

Talk Slings.

—My, but the Gazette thinks Dr. SWALLOW is a nice man.

—Strikes in Russia are fast getting into the Central American revolution class.

—A dividend on common steel was so uncommon as to make it extraordinary.

—Boss SWALLOW is only second to boss PENROSE because he doesn't have so much to boss.

—This Mr. SULLIVAN, of Illinois, is no relation of the famous JOHN L., yet he is showing signs of being something of a fighter himself.

—The Bellefonte council has awakened from its peaceful slumbers and, judging from Monday night's repartee, we can look for some more fun soon.

—The number of burned barns in Centre county recently ought to make that much maligned gentleman, the lightning rod agent, a "ery welcome visitor."

—The roller skating fad is coming around again, but the booze skaters seem to be always in style. There is no fad about Mr. John Baleycorn's business.

—The Chicago man who is predicting the end of the world within a month had better skidoo for the cemetery at once if he expects to avoid the rush on the last day.

—A woman delegate stamped the Republican state convention in Idaho. It is not stated whether she saw a mouse or whether some one of the men delegates proposed.

—The people who are fortunate enough not to live in the earth-quake zones feel the seismic effects nevertheless. The insurance companies are transmitting them in increased rates.

—The administration should have sent FAIRBANKS, not ROOT, on the visit to Chile. The fitness of the men should have been more seriously considered because of the two Vice Presidents is certainly the ebullient.

—Broken hearted and broken in health because of the death of his lovely wife Lord CURZON is soon to visit the scenes of her girlhood in America. Here is a man true Americans have real sympathy for, because it was the woman, not her money, that he cared for.

—BRYAN's observations in Egypt have revealed to him that "the donkey, poor patient creature, hasn't changed in four thousand years." So be it, but how about the ass? From our point of view there are more than four thousand ways of being an ass in one year.

—The judge who sat on the notorious HARTJE case has gone off for his summer vacation and says he will not hand down his decision before fall. Fall would be the proper time to hand the frosty mitt to such a sear and yellow litigant as AUGUSTUS HARTJE appears to be.

—Now the Rev. Dr. SWALLOW, the expurgated edition of the modern reformer, has taken up the Standard oil company's fight. He thinks it would be better for Pennsylvania to remain in the grip of the octopuses than to have Mr. EMERY as our Governor. Has SWALLOW been greased?

—Mr. HOMER L. CASTLE did great work for the cause of reform last year, but he has failed at the critical moment. With a fight of far greater moment to the public on hand he has gone over to the enemy. By accepting a Prohibition nomination for Governor he is making strength for PENROSE's machine candidate.

—President ROOSEVELT has the big stick after the women who wear aigrettes in their hats. He is out to save the blue heron. It is patent that that English tailor didn't recommend aigrettes for our soldier caps else the President would have been protecting the pickie bird and turning all the guns at his command on the poor heron.

—Mr. A. A. STEVENS, of Tyrone, may be a very successful lime producer and a very earnest Prohibitionist, but he evidently isn't much concerned about the welfare of Pennsylvania. His vote as a member of the Prohibition nominating committee reveals that. It is strange what manner of men try to stand on the "holier than thou" platform, which is the only excuse the Prohibitionists had for not endorsing EMERY or leaving their ticket without a candidate for Governor.

—We publish the following from the DuBois Morning Journal for the special edification of the Hon. JOHN G. LOVE and HENRY C. QUIGLEY Esq., as they are the accessories before and after the fact: "The conferees of Clearfield should teach Centre county a lesson in the Senatorial deadlock, and under no circumstances should they allow the Centre county conferees to carry off the prize. Centre county delegates did dirt in the Congressional convention and they should be shown no quarter in the Senatorial fight."

—To set at rest all the rumors abroad concerning the presidency of The Pennsylvania State College let us assure you that it has been offered to no one as yet. At the meeting of the trustees last Friday the position of Dean of the School of Agriculture and director of the experiment station was tendered to Dep. U. S. Sec. of agriculture HAYES, but he was not accepted yet. Gen. BEAVER was elected president protem of the institution and it is not at all likely that there will be any haste in the choice of a successor for the late Dr. GEORGE W. ATHERTON.

