

Ink Slings.

We had a glimpse of it on Wednesday And you certainly should have been there To see the fancy doling Down at the county fair

Next week we'll see it move again The whole darned thing pulled off And when you see the jolly show You'll break your face to lof.

Fair Ermo, with her turtle back, Will give Ha Ha his bumps For Ha Ha cats up rattlesnakes As you would sugar lumps

—The sun was blessed enough to shine on the bride at the Centre county fair grounds on Wednesday.

—The weather man always seems to leave both the spigot and the bung hole open when our fair time comes round.

—The judicial race in Clearfield county is growing exceedingly warm and all the heat isn't being supplied by the lovely red hair of the sitting judge.

—There are some families in this community who will likely want to stuff their Thanksgiving turkey with consolidated Lake Superior and U. S. steel stock.

—Chestnut mail carriers have just been notified that they must shave every day. Uncle SAM is the only man in the service who will be permitted to retain his straggly whiskers.

—Now that Col. PRUNER's new Tyrone bank has been made a federal depository we presume the Colonel's ambition to go to the State Senate is supposed to be satisfied.

—Prof. LANGLEY's flying machine made another unsuccessful attempt at flying on Wednesday. By the way, what reason does he have for calling it a flying machine at all? It never flew.

—While the Russians might be honest in their assertion that they can't prevent assaults on the Jews those who know how handily they have prevented every other power from getting a slice of Manchuria will be inclined to believe that they can.

—If leg pulling injures the anatomy of the victims of this rather popular practice there is no city on earth where more cripples should be found than Harrisburg; therefore we congratulate the board of trade of the state capital on the humanitarian interest it has conserved by securing the location of an artificial limb factory in that place.

—'The Fiddler' is the name of a 30 to 1 shot that won a race at Morris park, New York, last Saturday and lost \$300,000 for the book makers. Of course a great howl went up at once about 'The Fiddler' being 'a ringer,' but it has since developed that the horse is straight, so there is nothing left for the bookies to do but pay 'The Fiddler.'

—It would have been very appropriate had Governor PENNYPACKER made some mention of the 'Dying Oak' in his Arbor day proclamation. QUAY likened himself to a dying oak, when he said he never wanted to go back to the United States Senate but as the old man hasn't died as fast as he thought he would there are signs of the 'Dying Oak' budding out for another term.

—The Rev. FRANCIS BLOODGOOD HALL, who died at Plattsburg, N. Y., recently had the unique distinction of having been a Presbyterian minister for thirty-nine years without having accepted a cent of salary or marriage or other fees usually granted a minister. While Rev. HALL was probably not extraordinary in any other way there are several churches in Bellefonte that would have thought him a dandy had he been serving them.

—Some woman who left her false teeth on the bank of the river at Lock Haven is being looked for by theanders of the molar. The Democrat of that city is of the opinion that she had taken them out to better suck the juice from some oranges, the peels of which were lying about the place, but to us it looks like a plain case of suicide and the dear, good woman left her teeth behind so that there would be no danger of her 'chewing the rag' with St. PETER.

—Mr. J. PIERPONT MORGAN's yacht having been caught in a collision with a Jersey Central railroad steamer he has brought suit against the latter corporation to recover damages. As Mr. J. PIERPONT MORGAN is practically 'it,' so far as ownership of the Jersey Central goes, the results of the case is an 'I win and you lose' proposition, either way you look at it. The truth of the matter is that the country has become so MORGANIZED that MORGAN can scarcely see anything without having himself for defendant in the case also. He might have brought action against Mother Nature for having produced such a perilous highway for his yacht to travel on.

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Death of Judge McCollum.

The death of Hon. Judge BREWSTER McCOLLUM, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, removes from the activities of life one of the distinguished sons of the State. Born in Susquehanna county in the first quarter of the last century he had just passed the allotted span of life, three score and ten years. But his life was full of achievement. He had crowned the works of a useful citizen by the labors of a just public official and carries to the grave the respect of the entire citizenship of the State, which he served with such fidelity and distinction.

