

Ink Slings.

The Cuban rebels are not likely to be captured by the offer of amnesty, especially when it is the offices they are after.

The stock market has a bull head and a bear tail these days and lots of speculators are like the tail—decidedly short.

EMIL had another killing in Union Pacific yesterday and it is up to the German band to give him another serenade.

Will there be any politics in New York when HEARST and JEROME and ODELL and PLATT and HIGGINS are gone?

The sting of a bee, it is said will cure rheumatism but a good many who are afflicted would probably rather hold onto the rheumatism.

Reformed spellers will soon be as interesting characters as the reformed drunkards who spout from the evangelistic platforms of the country.

The drunk who was knocking down women on Thomas street Monday evening started to howl like the baby he is when a policeman batted him on the mouth.

Science tells us now that persons may become intoxicated by inhaling gasoline fumes and this might be one of the reasons for the pop-pops loafing along the curbs so much.

If surface indications count for anything that rousing meeting in Pittsburgh, Tuesday night, makes it look as if Mr. EMBRY will get more than his own in Allegheny county.

The girls at Atlantic City are said to be wearing knee-length skirts on the boardwalk. It is a wonder that they are even noticed when those worn on the beach are so much more abbreviated.

The Standard oil trust has been indicted on six thousand four hundred and twenty counts in the Chicago courts. This will not worry the octopus much, as none of them are likely to count.

Among the other poisons things that have been discovered in the adulterated candy we eat is terra alba. That sounds bad but it is probably put in to help make the candy taste good.

If the ladies who ran the Midway last week were as good at abstracting money from their husbands as they were at getting it from the crowds in the army we would like to own a millinery store in the town.

The lack of coal business in the Philadelphia region has had no effect on the court business brought over from there. Nearly all the attention of the court this week has been taken up with the troubles of people of that section.

When riding through Pennsylvania Mr. BRYAN wont need to beg to be permitted to pay his car fare, as he has done for his trips over the New Haven and Hartford. Here he will be expected to pay it "just as he always does."

The EMBRY movement in Centre county has called for an active LINCOLN party organization and some of the best known Republican workers in the county are taking hold. Look for results in November for they are sure to follow.

Mr. ADOLF SEGAL the man who broke the bank in Philadelphia got his start in the financial world through his profits on a plan to make waxed paper. The way he waxed the paper wasn't a circumstance to the way he waxed some people.

Banker HIPPLE, of the Philadelphia Real Estate Trust company, which closed its doors on Monday with a \$7,000,000 shortage, being a good Presbyterian, might have consoled himself with the thought that "what is to be will be."

BRYAN's arrival in New York on Tuesday was the signal for much enthusiasm among the Democrats from all over the country who had gathered there to welcome him. If he is not a candidate for President his friends are trying very hard to make him one.

General TROFF is a Russian officer marked for death by the Terrorists of that country and all the other officers who have hearts are having them out off for fear of being taken for TROFF. What a cowardly lot. In other words, they are making the job of potting TROFF easier.

Talking about spelling reform, which really means phonetic spelling, or spelling exactly as a word sounds, Mr. CARNEGIE and President ROOSEVELT, who seem to be the real pushers of the movement, could get some valuable information by looking over the correspondence the average country newspaper receives.

The Standard oil company is reported as trying to secure control of the distilling interests in the United States in order to block whatever competition denatured alcohol might make for the petroleum trade. If JOHN D. is going to get into the liquor manufacturing business he will have to pass his Sunday school holdings over to someone else and the question of "tainted money" will no longer be an argument.

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA, the great band master, calls the phonograph "canned music" and insists that it ought to be suppressed. SOUSA is quite witty in his selection of a name for the phonograph's music but it will never be suppressed because it brings too much pleasure to those who have no opportunity of hearing better and who can say that with all its rasping, screeching tones it is not a refreshing influence to the very classes who enjoy it.

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Recompensing the Machine.

