

Ink Stings.

—Resign, if you want to, Mr. SHONTS. There are others.

—If there is to be an ice famine in Bellefonte let us all keep cool till it comes.

—And Gen. MILES declared several years ago just what the President is finding out today.

—If ROOSEVELT is with the State machine that means that all the postmasters of the State are there also.

—The Democratic convention on Tuesday was so harmonious that it can't help meaning a Democratic victory in the fall.

—If Mormon SMOOR is kicked out of the Senate it will hardly be the simple life for him; for few men with only one wife know what the simple life is.

—Watch the State College cadets and the Bellefonte girls get busy after the parade today. Next to a soda water sign brass buttons get the girls every time.

—Col. JOHN A. DALEY was with us on Tuesday, but he didn't see anybody treated as contemptible as he had been a few weeks previous in the convention of his own party.

—Today will be a notable one in Bellefonte. And that reminds us that Bellefonte will have to begin training up hereafter else we will soon be known as a town of buried treasures.

—The last of the old fashioned Democratic county conventions was held on Tuesday. Hereafter they will merely be gatherings to elect conferees, delegates and ratify the tickets.

—The Galkwar of Baroda was in Philadelphia the other day and judging from the fuss that was made over him he must be pretty near as big a scout as his home as SAM SALTER is in the city of Brotherly Love.

—Capt. FRYBERGER has nothing on JOHN NOLL. Both are old soldiers and both very nice gentlemen, but Mr. NOLL is the better fitted to represent this county in the Legislature, besides he is entitled to a second term.

—The recent discovery that the Egyptians used incubators for hatching eggs hundreds of years ago and the finding of a perfectly formed egg imbedded in a coal vein near Wilkesbarre reminds us that we are not such smarties after all.

—San Francisco can't be so hard up after all. One of the banks of that city has just loaned a million dollars at four per cent. in New York. We were carrying coals to New Castle when we were raising that earthquake relief fund.

—That snake pump racket of curing people of snake-bite will never supersede the good old antidote from the rye fields; a bottle being so much handier to carry than a pump. Besides, it can be used even in the event a bite doesn't materialize.

—Senator BURTON has resigned from the United States Senate in order to fill a six months engagement he has in a Federal prison. If such unpleasantness continue we will have to have an amendment to the constitution making the two offices compatible.

—The self-destruction of the anarchists who threw the bomb at the King and Queen of Spain last week, killing and maiming so many, is a fitting sequel to a dastardly offense. The party is that all anarchists do not remove themselves from the face of the earth.

—Let us see! Wasn't it this same man EDWIN S. STUART whom the Republicans have called to be the MOSES who was the mayor of Philadelphia during one of the rottenest and most corrupt regimes that city ever had. Candor compels us to admit that it is the same man.

—The death of Hon. ARTHUR PUE GORMAN, the senior Senator from Maryland, removes one of the most striking political figures of his time. He was a Democrat and statesman of national repute and his passing leaves the politics of the county minus one of its most puissant elements.

—In view of the recent horror in Madrid public attention is being called to the need of combatting anarchism. Has it ever occurred to any of the agitators that the only possible way of coping with anarchism is through a just and equitable form of government for all. One that will bring neither oppression nor restlessness to the masses and one that will truly have favors for none and equal rights for all.

—The Rochester, Pa., priest who has started a crusade against the "peek-a-boo" shirt waists worn by the women of his congregation will probably not add much to his popularity but he will be contributing greatly to the cause of feminine modesty, which is the dearest virtue a woman can have. As SAM JONES once said: "If the good Lord had intended women to go half naked he would have provided them with a coat of feathers."

—Several weeks ago the WATCHMAN made public inquiry as to what had become of ALICE and NICK. They evidently learned of our anxiety about them for they turned up in New York on Friday and NICK gave the following bit of advice to bachelors: "Get married; it's the only real life. I get happier all the time." That sounds good now, but wait until he has to walk the floor a few nights with something in his arms that even soothing syrup won't quiet then some of us other fellows will begin to take notice of his remarks.

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Nobody Knows Why.

