

Ink Slings.

—Would you sooner see the Eagles Parade on Labor day? Or come in for the circus show, Its awful big, they say? Or wait for the Granger's picnic, To while some time away? Or hold off for the county fair The real, big, boom de eye! Which ever one you'd sooner do, Of course, that's your affair, But if you don't see all of them, You won't be 'gittin' there."

—There were dark days in Bellefonte until the sun came out.

—Along with the oyster comes a little increased traffic in embalming fluid.

—And, talking about hot air, it won't be long until it will feel very comfortable to have a little in your house.

—Penny's press muzzler got a few hot shot at Harrisburg on Wednesday.

—The American Bar Association denounces trusts, but that isn't going to put the price of meat down.

—The ticket is named. Now let all turn in and hustle for it. It might be elected. Stranger things than that have happened.

—The physician who wrote that "between a knowledge of higher mathematics and a knowledge of swimming, the latter is to be preferred" must have been thrown overboard somewhere recently.

—In the city of Milan, Italy, over seven hundred couples were fined last year for publicly kissing each other. In this country it is different. The kind of kissing that is done in public here is the kind nobody cares anything about.

—If this paper warfare that is being waged along the coast of Maine should serve the purpose of retiring a few paper officers in the same manner that the recent real war did with the real officers it would not be such a bad investment.

—With book and slate beneath his arm, The bad boy's off to school. And now it's up to him to try, To fracture every rule.

—Mr. MAGELSEN, our Vice Consul at Beirut, will be able to read his own obituary; now that it has turned out that he wasn't assassinated. He will be one of the few men who know how it feels to be a fake martyr.

—With Lou Dillon smashing the world's trotting record and Hamburg Belle running away with the rich Futurity who said that the ladies among the quadrupeds were not keeping up with the strenuous pace set up by the modern woman's rights advocates?

—The Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin came out Monday with this big scare head: Schooner Goes to the Bottom During a Northeast Gale." That wasn't so terrible. Scores of them go to the bottom, wrecked on the bars at Bellefonte without any gale at all.

—They have named a county down in New Mexico after Senator QUAY and "Bill" ANDREWS gives such glowing accounts of its fertility and prosperity that we presume every cactus plant and chaparral bush will be yielding prolific plum crops ere long.

—Sunday's performance at the Masonic camp along the Bald Eagle revealed the fact that goat riding isn't the only stunt that Masons can do. When it comes to aquatic they ain't so worse. And FOSTER, QUIGLEY and MINGLE are the captain generals of the web-feet.

—The contention among American colleges as to which one has the most students will probably result in affidavits from the sorub-women and other menials about the institutions. There was a time when newspapers indulged in such foolishness concerning their circulation.

—You Democrats who think you will have no issues for next year, just smoke up and wait. By the time the winter months come rolling round labor will be eating snow balls in many of the industrial centres that have been boomed by fictitious values and unsound business methods encouraged by the present administration.

—According to a story published in the Erie Evening Herald it was Col. REEDER who got the fish hatchery for Bellefonte. How easy it is to be mistaken in little matters of this sort. Now everybody about here thought it was TOM HARTER and Judge LOVE. TOM blew so about it and the Judge looked so wise that it wasn't any wonder that we were all mistaken, but since the Colonel is the man who turned the trick there is no telling what we couldn't have in Bellefonte if he were on the bench.

—The investigation of the supposed assassination of the American Vice Consul at Beirut has revealed the rather ridiculous circumstance that Mr. MAGELSEN only thought he was assassinated. Some one, probably within a mile or so of where the Vice Consul was driving, fired a pistol and, of course, Mr. MAGELSEN being the most important (?) man in Beirut at the time, thought the shot was intended for him and laid over and died—telegraphically speaking. It made a good news item for warseeking American journals and the President ordered our European squadron to Beirut instanter.

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The Beirut Incident.