The political banks of this State are to be recompensed for the loss of the State deposits, it seems. The PENROSE machine needs the money which has hitherto been subscribed in consideration of the use of state funds at the nominal interest of two per cent. and has undertaken to provide means to get it. Money can easily be disposed of by the banks at six per cent. During recent years the banks have been paying two per cent. to the State and two to the political corruption fund or some political favorite of the machine. That left two per cent. to the bank for handling the money which was fair compensation. Since the inauguration of State Treasurer BERRY the party graft has been cut off. The legal rate must be paid to the State as before, but no other payment is required. There is, however, an implied understanding that no part of it will be used for bribing voters or de-bauching politics.

This change in the system of distributing the state funds caused a good deal of a loss to the machine committee. The balance in the State Treasury during recent years, including the sinking fund accounts, averaged about \$15,000,000, upon which the two per cent. for the machine amounted to about \$300,000 a year.

In lieu of that it is now proposed to distribute the funds of the National government upon which no interest will be charged by the Treasurer. Pursuant to this plan a considerable sum has already been divided up in the State, some twenty-five banks having been designated as new National depositories. Of course the graft from this source won't be as much as the aggregate obtained from the state funds, because the balance won't be nearly so large. But as a higher rate of interest can be charged, the smaller total will yield a right handsome campaign fund.

Thus far the new depositories in Pennsylvania have not received over \$1,000,000. But at four per cent. that sum will yield a graft amounting to \$40,000, and the bankers can afford to pay that rate of interest on National government money as well as they could pay two per cent. on state funds to the machine for two per cent. had to be paid to the State. In other words the banks will get the same for handling the money for the interest to the State and that to the machine equal a total of four per cent. which left only two per cent. to the banker for his profit. It is a criminal proceeding, of course, but President ROOSEVELT doesn't mind such things if they are for the benefit of the Republican party. His political morality is of the spurious variety that becomes blind when his personal or political friends go wrong. But the communities in which these banks are located have a remedy.

Remember that if your son, or your Democratic neighbor's son, voted on age last fall he cannot, under any conditions, vote this fall unless his name is upon the registry.

Highway Department Iniquity.

An official of the State Highway Department has been discharged, according to news dispatches, because he interfered with the grafting operations of contractors. He had been inspector on a piece of road in process of construction in the northern portion of the State. The contractor put in a bill for several thousand dollars for extras to which the inspector refused to assent. Subsequently the inspector submitted a statement of the facts showing that nearly all the amount claimed for extras was graft. In other words, there was no extra work speaking about and the amount would have been stolen from the State. The inspector was dropped from the service, the story goes.

This is an incident which corroborates what we have frequently asserted. The Highway Department is honey-combed with corruption. Not long ago the existence of a bureau of information was revealed in the department. The chief clerk and other officials had organized a sort of syndicate to dispense secrets of the department to contractors for a consideration. It is also alleged that under conditions laid down by the department no one can get a contract for road building unless he supplies himself with a certain kind of roller in the sale of which there is a rake-off to some of the officials in the department. We have heard other scandalous charges against the department but that's enough.

The Highway Department was created for the purpose of providing lucrative jobs for certain politicians. The improvement of the highways wasn't even a secondary consideration, it was merely an incident. From the beginning of the work grafting has been the chief purpose of those concerned in it. Roads built under the direction of the department have cost from a third to half the contract price too much and until the crooks are kicked out it will be a den of iniquity. Even the reorganization of the department won't guarantee justice to the people. The change of the law so as to give local authorities control of the work is the only remedy.

No Excuse Available.

MR. CHARLES E. CARPENTER, of Philadelphia, writes to the chairman of the Lincoln party State committee that "he has been hunting for an excuse to come out and openly declare for the Republican State ticket." But he has been unable to find it. He owns to an admiration for MR. EDWIN S. STUART's "lovely personality" but it is insufficient reason for jeopardizing the reform advantages which have been gained. He has considered the claim that MR. STUART is independent of the machine and dismissed it. "No man ever has been or will be," he adds, "strong enough to combat the influences of an organization so thoroughly impregnated with gangism as the Republican organization is at the present time. Their entire game," he continues, "is to placate and deceive the public; not to regenerate themselves or their party."

