

Ink Slings.

The rousing (?) Republican rally at State College last Friday night seems to have had more "pull" than "go."

Prof. STARR certainly didn't mean us when he included parting the hair in the middle among his fifteen signs of a degenerate.

Mr. HARSBERGER makes a very admirable Justice for Bellefonte and we can see no good reason for voting him out of that office, so we will have to elect WILLIAM GROH RUNKLE District Attorney.

The longest fence in the world is said to be one erected by a cattle company along the Mexican frontier. It is seventy miles in length, but we'll bet it won't be near as hard to fix up as Judge LOVE's political fence in Centre county.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN says: "I am opposed to dealing with the laboring man through the War Department." So should every other peace-loving citizen of the United States be, THEODORE ROOSEVELT not included, of course, because he believes otherwise.

Col. AUSTIN CURTIN's suggestion about the "Silver greys" leading the Republican parade next Tuesday night is a perfectly safe one in this campaign, but if he had made such use of "silver" four years ago they would have declared it was a BRYAN scheme. Nothing but "goldie looks" would have gone then.

When Prof. FREDERICK STARR, of Chicago University, sees the white vests gradually disappearing he may be expected to be as good as dead. It is because he recently said that wearing a white or fancy vest is a sign of degeneracy. Of course the cold weather will have had nothing, whatever, to do with it.

The Oxford, Pa., Presbyterians are certainly giving the Japs all the time they need in which to finish up the last Russian. They have set Christmas day as the time they will pray for peace between the belligerents. During the interim of two months we presume our solicitous Presbyterian friends will be too busy reading up the daily lists of killed to think of praying for peace.

All this newspaper fussing about ELLIS ORVIS not paying his bills will appear to the reasonable man as mere clap-trap. Anyone who has any sense at all will understand that Mr. ORVIS owning property makes it the easiest thing in the world for anyone having claims against him to recover the same. There is law just to fit such cases and the best evidence in the world that there are no claims against this particular gentleman that he has refused to pay is the fact that the law has never been invoked against him.

"Comrade" REDHEFFER, of the War Veterans club of Philadelphia, who is just now engaged in urging the veterans of Centre county to vote against "comrade" JOHN NOLL for the Legislature evidently hasn't heard of the way his "comrade" JOHN DALEY was treated only a few months ago, by the people REDHEFFER is hustling for. A brindle bull would have displayed more cow sense in trying to butt into the legislative campaign in Centre county than this particular REDHEFFER has done.

It must have caused Judge LOVE to stop and think a moment when he heard of the way Blair county justice was dished out to the cowardly dastard who knocked his sister down and robbed her. Within ten days after the commission of the crime the culprit was arrested, plead guilty and sentenced to nine years in the penitentiary. While the sentence was not a minute longer than it should have been we cannot help wondering how Judge LOVE feels about it; especially when he thinks five and eight years are long enough for men who have actually murdered in Centre county.

It remains to be seen how much in earnest the farmers of Centre county really are when they go before their respective party conventions asking for places on the tickets for farmers. Last spring the Republican county convention turned down Mr. BIBLE, a very respectable farmer, for Prothonotary, evidently because he wasn't considered as fit as GEORGE LAMB, "the popular mixologist" of the Passmore house, Philipsburg. The Democrats nominated two farmers, Messrs. KEPLER and KIMFORT. It would be interesting to know what per centage of the farmers who were indignant because farmer BIBLE and farmer DALEY were not nominated will now vote for farmer KEPLER and farmer KIMFORT.

DAVY CHAMBERS, the wholesale beer dealer at Clarence, is reported as being particularly energetic in his work for Judge LOVE's re-election. Just why DAVY deems it necessary to tear his shirt for the Judge we do not know, but his action has raised a question in the minds of many as to whether DAVY's methods would not bear a little investigation. Certain it is that any licensee who is conducting his business strictly according to the law, should have no favors to ask or give from any Judge. He is supposed to hold his license because there is a need of it in his particular community and as long as that need exists, and he acts in compliance with the law, no honest Judge would refuse him license. To say the least the fact that DAVY is hustling the way he is reported as doing leads us to wonder what he has done that he need be worried about.

