

Ink Slings.

—It is a good ticket. —It is a ticket everyone can support. —Now to "make good" to JOHN NOLL. —JOHN DALEY thinks he is "doing" KNISELY, but next Tuesday he'll be "put wise."

—Centre county never had a more acceptable candidate for Prothonotary than ARTHUR B. KIMFORT.

—The United States marines have landed in Morocco. Must ROOSEVELT have more worlds to conquer?

—What the Japs haven't done to the Russians the people of Centre County will do to Judge LOVE this fall.

—If press dispatches are to be believed we have about as much war out in Colorado as we need, without butting into affairs in Morocco.

—The Republican starts early to make the judiciary contest a partisan one. But there is little else to do so far as its candidate is concerned, for he has been a partisan judge for ten years and that is just what the people intend to get rid of.

—The Guatemalan ant that is expected will put an end to the destructive cotton boll weevil has been introduced into this country. It remains to be seen how long it will be before it takes rank with those other imported nuisances, the English sparrow and the Australian rabbit.

—The Bellefonte hospital owes every penny of the appropriation it got from the State to the Hon. J. W. KEPLER. It was his untiring effort and his work with the appropriation committee that secured favorable consideration of the bill and the people of Centre county should remember this.

—The man with the most money can get the United States Senatorship, if the Legislature is called together in special session. There will be so many old fellows who have no hope of ever getting back that they would seize such an opportunity to tap every barrel that came along to Harrisburg for the promotion of booms.

—The Republican machine is trying to fix it up with the press by persuading Attorney General PHILANDER C. KNOX to become a candidate for the United States Senate from Pennsylvania, thus removing him from an office where he is about as much of a menace to the combinations of capital as a cat without claws would be to a mouse.

—To see the suave, genial way that Little PHIL WOMELSDORF is getting around among the Republican voters a stranger would scarcely believe that he is the kicker his past record proclaims him to be. He always did have a long knife under his coat and don't you think he hesitated to use it when Republicans he didn't like were on the ticket.

—Another illustration of the density of the Russian mind in international affairs is to be seen in the statement sent out from that country that the United States intends ceding the Philippines to Japan. No doubt Uncle SAM would like to unload his white elephant in the orient, but Russia must give the Japs credit for having better sense than to accept such a burdensome gift.

—Yes, it is true that Mr. ORVIS was a supporter of PALMER and BUCKNER in 1896, but the very fact that he had the courage of his convictions then is what should recommend him now as an unbiased, non-partisan man. What the Democracy wants to give the people of Centre county is a strong, clean, non-political candidate for judge, irrespective of his politics, and for that reason Mr. ORVIS is presented.

—The explosion of the second largest distillery in the world at Peoria, Ill., on Saturday, resulted in the loss of fourteen human lives, three thousand head of cattle and thirty thousand barrels of whiskey. While such a calamity is unfortunate indeed it is a question if that amount of whiskey would not have caused the loss of more lives had it been preserved to go through the regular course of consumption.

—The Republican really doesn't believe that Judge LOVE "ranks head and shoulders above Mr. ORVIS in legal ability," it merely juggles with truth and says so. Comparisons are odious, 'tis true, but every person who knows anything at all knows that Mr. ORVIS has learning, both in letters and law, and refinement, where Judge LOVE has a clumsy talent for politics and a fondness for things that are undignified.

—The Japanese women are said to be selling the hair of their heads in order to increase their contributions to the war funds being raised in the island Empire. How different are the women of America. They have never been found wanting in patriotism, but should they ever be called upon to make a similar sacrifice to that of their Japanese sisters most of them would be found asleep at the switch and all the few, who would be awake, would have to give up would be rats.

—Secretary SHAW's statement that before the campaign is over government statistics will show that wages have advanced more than prices will not cause a very general scramble for statistics. Since it has been discovered that the recent expensive census is not reliable; being merely a compilation of "estimates," the public has lost faith in statistics. Doctored figures at Washington won't make the workingman of this vicinity believe that he is getting more money than he needs for the purchase of necessities.

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Notice of Impending Danger.