That is a precisely correct description of the conditions and the purposes of the Republican machine. MR. STUART was named as the head of the decoy ticket because it was hoped that his "lovely personality" would distract the public mind from the iniquities of the machine. His amiability made him the more desirable as a decoy. If he were elected, the machine managers reasoned, he would not take the trouble to interfere with the conspiracies of the predatory gang. While he was the ostensible Mayor of Philadelphia DAVE MARTIN managed the municipal government. Personally honest Mr. STUART got no share of the booty though he knew of it and assented to it. No more available man for their purpose could have been found, therefore. His nomination would "placate and deceive the public" if any nomination could.

The letter of Mr. CARPENTER indicates, however, that the intelligent portion of the public has been neither placated nor deceived. The trap was set in view of those it was intended to catch and it has failed. There is no excuse for openly or secretly espousing the cause of the Republican State ticket. It would be a crime against the Commonwealth and an injustice to the people. In the election of State Treasurer BERRY last fall the cause of political morality and civic righteousness made a vast gain. But the advantage will all be sacrificed this year if the decoy ticket is successful. It represents the machine in all its hideousness. A majority for it will restore the pirates to power and renew the pillage which they have practiced during the score of years in which the late Senator QUAY exercised control.

Democrats don't forget your negligent, or sick neighbor, who never does, or cannot, attend to being registered. See that his name is upon the list, and be sure that your own is there also. Wednesday, September 5th, is the last day you can attend to this matter.

Another District Assured.

We referred to the absolute certainty of redeeming the York-Adams congressional district in last issue and our estimate has been corroborated by the best local authority. We have equal satisfaction in estimating that a similar result will issue in the sixteenth congressional district, composed of the counties of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Sullivan. On Tuesday last week the conferees of that district met at Shamokin and unanimously nominated JOHN G. MCHENRY, Esq., of Columbia county. The event was extraordinarily auspicious. The nomination was in the open at Edgewood park and was attended by from 800 to 1000 people and the greatest enthusiasm characterized the proceeding.

This nomination is an event in the political history of the State, moreover. MR. MCHENRY is a young business man of keen intelligence and though always active in party service, had hitherto shown an aversion to public life. He is president of the Columbia county National bank of Benton, where he resides, and not only the originator but the organizer of the Grange National bank, a chain of which is being established throughout the State. He was prevailed upon this year to become a candidate for Congress in his own county and to the surprise and gratification of his friends was unanimously nominated in all the counties of the district. It was a rare tribute to his fitness and popularity.

MR. MCHENRY has already entered upon a campaign of great energy and completeness. He is a firm believer in advertising and has applied for space in every newspaper in the district, irrespective of its politics. He will not asperse the character of his antagonist or assail anybody during his campaign but will keep constantly before the public the reasons why he should be elected and the policies for which he stands, should prevail. He is an orator of great force and eloquence and will speak in every town of considerable population in his district. His fight will be in the open, manly and candid and such a contest deserves the success which it is certain to achieve.

Auspicious Rather Than Unfortunate.

The esteemed Philadelphia Press is singularly unfortunate or else recklessly mendacious in its statements. For example, in a recent issue it says: "It is Mr. BRYAN's misfortune that he returns to the reception gathered in New York for his home-coming in the very week that Republican legislation on the regulation of railroads goes into effect. Mr. BRYAN has been talking many years over the regulation of railroads, and just as he enters on a new campaign of talk he and his party are confronted with the accomplished results of Republican legislation."

Unless the esteemed Press is mentally blind it knows that the railroad rate bill which went into operation on Tuesday is not Republican legislation. It knows that it is legislation advocated by Mr. BRYAN and other Democrats and that was forced upon the Republicans in Congress by the President who realized that the public sentiment created by their advocacy would overwhelm the Republican party unless such legislation was enacted. Our contemporary also knows that the President was obliged to enter into an agreement, which he subsequently betrayed, with the Democrats in the Senate, in order to frighten the Republicans of that body into voting for the measure. The betrayal was dishonorable and contemptible but it was ROOSEVELTIAN.

