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**Ink Stings.**

—There is nothing doing in county politics.

—Here's hoping that they really were the bones of JOHN PAUL JONES that we made such a fuss over.

—An extra session of Congress is to be called in November. The Good Lord deliver us from the evils thereof!

—The steam road roller didn't have a very pleasant experience during its first day in Bellefonte. Did it, Hey?

—If Mr. ROCKERFELLER has really cornered the flaxseed market it is up to our uncle RUSSELL SAGE to get busy on the sledge hammers.

—Allentown was reported as being the hottest city in the State last week. Why, only last week? We have always heard it spoken of as "the hottest place" in Pennsylvania, winter or summer.

—The weather permitting tomorrow night the people of Bellefonte will be called upon to make their choice between the wind jammers and the men who produce dulcet tones from the entrails of deceased cats.

—Of course it was to be expected that the Navy Department would be too busy building new boats and keeping down the lid on scandals in Washington to look after the boilers of the Bennington on the far off Pacific.

—Up to the present time the only distinction between a little grafter and a big grafter was that the big grafter was never punished. They are gradually getting on to the same level, however, which is a most wholesome sign.

—Notwithstanding the statement of present ennoblers that the county offices are scarcely worth having the cool weather of the early fall will find a bunch of inquisitive candidates hustling to get in to find out for themselves.

—The smiling Japs may talk all they please about their admiration for M. WITTE and Baron ROSEN, the Russian peace envoys, but when the time comes to settle they will make them step up to the captain's office and pay good and plenty.

—It the County Commissioners imagine they can stand for it before the tax payers of the county the York Bridge Co. certainly can't afford to risk its reputation for satisfactory work by leaving the brick on the Race bridge in this place as they are.

—It is altogether probable that if some of the "Peach Colonels" who are running the National Guard had to do a little of the running and pulling themselves while in camp there wouldn't now be so many tales of brutally treated horses to shock the humane people of the State.

—All this talk about what PENROSE will agree to and what he won't agree to seems to be a waste of good wind. Does it matter much what pleases him in the reorganization of the Republican party in this State? He is a dead one now and should be given no chance of coming to life again.

—Though our friend TOM COOPER'S red locks have grown gray and it would scarcely be true to call him "red headed" anymore who is there, after reading his suggestions for reform within his party, who will deny him the "hopeful" end of his old time sobriquet: "Red headed and Hopeful COOPER."

—The government statistics that are used to show that only seventeen regular army officers of the United States have been drunk in the past fifteen years probably draw the same fine line of distinction that we heard a few days ago when it was declared that "gentlemen never get drunk, they only become exhilarated."

—We can set the mind of the world to rest on one of the things that the Kaiser said to the Czar during their recent conference, because we are convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that he said the same thing to him that the Governor of North Carolina once said to the Governor of South Carolina.

—The fat lady who caused a panic in a Pittsburgh store on Tuesday, by fainting in the midst of a bargain sale crush, had things all her own way when she rolled down the stairs. Perhaps if she had not weighed three hundred pounds she might have been badly crushed as were some of the others she bowled out of the way.

—The conviction and sentence to six months imprisonment of U. S. Senator MITCHELL, of Oregon, will probably preclude that eminent rascal from ever having a monument erected to his memory in the capitol park at Salem. Now had he happened to have escaped the imprisonment part of it he might have shared a like fame with his departed partner in crime from Pennsylvania.

—Mr PAUL MORTON, the new head of the Equitable Life assurance society, is credited with having voluntarily reduced his own salary from \$100,000 to \$75,000 per year. If the report is true the act can be looked upon as an acknowledgment that his services are not worth the fabulous price set by the directors of that mis-managed corporation. Neither has Mr. MORTON made the cut large enough, for measured by what many another man of equal ability—but probably not so much notorious—would be able to do for the Equitable for a sum one fifth as large, it is an absolute impossibility for him to rendered service to that corporation that will be worth \$75,000 per annum.

