

Ink Slings.

The Republican County Convention met on Tuesday.

It named a ticket that is scarcely worthy consideration.

Unless it be for its ponderosity of beef and paucity of brains.

The convention was presided over by county chairman REEDER through his marionette T. M. GRAMLEY, of Gregg township.

Only one delegate out of the one-hundred-and-twenty-one was absent, but the ticket would have been just the same had they all staid away.

Aunt CLEMENTINA DALE nominated LOVE for Judge, because LOVE did so much for her when she ran for Congress and when her brother ALAN was an aspirant for the post-office.

And "Take and Tell You" GOWLAND seconded it because LOVE is going to make him post-master of Philadelphia.

GEORGE E. LAMB was nominated for prothonotary over J. R. BIBLE; principally because Mr. LAMB is the popular bartender in a Philadelphia hotel and Mr. BIBLE is a hard working, thoroughly competent, well educated, school teacher and farmer from Potter township.

There were four aspirants for the Assembly nomination. Only two of them were ever in the race. The WATCHMAN told you that six weeks ago. Before the balloting began A. A. DALE Esq. asked that his candidacy receive no further consideration and withdrew; leaving little PHIL WOMELSDORF, big JOHN KNISELY and battled scarred, farm bronzed JOHN A. DALEY to fight it out on the lines laid down by the arbitrary LOVE regime that seeks a new lease on the bench.

Of course the result is known. WOMELSDORF was nominated on the first ballot by 107 votes. He got so many because he was such a bitter foe of the late Governor HASTINGS and inasmuch as he is dead now LOVE has begun the reward of those who were against him. A second ballot resulted in 68 for KNISELY and 55 for DALEY. It required some slick rulings on the new rules of the party to count the old Curtin township war horse Republicanism out, but it had to be done because old soldiers and farmers can't get votes for their ticket like the ponderous Bellefonte pool room proprietor can.

The probable explanation of the DALE knock-out is to be found in the fact that they are such good Republicans that they know no resentment. Like ten-pins they are put up to be knocked down; the leaders all being confident that they will never kick. Now it would have been different with WOMELSDORF. The Moshannon would have been overflowing with the blood of the victims of his long knife had Judge LOVE ordered any of the precincts of his home town taken away from him on instructions. The difference is that the DALES are good Republicans and little PHIL is a good kicker. DALE was killed simply because he never makes a troublesome corpse.

As to why JOHN KNISELY should have been preferred to A. A. DALE Esq., that is nobody's business but Judge LOVE'S. He is the main gazelle in the Republican party and when he says thumbs up you can just bet a plugged two-cent piece to his ruling on the CONFEE case that thumbs will be up. Of course the fact that Mr. DALE has a college education, is trained in the law, comes of a family that was making history in Centre county before Judge Love was heard of and represents one of the largest and most uncompromising Republican clans in the county might have had something to do with it, because the Judge can't stand for anybody's knowing any more than he does himself.

But what of Col. JOHN A. DALEY, he that has fit the fights of his party from morn 'til night for these many years. As soldier, as farmer, as citizen he has always been distinguished in the county, but as a politician LOVE has certainly seen to it that henceforth he is to be extinguished. Just what the Colonel has done no one but the boss knows. It was apparent, on Tuesday, however, that he had captured enough delegates to nominate him and would have gotten the position on the ticket had the orders not gone out to make all rulings favorable to KNISELY. The new rules were worked both ways by the astute diplomats of the ring and every vote that seemed heading towards DALEY was promptly headed the other way and used to save Mr. KNISELY. The sum and substance of the entire convention was the carrying out of the plan to kill DALEY and DALE. After that was done H. H. HARSBERGER was nominated for district attorney, D. W. PLETCHER, of Howard, was named for county surveyor and Col. W. F. REEDER nominated for county chairman. Then LOVE spoke and his words were: "Notwithstanding the allegations of certain parties this Court is not in politics." In other words he denied the allegations and likely would have licked the allegator had he shown up just at that time. The Court's announcement that "it is not in politics" is simply part of a speech it had written to deliver before the death of HARSBERGER, for in those days the poor old court never could get "in it," try as hard as it would, and had the Governor been living Tuesday the expression would have been fraught with more truth than poetry.

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Pennypacker's Grave Crime.

Governor PENNYPACKER has finally written himself down as the most absolutely conscienceless and utterly slavish servant of the corrupt political machine.

On Friday last Governor PENNYPACKER appointed Attorney General PHILANDER C. KNOX to fill the vacancy in the office of United States Senator for this State caused by the death of MATTHEW S. QUAY.