The Manufacturers' club of Philadelphia has determined to assert itself in the coming presidential campaign. Mr. JAMES B. BONNER, of the CARNEGIE Steel company, is of the opinion that the members of that organization talk too much and do too little for the party of protection—and "graft," and suggested that they "get together and show the country where the manufacturers stand." In the campaign of 1888, it will be remembered that the late Mr. QUAY made a similar observation. He said that the manufacturers are getting all the advantages out of Republican policies without paying their share of the expense of maintaining them. "Put them on the gridiron," remarked the cynical statesman, "and fry the fat out of them."

When the Spanish war began our government was, or pretended to be, in sore straits for warships and the greatest energy was necessary to procure such vessels as would serve the purpose of transports and what are usually designated as auxiliary cruisers. In this class were included some of the ocean liners and most ambitious pleasure yachts. It was necessary to armor plate such craft and the CARNEGIE company promptly doubled the price of armor plate. Of course it was a "hold-up" of the most atrocious type but it opened up a flood-gate which emptied a golden stream into the treasury of the CARNEGIE company and whetted the avarice of the officials of that corporation to a keen edge. Mr. BONNER of that company probably imagines that he sees in the election of ROOSEVELT a new hurry order for war material and is therefore anxious to contribute liberally to a corruption fund to accomplish the result. Hence his suggestions to get the Manufacturers' club, of which he is a conspicuous member, more actively into politics.

The candid notice of the Manufacturers' club of a purpose to go into a boodle campaign to continue ROOSEVELT and the Republican party in power should admonish the rest of us to "get together" on the other side. The Manufacturers' club is composed of millionaire manufacturers who have been contributing for years to the maintenance of schools in which electoral frauds are taught and to a great extent responsible for the vast fraudulent vote of Philadelphia. Its members are the beneficiaries of the tariff tax system, a sort of predatory band which robs the public and starves labor, and its determination to go more actively into politics is a sign that its citadel of fraud and graft is tottering. The notice ought to be sufficient to induce everybody else to smite it and defeat its purposes.

Secretary Shaw's Blunder.

The "keynote" of the Republican campaign has been sounded and it's a corker. That is to say Secretary of the Treasury SHAW made a speech before the "ROOSEVELT Workingmen's Club of Wilmington, Delaware," the other evening, and it was labeled the "Opening Gun of the Campaign." The main feature of the address was an exhortation to the laboring men to save the tariff. "Labor is interested in this campaign," remarked Mr. SHAW, because it does not want wages and the opportunity to work destroyed by another panic such as immediately followed the return of the Democratic party to power in 1893." This forces us to infer that we are to have a campaign of false pretense and hoodle.

Secretary SHAW is a typical Western demagogue. With a little learning and a monumental cheek he imagines that the average citizen is an ignoramus who can be fooled by any platitudes which happens to occur to his mind. He doesn't care whether his statements are true or false, because he presumes that the majority of his hearers don't know the facts. An Eastern man in high station wouldn't take such chances for the reason that he is familiar with the extent and effect of the public schools. But out in Iowa there are few schools and the principal educational agency is political newspapers subsidized by the Republican National committee. Secretary SHAW imagined that he was talking in a community thus educated.

As a matter of fact the panic of 1893 was inherited by the CLEVELAND administration from its predecessor of which BENJAMIN HARRISON was the chief. It was the result of a commercial and industrial collapse which culminated in the Homestead riots in July, 1892, four months before the election of CLEVELAND. Secretary SHAW understood this when he deliberately lied to his audience like a guttersnipe politician, but he thought there would be political advantage in the deception. He was entirely mistaken, however. The chances are that every man within the sound of his voice knew he was lying and simply set him down as a conscienceless demagogue unworthy of ordinary respect.

—The little war they are having in the mining districts of Colorado bids fair to assume real proportions, unless a peremptory stop is put to it.

Disappointing Statistics.

