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ink stings. Have you seen Prof. Kid McComb... Have you heard the old plantation song... Have you seen the famous Mt. Peleed... Have you watched the man of mystery... Have you seen the wringing dancing girls... Contort themselves away... Have you taken in the great Bunco... The siddy butter fly... And rode round upon the carousel... While children laugh and sigh... If you've seen the growsome Snake-oid act... The balloon up in the sky... And had the lanky Mr. Hatch... Throw confetti in your eye... Then you've been round the whole shebang... And that there ain't no lie... And you'll want another carnal... In the sweet by and by... Are you readi, men? A-way she goes! It is anomalous that the ship trust should founder because of too much water. The Warren county Democrats have convictions, even if they haven't enough members to win any of the offices. King Peter, of Serbia, has bought a big revolver and ordered a new crown made. It is not stated whether he is having any bull's-eyes with ringing bells in it. It should not be a Democratic judge so much in Clearfield as it should be a judge who has not resorted to every trick known to the professional politician to pave his way to the bench. From the cracks it makes in opening we imagine there is a considerable amount of rust on the hinges of the door leading into Col. ED. CHAMBERS' judicial boom. Bellefonte will be no prettier when its big show pulls up stakes on Saturday night, but there are a number of people within it who will have reason to be considerably wiser than they were some days ago. From the fuss that is being made about Mr. ROCKEFELLER JR. and his Sunday school doings one could easily imagine, taking the family falling into consideration, that he has an idea of attempting to get a corner on salvation. Come to view it under a microscope that harmony microbe Judge LOVE and Col. REEDER are laboring to propagate, seems to be taking on the appearance of a thoroughbred porcupine. Bristles are beginning to grow in profusion and of a kind that says pointedly "Don't come near me." The appointment of an assistant to the president of the United States Steel corporation was not intended so much as a help to Mr. SCHWAB as a deterrent. Mr. MORGAN is not altogether certain that CHARLEY is going to keep on his trolley and he wants someone else on the ground should he slip it. The Philadelphia Press is evidently not in favor of keeping the judiciary out of politics; at least that is the tenor of an editorial on the Clearfield situation in its issue of yesterday. But the Press is like many another Republican journal. It preaches non-politics only where Republicans have no other chance. After carefully considering both the quality and quantity of brother CHARLES EMORY SMITH's explanations of his connection with the postal department scandals, we can't get away from the conviction that with him it is not so much a question as to the weight of the facts furnished as it is the amount of "hot air" his factory can turn out. Immediately after the recent judicial contest in the Republican party in Clearfield county the people of Clearfield town subscribed ten thousand dollars for the purpose of starting a Y. M. C. A. Details of the character of the contest convince us that ten thousand isn't enough to give the Association a proper footing over there. The opinion of Mr. JAMES G. JOHNSON, one of the highest legal authorities in the State, to the effect that the judge's salary bill, passed by the last Legislature, affects not only future judges of the Commonwealth, but those in office at the present time, is in conflict with the constitution, but a little matter of that sort isn't to be considered in these times when constitutions are only nominal in their enactments. Atlantic City hotels are threatened with a revocation of license unless they provide for the entertainment of "beasts" as well as "man." The question has lately come up because some of the hotels do not have liveries attached, but why this should make any difference when the most of them have their registers bespattered with the addresses of "beasts" will be incomprehensible to some of the gentle folks who have been guests at Atlantic City hotels. Senator HANNA's remark at the dedication of the one hundred thousand dollar citadel of the Salvation Army, in Cleveland, on Sunday, that if he "had the power to reach men's hearts as the simple prayers and music of the Salvation Army does he should resign his position in the United States Senate and do his duty as a member of the army," is interesting, to say the least. The Senator has never been credited with being long on prayers and the music he believes in most is the clink of the mighty dollar. How unimp it would be to see MARK on the stump praying for votes and how certain his defeat would be were that his only stock in trade.