Few lives have been more uneventful than that of the deceased jurist and few deaths more sincerely mourned. After qualifying himself by educational acquirements for the bar he read law and in due course was admitted to practice in 1855. One year later he became editor of the Montrose Democrat and remained at that post for a year. Then he turned his attention to his profession and gained in practice and public confidence with such rapidity that within a few years he became a recognized leader among men distinguished for legal learning. With a mind singularly fitted for the work he gave such earnest labor and keen intelligence to his professional duties that success came almost imperceptibly.

Judge McCollum was first elected to the bench in 1878 and it was the first office he ever aspired to. As president Judge of the common pleas court he won distinction from the first and it is a matter of record that during his term of ten years he was only reversed three times. As his term was about to expire his friends conceived the idea that his nomination to the Supreme bench would be a gracious compliment. The chances of election were remote and little opposition was made to his nomination. A few days afterward Judge TRUNKY, who was in Europe in search of health, died and Judge McCollum's election became a certainty.

His career on the Supreme bench has been radiant from the beginning. Patient, learned and conscientious he brought the rich natural gifts with which he was endowed to the work before him and wrought both wisely and well. Justice JAMES T. MITCHELL, of Philadelphia, had been commissioned on the same day with Justice McCollum and upon the death of Chief Justice GREEN lots were drawn as to which would become Chief Justice. McCollum won and since 1900 has filled the distinguished office with rare ability. His death was not unexpected, for he had been ill for nearly two years. Nevertheless the announcement of his death came as a shock and the sympathies of the whole State have gone out freely to his bereaved family.

Quay and Snyder.

QUAY is anxious that Senator SNYDER shall have a big vote at the coming election, according to a reporter of the Philadelphia Record, who talked with 'the old man' during his brief stop in Philadelphia, on his way to the Maine woods, last Monday evening. The reason for this strange desire, the reporter states, is that in that way 'PENNYPACKER would seem to be vindicated in his attempted press muzzling, and Legislators who voted for the gag would be encouraged to become candidates for re-election.' We are not assured that the reporter quotes QUAY literally, though we can imagine that he might express just such a thought. We are certain, however, that we quote the reporter accurately.

This is an exact concurrence in the views which we have frequently expressed on this subject. It shows that Senator QUAY believes, as we have frequently declared, that the election of Senator SNYDER to the office of Auditor General this year will be interpreted next year as an endorsement of the press muzzler. A crime once condoned can never again be brought up against the perpetrator and the election of SNYDER this year will be a condonation of not only his vote on the muzzler but of every other vote in favor of that measure. His defeat, moreover, will send every man who voted for it into retirement and his election will be certainly 'encourage them to run for re-election.'

As we have said his vote on the press muzzler is not the only or even the greatest transgression of Senator SNYDER. He has committed many crimes against the people during his eleven years service in the Legislature and he would deserve popular reprobation, even if he had voted against the muzzler. But his vote on that iniquity is one of the reasons why he should be defeated and the statement of QUAY, according to the Philadelphia reporter, that his election will encourage others who voted that way to run for re-election, is another and a substantial one. No man who thus voted to sacrifice the principles of liberty of speech and of the press should be permitted again to desecrate the Legislature with his presence.

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Opening of the Campaign.

The opening of the Democratic campaign at Allentown last week was an auspicious event. It was not alone that it brought together a vast number of the Democratic leaders of the State, but the speakers on the occasion outlined the issues with such clearness and lucidity that the entire State was electrified. The principal speaker of the meeting was Senator ARTHUR G. DEWALT, the Democratic nominee for Auditor General, and he revealed such a mastery of the affairs of the Commonwealth as is seldom found in one who has been so little in the public life. He is an orator of the best type, a lawyer of profound ability and a student of the patient and painstaking sort.

Mr. DEWALT's colleagues on the ticket were equally happy in their initial addresses to the people of Pennsylvania. Senator HILL, the nominee for State Treasurer, spoke with the fluency and force of an old campaigner and Judge RAYBURN, of Armstrong county, and JOHN A. WARD Esq., of Philadelphia, the candidates for Superior court Judge, delivered non-partisan but exceedingly appropriate addresses. The speeches of ex-Governor PATTISON and W. J. BRENNAN Esq., of Pittsburg, were eloquent pleas to the people of Pennsylvania to rescue this grand Commonwealth from the unconscionable pirates who have been looting it for years. Altogether it was a magnificent meeting.

