

Democratic Watchman

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Ink Slings.

—Well, Judge LOVE is not going to Congress this time.
—Your nose and eyes are the best judges of the advent of the hay fever season.
—Since the Prohibition fall couldn't wag the Democratic dog it has decided not to play tail at all, thereby failing in the hour of its greatest opportunity for good.
—The new knap-sack that Uncle SAM is trying to train his men to carry weighs ninety pounds. It is supposed to contain enough rations for three days, but the proportion of embalmed beef is not mentioned.
—It has come to snuff a pass in these parts for real 'fuss and feathers,' cabs, beer and dancing, a dago wedding makes one of the 'sassy' nuptial events look like a Friend's meetin' when the spirit isn't movin'.
—Pittsburg must keep in the limelight. On Tuesday night another lot of the over-moiled and under-worked young men of that city made such a scene on the Madison Square roof garden, in New York, that they had to be locked up.
—In discharging his counsel because they insisted on trying to prove him insane, young THAW has either unwittingly forged a strong link for the insanity plea or made a very clever play at moulding public sentiment along that line.
—The layer of the sea that is supposed to be drawn up into the clouds each year, and later precipitated to the earth as rain, is estimated as being fourteen feet in thickness. If that is so, we got about thirteen feet, nine inches of it back on Monday afternoon.
—It is really asking too much of Mr. EMERY to require him to sign the pledge. Think of the trouble he will have in finding places for all the Democrats, Lincolinites and others who "contributed so largely to his election." Besides, the only pledge the people of Pennsylvania are after now is a pledge to bust the machine and Mr. EMERY has already taken that.

—The Gazette's statement that the Altoona Tribune has headed down the reform flag is about as near the truth as the Gazette ever gets. Of all the rank, partisan, persistently machine organs in Pennsylvania the Altoona Tribune has been the ranker—with the possible exception of the Keystone Gazette. But then the Gazette has some justification because it knows no better and still clings to the hope that "Boy" PENROSE will name the next postmaster of Bellefonte.
—London, England, has a new business enterprise. Professional bridesmaids are furnished at \$5 per for young women who wish to have pretentious weddings and have no girl friends to call in as maids. Now if some one would only start a business of furnishing grooms for luckless young women at \$5 per what an Eden this world would be. Then, surely, would the fact that the Jews are moving back to Jerusalem at the rate of one hundred families a week portend the dawn of the millennium.

—The New York Sun solemnly makes the following interesting predictions:
"The next Governor of the State of New York will be a Democrat."
"The next Governor of the State of New York will be the next President of the United States."
Unfortunately for Democratic hopes little consolation can be taken out of this pronouncement, for the Sun has long enjoyed the unique distinction of being on the wrong side of most every contest. However, it may serve the purpose of strewing a few roses in the path of prospective Democratic postoffice applicants.
—We know of no American woman who has married royalty whose life has been as beautiful, as full of good works and as much a matter of pride to her fatherland as has been that of MARY LEITER, eldest daughter of the late LEVI Z. LEITER, the Chicago millionaire. When she married Hop, GEORGE N. CURZON, the first Baron of Kedleston, little was it thought that in a few years, as wife of the Viceroy of India, she would be second in rank only to the Queen of all the British Empire. This lovely American girl, in the face of all the rallery over her father's wealth and her mother's malapropisms, proved a gem of rare worth among the noble women of the old world and her death, which occurred on Wednesday, is one that all lovers of exalted womanhood will mourn.

—The Republican congressional conference in DuBois last Thursday was short as it was surprising. On the tenth ballot Capt. BARCLAY, of Cameron county, was nominated, and all the pet plans of Judge LOVE and A. L. COLE, of Clearfield, went a glimmering. Nobody really expected BARCLAY's nomination, but after the delegates from Centre had cast a complimentary ballot for him the three McKean county delegates took advantage of the situation and voted for BARCLAY. The action of the McKean delegation was unexpected as it was thought Uncle SOLLY DRESSER had them under control, and so he did up to the tenth ballot when he ventilated some of his spleen against our candidate EMERY and, as it happened, one of the McKean delegates was the ex-Republican chairman of that county who resigned his office because of his intention to support EMERY, and it is supposed that the delegation flopped just to show Uncle SOLLY that such a conference was no place for him to air his personal likes and dislikes.

