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Ink Slings.

—It is none too soon to begin hustling for the ticket. —The ticket was made by the people. Now it is up to the people to give it rousing support. —There is still time for summer to make good, but she is not showing a very marked inclination to do so. —OSCAR has been deposed as king of Norway and now there is a question to debate as to whether he or Norway is worst off. —The attempt on the life of Vice President FAIRBANKS at Flint, Michigan, did not even warm that gentleman into a fever of excitement. —With the College and Academy commencements both on hand for next week we will all be too busy to pay much attention to the PRUNEE orphanage or the race bridge. —The survey for the new Bellefonte State College line has been about completed and all that stands between us and the clang of the trolley gong is the money to build the road. —The imperial wedding in Germany a few days ago was one of surpassing pomp and splendor, but it merely represented the old story of love that is as common in the shanty as it is in the castle. —The doctors are renewing their admonitions against promiscuous kissing. Of course it is not to be presumed that the ban is placed on candidates who are endeavoring to make votes by kissing babies. —The duties of American Ambassador to England are very onerous. WHITEHEAD REED had to shake hands with King EDWARD, and attend four social functions, all in the first week he arrived in London. —CORNELIUS N. BLISS threatened to take a piece of Mr. JACOB H. SCHIFF'S hide in New York on Wednesday and all because of the trouble that has arisen between that other HYDE and the Equitable. —Dancing and gayety are the principal means of passing the time in Vladivostok, so reports from that Russian post declare. After a little while the Japs will start up there to teach the careless Russians the art of walking Spanish. —The taxpayers of the county can begin the work of reducing the county expenditures below the \$90,000 mark by showing their neighbor that the only way to do this is to change the management in the office of the County Commissioners. The election of DUNLAP and WEAVER will accomplish this end. —The average American spends \$1.20 per week for alcoholic beverages. This means more than three loaves of bread a day, and bread is the "staff of life." "Eng juice," however, makes men forget that they need any staff of life until they are too full to keep any of it down, even if they did have it. —Lieutenant PEARY, the Arctic explorer who will sail from New York on July 4th in another effort to find the North pole, says: "Perhaps I may find the Garden of Eden located there, who knows?" If he does we'll bet our last winter's storm coat to a linen duster that he'll find old mother EYE wearing more than the proverbial fig leaf. —The Altoona audience that made it so unpleasant for NAN PATTERSON that he decided on the spot to quit the stage is to be congratulated. It was not to be expected that he would be made feel the impudence of her position so soon, but since she has been forced into retirement let us hope that this will be the last we hear of her and her spectacular career. —The platform speaks plain truths to the voters of Centre county. What we need now is to put the county back into hands that will keep it out of debt. When the present Republican Board of Commissioners went into office there was a surplus in the treasury. Today there is a deficit of many thousands of dollars. Such a condition is due solely to mismanagement and the sooner we get rid of the men who have involved us in debt the better it will be. —Mr. D. A. GROVE, one of the defeated candidates for County Commissioner, didn't go home on Tuesday evening, either broken-hearted or despondent. He pitched in to business at once and the same afternoon that he was "howled" out of the race for Commissioner he bought and sold two car loads of wheat, for which he paid \$1 per bushel, clearing enough on the sale to square his expenditures while a candidate. Mr. GROVE is one of the kind of men who keeps things moving, and without is one of the best Democrats in the county. —Though it is simply reiterating the objection this paper raised at the time the first survey was made for the location of the soldier's monument and the CURTIN memorial, the WATCHMAN most heartily endorses the sentiment expressed in the Democrat of yesterday morning. It will neither be a credit to the county nor to those having the movement in charge to permit its erection directly in front of the court house. The site is not desirable in any way and most objectionable in many. Aside from the fact that it will completely eclipse the court house, not only the most important but the most classic structure we have in the county, the place is neither elevated nor large enough to be appropriate for the size of the monument.

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A Good Ticket.

