

Ink Stings.

—Willie was a hunter bold
—Till he saw a bar
And then they say his feet got cold
And Willie ran so far
That he wound up on a precipice
Somewhere near Jackson's hoise
He'd never lived to tell us this
Had the bar not been so old
That it couldn't bite through Willie's hide
Because it was so tough
But there are marks in Willie's side
Where the bar put up its bluff.
—Bellefonte is getting the automobilists so bad that we fear a pending moratorium of sundry pocket-books.
—While England and France are making goo-goo eyes at each other what do you suppose Russia and Germany are thinking?
—Window glass is just one hundred per cent. higher now than it was last March. Many a man who needed a pane then will have a pain because he has to buy it now.
—What do you suppose is back of this French proposition to put thirteen months in the year. Can it be that they are running short of Christmas presents on the other side.
—Now it turns out that Mr. Secretary SHAW isn't going to resign from the Cabinet at all. Possibly he didn't hear the buzz of that presidential bee that he has been supposed to be listening for.
—If it be true that that Altoona gas corporation has been stealing seventy-five thousand gallons of water every day, for the past seven years, from the city's water mains, there is likely to be trouble that it will take more than gas to settle.
—The Pittsburgh woman who is suing her husband for divorce because he will not permit her to kiss him as much as she likes should have tried him out more thoroughly before she promised to take him "for better or for worse."
—The announcement that Japan's new census report shows that the population of the Island Empire has reached the fifty million mark is, of course, not made at this time to affect the peace negotiations. With such a population it would be possible for her to put an army of three million or more in the field.
—BARON KOMURA, the Japanese peace envoy, is said to have eighty trunks full of documents to read to M. WITTE, the Russian envoy. It is no wonder that WITTE is quoted as being in favor of a continuance of the war, but what a side partner KOMURA would have been for QUAY in those days in the United States Senate when he found it useful to take up all the time reading documents.
—What supervisor in Centre county is going to be the first to take advantage of the State's offer to pay seventy-five per cent of the cost of building good township roads? Some day all of our public highways will be made after modern methods and will be kept in the condition they should be and there will be great honor attached to the name of the man who was first to secure State roads for Centre county.
—The unique ordinance that is soon to be introduced into the city councils of Pasadena, Cal., requiring that the larvae of all roscars within the city limits shall be cut in order to prevent them from crowding and thus arousing the leisurely populace at an unseemly hour in the morning will be hailed with delight by many, but what of the roscer? How in the world is he to be taught to crowd with his toes when he needs every one of them to hold onto the fence rail that he must be perched upon before the inclination strikes him.
—The Republican press of the State is speaking very proudly of the fact that their party actually held "a white man's state convention in Virginia." O ho! Says the fox! Can this be the beginning of the divorcing of the negro vote in the south for political reasons? If it is we will watch with interest the attempts of the g. o. p. to unload the burden south of the Mason and Dixon line, yet still hold onto it to the north. That scheming organization has often been able to deal both from the top and bottom of the deck, but such a bold attempt as this would be scarcely go undetected by the colored population.
—THOMAS A. EDISON'S catastrophe at a summer resort hotel, a few days ago, will arouse the sympathy of the entire country. The wizard may be a wizard, indeed, when it comes to things electrical, but when he lost the game end of his trousers there was a condition that all the theorizing in the brain of a shrewd man could not surmount. Poor EDISON had but one pair of trousers with him and as there were no stores at the resort we presume he had to back out of the hotel when he started his ignominious retreat to home.
—Those who are concerned because there is no local political talk should be reassured by the conviction that it is only the calm before the storm. It is well not to start the fall campaign too soon for the public has no desire to get mixed up in a strenuous political fight before it is necessary, and then there is always the possibility of a campaign getting stale from over work. The Democrats have the ammunition for the fall, all right enough, but it had better be saved until later and then concentrated in a short, decisive fire that will completely route the extravagant office holders on the other side who are after a release of license to squander the county's money.

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Machins Will Stick to Plummer.