The Governor had no excuse for committing this crime against the constitution of the State other than a perversity of nature which prefers wrong to right.

But the exigencies of the corrupt political machine of which PENNYPACKER is a contemptible servant forbids the calling of an extra session of the Legislature and agreeably to orders from the bosses he violated his oath, fractured the provision of the state constitution and marked himself down as an official highwayman.

The appeal of State Treasurer MATTHUES from the absurd decision of judges VON MOSCHISKER and BELL in which the constitutionality of the judges' salary law was affirmed, will bring that curious measure to a real judicial scrutiny.

Judge VON MOSCHISKER is no more fit to be a judge than the average hobo is to be an archangel. This was revealed clearly in the decision in question.

The constitution declares in specific language that "no law shall extend the term of any public officer, or increase or diminish his salary or emoluments after his election or appointment."

The administration organs are now busy inventing and circulating rumors which are intended to convey to the public mind the idea that the transfer of Attorney General KNOX from that office to a seat in the United States Senate will make no difference in the administration's policy in regard to trusts.

The latest rumor in this connection is that proceedings will be begun in the near future against the anthracite coal carrying companies. That rumor is absolutely without foundation in fact.

The vacancy in the United States Senate afforded the opportunity he desired and which had become a necessity to the administration and he has availed himself of it.

There have been all kinds of conjectures, absurd and otherwise, with respect to the Pennsylvania delegation in the coming Democratic national convention.

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Attorney General Carson's Opinion

Attorney General CARSON is at present of the opinion that the commission of PHILANDER C. KNOX as Senator in Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator QUAY will expire on the assembling of the Legislature on the first Monday of January, 1905.

When QUAY was appointed Senator in Congress to fill a vacancy caused by the failure of the Legislature to elect his own successor, HAMPTON L. CARSON, of Philadelphia, was employed by the opponents of the machine to argue against his admission before the Senate committee.

Of course that is absurd, but CARSON is absurd and nothing else could be expected of him. If the Governor has the right to appoint at all under the state constitution his appointee may serve until his successor is elected, unless the Legislature fails to elect, as it did in the session of 1899.

Preparing for Frauds.

That there will be a record-breaking volume of fraudulent votes in Philadelphia at the coming election is plainly indicated by present signs.

The assistant district attorney added that the indictments were returned in 1897, 1900 and 1901, that some of the witnesses couldn't be found and that probably some of the records had been abstracted from the office of the prothonotary.

The result of these legal proceedings is as obvious as the purpose unless the greatest vigilance is exercised to prevent it. That is, there will be a vast army of ballot box stuffers, repeaters and false coiners in the city at the next election to earn the money which is to be subscribed by the Manufacturers' club for the purpose of debauching the vote.

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How it Doesn't and How it Does.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer (Rep.) June 11th. THE POINT OF VIEW.

There was a lively stock market yesterday, with a volume of business amounting to 27,275 shares and \$100,000 of bonds.

There is a good deal of nonsense in that sort of an argument. It is based upon the proposition that the Attorney General is the only lawyer in the country with the ability to conduct prosecutions.

Success Again!

The Philippine census returns must be disheartening to those patriots who have stoutly insisted that we get all the natives we can pay for.

By the time the favorites are all promoted and the natives "pacified" we shall have left probably only a paltry 6,960,686 wards of Duty and Destiny.

6000 Miles from a Jury.

"No freeman," promised King John under the persuasion of the barons at Runnymede, "shall be taken, or imprisoned, or disseized, or outlawed, or exiled, or in any way harmed—nor will we go upon or send upon him—save by the lawful judgment of his peers or by the law of the land."

Of course, the law is what the majority of the Supreme court declares it to be. But there is no disrespect to that lofty tribunal in saying that if our flag is floating over seven million people who are unfit to be trusted with trial by jury it is wandering altogether too far from home.

A Nimble Nullifier.

As a nimble nullifier of constitutions the Attorney General cannot hold a candle to his excellency the Governor.

The railroads of the country have just discharged 75,000 men. Business houses in Wall street turned 2,500 clerks out of work.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

The last outbreak of smallpox which dates back to Jan. 31st, cost the borough of Shamokin eight thousand dollars. In all 138 cases were treated.

At the Perkiomen paper mill, in some old scrap paper, an old deed of 1825, calling for 240 acres of land in Somerset county, was found. It had never been recorded.