### Will Stick to Plummer.

The PENROSE-DURHAM-McNICHOL machine has determined, obviously, to hold on to the last hope of restoration to power. That is to say, we infer from the tone of the machine press of the State that the purpose is to continue J. LEE PLUMMER on the Republican ticket throughout the campaign. Here and there we find a newspaper of that political faith with intelligence and courage enough to protest. For example, the Pittsburgh Times in a recent issue unequivocally demanded the withdrawal of PLUMMER. He "was never the choice of the Republicans of Pennsylvania," our Pittsburgh contemporary declares. "They were never consulted about his nomination," it adds. "He was merely the choice of the men who run Philadelphia and had run the Legislature in which he was their willing, obedient servant."

Nevertheless the machine leaders have determined to allow him to remain on the ticket. The graft which it is possible to get out of the farming of the ten or twelve million dollar surplus in the treasury is sufficient enticement to justify some risks, and as a matter of fact there are no risks in the policy they have determined upon, literally speaking, for the election of a Republican whom the people will support under existing conditions will be quite as hard on them as the election of the Democratic candidate. In other words, in either event the graft would be cut off, and as the machine managers have no political convictions, a Republican who will not "divvy" is no more desirable to them than a Democrat who will serve the State honestly. What they want is the money and that secured they care for nothing else.

All things considered we understand why the machine managers have adopted this notion. What's the advantage to PENROSE, DURHAM and McNICHOL to elect an honest Republican to the office of State Treasurer or any other office. They don't know much about political principles and outside of PENROSE, who has acquired at least the rudimentary principles of law, it is safe to say that not one in the bunch knows what are the differences between the Republican and the Democratic parties, or why they happen to be Republicans instead of Democrats outside of the fact that it is more profitable to be a Republican than a Democrat. They understand that there is a remote possibility of electing PLUMMER. There are a good many Republicans so prejudiced that they would vote for a bad Republican rather than a good Democrat and there are a considerable number of machine men who feel that they must stick together or go to jail separately. These two elements agree in the purpose of keeping PLUMMER on the ticket and as they control the party it may as well be assumed that they will have their way.

That PLUMMER will be defeated no intelligent man doubts but what of that? It's no worse for the machine to have him defeated as the candidate of its own choice than to have a Republican elected who would administer the office according to law and in the interest of the people. In either event they are absolutely outside of the profits of the office. They realize that there is no reasonable probability of the election of PLUMMER. But they have the instincts of a gambler and understand that there have been instances in which the horse with a long lead would break down on the home-stretch and allow his less speedy competitor to win. In sticking to PLUMMER the managers are simply taking those chances. They have nothing to lose and everything to win by sticking to PLUMMER and they will do that if he is proven guilty of the most obnoxious crimes.

### is a proceeding by the Federal Civil Service Association.

In this fact lies the safety of such men as LIEB. We have no doubt that he is guilty on every charge preferred against him. In fact he has practically confessed and with the assurance of the Mr. TWEED added "what are you going to do about it?" The Federal Civil Service reform association is about the most arrant humbug that ever was organized in this broad land. It will interfere if any Democrats who happened to hold over under the classified regulations get busy in politics. But ever since the elevation of ROOSEVELT to the Presidency the association has been more inclined to encourage than discourage pernicious activity in behalf of the Republican party.

**Berks County for Stewart.**

The Berks county delegates to the Democratic State convention, which will reassemble at Harrisburg on the 16th of August, have announced their intention of voting for Justice STEWART for Justice of the Supreme court. Such a course, they say, will promote non-partisanship on the bench advance political morality and ultimately benefit the State and the party. The Berks delegation numbers fifteen, the county appears well up on the roll and its unanimous vote for STEWART would have considerable effect on the result even if there were a substantial opposition to the policy they have declared.

Partisanship has no place on the bench but unfortunately it has usurped several seats. This has been shown in the decisions on every partisan question during recent years. Since Governor STONE'S office boy "electioneer" the Supreme court in order to get a decision affirming the constitutionality of the Pittsburgh "ripper" no political question has been decided on its merits. The late Justice DEAN, who was a conscientious Republican and a just judge, and Justice MESTREZAT have been on one side with all the Republicans, "catapinated" and otherwise, on the other. But we believe that at Justice STEWART measures up to the high standard of DEAN and therefore Democrats may consistently vote for him.