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Most Significant Incident.

The most significant incident of the campaign thus far is the announcement of Hon. ELISHA A. CORAY, nominee of the Prohibition party for Secretary of Internal Affairs, that he will support LEWIS EMERY, Jr., for Governor. Mr. CORAY is not only a gentleman of the highest character, but he is a practical man of the keenest intelligence. In the Legislature of 1899, his presence and courage more than any other agency prevented the betrayal of the "insurgents" by the election of C. L. Magee to the office of Senator in Congress. A conspiracy had been formed to compass that result. Mercenaries who pretended fidelity to the cause of reform had accepted retainers from the Pittsburg Senator and had positively fixed the time for the consummation of the corrupt deal. Mr. CORAY indignantly refused to join in such a prostitution of the insurgent organization and the disreputable conspiracy collapsed.

We refer to this merely to show the manner of the man CORAY. Absolutely incorruptible he is gifted with discerning powers rarely equalled and when certain elements in the Prohibition party revealed signs of a purpose to betray the cause of civic righteousness under the pretense of devotion to the cause of Prohibition, he naturally discovered and denounced it, inferentially, by announcing his purpose to use all his justly extensive influence and eloquence in behalf of the candidate of the better element of our citizenship and against the machine which has so notoriously prevented the functions of government in this great Commonwealth. He can neither be deceived nor bribed into the service of that machine, and believing that the refusal of the Prohibitionists to endorse EMERY is indirectly helping the machine, he makes his protest.

It is said that Mr. CORAY may even go so far as to decline the nomination of the Prohibitionists for the office of Secretary of Internal Affairs in the event that Dr. SWALLOW and Mr. CASTLE succeed in misleading the Prohibitionists into such assistance of the machine. This statement lacks consistency. Mr. CORAY is a Prohibitionist of the most confirmed type. He believes in teetotalism as a moral agent and advocates as well as practices it. Because of his interest in Prohibition he was willing to take upon himself the burden of making a campaign, hopeless of success, as the candidate of that party and no other for the office for which he was nominated. But he is not willing to lend himself to the atrocious Republican machine as the Prohibition party has done by refusing to endorse LEWIS EMERY Jr., for the office of Governor.

Payment of School Funds.

The public is informed through Harrisburg dispatches that State Treasurer BERRY expects to complete the payment of the school appropriation this month. In fact all except 250 of the 2,600 school districts have already been paid and these have been delayed because of the failure of the local authorities to make the proper requisition. Mr. BERRY is trying to get the work completed at the earliest possible moment. The school term begins about the first of September and he would like to have the treasury of every district replenished before the school is opened. It is as important to have money in the treasury as it is to have coal in the bin and being a friend of the schools Mr. BERRY is anxious to start them out well.

Heretofore the payments of the school appropriation have not been begun until after the elections. The \$5,500,000 which is appropriated to schools comprised a valuable political asset during the six months between May and November. Two per cent interest on that sum amounts to \$55,000 for six months and that would buy 110,000 fraudulent tax receipts, just about the number annually purchased in Philadelphia. It was an easy matter to manipulate the school fund so as to make it available for that use. Thus instead of a benefice to the public the school appropriation was made to serve as an agency for debauching the elections. The most sacred things were prostituted to the base uses of an atrocious political machine. Charity and education were alike abused.

Treasurer BERRY hopes that the prompt payment of this year will be reckoned as a precedent for his successors in office. We hope he is right and if the machine is not restored to power we confidently believe that such iniquities as using school funds to promote electoral frauds will never disgrace the State again. But if on the contrary the expectations of the machine that EDWARD S. STUART will be elected Governor is fulfilled all the devilry of the past will be renewed. Philadelphia will again become the hot-bed of vice and crime and the price of protection for these evils will flow into the pockets of the conspirators while the educational and charity appropriations will be used as formerly for debauching elections and corrupting the political morals of the State.

Mr. Young and the Machine.