The LINCOLN Republicans nominated an excellent ticket and adopted an admirable platform in their convention in Philadelphia last week but they revealed a surprising measure of inconsistency. That is to say, they declared in favor of legislation providing for a referendum in the matter of franchises, permitting the electric railways to carry freight, limiting the charge for carrying passengers to two cents a mile and the abolition of restrictions and deposits, the employment of the surplus in the treasury in road improvements and other public works, the return to local treasuries of a more equitable proportion of the personal property tax and the payment of the school appropriation. Yet they failed to nominate for any office, the original, consistent and capable champion of those things, Hon. WILLIAM T. CREAMY.

If Mr. CREAMY had not been already nominated by one of the parties professing belief in such policies, the incident would not appear so singular. It might then be said that being a Democrat he was not thought of by the convention in that connection. But he is not a Prohibitionist yet the convention of that party, having in mind the achievement of results rather than the cultivation of party prejudices, selected him as the logical candidate for Auditor General. No man in the broad Commonwealth represents so completely these essential reforms. No man has advocated them so long and assiduously. No doubt Major MERRICK will come to the support of them and it is possible that he already is in sympathy with them. But he has not publicly indicated the fact yet and his support of ELKIN for the nomination four years ago casts a shadow over the question.

But there can be no doubt about the attitude of Mr. CREAMY. His record is an open book and so palpable that he who runs may read. He hasn't been affiliated with the Republican party, it is true, but those propositions have not been a part of the Republican creed in the past and neither have any of the policies which are to be determined by the coming election. To be consistent, therefore, the LINCOLN party convention ought to have nominated Mr. CREAMY and thus subordinating party prejudices to the public good they would have acquired the right of asking the supporters of good government of every shade of political faith to join them in an effort for political regeneration and the rescue of the State from the hands of the spoliators who have been looting it. In this obvious duty they failed but nobody knows why.

A Choice of Evil.

Dr. WARREN, pure food commissioner, is proceeding with his examinations of liquors, notwithstanding the court decision denying his right to exercise such power. His agents are now collecting specimens in various parts of the State which are being forwarded to West Chester, where he has his laboratories. His purpose in this defiance of the courts is variously interpreted. The latest conjecture is that he is working in connection with the agricultural department of the federal government and that the information he gains will be used in influencing Congress toward pure food legislation.

We have no inclination to encourage the inquisitorial methods which have been pursued by Dr. WARREN, at least in some instances. Such things are subversive of personal liberty and dangerous to good order. But there ought to be some legal method of preventing the adulteration of foods, especially when poisonous ingredients are used in the process. The health of the community is a matter of greater concern than the wealth of an individual, and in the sale of adulterated foods the wealth of the individual is the matter considered.

The condition of the packing houses in the western cities in which that industry is cultivated should admonish the public against impure foods and temper the objection to necessary inquiries on the subject. None of us like to have others interfering with our affairs. But sometimes a little interference of that kind is for our own good and we should be lenient in condemning it. The State Legislatures should conduct such examinations if they are conducted at all. It is not within the province of the federal government. But if we refuse to allow the State authorities to act the federal government is likely to usurp the power.

—Where was EDWIN S. STUART in the great reform fight of last fall? He was silent as a sphinx. Nothing could induce him to make an expression and he was believed to be secretly in sympathy with the gang. He is not the kind of man good people require for Governor of this State.

The Ticket of the Bosses.

For Governor—Edwin S. Stuart, of Philadelphia. For Lieutenant Governor—Robert S. Murphy, of Cambria. For Auditor General—Robt. K. Young, of Tioga.

For Secretary of Internal Affairs—Henry Honck, of Lebanon. This is the ticket dictated by Senator BOISE PENROSE and his discredited machine following, at Harrisburg on Wednesday last.

