

Ink Slings.

The day of the boss is not over in Pennsylvania. The Republican state ticket proves that.

For the past few days people in this section haven't had much concern about the price of ice.

Young Mr. ROCKERFELLER may corner the rubber market, but the rubber-necks? Never!

If the President can work the "muck rake" hard enough Mormon SMOOT will remain in the United States Senate.

Every time a certain individual in Bellefonte falls off the water wagon there is a terrible dust kicked up in the lower end of town.

After scaring our Jingoos into building a ten million dollar battleship England has decided not to build her much talked of "Dreadnaught."

With the Democrats of Pennsylvania it should not be so much of a question as to who is nominated for Governor as to who can beat PENROSE's man STUART.

It begins to look as if the Democrats will have to come to the rescue of Pennsylvania again. We are always playing good angel and then—getting snow water.

ADDICKS last light flickered out in Delaware on Wednesday when Col. HENRY A. DUPONT was elected as a regular Republican to represent that State in the Senate.

The BRYAN sentiment seems to be growing. Won't BRYAN and BAILEY or BAILEY and BRYAN make a great ticket? Actors say there is much luck in alliterations.

Bellefonte is justly proud of last Friday's demonstration and the greatest feeling of pride was aroused by the appearance and conduct of the cadet battalion from our own Pennsylvania State College.

Greater Pittsburg is no longer a dream of hope. The people of Pittsburg and Allegheny voted to unite on Tuesday and unless the courts break down their determination they will be all one in the future.

Some scientists declare that the earth has a hundred million years to live yet. It is next to a certainty that no one will be bothered with any of them coming around saying: "I told you so!" when that time comes.

Since the investigation business became popular it isn't a surprise that college commencement orations are noticeably chary of holding up the "captains of industry" as examples for young men starting out in life.

Now is the time when the college graduate who had dreams of a five thousand dollar job goes to work at fifteen cents an hour. And his education has not been in vain if he understands that that is the best thing for him.

The election of Dr. MARTIN G. BRUNBAUGH as superintendent of the public schools of Philadelphia, at a salary of \$7,500 per annum, eliminates him as a possibility for president of The Pennsylvania State College.

Before we fuse on anything let us have a perfect understanding as to what we are getting out of it. The Democrats are always being sought to play the role of redeemers of Pennsylvania then the other fellows get the offices.

The consoling feature to the grafters in the Pennsylvania railroad company's employ, is that even if they do lose their jobs as a result of the investigation they have grafted enough to be sure of a comfortable living without further work.

All honor to the young orator of the graduating class of The Pennsylvania State College who had the courage to say just what he thought about the political corruption of Pennsylvania. He bowed to the line, clear and fearless, unimpaired of where the chips fell.

The handsome doors of the new State Capitol building, which were uncovered for the first time on Monday, are said to bear a *bas relief* of QUAY's head. An investigation is needed here to discover who perpetrated such an outrage on the already outraged people of Pennsylvania.

There is a whole volume of thought in the fact that while the monument to the memory of those who had died that the negro might be free was being dedicated last Friday several negroes were pounding almost to his death a white man and that within half a square of the monument.

In order to make the people of Pennsylvania believe that they are not being bossed and were voting for an eminently respectable candidate QUAY gave them PENNYPACKER and what a machine craven he has made. Now PENROSE attempts to stuff them with the same sort of flap-doodle in STUART. All of the fools are not dead, but that PENNYPACKER trick came so near killing them that they won't jump again at STUART.

Most of the hub-bub that is being raised in Pennsylvania against the so-called "dictation of GUFFEY" can easily be traced to a selfish, jealous, egotistical clique of would-be leaders who are long on advice and short on paying party bills. Some of them were at the head once and it has taken years to build the party structure back to where it was when they began tearing it down. At best they are only Democrats when it suits their personal purposes.

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Roosevelt and the Beef Trust.

The most absurd incident of the beef trust exposure is the false claim of the President and his friends that he has achieved a great work for the people. They arrogate to themselves every virtue from sublime courage to extraordinary vigilance.

Six years ago when the army of the United States was on duty in Cuba General NELSON A. MILES called public attention to the infamies of the beef trust packing houses. The troops were suffering from the effects of ptomaine poisoning and an examination of the beef rations revealed the fact that embalming fluids had been used as preservatives and that the meats were reeking with poisons.

We have no objection to praise of the President when it is deserved and cheerfully join in eulogies when they are appropriate. But in the matter in mind censure is infinitely more appropriate than laudation. The beef trust has held him as an object slave to its evil purpose for more than four years and that in the light of full knowledge and understanding of their iniquities.