The statistics which come from the Philippines are most disheartening. They not only fail to justify our operations in Asia from a commercial stand-point, but actually prove that we were bamboozled in the price we paid for the individual Filipinos, on the average. For example, last week we reprinted from New York Sun an article, more or less statistical, covering the imports of iron and steel manufactures by residents of the Archipelago during the calendar year 1903, as compared with those of the previous year. They were entirely unsatisfactory from a commercial point of view. In fact they were disappointing, however considered.

In the volume of purchases from the United States in 1903 there was a trifling gain over that of the previous year, but more than three-quarters of the entire volume of imports of the Islands during both years were drawn from Great Britain and other parts of Europe and our share amounting to nearly twenty-five per cent. In 1902 dwindled to a fraction over twenty-two per cent. In 1903. As the esteemed Sun says we didn't even hold our own. In the matter of steel rails, one of our principal industries, the figures are: Germany 50 per cent., Belgium 40 per cent., and the United States a matter of 2.4 per cent. Of iron sheets and plates imported by the Filipinos, England supplied nearly all. Obviously the trade didn't follow the flag.

When we bought the Philippine Islands it was openly boasted that the population of the territory aggregated some 10,000,000 little brown souls so that we thought we had obtained bargain counter prices of \$2 a head in round figures. It now transpires that the total population of the Archipelago is less than seven and three-quarter millions, so that the per capita price was nearly \$2.75 cents and four-fifths of the number are "savages and uncivilized." What sort of business sagacity is shown in this operation. We were not only deceived in the price outrageously but actually bamboozled in the character of the property. This is outrageous.

Good Outlook for Democrats.

The prolonged deadlock in the Illinois State Republican convention was ended a week ago today by the complete rout of the adherents of President ROOSEVELT, but it has left a bitterness of feeling which will probably never be obliterated. With his customary habit of "batting in," the President undertook to select the candidate of his party for Governor of the State. The present Governor, Mr. YATES, had refused to kowtow properly and an order for punishment was issued. All the congressional contingent joined in the movement and including recesses and disturbances the convention lasted nearly a month.

On Friday of last week, however, the opponents of the administration came to an agreement to nominate District Attorney DENEEN, of Chicago, in the event of whose election YATES is to be elected United States Senator. That puts the President and his friends "outside of the breasting works" and it is no difficult task to conjecture what will happen to ROOSEVELT on election day in the State. DENEEN wants to be Governor and YATES is anxious for the senatorial toga and between them they will grind the life out of ROOSEVELT. The congressional contingent makes no concealment of its fears of the result.

And things are no better for the party in Wisconsin, where the factions are supporting separate candidates. In New York there is no hope of Republican success and the Governor is in Paris trying to induce ambassador PORTER to come home and take the nomination for Governor. In the face of such conditions there are plenty of reasons why Democrats should be active and energetic everywhere. The success of the St. Louis candidate is as certain as any incomplete thing can be and every Democrat should strive to get within the favor of the organization. Faithful service is certain of ample reward.

—The papers that are suggesting Senator A. E. PATTON, of Carversville, as an available man for the United States Senatorship do well in saying that he is an honorable, conscientious, intelligent gentleman and we will go farther by saying that in most respects he would be an improvement upon the two men who have represented Pennsylvania in the upper branch of Congress during recent years. With all that, Senator PATTON is not the man who should represent Pennsylvania in the Senate. He would be as good as any and better than some of those mentioned as QUAY's successor, but what Pennsylvania needs now is a trained statesman, a diplomat, a man whose eminence would command attention in the Senate and whose ambition would be to bring honor to the State, rather than preferment for his friends. Senator PATTON is all right, but what Pennsylvania wants is a Professor, not a student of statesmanship.

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Court Will not Decide.

The Supreme court has practically determined to take no cognizance of the question of the constitutionality of the judicial salary law in the hearing of the NEWLIN appeal. This is most unfortunate but practically unavoidable. Either because of design or ignorance Mr. NEWLIN brought his case in a way that excluded the consideration of the validity of the law. His principal proposition was that Judges VON MOSCHIZISER and BELL couldn't sit as the court of Dauphin county which was palpably absurd. Necessarily the consideration of his appeal by the Supreme court will be limited to the points asserted in his petition and the constitutionality of the law was not included.

