

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

Ink Slings.

-One hard rain tears up more streets in Bellefonte than the Street committee can repair in a month.

-It might be possible that PENROSE will take the stump this fall. He thinks he runs everything else in Pennsylvania.

-Two finer bodies of men or better volenteer firemen will not be seen in the big parade in Philipsburg than our own Logans and Undines.

-The back-bone of summer wasn't really broken by the recent cool wave. Today we have reason to believe that it was only bent a little.

-Up to this time neither Russia nor Japan show an inclination to cause a flurry in the salt market by overloading the tail of the dove of peace.

-King Edward has dined twenty thous and persons during the past year and poor JOHN ROCKEFELLER can't dine himselfbecause his stomach is so bad.

-Political gossip has it that General JAMES A. BEAVER is to be chief adviser and leader of the Republican campaign in this county this fall.

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-The hot weather has nothing to do with the smell of scandal that is coming up from the canal zone just now. They have hot weather in Panama all the time.

-The Milwankee owner of a flat who has offered to give a months rent free for every baby born in the apartments is evidently in training for the Presidency.

-Expenses are piling up on the borough. Yesterday two booze artists had to be hauled to the lockup in a dray wagon. Couldn't these fellows be persuaded to walk until we get some of our other bills paid.

-"'It is no disgrace to wash windows or s weep a floor. The disgrace comes when it is done poorly," says BOOKER T. WASH-I NGTON, the greatest colored man living. How true and yet how many of both races who fail to see it that way.

-If we were to act upon Justice BREW-ER's suggestion to make a woman President of the United States who would keep the lions from over-running the Rocky mountain countries and the fish from crowding the water out of Oyster bay.

-The good people of Chester county having subscribed \$50,000 to defeat the ruling machine in that district and then, forth with, announced that no part of the fund is to be spent for liquor or buying votes, it remains to be seen what kind of a campaign they will conduct.

-Mr. SWARTZ, the Republican aspirant for Treasurer, must think he carries Walker township in his vest pocket. At the meeting of their candidates held in this place on Saturday he said : There are just sixtynine Republicans in Walker township and will poll every one of them for my fellow candidates.



## **BELLEFONTE, PA., AUG. 25, 1905.**

Elkin a Candidate for Governor, That JOHN P. ELKIN still cherishes an ambition to occupy the Executive mansion at Harrisburg scarcely admits of a doubt. That he was put on the bench for the purpose of extinguishing this flame is beyond

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question. For some reason QUAY had set his face against ELKIN'S desire in this respect. Men differ as to the cause of this fact. For many years ELKIN had been QUAY'S most servile tool and QUAY en-

couraged his gubernatorial aspirations. But suddenly he faced about and candidly told

the "plow boy" that he couldn't have the place. Some say that it was because ELKIN was counsel for the Wabash railroad and others that it was for the reason that while Attorney General be was wolfish in demanding favors from the Pennsylvania railroad. In any event the Pennsylvania railroad was against ELKIN and as lobbyist for that corporation QUAY was obliged to turn him down. He said it was because ELKIN'S record was so bad that the party couldn't hope to win with him as the candidate. But nebody ever took QUAY believe him on oath.

Whatever the reasons were that influenced QUAY to oppose ELKIN the methods he invoked against him created sympathy for the "plow-boy." He had hosts of friends among the practical politicians. They ad-

mired his lack of conscience and his nerve. While Attorney General of the State, supposed to be counsel for the Commonwealth in all litigation against corporations, he stood in the corridor of the Lochiel hotel, Harrisburg, openly handing out railroad

passes to political workers. No other Attorney General in the State had ever accepted even a personal pass on any railroad, probably. It implied compromise with the corporation extending the favor and under the constitution was a crime. But ELKIN didn't mind that. He not only demanded passes for himself but for all his

friends and taxed the Pennsylvania railroad for such favors to such an extent that its officers declared he should not be made Governor and compelled QUAY to search for another candidate. The fact that be was counsel for the Wabash was the osten-

sible reason, but the fear of confiscation was the real canse. But ELKIN proposes to be Governor yet

and the interview of Governor STONE pub- for the Republican judicial candidates with lished in the papers of last Sunday is a the fidelity of former years. But they have practical a unouncement of the fact. Upon repudiated the Republican machine and its the death of QUAY, PENROSE succeeded atrocious candidate for State Treasurer and

He would have named a candidate for the bench and made an issue of the Judgeship. Now the issue is for State Treasurer on one side and clean politics on the other." In other words, through PENROSE's cowardice a man who is practically a Democrat was first appointed and subsequently nominated for Justice and the Democrats having adopted him there is no chance to make an issue that will interest the Standard Oil company or other monopolies.