The "Cossacks" Vindicated.

The State "cossacks" responded to a call to duty, the other day, with commendable alacrity and again vindicated the wisdom of the Governor in creating this force. The occasion was a strike at the silk mill at Freeland, Luzerne county. Twenty or more young girls, operatives in the mill in question, had threatened to strike because their demand for an increase of wages amounting to a few cents a day had been refused.

It was a narrow escape for the girls and a great day for the "cossacks." They were armed to the teeth, mounted on spirited and splendidly caparisoned chargers and looked the very spirit of war. As they filed up in front of the mill, their horses champing their bits and obviously eager for the fray, they presented a formidable appearance and a martial aspect. But their expectations of carnage were disappointed. Instead of a bloody welcome which might have been expected from a masked battery of desperate women, the manager of the mill came to them with the information that the strike had been settled, the differences adjusted and harmony and contentment established.

It was a great disappointment, no doubt, for it was an opportunity to display valor lost.

It is just as well, however, that the incident was thus peacefully closed. It leaves the question of the valor of the "cossacks" in the region of conjecture, of course, but it has preserved the recalcitrant maidens to their families and friends unless there were on bids behind the troopers shooting shafts from the bow of matrimony with the unerring aim for which they are noted. The "cossacks" in their gay, not to say gaudy uniforms, are said to be marvelously attractive to susceptible female hearts and girls are impressionable and romantic. Therefore, it may be safely said that PENNYPACKER's soldiers have fulfilled the best expectations of their friends and saved the State from a great danger, if not a costly war.

George Kiernan, of Pittsburg, a master of dramatic art, will give a complimentary recital of the Old Homestead to members of the Y. M. C. A. and the W. C. T. U. in Petriken hall this evening.

An Incomplete Platform.

The Republican State platform is platitudeous and comprehensive but incomplete. That is to say, it touches upon a vast number of subjects and makes onerous promises of reform in manifestly hypocritical periods. But it fails to refer to one matter of vast importance. It pledges the party to legislation authorizing trolley railroads to carry freight, a proposition which it ridiculed only during the last regular session. It declares for a two cent a mile rate for passenger service, which it rejected less than two years ago. It gives assurance of the return to local treasuries certain revenues which are not needed by the State, though measures for that purpose were defeated in both the regular and extra sessions.

But it doesn't say a word about the QUAY monument. Those who made the platform know that a monument to QUAY is paying tribute to vice. They understand that the erection of a monument to QUAY is equivalent to a recommendation to the youth to pursue evil rather than righteous lives. In other words, they knew that QUAY represented graft and venality in public life and that to canonize him in a monument would have the effect of encouraging that sort of political immorality. They knew that the law authorizing the monument to QUAY was obtained by force and fraud and that the Senate having failed to confirm the monument commission there is no legal right to erect such a monument. Yet there is not a line in the platform on the subject.

The LINCOLN Republicans spoke plainly with respect to this contemplated outrage. They freely and accurately expressed the sentiment of the people when they declared that no monument of QUAY should be erected in the Capitol park at Harrisburg at all or anywhere else at public expense. In view of that fact, the regular Republicans couldn't have forgotten the subject. In other words, the failure to pledge the party against it was not an oversight. It was an evasion that means that in the event of the election of the Republican ticket the crime against the conscience of the Commonwealth will be perpetrated in spite of public sentiment and political morals. For that reason the platform is defective. It ought to have spoken on that subject.

The Plan of the Two Daves.

The two DAVES have every reason to be proud of the work of the Republican State convention. It may have been the voice of PENROSE that was heard in the deliberations, but it was the hands of DAVE LANE and DAVE MARTIN that brought EDWIN S. STUART into the reckoning. Public sentiment demanded a respectable man as the candidate and PENROSE went about casting drag nets for weeks to catch the man. He sounded several and almost secured justice STUART. He wants to be re-elected Senator and doesn't care who is Governor. He was even willing to take LEW EMEY in his desperation. Not so with the two DAVES, however. They wanted the assurance of graft and dug up the amiable and easy MR. STUART.

The DAVES are not novices in the tricks of politics. They have enjoyed the fat at times and taken the lean. They have relished the oyster and gnawed the shell. Soldiers of fortune they have relished the best, but can endure the worst. The best they ever had was the period during which "NED" STUART was Mayor of Philadelphia and they want more of it. To satisfy that desire they invented STUART as a gubernatorial possibility and presented him to PENROSE. To that dispairing statesman, it was like finding money. It promised the respectability which he needed and the graft which the two DAVES must have. Therefore, their mutual interests being conserved, they joined hands for STUART.