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Schwab Pleads the Baby Act.

The steel trust magnates take their defeat ungraciously. Having been robbing the government so long these predatory vampires had come to regard the privilege as a "vested right," and they resent, with childish weakness, the interference with their graft. Their bids for the armor plate for use on the battleships, South Carolina and Michigan, were vastly higher than that of their successful competitor. They made their estimates with the understanding that there would be competition. Yet when it is intimated that the contracts will be awarded according to law and in obedience to the principles of justice, they sweep down upon the Department and try, first by cajolery and afterward by threats, to pervert the result. In other words, they "plead the baby act" to escape the consequences of their stupid avarice. For the first time since the formation of the trust twenty years ago, the bids of the CARNEGIE and Bethlehem companies were different. There are 7,328 tons of plate required and the CARNEGIE company bid \$370 a ton against \$381 which was asked by the Bethlehem company. The Midvale steel company offered to supply the metal at \$345 a ton, however, which is \$25 a ton less than one and \$36 a ton less than the other. Many men would have accepted the result without complaint. Not so with those contemptible parasites, however. They sent delegations to Washington to beg or bully the authorities into giving them a part of the contract and acknowledged their inquiry by offering to scale their bids to the level of the Midvale offer. They ought to have been unceremoniously kicked out of the building, scourged and branded for perpetual public contempt. Mr. CHARLES M. SCHWAB was particularly insistent, according to the press reports. He declared to the naval authorities that Secretary WHITNEY, who retired from office in 1889, had promised that if his companies would equip themselves to perform such work they would always be employed to make the armor plate needed. Even if WHITNEY had made such a promise it would have been invalid, for the Secretary of the Navy can't bind his successors. But if it had been made and were valid, the original charges for the work would have abrogated the agreement and absolved Mr. WHITNEY's successors from responsibility. More than that, it would have incriminated the managers of the companies in the crime against the government of the highest measure of turpitude. Failing in that absurd baby play, Mr. SCHWAB next proceeded to threaten the Department. Unless the work is divided equally between the three concerns, he said, the Bethlehem and CARNEGIE companies will dismantle their armor plate mills and leave the government at the mercy of the Midvale concern, then a monopoly. In that silly threat he lied in his throat. The creation and equipment of those plants cost vast sums of money and are immensely valuable. The attempt to dismantle them would be prevented by the courts at the instance of any sane share owner, so that that threat is even more preposterous than the false pretense of vested right. If it were true, however, the country wouldn't be any worse off in the future than it has been in the past for it is impossible to imagine any set of men as lecherous as the SCHWAB crowd.

Preparing for Wholesale Bribery. The Secretary of the Treasury is creating a vast number of "government depositories," we learn through the Washington dispatches, which reminds us of the approach of the congressional elections. Government depositories are valuable appendages to the political machine if properly used and Secretary SHAW can be depended upon for the best results. Absolutely devoid of conscience and entirely indifferent to the law, he carries out his purposes regardless of consequences. Last Saturday he telegraphed to favored banks in all parts of the country, notifying them that they had been designated depositories. During the campaign in this State last year the value of treasury balances as party assets was revealed. With a balance of from ten to fifteen millions judiciously distributed, vast numbers of votes could be secured. That was the reason that the school appropriations were held back every year and other obligations left unpaid as long as possible. The funds were deposited in favored banks and loaned to practical politicians, who used them to get votes for the party. The failure of the Enterprise National bank, of Allegheny, during the last campaign uncovered the entire conspiracy. During the last session of Congress an attempt was made to prevent such use of the treasury balances but it was defeated by the Republican leaders. The action of Secretary SHAW at this time reveals the reason. The vast sums in the treasury are to be used to bribe voters to vote for Republicans for Congress, in order to continue the majority and prevent the dreaded investigations. But the expectations on

this subject will fail. The people of this country can't be bribed this year. The public conscience has been aroused and it won't be quieted by sly methods. Secretary SHAW may as well obey the law.

