

Ink Stings.

—CHARLIE ROSS still has FREDDIE MUTH skinned.
—Mr. BRYAN seems to be more worried about than worrying.
—Next comes Fourth of July then the great Centre county fair.

—ALICE and NICK are drawing their share of space these days.

—Another star has been added to the old flag. Oklahoma and Indian Territory, together, forming the new State.

—Mr. EMERY is becoming so popular with the Democrats that he must needs be wondering why he has kept his light under the bushel so long.

—It matters little to the WATCHMAN who is the candidate for Governor so long as he stands for the right things and will do the right thing, if elected.

—The Pennsylvania railroad company is loosening up on passage rates, it is said. They are giving a scent back to each passenger for each cattle train passed in transit.

—The Republican party anniversary in Philadelphia was probably celebrating the victories of that "corrupt and criminal combination masquerading as Republicans."

—The Pennsylv said to be coming down the tree a little. The ten dollar mileage book is to be dropped, so it is being whispered from Broad St. Every little bit helps.

—It was skidoo for Mr. KEAN, the kidnapper of little FREDDIE MUTH. In less than twenty-four hours he was captured, tried and sentenced to twenty-one years in the eastern penitentiary.

—The bear and other wild game out in the JACKSON'S Hole country want to take notice that Congress has just appropriated \$50,000 annually to defray the traveling expenses of the President.

—Kidnapper KEAN might provide himself with Sunday reading matter during his twenty years' term in prison if he were to come out and declare just which one of the Philadelphia papers really was instrumental in his capture.

—Lewistown unveiled a \$15,000 monument in memory of the country's soldiers and in everything else than price paid it is the equal of the monument we unveiled two weeks ago. Money buys neither true sentiment nor true honor.

—The great Democratic reform victory that was won in Ohio last fall was all for naught. The death of Democratic Governor PATTERSON has placed Lieutenant Governor HARRIS in the executive chair. Thus have the plans of the reformers been frustrated by death.

—Thirty-six girls have left one department store in Pittsburg, all with the purpose of getting married. In the ordinary course of events that is an unusual but reasonably certain way for department store clerks to work their way in to the position of floor-walkers.

—A man was found helplessly drunk in a gutter in New York a few days ago and he had \$17,000 on his person. It is a safe bet that he was sent to some good hotel to sleep his jag off; whereas if he had been penniless it would have been a station house bunk for him.

—What has become of Judge LOVE's congressional boom. We haven't heard anything of it for weeks and we are beginning to think that the Judge has had his ear to the ground and will not be hunting a nomination if EMERY is endorsed by the Democrats for Governor.

—Just now, when the North American is so busy trying to create sentiment against the leadership of Col. GUFFEY—principally because the North American has an axe to grind—it would be interesting to have that journal answer this question: Will the North American support EMERY if he is endorsed by the Democrats?

—The squabble in the Senate over the amount of pay that navy chaplains should receive will prove interesting, at least, to the poor circuit riders in the country districts whose salaries range around the \$500 mark—and they seldom get that. This thing of their counseling with their flocks to be patient under the burden of taxes so that their brothers of the cloth in the navy can draw from \$2,800 to \$3,500 per annum adds a little more of the gall and wormwood to their life of sacrifice.

—If a new propaganda that the Kansas farmers are spreading grows as they hope to make it grow political Dickie-Douts will be numerous in that State. They declare that if each man has his shirt-tail made one inch longer the additional consumption of cotton will consume the entire output of American mills. Hurray for the long shirt-tail! They say that they will not vote for any candidate who does not wear the long tail so that in the future Kansas candidates may be expected to strut the rearm with their shirt tails sticking out to convince the skeptical farmers that they are making good. The Kansas idea may be a good one for the cotton mills, but we will adopt the Iowa idea and stand pat with our short-tailed garments during the warm weather, anyhow.

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Servile General Carson.