Cheaper Than Any of Us Dreamed of At last the underlying reason for "Uncle JOE SIBLEY'S" sudden and mysterious conversion to Republicanism three years ago is fully understood. The digging down into the yuck pile that is now raising such a stench about the Post Office Department in Washington, has disclosed it all. A petty contract to furnish carbon paper to the government, without being compelled to bid against other concerns manufacturing the same article, doubtless stands at the bottom of that change of conscience and of principle. At least such a contract has been dug up by the investigators of the scandals in the postal department and the date of that contract and the day of Mr. SIBLEY'S conversion to Republicanism is wonderfully close together. It has been known to all men that Mr. SIBLEY'S political eyes was always open for the main chance. It was equally well known that the "main chance" with him was whatever would the most surely increase his pile, or give the biggest bulge to his pocket book. But no one took him to be a "cheap John." He was believed to be a man in many ways. He was reported to be rich. He was said to be liberal. He was thought to be the possessor of principles. In fact he professed to abhor high tariff. He railed against monopolies. His influence and work was against extravagance in public affairs. He posed as the leader of the army of bi-metalists and in a thousand ways showed his opposition to Republicanism generally. But in a single day, yea, even in less time than the conversion of PAUL was accomplished, he was brought to see the error of his ways—so suppose that which he had ever condemned and to deny that which he had always taught. The people wondered at the sudden conversion, but they wonder more at the little it cost. The contracts tell that. It shows the price of his political apostasy. It gives an idea of the greed that would induce the betrayal of the causes he had always battled for and the petty benefits he was willing to receive in return. It is an illustration of what is at the bottom of SIBLEY'S desire for office. It is an evidence of the price he placed upon professed principle. It shows simply what JOE SIBLEY is. People who thought they knew him will wonder at the venality that has taken hold of him. Will be sorry for the greed that has grown on him, and amid this wonder and sorrow, will despise the niggardly avariciousness that is shown in the price he received for the betrayal of his party and his professed principles. Cheap Joe, in your uncovering, no one has sympathy to extend you. Roosevelt Plays Politics. The President has appointed CHARLES J. BONAPARTE, of Baltimore, and HOLMES CONRAD, of New York, distinguished Democratic lawyers to conduct the prosecution of the postal officials who have been or may be indicted for defrauding the government in the Post Office Department. To the casual observer this will appear either a handsome compliment to the distinguished Democrats or an admission that there are no Republican lawyers in the country capable of conducting such a prosecution. The chances are, however, that it is neither. As a Philadelphia contemporary suggested the President has been "playing politics." That is to say he is arranging to shift the responsibility in the event of the failure of the prosecutions, knowing as he does that in the event of success, he will be able to claim the credit. It was for precisely that reason that he employed DAVID T. WATSON, the distinguished Democratic lawyer of Pittsburgh, to conduct the prosecution of one of the trust restraint cases a few weeks ago. The success which attended his efforts eliminated Mr. WATSON from the case and the credit went to the President. If there had been a failure the blame would have gone to WATSON. There are plenty of Republican lawyers amply capable and entirely willing to conduct these prosecutions, and if the President considered only his obvious duty in the case he would have engaged a couple of them. But he wanted to play politics and arrange for a scapegoat in the event of the failure of the prosecutions which is more than likely to happen when the accused crooks are able to rally their powerful friends to their support. The President imagines that he can fool all the people by such a subterfuge but he is mistaken. Clinton county came in for her share of notoriety last week too. Up at Renovo a policeman shot and killed a young man who was talking loud on the streets and down in Look Haven a young woman scalded her aged mother by dousing her with boiling water. It is not such a great step from such atrocities as these to burning a negro at the stake, as they did in Wilmington, Del., is it? We presume you have your fireworks all ready for the fourth.