It ought to be easy and hopeful sailing for the Democrats of Pennsylvania from this until a Democratic victory is won on the 6th of November. Had the Republican State convention tried to encourage the Democracy of the State and disgust the better class of its own voters with its subserviency to the dictates of its old bosses, it could not have done it more effectually than it did on Wednesday. From first to last it put itself openly, admittedly, and shamelessly in the power of the very bosses that it has made such loud professions of repudiating, and when its work was ended the old machine gang, against whose rule the people had voted so overwhelmingly last, fall had everything it demanded, everything it wanted and a firmer grip upon the Republican organization of the State—its nominees and its control—than it ever had before.

Believing it would deceive the people it put up a ticket of fairly reputable men—men whose reputation for personal honesty and social respectability no one will question. But when this is said of them the catalogue of their qualifications, strength and usefulness is given in full. From ex-mayor STUART, who heads the ticket, to Professor HOUCK, who ornaments it as the tail, there is not a positive, aggressive, courageous man upon it; not one who will refuse to take orders from the bosses or who cannot be used by Senator PENROSE and his gang of Philadelphia heeled just as he desires and their needs demand.

In platform is a string of promises made solely for the purpose of catching those who are political gudgeons enough to accept them seriously.

There is not a single reform they now promise that the leaders, representatives and dictators, of that party have not placed themselves on record as being opposed to. For thirty-two years they have controlled the law making power of the State, and not one of all the propositions of reform they now make have they ever attempted to enact into legislation, there is not one that they could not have enforced at any time, nor is there one that they seriously purpose giving the people?

And the people know and understand this. It is not the bosses year, and eleventh hour conversions, or dying bed professions are not going to rehabilitate the old gang with power.

Issues of the Campaign.

The obvious purpose of the Republican machine is to force national issues into the impending gubernatorial campaign. The Congressional election will be made not only the excuse for this but the agency through which it may be achieved. The Senators to be elected will hold over to participate in the election of a United States Senator during the session of 1909. But in view of the fact that half the Senators and all the Representatives in the Legislature will be elected in 1908, that is of little consequence.

The tariff must be saved, however, and to achieve that result voters of Republican proclivities must support every candidate on that ticket, from Jury Commissioner up to the top. They will be told that this is essential, because when President CLEVELAND was in office last some tariff schedules were cornered and the country went to the "demonition bow wows." The tariff legislation had nothing to do with the matter, of course, but it served the purpose of a MORGAN until after the following election and is still doing duty. This year it will be worked harder than usual.

The Governor of Pennsylvania has nothing to do with the tariff and the political complexion of the Lieutenant Governor, Auditor General and the Secretary of Internal Affairs is equally without influence. The issue in the campaign, like that of last year, is the political regeneration of the State, the integrity of the public life of the Commonwealth. The election of WILLIAM H. BERRY last fall didn't affect the tariff in the least. But it caused a house-cleaning in that department and a similar improvement should be made in the others.

—Last Wednesday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. John S. Walker and their son Robert, Miss Jane McCalmont and Miss Anna Shortlidge took a trip by auto to Jersey Shore. They went by way of Nittany and the river road from Look Haven returning by way of Oak Grove and the Bald Eagle valley, and report having had a most delightful trip. They made no pretense to record running but the trip home was made in two and one half hours.

Improvement in Democratic Prospects.

Within the past week Democratic county conventions have been held in several counties and it is gratifying to be able to say that the results have been entirely satisfactory. The wholesome effects of the Corrupt Practices act have been revealed in every direction and while there has been little diminution in the vote, generally speaking, there has been a vast improvement in the character of those participating in the primaries. In other words, those who usually have to be paid to attend primaries remained away and such as attend in pursuance of a sense of duty took their places.

There is a premonition of Democratic success in the atmosphere this year, moreover, and that has something to do with the improvement in the primary election conditions. For years the Democrats in most of the counties have been following a forlorn hope. The immense number of fraudulent votes in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh made the election of a Democratic State ticket impossible. That several Democratic candidates have been counted out within the last decade admits of no doubt. That congressional and legislative candidates have been beaten in the same way is susceptible of proof. It is small wonder, therefore, that Democratic voters had grown indifferent.

