

Ink Stings.

The President has begun work on his next message to Congress. It remains to be seen how he will do his spelling.

Next week the Grangers will have their annual outing at Centre Hall. May fair weather and a good time be theirs.

If Mr. GIBBON lands in the district attorney's office in Philadelphia it will be "23" for the promoters of vice in Quakerdom.

Think of it! Of the eighty-five million people in the United States, only twenty-nine million are connected with any church. Surely there is room for improvement here.

Mr. HOMER L. CASTLE has been called a liar for saying that Mr. EMERY has been involved in business scandals in the past. It is up to HOMER now to prove his statements or take water.

The red leather upholstery in the executive department in the new capitol building at Harrisburg was probably conceived as being in harmony with Cousin SAM's boots when they get a little shy of tallow.

It is a pity that EDWIN S. STUART, the gang's candidate for Governor, did not fall in with that band of political buccanniers early enough to have his face on the bronze doors of the Capitol. It would have been a perpetuation of what he really represents.

Both the Democratic and Republican senatorial conferees for this district have been sticking to their respective candidates with a persistency that makes it look as though the district will be without a candidate for the Senate unless the state committees select one.

"As Maine goes, so goes the Union" is an old political proverb. Well, at the elections on Monday Maine came so near going Democratic entirely that things look very hopeful for the fall. As it was the Democrats carried every city in the State and came very near capturing the Legislature.

The Cuban situation has become serious enough to give our President an opportunity of brandishing his big stick—reform spelling. Several cruisers have been ordered to Cuban waters and it is likely that Uncle SAM will take a hand in the fray unless those trouble makers down there patch up a truce.

The Republican Philadelphia Press has no patience with the gang's attempt to make political capital out of the failure of the Real Estate Trust Co. of that city. Because some of its directors happen to be prominent in reform movements does not prove that reform movements are run like the affairs of that bank were.

If Judge LOVE made the nomination of Capt. BARCLAY for Congress possible, and the Captain is elected, it means that LOVE's influence will be thrown to aspirant HARTER for the postoffice. Under the circumstances this influence ought to be very potential unless LOVE was paid in some other way for his conferees.

The busted Real Estate Trust Co., in Philadelphia, has about straightened out its tangled affairs and if all goes well it will be reopened in a few days. So much for the good of the depositors of that institution but what of HIPPLE, the suicide president. He is past getting himself straight and stands before the judgment bar a self convicted hypocrite.

State Treasurer BERRY has announced that in all probability the new state capitol has cost \$10,000,000, instead of the four million that the commission having it in charge declare was the price. Mr. BERRY usually knows what he is talking about and he says the gang has \$6,000,000 covered up somewhere that he is going on the hunt for. More power to him.

If the trusts and other pampered interests have a right to secure federal legislation that is helpful to them so has organized labor and the farmers. If the two latter peoples would treat Republican candidates for Congress everywhere (as the Maine labor people treated LITTLEFIELD on Monday they would soon force the Republican party to realize that they are not dummies: To be handled on election day and discarded the day after.

It is rumored that Capt. CHARLEY FRYBERGER has already given up the race for the Legislature. Everywhere he goes he finds that public sentiment is in favor of giving JOHN NOLL another term, because he made a good member in the last body and is entitled to a second term. The Captain would act the part of a wise man if he were to step down and out at once; saving himself the expense of a campaign and the humiliation of a defeat.

Congressman CHAS. E. LITTLEFIELD, of Maine, has been the first of the Republican candidates to feel the effects of his treachery to organized labor. As a member of the Republican party he promised all manner of legislative help for labor and then as the representative of the Second Maine district in Congress, he fought every measure that the labor interests asked for. The result has been that his election on Monday was by a majority of only one thousand, whereas, two years ago, he had twenty times that much.

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Mr. Young's Acceptance.

Mr. ROBERT K. YOUNG, Republican nominee for Auditor General, has finally accepted. The action is a trifle tardy and there is no explanation of the delay, but our prediction of several weeks ago is fulfilled. That is after the strange episode of the notification meeting, from which Mr. YOUNG ran as if he were being pursued by a pestilence, we said he would accept. Under the hyacinth influence of Mr. VAN VALKENBURG, he was not allowed to fix his own time. The editor of the North American wanted to use him for awhile as an asset for trading operations with the machine and there was some uncertainty as to when the candidate would be released to the exercise of his own pleasure. But we knew he would accept sooner or later even if it should become necessary to run away from VAN as he had run away from the notification committee. Since the capitol building has gone out of existence he has been out of a job.

We are free to admit, however, that we didn't expect the acceptance of Mr. YOUNG to take on the form in which it has appeared. For example, he says that "If elected I shall be fortified for the painstaking and impartial discharge of my official duties by the consciousness that my selection was the expression of the untrammeled will of my fellow citizens." That is an exhibition of cant which we didn't expect from him. He is a good deal of a mental acrobat and political chameleon but hitherto he has not assumed the role of a pharisee. But in that expression he proves himself a master in that line of "politicating." He knows as well as he knows that he is alive, that his nomination was the result of a hard bargain between VAN VALKENBURG and Senator PENROSE and that after the result each complained that the other had cheated in the transaction. But for that Mr. YOUNG's name would never have been mentioned for the office.

The closing sentence of Mr. YOUNG's letter of acceptance is equally surprising and perplexing. "With a platform composed of no platitudes, but pregnant with concrete, definite, frank and unequivocal promises of laws to be enacted vital to the well-being and progress of the State," he writes, "and with the good faith and sincerity of those party promises bottomed upon positive laws enacted by the last Legislature as proof of the party's purpose, there can be no sufficient ground for any man calling himself a Republican to fail to give his party proud, hearty and loyal support at this time." Yet the conditions were precisely the same when he ran away from the notification meeting and subsequently declared with startling vehemence that he wouldn't accept the nomination and inferentially that he wouldn't support the ticket unless Chairman ANDREWS was removed from the campaign committee.