We have no doubt that the understanding of these facts have influenced the Berks delegates to their declaration in favor of STEWART. At least we know that a large majority of the Democrats all over the State are for justice STEWART and precisely for that reason. But there is another reason, less important, probably, but worth considering. The nomination of Justice STEWART by the Democrats will be good politics because it will concentrate all the partisan energy of the Democrats and independent Republicans into the fight against that atrocious ringster, J. LEE, PLUMMER, the machine-made candidate for State Treasurer.

**An Absent Scheme.**

The Railroad Commissioners of Georgia, if JOSEPH M. BROWN, one of the members of the board correctly expresses their purposes, are going to do wonderful things. That is according to our esteemed contemporary, the Savannah News, Mr. BROWN has declared that it is the "policy of the commission to protect the manufacturers of the State against outside manufacturers." The plan by which this purpose is to be achieved is not revealed in Mr. BROWN'S statement, but presumably it is to discriminate in transportation charges against the outsiders. That is to say, the freight rates for Georgia manufacturers, coming and going, will be less than those for manufacturers of other States.

The Federal constitution forbids the levying of a tariff tax upon commerce between the States and as the policy proposed by Mr. BROWN would be equivalent to such levy it is not easy to see how such a policy can be maintained. But even if it were possible reprisals would be certain to follow and other States, by adopting similar policies, would make the enterprise exceedingly expensive to the Georgia manufacturers. They have some advantages, it is true, in raw materials. That is they have coal, cotton, ore and timber within the borders of the State. But what good would that do them if their market for the sale of the product of their mills were confined to the State.

The truth is that Railroad Commissioner BROWN has entirely misconceived the purpose of the office he has been called to occupy. Railroad Commissioners are to prevent discriminations in freight rates rather than create them. Besides the federal law prohibiting discriminations would be invoked against the Georgia railroad commissioners the first time they undertook to enforce such policy. Still the statement of Commissioner BROWN has served a good purpose. It has shown to the public how absolutely absurd a man can be and yet get into an important office. In addition to that it reveals the great danger of too much government interference with business that ought to be private.

### Ballot Frauds in Philadelphia.

There is nothing more interesting in the papers these days than the record of the fraudulent registration of voters in Philadelphia. When the investigation was begun under the orders of the new Director of Public Safety a good many people laughed at what they regarded a farce. We own that we were among the number and in view of what has since happened we are not quite able to be ashamed of the fact. That is to say, according to the summary of the result of the work of about two weeks it has been officially announced that something more than 37,000 names have been stricken from the registry lists. As a matter of fact that is less than half the number that ought to have been stricken off and will be when a real investigation is made.

Beginning with the First ward, the report of the police authorities assert, and ending with the Thirteenth, considerably more than half the registered list of voters represented bogus names. In the wards in which the leaders lived, the men who control the politics of the city, and State, the greatest frauds have been revealed. For example, in the Fifth ward in which State Harbor Master MALONEY resides three-fourths of the registry was bogus. MALONEY was appointed by Governor PENNYPACKER and is the intimate friend of that marvelous old false pretender. During the last session of the Legislature his salary was increased a couple of thousand dollars and PENNYPACKER signed the bill, notwithstanding its unconstitutionality. The increase was his reward for manipulating the registry.

The Seventh ward is the home of DURHAM. It comes next to the Fifth in the number of fraudulent votes registered. The Eighth ward in which Senator PENROSE resides and directs the political operations is third in the iniquitous list. The Thirteenth ward is the bailiwick of Sheriff MILES, who is also chairman of the Republican city committee. It is fourth in the list of fraudulent voting districts and didn't have the opportunities of the others. But all taken together reveal a condition which should appal the State and make clear to any intelligent observer the reasons for the vast Republican majority of Pennsylvania. We don't go so far as to say that Republican candidates would have been defeated at recent elections on an honest vote but we will say that majorities would have been vastly reduced.