The ROBERT K. YOUNG incident of the Republican campaign is increasing in public interest. At first something in the nature of a comedy, it is rapidly developing the characteristics of tragedy. There has been no bloodshed but the bitterness which leads up to the vendetta is plainly perceptible. Mr. YOUNG is no longer spoken of in conciliatory terms, he is referred to in contemptuous phrase and as the esteemed Philadelphia Press observes, "the situation has reached a critical stage." The machine has unheeded its rapier, so to speak, and quoting again from our esteemed Philadelphia contemporary, "every organization man in the State who can be induced to do so will knife YOUNG at the polls in the event of his remaining on the ticket."

This leads us to infer that the machine managers no longer want Mr. YOUNG to remain on the ticket. He has disappointed them. Somebody appears to have deceived them into the belief that his nomination would completely confuse the reform element of the party. It was confidently expected that all the reformers would stampede toward the Republican party because Mr. YOUNG was on the ticket. The expectation was disappointed, of course. The average reformer has reasonable intelligence, and Mr. YOUNG's record as a reformer is not so enticing to men who are earnestly for reform. His prompt acceptance of the machine bounty in the shape of a lucrative sinecure was too recent to have been forgotten. The disappointment aroused feelings of resentment which under the aggravating influence of the notification meeting episode changed into hatred.

The result is a natural inclination to force Mr. YOUNG off the ticket and his petulance promoted the purpose. He declared that he will not accept the nomination unless chairman ANDREWS is dismissed from his office. The machine answer to that is a declaration of the leaders that ANDREWS will retire from the chairmanship of the State committee whether YOUNG remains on the ticket or not." There can be no mistaking the meaning of that remark taken in connection with the further statement of the same gentleman that "every stalwart in the State has lost interest in him and he would please us most by getting off the ticket." In the face of such expressions there must be a vacancy or there will be "a killing." The future is a matter of conjecture and we leave to those who are interested the work of solving the problem.

Andrews Will Continue as Chairman.

After all the talk of the improvement in political morals and methods of the Republican machine it appears that chairman ANDREWS is not to be removed. Good results or bad he is to be retained at the head of the organization. No matter who happens to be Governor after the New Year, therefore, Senator PENROSE will control the party machinery and select the delegates to the next national convention. The election this year is of comparatively little consequence to the Senator. The next Legislature will have no voice in the election of his successor. But the organization is of importance to him. If he should relinquish it now he would have no chance of taking it up again next year.

Senator PENROSE's Secretary, Mr. ANDREWS, has not been chosen chairman because of his ability, or experience or even his familiarity with the politics of the State. That was the reason given for his selection a year ago and it has been offered for his clandestine election this year. He served a dozen years as secretary of the committee and was QUAY's confidante, it has been said. But his conduct of the campaign proves that he has neither political sagacity nor understanding of political conditions in Pennsylvania. He confidently believed up until the close of the polls on last election day that he had the campaign well in hand and that his candidate would have 100,000 majority.

Senator PENROSE doesn't want an able man at the head of the organization. What he wants is a fellow who is completely dependent upon and entirely servile to him. Sinister methods will be necessary to maintain his ascendancy in the organization and an able man couldn't be depended upon for such services. But he is safe with his own secretary. ANDREWS will not betray him because if he did he would lose his job and the more disreputable the service required for him the more willingly it will be performed. That is why ANDREWS was elected chairman and for that reason he will be retained in the place if every candidate on the ticket should decline by way of protest. But they won't decline.

A new retaining wall has been built along the Bush house and grounds next Spring creek which is quite an improvement on the old tumble-down one. Kuisely and Rhoads had the contract for the work.

An American Dreyfus Case.

There is a marked similarity between the case of Captain DREYFUS of the French army and Major RATHBONE of the American postal service but there is little hope of a similar ending. DREYFUS got justice after years of endeavor and vast expenditure. RATHBONE has been striving for five years for an opportunity to prove his integrity but there is hardly a chance of success. DREYFUS had to contend with race prejudices deep seated and of long standing and the reputation, if not the personal liberty, of prominent men of distinguished families would have been endangered by his vindication. RATHBONE has the enmity of a favorite of the President who might suffer in public estimation if the facts were known and that circumstance has been potential.