The Paramount Issue. The Philadelphia Ledger protests against making the press muzzle the paramount issue in the coming contest for Auditor General and the other offices to be filled at the ensuing election. In this our esteemed contemporary is simply echoing the sentiments of Senator QUAY. In fact it may be said that he originated the idea and in his orders to the managers of the recent state convention to make no mention of the iniquitous measure he expressed it as clearly and with much greater cogency than the Ledger puts it. Every dependent politician and beneficiary of the party spoils have joined in the chorus. In the nomination of Senator WILLIAM P. SNYDER for Auditor General, however, Senator QUAY'S convention endorsed the muzzle and made it the paramount issue, notwithstanding the profound silence of the platform. Acts speak louder than words and in selecting a man who voted for the muzzle in the Legislature to head the ticket and endorsing the administration of the Governor who signed it there is implied an endorsement of the monstrosity itself which can neither be mistaken nor evaded. The muzzle is the issue as the logic of QUAY'S convention labors and it must be met notwithstanding his hypocritical platform which condemns itself as false and fraudulent in every respect. The press muzzle hasn't muzzled any respectable newspaper, but that isn't the fault of QUAY, his candidate for Auditor General, or the man who managed his convention for him. They intended it to muzzle the press and are greatly disappointed at the failure. Their purpose was to compel silence in the future if any favorite politician or office holder happened to make personal use of the funds in the treasury and keep it secret if any statesman was obliged to plead the statute of limitation in order to escape conviction and punishment for crimes committed. Because of these obvious facts the muzzle is the paramount issue, notwithstanding the protest of participants and pensioners. Short of Full Duty. The International League of Press Clubs which was in session at Atlantic City two or three days last week expressed its views on the press muzzle in a series of resolutions adopted during the session of Tuesday. The convention was composed of representatives of the various Press clubs of the United States and Canada and the membership is necessarily the working journalists of the country. Such men speak plainly, for they feel keenly on questions of public interest and it is not surprising that they denounced the iniquitous libel bill "born in the darkness of political perfidy." But they stopped short of their full duty in the premises though they added that it "was railroad through both branches of the Pennsylvania Legislature it received the approval of a misguided State Executive." The organization is not partisan and is not expected under ordinary circumstances to discuss candidates. But when a political party adopts as an article of its faith that which is denounced as the product of darkness and political perfidy, even a non-partisan organization made up of intelligent and patriotic men may safely assert its opinions though they take the form of promoting the interests of a party. In nominating for the highest office to be filled at the coming election a man who voted for the monstrous measure; in endorsing the misguided State Executive who endorsed it and in honoring the man who directed the forces which passed it and he who as presiding officer in one of the legislative bodies, the Republican party has adopted the press muzzle as a part of its political creed and in denouncing the measure the International League of Press Clubs ought to have reproved the party responsible and the candidate who contributed his vote and influence toward the consummation of the evil. The Lynching at Wilmington. The sensation of the time is the lynching of a negro named WHITE, at Wilmington, last week under circumstances of peculiar atrocity. WHITE had committed a nameless crime on the young daughter of a prominent clergyman of the community some days previously and having been captured and perfectly identified, was placed in the work house on the charge of murder, his victim having died as the result of her injuries. Thus far it was little different from numerous other cases of its kind. But thereafter a change occurred. That is on the Sunday evening following the outrage one of the local preachers denounced the crime from the pulpit and declared in substance that lynching in such cases is justified. The following evening a mob of several thousand persons assembled and demanded the prisoner for summary punishment. The authorities refused, of course, to surrender him and the prison was broken into by force, the prisoner taken out and burned at the stake. The greatest excitement