"Bob" Young's Queer Prank.

"Bob" YOUNG, the Republican nominee for Auditor General, has served notice on Senator PENROSE "that he will positively not accept the nomination until Col. W. R. ANDREWS has relinquished the state chairmanship," according to the esteemed Philadelphia Press. The information "caused a flurry in political circles," our esteemed contemporary added, and we may well believe that. It means either that Mr. YOUNG has seen the handwriting on the wall; that he realizes the absolute hopelessness of victory for his party, or else that he is completely servile to the will of VANVALKENBURG, whose hatred of ANDREWS has assumed the form of a mania. In either event the result is the same. It spells disaster. We are not greatly impressed with Mr. YOUNG's professions of reform. During the session of the Legislature of 1899 he consistently stood out against the election of QUAY to the Senate. But he was constantly ready and entirely willing, at any stage of the proceedings, to vote for MAGEE, who was morally and politically quite as objectionable. In fact, he was conspicuous among the conspirators of which VANVALKENBURG and Senator FLINN, of Pittsburg, were active agents to betray the reformers, by electing MAGEE under an agreement made by QUAY and subsequently repudiated. Later he abandoned the reformers altogether when the QUAY machine offered him the soft sinecure of solicitor for the capital building commission, at a salary of \$3000 per annum. Taking one consideration with another, it is rather difficult to estimate or even conjecture the reasons which have influenced Mr. YOUNG to the course which he has adopted. At first it looked like a "bluff." That is to say, his running away from the notification meeting and telegraphing that he would accept a notification by mail, had the appearance of a boyish prank that would be first regretted and then apologized for. But the positive notice that he will not accept unless ANDREWS is publicly humiliated, is different, for it puts upon the party managers an impossible condition. To force ANDREWS out or even ask him to resign under such circumstances, would be simply potrooney.

Gang Portrait on Capitol Doors.

The effigies of the QUAY gang are to remain on the bronze doors of the new capitol at Harrisburg for the present, at least, according to the latest information. When the discovery that such an outrage had been perpetrated by the architect was first made such a flood of indignation ensued, that it was believed the portraits would be removed. This expectation quieted public sentiment, in fact, and the incident was about forgotten. The machine misinterpreted the apparent indifference, however. Its leaders took it for acquiescence and the other day the doors were again brought out with the effigies conspicuously staring from their fronts. Former Governor STONE declares that his portrait must be removed even if he is obliged to file it off with his own hands. The others are not so sensible or sensitive, however. They propose to continue to insult the conscience and outrage the intelligence of the Commonwealth by exposing the effigies of a lot of political pirates as types of the citizens of the State. Every decent impulse should be aroused by such an outrage. Every honest man and woman in the Commonwealth should protest. Take banners condemning it to carry in the inaugural procession if the purpose is persisted in. Of course this crime against the decency of the Commonwealth can only continue until the Legislature meets in January. Then a law will be enacted properly characterizing the offence and providing for its abatement. No self-respecting member of the Legislature will fail to support such a measure, and there will be plenty ready and anxious to introduce it. But it's six months away, that form of relief, and something should be done meantime to let the perpetrators of the crime know that the act is justly estimated and emphatically condemned. Every one is interested in the good name of the State.

—Bellefonters will remember "Kid" McComb, the man who did the high diving during the street carnival here several years ago, and will be interested in learning that he, last Saturday, was sued for \$5,000 damages by the female proprietress of a street show. McComb had been engaged at a \$75 a week salary to do the high diving act and failing to receive his pay had a couple tents and equipment attached. The proprietress sued for damages on the ground that the tents were allowed to lay out in the rain until they were ruined.
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Roosevelt and the Machine.