More than any other man in this broad land WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN is entitled to rejoice over the legislation which at present holds out the hope of compelling the railroads to deal justly and equally with the people. Some of the Democratic Senators had much to do with the achievement for they labored faithfully and tirelessly in the work. But it was Mr. BRYAN who created the demand, it was he who forced ROOSEVELT to the adoption of the idea and ROOSEVELT apparently felt no compunction in stealing his thoughts. Mr. BRYAN's home-coming is at an auspicious rather than an unfortunate time.

SEPT. 5TH.

Do you ask why we point to that date? If you are not registered on or before that day, you may lose your vote. It is the last day for this important matter. Democrats attend to this.

NOW

Two Types of Homage.

The great naval parade, organized at an expense of millions of dollars, for the abnormal vanity of the President, will occur next Monday. It will be the greatest event of the kind in the history of the world. More warships will participate in the maneuvers than were ever assembled in American waters before. It will be colossal as well as spectacular and the presidential salutes and the lesser ceremonies will be grand and imposing. No monarch has ever enjoyed such an expression of deference. No emperor has ever had such tribute paid to him. The Khedive of Egypt, the Sultan of Turkey, even the Akund of Swat can indulge in no such luxury.

The President and his sycophantic apologists will say that it is a public demonstration organized to inspire national pride. But as the esteemed Philadelphia Record observes if that were in purpose New York harbor would have been the place. There hundreds of thousands of people could have assembled to enjoy the novel and immense spectacle. At some of the popular seashore resorts the same advantage might have been secured. But at Oyster Bay, as our Philadelphia contemporary adds, it will be "merely a private homage to President ROOSEVELT, from which the American public are to a greater or less extent excluded." It is purely a family affair conducted at public expense. Notwithstanding the "pomp and circumstance" of this absurd and expensive demonstration of official authority and personal vanity, however, there will be an event in New York to-day which will far exceed it in significance and magnificence. A private citizen who has no power over the public other than that which confidence in his integrity and faith in his patriotism creates, will be welcomed by hundreds of thousands of American freemen to the land he loves and the country he has served. The cost of the event will not be paid from the public treasury. It will be willingly borne by the people who participate and it will make the pampered ROOSEVELT affair look like thirty cents.

Can't Vote.

Young men who voted on age last fall must be registered or they cannot vote in November. Others who have paid a state or county tax within two years may be able to swear in their votes, if their names have been overlooked and are not upon the voting list, but the voter who cast his first ballot last year has no possible chance to do this. He has never paid a tax—his name will be upon no duplicate, consequently he cannot pay the necessary tax that he is required to qualify has been paid

in order to secure his vote. By failing to register he practically and effectively disfranchises himself. Democrats should remember this and make it their business to know that the name of every young Democrat who voted on age in 1905, is upon the polling list of 1906. And this must be attended to before the evening of September 5th.

What They Were Created for and Why They Must Go.

From the Johnston Democrat.

The Cossacks were created for the purpose of shouldering off the burden of protecting corporations in their fights with labor from the corporations themselves upon the State. For years the corporations had maintained a body of private police at their own expense. These private police were held in scant respect by the public and they cost the corporations a lot of money. The corporations therefore sought to get the State to relieve them of their burden and at the same time supply them with a band of armed men to be used at their pleasure in fighting their battles with their employees.

However, we do not care so much for the part the corporations played in this nasty business. What we care for is the principal involved. The Cossacks constitute a force which is essentially military. It is under military discipline and is organized purely along military lines. Its functions are supposed to be civil, yet it performs these functions, not as a civil body would do, but in conformity with military ideas. It is a roving band of armed men which can be sent and has been sent into communities where they were not needed, where the local authorities declare them to be a menace to order, where they actually brought on violence and bloodshed and where they acted, not under the orders of the civil authorities, but in open disregard and defiance of those authorities.