The sensation in the public life of the country of the past week was the order of the President to Admiral CORTON, of the navy, to take his fleet to Beirut, Syria, to menace the Turkish empire because of a report that the American Vice-Consul at that port had been assassinated. There was no intimation that the government of the empire was responsible for the crime, if it had been committed. It was not alleged that the authorities either at Constantinople or Beirut failed in any public obligation. The United States Minister at Constantinople through whom the information came to our government stated that he had demanded a vigorous prosecution of the perpetrators of the crime and received assurances that there would be no default in duty in the matter. Yet the President, with headlong haste, ordered an American fleet to Turkish territory with a hostile message to the authorities. That was practically a declaration of war without authority of Congress and in violation of every principle embodied in the laws of Nations.

If the worst had happened the action of the President would have been inexcusable. The rules of comity between Nations are created by the actions of individual Nations which become precedents. Since time out of mind it has been the rule among Nations that the citizens of one must be protected in their lives and property while sojourning in another just as completely as if he were a citizen of the country in which he happened to be. That is to say if a citizen of Turkey, Russia, Germany or France is despoiled of his property during a stay in this country the courts must be open to him for redress and if he is murdered the perpetrator of the crime must be punished as promptly and effectually as if the victim had been a citizen and the criminal an alien. If this justice is denied after a proper presentation of the facts "demonstration" may be made to enforce the international law. But ROOSEVELT in the case in point didn't wait until the government of Turkey had refused to perform its duty. He sent the fleet first and demanded reparation afterward. Upon the principle which governs the mob in lynching its victim, ROOSEVELT ordered the fleet to menace and make its inquiries afterward.

Happily, however, no evil results are likely to follow the absurd incident. That is, it is not probable that the action of the President will be interpreted as a precedent, though it is likely to be justly regarded as a grotesque exhibition of buffoonery by the whole civilized world for the reason that it turns out that there was not only no assassination, but not even an attempt at assassination. There were a few friends of the Vice Consul with him at a wedding on the night on which the assassination is alleged to have occurred. It was a gay party, probably, and after the ceremony they indulged in a Feu de Joie, which may have been attended with a pyrotechnical display and possibly the discharge of firearms in a jolly way. But there was no crime unless a too exuberant congratulatory explosion is a crime and in view of all the facts the only result of the incident will be to reveal to the world the absolute unfitness of ROOSEVELT for the office he occupies. But that is enough, all things considered.

Southern Men and Trade.

The reasons why southern merchants pass through Philadelphia and go to New York to buy are deeper than an excursion ticket without stopover privileges. A Philadelphia contemporary pretends to believe that if it were not for excursion tickets which the Pennsylvania railroad sells at certain points in the South to New York the southern merchants would never go to that city. Nothing could induce them to go further than Philadelphia, it implies, except that miserable and measly excursion ticket and it is sold by the Pennsylvania railroad for no other reason than that Mr. CASSATT has a spite against the Philadelphia merchants.

Before the war it is recalled that all the South came to Philadelphia to trade and the rich planters and opulent merchants never thought of going anywhere else for goods and when they wanted a little recreation in the winter or a bit of rest in the summer they came to Philadelphia and Cape May, which was the summer resort of the Philadelphia "smart set" and the southern aristocrat. But things were different then in various ways. Philadelphia was a great city socially and in a business way and a just city in its political relations. Southern merchants and planters came there then because in the official and social life of the city they found some who were in sympathy with and none who were unjust to them.

What do southern visitors to Philadelphia encounter now that entices them to return if they happen to stop off in memory of old times. A bigoted community of political pirates who would ostracize them socially and crucify them politically. They find merchants and manufacturers and lawyers and doctors who contribute to funds to debauch elections more freely than they give to the churches and who would, if it were possible, exclude them from the privileges of citizenship and the liberty of speech. The southern men don't mind the car fare and would go to Philadelphia to trade now, as they did before the civil war, if they found conditions the same.

Three Times Convicted.

For the third time CALEB POWERS, who in January 1900 was acting Secretary of State of Kentucky, has been convicted of the murder of Governor GOEBEL of that State. Twice he was tried before Judge CANTRIL, found guilty and sentenced for life. The third trial was before another Judge and ended a week ago. The verdict of the jury was guilty, as before, and the sentence was to death by hanging. As in both the other trials the evidence was overwhelming and positive. The sentence was in accordance with the testimony, but there will be an appeal again. A Republican partisan court of appeals reversed the judgment of the lower court in both the other cases. At present the Republican party hasn't a majority on that bench.