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No Complaints of Silence.

We hear no complaints now of Judge PARKER's reticence upon public questions. There is no longer criticism of his silence. He has spoken half a dozen times upon matters of public interest with the result that all the Republican managers are in a state of consternation. First he showed that the per capita expenses of the government have nearly doubled during the last seven years in which imperialism has been developing. We don't mean that the aggregate cost of government has doubled. A considerable increase in the aggregate might be accounted for in the multiplied population and enlarged governmental requirements. But the expenses per capita have nearly doubled, notwithstanding the increase in the population and there is no answer to the indictment on that point.

Next, Judge PARKER referred to the folly of the Philippines and every apologist of the administration has "gone up into the air." He has shown that in addition to the idiosyncy of "buying a lawsuit" at a cost of \$20,000,000, we have defended our "claim in court," so to speak, at an additional expense of \$650,000,000. This very conservative estimate of the "crowning atrocity" of recent years has set ROOT and TAFT and all the other "time-servers" and "beef-eaters" of public life wild with indignation. The Philippine enterprise has only cost \$160,000,000 TAFT declares and ROOT echoes the falsehood. They both know that they are lying and that Judge PARKER's estimate is below rather than above the actual figures. They have even compelled poor imbecile LUKE WRIGHT, Governor of the Philippines, to perjure himself at public expense.

But the people are not deceived by these hysterical protests of ROOSEVELT's subsidized instruments. The facts are easily attainable. The expenses of the army have increased since the acquisition of the Philippines at least \$75,000,000 a year and the cost of creating and maintaining the navy has multiplied in the same ratio. This makes an increase in the expenses of the government of \$150,000,000 a year and as it is six years since the drain began the aggregate increase which represents the cost of the Philippine enterprise amounts to \$900,000,000, which is \$250,000,000 more than Judge PARKER stated. But that is not the greatest cost. Two hundred thousand lives have been sacrificed to this thirst for empire which has taken possession of THEODORE ROOSEVELT and we submit that it is time to check it.

The Wrong Fellow for that Job.

Evidently ex-Judge FURST, who is now making a great pretense of desiring the re-election of Judge LOVE, imagines that College professors are easily gulled, or have exceedingly short memories. He and LOVE and two or three others held a Republican meeting in the chapel of the State College (a queer plea for a meeting of the kind, many will think) on Friday night of last week. In the course of his speech the ex-Judge took occasion to taffy the work, the worth, the influence and prospects of the institution to the full extent that his limited thought and command of language would allow, closing his reference to it by telling his hearers how they should stand by it with their efforts and support until it became the greatest and most useful college in the country. This the ex-Judge thought the proper way to capture the professors and other friends of that institution who were among his hearers. And it might have been had it come from any other source; but when it was remembered that ex-Judge FURST had never before opened his mouth to say a good word for State College, and that he showed his mistrust of the institution and those in charge of it by sending his own sons to Princeton to be educated, the brassiness of the compliments attempted, and the hollowness of the friendship professed, were so apparent as to create only disgust. There were no votes made for the Republican ticket at that meeting.

Which?

The one Republican candidate for Legislature in this county is a civil engineer; the other a pool-room keeper.

There are not ten civil engineers or a dozen pool-room keepers within this county. But there are thousands of farmers, and additional thousands of good honest men who are mechanics and workmen.

Why should the profession of civil engineering, or the occupation of running a pool room, have its representative in the Legislature to the exclusion of the farmer and the workman of Centre county?

The one Democratic candidate for Legislature is a farmer; the other is a mechanic; and its up to these two classes of voters to say, if they purpose being represented by men whose sympathies and interests are with them, or by those who know or care nothing of their needs or desires.

