

Task Slings

A vote for the Democratic nominees this fall is a vote to lift the lid at Harrisburg.

The man who stays home from the election is guilty of contributory negligence in the crime of rotten politics.

The boom of the busted bank doesn't seem to be near as ominous a sound at Washington as the Cuban treaty.

ELIJAH DOWIE would do better in the East if he had a woman like CARRIE NATION doing his advance advertising.

There seem to be as many mysteries in the President's cabinet as that of the most versatile Hindoo fakir can produce.

Every good citizen should be at the polls on November 3rd. Election day is only ten days off, so make your plans accordingly.

Could it be possible that Mayor CARTER HARRISON's promised crusade against graft was the inspiration that took DOWIE off to reform New York?

Prof. LANGLEY's airship wouldn't fly because of a defective something that isn't fully explained to the public. We presume it is a defective flier.

Japan may have "thrown down the gauntlet," as the news dispatches announce, but Russia hasn't shown any signs of throwing up the sponge.

Senator FORAKER says the Republican majority in Ohio will be between fifty and one hundred thousand votes. As a guesser he takes plenty of margin.

Crescous shook out a few kinks at Wichita, Kansas, on Monday and ended the reign of Lou Dillon and Major Delman as the fastest trotters of the world.

Remember that every particle of work done this fall toward strengthening the organization will be that much gained in the judicial fight in Centre county next fall.

There is many a poor devil facing starvation today through wind and water stocks whose countenance would light up with joy even at the glimpse of a distant soup house.

Every farmer in Centre county should vote against SNYDER for Auditor General because every corporation in Pennsylvania will support his candidacy. The man the corporations want is not the man for the farmers.

SAM PARKS, the notorious New York labor agitator, is up against it again. This time he is accused of perjury for swearing in his own defense that he did not see the two hundred dollars paid over that he received for ending a strike.

The girl students of a Kansas College recently engaged in a canerush that resulted in black eyes, bloody noses and skinned shins, yet the boys are being constantly taught to display chivalry toward the gentler sex.

Up to date the Philippines have cost us \$900,000,000, the increased cost of the army is estimated at \$114,000,000 a year and the coming Congress will be asked to appropriate \$113,000,000 for the navy, all of which goes to show that it takes money to be a world power.

The final settlement of the Alaskan boundary dispute pleases all parties to it, except the Canadians. It hurt them mightily to see Uncle SAM restored to undisputed ownership of the strip of land running along the Lynn canal, that really is the key to the Alaskan gold field.

The Philadelphia Press thinks that since killing an editor is not regarded as an order in South Carolina that State goes a little ahead of the new Pennsylvania libel law. That depends entirely on the character of the editor. We know lots of them who would sooner be dead than muzzled.

Elijah III DOWIE isn't making much headway with his fanatical religious speculation proposition in New York. New York may be bad but she isn't quite bad enough to throw more millions at the feet of the false prophet from Chicago who has managed to make himself rich through the mental weakness of his followers.

The attempt of the Republicans of Clearfield county to convict the Democratic nominee for sheriff of stealing a watch and chain has turned out to be a regular boom-crasher. Clearfield won't stand for such disreputable political practices and the Democrat is going to be vindicated by election, along with Judge ALLISON O. SMITH.

When BURCHARD said "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" Republican chances in New York received their death knell. Last Sunday two new BURCHARDS appeared in that city. One said: "Tammany hall is the exponent of the creed of loot, lust and lawlessness." The other declared that "Tammany hall stands for greed, graft and grog." The shades of the BLAINE campaign are already hovering over Mayor LOW.

The action of the University of Pennsylvania athletic advisory committee in deciding to sell the University's quota of tickets to the annual Army and Navy football game and give the proceeds to the widows and orphans of soldiers and sailors is most laudable. It will preclude the possibility of the young scamps about Philadelphia reaping a rich harvest out of a contest that has been conducted on purely honorary principles in the past, as they did last year, and at the same time it will yield quite an appreciable sum to a meritorious cause.

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An Inquiry that Should be Condemned

Secretary of the Navy will ask Congress to appropriate \$103,000,000 for the use of that Department for the next fiscal year, according to Washington dispatches.

But now we have a navy equal to any probable demands, so long as it is kept in decent repair and we behave ourselves.

That vast sum of money is intended as a bait to lure the ship building companies into a lively competition in making contributions to the Republican corruption fund in the next presidential campaign.

But the ship builders don't mind that any more than the beef trust minded selling embalmed and poisonous meats to the soldiers during the Spanish war.

Comparatively little has been said during the campaign of the Republican candidate for State Treasurer, for the reason probably that the more conspicuous unfitness of their candidate for Auditor General has attracted a greater amount of popular attention.

Who is the Republican candidate for that office this year? His name is WILLIAM L. MATTHEWS and his home in Delaware county.

It can be said, therefore, that MATTHEWS is a thrifty gentleman, but LIVESY is a thrifty gentleman, but LIVESY is a thrifty gentleman, but LIVESY is a thrifty gentleman.

Between the Devil and the Deep Sea

Secretary of the Treasury SHAW threatens to resign and the indications are that if he carries out the threat there will be a general breaking up of the cabinet.