The murder of Governor GOEBEL was one of the most atrocious crimes of recent years. His predecessor in office had been a Republican and in the campaign which resulted in his election every form of fraud and force was employed to compass the election of the Republican candidate. The state militia was perverted into a Republican machine, but notwithstanding all these expedients the Democratic candidate, Senator GOEBEL, was elected. In order to defeat the result, however, the defeated Republican candidate was inaugurated ahead of time and when the rightfully chosen executive came to qualify his claim was resisted by force. The day before that fixed for his inauguration he was assassinated, the shot coming from a window in the office of the Secretary of State, CALEB POWERS.

Manifestly the motive for the crime was to prevent the inauguration of the honestly elected Governor and the court officers directed their efforts to discover the perpetrators. Soon one of the mountaineers who had been brought down to terrorize the community confessed his part in the affair and implicated others. They confirmed his statement and added something. In that way the chain of facts was followed until finally it was traced to Governor TAYLOR and Secretary of State POWERS. TAYLOR became a fugitive from justice and attended the Republican National convention of 1900 as the lion of the occasion. Subsequently President ROOSEVELT, then Governor of New York, refused to honor a requisition for him and he located in Indiana, where he has since remained under the protection of Governor DURBIN who was recently commended by President ROOSEVELT for protecting a negro who had outraged a white child from a mob.

POWERS, with more confidence and less discretion, took his chances of a trial and exhausted every expedient to secure his acquittal. All the resources of the Republican machine were invoked and witnesses were bribed and bribed and in every other way urged to refuse to testify. But they told the story with the result that one of the murderers of Governor GOEBEL is now in the shadow of the scaffold and the chances are that he will pay the penalty of the crime on the day set in November.

Quay and the Extra Session.

Senator QUAY is not in favor of an extra session of Congress in October. He thinks the Democrats might make political capital out of it and probably he is right. An extra session of Congress will reveal the fact that the Republicans are far from harmonious on the currency question. The leaders of the party have been in the habit of claiming that there are no differences of opinion among them on fundamental principles and important policies. Upon such questions as the currency, for example, they have always claimed to agree. But as a matter of fact there is as much difference between the New York Republican and the Montana Republican as there is between GROVER CLEVELAND and TOM WATSON on the same questions.

Senator QUAY is keen enough of intellect to see that the disclosure of such differences will be fatal to the party. The ROCKAFELLES and MORGANS and STILLMANS and SCHIFFS will not give millions to the Republican campaign fund if the eastern financial notions are not certain to be adopted and an extra session of Congress would reveal the fact that such a thing is impossible. Under such circumstances ordinarily the remedy would be to have no financial legislation. But the eastern money kings are not satisfied with such a solution of the problem. They want some sort of legislation that will help them to pinch their hold on the people and the refusal to give it to them will be as offensive as adopting the western ideas.

But QUAY can hardly be credulous enough to imagine that his party can fool the people by postponing the extra session until after this year's election. That sort of gold brick is no longer good in the most stupid sections of the country. The leading financiers of the Senate have notified the President that there is urgent need for immediate action by Congress on the currency question and failure to act reveals at once an intention to deceive. The people will resent that as adding insult to injury for it is an aspersion on their intelligence as well as an exposure of their business interests to the gravest danger. All things considered it is as well to call the extra session before as after the election.

The Democratic Convention.

The Democratic State convention couldn't possibly have performed its work better. The ticket was practically chosen by popular opinion in advance of the meeting and the candidates for Auditor General and State Treasurer were nominated unanimously and by acclamation. It was not for the reason that there were no other aspirants that the convention was so unanimous. There were plenty of capable and popular men willing to accept the nomination. But the records of ARTHUR G. DEWALT, of Lehigh, and JOEL J. HILL, of Wayne county, in the Senate were so exceptionally commendable on the questions which naturally appeared important that they were chosen by common consent.