Chairman HALL was wise in holding the opening meeting in Allentown, the seat of Lehigh county. It was a just tribute to our splendid candidate for Auditor General, primarily, and it was a compliment to all the people of that county, which, as Senator DEWALT declared, has never faltered in its sterling Democracy. And what a splendid people those Lehigh county folk are. Though our party has been in control of affairs for a century the county isn't a dollar in debt and has the lowest tax rate of any county in the State. What better evidence of the integrity of the people could be offered? Even long continued power has not been able to corrupt them.

Quay is a Candidate.

QUAY is a candidate for re-election. The old man has repeatedly declared that he isn't but he was only fooling. His speech likening himself to 'a dying oak' was simply a bit of subtle self-flattery. His protest that he has earned a release from labor in the interest of his countrymen was nothing but a prevarication. He may have wanted to be urged and was probably disappointed that no one insisted on his continuing in official life. Nobody did, that's certain. Not a voice was raised in all the space between the Delaware and the Ohio in remonstrance. In all the broad land from Maine to California not a syllable was uttered in the form of regret. But he has changed his mind, nevertheless. He is a candidate, just the same.

No man in Pennsylvania knows QUAY as ISRAEL W. DURHAM, Insurance Commissioner, knows him. DURHAM began serving QUAY as office boy and he was faithful and intelligent. Afterward he was promoted to messenger to convey orders between the chief and his lieutenants and he was faithful and efficient. Then he was advanced to the rank of 'companion in the order' and he was faithful and useful. Finally, when DAVE MARTIN deflated, he was made 'understudy.' In that position he was faithful and superb. But he studied QUAY all the time. He analyzed his moods, sounded his depths and measured his capacities. He learned him inside and out—through and through. There is nothing of QUAY that he doesn't know well. He reads him body and soul.

When QUAY was prating about his retirement and anxiously listening for a sound of protest, DURHAM was in Switzerland searching sedulously for health. Of course he heard the despairing voice of the old man, but made no response from over the sea. His voice might have been lost in the roar and roll of the vast ocean. But when he got home the other day he spoke, laconically, maybe, but audibly to the expectant ears in Beaver 'QUAY will be a candidate,' he said. 'The organization needs him,' he added. That was all but it was enough. It brought him out of his seclusion in a special car to Philadelphia where he said, when asked what he thought of DURHAM's statement, that he 'hadn't thought.' Still he is a candidate.

—Mrs. Robert Thompson writes from DuBois, 'I cannot do without the WATCHMAN, as it is the best letter I get to hear of my friends and school mates, the few who are left.' Mrs. Thompson is a sister of the late Mollie Gates, who was a well known resident of Bellefonte. And in the same mail came another very encouraging letter from W. H. Fishburn, in which he says 'I could get along with one meal less a day, if it were necessary, better than I could without the WATCHMAN.'

Use of Big Balances.

There are \$17,000,000 in round numbers idle in the State Treasury, \$3,000,000 of which is in the sinking fund and the rest in the general fund. All the appropriations due have been paid and the vast balance is an excess of revenues collected from the earnings of the people. The appropriations made by the Legislature would have reduced this great amount if the bills had been approved as passed. But they were not in order that the vast redundancy might be created. Needed help to hospitals was denied and other worthy charitable, curative and corrective institutions were deprived of comfort and equipment in order that an enormous surplus might be created for this season of the year. Singularly enough there is always an enormous surplus about the first of October.

To what use is the surplus put at this season of the year? Money is a potent power in politics and bankers are usually influential citizens. Put these two facts together and the answer is concealed in the result. It is a season of currency stringency invariably, for it is the time of the moving of the crops. A few thousand dollars loaned to the bankers even under the legal restraints at such a time is of great service to them for their customers are anxious for accommodations and willing to be obliging, too, if they are accommodated. Thus the bankers are moved to greater zeal in behalf of the ticket, because they are enabled to reap the profits of their transactions with customers and the customers supplement the security by unwilling but enforced party service.