This year, however, there will be practically no fraudulent votes cast in Philadelphia and comparatively few in Pittsburgh so that the Democrats of the various counties are encouraged to the highest hopes of success. That fact has not only brought out a large vote but it has enticed men who have not heretofore cared to encounter useless troubles to participate. The result is, excellent tickets and harmonious organizations at present and certainty of victory where there was doubt in the past for the future.

We congratulate the Democracy on the improvement.

The Beef Trust Inquiry.

The report of the inspection of the Beef Trust packing houses, tardily made public by the President, is revolting but not surprising. Rumors and unaffirmed descriptions previously presented in the newspapers had prepared the people's minds for just such a revelation. The establishments are filthy and unsanitary, their products diseased and unwholesome, or as the President mildly puts it, "unusually and dangerous to the health." It is a shameful condition, a criminal disregard of the common obligations of humanity.

Seven years ago General MILES exposed this inquiry and was punished for his pains. "I believe that 3,000 United States soldiers lost their lives because of adulterated, impure, poisonous meat," that distinguished soldier writes apropos of the exposure. But there was no adequate official condemnation of the outrage. The liberal contributions which the beef trust had been making to the Republican corruption fund had earned immunity, it was rumored, and at the first opportunity, President ROOSEVELT publicly rebuked General MILES for his temerity.

On the principle of "better late than never," the report ought to be welcomed by the public, however. Those responsible for the inquiry will deprecate the "muck-raking" involved, no doubt, and the effect may be a temporary curtailment of the immense profits of the delinquent establishments. But it will eventuate in an improvement in the foods that are necessarily a considerable part of the food of the poorer people of the country. It is a tardy act of justice to them and a long delayed tribute to decency, and we hope will prove effective.

—Mr. Shuman Lyon, who resides a few miles below town, on the Jacksonville road, tells us that about his place the locusts are making their appearance almost as thick as bees about a buckwheat field, and this is the fifth appearance of these insects that Mr. Lyon has witnessed. First he remembers them in 1838, again in 1855, then in 1872, then in 1889, and now in 1906. And he don't look like, feel like, act like, or consider himself a very old man either. In fact, well up in years as he is, he looks as though he might, and we sincerely hope he may be here to see their sixth coming.

—M. I. Richter, son of Major Richter the civil engineer who for some weeks past has been making those mysterious surveys hereabouts, last Thursday evening caught the biggest trout taken from the waters hereabouts this season. It was of the California species and measured twenty-two inches, while its weight was four pound and seven ounces.

—The members of the Bellefonte Chapter, D. A. R., request the people of Bellefonte to celebrate Thursday, June 14th, as "flag day" by hanging out flags at their homes and places of business.

Even Wall Street is Squinting Toward a Fair System of Taxation.

From the Lincoln, Neb., Commoner.

The Wall Street Journal is one of the leading financial publications. Referring to John D. Rockefeller's great fortune the Journal insists that it be protected, but adds:

"When, however, in the course of nature, Mr. Rockefeller dies, and his fortune is bequeathed to others, may not the government step in and take a portion of it? The nation may rightfully claim to be one of the natural heirs of every fortune. In other words, an inheritance tax, of even large proportions, seems to be from every point of view fair, and a beneficent way of preventing the too great growth of family fortunes such as might overshadow the power of the government itself. On the other hand, any legislation to limit the size of a man's fortune during his lifetime is setting bounds to beneficent ambition and enterprise."

It is strange to hear the editor of a Wall Street publication advocating an inheritance tax. Soon the Wall Street Journal may come to the point of advocating an income tax. And why not an income tax? If, when a man dies, the government may appoint itself one of his heirs, taking for its own use, "even large proportions" of his estate, with what reason will it be contended that the government may not, during a man's lifetime, require him to contribute for the support of the government in accordance with his income?

Born and Bred by Republicanism.

From the Johnstown Democrat.