## Politics in Chester County.

The political revolution in Chester county is one of the marvels of the period. As we have stated in the past the most safely entrenched local machine in the State was that in Chester county. Nobody ventured to dispute its power. No one dreamed of questioning its omnipotence. LARRY EYRE was literally the whole thing. What he said was the law of the party, the official pronouncement of the machine. But all of a sudden the conditions changed. With miraculous rapidity an opposing force appeared and developed. At first LARRY literally. In other words, few people would laughed at such temerity. It appeared to him absurd and he said so with characteristic politeness and emphasis. But it remained.

Last week Mr. EYRE offered to compromise with the strange force which had invaded his political preserve. Just think of it. LARRY EYRE, who had been since "time out of mind" accustomed to order things as he felt inclined forced to compromise. If the offer had been accepted it would have been strange enough. But as a matter of fact it was rejected contemptuously and notice served on Mr. EYRE that unconditional surrender was his only alternative. He basn't quite brought bimself. to accept such a fate as yet but he will. He is too wise to throw himself into a threshing machine and he might as well do that as to refuse to surrender. In other words. if he doesn't obey he will be crushed.

This condition in Chester county is simply an expansion of the political revolution in Philadelphia and before three months have elapsed it will have spread nearly all over the State. The iniquities of the Republican machine have actually become unendurable to decent men and they are determined to overthrow it. In Chester county the Republicans will vote Berry Makes Good Impression,

In the political history of Pennsylvania no man has ever made a more profound impression than William H. Berry, the Democratic nomince for State Treasurer, cratic Senators and representatives who dispose of public offices for a monetary conin so brief a period. Mr. Berry was little known outside of his own neighborhood sideration; that it is not the fault of Demotwo years ago. There he was favorably cratic office holders that such catastrophies as the Slocum horror or the Bennington disaster occurred; that it does not hold in regarded as a citizen of high character and splendid ability, who had acquired a the Senate for political purposes the Mor-mon Smoot; that the trail of "graft" thorough understanding of business and a stretching through the postoffices, interior, agricultural and printing departments of the government, is not worn smooth by the feet of its faithful; that Democrats are not fair measure of prosperity. He was a Democrat in politics and faithful to his political and civic obligations, but was not a politician. Last February he was nominated for Mayor of Chester, the city in which he lives, and was formally introduced into politics.

Chester is a city with a large Republican majority, more than two to one. A Democratic nomination in that city was not an enticing thing. Ordinarily it meant a good deal of trouble, some expense and a rather humiliating defeat. But Mr. BERRY accepted the burdens, the obligations and the responsibilities. He didn't want the office. In fact he would much rather have put another in his place. But the people of Chester wanted a Mayor of his type and he was elected. Then people began wondering what manner of man could achieve such a victory. Before he was in office three months the papers were publishing things about him because he had turned the town inside out.

body will be disappointed in his work. If Black Corruption or Common Decency. he is elected the needed reforms will fol- From the Pittsburg Leader (Rep.)

low as certain as fate.

-The last day for registering voters will be September 7th. Don't forget this those who are anxious to help purge the State of machine domination next fall.