The unfitness of J. LEE PLUMMER for the office for which he was nominated by the recent Republican State convention is becoming so obvious that demands are coming from all sections of the State that he be taken off the ticket. His complete servility to the corrupt machine during the recent session of the Legislature is becoming generally known and in the absence of other reasons would be sufficient to turn all independent voters against him. But his prostitution of the powers of the office of chairman of the committee on appropriations is the gravest objection. That is a crime against decency that no honest man can condone.
But what's the use in taking him from the ticket and putting another like him in his place? The machine wants the graft from the treasury surplus and will no more consent to the election of an anti-machine Republican who would administer the office justly than it will to elect the Democratic candidate. That is the particular pain which goes into the pockets of the chief gangsters. They draw four per cent. on the twelve to fifteen millions and pay the State two. It is an easy matter to figure out what is left and that is the graft from this particular office. Does anybody imagine that it would be relinquished by nominating an honest man? Certainly not, and any man the gang will accept will be as bad as PLUMMER.
We don't say that there are not plenty of honest men the Republican party. On the contrary we know of many who would adorn the office and instantly stop the graft. But such a man would be of no possible use to the machine. It would not allow a man of this kind to be placed upon the ticket if PLUMMER was taken off. He would contribute in no way to paying for the expensive views of the gangsters and they are carrying enough dead weight already. The nominees for Judges of the Superior court and Justice of the Supreme court are of no use to them and they don't want any more of that kind. They realize a great disadvantage as compared with other years when ballot box stuffing was easy and political crimes common. But they have all to gain and little to lose and will stick to PLUMMER.
Rottenness in One Department.
New developments in the Department of Agriculture at Washington indicate that every bureau in that Department is rotten with corruption. At first it was believed that only the bureau of statistics was tainted and that only the cotton growers and wheat producers were harmed and a few brokers helped by the false reports issued. But it turns out that the bureau of animal industry is quite as bad, the bureau of fertilizing experiments nearly as bad and all the other bureaus more or less affected by the canker. In one or the other of these bureaus the interests of nearly every farmer of the country and most business men are concerned.
In the bureau of animal industry, for example, it had been arranged that the Beef trust concerns would be favored in the matter of inspection. Under the law no packer can sell the products of his business until it has been certified by an inspector appointed by the Department. The custom has been therefore to neglect, on one account or another to provide inspectors for concerns in competition with the trust until the trust product has been disposed of in a monopolized market. If the meat was fit for use afterward it was inspected and allowed to go out. Otherwise it was a dead loss to the packer and it is said that the Beef trust paid liberally for this preference.
In the bureau of fertilizing experiments the practice was a trifle different but quite as reprehensible. There a scientist who invented a solution recommended it as the only expedient for certain important purposes and as it could only be procured from a manufacturing establishment largely owned by his wife, he was in the enjoyment of quite a generous income from the operation. It is said that he would actually have become a millionaire in a very short time if the traffic had not been interfered with by prying investigators. Meantime the rather foolish old man who manages the Department expresses a sublime confidence in the crooks who have already resigned.
The Lock Haven Express says: Harry Winton, who took the place of John D. Hall as conductor on the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania between Bellefonte and Mill Hall, is rendering entire satisfaction to both the company and the traveling public. He is courteous and obliging and when it comes to hauling a big picnic he knows how to do it so as to avoid accidents or inconvenience to those who patronize the road. He is a very acceptable man for the place.
The postoffice at Pottery Mills will be closed on August 15th, after which residents in that neighborhood will be served by free rural delivery from Spring Mills.

One Fight this Year.