The public will watch with keen interest the efforts of the PENROSE machine of this State to induce the President to interfere in behalf of its moribund ticket. The machine is precisely the same as it was last year, when the Secretary of State denounced it as "a criminal conspiracy masquerading as the Republican party," and ROOSEVELT refused to give it aid or comfort. But the conditions are somewhat different. There are Congressmen to elect this year and the criminal conspirators know the President. In other words, they imagine that he will overlook the character of the crowd in order to help the party in Congressional elections. There is not a single reason for interference in behalf of the Republican machine this year that wasn't equally potent a year ago. Congressmen are to be elected, beyond question, but any voter can vote for Republican candidates for Congress who deserve support without supporting the atrocious State machine. There is no difficulty in making up a ticket which will condemn the state machine and endorse fit men for Congress on any ticket. Speaker CANNON will come to the support of the machine, of course. He is afraid of investigations and Senator EVERIDGE, of Indiana, may come, he is so fond of hearing the music of his own throat. But no self-respecting man who refused to help the machine last year will stultify himself by assisting it this year.

The election of STUART to the office of Governor will not contribute to the reform of the Republican party of Pennsylvania or to the improvement of the methods of the machine. The effect will be to leave the corruptors in control of the organization for trading operations against any respectable candidate in the next presidential nominating convention. That is why they gave the nominations to respectable nobodies but retained the chairmanship of the State committee in their own hands. If ROOSEVELT interferes in their behalf and secures for them a victory he will be the greatest loser.

Speaker Cannon a Good Guesser.

Speaker CANNON gives as a reason why the Republicans should continue to control Congress that in the event the Democrats secured a majority in the House there would be investigations. There is no doubt of the accuracy of that prediction. Every department of the government at Washington is honey-combed with corruption and investigation is an absolute pre-requisite to the correction of the faults. For that reason there will be "a long period of investigations," as the Speaker indicates, and because of this expectation thousands will vote for Democrats for Congress who under other conditions might favor Republicans. There never was a criminal who welcomed an inquiry into his life. They all prefer to be let alone. Stand pat is their motto. It is the only guarantee they have of personal liberty and Speaker CANNON is as much concerned as any one else, not that he is personally dishonest, for he isn't, but because he has been careless in the discharge of contingent funds and an investigation would compel restitution. The friendly inquiry into the postoffice department didn't reveal all the inquiries there. The investigation of the war department stopped too suddenly to have been complete and there are lots to find out about other departments which the people are anxious to know. Speaker CANNON is right about the result of a Democratic majority in the House and that is one of the reasons why the next House will be Democratic. The anxiety of men like CANNON to prevent an investigation has excited the suspicion of hundreds of thousands that there is something the matter and that the public ought to know just what it is. Even since Speaker CANNON spoke as he did another reason for inquiry has developed. The people ought to know why President ROOSEVELT gives the steel trust part of the armor plate contract in direct violation of law and in spite of every principle of justice and equity.

Barclay Nominated for Congress.

Ex-Judge John G. Love's aspirations for the congressional nomination in this district were rudely shattered, last Thursday, when the conference, which met at DuBois, nominated Capt. Charles T. Barclay, of Sinnemahoning, Cameron county. Each county in the district presented a candidate. Centre had Love; Clearfield, A. L. Cole; McKean, Dresser, and Cameron, Capt. Barclay. For six ballots each county supported its own candidate. On the 7th ballot the McKean county conference voted for Cole and on the 10th ballot both the McKean and Centre county delegation voted for Barclay, thus giving him the nomination 9 to 3. The Centre county conference were Harry Keller, of this place; Dr. J. W. Dunwiddie, of Phillipsburg, and G. G. Pink, of Huston township.

—There has just been issued from the Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, a bulletin that is of value to the public generally, especially those who are interested in feeding domestic animals and whose profits will be increased by careful consideration of its contents. It is an exhaustive study of 350 samples of commercial feeds from different parts of the State, made by the State Chemist, F. D. Fuller, with tables to show kinds and amount of adulteration and so practically presented that it cannot fail to aid any purchaser in securing a pure brand and one that will give him best returns for amount of good feed. It will be furnished free to anyone applying for bulletin No 145 to Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg. As Received by Outside Republicans. From the N. Y. Tribune (Rep.)