The Pleasures of Automobiling. Bellefonte has now five owners of auto-

gine of your machine; or get stuck on a lit-

-The literary world has suffered a loss

of it, and with a number of strong com-

panies to operate the same, a new stimulus

perity will consequently be the result.

ed by Japan, but positively refuses to pay

an indemnity; either in such a form or

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possible. Under their guidance, the De-mooracy has been inspired to cast partisian-ship aside, to name candidates represent-ing the loftiest principles and to, provide means whereby all honest citizens may co-operate to secure good government and to borrow the Rooseveltian phrase, "a square deal for every men ?" It now remains only deal for every man." It now remains only with a total of eight machines, and for the independent elements to take ad vantage of the opportunity offered them in if all reports are correct there are still more order to insure a triumph for the reform if his power had not been broken. But he BERRY and for county offices they will to follow. It looks very nice to sit idly cause as memorable in its way as that and see a crowd go speeding by at the rate achieved in 1883, when Robert E. Pattison was elected Governor. That these ele-ments will respond as the emergency deof twenty miles an hour and upwards, but -Thursday, Sept. 7th, will be the last that is only the pleasant side of an autoist's mands is hardly to be doubted. The issue day on which you can register if you want life. The public have not yet been taken between black corruption and common deinto confidence as to the other side. The cency is too plain to be ignored.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-There are two cases of small pox in Williamsburg, Blair county.

-An eel 44 inches in length, which made a meal for 9 persons, was caught in the Maiden creek, Berks county, by Dr. John B. Musser of Reading.

-Mrs. Jeremiah Yeakel, of Hughesville, is the owner of two turkey hens that have made a record as layers, having for this season a credit of 165 eggs, besides hatching 50 young turkeys.

-G. M. Greely, an expert electrician of Philadelphia, was electrocuted at Indiana, Pa., a few days ago while making an inspection of some work there by coming in contact with a live wire.

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Cause for Congratulation.

The Democratic party can congratulate

itself that none of its representatives in high places are under indictment or sentence

for malfeasance in office: that it is not Demo-

In Regard to Plummer.

Mr. Plummer represents that which is most offensive and iniquitous in the odious

Machine. During the last session of the

Legislature he was the instrument through

which the Machine managers prostituted the beneficence of the State into a source of

graft and a medium of bribery. He sup-ported the infamous Publ bill and other measures intended to promote vice and pro-tect orime, including the Philadelphia "Pinzer?"

in control of the party organization there is no reason why he should decline.

The Machine is in hard lines this year.

The reform movement in Philadelphia will

cut at least 100,000 from the aggregate vote of the party in that city alone. The reform

movement outside the city as expressed by Mr. Niles, of York, and Major Brown, of

Harrisburg, will take another 100,000 from the total. These things mean tolerably certain defeat, and defeat to Plummer means obliteration. But withdrawal means

the same. It is a confession of guilt and a certain consignment to disgraceful and dis-

But so long as the Machine is

From the Wilkes-Barre News.

'Ripper."

honored oblivion

From the Poughkeepsie News-Press.

-Fire, Sunday morning, totally destroyed the plant of the New Castle Forge and Belt company, at New Castle, throwing six hun. dred men out of employment. The loss is placed at \$100.000.

-Ethel Vandersloot, of York, who has not walked a step in twelve years, Sunday morning got out of bed and walked around al most as well as anybody. For six years she had not been out of doors and physicians had given her case up as helpless.

-- Experiments conducted in Lancaster coun ty by the State Department of Agriculture in the growing of Sumatra tobacco under cover have resulted in the production of a leaf that equals in quality the famed product of the East India island.

-Fred R. Bartles, supervisor of the Beech Creek division of the New York Central railroad, with headquarters at Clearfield, recently received an appointment as assistant engineer on the Panama canal, with offices in the city of Panama. He at once tendered his resignation and left for Panama last Thursday.

-Adam Heiler, a farmer of Fairview township, near Goldsboro, Pa., has proved that he is one of the legal heirs of Jacob Heighler, the California millionaire, who left an estate of \$4,000,000 when he died a short time ago on the Pacific coast. Heiler will receive a half million as his share of the estate, which will be divided by the California courts early in September.

-Deer is more plentiful in Pennsylvania than they have been for many years, according to the reports to the State game commissioner. Some of the game wardens report deer in localities where there have been none of those animals for many years. The reports also indicate a large abundance of wild turkeys and pheasants, and an unusually small quantity of quail.

-The first human footprint ever found in anthracite coal was uncovered by Michael Sincavage, a miner at Eagle Hill colliery. Thursday, the fossil being a man's footprint. Fossils of snakes, ferns, etc., have been plentiful, but this is the first evidence that prehistoric man was in existence in this country during the formation of the coal beds. The print, it is estimated, must have been made 10,000 years ago.