With respect to the candidates for Superior court judge there was naturally a difference of opinion. CALVIN RAYBURN, of Armstrong county, who by service on the common pleas bench had acquired a distinguished reputation as a jurist was the unanimous choice of the convention. But for the other place on the ticket there was some difference of opinion. The friends of Hon. R. SCOTT AMMERMAN, of Montour county, an eminently fit man believed that his name would strengthen the ticket and offered it for the favor. On the other hand the Philadelphia delegation supported enthusiastically and energetically by the delegates from the eastern counties, presented the name of JOHN A. WARD, of Philadelphia, and he was nominated by a large majority.

The platform is of equal merit with the ticket. It is a clarion call to the Democracy of the State to the fulfillment of duty. It defines the issues clearly. The officers to be chosen at the coming election are essentially state officers and the issues are state issues. The iniquities of the Republican party are condemned unsparingly and emphatically and the press muzzler is fitly denounced as the sum and substance of legislative atrocity. The failure of the Republican party to fulfill its pledges and especially its utter neglect to enact ballot reform legislation is reprobated, and altogether the ticket and platform are splendid in character and aggressiveness.

Justice Gray's Blunder.

Justice GRAY, of the United States Supreme court, will not commend himself to the favor of Democrats as a presidential candidate by such rubbish as he uttered the other day in commending President ROOSEVELT for his action in the anthracite coal strike. According to the interview in question the distinguished jurist thinks the obtuseness of the President into an affair entirely outside of his province and which exemplified in its most direct form paternalism in government was an evidence of the loftiest patriotism and the most profound statesmanship. As a matter of fact it was a subversion of every cherished principle expressed in the constitution.

No doubt the scarcity of coal was a grave matter at the time the President interfered and practically forced both the operators and operatives in the coal region to consent to an arbitration of their differences. But it was a usurpation of authority, nevertheless, and a procedure involving the greatest danger. Justice GRAY admits in his interview that there was no constitutional or statutory warrant for the action and that it was a usurpation, pure and simple. That being true it is not easy to see, how he, a justice of the Supreme court can condone it. Suppose, for example, the legality of the action should come before the court of which he is a member for adjudication. If in that event he expressed the view from the bench which he freely declared in his interview, he would violate his oath which obligates him to "obey, defend and support" the constitution.

As a matter of fact it looks as if Justice GRAY were trying to recompense ROOSEVELT for the several favors which the President has bestowed on him by boosting him on an indefensible proposition. In other words Justice GRAY, who has been able to add materially to his income by compensation for extra service on assignments by the President, apparently wants to return the favor and gives the weight of his judicial character to supporting the President at his most vulnerable point. It is all right for Justice GRAY to take such a view of his duty in his capacity as a citizen, but when he perverts the office he occupies to the service of paying personal obligations he reveals a moral delinquency which won't do in a Democratic candidate for President.

Governor PENN YPAEKER appointed a man who had been dead three years to be one of Pennsylvania's representatives to the Farmer's National Congress at Niagara Falls. And so far as the good they do the agricultural interests of the State he might have picked the entire body from the cemetery.

From Thursday noon until Sunday 3 inches of water fell in this vicinity. A remarkable precipitation for the given time.

Democrats Name State Candidates.

Hill, Dewalt, Rayburn and Ward Nominated by Convention. Muzzler Denounced. Platform Scores New Libel Law in Vigorous Language.

In a strikingly harmonious and business like convention the Democrats of the State met Wednesday in the hall of the Board of Trade, at Harrisburg adopted a platform devoted to state issues, denouncing the press muzzler and other vicious legislation of the Republican majority in the last Legislature and singling out for special condemnation the failure of the Quay machine to make good its promise of ballot reform.

This was the first time a State convention of either of the two great parties has been held outside of the opera house. Three candidates were nominated. For State Treasurer—Senator Joel G. Hill, Wayne county. For Auditor General—Senator Arthur G. Dewalt, of Lehigh county. This was the first time the Superior Court—John A. Ward, of Philadelphia, and Calvin Rayburn, of Armstrong county.