The ticket that the Democracy of the county will be expected to, and we feel will, enthusiastically support at the coming fall election is this week presented to the public. The convention that named it was made up of honorable, fair and reliable Democrats and their action on Tuesday but registered the decision of the Democratic voters of the county as expressed at the primaries on Saturday last. In twenty years the will of the Democratic people has not been as clearly and as explicitly registered and of the names, as given on the ticket, there is not a single one who secured his nomination either by dictation, manipulation or through the interference or influence of oligues. In every instance the nominee is the man who received the most votes at the delegate election; thus making it the ticket of the Democratic people of the county, rather than that of a convention or any other power. From the top to the bottom the ticket is a good one—no better perhaps than others that could have been made when we remember the many good men and excellent Democrats who submitted their names as aspirants for position. But there is no one who will say that there is a single nominee unfit for the place he has been given, or unworthy the honor the party has seen proper to bestow. The candidates are all in the prime of life, active, earnest and responsible men—men who represent the Democratic idea of careful attention to public duties—economy in public affairs; the polite and decent treatment of every man, woman and child who has business to transact in a public office, and the faithful performance of every obligation imposed upon them as servants of the people. And their ideas will be recognized and carried out by every man upon the ticket. For Sheriff the convention gave us Mr. SHAFER. Mr. SHAFER'S is one of the oldest, largest and most influential families within the county. A family of intelligent farmers and enterprising business men, who were leaders in progress and improvements in the lower end of the county, when the older men of to-day were kids, and which has from the organization of the county been reliably and aggressively Democratic. He is a man in the prime of life, blessed with a vigorous constitution that has been built up by hard labor on a farm, is of pleasing address, fine physique, has a good education, is sober and industrious and in every way qualified to make one of the best and most popular Sheriffs the county has ever had. He comes from a township made up of honest Democratic farmers and which in the entire history of the county has never had a Sheriff, or a Democratic nominee for that office. It is due not only to the nominee, but to the township that presents him as a candidate that he should, as he will, receive the united and earnest support of every Democrat.

The candidate for Treasurer, DR. F. K. WHITE, of Philipsburg, is one of the best known men within the county and in addition one of its strongest and most influential citizens. To every working Democrat he has been known for years as one of the staunchest backers the party has had, and one of the most earnest and intelligent advocates of Democratic men and measures that this section of the State could point to. A gentleman of the highest type of character, earnest in every undertaking, honest in every detail and movement, the taxpayers will find in him a Treasurer about whose accounts there need be no uneasiness and over whose official work censorship will be unnecessary. Few men in the county are better fitted for this important position and none will receive a heartier support from political friends or a warmer endorsement from political enemies than will DR. WHITE. For Recorder, JOHN C. ROWE was again placed upon the ticket. This was due Mr. ROWE, not only because the usages of the party concede a second nomination for the place, but for the careful, efficient and popular manner in which he has filled the position during the past three years as well. Centre county has had many good and obliging men to perform the duties of the Recorder's office and it is no reflection on any of them to say that Mr. ROWE'S work in that line will compare favorably with the best. His records are kept up to date. His work is correct and neat and the treatment each one receives while doing business in his office is such as to call forth the warmest praise from all. Mr. HARRY JACKSON, of Bellefonte, who was named for Register, enjoys the personal acquaintance of more people within the county, perhaps than any other gentleman upon the ticket. For the six years that he has been filling the office of deputy sheriff, he has been thrown into association with the citizens of every part of the county and if there is one among our entire population who knows or has met him and does not

admire him for his unostentatious, gentlemanly manners, it must be someone whose liver is out of order, or one of that kind of beings who don't know a good fellow when he meets him. Mr. JACKSON'S work and actions while serving as deputy sheriff is evidence of the efficient and satisfactory manner in which the office of Register will be filled by him. Poor or rich, influential or obscure, all with whom he had to do were treated with that courtesy and kindness that made friends even with those against whom the harshest sentence of the law had to be enforced.

For Commissioner, we have for one candidate Mr. JOHN L. DUNLAP, of Spring township, who began life as a farm laborer, educated himself and taught school a few terms, and then took up the occupation of carpenter and builder as a calling. A man of sound judgment and wide knowledge of men and affairs, and with a sense of justice that will prevent the robbing of taxpayer Peter to benefit taxpayer Paul through the manipulations of assessments or favoritism in office. Mr. DUNLAP is recognized as an industrious, sturdy, honest man and when elected will act as Commissioner for the best interests of the taxpayers of the county.