We firmly believe that if the matter were brought properly before the Supreme court that that tribunal would promptly declare the law invalid. That court has made some palpable slips, as for instance in the affirmation of the constitutionality of the Pittsburgh ripper. But Wm. A. STONE was Governor then and personally interested in the measure, his law partner was on the bench by virtue of his appointment, and it will be remembered that he telephoned the Governor that he had to "scratch" to get the decision. But there are no such political exigencies now as there were then and chances are more than even that the case would be decided according to law.

When Representative SHAFER, of Colorado, was confronted with the evidence of frauds in his interest sufficient, under the law, to vitiate the election he declared that if he "were on the bench considering the case he would be obliged to decide against himself," and withdraw from the body. We don't believe that the majority of the members of the Supreme court of Pennsylvania are less active in conscience and just in character than the Colorado Democratic Representative in Congress, and because of that opinion we don't think that the court would affirm the constitutionality of the judicial salary law if that question were brought before it for determination.

The Governor Must Act.

We can't understand how the Governor can reconcile his conscience to a delay until December of the assembling of the Legislature to fill the vacancy in the United States Senate caused by the death of Mr. QUAY. The organic law commands him to assemble the present Legislature and the term of office of all the Representatives and half the Senators in the present Legislature expires on the first day of December by constitutional limitation. That being the case a call for a session in December will apply to the new Legislature instead of the old and will not meet the constitutional requirement.

The election of a United States Senator before the election of this year would probably create a vast amount of trouble in the machine camp. There would be a good many disappointments and a number of heartaches, no doubt. But what has the Governor of the Commonwealth to do with such things? He has taken a solemn oath to "support, obey and defend" the constitution, and not to conserve political exigencies. Therefore it is his duty to call the Legislature at once. The language of the instrument is that the call shall be on a notice "not exceeding sixty days." The obvious purpose of the framers of the constitution was to prevent delay and "farming."

Governor PENNYPACKER has not strictly followed the mandates of the constitution in the past, but the public has excused his official delinquency on the ground that he was beguiled by QUAY into lapses which are criminal. But that excuse no longer holds. QUAY is not able to order the action of the Governor now and if that functionary fails in the fulfillment of his obligations, the blame is upon himself. Therefore we are inclined to believe that the Governor will perform his duty. In other words we confidently believe that though an extra session of the Legislature may cause all kinds of trouble that the Governor will call it in the near future.

A Thought for the Thoughtless.

The WATCHMAN has so repeatedly called attention to the growing tendency to the degradation or abasement of Memorial day without appreciable result that it seems almost a waste of space to say more. But the following note from an old veteran touches the point so pointedly that we publish it with the idea that possibly it might carry some conviction to the hearts of those who have come to think that Memorial day ought to rival the Fourth of July in fetes and jollity.

"We observe your city is growing quite notorious in recent innovations. Memorial services and base-ball on the same day. What next? We suggest, that lawn tennis, or some of the fashionable games, might be coupled with funerals. What has become of the Ministerial Association, whose moral olfactory nerves were severely shocked a few years ago, at slot machines at picnics? Shades of the departed!

Who Should Celebrate the Fourth.

From the Johnstown Democrat. A Fourth of July celebration in Johnstown is being agitated. The Democrat heartily favors the movement.

The Democrat is always in favor of paying homage to the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration of Independence is the daily beacon light of the Democrat. The Democrat is not only in favor of the Declaration of Independence on the Fourth of July but every day of the 365 days of each year.

It is perfectly proper therefore that this paper should give encouragement to gentlemen of the city who propose celebrating the great natal day.

But if we celebrate—well, what are we going to celebrate? There is only one idea in the Declaration of Independence—the Fourth of July document so long the American ideal.

All men are created equal, with certain inalienable rights, among which are the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It was written with the blood of our forefathers.

It carried hope and cheer across the seas to millions of the children of men who suffered the galling yoke of tyranny. It gave heart of hope to the new nation and under its benign influence the country enjoyed the richest and dearest blessings the world had ever known.