**Fooling the People.**

We can imagine nothing more absurd than the calling of an extra session of Congress about the middle of November for the purpose of initiating legislation for the regulation of railroads or for any other purpose. It is palpably a false pretense and the President must think that the people are dummies who can be fooled by any subterfuge or he wouldn't play such a trick on them. The middle of November is only about three weeks ahead of the regular time for the assembling of Congress. Within that period of time the organization can be effected and some bills introduced. But it is impossible to get any legislation against which there is opposition even as far as the calendar in that time.

It is true that legislation introduced during the brief special session will take its place on the calendar and remain alive for the regular session. But it won't be advanced sufficiently to give it advantage over legislation introduced during the first few days of the regular session. Obviously therefore the special session is not for the purpose of promoting railroad rate legislation. It is rather for the purpose of deceiving the people into the belief that the President is exceedingly zealous for that sort of legislation, whereas as a matter of fact he is as much the obedient servant of the railroads as any man who has ever occupied the office.

When the President directed the Attorney General to disregard the recommendation of special counsel that criminal proceedings be instituted against the officers of the Santa Fe railroad he revealed not only his absolute insincerity with respect to that subject but his all around humbuggery. The crime had been confessed and the guilt fastened on PAUL MORTON, at the time Secretary of the Navy. In order to shield MORTON the President issued the absurd order that the corporation be prosecuted as if it were possible to put a corporation in jail. Nothing further is needed to show that THEODORE ROOSEVELT is an arrant humbug and a hypocrite. Moreover he is fooling nobody now.

While Dr. WARREN is making such a fuss over the outrages practiced on the people of Pennsylvania by the Beef trust we would respectfully call his attention to the fact that Pennsylvania once issued a bird book that is said to have been slightly adulterated.

The removal of the famous old "Yellow" mansion from Broad St., Philadelphia, won't blot out the last trace of "yellow" in that city.

### Democratic Party's Ups and Downs.

From the Washington Post.

Our fine old friend, the Democratic party, seems to have dropped into cogitation, and not even the glorious victory of Uncle Tom Davis has aroused the sometimes admirable, the oftentimes aggravating, the always interesting, and always "unterrified" Democracy from its meditation of men, things and events. And what a wonderful old party it is, or was! Now a Roger de Coverly, now a Squire Western, as knightly and as cranky as Baro Bradwardine, as simple and as lovable as Uncle Toby, it is, after all, the real G. O. P. What other party could have taken a tithing of the punishment it has withstood? What other party could have survived the part it played in the war of 1861-65? What other party could have survived its insanity of 1896, to say nothing of its repetition of it in 1900?

In 1864 a war candidate on a peace platform; in 1898 a goldbug on a rag money platform; in 1872 Horace Greely an inveterate and lifelong enemy—these are some of its inconsistencies. No other party could have blundered into a forfeiture of the victory it gained in 1892. Indeed it reminds one of that not unkindred spirit, David L. Graves, of Kentucky, a Feveril-of-the-Peak sort of a man, who, when lessee of Mammoth Cave, fenced off the property so as to shut out a stage company that daily brought guests to his hotel, and visitors to his cave—all because he fell out with and shot the stage driver. In 1892 Grover Cleveland was the stage driver the Democratic party fenced off.

Men have laughed at the old party, distrusted it, abused it even; but nobody has hated it. It has been guilty of a thousand follies, but never of a single crime. It has revered the Constitution, however erroneous may have been its interpretations of that sacred instrument. Its instincts are patriotic, its impulses good, and had its wisdom been equal to its honesty it would have buried its rival long ago.

Nobody knows what the future has in store for the old party. It may disintegrate and then, like another Antaresit may become stronger than ever for its contact with mother earth.

Meanwhile it is the other G. O. P. that is walking the floor these nights, and next winter the nights promise to be long and doleful.