Along with Mr. DUNLAP, Mr. CALVIN A. WEAVER, of Coburn, was selected for County Commissioner. Mr. WEAVER has had experience in county affairs, having acted as deputy sheriff during a greater portion of the term of Mr. JOHN P. CONDO, and during which time he made many warm and enthusiastic friends. He has for years been engaged in the coal and lumber business at Coburn, where by his honesty, his fair dealing and attention to business he has built up a trade second to none in the county. He is a man of the strictest integrity, of ripe judgment and one whom no influence could sway either toward extravagant expenditure in county affairs, or favoritism in the matter of assessments. With Messrs. DUNLAP and WEAVER in charge of the county expenditures there will be no \$92,000 per year of the people's money squandered in running the ordinary affairs of the county.

The nominees for Auditor, Mr. J. W. SWABER, of Harris, and Mr. S. H. HOY, of Benner, are both bright, well educated and worthy young Democrats. They have the ability to thoroughly examine into every item of county expenditures and if any error or wrong is found they have the courage to charge it up to those responsible. There will be no shirking of duty on the part of either of these gentlemen.

Dr. FISHER, of Zion, who is presented for Coroner, is one of the oldest and best known physicians in the county. He will make an admirable official and will prove one of the strongest candidates on the ticket.

Governor Pennypacker Out of It. Governor PENNYPACKER is "hoist on his own petard," and whatever else happens in the future of Pennsylvania politics that absurd wishcraper QUAY and DURHAM will be completely eliminated from the public life of the Commonwealth. Insanely egotistical, extremely self-conscious and immensely foolish he has been striving in season and out to buy a seat on the Supreme bench. With that purpose in view he has during the past two years committed every political iniquity that was possible. He has made a virtue of QUAY'S crimes and a merit of DURHAM'S immoralities. But he went a step too far. His last bargain has been pronounced too iniquitous even for the machine to ratify. We are easily within reason in saying that PENNYPACKER is the worst man morally who has ever been catapulted into important public office in this State. He is a moral pervert and a political degenerate. He has violated every principle of law and outraged every element of justice during the period of his incumbency of the office he has disgraced and dishonored. But his last bargain with the corrupt machine was "the straw which broke the camel's back." It revealed him to the public in his true light as a political hustler and a party prostitute. It has taken him out of the pale of decent politics and consigned him to an infamous seclusion for the remainder of his misspent life. We congratulate the people of Pennsylvania that this miserable old party hack is no longer a menace to the political morality and official integrity of the Commonwealth. We felicitate the public that he will no longer be able to trade his official prerogatives for personal aggrandizement and that under no possible conditions can he ever hope to taint the atmosphere of our court of last resort with his absurd person and odious presence. He has dug his own political grave and the sooner he lays himself in it the better. When that event occurs, moreover, the people should mark it with a monument which will serve for all time as an admonition against political iniquity.

Fair Chance for Democracy. Assistant Director of Public Safety of Philadelphia ex-Magistrate SOUTH, has begun his official duties by inaugurating a movement to purge the registry lists. It is estimated that there are in the neighborhood of 100,000 names improperly on the registry lists of the city. Director SOUTH fixes the number at 50,000, but that is an underestimate. Of this vast number of fraudulent voters from ten to fifty each are registered from the residences of policemen in certain wards. Mr. SOUTH has ordered all the policemen who have more than one voter in their houses to show that they belong there. If they can't show up properly the courts will be asked to strike the names off.

The campaign committee of the Reform party has issued a platform. It declares that its purpose is: "First, the election of honest, capable and disinterested officials; Second, advocating personal registration in obedience to the mandate of the people; Third, advocating the repeal of the amendments to the Bullitt bill, known as the 'ripper'; Fourth, insisting that the police shall be entirely dissociated with politics, that the tenure of office in city departments shall not be dependent on political contributions or services and that all contracts and proposals for the use or disposition of the city's franchises shall be given the largest publicity." Upon this platform young and old men are invited to join with an assurance of just treatment and a square deal.