But in these days of strenuousness, of forcible annexation, of criminal aggression, of Panama grabs, of trust extortion, of "speak softly and carry a big stick," the ideals of the immortal Jefferson and Lincoln—the former the author of the Declaration of Independence and the latter its illustrious defender—are spat upon by the Supreme courts and sneered at by the autocrat who by accident sits in judgment at Washington, for did he not only this week at Gettysburg repudiate the Declaration of Independence when he said:

Freedom is a gift which cannot be enjoyed save by those who show themselves worthy of it. And that is the doctrine in force and effect today.

It is the doctrine being applied to the Philippines and it is the doctrine being applied in Colorado.

It is the doctrine that is to be endorsed at the Chicago convention in ratification of all the Republican state conventions.

And so who are there left except Democrats, and Prohibitionists, and Socialists—Laborers to celebrate the Fourth of July? For if the Declaration of Independence is right, the war in the Philippines was a high crime and the Republican party is responsible for it.

And the Republican party in every State favors the continuance of the war in the face of the Declaration that all (not some) men are created equal, with certain inalienable rights among which are the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and the Republican party in every State of the Union is denying the immortal words of Lincoln that "no man is good enough to govern another man without that man's consent."

By all means let us celebrate the Fourth of July and what happened on the Fourth of July, '76, but let it be celebrated by those who cherish the Declaration of Independence and not by those who deny the truth it proclaims and mock it in every act.

Pennsylvania's Shame.

From the Detroit Free Press. In compliance with that unwritten law which couples the announcement of the king's death with a wish for the prosperity of his successor the Republicans of Pennsylvania are already discussing Senator QUAY's successor—not his successor in the office of Senator, but in the office of United States Senator, for which any man of wealth, dignity and age is qualified, but for the unappreciative and non-elective office of boss of Pennsylvania. To fill the latter office satisfactorily or in the style of its late incumbent requires qualifications which, happily, few men possess. We desire, however, to express our contempt for the sovereign people of a State who will permit the handing down of such a position as the heritage of political criminality. It was the political ascendancy of QUAY that marked the political enslavement of Pennsylvania and converted the State into a boss-ridden and corruption-ruled pocket.

In culminating proof of their subservience and as final demonstration of the contempt of the bosses for the people comes this discussion of QUAY's successor. It is assumed that he must have a successor; that a policy of political perfidy must be continued; that a people emancipated by the hand of death would not know what to do with their new-found freedom, and therefore, some boss, or, if need be, a tripartite of bosses, must succeed the dead despot, that the people may be saved from themselves and guided over the sloughs which must be passed before fitness for self-government is acquired or independence earned.

No Worse Than His Party.

From the Charleston News and Courier. The men of QUAY's party who were bold enough to oppose him on the stump, who denounced him bitterly throughout the State, who declared that his continued control of the political affairs of the Commonwealth would prove disastrous to the civilization of the people, were so cowardly that they yielded to the crack of QUAY's lash after the primaries had been held and the conventions had decreed his judgments. He was not more audacious in his villainies or unscrupulous in his methods or callous in his friendships than the people who followed him year after year, and the politicians who submitted to his leadership, and the Pharisees who flourished by his favor.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Eight idle mines will be started by the Pittsburgh Coal company.

—The Pearce woolen mills at Greenville were burned with loss of \$20,000.

—No 4 breaker at Andenreid burned with loss of \$100,000 and 800 men and boys are idle.

—The McLean suit at Pittsburg to recover stock of recorder Brown's estate ended by declaration that stubs were bogus.

—The Williamsport Valve works were totally destroyed by fire at an early hour yesterday morning. Loss about \$25,000.

—Mary Richardson, a young married woman, was yesterday stabbed through the heart by May Richardson, her sister-in-law, during a quarrel at Philadelphia.

—At Reading, Samuel Gresson, for whose execution for the murder of John Edwards, nearly a dozen warrants have been issued, was brought into court on additional evidence.

—John L. Fisher, the Lebanon constable who was only a short time ago acquitted of a charge of murder, was Wednesday found guilty of a charge of enticement, and put on trial for a second charge of the same nature.