Attorney General CARSON has again demonstrated his lack of understanding or his servility to the atrocious political machine. He has affirmed the validity of the QUAY monument commission. That commission was appointed during the recess between the regular session of the Legislature of 1905 and the special session of this year. Agreeably to the provisions of the law the names of the commissioners were transmitted to the Senate at the beginning of the special session, but were not confirmed. Several attempts were made to force action, but because it was known that the result of the vote would be adverse to the project, the efforts were defeated. At the expiration of the session they were not reported. The Attorney General, nevertheless, decides that they have a legal right to act in the capacity of commissioners.

Section eight, of article four, of the constitution of the Commonwealth, declares that the Governor "shall nominate and, by and with the advice and consent of two-thirds of all the members of the Senate, appoint a Secretary of the Commonwealth and Attorney general during pleasure, a superintendent of public instruction for four years, and such other officers of the Commonwealth as he is or may be authorized by the constitution or by law to appoint; he shall have power to fill all vacancies that may happen, in offices to which he may appoint, during the recess of the Senate, by granting commissions which shall expire at the end of the next session. This provision has been construed literally by all Governors, Attorney Generals and Senates since the adoption of the constitution. When the Senate failed or neglected to confirm at the expiration of the term new commissions were invariably issued.

Attorney General CARSON has reversed all his predecessors in office, however, in this as in other cases where the exigencies of the machine required the sacrifice of conscience and honor. In the judicial salary matter he decided against the constitution and in several other cases he has served the machine at the expense of character. But there has never been a more obvious case of official perjury or ignorance than that in point. Attorney General CARSON knows that the QUAY monument commissioners, not having been reappointed after the expiration of the last session of the Senate, have no legal existence and his decision, giving validity to their acts, mark him as an official bandit. It is a shame that the high offices of the Commonwealth are thus prostituted by men who either can't know the right or don't care for it.

The Republican Jubilee.

The Republicans have been celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of their party in Philadelphia this week and some of the incidents of the festival excited great enthusiasm. Governor PENNYPACKER, for example, ascribed to the party every good gift of nature and worthy act of man. Even the Presidents of that faith, he inferentially declared, have been greater and more worthy than their predecessors or the statesmen of any other age or nation. Colonel McCLEURE was equally exuberant in speech. "The Democrats get into power," he declared, "only when the people wanted to chasten the Republican party and help the Democrats by their votes only to make the Republican party purer."

We regret to say, however, that the orators failed to particularize in reviewing the achievements of the party. The record of QUAY's manipulation of the treasury balances, his narrow escape from prison, the development of the art of halloo box stuffing, the prostitution of the legislature and the partnership between the "organization" and the criminals in Philadelphia and Pittsburg would have been admirable themes for eloquent discourse. But no reference was made to such things. The praise was in glittering generalities and comprehensive phrases. That was a fault on the side of caution. It was an error in the direction of safety. Nobody can dispute such assertions.

The opportunity to estimate the vast amount of money that has been taken from the earnings of the people in order to bestow unearned bounties on favorites or reimburse trust magnates for contributions to the corruption fund, was also overlooked. That would have been an interesting field for reiniscent minds to exploit. But it would have been unsafe. The purpose of the jubilee was to revive memories of other achievements. It was to arouse feelings and prejudices that might close the mental optics to the infamies that have been perpetrated in the name of the party. How far this purpose has been accomplished remains to be seen. It depends upon the measure of public credulity.

Now that State College and the Bellefonte Academy have both closed what are we going to do for baseball? There are enough good players in Bellefonte to organize a team that could meet anything in this section and which could be kept up at very little expense.

The President Justly Punished.

The President has again paid the penalty of his greatest weakness. Interfering with the business of Congress he received a rebuke from Representative WADSWORTH, chairman of the House committee on Agriculture, the other day, which compelled the acknowledgement of his fault and left him perilously close to the edge of popular contempt. In resentment against the passage of a measure which didn't suit him, the President wrote a sharp letter to the Congressman who had charge of the bill. Even if he had been accurate in his statements this would have been a gross infringement of the prerogatives of the House. But he was inaccurate and consequently his offence is augmented in proportion.