followed. The District Attorney declared that he would bring the perpetrators of the crime to punishment and had a man who was alleged to be a leader of the mob arrested. The testimony was heard and the prisoner discharged. Thereupon something like a race war set in which kept the community in a state of terror for a week. Still nothing very unusual or surprising had taken place. But on Sunday last a colored preacher took the matter up and from his pulpit in the presence of his congregation, more or less frenzied before, he denounced the whites in the most vehement phrases and recommended that in the future the negroes become "their own sheriff, judge and jury." That was a most cruel and criminal advice and if it doesn't lead to a race war it will be for the reason that the conversation of the community is proof against all provocation. If a race war follows within a reasonable time, the blood of every victim will be on the head of the man who gave such cruel advice. Oat Trust Busted. Judge KIRKPATRICK, of the United States court sitting at Newark, New Jersey, the other day, declared the ship building trust a bankrupt, and small wonder. The corporation was capitalized at a fabulous figure and was practically without real value. Take that part of it, for example, which comprised the Bethlehem steel company. The actual value of that property before SCHWAB took hold of it was \$300,000. SCHWAB gave the stockholders \$30,000,000. The other constituent companies were probably inflated in the same ratio and the trust undertook to pay interest and dividends on such a basis. If the threatened financing collapse comes it will be ascribable entirely to that sort of financing. Those engaged in it pretend to think that it is nobody's business but their own if stocks are watered until the burden becomes unbearable and bankruptcy follows. But in that they are gravely mistaken. It concerns every property owner and wage earner in the land for the reason that the consumers are taxed to pay the exorbitant charges as long as they are paid and when the debt comes, as it must inevitably, property owners suffer through the attendant depreciation in values and wage earners because of the industrial paralysis which must ensue. The other day a lawyer named AMMON was sentenced to four years in prison by a New York court for participation in the profits of a get-rich-quick concern. But the lawyer and his client were no more guilty of fraud in the operation of that concern than SCHWAB and his fellow conspirators were in offering the bogus ship building trust shares to investors. They didn't promise returns on the investment amounting to 520 per cent. per annum, but they did guarantee a generous profit on the investment and on the first demand for a fulfillment of the contract they defaulted and the Judge who examined the papers declares in substance that the corporation is a fraud. Quay's Curious Plans. Senator QUAY has left the Maine woods unless he has changed his mind since one of his companions in the isolation wrote a letter which was received in Pittsburgh, the other day. The letter in question stated that he would break camp about the first of July and soon afterward arrive in Pennsylvania. A later rumor stated that he would go to Canada by way of a 300 mile ride in a canoe and reach his home in Beaver at some future time. But that report lacks authenticity and we prefer to believe the former. It sounds more like what QUAY would be likely to do. When QUAY "took to the woods" it was announced by his authority that he would remain there through the heated season or at least until about the first of September when the work of the campaign would begin, under ordinary circumstances. The alteration of his plans means, therefore, that something has happened and since the announcement conjecture has been outting up all sorts of pranks. The idea generally accepted is that the necessity of taking Senator SNYDER off the ticket has taken possession of his mind. Instead of abating the opposition to that press muzzle is multiplying and a good many of the local leaders have come to the conclusion that he is jeopardizing local tickets. In justice to QUAY it must be said that he was not in favor of the nomination of SNYDER. It can hardly be claimed that his opposition was on account of his participation in the press muzzling and other iniquitous legislation. The foundation of his opposition was in SNYDER'S attitude last year when he adhered to the ELKIN contingent even after QUAY had sounded the notice that such a thing was treasonable. But the reason which influences QUAY in the premises is of less importance than the fact that he has been influenced and nobody need be surprised to hear of a reformation of the ticket the moment QUAY gets home.

What Republicanism Has Done in Delaware. From the Dover (Del.) Delawarean. The first instalment of the harvest in this State has long been due. For just fifteen years the people have been receiving a liberal education in the most approved methods of violating the law. Corruption, vice, crime and ignorance have been tolerated and become so brazenly audacious that the law no more has the sanctity which is necessary in a free and self-governing Commonwealth. The vicious, the ignorant and the criminal classes have been so encouraged by the political success of their leaders and the consideration shown them that many laws seem to have become dead letters. This, to us, is the lesson of the lynching of the brute which occurred near Wilmington on Monday night. This is the cause of the reproaches hurled at our courts of justice. The packing of a partisan jury for the acquittal of the negro Neal, guilty as he was of