The interior of the convention hall, which lends itself readily to decoration, was draped with the American colors and the stage was draped handsomely with flags. The Steelton band was seated in the gallery at the left of the stage and played a number of patriotic selections during the afternoon. Chairman James K. P. Hall called the convention to order at 12:15 o'clock, after the playing of a medley of popular airs by the Steelton band, Secretary P. Gray Meek, of Bellefonte, read the call for the convention and then the State Chairman announced the temporary officers of the convention as follows:

Secretary, W. Hayes Grier, of Columbia. Assistant Secretary, E. L. Humes, Crawford. Reading Clerk, J. Woods Clarke, of Indiana. Assistant Reading Clerk, John G. Leshner, Northumberland.

Sergeants-at-Arms, Cyrus Brungart, Centre; E. J. Brennan, Elk; T. Gleason, Jefferson; John Fisher, Westmoreland; August Detting, Dauphin; N. A. Bender, Allegheny.

Door Keepers, James A. Sweeney, of Hazleton; Richard F. Bryant and John H. Ewing.

After speeches by presiding officer W. J. Brennan and John F. Shea the convention took a recess until 3 o'clock p. m. When the convention met again shortly before 3 o'clock Chairman Clarke, of the Committee on Credentials, submitted his report seating the sitting members of the delegation from Westmoreland and Luzerne counties.

On taking the gavel Senator Grim rehearsed the sins of the Republican machine. He scored the Republican majority for the passage of the press muzzler which, he said, could not be enforced.

The permanent chairman then called for the report of the committee on resolutions, which was read by the Hon. Robert E. Wright, of Allentown. The reading of the resolutions was punctuated by frequent applause, especially the plank dealing with the press muzzler.

The platform was immediately adopted without dissent. Robert E. Wright, of Allentown, presented the name of Arthur G. Dewalt, of Lehigh county, for State Treasurer. He said the Republican machine had been flayed on the hustings and in the newspapers for the recklessness of its career in the Legislature in recent years. He said that in his intercourse with Mr. Dewalt for many years he had been closely associated with him politically, socially and professionally.

Representative Leopold Fuerth, of Wayne, presented the name of Senator Joel G. Hill for State Treasurer. In the course of his nominating speech Mr. Fuerth paid a glowing tribute to Mr. Hill. The second speech was made by Senator H. H. H. of Berks.

Felix A. Matthews, of Cumberland, nominated Representative R. Scott Ammerman, of Northumberland, for Superior court judge, and the seconding speech was made by H. W. Sawidge, of Northumberland.

John A. Ward, of Philadelphia, was nominated for the Superior court bench by Dallas Sanders and the seconding speech was made by W. H. R. Lukens, of Philadelphia. Calvin Rayburn was nominated for judge by W. J. Brennan, of Allegheny, and J. C. Kelley, of Butler, seconded the nomination.

The convention halted on the three names, but before the vote could be announced Mr. Matthews and Mr. Sawidge withdrew the name of Mr. Ammerman and on motion of John M. Garman the nomination of Rayburn and Ward was made unanimous.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

—While stealing pigeons at Ashland Saturday night Francis Gallagher, of Centraia, was shot by the owner of the pigeons, Michael Moylan. Gallagher was so badly wounded that he died at the Miners' hospital two hours later.

—Mrs. Charles Lenox, of Winburne, left her three weeks' old baby sleeping at home Monday and went to the house of a neighbor. When she returned the house was in flames. The mother made frantic efforts to get her child, but was not successful. The Central Trading company's store adjoining, was badly damaged by fire.

—The New York Central has purchased the Clearfield southern railroad, which is about thirteen miles long, and with which connection is made with the Beech Creek line at Clearfield. The line will be extended fifteen miles to Irvona, from which point the Pennsylvania's tracks will be used for a distance of twenty miles to Ambsry.

—Mrs. Mary E. Adams, of Harrisburg, who sued Simon Hallam, of Lewistown, for breach of promise in not carrying out his contract to marry her as claimed, was awarded one dollar last week. She claimed \$30,000 damages and alleged she loaned the defendant \$1,300, which he never repaid. A dollar isn't a very big price to pay for the breaking of a widow's heart.