It will be remembered that five years ago ESTES G. RATHBONE was convicted in the courts in Cuba of frauds in the American postal service there. He was a protégé of the late MARK HANNA who exhausted every available expedient to save him. On the death of President MCKINLEY Mr. HANNA's pull lost its force, however, and he was unable to prevent the conviction of his friend, though he protested that RATHBONE was innocent. There was a stronger force behind the prosecution, a more potent power on the other side of the fight. It was Major General LEONARD WOOD, of the Rough Riders, then Military Governor of Cuba, and the pet of the President. For some reason, as yet unexplained, he had set his head upon the conviction of Major RATHBONE.

Ever since the friends of RATHBONE have been trying to get the case reopened, just as the friends of Captain DREYFUS labored to get a fair case. It has been alleged that his trial was palpably unfair, that perjured testimony influenced the court and that General WOOD had written to the Judge sitting at the trial demanding a verdict of guilty. He was offered a pardon but refused a new trial and the mysterious influence which was able to produce witnesses who would swear to anything at the trial was still at work against him. For five years this struggle has been going on. Recently Senator MCKINLEY, of Ohio, the successor of Senator HANNA, has taken the matter up and there is a hope of a congressional investigation. Why should we condemn the injustice of France?

Pay no Attention to Swallow.

The Rev. Dr. SWALLOW is a vindictive enemy and not always a just opponent. For some reason he has set out to prevent the election of LEWIS EMERY Jr., to the office of Governor of Pennsylvania. It is the best service he could perform for the machine. He doesn't promote the cause of Prohibition and he does sacrifice the vastly greater interests of civic righteousness. But he probably has his own reasons for his conduct. They are not revealed in his published statements, it may be safely said. Probably they wouldn't look well in print. He was instrumental in defeating GEORGE A. JENKS for Governor eight years ago. No body knows how he reconciled his conscience to that iniquity.

Dr. SWALLOW is an adroit politician. For years he has been studying the methods of political warfare and intrigue. He is ambitious for distinction in civil life and was disappointed because he couldn't "work" the Democratic organization this year. Except for him the Prohibitionists would have nominated a ticket that both the LINCOLN party and Democrats might have endorsed. In preventing the nomination of such a ticket Dr. SWALLOW imagined that he was outwitting and over-reaching some capable practical politicians and the satisfaction with that result was his recompense. His present purpose is to wreck the enterprise that he couldn't control. He wants to rule or ruin.

We would advise people to pay little attention to what Dr. SWALLOW says in the campaign. He will employ any instrument and avail himself of any agency to compass his purpose. He would defeat EMERY if he were certain that the white slave traffic in Philadelphia would be resumed in consequence. If the result made certain a saturnalia of drunkenness Dr. SWALLOW would work out his purpose because his vanity is stronger than his sense of right. There is no use in disputing with such a man. The safe and wise course is to let him alone. He will talk himself out of the reckoning without any interference from the outside. He may as well be forgotten.

The second meeting of the Republican senatorial conference for this district was held in Philipsburg on Wednesday and, like the first meeting, adjourned without making any nomination for a number of ballots were taken. The next meeting will be held on August 31st when the conferees will be released from their instructions and will vote as they see fit.

The August Weather by Rev Hicks.

Rev. I. R. Hicks makes the following forecast of the weather for August: The regular storm period lies between the 9th and 12th. It is central on the 9th and will culminate from the 8th to 11th. Great increase of temperature, with corresponding fall of the barometer, will pass like a wave from West to East during this period. Black, blustering clouds, thunder and high winds, with possibly cloudbursts in scattered localities may be expected, but we do not believe that a sufficiency of rain will be diffused generally over the country.