If these pledges are fulfilled there is little risk in predicting a complete reversal of political conditions in Pennsylvania. The fraudulent votes in Philadelphia, Pittsburg and other cities in the Commonwealth during recent years have easily exceeded the Republican majority with the exception of that cast for President ROOSEVELT last fall. The fraudulent vote in Philadelphia was a large part of the total and owing to conditions which are now obvious it is safe to say that if the machine is deterred from frauds in that city they will not be attempted elsewhere. That being the case the movement to purge the registry list of Philadelphia may be regarded as the beginning of the end of machine Republican control in the State. At any rate it will guarantee a fair chance of Democratic success at the coming election.

Roosevelt and the Machine. We are curious to learn to what extent President ROOSEVELT will contribute moral and material assistance to Senator PENROSE and insurance commissioner DURHAM in their effort to recover power in Philadelphia and continue in Pennsylvania. ROOSEVELT pretends to have some respect for political integrity and considerable apathy for civil service reform. It has been shown by disclosures already made in Philadelphia that PENROSE and DURHAM have been no better than pirates in their political control and that they have taken money unlawfully from officials and appropriated it to their own use. Under the circumstances, if President ROOSEVELT permits PENROSE and DURHAM to trade on federal patronage he will plainly confess his own political immorality. He allowed QUAY to trade all kinds of federal offices for votes for PENNYPACKER in the convention in which JUDGE ELKIN'S majority was changed into a minority by "mysterious influences" over night, but it was said that QUAY had hypnotized him as he did others. But PENROSE and DURHAM can't hypnotize anybody. There is no finesse in their operations. They are simply coarse bludgeon wielders and if ROOSEVELT helps them it will be because he is like them.

Without the help of ROOSEVELT, PENROSE and DURHAM will be as completely overthrown in the State as they are now repudiated and dishonored in Philadelphia. In fact they are afraid to submit the nomination of a candidate for Justice of the Supreme court to a convention to be chosen or even to the convention chosen a couple of months ago when they were omnipotent. Therefore we shall watch ROOSEVELT'S distribution of the patronage in this State in the immediate future with curious interest and invite others to keep an eye on Washington. Mr. time we predict that ROOSEVELT will be with the machine.

The Pennsylvania Oil and Gas company has been at work the past two weeks drilling a test well east of Centre Hall. Though they have not yet struck anything to indicate the presence of either oil or gas, they disclosed the fact that the first sixty feet below the surface was one big bed of iron ore; so that in the event of neither oil nor gas being found the company can go in to the ore mining business.

Nan Patterson, who was out on the road less than a week with the "Romance in Panama" company appeared in Altoona, last Saturday night, and so small and discouraging was the audience that Nan took the first train out of the city, Sunday morning, for her home in Washington, declaring that she would quit the stage.

Where Anarchy is Bred.

From The Portland Oregonian. May 28th. The active anarchist has his earthly paradise no less than his passive vassal. Philadelphia blooming in unrivaled beauty in Philadelphia; the former is found in his perfect estate in the United States Senate. To that Valhalla of lost reputations he has climbed upon the ruins of the moral or civil law, and often of both; he has corrupted the entire population of some insignificant community like Rhode Island; he has made himself the representative and steadfast champion of incorporate freebooters as Platt, of New York, has done; he represents a coterie of beet sugar men, a clique of railroad men, the Standard Oil crowd; he is the delegate of land and timber thieves, whom he defends against the law as the robber baron of former times did his licentious vassals. Such are some of the men who pass bills against anarchy in the United States Senate. They do more to advance anarchy in one session of Congress than all their statutes can do against it in half an eternity. The President sees to negotiating reciprocity treaties with foreign nations; the good sense of the country approves them; they would promote the general welfare, but they would cut off here and there a freebooter from his accustomed rapine. The Senatorial anarchist who represents those freebooters lies in wait for the treaty with his bomb; at the fatal moment he throws it with an aim which his brother in Moscow or the Haymarket bomb have one gravestone with a lamb may carry in vain, and the fragments of the treaty are carted away to the graveyard. This Senatorial graveyard is a flourishing place. Reciprocity, arbitration, Haytian administration, Canadian coinage, all lie peacefully buried there—or the pieces of them do; while in a shady spot may be seen by the summer tourist a neat grave already dug for the President's railroad rate bill. How pathetic the epitaphs on the tombstones in that last resting place of so many murdered infants! Here, side by side, tenderly decked with tansy and everlasting flowers, slumber postal currency and parcels post. The sweet babes have one gravestone with a lamb carved in it, and this touching verse: To make the express business fat These lovely babes were slain by Platt. For the connoisseur of epitaphs, real or possible, this Senatorial graveyard is a fruitful place to glean in; to the student of anarchy it is only less instructive than the Senate chamber.