Leading Democrats of the State continue in the opinion, almost within the shadow of the reassembled convention, that the nomination of Justice STEWART, of Chambersburg, as the Democratic candidate for Supreme court justice will be good politics and wise policy. Senator JAMES K. P. HALL, chairman of the Democratic State committee, has expressed this view since his return from the West within a week and we notice that the party press is practically unanimous on the subject. We can see no reason for disagreeing with Senator HALL and our esteemed contemporaries. The nomination of Judge STEWART is entirely appropriate and eminently proper.
If the death of Justice DEAN had occurred before the meeting of the recent Republican State convention, Judge STEWART would neither have been appointed to the vacancy nor nominated for the succession by the Republican party. Some man of the type of PLUMMER with the machine brand indelibly stamped upon his forehead would have been chosen, or even the impossible and unspeakable PENNYPACKER might have been catapulted into the nomination. But Judge DEAN died about the time that the Philadelphia political revolution set in and STEWART was taken as a sort of olive branch to placate the decent element of the party. If elected he will be a judge rather than a partisan.
This concession to decency on the part of the Democratic party of the State must not be interpreted, however, as a surrender to even the reform false pretensions of the machine. It is made for the reason that non-partisanship on the bench has been the settled policy of the Democratic party of the State for years and the party leaders feel that there ought to be a concentration of party effort and Democratic vigor in the work of rescuing the State Treasury from the pirates who have been exploiting it so long. We have no fight on judicial candidates at all but we have a fight to the finish on the wretched machine controlled candidate of the Republicans for State Treasurer.
Mr. Niles Points the Way.
Mr. HENRY C. NILES, of York, recently president of the Pennsylvania bar association, has indicated his purpose with respect to voting next fall. Mr. NILES is a Republican but during the recent convention of the bar association at Bedford Springs, expressed detestation of the methods of the PENROSE machine to which we referred at the time. Last week he attended the county convention of his party and introduced a series of resolutions condemning not only the methods but the persons who employ them. He imagined he was expressing the sentiment of his party but found he was mistaken. His resolutions were overwhelmingly defeated.
But Mr. NILES didn't follow the example of Major BROWN, the Secretary of Internal affairs, who has recently revealed disappointment because he is not to be renominated. It will be remembered that Major BROWN denounced candidate PLUMMER, rebuffed in bitter epithets the influences which procured his nomination and finally wound up by declaring that he will do all in his power to elect the ticket this year, including PLUMMER. Mr. NILES didn't show that kind of politeness. On the contrary, the day after his party declared its adherence to the machine he announced his intention to repudiate its candidate and support the admirable nominee of the Democracy, Mr. W. H. BERRY.
This is not only the courageous but the intelligent course. If J. LEE PLUMMER is elected in November the take-off from the deposits in favored banks will form the nucleus of a fund which will restore the machine to power in Philadelphia within five years and keep it in control of the affairs of the State during the interval. It is absurd to be opposed to the machine and its methods and in favor of the election of PLUMMER, who is the sum and substance of all that is iniquitous in the machine. For that reason every intelligent independent Republican in the State will follow the example of Mr. NILES and vote for the excellent Democratic candidate.
The Peace Commissioners.
The peace commissioners representing Russia and Japan are now formally organized at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and will probably reach a satisfactory conclusion in the course of time. We are somewhat disappointed in the principal plenipotentiary from Russia, however. He has the reputation of being a statesman of the first rank and largest experience. But ever since his arrival in this country he has been chattering like a magpie. "Russia will not accept Japan's terms," he said on one occasion when he didn't know what Japan's terms are. "Russia should make preparations for continuing the war," he said on another occasion. Both statements ought to have been withheld.
In the first place Russia must have peace on any terms. If she is obliged to cede all the territory she owns outside of the origi-

Real Reform Within the Party.