The proceedings of the recalled Lincoln convention, held in Philadelphia on Tuesday, were marked by intense aggressiveness and enthusiasm. The completion of the wishes of would-be political bosses and the belief was naturally indulged in that this same force, which had reformed Philadelphia and Pittsburg from ring rule and had last year defeated the Machine candidate for State Treasurer, would now prove powerful enough to crush out that Machine and compel a general housecleaning at the State capital. Mayor Weaver, who led the way to reformation in Philadelphia, and Mayor Guthrie, who won in Pittsburg last February over a combination of corrupt and mercenary interests, have both announced themselves as active supporters of the fusion ticket, and their assistance will go a long way toward holding the two chief cities of the State in line for reform methods and good government. In the Penrose-Durham camp there are already signs of disension and discouragement. One element is insisting on the retirement of the chairman of the State Committee, named by the Harrisburg convention on the ground that he was too long and too intimately associated with the "malled hand" operations of Senator Quay. One of the candidates on the State ticket bolted the recent notification ceremonies, presumably because Senator Penrose would not consent to the selection of a new chairman. Such unrest over the retention of a typical Quay politician at the head of the committee may seem over-zealous, inasmuch as the old Quay-Durham-Penrose workers dominated this year's convention as completely as they did any convention of the last thirty years. But it shows that many of the Organization Republicans are reluctant to face the vital issue deliberately raised by the Republican managers—whether or not the regeneration of the State can be best entrusted to politicians trained and nurtured in the old unregenerate school.

Getting to be Real Democrats.

The Republican leaders of the country are really beginning to be afraid of Iowa. The State is going wrong. It stays in the Republican column, to be sure, but its peculiar brand of Republicanism is not the kind fancied by eastern leaders. And little wonder, because Iowa is becoming the most aggressive exponent of the doctrine of State rights. The Hawkeye State, it appears, is not in the least concerned about the State of Congress to pass the proper laws. It has taken charge of the matter on its own account. Not as other States have done, timidly and apologetically, but boldly, and in a manner that is notice to the world that Congress can do what it likes about food stuffs that are shipped over the railroads, and Iowa will stand to whatever is sold within her borders. Iowa has also passed a law which prohibits public officers, delegates to political conventions, candidates to office, employees of political committees and candidates for nomination to office from accepting passes, and it also prohibits railroads from giving passes to persons on the prohibited list. Besides this the most radical kind of railroad rate regulation is brewing and the tariff is no longer worshipped by the farmers of the Hawkeye State. The "Iowa idea" is no longer a seedling; it is flourishing as a green bay tree.

How Their Economy Worked.

The Republican party promised to be economical in the administration of public affairs. Senator Culberson, of Texas, shows that this pledge, like other Republican party pledges, has been violated. The showing made by Senator Culberson is amazing. Take a look at his figures. The total expenditures for 1903, 1904, 1905 and 1906—four years of Roosevelt administration—were \$2,938,004,400. Deducting the Panama canal expenditures, it amounts to \$2,866,421,890. The expenditures for the years 1895, 1899, 1900 and 1901—four years of the McKinley administration—were \$2,430,316,399. Exclusive of all expenses in the Panama canal for the four years of Roosevelt's administration, the expenditures exceeded those of the four years of McKinley administration—although he conducted the Spanish war—by the extraordinary sum of \$434,104,899.

Surely it costs money to "let well enough alone." Sequel? They're All Dead. From the Pittsburg Sun.

A scientist says that 100 years ago folks just lived on pork and doughnuts and ate mince pie every evening before retiring. That might be so, but what was the sequel?

Tracing the Yellow Metal.