Adopting Democratic Doctrines. From the Lincoln (Neb.) Commoner. The deficit is increasing. For ten months ending with April the treasury deficit was about \$24,000,000; the month of April showing over \$9,000,000. What is the administration going to do? The deficit last year was charged to the Panama canal purchase. What are they going to charge it to this year, and what is to be done about it? The Republican leaders abused the Wilson bill shamefully because (after the income tax was eliminated) it did not raise enough revenue to run the government. What about the Dingley bill? Must we raise the tariff, which is already nearly prohibitive, or will the Republicans be driven to a reduction of the tariff in order to increase the revenues, or will they attempt to out down expenses, where? Where? Will they reduce the army? If so, they will adopt a Democratic policy. If so, they will adopt a Democratic policy. Or will they be forced to favor the income tax as a means of supporting the government? If so, they will adopt a Democratic policy.

Suffering from Political Hypermetropia. From the Lincoln (Neb.) Commoner. Senator Newlands, of Nevada, in a speech recently delivered, points out with great force the tendency of the Republican leaders to legislate for the Philippine Islands and to ignore legislation necessary for this country. Some of them are very far-sighted, so to speak—that is, the farther away the thing is the more clearly they seem to see it. No one has better pointed out this defect in eyesight than Senator Newlands. He says: "While we have been conquering other countries, monopoly has conquered our own. We have time to settle the railroad question in the Philippines; we have not the time to adjust the railroad question in the United States. We have the time to give a moderate tariff to the Philippines; we have no time to correct an excessive tariff in the United States. We can expand vast sums in Cuba, in the Philippines, in Panama, in colonial exploitation and in naval expansion, but we have no money for the internal development of the Republic. Our harbors and our waterways are neglected. Our reform legislation rests in committees, and as a result either of favoritism or of neglect in legislation, the greatest plutocracy in the history of the world has been created, whilst we have kept our eyes strained towards the horizon of imperial and international grandeur."