The Creatures of a Power That is Always Against the Farmer.

The Republican State Ring was against the farmers when they asked for the equalization of taxation.

It was against them when they asked that the sale of oleomargarine within the State be restricted.

It was against them when they petitioned for road laws that could be enforced without the exorbitant taxation that prevents the present law from being put to practical purposes.

It was against them when they asked that corporations be required to pay an equitable share of local taxation.

It was against them when they petitioned the Legislature for a law requiring that all license taxes be paid into the county treasurer, that the money thus raised could be used to reduce the excessive local taxes, that the farmer and workmen are compelled to pay.

It was against them when they demanded the full amount of money appropriated for school purposes in 1901—a million dollars of which a ring elected Governor, vetoed and has kept laying in favorite banks ever since.

Under all circumstances and at all times that same state ring has been against the interests of the farmers and working men of the State.

It is now for WOMELSDORF and KNISELY. It has furnished money to help elect them.

And why? Because it knows, and has the assurance, that it can count on their support for anything it undertakes to secure. It has found WOMELSDORF faithful to its demands, even to the extent of assisting to humiliate and defeat the man who elected him—Governor HASTINGS—and who the Ring was attempting to discipline because he refused to endorse its corrupt and corrupting methods. It wants him back at Harrisburg, and it is satisfied to have KNISELY along, because it is certain that their votes will go just as that Ring dictates.

What can the farmers of the county expect if their Representatives are creatures of a machine that has opposed and defeated every measure that has been introduced for their protection and benefit?

The Democratic Estimate.

The Democratic National committee has wisely refrained from predictions as to the result of the election until it has acquired information upon which to base predictions. Our opponents have pursued the opposite course, as usual, and before it was possible to get an estimate from any State organization Mr. CORTELYOU issued a prediction that made ROOSEVELT's election certain. The several State committees of that party have pursued the same course. For example, after an absence from the State of more than two months, Senator PENROSE announced the day after his return that Pennsylvania would give ROOSEVELT 300,000 majority. Of course that was "bluff," pure and simple.

But the Democratic estimate made public on Monday last, we are assured, is based on a careful and intelligent canvass of the country. It predicts the election of PARKER and DAVIS by a majority of twenty-five in the electoral college and predicates the estimates on reasonable grounds. The Southern States, not including Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia with an electoral strength of 151 votes, are conceded to the Democracy. To these the National committee adds New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Indiana, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Montana making a total of 264 electoral votes against 173 for ROOSEVELT, with Wisconsin and Illinois in doubt.

We have every reason to believe that the Democratic estimate is accurate. The New York Herald, which has recently been beguiled from the support of PARKER, probably by the same "mysterious influences" which it will be remembered "changed a majority into a minority" of the Republican convention in this State which nominated PENNYPACKER for Governor two years ago, published an estimate on Sunday last and while the headlines declared the election of ROOSEVELT probable, the dispatches indicated the election of PARKER as certain. It may be depended upon, in any event, that the Democratic National committee would not purposely deceive the public and its estimate may be accepted as worthy of confidence.

Statistics show it as a well-established fact that one hundred old soldiers die every day during the year and, remarkable as it may appear, a member of Gregg Post informed the writer yesterday that not a man belonging to the Post had died the past year. Truly this is a little unusual and can be accounted for in one of two ways—either because of the exceptionally healthy conditions prevailing in Bellefonte or that the old soldiers of Gregg Post are an unusually healthy set.

What are the Reasons.

Within little more than a week of the election nobody has yet given even a plausible reason why SOLOMON R. DRESSER should be re-elected to represent this district in Congress. It is known that he has grown rich since he began his residence in a part of the district which has no community of interest with the vast majority of the people who compose the voting population. But that is no reason for electing him to Congress. His wealth is not an objection and if he were possessed of other qualifications in an eminent degree it might be regarded as a merit. But he is not so equipped and consequently some other reason must be given for his claim to the favor.