The brief record of the Cossacks is a bloody one. There is no evidence that they have promoted public order. There is much evidence that they have done the very opposite. The people instinctively resent the appearance of the Cossacks in Pennsylvania as the people of Russia resent the appearance of the Cossacks there. They instinctively feel that this military body masquerading in the guise of constables is a threat against local self-government. And so obvious is the real purpose behind the Cossacks that instinctively the right minded people of all political affiliation join in the demand for the abolition of this dangerous forerunner of centralized power backed by guns and bayonets.

The Cossacks must go because they provoke disorder. They must go because they are undermining the very foundations of civil authority.

Similar in Many Ways.

From the Portland Oregonian.

Providence seems to have a grudge against Philadelphia. No sooner is that city rid of its gratters than a plague of fleas besets it. The latter pest is more numerous than the former, perhaps, and attacks in a manner somewhat different; but it requires no very active imagination to conceive that the woes of the city are not essentially altered.

The gratter is a kind of flea. A parasite on the body politic, he sucks the blood like his agile prototype, and too often, when the finger of justice descends to grab him, he hops gleefully away. The gratter, or human flea, thrives wherever public business of any sort is transacted. He is on hand when a building is to be erected or a ship constructed. He feeds on the supplies to the army and fattens on the food of soldiers. Three thousand dead in the Spanish war died of the bite of the human flea. He swarms about State Legislatures and appears in Capitols in divers forms. Now he is a sweet young city clerk, now he is a suave lobbyist, now he is a member plandering the chamber of stationery and furniture, as he sets out for home. A flea, fine, fat and large, which particularly affects Capitols, is of the lobbyist variety. Swept away, he hops back again as lively as ever. Crushed, he flattens himself out and escapes unhurt.

There is another variety of flea that infests the public schools. He grows fat on contracts for furniture and books. He nibbles at the salaries of teachers and gnaws into the perquisites of janitors. He always on hand when a building is to be erected, and grows noticeably rotund before it is completed. The school flea assumes various engaging disguises. Sometimes he looks like a director, sometimes like a teacher, sometimes like a superintendent. His tricks for diverting the public funds into his stomach are many and ingenious. He has been known to gnaw a large hole in a fund voted by the taxpayers to raise teachers' salaries. He has been suspected of swallowing a pile of wood.

Should Tell the Whole Truth.

From the York Gazette.

"We have money to spend," exultingly proclaim the Machine organs, but they fail to inform us whence it was obtained. They claim credits for granting to the old soldiers that which no one has ever denied them; that they are to be immune to insect powders, and no spray has been invented that will kill him.

As True as Frenchin. From the Clearfield Republican. Captain Hugh S. Taylor, the Democratic candidate for Congress, will give Captain Balfour the fight of his life. There is no more popular man in the district than the Democratic candidate.

Spawns from the Keystone.

The Masonic fraternity has purchased land at Sunbury on which to erect a \$30,000 temple.

There are 174 prisoners in the Westmoreland county jail at Greensburg awaiting trial, twelve of whom are charged with murder.

All arrangements and details are nearing completion for the big county Patriotic Order Sons of America picnic to be held at Agar's park, Clinton county, on Labor Day, September 3rd.

Because the members of the Watsonstown school board could not agree upon the selection of a school teacher, Judge Savidge Monday removed the entire board and will appoint new members.

Thomas Rager, of New Alverton, is the champion wheat grower of the county. His crop this season having averaged thirty-five bushels to the acre. What other farmer can beat or equal this yield.

Adjudged guilty of removing ten little wild turkeys from their nest, Abraham Sanders, of Cogan Station, near Williamsport, has been fined \$850 by the alderman before whom the case was tried.

Mrs. Hazlett, of Vandegrift Heights, Westmoreland county, was sitting in a room on the first floor of her home when a stroke of lightning came down the chimney and tore out the fire place. Mrs. Hazlett sat within a few feet of the chimney rocking her baby but neither received the least injury.