**Clean as a Hound's Tooth, Eh?**

From the Columbia Independent.

"A Public official should be clean as a hound's tooth," said President Roosevelt early in his administration. But the President has made a sad departure from that high standard for public officials, of late. He has attempted to vindicate Paul Morton, Secretary of the Navy, without due process of law, he has dismissed former Minister Bowen but retained Assistant Secretary of State Loomis, after Loomis has been proven to have invested in Venezuelan securities, while Minister to that country; and lately he expelled Loomis by naming him a special ambassador to France to receive the body of John Paul Jones, and arranged that Mr. Loomis' European vacation shall cost him nothing by giving him a commission to investigate the American diplomatic posts in Europe. The President's bold stand for railway rate legislation for his respect of the Americans irrespective of party and many there were who hoped that we had returned to the early days of the republic, at least to the extent of having a non-partisan President. The President's courageous stand with regard to the tariff hogs who are standing "with their feet in the trough" of the hosts of his admirers, although his tariff reform position was soon abandoned. It may still be that Democrats in Congress will have to support the President in his campaign against "the railroads which monopolize the great railroads of the country," but no admirer of Theodore Roosevelt can but regret that he should have so departed from his high ideals as he has done in the Morton, the Bowen and the Loomis cases.

**In Pennsylvania.**

From the New York Sun.

For years it has been the practice of the Republican boss of Philadelphia to occupy the office of State Commissioner of Insurance and therefore the resignation of the Honorable Izzy Durham will be accepted as formal announcement of his deposition from supreme authority in the party. Governor Pennypacker, in accepting Durham's resignation, wrote that the Commissioner's inattention to his duties had been overlooked because there was hope "for the restoration of his health." Whatever Durham's physical condition may be, he has failed amazingly in political health in the last few weeks, and there is evidence that the Hon. Boies Penrose is not so strong as he was.

From various parts of Pennsylvania comes news that the Philadelphia revolt against Durham created no feeling of remorse among Republicans. There is talk of reorganizing the Machine which Senator Penrose inherited from Senator Quay. Mr. Quay's Machine was built for each emergency as it arose. It is a question now whether his successors can follow successfully the policy of that political wizard. Pennsylvania Republicans dearly love a boss and venerate a Machine. If the Quay heirs are to be put out of business some one must take their place. Will it be Senator Knox, late of Pittsburgh? Or is there another man now quietly preparing to assume the leadership?

**No Reform from Pennypacker.**

From the New York World.

Philadelphia need have no illusions. It may clamor for honest government. It may demand that public thieves be sent to jail. It may seek to free itself from the clutches of the corrupt Republican Machine. But it must not look for aid or comfort from Governor Pennypacker.

**Its Stodious Arts.**

From the Commoner.

That Chicago grand jury managed to give the names of a few corrupt labor leaders while skillfully concealing the names of the wealthy merchants who put up the money.

**Spawls from the Keystone.**

—A fire at Cameron, last week, destroyed two million feet of lumber before the flames could be extinguished.

—A grain of corn was removed from the windpipe of a two-year-old boy at Shamokin, a few days ago, by a hospital surgeon.

—The Pittsburg Railways company on Saturday bought the thirty-two miles of the Beaver Valley Traction company for \$1,000,000.

—Out of 293 teachers who took the recent examinations in Armstrong county 286 were granted certificates; and 250 of this number were residents of the county.

—Jersey Shore will within a few days be able to boast of possessing something that hardly any other town of its size in the State has—all night street car service.

—William Habroy, aged 25 years, on Sunday shot and killed his girl wife, 17 years of age, then sent a bullet through his own heart, dying instantly.

—The Villa Marie convent at New Bedford, Pa., was damaged about \$600 by lightning. Several sisters were stunned, but none was seriously injured.

—Notwithstanding the efforts of a girl who tried to save him, a valuable hunter dog belonging to Isaac Yoder, of Niantic, near Boyertown, was stung to death by a swarm of bees Wednesday.