The President reflects public opinion and conserves justice in favoring a rigid meat inspection law. The pecking house magnates have been coining vast fortunes out of the lives of the consumers of their products and every one of them is guilty of deliberate murder. Congress through the influence of Speaker CANNON and Chairman WADSWORTH has been shaping the legislation so as to shield them from the consequences of their past crimes and protect them in the practice of future offences. For these reasons the President not only has the right to urge, in legal manner, the passage of remedial legislation, but it is his duty to do so. But he has no legal or moral right to usurp the prerogatives of Congress or coerce the action of Congressmen.

In the case in point he has been doing both. In the rate bill episode of a few weeks ago he violated the constitution so grossly that a quarter of a century ago he would have been impeached. As it is, he was convicted, upon the testimony of his own witnesses, of falsification. That ought to have admonished him against further interference with the business of Congress, but it didn't. In the present instance he was accused of falsification and to avert the proof of the charge he was compelled to admit the fact. These things are humiliating to the people of the country. But they can't be avoided so long as the President persists in his folly. It is his just punishment.

Narrow Escape from Trouble.

The venerable chaplain of the Republican jubilee narrowly escaped a grave blunder in his opening prayer on the first day of the celebration. "And now, O God," he said, "we humbly beseech Thee to enable this honored party to maintain its past prestige. May it fulfill its early pledge to eradicate not only slavery, but its twin brother, that relic of barbarism, polygamy, from our land." That was a delicate subject to touch upon. Even such a reference to it might have led to damaging inferences. HAMPY MOORE must have felt uneasy during the brief period of danger. He didn't intend to take such chances.

For example, it would have been an easy matter for the inquiring mind to pass from that proposition to the partnership between the Republican National committee and the Mormon church, which, if the signs are not misleading, still exists. It will be remembered that in 1900, when the Republican managers were frightened into the belief that BRYAN was likely to be elected, Chairman HANNA entered into an agreement with the Mormon church that if the church would secure the electoral votes of Utah for the Republican ticket the Republican party would give the church a representative in the United States Senate. The church fulfilled its part of the agreement and Mormon Apostle REED SMOOT is now in the Senate in pursuance of the bargain.

If the Republican party made a pledge, early or late, to eradicate polygamy, it has signally failed to meet the obligation. On the contrary, it has done more than the Mormon church to propagate that relic of barbarism. For years it protected a Mormon, with four wives in Washington, in a seat in the House of Representatives and the presence of REED SMOOT in the Senate during the past four years has stimulated the work of proselyting for the cult more than anything else could have accomplished. Obviously the venerable chaplain touched a discordant note. He might have raised the worst kind of a rumpus.

In the WATCHMAN issue of June 8th was published the article that won the GEO. R. MEEK prize of ten dollars in gold for the best written and applied account of an occurrence in Centre county during the current year. It was written by Miss ESSE M. VEIHORFER, a student of the High school of Bellefonte. In commenting on the article at the time we left the impression—and intended to do so—that in our opinion the writer had probably received help. We have learned since that we were in error and that it was really the sole product of Miss VEIHORFER which makes it all the more complimentary to her, for it certainly revealed a depth and maturity of thought altogether unexpected in a High school scholar.

[The following is an article written by a scholar of the Bellefonte public schools and entered in the George E. MEEK prize contest for the best newspaper article of some event of importance occurring within the county within the current year. The first of the series, and the prize winner, was published in this paper in its issue of June 8th.]

Some Things Which Have Made Centre County Famous.

As our county has been brought into prominence by the coming dedication of the Curtin memorial monument, we would like to look back over its past, or eagerly pore over the pages of its history, trying to see what has made it famous.

The boundary lines of this county were laid out in 1800. And situated as it is between the great coal fields and producing large quantities of ore, it became famous for the number of iron-works and the quality of pig-metal they produced.

People, even outside of the county, have seen its natural advantages. And it only needs some person with money to come and develop these industries. Recently a State fish hatchery was located here, drawing crowds of visitors to see it. Among some of the industries that have located here are foundries, rolling-mills, planing mills and numerous others. It is also noted for its limestone and quarries.

But of all, it has become famous for its scenery, climate and spring water. Lying in the heart of the Alleghenies, it takes pride in having some of the beautiful scenery of these mountains. Among them are Penn's cave, the Rocks and Eagle Nest of Spring creek and the Water Rocks.