Rev. E. O. Irvin, of Lock Haven, had his pocket picked in the Western Union Telegraph company's office at that place. Two strangers who were in the office at the time were arrested, one of whom was held, but the pocketbook which contained the preacher's clerical railroad orders and other valuable papers, was missing.

An addition is to be built to the Lock Haven Trust company building for the use of the directors of the bank. The large room, now used by the directors will be fitted up with private booths for the use of patrons of the popular banking institution. A new vault 12x8 feet, 7 feet high, is also to be put in for the special use of box renters.

It is announced that one large farm between Selingsgrove and Shamokin dam, a part of a five-mile tract bought recently by mysterious capitalists, has been laid out in building lots to accommodate at least 700 families. This means an additional population for Selingsgrove of about 3,500 persons, and the trolley from Selingsgrove to Sunbury is now an assured fact.

Philip McGuire, a desperate highwayman who is believed to have hailed from Chicago, is in jail in Williamsport in default of \$1,000 bail for an attempted highway robbery. McGuire accosted Mrs. M. R. Zitch in broad daylight on Market street, Saturday and demanded her money but she got away from him and a little later an officer arrested him on the charge of attempted highway robbery and assault.

Wellboro money is back of the Deemer Manufacturing company, organized with a capital of \$1,200,000. The company has bought the timber on 40,000 acres of land near Philadelphia, Miss., estimated at 400,000,000 feet, and will develop the tract at once. An architect is in Wellboro from Michigan, drawing plans for a mill to cost \$100,000, with a capacity of 150,000 feet of hardwood every 24 hours. The timber is pine and oak.

A common house fly has caused Miss Mary Ryan, of Renovo, Clinton county, to lose the complete sight of one eye and only with extreme care can the sight of the other be saved. On last Fourth of July a fly flew into her eye and caused the most excruciating pain. She consulted a physician, who applied proper remedies, but the optic continued to inflame from the poison. She finally entered the Hahnemann hospital in Philadelphia for treatment.

The fish and game wardens in Clinton and Lycoming counties are determined to break up the practice of illegal fishing, which it is alleged, is being practiced along the Susquehanna river from Sunbury to Lock Haven to such an extent as to seriously hinder the sport. The violators of the fish laws have grown careless in their unlawful fishing, seemingly resting secure in the belief that the fish and game wardens in that vicinity were mere figureheads.

A friendly streak of lightning came to the aid of Miss Sadie McCormick, 17 years old, near Lewisport, Wednesday night. She was on her way to visit a family in which a death had occurred, when she was grabbed in a lonely spot by some one, who tried to gag her. A flash of lightning, incident to a gathering storm, revealed the man's face, and Miss McCormick says it was John Mitchell's. She screamed for help, but the fellow escaped. Half an hour later Mitchell was dragged from his bed by the police and identified by Miss McCormick.

Pierce Schug, a prominent citizen of Hughesville, who a few days ago returned from a two months' stay in the west, was arrested at Hughesville Tuesday night on a charge of obtaining money under false pretense. Jacob Per, a Hughesville merchant, is the prosecutor. Schug waived a hearing and furnished \$1000 bail for trial at court. Schug was formerly an officer of the Muncy Valley Farmers' club, but while he was in the west he sent for \$17,000, due to unfortunate investments and loans. His friends say that before his case comes to trial, he will be able to effect a settlement.

The Buffalo Valley railroad, that picturesque lumber line through the mountains of Union county, will soon be a thing of the past. This railroad runs from Lewisburg into the wilds of Clinton county, and during the past ten years has handled a great many million feet of lumber, thousands of acres being cleared off by the Kulp Lumber company. The railroad is a narrow gauge, and over 20 miles in length. The company and about finished its lumbering operations and will take its equipment to West Virginia where they have bought a big tract on which to operate. Quite a number of miles have already been taken up and on August 13th work was started on the removal of the railroad.