This situation puts the President in an awkward position. He has been pretending to desire the most searching investigation of the charges and the most indignant reprehension of all sorts of fraud in the service.

For example, if he obeys the order of Secretary SHAW and calls the investigators off the public will discover the hypocrisy of his pretense of reform and smite him accordingly.

Every Democratic citizen should give careful study to the ballot. Senator PENROSE states that it is the most complicated ballot that was ever devised and he is right.

Under the circumstances there is no conceivable reason for voting other than a straight Democratic ticket and to vote it with the new ballot is absolutely easy to a man who has eyes to see, a hand to make the mark and learning enough to read.

The annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Pennsylvania, just closed in Altoona, honored Mrs. Evelyn R. Huston, of Lamar, by making her head of the Temperance Light Bearer's work for another year.

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Get Out the Vote

Little remains to be done in the present campaign except get out the vote and that should be done well.

This is an off year in Pennsylvania politics and the tendency under such circumstances is to political indolence.

Besides there is an especial reason why WILLIAM P. SNYDER should not be elected to the office of Auditor General this year.

The extra session of Congress has been called by the President and it can be said that it is on a "stand-pat" basis.

For the last month or more the financial markets of the country have been in a state of semi-panic.

NERO fiddled while Rome burned, according to history. The head of the great Empire thought of nothing but his own pleasure while the people were suffering all the privations and distresses of a decade.

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Such a Law Would Be a Good Thing Here

There is a proposal before Parliament to disfranchise for six years any person who does not poll his vote.

If the action of the clause can be so limited as to hit only these two classes, there will not be much public mourning at the resultant narrowing of the franchise.

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Spawls from the Keystone

As a result of the breaking of a traveling crane on the Pittsburgh end of the new \$1,000,000 Wabash bridge across the Monongahela river, nine men were killed Monday forenoon and five were seriously injured.

It is rumored that a corps of Wabash engineers are working eastward through Clearfield county, having started in near Westover and according to report they are seeking an air line route from Pittsburgh to New York. No town or coal field is allowed to deflect the route from its main course.

A 22-ounce baby, so tiny that a cigar box would make for it a roomy cradle, and that could be placed out of sight in a quart tin, came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John King, Eberton, York county, last Friday.

Charles Walker, of Jersey Shore, and Dr. S. V. Walker, of Williamsport, while squirrel hunting near Waterville Thursday, came upon a mother bear and two cubs.

James H. Heines, of Pittsburgh, was presented to Post 172 of the Grand Army of the Republic, of Tyrone, through Mr. A. R. Grier, of Mountain Seminary, Birmingham, a handsome painting of Andersonville prison.

The Shamokin borough council is considering a proposition for the erection of a crematory and a phosphate factory to be established two miles from the borough.

The H. C. Frick Coal & Coke Company posted notices at the Monastery and Dorothy works Wednesday that both were to be shut down. The ovens were blown out and Thursday the two plants were at a standstill.

While assisting to unload corn at his father's elevator at Mountville, near Lancaster Saturday, Franklin Weaver, aged 8 years, a son of M. L. Weaver, was drawn into a hopper by the suction and smothered to death among the grains.

Andrew Smith, of Lamar township, who has been spending the past six weeks in and about Hawk, Virginia, returned home on Saturday. Mr. Smith reports having had a very pleasant visit. He owns a farm in Cumberland county, that State, and while strolling over his land he found a Spanish silver piece of money dated 1773, which he prizes very highly.

A terrible accident occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Kimberling, near Mench, several days ago, when their four year old daughter Gladys, while engaged in childish pranks, tripped and fell into a large kettle containing boiling cider.

The recent marriage of Charles Meerhoff Jr., and Miss Pearl South, both of Irwin, at Cumberland, Md., was a romantic feature. The groom's father, after being a widower for a number of years, married Mrs. South.

A prominent woman of Dushore, Sullivan county, was arrested by a United States marshal for having written scurrilous anonymous letters to business men. These missives advised the husbands to keep a close watch on their wives.

The general store of the Central Trading company at Glen Ritchie was broken into Thursday night. The safe was blown open and about \$200 stolen, together with rings, watches and knives.

Carrie Chestnut, a 14 year old girl who lived near Ulysses, Potter county, died a few days ago from poisoning. Three days previous to her death, it is reported, she made some lemonade, and while preparing it, she knocked a box of rough on rats from a shelf above and some of it must have fallen into the lemonade which she afterwards drank.

One of the passengers of Pittsburgh express westbound Sunday afternoon was D. Isayama, a resident of Japan, and who was coming from Washington, D. C., to Altoona. He was taken ill and at Huntingdon his sickness was diagnosed as small pox.

As a sequel to the refusal of union bricklayers to continue work on the addition being built at the Rishel furniture factory because of the fact that the window frames used were made by an alleged non-union shop, over \$100 went up in smoke in a field near Third and Grier streets recently.

The Building Trade's Council took the frames, 46 in number, and each one worth over \$2, and will pay for a similar number which will be made by McGraw Brothers, who use the union label.

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