Not Very Complimentary to Pennypacker. From the Erie Times (Rep.) The people are in no temper at this time, and neither will they be for the next few months, to look with any patience on any more favoring for its end the placing of Governor Pennypacker on the Supreme bench. If he is weary of being the Governor of the State let him resign and retire to private life. There would not be any great regret if he should decide to take such a step. To give serious thought of his resigning for the purpose of taking the Supreme court nomination would be like adding fuel to a fire already well started. The people cannot be prevailed on to sustain or ratify any such a move and good party leadership will not press it at this time.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—The Huntington county fair has been announced for September 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th. —The date has been selected for the Clearfield county soldiers' reunion, which is to be held this year in Houtzdale, on Thursday, June 15th. —It is asserted that the Wabash railroad will now positively be built on through to the east, and will pass through Clearfield and Centre counties. —Under the annual readjustment of postmaster's salaries, Phillipsburg has dropped from \$2,400 to \$2,300, while Osceola has increased from \$1,500 to \$1,600. —It is now believed that the shoes containing dynamite, which were left in the yard of Mrs. Lulu Engle, in Uniontown, came from Monongahela City. —Thirty thousand dollars will be spent in increasing the capacity of the Lock Haven yard of the Philadelphia and Erie railroad. A new siding, 7,800 feet long, with two bridges will be built. —While seated at a table eating lunch with his family, John Pete of near Hillsville, agent of the New Castle Brewing company, was shot and instantly killed on Sunday. The murderer escaped. —The B. R. & P. station at Sykesville was entered by thieves last Wednesday night and goods amounting to \$150 in value were stolen. An entrance was effected by raising a window with the aid of a pick. —Senator Penrose has announced that the Republican state committee will nominate a candidate for Supreme court judge to succeed the late Justice Dean, thus rendering unnecessary the recalling of the Republican state convention. —The annual interdenominational holiness camp meeting at Mahaffey will be held this year earlier than usual, beginning Friday, June 23rd, and closing July 2nd. Major L. M. Williams, of Fishkill-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., will have charge. —John Tittle, a farmer, aged 55 years, and his son, James, aged 17 years, were instantly killed and his daughter, Bertha, aged 13 years, was fatally injured by being struck by an express train on the stone arch bridge on the Pennsylvania railroad between Mexico and Port Royal Sunday afternoon. —The State encampment of the G. A. R. was held in Reading Wednesday and Thursday. A feature of the session was the unveiling of the \$10,000 monument to President McKinley, the money for which was subscribed largely by school children, secret and fraternal organizations and working people. —Taking effect June first there was an advance of 10 cents per ton on egg, stove and nut sizes of anthracite coal. This is necessary on account of the mining companies advancing their price 10 cents per ton beginning June 1st. There will be a further advance of 10 cents per ton beginning July 1st and August 1st. —William Ernst, who spent the past several months in Panama, has returned to his home at Minersville. The climate and the prevailing conditions of that country do not suit those from the United States, he says. He warns all others from the coal region to remain away from the isthmus. —Two well-known East Stroudsburg residents had a thrilling experience during a thunderstorm Sunday. A bolt struck the dining room, where Drs. Angle and Cross were eating, knocking Dr. Cross off his chair and under the table. When he picked himself up he discovered that the bread he had been eating was nicely toasted. —The commencement exercises of the Lehigh University at South Bethlehem will take place June 14th to the 14th. Dr. Rev. James Henry Darlington, D. D., Bishop of Harrisburg, will preach the baccalaureate sermon, and Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D. D., L. L. D., bishop of Central Pennsylvania, will address the graduating class. —Governor Pennypacker on Wednesday evening appointed William H. Staake and Walter George Smith, of Philadelphia, and C. LaRue Munson, of Williamsport, a commission to codify and revise the divorce laws of the State. The appointment was made in accordance with a bill passed during the recent session of the Legislature. —Mrs. Anna Wilkes, of Butler, has filed a statement in her suit against the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg railroad company, in which she asks for \$50,000 damages for the death of her husband, Engineer Cortland J. Wilkes, in the wreck of the Buffalo express, near Butler March 11th. Wilkes was in the engine cab accompanying the regular engineer for the purpose of learning the run. Mrs. Wilkes claims he was in reality a passenger, and that his death was caused by carelessness. —Miss Charlotte Bressler, of Mill Hill, has in her possession an Easter egg seventy-seven years old that she prizes very highly. It is dyed a yellow color, onion skins were probably used in the dyeing process, and is marked with the year 1825. It originally belonged to Sarah M. Bressler, mother of Mrs. C. R. Gearhart, of Lock Haven, and Miss Bressler. The egg is in a perfect state of preservation, but is as light as cork and requires very careful handling. —Joseph Bauer, of Kersey, recently purchased an abandoned house standing along the Dagus Mines railroad near Kersey and formerly owned and occupied by Peter Connors. While tearing the building down a few days ago, Mr. Bauer uncovered a package hid beneath the stairway, and upon undoing it he found twenty good watches of different makes, styles and materials, a handful of rings and four revolvers. The paper in which the property was done up was a newspaper dated June, 1894. The goods were undoubtedly stolen and had been hidden in this old house by the robbers. —The fastest long distance passenger train in the world is about to be established by the Pennsylvania railroad. It will be a limited train between New York and Chicago, and will make the trip in each direction in 18 hours, or more than 50 miles an hour for the entire run. The distance between the two cities by way of Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Crestline is 913 miles. To make the trip within 18 hours and stop at the several cities along the route will necessitate the running of the train at a speed close to 50 miles an hour. There will be spurts that will exceed that fast time. The rains will be given the right of way over all other.