It will hardly be alleged that Mr. DRESSER has contributed materially to the comfort or prosperity of the people of this Congress district. He has lived in Bradford a number of years but has added nothing to the sum of human happiness even there and has certainly dispensed no philanthropies in any other part of the district. He has endowed no educational institutions, established no charities, built up no public benefices. As a matter of fact he has not even contributed to the general welfare of any part of the district. A selfish, sordid money-maker, without exceptional ability and with a meagre acquaintance in the district his ambition is impudent.

Mr. DRESSER is said to have acquired, by questionable methods, a patent on machinery or devices for producing oil, from an employe who was unable to take care of his own interests, but his friends will not assert that as a reason why he should be elected to Congress. Then what reason is there? Simply that he had the money to contribute to the late Senator Quay's board and was willing. Probably the immediate friends of Quay, those who are now enjoying the fruits of his surprising wealth, owe DRESSER something and ought to be grateful to him. But the obligation ought not to be shifted upon the shoulders of the people of this Congress district. We have troubles of our own.

Why He'll Vote for Runkle.

Tuesday of this week, a prominent and staunch Republican from upper Bald Eagle valley was in Bellefonte and in conversation with the writer declared that he very rarely out his ticket but this year he was going to vote for W. GROH RUNKLE for District Attorney. In explanation of his declaration he said that he, as one of the taxpayers of the county, wanted to see a man elected to the office of District Attorney who he knew would be capable of conducting the business of the office. A man, who, himself, would be capable of conducting any ordinary case in court which might be brought before him. A man that the plaintiff in a Commonwealth case would not be compelled to pay out extra money for additional counsel to conduct his case. Such a man, he declared, he knew Mr. RUNKLE to be, while he was not satisfied that his opponent possessed these qualifications.

Comrade Redheffer.

An organization known as the War Veterans' club, with headquarters at Philadelphia and "Comrade" WM. H. REDHEFFER behind the guns as president, is just now busy sending out literature to the old veterans in Pennsylvania. Inasmuch as the nature of the literature is purely partisan we surmise that the Republican State committee is paying for the printing and postage and giving "comrade" REDHEFFER a little on the side.

The appeal to the old boys in blue will fall on deaf ears in Centre county, particularly that part of it that calls upon them to vote "especially for the Republican candidates for State Legislature."

If "Comrade" REDHEFFER were as sincere as he professes to be in "fostering the principles and the interests of comrades" he might have taken a hand in the fight in Centre county, a few months ago, when Col. JOHN A. DALEY, one of the "comrades," whom he professes to be so solicitous about, was turned down for nomination for the very office of Legislature by the very people REDHEFFER is now hunting votes for.

On the other hand the only old veteran on any ticket in Centre county is JOHN NOLL and he is the boy the vets are going to rally round on election day; "Comrade" REDHEFFER's appeal to the contrary notwithstanding.

The "Germans are for PARKER," says the Lancaster Intelligencer. They always did have good sense.

Get Out the Vote.

It is hardly necessary to remind the Democrats of Centre county of the importance of getting out the vote on the now rapidly approaching election day. The people of this country have never been called upon to determine more important questions than those involved in the pending issues. It is no exaggeration to say that upon the result of the vote on Tuesday, November 8th, will depend the future form of the government. The question of a Republic or Military Satrapy may not be apparent to all the people at present. But it is discernible to many and the most thoughtful men of the country are viewing the conditions with grave concern.

In view of these facts every Democratic voter ought to be zealous in the work of getting the voters to the polls and their effort should be supplemented by the earnest cooperation of those of other political beliefs who favor free government. LINCOLN once said that no country can survive half free and half slave. It is quite as true that no country can endure which is part Republic and part Empire. At present we are governing a large body of human beings not as citizens of a Republic but as subjects of an Empire. There is no warrant in the character of our government for such an exercise of authority. There is no power that can check imperialism when it is once allowed a foothold.