-The appeal taken from the county audi-The leaders of the Democracy cannot be too strongly commended for the spirit which they have shown in making this possible. Under their guidance, the Detors' settlement by the taxpayers of Clearfield county relative to the expenditure of alleged exorbitant sums for lightning rods and the painting and repairs of county buildings by the ex-board of county commissioners, Charles Cole, Henry Deim and W. C. Davis, will not be filed. The ex-commissioners last week agreed to refund to the county \$2,500 and pay the costs. The case has been hang-

figuring either conspicuously or at all in land-grabbing schemes, in rakeoffs on army uniforms, in all the little and great scandals that have marked the national adminis-tration since the 4th of March, 1897. The Democratic party can congratulate itself that its last two federal administrations. were honest and clean and decent. It can congratulate itself that the very name Democracy stands in state and nation a synonym for decency.

Thus BERRY drew public attention to ward him and when the Democrats of the State were looking about for an available candidate for State Treasurer, they turned their eyes in his direction. He was just the sort of fellow that was needed. He has intelligence, integrity and courage. Public affairs in the State are just in the condition that he found them in Chester and it was concluded to invite him to extend his reform work. In other words, he was unanimously nominated and his first speech in the campaign indicates that no-

-The honest though somewhat ambiguous, admission of the Gazette that it would it could only get a little of the borough watch the next statement of the county commissioners and you will discover why it is not "hollering" about the reckless use of county funds in that office.

-We certainly need war or something else to keep our army officers busy, if idleness is likely to give them all a mania for pinching the legs of their fellow officers wives. This TAGGART-MINER scandal is about as nasty an affair as has come to light in years and for the good of the army and the honor of the army women the whole nest of them ought to be court martialed.

-It took considerable talking to make the Prohibition convention understand that the only way their party can hope to accomplish any good in Pennsylvania is by joining forces with the best element of either of the two leading parties. In this case the endorsement of BERRY, for State Treasurer, was the best thing the Prohibitionists could have done, though it was to be expected that those of them whose fanaticism gets the better of reason would undertake to vote the endorsement proposition down. The same reason that prompted the Democrats to nominate Judge STEWART was sufficient to warrant the Prohibitionists in placing Mr. BERRY on their ticket.

-The Gazette's attempt to excuse Mr. SWARTZ for circulating an untrathful story about Dr. WHITE, the Democratic nominee for Treasurer, places it in the same class with the candidate whom it espouses. The WATCHMAN last week said that Mr. SWARTZ has been trying to make argument for himself by saying that, if elected, Dr. WHITE will not give his personal atten- blames PENROSE for the present demoraliztion to the office. In the first place such a ed condition of the party in the State and statement is too silly for a reasonable per- inferentially admit that the chances are son to believe, for the reason that no man would give the amount of bond that is required of a County Treasurer and then fail feated at the coming election. "PENROSE in giving the office his personal oversight. But laying this aside we charge both the Gazette and Mr. SWARTZ with untruth- STONE continued, but he sharply refused fulness in even intimating that Dr. WHITE to say that in his opinion PENROSE'S work does not intend giving his office all the on the stump would prove effective. time that it requires for a careful and conscientious administration of its affairs. He is going to be the next Treasurer of tained in this thrust between the PENROSE Centre county and all the lying that can ribs. "If QUAY had been alive," he said, it.

him as Pennsylvania lobbyist and he could have been depended upon to oppose ELKIN Treasurer they will vote for WILLIAM H.

doesn't count now. He is a "dead duck support a fusion ticket. n ot "holler" about the borough council if in the pit," and the ELKIN followers will brush him aside with the facility that a printing is delightfully refreshing. Just Kansas cyclone would remove a pile of straw in its course. The Pennsylvania railroad is a potent force, however, and it is possible that it will be able to defeat the Judge's ambition. In any event the ma-

chine candidate will be a corporation servitor. We bardly think it will be ELKIN and adopted a resolution pledging itself to and it is not likely to be WATRES, whose corrupt bargain with QUAY at the time of PENNYPACKER's nomination lost him all a monk would be,". and the Philadelphia the friends he had among decent people. But it can be set down as a certainty that ELKIN is a candidate and that every corrupt influence which made the STONE administration of the office of Governor odious about 80,000 names improperly registered. will be for him.