But it is not likely that they imagined the public is credulous enough to accept the result as a reform victory. They would hardly have the temerity to claim that. What they do think is that MR. STUART's amiability and respectability will influence the reformers to "let up" on the fight and permit them to conduct elections in the old way. DAVE LANE longs to be able to call the office holders together and tell them, as he did on a former occasion, that each one of them must vote five times or lose his job. He wants to be able to parade his political immorality in the open as he formerly did and that accomplished he can elect "NED" STUART or "SAM" SALTER with equal facility.

The Bellefonte school board met on Tuesday evening and organized for the ensuing year by electing W. H. Crissman, president; James K. Barnhart, secretary; and A. C. Mingle, treasurer. The only contest was on treasurer. Hard P. Harris was nominated against Mr. Mingle and received the votes of Crissman, Quigley, Parkers and himself. Messrs. Heine, Fortney, Mingle, Barnhart and John P. Harris voted for Mingle.

Quay's Monument in Bronze.

We are to have a counterfeit presentment of QUAY in the new capitol at Harrisburg, whether the monument is erected or not, it seems. Mr. HUSTON, architect of the building, has attended to the little matter, and has favored us more than we dared hope for. That is to say, he has not only had QUAY's face set on the big bronze doors of the main entrance but set it in the company of congenial spirits. Governor PENNYPACKER, Senator PENROSE and several others have been equally favored, though there was no authority of law for such a decoration of the costly and beautiful structure.

We are not referring to this matter for the purpose of complaining that QUAY, PENNYPACKER and PENROSE have been so distinguished. On the contrary, we are disposed to think that it was the proper thing for Architect HUSTON to do. He probably imagined that he owed the trio of statesmen considerable for the fat job he has been enjoying since the beginning of the work. Our cause of complaint has another source and in an entirely different direction. Instead of surrounding QUAY, PENNYPACKER and PENROSE with the face of the owner of the mine from which the copper was taken, that of the sculptor and MR. HUSTON's assistant, the faces of IZ. DURHAM, SAM SALTER, DAVE LANE, and a few of the protectors of the protected dives in Philadelphia, should have been given the places.

We protest, moreover, against the tendency of popular indignation to fasten itself on Architect HUSTON for the curious liberty that has been taken with the property of the State. The chances are that MR. HUSTON had little or nothing to do with it. Obviously it was the work of Governor PENNYPACKER. That insensate vain old hump doubtless imagined that the people would be delighted to perpetuate the memory of his goat-like features and in violation not only of every principle of propriety but in contempt of every sense of public decency, he probably forced the architect to perpetrate the outrage.

An Amicable Agreement.

The agreement between the Democrats of the several counties composing the twenty-sixth congressional district of the State, upon a system of rotation which will be satisfactory to all, will afford security against the repetition of the blunder of two years ago which resulted in the election of a Republican to Congress in a district that is safely Democratic. In other words, an amicable agreement has been reached which will give to each county in the district its just share of the representation and so long as the counties play fair with each other that will guarantee immunity from dead-locks.

This is the happy solution of a vexed problem. It is within the limit of reason to say that dead-locks in conferences have caused more losses in representation to the Democracy than any other single thing. Fraudulent votes have been an important factor in Republican victories during the last dozen years, but that vice carried to its most extreme conclusion would never have lost the twenty-sixth district to the party. Disagreements in conferences have achieved that result several times, however, and probably would again if the agreement in question, which is just and fair, had not been effected.

It is to be hoped that other congressional, senatorial and judicial districts, which comprise more than one county, will make similar arrangements. Of course the party rules now provide a means of opening such dead-locks. But resorting to such means invariably create antipathies which are never reconciled and the party strength is impaired whether the successful candidate is elected or not. The temper of some of those concerned in the judicial contest in the district composed of Columbia and Montour counties, is threatening grave trouble, but we hope it will be averted. The majority isn't big enough.

One of the prominent visitors in Bellefonte last Friday for the dedication was Owen Jones, of Philadelphia, a member of the Pennsylvania Reserves, and who carried the old Reserves flag in the parade in the morning; the same flag which floated over General Crawford's headquarters at Gettysburg. At a reunion in Lancaster in 1888 ex-Governor Curtin spoke at the grave of the lamented General Reynolds and in his address expressed the hope that when he died some member of the old Reserve corps would place a red flower on his grave. In October, 1894, when all the State mourned at the death of the "Old War Governor," and thousands assembled here to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory, Mr. Jones came from Philadelphia and placed the red flower on the new-made grave. He is also chairman of the committee that every year at Memorial day sends the beautiful emblem of the Reserve corps here as a decoration on Curtin's grave.