The vast treasury balances which are invariably reported about the first of October are useful, therefore, as political agents to proselyte voters. It is hardly an honest use to apply the public funds. That the people should be bribed by the use of their own money unjustly abstracted from their earnings is a great outrage. But that is one of the most cherished devices of the QUAY machine. It is one of the schemes by which the Republican machine is kept in control and it will continue as long as that party remains in power. For that reason QUAY clings so tenaciously to the offices of Auditor General and State Treasurer because it is through the occupants of those offices that he is able to manipulate the finances so as to have a big balance at the proper time and the appropriations paid up.

The Delaware Maelstrom.

President ROOSEVELT advises the Delaware Senators to get together. That is to say he assures them that if they come to an agreement between themselves they may have a free hand in the distribution of the patronage of the State. The Senators represent different elements in the party. One of them, Mr. ALLEE, is ADDICKS's proxy. That arch-corruptionist couldn't secure his own election for the reason that his reputation was so bad that even the crooks couldn't endure him. But he was able to make an agreement by which his most obedient follower, Mr. ALLEE could be chosen. The other faction accepted the compromise and ADDICKS became a Senator by proxy.

When it came to the distribution of the patronage, however, there was trouble. The anti-ADDICKS crowd naturally imagined that the President would listen to them. He professed to be a believer in the merit system and it was certain that ADDICKS would recommend no man for any position who could not stand that test. But when the issue was joined before the President the decent element was disappointed. ADDICKS substitute, ALLEE, had the Postmaster General and the President at his call and the other side was forced to an agreement which made a division of the State with each Senator a dispenser in his section. Then the Miss TODD trouble occurred and a public scandal was created which turned out badly for the President.

Thereupon His Majesty ordered the Senators to get together. If you will come to an agreement and unite on recommendation, he said the candidates so supported will be appointed, however bad they may be. He knew, if he knew anything, that such an arrangement would make the official life of Delaware a hot bed of iniquity. He understood that ALLEE's friends would be corruptionists who have accepted office in lieu of money as compensation for serving ADDICKS. But that made no difference to him. What he wanted is such a combination of forces, good or bad, as will secure him the small vote of Delaware in the Republican national convention. Political exigencies make him forget professions of reform.

—C. S. Zeller, superintendent of a large hosiery factory in Shamokin, wants to locate one in Philipsburg. He offers to employ from 150 to 200 hands provided in documents, which the Journal says are not unreasonable, are offered by the people of Philipsburg.

The Huntingdon Presbytery Met Here Tuesday.

The Presbyterian Ministers Settling Their Fall Business. A Large Attendance and Interesting Sessions.

With the rain, the hustle to get ready for the fair, the excitement incidental to a Shakespearean play at the opera house, a wild west show on the streets, and a trio of Italian musicians making music on the side, the Presbyterian dominies who make up the Huntingdon Presbytery must have concluded that the Rev. Dr. Laurie has a rather strenuous time of it in his struggle against the world and the devil, when they arrived here Monday evening.

The tendencies of the town did not improve any during their stay—which was not their fault, however,—so we can't state whether the body will ever come back to Bellefonte again or not. It is altogether likely that one of the good persons will remember his visit for some time to come. Nothing a tall, rather clerical looking gentleman, with a black tie and suit, standing in front of the post-office the Presbyterian visitor walked up to him and, with out stretched hand, said: 'I presume you are one of the brothers attending Presbytery.' The gentleman accosted was non-plussed for an instant, but he replied: 'No sir, I have a show at the opera house this evening.' It was such a holy shock to the minister that he fled post-haste, never waiting to see the way Mr. F. Lawrence Walker, manager of Mr. Hanford's Co. that was playing 'The Taming of the Shrew' here that night, enjoyed it.

But to get back to the Presbytery proper. The opening session was held on Monday afternoon, in the Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. Waddell, the retiring moderator preached the sermon and inaugurated Presbytery with prayer. Immediately afterwards nominations were received for the moderatorship, for the ensuing six months. The Rev. Edgar F. Johnson, being unanimously chosen. Rev. Mr. Stoeckel was re-elected reading clerk. The roll was called, showing a fair attendance from the churches of the Presbytery.