assault upon a white woman, is almost ancient history, but it was a morning's cause. The failure to find the active corrupters of our elections guilty, and the necessarily resulting effect of nullifying our constitutional provisions as to bribery, shook the popular confidence in the courts. A Sensible Superintendent. From the Pittsburgh Post. A hullabaloo still rages in New York because the superintendent of school libraries did not include in a list of 50 books for grammar school libraries "Uncle Tom's Cabin." He held that in such a small collection it was not essential, though in a library of 1,000 volumes it might be listed. He added that it was not a true picture of American life, and was written in sectional hate and prejudice, and not in line with modern feeling, though it did possess the influence attributed to it in the "Irrepressible conflict." What idea advanced can be gained? The literary style of Mrs. Stowe's book is barbarous. Its portrayal of slave life was from rare and extreme models, and its spirit was that of a campaign. It is worthy of inspection in a museum, like the warrants on which witches were hung at Salem. But in these days, when knowledge in illimitable books is innumerable, to hold that "Uncle Tom's Cabin" should figure among the 50 volumes a child must read is sheer idiocy. Colton Mather made deep impress on his colony. Should his works be in a grammar school library? These people who are causing this hubbub are not fanatics. It would seem that they more closely resemble lobstersters. The Harvest of Republicanism. From the Harrisburg Patriot. Strikes here, strikes there, strikes everywhere; Lynch law and bloody race riots in the Republic State of Delaware; graft and grab in the Postoffice Department; loot and plunder of the taxpayers by lavish appropriations of the people's money and extravagant and corrupt administration. Such are the conditions which have supervened upon the grant of unlimited power to a political party which believes in a loose construction of the constitution that enables the government to exercise powers expressly reserved by the constitution to the several States and the people thereof. Until the country shall return to the same conservative policy of a strict construction and rigid observance of the fundamental law of the Republic there can be neither industrial peace nor social tranquility. Direct Taxation Would Make a Change. From the Columbia Independent. It is freely admitted by persons most familiar with the corruption in the executive departments at Washington that if the expenses of the Government were collected by direct taxation the people would not permit conditions to continue as they have for many years. They would insist on more careful administration of the federal funds. Catching It Coming and Going. From the Carlisle Volunteer. It is time to call a halt. We are beset by temptations on every side. Here comes an offer from Covington, Kentucky, to furnish us Fourth of July Whiskey at \$3.75 a gallon and the same mail brings an offer from the Harrisburg Keely Cure to take care of us for \$100 a month. We will take them both and be happy. The Minister Shouldn't Rubber. From the Venango Spectator. A minister out in Wisconsin lifts up his voice against the wearing of net or "peek-a-boo" waists by women. The gospel warfare wouldn't shy quite as badly if he wore blinders. The net waist has its good points, and perforations. As the sleepy fellow said when he wrapped a fish net around him, "It'll keep out the coarsest of the cold." Where Is Dillah. From the Johnstown Democrat. Those who are howling for Perry Heath to resign from the secretaryship of the Republican national committee evidently do not realize what he could do to the pillars of the temple if he happened to get his back up. Will Have a Hankerin' for Home. From the Dallas "News." If this thing keeps up, all the darkies who have been taken North to taste justice will have to come South to keep out of the way of the Yankee mobs. How the Governor Avoids Mystery. From the Kansas City "Journal." Governor Pennypacker, according to his own statement, does not read the newspapers. The Governor is a philosopher. He doesn't see any use of being more miserable than necessary. Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

Spawls from the Keystone. —Mahanoy city is suffering from an epidemic of scarlet fever. —Mrs. Rebecca Thompson, of Gaysport Blair county, has a majestic rose bush with 1,000 roses in bloom, in clusters of five. —Charged with clubbing his son John so severely that the boy will probably die, Henry O'Watts, of Cornwall, is in jail at Lebanon. —In the most disastrous fire that has visited Waterville in many years, five valuable horses and three hogs perished in the large hotel barn. The fire was of incendiary origin. —Miss Mary Wilson, at Pottsville who has taught in the primary grades for 51 years, was given the option of retiring on \$25 per month or accepting her usual position. She informed the directors that she preferred to teach. —Mrs. Betsy Lowe, of Catawissa, celebrated her ninety-eighth birthday on Friday last and rode on her first electric car; had she been allowed to do so would have walked two miles to spend the day with her