From the Chicago Record-Herald. "Where is our gold?" asks a writer in the New York Times. Certain former insurance officials ought to be able to explain where a good deal of it is.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—According to reports from various points along the Susquehanna river, the bass fishing this season is better than it has been for six years.
—Henry Ames, a poor carpenter at Washington, Pa., has been declared the heir to coal lands in Marshall county, W. Va. worth about \$500,000.
—George Walton, a farmer of near Bethlehem, insisted on going into his meadows on his 74th birthday and taking a hand in hay making. He fell from a load of hay and received injuries that may cause his death.
—Our Somerset county exchanges are in a good humor over the outlook for big crops. The wheat crop is reported as being very large, hay better than it was looked for a few weeks ago, and corn is looking fine.
—W. J. Kunkle, of Newrytown, holds the Indiana county record in raising cherries thus far. He gathered 114 gallons of three trees and found a ready sale for every cherry at the rate of 28 cents per gallon.
—Now that its big celebration is a thing of the past in Williamsport, the people are talking of establishing a museum in which they will put all the rare and curious things which were brought to light on the big occasion.
—A charter was recently granted to the Greensburg and Latrobe Street Railway company, which is capitalized at \$60,000. The company has for its object the building of a road between the places named, a distance of ten miles.
—Losing control of a log train, which rushed down the mountain side in the Hamersley district the other day the three men on board jumped for their lives, but unfortunately the engineer, Thomas Maloney, was instantly killed.
—W. E. Tobias, superintendent of the common schools of Clearfield county, has concluded his examinations of teachers. During his tour he examined 449 and issued 326 certificates. This means that 123 applicants failed to pass.
—The survivors of the Fifty-fourth regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, will hold their annual reunion on the Gettysburg battlefield on October 2. A number of the survivors of this fighting regiment are residents of Blair and Cambria counties.
—The suit brought by Charles L. Greek, an Altoona contractor, against the Pennsylvania railroad for \$40,000 for alleged discrimination in freight rates, came to an abrupt ending last Thursday, when the board of arbitrators decided that there was no cause for action.
—William Hastings, 14 years old, committed suicide by hanging himself in a barn near Myerstown, Lebanon county. He had been employed by a farmer for the summer at Myerstown and it is thought that he became homesick to see his parents, who resided only twelve miles away.
—Harry, a son of Luther C. Furst of Cedar Springs, had a very narrow escape from being bitten by a copperhead snake while working 'a hay field. The reptile made a spring at the young man and fastened its fangs in the leg of his trousers. The snake, which was a large one, was promptly killed.
—Harold Wilson, a 13 year old boy of Whatham, is making money in a way in which few, even of older years, would hesitate before doing. He is engaged in catching rattlesnakes, and finds a ready market and good prices for the venomous reptiles, being paid as high as \$5 each for some of the larger specimens.
—The board of public works of Altoona last week awarded \$300,000 worth of street paving at \$1.74 per square yard. Ten miles of streets are to be paved this summer and all of it will be with brick with an asphalt grouting. Work will be started next week. There were 10 bidders for the work, the bids ranging from \$1.74 to \$2.40 a yard.
—A. L. Carothers, who resides on the Noble farm near Orbisonia, is the owner of a hen which is 17 years old. She has raised and done the scratching for at least two settings a year for sixteen years, averaging about twenty-six chicks each year. She is now taking care of thirty-two chickens and is fully as competent to do so as she was her first setting.
—The construction of the hydro-electric plant on the Juniata river near Warrior Ridge, Huntingdon county, a few miles west of the county seat, is progressing rapidly. It is expected that the dam and power house will be finished by the 1st of October. By this time it is expected that all of the machinery will be installed. The stack will be 175 feet high.
—Workmen engaged in digging a cellar for the new annex to the court house at Gettysburg unearthed about two bushels of human bones, all from arms and legs, and a great many of them bore the marks of saws. The old court house was used as a hospital during the battle, and it is supposed that the bones mark the spot where the amputated arms and legs were buried.
—The creditors of the Pennsylvania paper mill at Catawissa which figured in the closing of the First National bank at Freeland last march, have authorized the issue of \$30,000 of receiver's certificates to make possible certain changes to the plant, which it is believed, will place it upon a paying basis and enable the company to realize sufficient profits to take care of the indebtedness.
—George Phillips, of Pottsville, an airship inventor, started with a friend on what was to have been an experimental fly of a few yards Monday. Three minutes later Phillips and his companion were in a tree two miles away, with a wrecked ship. The craft was unfinished and the aeronaut didn't intend such a hazardous trip. The gasoline engine got beyond his control, and the airship shot forward like a shot.
—A. L. Lawring, of the class 1908 of State College, met with an accident at one of the industrial plants at Lewistown Friday which will render him a cripple for life. Lawring is taking a course in patternmaking and was in Lewistown during his vacation to get some actual experience. While making a deep cut in a difficult pattern his hand slipped into the knives and was cut to shreds. The young man's home is near Philadelphia.