Its pure mountain air has already made the county famous as a summer resort, annually drawing many visitors here. And the climate has never been the extreme of hot or cold. Hand in hand with the fame which its climate and pure air has produced goes the refreshing qualities of the water of its limestone, iron and sulphur springs. These alone have made it famous.

But most interesting of all to me is the character of its early inhabitants—the Indians. As children we have all listened with fear, wonder and delight to stories of these savages. We have one memorial of them—the Hill of Indian Forge. And as we gaze upon these and think of how their country was snatched from them, we picture scenes of Indians roaming over our hills when they were covered with the giants of the forest. While at their base, the clear waters of some stream flowed quietly on its way to the sea. And as we think of that time of peace and quiet we wonder how civilization can change a country in the space of a hundred years.

And now as we gaze back over its history and see the things which have made it famous, a feeling of local pride stirs us and we wonder why we did not see, long before, the fame of our county.

"RUPERT OF HENTZAU."

Disband the Odious Force.

The Democrats of Cumberland county have followed the example of those of Columbia county in demanding the repeal of the law creating the State constabulary. That very expensive and exceedingly un-American bunch of "Cossacks" has made more trouble and performed less service than any organization that the mind of man has yet devised. During the period of uncertainty concerning the coal strike they were coveting over the State provoking public indignation. But nobody had any idea that they would have served the purpose of maintaining order if disturbance had followed a strike.

The state constabulary was created for the purpose of affording political patronage to the managers of the QUAY machine. We may as well speak plainly on this subject. Additional clerks have not been authorized in the various departments because the public service required them. New courts have not been created because the other courts were overworked. All these offices are created to supply places for party workers. They are better than cash for bribing voters and they cost the politicians nothing. They are almost as effective for electioneering purposes as ballot box stuffers.

The Democrats of Columbia and Cumberland counties are wise in their demand for the discontinuance of this odious organization. No man who voted for the law ought to be returned to the Legislature or elected to any other office. The couple of hundred thousand dollars which the force has already cost might as well have been dumped into the sewer. In fact, it would have been better to thus deposit it for the creation of such organizations are subversive of Republican government and proper personal liberty. Other counties should properly follow the example of the two that have spoken.

Dr. J. J. Kilpatrick as a fisherman holds the blue ribbon. Last Friday evening he caught a sixteen inch carp with a fly and eight ounce rod. Local fishermen claim this is the first carp ever caught on a fly in their knowledge, and it put up as game a fight as any trout or other game fish.

Following the Quay Methods.

From the New York Tribune (Rep.)

Senator Boise Penrose seems to have employed in the Pennsylvania Republican convention the strategy so effectually used four years ago by Senator Matthew S. Quay. To appease a widespread dissatisfaction with the Republican Machine and its methods Mr. Quay in 1902 set aside the logical organization candidate for the governorship and drafted from the bench a nominee of eminent respectability and unblemished character. The sagacity of the maneuver was justified when Judge Pennypacker defeated Robert E. Pattison, who had twice triumphed over Republican opponents of the Machine stripe. The Republican Machine under Penrose is immensely feebler than it ever was under Senator Quay. So the present director has endeavored to placate opposition by framing an admirable reform platform and nominating a ticket of more than average personal merit.

It can hardly be said that the Republican convention lived up to the text or spirit of its platform. Its action was completely dominated by Senator Penrose and its policy was directed solely to the rehabilitation of the Machine which he inherited. Mr. Penrose and his allies are more concerned about recovering control in Philadelphia and Pittsburg—where popular revolts drove them from power—than about renovating the Republican party and restoring public confidence in its purpose to give the State an efficient and fearless administration. The nomination of ex-Mayor Stuart, of Philadelphia, is plainly a device to strengthen the hands of the defeated organization in the city of Brotherly Love and to enable it to gain municipal control at next February's election. Mr. Penrose has invited the people of the State to pass judgment on his career as a State and city boss and to give him a vote of approval.

One of the "Old Guard" Speaks His Mind.