Walter Scott, ex-mayor of Erie, died at a late hour Monday night, aged 53 years. He was a member of one of the prominent families of Erie, and held many positions of trust.

Illness struck the panel of jurors for this week's term of Montgomery county civil court. Four did not respond to their names. One was reported dead and three others sick. Ten asked to be excused from duty, four on the ground of illness.

State Fish Commissioner Meehan has made application to the United States Bureau of Fisheries for a supply of 2-year-old trout to be placed in the Bellefonte and Wayne county hatcheries and also for a number of black-spotted or cut-throat trout. The latter variety will be sent to the Wayne county station.

A valuable deposit of iron ore has been discovered in a ridge of hills north of Wrightsville, along the Susquehanna. An analysis shows about 91 per cent. iron. Philadelphia capitalists are making preparations to run the ore bank and ore will be supplied to all blast furnaces around this part of the State.

The reduction of force by the Pennsylvania Railroad company in the Altoona shops resulted in a shrinkage of \$10,000 in the amount paid out for May labor of more than \$100,000, as compared with the payments for March and April, each of which was about \$612,000, while that for May is \$502,000.

Leo Swarp, a lad aged 12 years, of Galitzin, fled from his home Friday to escape a whipping, pursued by his father. Running up the mountain side he stumbled on the crest of the embankment at the western end of the Pennsylvania tunnel and rolled down to the tracks 80 feet below. His skull was fractured and death resulted.

Willis N. Dyer, of Curwensville, a former prominent lumberman of this region, died on Saturday evening while sitting in the business office of his son, F. J. Dyer. He was aged about 76 years. Mrs. Dyer and two sons and two daughters survive. The sons are Fred J. Dyer, of Curwensville, a prominent business man of that place; ex-county treasurer L. C. Dyer, at present engaged in business at Hamilton, West Virginia; Mrs. Strubbs, of Portland, Maine, and Miss Carrie Dyer, who lives at home.

On June 15th the bass season opened. This season formerly opened on May 30th, but under the new law it was made two weeks later. The fact that the sunfish family, under the new statute, are protected, should be remembered. There is no specified size relative to sunfish, but they are protected as to season, which opens on June 15th. No rock bass over five inches in length must be taken, the law requiring that all under this size be thrown back immediately. No black bass under seven inches can be kept.

The deep toned whistle on the John E. DuBois mill seemed to carry a note of sadness in its cadence Tuesday evening when blown at 6 o'clock, quitting time, says Monday's DuBois Courier. It was the farewell toot from the plant that has been a familiar landmark of the town for 30 years.

The planing mill known as the J. M. Chestnut mill at Jersey Shore, was completely destroyed by fire Thursday morning about 1 o'clock. It is not known how the fire started. The loss is estimated at \$12,000 with \$6,000 insurance. The mill was located in Bicknell's addition. It was incorporated under the name of the J. M. Chestnut mill, but was the property of Frank Ulmer and Dr. G. E. Bastian, of Salladasburg. Camerer and Lambert were running the mill, having bought the stock and leased it last August for a year.

Three of the youngest burglars to figure in the criminal history of Northumberland county, Henry Williams, Michael Trevidt and Frank Shumanusky, of Mt. Carmel, their ages ranging from 12 to 15 years, were each sentenced Monday by Judge Voris Auten to eighteen months in prison for a number of robberies they committed in Mt. Carmel. According to the confession of one of them, they plotted to kill a cashier and rob a bank. They are the trio who almost escaped from Northumberland county jail last week by tunneling under their cell walls.

Thirty-five trout, snurgly tucked away in the loose part of her shirt waist, caused the undoing of Mrs. John Tobo, of near Emporium. When the fish warden held her up near Potato creek, Cameron county, he found that her fish basket was empty. Then he noticed that she appeared stouter than usual about the waist. Investigation revealed the smuggled fish. William Tobo, the woman's son, had 30 undersized trout in his creel at the time, and the mother and son were promptly arrested. The pair were taken before a justice of the peace, who fined the son \$300 and his mother \$350. This is the rate of \$10 a trout, the legal penalty for taking these fish under size. Neither of them could pay the fine, and they went to jail for the customary alternative of one day for each dollar.

The toy pistol as a "weapon" for the celebration of the Fourth of July by the small boy is passing—in fact it has passed. The edict has gone forth and let the sinner be plied who violates the law: says the Harrisburg Patriot. The large number of deaths last year from tetanus due to premature discharges of Fourth of July toy pistols has caused the state board of health to take decisive steps in preventing the sale of these death-dealing weapons.