We have no doubt of the result of the election. It would be as reasonable to doubt the intelligence and patriotism of the body of American citizens. But there is always danger of apathy, however, which under existing conditions would be as dangerous as a wrong heart. If all the honest people and well meaning people vote, the triumph of the Democracy will be overwhelming. If all the citizens of Centre county who favor the principles of the Democratic party cast their ballots according to their convictions the Democratic victory will be the greatest that has been achieved in years. But meaning will not accomplish results. Action is necessary and every believer in the right should vote his convictions.

What Two Men Could Tell You.

The office of Prothonotary is entirely too important a place to turn over to a man whom you are not entirely satisfied is competent to fill it. Have you looked into the qualifications of the nominees of the two leading parties?

MR. GEORGE E. LAMB, of Philipsburg, is the Republican aspirant. Ask him in what way he is adapted to qualify as Prothonotary, the offices of the courts, the man who guards your judgments, makes out court trial bills and keeps all the dockets in that legible, scholarly form that you expect to find in court records in. He will tell you, if he tells the truth: I have been a wholesale beer dealer in Philipsburg but didn't make that go very well, so now I am tending bar at the Passmore house and have the reputation of being a dandy at that.

That is all! Voters of Centre county. All that he can call up by way of experience or training to qualify him for one of the most important offices to you in the court house.

On the other hand ARTHUR KIMFORT, the Democratic nominee might tell you, and tell you truthfully, were you to ask the same question of him: I am a farmer's boy, and am farming for myself now. I have also taught school, but most recently I have been clerk to Prothonotaries SMITH and GARDNER. If you will pardon what might appear to be egotism I will tell you that the lawyers at the bar and, in fact everyone who knows anything about such affairs, admit that I kept as nice a set of court records as they have ever seen.

This is what Mr. KIMFORT could tell you were you to put him on the stand. Aye, this and much more that would be to his credit and would convince you that he is the one and only man in the field this fall who is fit for the office of Prothonotary of Centre county.

To Fool the Miners.

From a correspondent of the Phila. Record.

I saw a sample of a badge here last evening which the G. O. P. is having over 15,000 made to distribute through the coal regions of Pennsylvania. The badge is about eight inches long, with a picture of "Teddy" with the words: "He is good enough for me, and so is the whole Republican ticket." On the lower end is the picture of a miner with a pick and a dinner pail. I do not know whether it is the full one that Mark Hanna promised them or an empty one.

We shall see whether the miners have forgotten the "two and three-quarter days a week" from 1896 to 1900, with starvation wages, which drove them into the longest strike ever known in the coal regions in 1902, after all of Mark Hanna's promise of full time, good wages and full dinner pails. We shall see whether they remember when they had to send bands of music through the large cities of the East to collect money to feed 140,000 people in coal regions, some of whom were starving. Why didn't the G. O. P. help them then with grub and clothes instead of badging them now when it wants their votes again?

Spawls from the Keystone.

The new bank building at Winburne is nearing completion, and this staunch banking firm expects in about two weeks to occupy the same.

A proposed electric line from Robertsdale to Dudley, with the probable extension to Saxton, is being thoroughly discussed by Broad Top City capitalists.

Grafus Elise, a lumberman, is dying from anthrax in Williamsport. He contracted the disease by taking lumber out of a car in which Chinese hides had been hauled.

George Hor, of Hublersburg, is purchasing apples in Nittany valley and shipping from Mackeyville. The price paid is 14 cents per bushel. The orchard owners consider this price better than grinding the fall apples into cider.

While racing on the track at Clearfield one day last week a valuable horse belonging to Paul Merrell, of Altoona, formerly of Philipsburg, for which he recently paid \$1,500, fell and broke its shoulder and had to be killed.

Miss Marie Close, of Philadelphia, has been elected superintendent of the Altoona hospital, to succeed Miss Hulda Renfrew, of Duffield, who has resigned. The new superintendent is a graduate of the Presbyterian hospital, Philadelphia.