It is really funny to read in Republican newspapers that Republican officials are very diligent in the prosecutions of the trusts. It is a fact that there are here and there a few Republican officials who are very diligent in trust busting, but it is also a fact that if it had not been for the fallacious and mischievous doctrines of Republican platform fostered upon the country there would have been no trusts worth speaking of to fight. There is good reason to believe that trusts are recent growth that have sprung up right before the eyes of Republican officials. There is good reason to believe that up to the time when Mark Hanna and William McKinley took hold of the government, there were practically no trusts. Hanna insisted to the day of his death that there were no trusts and his testimony should certainly carry weight with all Republicans. There has, however, been some change since Hanna's time. There are trusts now—even Republican leaders admit that. It would therefore seem to be up to all Republicans to get into the trust fight in definite manner instead of boasting that a few of the brethren have seen the light.

Make the Label Fit the Goods.

From the Pittsburgh Sun.

The one thing that fraudulent manufacturers and producers are afraid of is a law which compels them under penalty of fine and confiscation to brand their output exactly what it is. This is the only pure food law needed. The American people are as much to blame for false labels and false names as are those who profit by their vanity and greed. Folks who try to buy what purports to be cream at fair prices of skimmed milk know, or should know, that something is very wrong here. In the rage to get a bargain, to get something better than they can afford for less than it is commonly worth, they are deservedly victimized. No wonder they are sold "bob veal" as potent chicken.

No wonder shoddy goods of flimsy workmanship are palmed off on them for honest, well-made articles.

The fraud of misbranding is universally demanded by the buying public. It is a question whether the dealer who would label his goods exactly what they are would bring up first in a madhouse or at a poorhouse.

Is It Only a Warning?

From the New York Evening Post.

Though the reform Republicans showed a vast amount of enthusiasm for a regenerated Pennsylvania at the convention of the latter party in Philadelphia they were timid in translating their ardor into action. With a caution that would better become a meeting of the hated machine Republicans, however the convention notified Mr. Emery and his fellow nominees that they could not withdraw from the ticket after July 10. In effect, the convention in Philadelphia announced merely to a threat that the reform Republicans will really be independent unless the Penrose crowd show a chastened spirit. This compromising attitude is discouraging. "Reform within the party" has been given up in Philadelphia as impracticable; just why the Lincolnites expect it to take place all over the State is hard to see.

Destruction of the Forests.

From the Springfield Republican.

Something must be done, and done immediately, to save the forests and lumber supply of the country—such is the conclusion reached by the National Hardwood Lumber Association at its recent meeting at Memphis, Tenn. It was estimated that the lumber supply of the country now consists of about 1475 billion feet, and that 45 billion feet are being cut annually. At this rate there will not be much timber left standing thirty years hence. Prohibition of log exports and exemption from taxation of tree plantations are recommended. Why not also recommend removal of all tariff taxes on lumber? Why seek, for example, to compel an exclusive resort to our own forests in the rebuilding of San Francisco?

Toll for the Beef Trust.

From the Rochester Herald.

It is this Beef Trust, suspected of nasty doings in its packing plants, that receives the sole benefit of the duty on hides—a duty which adds 50 cents to the price of every pair of shoes the poor man has to buy.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—During the last ten days A. H. Ush, of Newport, has purchased from the farmers more than 700 bushels of corn which they held over from last year's crops.

—The mysterious syndicate that has during the past year purchased \$10,000,000 worth of coal lands in Schuylkill county has closed another deal involving 5,000 acres.

—The centennial anniversary of the "Old Church on the Hill," at Schellsburg, Bedford county, will be celebrated on June 23rd. There will be a parade, addresses and an old-fashioned picnic.

—Because of the general shut down of the glass plants of the State, the Keystone works of the Pennsylvania Glass Sand company, at Mt. Union, have been shut down for an indefinite period.

—Four children, the eldest of whom was 12 years old, were burned to death Saturday night in a fire that destroyed a lodging house in Mount Union, occupied by Italian workmen and their families.

—Major Paul B. Brown, a retired United States officer, who had been visiting his sister, Mrs. J. B. Childs, at Phillipsburg, died Thursday morning in the Hillside sanatorium. Bright's disease was the cause of death.

—Mrs. Ada Martin, widow of Frank E. Martin, committed suicide in her apartments in the Baldrige building, Latrobe, Saturday morning, by drinking carbolic acid. Mrs. Martin had been ill for several weeks previous.