From the Phila. Record.
It matters not what disguise the masqueraders of the Organization may put on, the gang will remain, as Secretary Root called it, a "corrupt and criminal combination." A pirate crew is still a pirate crew, though it impudently sails under the Stars and Stripes. Captain Penrose can no more deceive honest Republicans as to the character of his craft by donning the uniform of a reformer and going in for purgation of the polluted lists than he could by a hue and cry for ballot reform, personal registration and the repeal of the ripper. Nor will the accession of a few respectabilities as recruits and the retirement to the rear of a few exceptionally besmirched leaders avail to give a new character to the Organization. The stigma put on it by the Mayor's former counsel and now President Roosevelt's Secretary of State will stick.
It is a "corrupt and criminal combination" for plunder and never can be made over into anything else. If all the dirt should be washed out of it there would be nothing left. It is an insult to decent Republicans for this fraud to masquerade under the name of their party and to claim their allegiance as the regular party organization. They are in politics for what they can get out of it; and such men, as Secretary Bonaparte truly said, "belong to no party at all." Captain Kid with as much right could have claimed to be a regular naval officer.
There is only one way in which the Republican Organization can be reformed and that is in the manner outlined by the Republican voters of Chester and Lancaster counties—by building it up anew in fairly conducted and open primaries without the co-operation of the gang. And the way to get rid of the gang is to bury its State and county tickets under an avalanche of honest votes.
A Tired Diplomat.
From the Johnstown Democrat.
The nation will be depressed by the news from Europe to the effect that Loomis, acting, is very tired.
In a communication to the president it is stated that his arduous diplomatic labors in connection with the removal of the bones of John Paul Jones—if they were his bones—has so exhausted the great man that he is attempting any other detail of his mission he would be compelled to seek rest.
Yet it is hard to believe that Loomis, acting, is quite as tired as the American people. He has doubtless performed a trying mission and it often happens that so frequent and too liberal dining has the exhausting effect of which the ex-minister to Columbia complains. But the tired feeling which has overcome him is hardly to be mentioned in the same day with that of a man who has the people of the United States as suffering as a result of the spectacle they are made to present by the Roosevelt administration in doing special honors to a diplomat known to have used his official position in promoting dubious claims and in feathering his own nest.
However, if Loomis, acting, should become so tired that he could never get rest, it is believed the American people would feel no little relief.
A Pittsburgh Suggestion.
From the Pittsburgh Dispatch.
Machine politicians in Philadelphia are facing a serious situation. One by one they are being deprived of employment by Mayor Weaver and his administration, and since the State Machine cannot place all of them in paying positions they have nowhere to turn for help. What is to become of the question they cannot answer unless they decide to forego politics as a profession and get down to honest toil.
Manifestly the Mayor will be doing a wrong to himself and the people who so ungrudgingly give him their support if he retains in office one member of the organization that has disgraced the city and wasted its money. These men owe their first allegiance to the ward bosses, and they in turn to the leaders who have so long been in control of the situation. They have made the padding of pay-rolls and voting of Machine politics when conducted for private benefit. In public position they can continue their work and prove a valuable addition to the scattered ranks of the Machine. Once on the outside, with no favors to offer the followers they are without power of the kind that makes politics profitable.
Open Suggestions Wanted.
From the Clearfield Republican.
Before the commission recently appointed by Governor Pennypacker to erect the \$20,000 monument to the late Boss Quay agrees upon a design suggestions should be solicited from the people who are paying for the job. How would the figure of Quay look dressed in a blouse of the bourgeois, holding in one hand some of the bogus collateral placed in the State Treasury during the term of Amos C. Noyes, and in the other hand the pistol with which Casper Hopkins, of the Peoples' bank, took his own life? If the Quay statue is to be erected and allowed to stand in the Capitol grounds there should be something about it that will teach a moral lesson. Ex-Senator Cameron, of the commission, can easily dig up some of the bogus collateral and Dave Lane ought to be able to locate the Hopkins pistol.
Brown's Ingratitude.
From the Uniontown Genius of Liberty.
While the secretary of internal affairs, Isaac B. Brown, does not show a commendable degree of gratitude to the machine that has kept him in office for 20 years, he utters the solemn truth when he declares publicly that the present organization of the Republican party is a disgrace and should be replaced by a new and better one.
There are not many who will agree with his suggestion that he should be one of the candidates of the party when it shall have undergone the purifying process of rehabilitation or the sanctifying pangs of defeat. Old man Brown has been a creature and beneficiary of the machine for a score of years. It is about to fall to pieces and he knows it.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Bishop Eugene A. Garvey sailed from Rome, last Saturday, and should arrive at his home in Altoona tomorrow or early next week.