From the Snyder county Herald (Rep.)

Anyone present in Harrisburg before and during the meeting of the State convention last week could not help realize the general dissatisfaction existing among the delegates outside of Philadelphia and Pittsburg, on account of the manner in which the slated ticket was forced upon them. It was to be an open and free to all candidates convention, but instead it was controlled entirely by the Philadelphia ringsters and a few counties in which the gang's henchmen controlled the delegates. The men nominated may all be of the highest character, but their backers and the methods used in forcing their nomination are of the most despicable kind and bodes no good for the present success or the future of the Republican party in the State.

Remember Plummer! He was a good, honest, moral man, personally, but the gang forced his nomination and he was defeated by a hundred thousand votes. The machine's corrupt work in Philadelphia lost us the State last fall. Now they are inviting a repetition of that calamity by using the same old gang rule methods. Already there are strong murmurs of protest in all the interior counties. These will develop into thunderous tones later on. Philadelphia now has the present Governor and U. S. Senators, (or practically both U. S. Senators, as Senator Knox has a home at Valley Forge,) and now wants to force the next Governor upon the slate. The country is to be used as a campaign to pull the city's chestnuts out of the fire. We have been doing this very thing for years. How long will the people of our great State continue to bow down to Philadelphia Gangsters and Grafters.

The Kind of Political Hat-Pin He Is.

From the Clearfield Spirit.

It is claimed that ex-Mayor Edwin S. Stuart was made the candidate for Governor because when the great reform battle and investigations were on last fall "Stuart did not take sides." It is known that he did not aid the side of reform in any way and because he can be relied upon to be as neutral in this direction if elected, his nomination was a consummation much desired. His administration as mayor of Philadelphia was just as fiercely rotten as the gang desired it to be for the same reason, namely: "Stuart did not take sides"—at least with the reform elements. Was it not during Stuart's administration as mayor that "dead men ruled the roost" with high carnival.

Nothing Fair About It.

From the Charleroi Mirror (Rep.)

It is not the personality or the qualifications of Mr. Stuart that are objectionable. It is the manner of his nomination and the knowledge of what he represents. Had Mr. Stuart been nominated by the free, untrammelled expression of the delegates assembled in the convention there could have been no objection to the choice, but as a candidate of a pre-arranged slate, selected in the interests of the politicians and their allies, his nomination will be bitterly resented by those Republicans who believe in a square deal.

Could But They Won't.

From the Uniontown Standard (Rep.)

The Philadelphia bosses will cease to dominate this State whenever the people of the rest of the State show backbone enough to cease to be used as puppets by the aforesaid Philadelphia jobbers and grafters. The rural Republicans of Pennsylvania have the strength numerically to get what they want, but they have so far failed to show the necessary backbone. If their courage was equal to their resources they would be all right.

The Mattern family reunion, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the family in America, was held in Funk's grove at Warriorsmark yesterday. It proved a very interesting gathering and was largely attended, among the number being many Centre constables.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

—During the year ending June 1st, 1906, there were 238 births and 161 deaths in Perry county.

—Thirty-six women clerks of Boggs & Buhl's department store at Pittsburg have resigned to get married.

—Fifty-nine teachers of the public schools of Pottsville have asked the school board for a general increase in wages.

—The new church edifice erected at Johnstown by the First Christian congregation was formally dedicated Sunday. It cost \$55,000.

—There are 5,093 children in Perry county between the ages of 6 and 16 years, and consequently subject to the compulsory school law.

—Lilly, Cambria county, is soon to have a banking institution. It is expected to open in a couple of months and will have a capital of \$25,000.

—The first trip on a railroad train so frightened 70 year old Mrs. Charles Skinner, of Luzerne county, that the train had to be stopped and the aged woman taken off.

—From June 1, 1905, to June 1, 1906, 157 births and only 38 deaths have occurred at St. Mary's. There are 1,250 voters in the borough and 1,106 children between the ages of 6 and 16.

—After having been employed as a servant girl for three years, at Allentown, Miss Lena Nussman, a pretty Saxon girl of twenty-one years will return to Germany to receive her share of her father's estate, valued at \$8,000.