## Governor Stone's Opinions.

## Former Goverbor WILLIAM A. STONE has given his impressions of present political conditions to the public through a newspaper interview and they are more or ess interesting. Governor STONE is a rather interesting person. Course he is, and he knows as little as the sum of human

understanding is measured in this period of educational advancement. But he was for years one of the most servile and obedient emissaries of QUAY and through long association with that conspirator acquired some familiarity with the tricks of political chicanery. Because of this mental equipment, if it may be so called, his opinions on political questions may be regarded as of some value.

Obviously the former Governor cherishes up against Senator PENROSE some of the en mity which was created when QUAY by "some mysterious force converted a majori ty for ELKIN into a majority for PEN-NYPACKER over night." In other words, he that the Republican candidate for State Treasurer, J. LEE PLUMMER, will be demust take the stump as QUAY did in 1900 when the party was in danger," Governor

The most significant of all former Governor STONE's statements, however, is conbe done about him won't keep him from "he never would have permitted the Demo-

crats to nominate STEWART for Justice. before Thursday, Sept. 7th.

the local ticket of the EYRE machine. For

to vote in the fall hard-luck stories are only swapped when machine owners get together, but even then

Dave Lane's Independent Assurance

The Republican campaign committee of Philadelphia has made a virtue of necessity assist in the work of purging the registry lists. "When the devil was sick the devil Republican machine is a very sick devil. The police canvass of the city showed 60,-000 bogus names on the registry. The canvass of the Citizen's committee revealed Both were bad showings and the machine concluded that it would better pretend to favor improvement. The resolutions are the outcome of this determination.

tle up grade just when you're trying to Singularly enough the resolutions were show off; or go out for a little trip of introduced by DAVID H. LANE, a profespleasure and come home so covered with sional politician and as corrupt a manager dust and dirt you resemble a knight of the as ever stuffed a ballot box. Two years road. All the above and much more has ago LANE publicly advised policemen and been the experience of Bellefonte machine other employees of the city to stuff ballot boxes. Other men of his wretched type owners and yet they are enthusiastic auhave encouraged such work in a quiet way. But LANE came out boldly and told them not only that they were expected to proin the death of Mrs. MARY MAPES DODGE, vide fraudulent votes but that they were which occurred at Ontario Park in the obliged to and that any of them who failed Catskills, last Monday. Few writers have to poll five votes would be discharged from been successful from the start as was she the service of the city. This is a matter of in her first literary venture, the "Irvington public record.

Stories," a collection of tales for children. Yet DAVE LANE had the supreme as-Ever since her writings have been eagerly surance, the sublime impudence to insought for and as editor-in-chief of ST. troduce a resolution pledging the machine of which he is a putrid part to help purify the elections.

He ought to be scourged for his insult to public intelligence. Every man in the city with the under-

standing of a dog knows that DAVE LANE doesn't favor honest elections. Every man knows that he has promoted frands every year of his mature life and that before he grew rich from the plunder of municipal corruption he actually perpetrated them.

That being true he will fool no one with his reform false pretenses. He won't even deceive himself.

disguised under any other name. It is -The business men's picnic now be now up to Japan to recede from her position ing a thing of the past the next big time or order OYAMA to proceed for another will be the big Centre County Fair. Russian position.

-Besure to have yourself registered

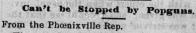
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The Clear Issue. From the Phila. Record.

some leak out. Of course it is not pleasant to stick on the road miles from home The Democrats of Pennsylvania have and have to be hauled in by that despised now put it up to the members of all the animal, the horse; or to break a chain in desire to co-operate in a combined assaul other parties in Rennsylvania whether they the middle of a very dark night; or run upon graft.

into a telegraph pole; or push your ma-There are 400,000 Democratic votes that chine over muddy roads a half mile up a may be counted upon as sure to be cast for John Stewart to keep the Supreme court mountain; or while going along at a twen- of the State sweet, clean and free from rety-five mile clip at 11 o'clock at night to proach; to put an honest, God-fearing man suddenly plunge into a mud hole over axle in the control of the State Treasury and to deep and have to trot around a mile or so help dig the grave or political correction in the management of State and municipal help dig the grave of political corruption and wake up an old farmer to get a horse to affairs. pull you out; or ford a stream where the

It is no time to act upon questions of water is so deep it sizzles around the en. Federal politics or to sit in judgment on the motives of men who ally themselves with the movement for civic sanitation. "For graft" or "against graft" is the only issue.