—Wilbur, aged 11 years, a son of John E. Wier, tenant on the Fritchey farm in Smithfield township, Huntingdon county, died on Wednesday last week of lockjaw. Nine days previous he cut one of his feet with an axe.

—Whether there will be a fair next fall in Huntingdon county is yet to be decided. It is said that the business men of Huntingdon have not yet given the management sufficient encouragement for a positive statement to be made.

—The plant of the Bloomsburg daily and semi-weekly Democratic Sentinel has been purchased by Percy Brewington, of Benton, who took charge June 1st. J. C. Rutter, Jr., who has been editor and proprietor of the paper for two years, retired from the business.

—Samuel Dell, one of the commissioners of Millin county, has purchased what is known as the Gibboney timber tract in that county and will begin the work of removing the timber at once. The tract contains about 100 acres and it is estimated that there were about 1,000,000 feet of timber on it.

—The stove mill of Drees & Wagner, located in Locke's valley, Huntingdon county, together with a couple carloads of staves and some machinery were destroyed by fire a few nights ago, entailing a loss of \$2,000. Cause of fire unknown. It is stated that there was no insurance on the destroyed property.

—Death was very busy in Westmoreland county during the month of May. The coroner was called upon to investigate into sixty cases and in eight of these inquests were held. There were nineteen deaths on the railroad, fourteen in the mines, one suicide and one street railway victim. Of the dead fifty-one were males and nine females.

—Friday afternoon Ellis Ketter, aged 13 years, a son of Mr. William Collins, and Ray Albright, aged 11 years, a son of John Albright, were drowned in the mill pool at Watsontown, falling into the water from a raft on which they were playing with two other companions, Paul Hartranft and Harry Thornton, boys of about their own age.

—Maggie Brown, a female bandit, who has been terrorizing the market vendors at Allegheny City, was arrested Saturday. Single handed and with two revolvers, the woman has been making a practice of stopping farmers as they returned home in the evening after having disposed of their goods in the markets, and relieving them of their money.

—Harry H. Trumbauer, 16 years old, son of H. H. Trumbauer, is successfully managing his father's farm of 134 acres, near Finland, Pa. He has long assisted his father in conducting the farm, and in addition to the practical education thus received, graduated, the youngest in the class, in a course of creamery and dairy management at State College.

—Mrs. B. F. Seybold, of Lockport, just across the river from Lock Haven, has a just claim to the championship belt as the slayer of big snakes. Mrs. Seybold on last Wednesday killed two blacksnakes, one measuring five feet in length and the other four feet, nine inches. One of the reptiles was found on the porch of the Seybold house, apparently about to enter, and the other was in the garden close by.

—Hon. B. W. Green, a prominent attorney of Emporium, last week was appointed by Governor Penrypacker, president judge of the twenty-fifth judicial district, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge C. A. Mayer, of Lock Haven. The twenty-fifth district is composed of the counties of Clinton, Cameron and Elk and the appointment is until the first Monday in January. Candidates will be named to be voted for at the November election for the full term.

—A big coal deal has just been closed at Ligonier, which involves a purchase price of \$85,000. E. D. W. Bruner and James C. Sible, of Ligonier, purchased the Mary A. Hunter farm, in Fairfield township, three and one-half miles north of Ligonier, containing 106 acres, for \$33,000; also the James E. Smith farm, adjoining, containing 100 acres, for \$30,000. The Hunter farm is underlaid by the Pittsburg and Connelleville goking seam of coal, and about sixty acres of the Smith farm is underlaid with the same vein.

—Bertha Collingwood, of Franklin, 14 years old was bitten on the calf of the leg Sunday by a large copperhead snake. Henry Corbett, an oil well pumpner, who witnessed the occurrence, knew the bite was fatal unless something was done immediately. He bound the leg above and below the wound, and then carried the girl into the pump station, in which was a suction gas pump. Placing the wound over the end of the pipe which admits the air, he held the girl there until all the poison had been sucked out. The child will suffer no ill effects from the wound.