—While investigating the contents of an empty whiskey barrel with a lighted match, George Hudak, of Freeland, Luzerne county, narrowly escaped serious injury. The gas in the barrel exploded, making kindling wood of the oak staves.

—Ex-Senator William Henry Sutton, of Lower Merion, Montgomery county, has been awarded a verdict of \$34,250 against the Pennsylvania Railroad company for two acres of ground the company took and the consequent damage to the remainder of a fourteen acre tract.

—The Jermyn company's mines at Old Forge, Lackawanna county, which have been idle four months on account of a strike, will shortly pass into the possession of the Erie company. The purchase price is said to be nearly \$3,000,000. The mine employs 1,500 men and daily produces 1,400 tons of coal.

—A committee having the matter in hand has decided to build a new Presbyterian church at Mt. Union. It will be 57x92 feet in size, the audience room will have a seating capacity of 275 and the Sunday school room of 325. It will be built of brick, with brown stone trimmings, and it is estimated will cost about \$20,000.

—W. W. Seaman, one of the best known men of Tioga county, died at his home, near Nauvo, Thursday evening. He was a successful lumberman and speculator in coal lands. He located 35,000 acres of bituminous coal lands in Clearfield county for the Vanderbilt interests, as well as large tracts for the Pennsylvania railroad company. He was 58 years old.

—The proposition of the Lock Haven Electric Light and Power company to furnish light to that borough has been accepted. The offer was that it would furnish and maintain eighty-three or more 2,000 candle power lamps to burn each and every night for \$95 per lamp. The contract is for five years and is a reduction of \$10 per lamp over the previous contract.

—The 15th meeting of the Pennsylvania State Educational association, to be held at Altoona, from July 3rd to 5th, inclusive, promises to be one of the most memorable in the history of the association. A number of prominent educators and others will take part in the deliberations of the convention. Among the speakers on the program is Prof. George Park Singer, of Lock Haven.

—Martinsburg is to have a folding crate factory capitalized at \$300,000. A. Von Schleunburg, of that place, has secured a patent from the United States Patent office at Washington on a new and improved folding crate, he being the patentee. His patent covers all sizes of folding boxes and crates that can be used in making all kinds of shipments and will be manufactured for all uses.

—Arthur Swenson, the sixteen year old son of Mrs. Annie Swenson, of Renovo, was shot in the left forearm a few days ago while trout fishing on Paddy's run with some companions. The wound is not dangerous, the bullet having passed through the flesh without cutting an artery or striking a bone. After the accident the young victim pluckily walked home, a distance of seven miles.

—Over the hill to the poor house" was too grievous a journey for John Howell, of Mahanoy City, to stand. Trudging his way wearily toward the county almshouse at Schuylkill Haven, on Thursday, he dropped upon the highway at St. Clair, the humiliation being too much for him. From a well-to-do condition he had been reduced to abject poverty in a few years. He was picked up and removed in a conveyance to Schuylkill Haven, but died at the very portals of the institution he had set out to reach.

—According to statements filed in the probatory office at Hollidaysburg, candidates paid these sums of money for the privilege to run for offices in Blair county: Adam L. Hare, sheriff, \$834.53; Joseph T. Brown, senator, \$24; Robert S. Murphy, governor, \$104.20; Harry A. Thompson, assembly, \$69.20; Hon. John M. Reynolds, congress, \$108; Robert S. McCummins, State delegate, \$12.75; P. H. Naff, State delegate, \$1; W. F. Balsbach, State delegate, \$4.24.

—The twenty-second annual reunion of the Lutherans of Central Pennsylvania will be held at Lakemont Park, near Altoona, on Thursday, July 26th, when it is expected that thousands of people will be at the beautiful resort. Prominent speakers, many from a distance, will have a place on the program. These annual reunions are regarded as the most important of the events that occur annually at Lakemont Park, last year attracting one of the greatest crowds that was there during the season. Rev. W. W. Anstadt, of Hollidaysburg, is president of the organization, and is now engaged in arranging a program of exercises for the day.