A Radical Change is Impending.

Outward changes, economical and political, more or less marked, are always going on in the forms and organization of society. But today one can make a specially strong argument that great and radical changes are impending. No one can believe that existing conditions will continue in a world where all things move and change. Waste, extravagance, political corruption, fierce mercantile rivalries, colossal monopolization of wealth and of the industrial plants of the world, masses of dreary poverty—these are natural subjects for profound, patriotic and humane concern. Is not the old social and industrial machinery, the competitive or wage system, showing signs of breaking down beneath its load?

The question is quite fair whether any system is just that permits individuals to roll up immense fortunes as the result of lucky speculations, or of the rise of land values about a great city, that permits other individuals to inherit almost unlimited money power, as men once inherited duchies and kingdoms, while millions of workmen, with small wages, live close to the danger line of debt, or even of cold and starvation, and are liable to be thrown out of employment for months at a time. When in the face of natural wealth, never so abundant, and forces of production augmented indefinitely by science and invention, so many almost fail to reap any benefit from the resources which surely belong to the race, it must at least be conceded that our present system, both of production and of distribution, is not intelligently or humanely managed. Its results do not present an ideal democracy, a brotherhood of man.

Berry Pays Promptly.

The school districts of Pennsylvania are for the first time in years getting their share of the \$5,500,000 school appropriation as soon as they file their annual reports. These districts have been accustomed to having to wait so long for their money that the great majority of them have not yet adjusted themselves to the new order of things.

State Treasurer Berry gave a pledge in his campaign that the districts would be paid as soon as the appropriation fell due, and he is keeping his word. The appropriation for this year became available last Monday, and Mr. Berry has already paid off fifty districts, which include Reading, Harrisburg, Bradford and South Bethlehem.

Warrants aggregating \$200,000 were sent to these districts this week. Berry is anxious to pay up promptly, and he hopes to finish the job before the school term begins next September.

Kentucky Not a Land of Jags.

The julep blooms perpetually in the Blue Grass State; the very air is sweet and spicy with aromas swept from green-tinged and fringed goblets; the ambered liquid is ever gurgling up through the straw and rippling rhythmically over the cilla of the esophagus until the cheeks blossom "like a rose in the snow" and the old earth rolls into one grand, endless and verdured world, gorgeous in tint and tracement, flecked with flowers and threaded with silver streams meandering musically toward a golden sunset where the tumbled billows of the sky skirt the timber line. Yet withal Kentucky is not a land of jags. Sippers of the julep are not swinish in mood or manner. They drink as gentlemen and as thoroughbreds.

A Story With a Moral.

Possibly Mr. Roosevelt and some of his friends can discover the moral of the following anecdote which R. W. Alexander tells: An old colored man stole a pig and after getting home with the animal knelt to pray before retiring. His wife heard him praying to the Lord to forgive him for stealing the pig. She went to sleep with uncle Eph still praying. Later in the night she woke up and saw her husband still kneeling in prayer. At daybreak his supplications had not ceased. "Eph, why don't you come to bed?" asked his wife. "Let me 'lone, 'Riah; de mo' I tries to 'splain to de Lord how I come to steal dat pig, de wesser I gits mixed."

How It was Done.

Captain Penrose held his post on the bridge. The Philadelphia crew was mustered on the foredeck exactly as in the old days. First Mate McNicol sounded the trumpet and put Second Mate Martin in charge. Then First Mate McNicol moved that the crew name the Governor, and Third Mate Lane—the orator of the crew—named him. The whole crew, forgetting the Mack-erey skel, joined in. The passengers from the country were ordered below decks, and as if to make the course of the Lincolnies entirely clear Wesley Andrews was placed in the pilot house for the whole voyage!

Promise and Performance.

Quite a wave of applause swept over the country when the labor unions of San Francisco, soon after the destruction of the city, resolved to take no advantage of the situation, but to work on the same terms as before and on more liberal terms for overtime. Now comes one of the large building owners of the city with the statement that the unions are so exacting he must contract his operations greatly. They are demanding \$7 a day for bricklayers and \$5 for the helpers. On such terms, says this man, the city will be a long time in the rebuilding.

It was Wide Open.

