafter be a part of Old Forge borough.

—The bank barn on the Heinen farm, a half mile east of Milton, was struck by lightning on Tuesday afternoon and burned to the ground. Twenty-five head of milk cows and all the wagons, harness and farm machinery were destroyed.

—Forty thousand persons congregated on the streets of Indiana on Tuesday to help celebrate the centennial anniversary of Indiana county. The chief event of the day was the industrial parade, in which nearly every district in the county was represented.

—Michael Gallagher, of Petersburg, Scranton, is in the hospital as the result of a fight with a hog. Gallagher went into the pen, when the hog caught his arm with its teeth and tore away considerable flesh. Blood poisoning and fatal consequences are feared.

—Five years ago Chas. Kreamer, of Clinton county, moved his mammoth mill to Flinton and began operations on a hemlock tract, since which time he has cut and manufactured 85,000,000 feet. Last Friday night he shut the mill down and operations will cease at that point.

—The commission created by the Legislature of 1901 to secure a site and erect a building for the Homeopathic hospital for the insane has bought a tract of land containing 200 acres near Allentown. It overlooks the Lehigh river and is well adapted for the purpose of the institution.

—Cattle are affected in the vicinity of Milroy, Mifflin county, with a new disease. They commence with a high fever, sore feet, sore eyes and slobbering. They fall away fast and have little inclination to eat. After the fever breaks they scale off. The disease does not appear to be very contagious and is not very fatal.

—Mrs. Philip Drumheller, of Roseland, who has just passed her eighty-fourth milestone, undoubtedly has the unique distinction of having the largest number of direct descendants of any one person in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Drumheller has 13 children, 73 grandchildren, 96 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren—a really grand total of 188 persons.

—Rather than marry his sweetheart, Fred Winn, a prominent young man of Pottsville, went to jail on Tuesday. Miss Minnie Wilder-nuth, a pretty blonde, says that Winn promised some time ago that he would make his bride on June 15th, but failed to do so. Justice Shaw gave Winn an option to marry Miss Wilder-nuth or go to jail and he chose the latter alternative.

—Burglars broke into the postoffice at Burnham, near Lewistown, Thursday night of last week and stole \$20 in cash and considerable mail matter. An attempt was made to blow the new postoffice safe open with dynamite, but the charge was badly placed, and only resulted in blowing away the outer casing, leaving the inner vaults and contents of the safe undisturbed. Pieces of the safe were blown through the walls, ceiling and floor of the store room, and the building was badly damaged by the force of the explosion.

—The 10,000 employees of the Webster coal and coke company, in the Cambria field, have agreed to arbitrate their differences with the employing company. Ex-Congressman James Kerr will represent the Webster company, and National Secretary-Treasurer William B. Wilson, of the United Mine Workers of America, will represent the miners. There is no change in the situation at Bens Creek, where the men are out. The check-woman, who was ejected from the tipple Saturday, will enter suit against his assailants.