The regular proceedings of the Presbytery was then placed in motion. The report of the committee to organize the church at Burnham reported having fulfilled the duty imposed. On the 20th of April the new organization was effected with a membership of 32, and enthusiastic members. The committee expressed itself as abundantly satisfied of the wisdom of propagating and pursuing the new movement in this most promising field. The newly organized congregation of Burnham then presented a call for one of the Rev. Mr. Stoeckel's time, to serve them as pastor. The call was accepted by the one called.

The committee of arrangements reported, making suggestions as to time of opening and closing the sessions of Presbytery. Before adjourning the committee of arrangements announced the appointment of Rev. Mr. Stoeckel as their various temporary abodes while attending the session. Presbytery took a recess at 5 to meet at 7 for a business session until 7.30.

MONDAY EVENING.

The moderator announced at 7 a. m. regular committees of Bills and Overtures, Judicial, Minutes of General Assembly, Narrative, Seasonal Records, Leaves of Absence and Finance. Rev. Mr. Masteer submitted the report on Education showing a noted increase of gifts to the Board and cause of Education. The reports of the Presbytery's candidates were submitted.

The committee to install several pastors over churches which have lately called them, reported the duty done. The time having arrived for the order of the day, the missionary service, the Presbytery entered upon this service.

The meeting was in charge of Rev. L. M. Lewis. The Rev. S. T. Lewis read the Lesson, Act 11th, prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Townsend, Hymn 389. The Rev. R. V. Miller, of Philipsburg, preached a very able missionary sermon from Acts 11th, 2nd and 3rd. A prayer for unity and singing. The subject of Presbyterial missions was then presented by the Rev. Joseph H. Mathers, D. D., of Bellwood, in that attractive, eloquent and strong way for which Dr. Mathers is noted. He did not seem to be half trying but in an easy conversational way made one of the strongest arguments for Presbyterial missions that the Presbytery has ever heard. More than \$1,600 have been collected during the year from the stronger churches of the Presbytery and distributed among twenty weaker ones. He pointed out with great pathos how serious a matter it was to disband these feeble country churches which were pouring such a wholesome stream of influence into our cities. He maintained that Presbyterial missions were equal in importance to other missionary work and that the Presbyterial was superior to the synodical or home missionary administration because we were nearer the churches and understand their needs more fully and because it does not cost a cent to operate this scheme. Between \$25,000 and \$30,000 have been collected and distributed without a cent of expense.

TUESDAY MORNING'S SESSION.

The devotional service on Tuesday morning was conducted by the Rev. E. M. Bowman, of Hollidaysburg, in a very helpful way. The minutes of Tuesday were read and approved. Rev. Albert Allen Bird was received upon the presentation of his credentials after the usual examination in order that he might accept a call from the church of Juniata. The call was then placed in his hands and was accepted by him and arrangements were made for his installation on October 13th at 1:45 p. m., to be conducted by Revs. J. W. Bain, H. H. Stiles, W. L. Whallon and J. E. Irvine.

The following commissioners to Synod were elected: Ministers—Samuel Barber, R. P. Miller, S. M. Jack, S. T. Lewis, R. G. Williams, J. B. Rendall. Alternates—W. K. Harnish, William Gibb, E. F. Johnston, W. H. Schuyler, James Herou.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

—President Judge Allen W. Ehrgood, of the Lebanon county court, was stricken with paralysis while alone in his chamber Tuesday. His condition is alarming.

—The following fourth-class Pennsylvania postmasters have been appointed: Harry L. Quick, Garland, Warren county; Alexander R. Halleck, Thurston, Wyoming county, and Frank L. Weider, Werley's Corner, Lehigh county.

—Dissatisfied with an order changing their hours of work at the Altoona silk mill fifty employes struck Thursday. The new order fixed the hours for commencing work at 7 a. m. and the hour for quitting at 6:30 p. m., making both a half hour later.

—T. H. White, of Mill Hall, an agent for the Metropolitan Insurance company, has a very sore and much swollen left hand as the result of a little mosquito bite which poisoned the blood. The young man is off duty and in the care of a physician.

—The Mains' circus people, as has been their custom while visiting Tyrone since the memorial wreck of May 30, 1893, held memorial services in Grandview cemetery Thursday evening and decorated the graves of William Heverly, Barney Mulvaney and William Lee, three of the five victims of that accident.