—Two suits, one for three cents and the other for eight cents, have been brought in York county by a turnpike company, against Charles E. Booker, for toll.
—The Granger's inter-state picnic and exhibition at Williams Grove will be held August 28th to September 2nd. Governor Pennypacker is on the program to be present and make a speech.
—Harrisburg is making elaborate arrangements to celebrate an "Old Home Week," October 1 to 7. Invitations have been sent all over the country to former residents, and a big time is expected.
—George Edward Reed, D. D., LL. D., president of Dickinson College, Carlisle, has been notified that the late Margaret Jones, of Baltimore, had given \$1,000 to the endowment fund of the college.
—Monday afternoon while City Treasurer E. M. Kauffman's back was turned a thief slipped into his office in city hall, Lancaster, and stole a box containing \$476.76 from the safe which was unlocked.
—The threatened strike on the part of the Shawmut Coal company miners employed at Byrnedale, Force, Elbon and Shawmut, which would have meant idleness for over 3,000 men, has been settled.
—W. H. Miller, aged about 25 years, employed as a farm hand by Alexander Sayers aged about 60 years, near New Bethlehem, Clarion county, was shot and almost instantly killed by his employer last Monday evening.
—Henry and William Schmidt, twin brothers of South Scranton, celebrated their seventh birthday on Saturday. They are carpenters and still follow their trade. They have been residents of the vicinity of Scranton fifty-one years.
—During a thunder storm that passed over the northern end of Fulton county the house of J. B. Welch, in Burns Cabins, was struck by lightning and both ends knocked out. The position is that two bolts struck the house at the same time.
—The growing of peanuts is an experiment with some farmers about Jersey Shore this season. Wherever the plants are growing they are reported as doing well so far. If the frost keeps off until late the prospect of a good crop is excellent.
—Miss Emma Vickory, of Windber, a victim of last week's wreck on the Somerset & Cambria branch of the Baltimore & Ohio, is dead as a result of her injuries received when she was hurled through the window of the car to the bottom of the river, 30 feet below.
—Major Alexander McDowell, clerk of the National House of Representatives, announced Thursday the successor to the late Henry Robinson, of Mercer, disbursing clerk of the House, will be Charles S. Hoyt, of New York. Mr. Hoyt has been Mr. Robinson's assistant for several years past.
—The Department of Fisheries has received word from the citizens of Union City, Erie county, that they have secured thirty-five acres of land at that place, which has been approved by Commissioner Mehan, as an auxiliary fish hatchery. This was authorized at the last session of the Legislature.
—The large frame barn owned by George Williams, at Belden, Bedford county, was struck by lightning during Sunday's thunder storm. It was damaged to the amount of about \$100. At Island Park, Wolfburg, a large chestnut oak tree was peeled from top to bottom by the lightning's stroke.
—Jacob Marts, a shoe merchant of Turtle Creek, has found his parents after twenty-three years of separation. When about 4 years of age Marts was kidnapped from his home by John Powell, a rejected suitor of the boy's mother. Powell kept the boy with him for years, until the child had forgotten his parents.
—Miss Cora Fernald, aged 22, of Altoona, suffered a nervous collapse last Thursday night, the effects of a severe toothache. She became so nervous on the dentist's chair that work had to be stopped on her teeth. Her condition became critical next morning and before a physician could be summoned she was dead.
—A fire caused by boys smoking cigarettes near a straw stack destroyed the barn, straw shed and three wagon beds of Henry Longenecker, near West Berwick, Wednesday night. Four cows and two calves perished in the flames, and the entire season's crops were destroyed. The loss is about \$1,000 partially covered by insurance.
—The heart of the Chestnut Ridge mountains, in Fayette county, is to be pierced by a steam railway, if the plans of the Pennsylvania Railroad company are carried out. It is proposed to run a sub-branch from the south-west branch at a point where Moyer and Coalbrook cross the lower portion of Bullskin township, the "Rich Hill" country on top of the ridge.
—Thomas Porter and sons, Stanford and Norman, of Flemington, Clinton county, while berrying on Bald Eagle mountain came across a four foot copperhead snake, which they saw in the act of swallowing small snakes. The reptile was killed, when to the surprise of the party about twenty-five small copperheads wriggled out of the body of the "mother snake" and were also dispatched.
—Mrs. Stratton, of Graham Station, who is almost 94 years old, has recently placed a quilt of a pattern called "The White House Steps," in red and white, and presented it to the Sheridan circle. The industrious old lady completed the picking of the quilt in about a week. The Circle Ladies proposed to quilt the patchwork, and send it to the old ladies' home at Darry Station for the use of the oldest old lady there.
—A goose 41 years of age is the curiosity reported from Fannettsburg, and it is certainly one of Franklin county's remarkable ones, says the Chambersburg Public Opinion. This venerable goose, however, is feeling the effects of age and can barely move about on its legs. It is owned by Crawford and Miss Anna Everett. The certainty of its age is accounted for from the fact that it made its appearance on the Everett farm the same year as did Crawford Everett.

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