—The Berwick and West Nanticoke Electric railway is the owner of the old Pennsylvania Canal company dam at Nanticoke. It is the plan of the railway people to place a great plant at West Nanticoke, which will be fitted with powerful turbines and dynamos. The thousands of horse power now going to waste daily at the dam will be utilized in operating the cars.

—The east and main buildings of Bucknell University would have been destroyed by fire Thursday evening if Professor Edwards and his wife had not been sitting in front of the academy building when flames broke out from spontaneous combustion in the former structure. The pair gave the alarm and quickly organized a bucket and hose brigade that controlled the flames until the town's fire department could respond.

—It cost William F. Seddon, a Locust valley dairyman, just \$62 to put a small chunk of ice into his milk which he peddled to Mahanoy City. After the ice had melted Seddon fell into the clutches of a pure food agent. Seddon's plea that he used the ice to keep the milk cool was rejected. George Mathias, another dairyman, pleaded guilty of using formaldehyde as a preservative. He was fined \$100.

—At the Newton Hamilton camp meeting ground Saturday, while the Methodists in attendance were engaged within the tenting circle in prayer and song, Sheriff M. Bricker and his auctioneer, in another part of the grove, were selling the entire property to satisfy mortgages. The property went to Colonel Rufus C. Elder, of Lewistown, for \$2800. He represents the mortgages, who will make no change in the management.

—While Hutchinson Wilson, a farmer, residing near Tuscarora, Juniata county, was plowing in one of his river bottom fields along the Juniata river his plow turned out a human skull. Upon further investigation he found the bowl of a stone pipe, believed to be an Indian pipe. The relics were found at the foot of a mound which tradition says was made by Red men for the burial of their dead. The skull is supposed to be that of an Indian.

—The strange sight of a rooster taking care of a brood of young turkeys can be seen on the farm of A. S. Greenwalt, at Kempton, Berks county. The old hen, tiring of her young, left them, when the old rooster took up the motherly duties that the hen had abandoned toward her young. During the day the rooster hunts food for the turkeys, calling the little turkeys when he finds a dainty morsel. When evening comes the turkeys, as many as can, get under the protecting wings of the rooster.

—A ghastly and ghostly story is given to the world by an undertaker at Otto, near Herndon, in Northumberland county. He states that six years ago an 18-year-old girl of Simon Fisher was ill and her likeness appeared mysteriously on the ceiling. It was visible to all but her and she died next day. The likeness remained although the paper was removed and the ceiling whitewashed. Last week a son died in the same room under identically the same circumstances and both pictures are now to be seen.

—Edward Harpster, of Altoona, who was admitted to the hospital last week to have a bullet removed from his leg, submitted to the operation Tuesday morning. Not only did the physicians take out the ball, but they also removed a piece of shell. Harpster was a soldier in the Philippines and was wounded four years ago. A Mauser bullet struck him on the inside of the left leg, near the knee, and passed down almost to the ankle. It was never removed, but the wound healed and never gave him any trouble until recently, when he began suffering great pain. He went to the hospital and the ball and shell were speedily removed.

—The Sharon News tells of a girl who found a package of love letters that had been written to her mother by her father before they married. The daughter saw that she could have a little sport and read them to that of her mother and a fine young man for that of her father. The mother jumped up and down in her chair, shifted her feet, seemed terribly disgusted, and forbade her daughter having anything to do with a young man who would write such sickening and nonsensical stuff to a girl. When the young lady handed the letters to her mother to read, the house became so still that one could hear the grass growing in the back yard.

—Jesse Hurley, who is aged about 24 years, while attempting to board a freight train a quarter of a mile west of the Tyrone depot about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, fell to the roadbed and had his left foot badly crushed by the wheels of a car. He was removed to the operating room at the depot where his injury was temporarily dressed by Dr. J. M. Gemmill. He was taken to the Altoona hospital on fast line, where the foot was amputated at the ankle. Hurley formerly with his parents resided at Plain Mills, Juniata county, but more recently resided at Bellwood and was employed on the northwestern railroad as an ash pitman. He attended a picnic Tuesday at Antistown, below Bellwood, but how he strayed to Tyrone no one knows.