The revolt of the Republican party in Chester county and in the State has become too formidable to be stopped by pop-Injunctions failed to save Du and McNichol in Philadelphia; and the opinions of shrewd lawyers will be similarly ineffective in Chester county. The primal doctrine of human rights is too important to be turned aside by pettifogging arts

The Focht Brand of Reform.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent. The Hon. Benjamin Focht, author of the razzle-dazzle official ballot, comes to the NICHOLAS she has made glad the hearts of thousands of children. tor was simply a refinement upon crude Machine methods. The Hon. Benjamin is -----Philipsburg anticipates big things from the new coal developments on the One a reformer with much of the Heathen Mile run. The coal is of splendid quality, Chinee propensity for cheating and deception. the veins are thick and there is a large body

> Will Listen When it "Hollers." From the Paoli (Md) News.

must of necessity be given the mining interests of that community, and greater prosatters say that they will put on a stamp tax to meet the deficit instead of adjusting -Russia will concede every point claimthe tariff to a revenue basis. If they do the country will listen when the old Dem-ocratic party hollers.

> -At their festival, Saturday night, the Milesburg base ball team cleared forty dollars, enough to pay for their uniforms and a few other slight obligations. So far seven games, winning five of them.

-R. M. Bailey, at one time president of the

Central Pennsylvania, Telephone company, before it became merged with the Pennsylvania Telephone company, died at his home in Williamsport, Sunday at noon. The deceased was well known in this locality and was at one time an operator for the Pennsylvania railroad at Tyrone. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the body being taken to Milton for interment.

-The Renovo News is responsible for the following: Frank J. Steel entertained a few friends at the Crescent club house on the North side mountains Sunday. Breakfast was served the party, the principal dish being fried rattlesnake, prepared in a tempting manner by Grant Ginter. The snake repast was greatly enjoyed by the gentlemen, and some being epicurean in their tastes, their judgment in the matter of rattlesnake as a food will have to be accepted as final.

-By a deal completed within the last few days 3,000 acres of coal lands, said to be the richest in the bituminous regions, has been bought by J.L. Mitchell and Rembrandt Peale. of Philadelphia, from the Kennedy Coal and Coke company at Thomas mills, 10 miles from Johnstown. In this tract there are 3,000 acres and the price paid by the purchasers was \$600,000. J. Blair Kenderly, of Philadelphia, and others have purchased the property of the Valley Stone and Coal company of Johnstown, dealers in coal. The latter tract comprises 800 acres and brought \$450,000.

-The greatest engineering feat in the State is said to be the stripping of the surface from the Mammoth, the biggest vein of anthracite coal in existence, by the St. Clair Coal company. This vein covers an area 800 feet wide by one and one-half miles in length. Four large steam shovels, weighing seventy-five to eighty tons each, are scooping off the surface at the rate of 52,000 square yards of stone and dirt a month. The work is being pushed day and night, with the aid of electricity, and the explosives are also touched off by electricity. The work is on a scale, engineers say, which is excelled only by that of the Panama canal. The cost of the work, which is being done by a Philadelphia company, will be \$1,500,00.

-No applicant will be considered for appointment on the State police force by Capt. John C.Groome, superintendent, whose height is less than 5 feet 6 inches without shoes. Maybe the Democratic party has struck Capt. Groome has also decided that each applicant shall pass a mental and physical examination, must be a citizen of the United States, of sound constitution, able to ride, of good moral character and between the ages of 21 and 41 years. Applicants with military or naval experience will be given preference over all others and each applicant will be required to sign a blank, giving his name and address, age, height, place of birth, occupation, whether he is married or single and whether he has had previous military or nathis season the Milesburg team has played val service. Several Bellefonters are applicants for appointments on the force.