—Miss Agnes Straham, who was burned at a party given in honor of her approaching wedding at Allentown, died early Sunday morning at the Allentown hospital. The girl was struck by a lighted lamp, which, it is alleged, Mrs. Oliver Miller, the hostess, threw at her husband during a quarrel. Mrs. Miller is in jail on a charge of manslaughter.

—The large barn belonging to Philip Herman, president of the Loyalhanna Brewing company, of Latrobe, was completely destroyed by fire Sunday morning. The season's crop of oats, wheat and corn, 400 bales of hay, 500 bushels of potatoes and many bushels of apples were burned. The damage will aggregate \$2,500. The insurance on the building expired last week and had not been renewed.

—In Pittsburg Tuesday a well dressed woman went into City Hall and gave notice that she had destroyed a marriage license granted the day before for her marriage. She further explained matters by saying that her lover had come to her home drunk the previous day and she had destroyed the license, then fired him. That girl is to be commended for her courage and commonsense.

—The Standard Car works, of Butler, resumed operations Tuesday in full with a force of over 3,000 men with a week's partial shutdown on account of being unable to get enough trucks to mount cars already built. The yards and buildings were filled with unmounted cars until the arrival of train loads of trucks relieved the situation. An addition has been built to the factory and the working force will shortly be increased 1,500 men.

—Two Italians, Guisappi Ruggiere and Guisappi Porte, who had been in temporary charge of the commissary at Joseph Haberstroh's Mineral Point limestone quarry at Pine creek, disappeared last week with about \$300 of the stone receipts. They went to New York and engaged passage for sunny Italy, but were arrested by New York detectives as they attempted to board the vessel. Requisition will be made on the governor of New York for their return to this state.

—Assistant state game warden Joseph Berrier, of Harrisburg, was in Lock Haven last week, and stated that he will have another bunch of game law violators hauled up some time next week. The game wardens are of the opinion that nowhere else in the state is there need for their vigilance so much as in Clinton county, says the Democrat and they will continue unrelentingly in their efforts to enforce the law and protect the game, in which they believe they should have the hearty co-operation of all true sportsmen.

—John Brady, a 15 year old boy, who works at the Altoona silk mill, was accidentally shot about 5 o'clock on Monday evening, while working in the mill. Brady and a boy named Charles Rice had taken a revolver belonging to one of the assistant foremen from a locker, and while Rice was examining the weapon, it was discharged. The bullet struck the wall, glanced back and hit Brady on the right side of the head. A scalp wound was inflicted, but not a serious one. After having his injury dressed, Brady resumed his work.

—At 4 o'clock Tuesday the last turn of the Demmler tin plate works, at McKeesport, quit and the entire mill was tightly closed for an indefinite period. A few days ago the hot mills, with the exception of mills 9, 10 and 11, were closed without notice to the men, but it was expected that the other three mills would be kept on running. Tuesday, however, the order came to shut them down, also, and the men were notified not to report Wednesday. The officials of the plant state that the shutdown is for the purpose of making repairs and that it is not likely to be of long duration.

—Two young lads residing at Gearhartville—Harry Newman, aged 14 years, and Joseph Wade, aged 11 years—with 22 caliber flobert rifles, started out Friday to hunt in the woods near Campbell's mines. Suddenly they saw a chipmunk, and both, naturally excited, got ready to shoot. Newman ran a little ahead, and Wade, anxious to get a shot at the chipmunk, fired away, and unfortunately the bullet struck his companion in the back, just below the shoulder blade. The doctors have not yet been able to extract the bullet, and the boy is in a very serious condition.

—Robert Eldred, whose home is in Altoona, is employed by the Bell Telephone company. Last Sunday with his team on the way to Lock Haven, between that city and Renovo he was in the act of crossing the railroad tracks at East Ferry, when he discovered a team coming up the incline on the opposite side of the crossing. The roadway was too narrow for the teams to pass so Mr. Eldred began to back his team off the tracks. Just then he saw a freight train approaching and about the same time the hame strap of one of the horses' harness broke. He jumped from the wagon and caught the horses by the bridles and a moment later the engine struck the wagon. The wagon box was thrown twenty feet in the air. Fortunately the coupling of the wagon broke. The wagon was badly damaged but the driver and team escaped injury.