grand-daughter. —Patrick Gillday, president of district 2, United Mine Workers of America, is lying dangerously ill at his home in Morristide. His illness is due to overwork and worry as he has been on the road continuously since the scale was signed at Altoona last spring. —The Eastern Steel company, at Pottsville, decided to build two more open hearth furnaces in connection with the four which are already in course of construction. This will increase the estimated annual output of steel from 125,000 to 175,000 tons. —A loss of upward of \$100,000 was caused by fire at the Shenango tin mill, at New Castle, the largest plant of the kind in the world. The fire will force an extended idleness at the plant, which employs nearly 2,500 men, whose monthly pay roll exceeds \$100,000. —The board of directors of the Clearfield Y. M. C. A. has purchased the Weaver homestead, in that place, for \$15,000 and will convert it into a completely equipped home. The sum of \$9,100 has already been subscribed by Clearfield citizens. One man gave \$4,500. The Y. M. C. A. there is but six months old. —A broken ankle was insufficient to postpone the scheduled wedding of Miss Edna M. Clemens, of Port Kennedy, and Charles E. Williamson, of Baltimore. The bride was, however, obliged to stand on one foot while the ceremony was performed on Sunday at the bride's home. —Fifty-one of the men who were enrolled for the new Company E, Fifth regiment, of Altoona, presented themselves for muster Saturday night, but as no one time were there fifty men present, so the mustering into service of the new company had to be postponed until Monday evening, when it was successfully accomplished. —Rev. and Mrs. Isaac Hess on Sunday at Reading celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary. The celebration was in the nature of a family reunion, as the six children, twenty grand-children and twenty great-grandchildren were all present. Rev. Hess is 90 years of age and his wife 83. —A "Henry Clay Glen Book" printed in 1844, was presented to the York county Historical Society on Saturday by Mrs. G. W. Emmert, of York Springs. The book is a relic of Henry Clay's third and last campaign for the Presidency. It contains 130 pages and 80 tunes and songs, and is one of the earliest examples of campaign literature. —At Clearfield Saturday morning boys found the body of aged Jane Way in Boaring creek, near Curwensville. How long she had been in the water, or how she met her death is not known. She had been accustomed to travel back and forth between the homes of her sons, who lived apart, stopping a few days at a time at either place. For this reason her absence was not considered unusual by either family. She was 65 years old. —Clearfield's military organization, Company E of the Fifth regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, has been disbanded and the property belonging to the State has been turned over to Major John H. West, of Hollidaysburg, commanding the first battalion of the regiment. Captain Elmer K. Roop, late adjutant of the Fifth, has been at work in Altoona for some time doing things and has succeeded in reorganizing the company in that city. —The dedication of the new M. E. church at Winburne Sunday will no doubt have proved an important event in connection with the future history of that thriving and rapidly growing town. Rev. E. J. Gray, D. D., president of the Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, was present and had charge of the services, which were full of interest. The little church, costing about \$1600, is a very neat edifice, and will afford a very pretty and comfortable place for the Methodists of Winburne and their friends to worship. —Workmen who are building the new Wash station at Liberty avenue and Ferry street discovered an abandoned well under the Nelson Morris & Co. building, and in the well they found a silver box containing 30 French and Indian copper coins and two silver coins. The existence of the well had been forgotten. Its top was beneath a cellar and it had probably been covered up for over a century. On one side of the copper coins is the figure of an Indian shooting an arrow. On the reverse side are a thistle, thorn and rose. One colored man who has four of the coins declares that the dates read "165," the fourth figure being worn off, showing them to be of the date of 1650 or thereabouts. —Farmer James A. Holtz, of near Richland, Blair county, was taken to Altoona on Sunday to receive treatment for a number of terrible lacerations upon his legs and chest, which he received in a desperate encounter with a bear. Holtz had been sitting up for several nights looking for the thief which had been carrying off his pigs. Last evening his vigilance was rewarded. He was sitting near the pig sty with his gun across his knee when a big she bear appeared. Holtz fired at her and wounded her slightly. Before he could reload the bear knocked him over and began to rip up his legs and chest with her claws. The farmer's dogs went to the rescue and saved his life at the loss of their own. The bear quickly tore them both to pieces, and after skinning about the premises for a few minutes looking for more fighters, picked out the finest pig in the sty and carried it off.