—The plants of the American Sheet and Tin Plate company, at Leechburg, Hyde Park, Vandergrift and Saltsburg are all to be enclosed with high fences to keep out a curious public.

—Three boys, foreigners, have been arrested at Johnstown charged with burglarizing a wholesale liquor store. When arrested the boys had in their possession \$140, the amount missing from the store.

—Because a cow refused to get off the track a freight train was wrecked on the new Portage railroad, near Dunasville, on Sunday, causing the death of one brakeman and the serious injury of another.

—Samuel N. Mamma, of near Mt. Joy, raised eight hundred bushels of wheat on a twenty-acre tract this year. This average yield of forty bushels to the acre is one of the largest in the history of Lancaster county.

—While he was loading ice the first day he worked for the Citizens Ice company, at Altoona on Thursday, a 300 pound cake slipped and fell on Thaddeus Koide, aged 38 years. He died of the resultant injuries.

—Jesse Tomlinson, a brakeman on the Middle division of the Pennsylvania railroad, sat down on the railroad track near Millin, Saturday morning, fell asleep and was run over by his own train and instantly killed.

—Thomas Stout, a resident of Jersey Shore, was found dead in the hay loft of Shuman's livery stable at that place one day last week. He had evidently spent the night there and must have died from cramps. He was about 40 years of age.

—Altoona has been selected as the place for the meeting of the Pennsylvania Educational Association next year. The school authorities expect to have the new high school building sufficiently completed that the convention may be held there.

—Governor Pennypacker has not yet signed the death warrant or set the execution date of Mrs. Kate Edwards, though it is three weeks since the board of pardons declined to interfere in her case. It is thought by some that he does not intend to do so at all, thus saving the woman from the gallows.

—Attorney General Hampton L. Carson has furnished State factory inspector John C. Delaney with an opinion that employing school boys for the distribution of newspapers is not the "regular" employment sought to be regulated by the child labor act of 1905, and does not violate either the letter or the spirit of this law.

—Tuesday morning of last week Stephen B. Patterson, an old war veteran aged 72 years, left his home at Dorsey ore mines to walk to Tyrone to get his pension voucher. He failed to return and a search resulted in the finding of his dead body in a field of the David Waite farm. There was no sign of foul play, the man evidently having died from paralysis. The remains were buried at Warriorsmark.

—Work on grading for the Pittsburgh and Westmoreland trolley line between McCeesport and Irwin has been suspended on account of farmers being engaged in harvesting. The company is doing its own work and hired farmers and their teams to haul the earth from the cuts being made along the line. Soon as grain was ready to cut the men left the job, a few each day, and today not a team is on the work.

—William Griffiths, of West Pittston, Lancaster county, the well-known mining engineer and geologist, will sail on August 1st for Southwest Alaska to explore and report for a company of American capitalists on the possibilities of the Matanuska coal fields being developed to supply the prospective great Pacific trade with coal for steam purposes. It is said that there is an immense vein of bituminous coal there and that it is of a superior quality.

—The large new saw mill of John E. Dun-Bols, at Hicks Run, started up the other day. The erection of the mill has been going on since spring and it has been made a very complete plant. There is approximately two hundred million feet of lumber to cut, fifteen to twenty million a year. There is probably no more complete plant, or one having the assurance of a longer run in the State, than the Hicks Run mill.

—Frank Vesig, of Shamokin, quarreled with his wife after he had received pay at a colliery, about the proper distribution of the coin. She wanted a certain amount and he would not give it to her. He finally said he would hurl his money in the Shamokin creek before he would submit. He went to the stream and threw about \$75 in the water. A big crowd of men and boys dragged the creek for the money. Several "bills" were recovered.

—John C. Eccleston, of Lewisburg, who is mentally unbalanced, was arrested shortly after midnight Friday morning at the White house for attempting to scale the high iron fence around the grounds, and insisting upon seeing the President, who is at Oyster Bay. He resisted arrest, and awed the officer on duty by pointing to a little green bag he carried and declared that it contained a powerful explosive and enough to blow up every policeman on earth.