Jesse Lines, of Luthersburg, who is jobbing on the Goodyear lumber tract at Medix Run, expects to finish his job of four million by the first of the year. The mill is now running double time and is cutting about fifty million feet a year.

Clearfield county refuses to recognize that Butler county has a just claim upon it for the care of Clearfield county citizens during a recent smallpox epidemic. That county will therefore enter suit for the amount claimed, about \$1,300, with interest.

W. L. Cohl, of Tyrone, Adams Express messenger on the Tyrone & Clearfield railroad, has run on freight and passenger trains for twenty years and never was suspended or discharged. He has traveled over 1,622,720 miles while on duty. This is a record that is certainly hard to beat.

The verdict of the jury for \$10,000 in favor of pretty Miss Margaret Watkins, against her recreant lover, Frederick B. Graeber, formerly of Shamokin, for breach of promise of marriage, was practically nullified Monday when Common Pleas Court No. 5 at Philadelphia, upon motion of Lawyer Joseph Gilliland, discharged Graeber from further liability on the judgment.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company has placed 12 new freight crews on the Middle division, the first of which was sent out Monday morning from Harrisburg. Orders to this effect were received Sunday morning and as there are six men to a crew, the order means employment for 72 men from the extra list, which will in turn be partially replenished by recalling about half that number of furloughed men.

Messrs. Hoover & Washburn have the foundation completed for the erection of their new saw mill on the tract of land recently purchased from the Philipsburg Coal & Land Co., just northeast of that place. The mill will be erected near the old tannery site. Mr. Hoover went to Lick Run Mills to look after the loading and shipping of a mill purchased recently from a party in that place. It is expected the mill will soon be in operation.

The largest cash estate ever handled in the courts of Butler county was the account filed at Butler Manor in the estate of John Wiseman, better known as John Sparks, the showman, whose death resulted last year as the result of a bite of a pet lion at Sparks' winter quarters, North Carolina. The account shows a fund of \$96,171.13. Of this amount \$35,000 was paid on notes to the Wade Mecum Springs company. The balance is divided among the wife and four children.

The shortage of empty cars, which last week hindered the rush of business in the Beech Creek district, is over and once more road crews are at it hard and the pay rolls next month promise to show the result of the heavy traffic. An official of the road stated that the company was getting all the empty cars that could possibly be handled and if additional power could be secured traffic would be considerably heavier than at present. At present between 16 and 18 trains are being sent up the Beech Creek and River lines daily.

Eugene Conway who until Monday last week was a resident of Altoona, fell off the Sixth street bridge in Pittsburgh, Thursday afternoon, and was instantly killed. He with other men was at work painting the bridge when he accidentally touched a feed wire with his brush, receiving a shock that precipitated him to the concrete roadway below, a distance of twenty feet, crushing his skull. He was immediately taken to the Allegheny general hospital, where he died in a few minutes. He was 24 years old and unmarried.

A panther measuring thirteen feet from tip to tip was killed on a small stream known as Mosquito creek, some distance from Caledonia, in the region of DuBois. The shooting of the huge animal occurred last week. It was shot by a member of a family named Munn, who live in that section. It is the largest specimen ever seen in that vicinity, even when the woods were more dense and game of this kind more numerous. There are not many more panthers to be found anywhere in the Clearfield region, but the one shot last week has been seen several times in past years.

Three hunters attracted no little attention as they paraded down Main street, in Lock Haven, one day last week, on their return from a three day's hunt in Brush valley, Centre county, where they had unusual good luck in killing small game. This trio was composed of T. W. Kreamer and Harry Wilt, of Renovo, and R. H. Kreamer, of Williamsport. One man had strung about his neck and shoulders twenty-three gray squirrels, another carried two large wild turkeys in addition to his gun, while the third had four pheasants and a turkey dangling from his belt. The wholesale slaughter represented the work of the three men for two days, Monday and Tuesday. What they shot on Saturday they ate while in camp.