—The first Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg train to enter Vintondale arrived at that place Thursday, having on board the general superintendent of the road and a number of officials, who inspected the big mining operations at Wehrum and also those at Vintondale.

—During a recent epidemic Williamsport had eighteen cases of smallpox, with four deaths. The cost of these, including vaccination, maintenance, fumigation, destruction of infected materials, clothing, bedding, etc., guards and medical attendance, was about five thousand, four hundred dollars.

—Jacob Warm, a miner, and his nephew, Leo Warm, of Frugality, Cambria county, were instantly killed Sunday morning by lightning, while another nephew, Henry Warm, was seriously injured. The three men were returning home from work, when a thunder storm came up. They took refuge in a tool house, which was struck by lightning, causing the fatalities.

—The Blair county branch of the League of American Sportsmen has offered a standing reward of \$25 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any party or parties illegally using a sein or using dynamite or other explosives in any of the waters of Blair county, for the purpose of killing, taking or destroying fish. The penalty for this offence is a \$100 fine and six months in jail. The informer is also entitled to one-half the fine.

—Ten butchers, who occupy stalls at the Williamsport curb market, were arrested by officer Simmens of the State Pure Food commission for selling hamburger steak, or chopped beef, which was embalmed with sulphite, a poison, to make the meat look fresh. It cost the ten butchers before alderman Batzle about \$70 a piece, or a total of \$700 in fines and costs to sell "doctored" meat for fresh, and they will likely leave out the "embalming" in the future.

—James H. Carter, a colored man who had resided in Clearfield about a year and owns property there, was arrested Monday, charged with murder committed at Cumberland, Md. He is now in jail at Clearfield and will be taken to Cumberland as soon as requisition papers are ready. Carter is charged with having been implicated with one Sydney Toney in the murder of a man in a boarding house on March 13th, 1903. It is said that Carter has confessed to knowing all about the crime, but the citizens of Clearfield are slow to believe that he himself is guilty.

—An appeal to the Supreme court has been taken by State Treasurer W. L. Mathews from the decision of Judge Bell, of Blair county, and Robert Von Moschizker, of Philadelphia, in the mandamus suit recently brought by Attorney General Hampton L. Carson in the Dauphin county court to compel the State Treasurer to pay all judges under the salary act of 1903. The lower court decided that the act was constitutional and applied to all judges in the State. Mr. Carson will make an effort to have the Supreme court hear the case during its session at Pittsburg next October.

—In what is known as the Italian colony on Ninth avenue in Altoona, Sunday afternoon, Luigi Duizae, 21 years old, was stabbed in the left breast by a fellow-countryman. The wounded man is at the hospital and is in a serious condition. Duizae and several other men were sitting in a room at their home when an Italian named Farnaldo suddenly rushed in and plunged the knife into the man's breast. In the excitement that followed Farnaldo escaped. The reason for the assault is said to be that Farnaldo was recently suspended from work and Duizae was put in his place.

—An enormous loss of crops and farms is reported for 25 miles along the Locoming valley from Ralston to Williamsport. Whole farms and houses are reported to have been carried away, and land marks blotted out. Locoming creek is a raging torrent. Scores of families awoke from their sleep to find themselves carried away by the flood. An entire block of houses was carried from their foundations and landed in the middle of the street. Entire farms along the creek were swept clear of everything. Hundreds of sheep, cattle and pigs were swept down the stream and drowned. The storm causing all this damage was in the nature of a cloudburst.

—David Stonebraker, an aged resident of Vancocoy station, left his home Thursday evening, and as he did not return his disappearance was looked upon with uneasiness by the rest of the family. The family waited all Thursday night for his return and as he had not shown up by daylight Friday morning, a party was formed and a search of the neighborhood was made. All day Friday the searching party was looking for him and at dusk his body was found in a small creek about five miles from Tyrone along the Tyrone and Clearfield railroad. His body was lying on the bank with the head hanging over in the water. It is not known whether he met with an accident, was a victim of foul play or whether he committed self-destruction. Stonebraker was prone to act a little queer at times, and it may be that he committed suicide while temporarily deranged.