Increased and positive reactionary storms on the 15th, 18th and 17th. A rapid, but temporary rise of the barometer will follow these storms, with brief respite from August heat. A regular storm period runs from the 19th to 23rd. The indications are that the heaviest and most general storms in August will occur during and next to Sunday the 19th to Wednesday the 23rd. We will name the 20th and the 21st as the crisis. These dates will also be at the center of a seismic period, hence a maximum of earthquake tendencies will be natural, centered on and about the 10th. The best outlook for rains over the great rain belts and other sections in August is during this period, or from about 17th to 23rd. Violent summer storms need no aid as it would have to be available to the general needs, will be but a trifling below the average. Most gladly would we see this forecast fall, and instead an abundance of timely and fruitifying rains; but the remainder of this season, and the seasons of 1907, is the time for a general Jupiter drought, minimum of rainfall, and unless the bending of the Saturn period with that of Jupiter works a radical change from the natural order, a drought of greater or less severity will be encountered affecting the crops of the present season and running through the section of 1907.

State vs. National Issues.

From the Boston Transcript (Rep.). Pennsylvania is not in a mood to listen to speeches relating to Federal issues. If the people of that State believed the election of "ending by Roosevelt" were the issue before them this year they would endorse the President by a tremendous majority, but they "have other fish to fry." Unquestionably they believe, as do the voters of many other States, that the President and his policies will take care of themselves. In the meantime they have some one issue in the State: "Shall the Quay-Penrose machine be broken?" The fact that the President finds it necessary to announce that he will go there during the campaign to make two addresses, indicates that he realizes how keenly the voters of the State are interested in the local situation. Possibly some of the speakers sent out by the Republican congressional campaign committee may go into the State and try to arouse interest in the "stand on the record" policy, but unless all signs fall they will not move those voters who have made up their minds to see only the one issue—the Penrose machine.

How He Got There.

From the Lincoln Nebraska Commoner. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says: "Mr. Carnegie is in a triangular perplexity as to who will be on top when the United States England and Canada absorb each other. Where was it that Mr. Carnegie got on top?" "Where was it?" Well, he "got on top" whenever the Republican party had the opportunity of making tariff laws. Recently he "got on top" when bids were received for 7,328 tons of armor plate. The Midvale company, an independent concern, submitted a bid \$35 lower than that offered by the trust. The navy department gave the Midvale company the contract for 3,664 tons at the price bid and then gave to the Carnegie company a contract for the same number of tons at the price bid by the Midvale company, although the Carnegie company had lacked \$35 of reaching the Midvale's price. So it seems that even though Carnegie has genuine competition he "gets on top" whenever the power to put him there rests with the Republican party.

A Damaged Reputation.

From the Louisville-Courier Journal. "What will the Republican party do?" quoth Uncle Joe Cannon after the recent Sagamore Hill conference. "What can she do but stand on her reputation?" Her reputation, indeed! Let us hope that the old girl will not only stand on it, but that her skirts will be long enough to hide it.

A Warning for Muck-Rakers.

From the Washington Post. The President having decided that his two speeches in Pennsylvania shall be non-political, the muck-rakers may as well prepare to be kicked again.

The farmers are now having as much trouble trying to harvest their oats crop as they had getting the wheat crop in after it was out, owing to the almost daily hard rains. A big storm on Monday, another not so big on Tuesday and a hard down-pour of rain for five or more hours on Wednesday is not the best of weather for drying oats. And oats when once soaked with rain are not very easily dried again.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

—The races of the Cambria County Agricultural society will take place at Carrolltown, on September 4, 5, 6 and 7.

—Jesse Brillhart, of Lock Haven, saw a ground hog swimming in the river at that city the other day and captured it.

—There will be no Labor Day parade at DuBois this year, at least so the committee appointed to consider the matter has decided.

—Indiana is to have a new industry in the near future in the shape of new carriage works. The company is capitalized at \$25,000.

—Lewistown is enjoying a building boom at the present time. Thirty-four new houses are in course of erection, and more are to follow.

—Because it is paying some of its teachers less than \$35 a month Bingham township, Potter county, forfeited its appropriation from the State.

—Mrs. Mary Harvey, of Mackeyville, Clinton county, died at her home in that place, on Wednesday, of apoplexy. She was 84 years of age.

—Joseph Shaver, of Johnstown, died at his home, Thursday evening, aged 47 years. He was one of the heaviest men in the State, weighing 445 pounds.