Senator Penrose announced Monday that the Republican convention would be at perfect liberty to make its selection. It was, too. It had the wide-open liberty to select Stuart.

spawls from the Keystone.
The heavy rains which fell in Bedford county Thursday morning last did considerable damage to crops.
Johnstown is making good progress with its paid fire department. Company No. 1 has been organized and has got down to practice.
Renovo council has under consideration the proposition to pave its streets. The question, however, has as yet not been definitely settled.
At a family reunion in Upper Bern township, Berks county, Mrs. Israel Miller, 86 years old, gave each of her seven children \$135 in cash.
On last Monday evening the school board of Renovo re-elected Professor Oler C. Gortner principal of its schools. His salary was fixed at \$1,000.
The agony is over at Millintown, Juniata county. At a meeting of the school board held last Monday evening all the old teachers were re-elected.
Bechtelsville, Berks county, turns out the champion egg. It was laid by a hen belonging to one Elam Moyer and contained five perfectly formed yolks.
The San Jose scale is doing much damage in Monroe county and State Orchard Inspector J. K. Owens urges the farmers to organize to fight the pest scientifically.
Union county's chestnut crop is threatened with total destruction by the seventeen year locusts, unless the birds become unusually active and eat the insect pests.
And now they are after the real estate men in Lyscoming county who are doing business without paying a license. In case of failure to have a license the penalty is \$300.
Rev. Robert Howard Taylor was installed as pastor of the Oxford, Chester county, Presbyterian church. He is the thirteenth pastor in the church, which was established in 1754.
State Treasurer Berry has dropped Miss M. Olive Barnett, a cousin of former Treasurer James Barnett, from the treasury payroll and appointed in her place Samuel Well, of Allentown.
Mrs. Susan B. Gross celebrated the ninety-fourth anniversary of her birth at Admire, York county, on Sunday. She has nine children, twenty-five grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.
James McAndrews, 7 years old, while pretending to walk a tight rope along the pickets of a fence at Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county, fell with his neck between the pickets and was strangled to death.
John Carry, 40 years of age, and his son, Harry, 11 years old, of West Chester, who had taken refuge from a thunderstorm under a tree at Sonnellstown, Chester county, were struck by lightning and instantly killed.
The Williamsport councils and the officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad company have reached an agreement whereby a subway is to be put in at the Campbell street crossing. The company will pay \$10,000 of the cost.
One of the men wounded in the riot at Ernest is dead. As a result five members of the State police were arrested and taken to Indiana, charged with murder. They are out on \$15,000 bail for their appearance at court.
John J. Grady has sold the Ardmore house, on the Lancaster pike, in Montgomery county, at a profit of \$35,000. Some years ago he bought the place for \$40,000 and sold it on Saturday to a resident of Baltimore for \$75,000.
On Saturday lightning struck the barn of George White, near Galeton, killed a cow he was milking which fell on him and pinned him fast. His wife released him and together they extinguished the fire before it done much damage.
The statement is made that a Potter county farmer and his wife who were driving to Coudersport last Saturday morning were held prisoners in the highway for two hours by a panther, which circled round, but did not attack them.
The Good years, of Potter county, Pa., are probably the biggest lumberman in the world. They are building in Louisiana the largest sawmill in the country. It is intended to cut 150,000,000 feet of lumber a year, or nearly 500,000 feet a day.
On Tuesday morning last the washer, crusher and tipple of the Wharton Coal and Coke company at Coral, Indiana county, was destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire is not known. The loss is placed at \$125,000. About 250 men are thrown out of employment.
The Democrats of Columbia county have declared for John G. Harman for Judge. As Montour voted for Grant Herring there will be a deadlock in conference and it is expected the bitter feeling engendered will result in the election of Judge Evans, the present incumbent.
The fifteenth annual reunion of the Fifty-fifth regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was held in Altoona Friday afternoon and evening. Strange as it may seem there were just fifty-five of the survivors in attendance and that they enjoyed the assemblage goes without saying.
Harvey M. Berkey, cashier of the First National bank of Somerset, has resigned that position to give his attention to the practice of law. He had been the bank's cashier for nearly fifteen years. Edward K. Gallagher, who had been the assistant cashier, was elected to the vacancy.
A cloud of locusts have settled down upon Monmouth and the people of that place are wondering where they all come from. Wherever you go or turn you will find them. In the mines, in the works, the houses, barns, fences in the road, the woods—locusts, locusts, everywhere.
A severe electric storm visited Pannsylvania Saturday afternoon. Two young men were struck by lightning and were killed while two others were seriously hurt. The names of the dead are Bert Weiss, aged 30, and Clyde Bloss, aged 18. Both were standing in the vicinity of barns when struck. The injured are Laird Bloss, aged 12, and Clyde Frampton, Pennsylvania railroad agent. A number of barns were struck and several houses had chimneys knocked off.