—C. S. Hixton, bookkeeper in the Union Trust company, of Pittsburg, who confessed the embezzlement of \$125,000, implicated C. B. Wray, a teller, and search is being made for Wray.

—A corporation known as the Pennsylvania, Beech Creek and Eastern Coal company has formed with a capital of \$8,000,000 to control the output of forty-four mines at the eastern end of the bituminous fields.

—Charles Bell, a negro aged 56 years, was discovered in a vacant house in Rock Run, a mile north of Coatesville, in a critical condition with rheumatism, where he had been for fifteen days without food or water.

—Jersey Shore has every reason to feel in a good humor. For the past four months no cases of contagious or infectious diseases have been reported to its board of health. During July there were five deaths and fifteen births.

—John Herron, of Pittsburg, has sent to Ivan McKenrick, of Ebensburg, a handsome gold watch and chain, as a reward for his aid in saving the life of Mr. Herron's son, who was almost drowned in Lake Rowena one day last week.

—Honedale boasts the tallest elm in the country, measuring as it does 1194 feet from the ground with the trunk at the earth's surface twenty-four feet in circumference and four feet higher seventeen feet in girth. It is the monarch of all known trees of its kind.

—The city of McKeesport does not depend entirely upon the State for protection against impure, diluted or poisonous milk. It has an inspector of its own and when dealers are found handling out an inferior article they are taken before the mayor and fined. The latest violator of the law contributed \$15 to the city treasury.

—Lancaster county turned out the State's oldest harvest hand this year. He is 87 years old and worked in the field with almost as much energy as much younger men. Moses Hartz, is his name, brother of Elias Hartz, of Reading, the famous "goosebone" prophet. He comes of a long-lived family, having a sister who is 90 years old.

—The Grange National bank at Patton was formally opened August 8th, making the second grange national bank in the State. Joseph Schwab, father of the steel magnate, is president of the bank. Charles M. Schwab was there at the opening and made a large deposit. The opening of the bank was marked by the celebration of the local granges.

—Three residents of Kittanning have been engaged for the last month searching for hidden treasure. Recently they came into possession of a letter written in 1845 in which the declaration was made by the writer—long since dead—that a pot of gold had been hidden in a certain lot in the borough of Kittanning. They are diligently searching, but up to the present time their efforts have not been crowned with success.

—To be chased by a big racer blacksnake through briars and underbrush for over a half mile, was the terrifying experience of Mrs. Callie Elder, and Mary and Kate Baker, of near Livermore, who were picking blackberries on Tunnel Hill. Shortly after reaching the berry patch, they saw the snake coiled among the branches of a scrub oak and apparently sleeping. One of the girls hurled a stone into the bush when the reptile immediately dropped to the ground and pursued them, never stopping until the railroad was reached. The snake was fully eight feet long.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Shoemaker celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary Thursday, at her home, four miles from DuBois. Two hundred neighbors and friends were present. Mrs. Shoemaker is remarkably strong for a person 100 years old. She lives with her son, aged 67 years, on a farm, and does all her own housework. Last week she walked a mile to visit a friend. She has not been sick in years. Thursday in response to addresses of congratulation she spoke for ten minutes, telling of many incidents of her home when the country round about was a wilderness. Mrs. Shoemaker does not use spectacles, can hear as well as ever, has most of her teeth and has none of the infirmities usual with those who have lived a century.

—A remarkable old man is William Fouse, of Drab, Blair county. He is 81 years old and never wore stockings until three years ago. He has never in his life worn underclothing, gloves or mittens, never used tobacco in any form, and was never used to bacco in any form, and was never sick a hour until his 80th year, when he had a slight attack of grippe from which he soon recovered. Last fall he ploughed forty acres, harvested it three times and drilled it in wheat, hauled 1,000 and hauled in 2,000 bushels of corn without any assistance whatever. Along with the above work he did the other fall work, such as raising potatoes, hauling out manure and cutting off corn. He rarely stops for rain and says that a good ducking does him more good than anything else. Summer and winter, regardless of snow or rain, he bathes his feet in eighteen inches of water in a spring a short distance from his house, three times a week. His home is one of the best farms in Morrison's Cove.