The Philadelphia Bank Failure.

The hopelessness of the machine in this State is revealed in the attempt of some of the more conscienceless organs to make the failure of the Real Estate Trust company of Philadelphia a political asset. JOHN H. CONVERSE and BAYARD HENRY, two of the directors in the wrecked institution, took an active part in the reform campaign last fall and have for years been associated with reform movements. Mr. HENRY was urged this year for the LINCOLN Republican nomination for Lieutenant Governor and Mr. CONVERSE has indicated a purpose to continue his activities in the cause of political improvement.

There were seven members of the board of directors of the institution besides a president, treasurer, assistant treasurer, auditor, cashier and other employees. All the directors except Mr. CONVERSE and Senator HENRY were stalwart Republicans and all the officials were of the same political faith. The only director who appears to have gotten any of the loot was one who acted as solicitor and charged \$900,000 for his services in that capacity and he is a machine Republican. Obviously there is no justification for making a political issue out of the matter under such circumstances. At least no capital can be made against the Fusion party.

The State Banking Department is culpable in its failure to make proper examination of the institution and exposing its rottenness and the state administration is censurable for allowing the Banking Commissioner to neglect his duty so palpably. But the Fusion party and the Fusion candidates are free from blame. The State had some funds in the bank but under the law enacted during the special session of the Legislature last winter, the revenue commission, a majority of whom are Republicans are responsible for that. As a matter of fact the only politicians who are censurable are Republicans.

Both the Republican and Democratic senatorial conferees were held in Phillipsburg on Tuesday with the same result as before, that after taking a number of ballots both adjourned, the Republicans to meet again in the same place on Saturday and the Democrats on next Tuesday.

Ned Stuart's Hypocrisy.

That NED STUART has consented to a campaign of fraud and false pretense is revealed in his opening speech delivered in Lehigh county the other day. Mr. STUART is an amiable gentleman, who in an atmosphere of vice and crime, continued personally above suspicion. It is true that he never discouraged vice or even protested against it. In fact, during his administration of the office of mayor of Philadelphia, the odious machine was created and the iniquities of public life in the city began. He might have stopped them if inclined and in fact it was within the possibilities for him to have completely eliminated the "system" from the municipal government. But he preferred to be obnoxious of such things and let them run on and he has continued in that course ever since.

Nobody ever accuses NED STUART of false pretense, however, and we don't believe that anybody who knows him ever thought of such an aspersion upon him until his speech of last Saturday was made public. A good many of his friends were amazed, last fall, at his indifference as to the result of the struggle for civic righteousness in the city and State. But not even his bitterest enemy would have accused him of hypocrisy until he pledged himself to the reforms enumerated in the Republican platform. He is for two cent railroad fares, he said, trolley freights and various other things which his party in the Legislature has refused a dozen times and promises now only with the purpose of betraying the pledge in the event of his election. He knows that the promise is false.

But Mr. STUART only reached the climax of false pretense when he promised legislation to give greater security to depositors in State banks and other financial institutions operating under the authority of the State. Mr. STUART knows, if he knows anything, that his party has had absolute control of the legislation of the State for a dozen years and not only failed but actually refused to enact such legislation as he speaks of. There had been plenty of reasons and frequent opportunities. The failure of the Lancaster Trust company brought the matter to mind and various other bank failures had suggested the necessity of such legislation and the Democrats in the Legislature have urged it. But the majority refused and will continue to do so if the machine ticket wins.

Republican Leaders are Uneasy.

The Republicans own to considerable uneasiness over the result of the approaching congressional elections. They are anxious to maintain a majority in the next Congress and nearly every member of the cabinet has been ordered to take the stump to aid in that achievement. When ROOSEVELT was a Civil Service commissioner such political activity was condemned as the essence of official iniquity. But now that he is President and anxious to have what he calls his policies sustained, he not only permits, but requires, it from those about him. During the campaign in Maine Secretaries TART and BONAPARTE were on the stump. They are to be reinforced by SHAW and ROOT in other States.

They admit a vast decrease in the majority in the House of Representatives. In the present Congress there are 252 Republicans and 138 Democrats, so that the majority is 114. For the coming Congress they claim a majority of twenty-two but acknowledge that it will be necessary to carry every doubtful district in order to get that preponderance. In other words, they practically concede the loss of ninety-two districts now represented by Republicans and the imminent danger of losing twenty-five or thirty others. To avert that result every expedient will be invoked. Not only will the civil service laws be violated but every form of corruption and bribery will be resorted to.

There is no pretense that public interests will be conserved by the election of a Republican Congress. During the recent session every vote against the rate bill was cast by a Republican and the force of the measure was impaired by amendments in the interest of the railroads offered and supported by Republicans. The meat inspection bill had its only opposition on the Republican side of the chamber and all other reform legislation was supported by the unanimous vote of the Democratic membership. The only reason that can be given for the continuance of Republican control of the House, therefore, is that the interests of the trusts and monopolies may be conserved.

In this issue of the WATCHMAN will be found the official notice of the purchase of the Ardell Lumber company plant by Newlin H. Irvin, as announced in this paper two weeks ago. Mr. Irvin has had ample experience in the lumber business and, being an affable and obliging young man, will undoubtedly meet with success. He will continue to run the business under the old name of the Ardell Lumber company.

Encouraging Campaign Reports.

The second week of the campaign for the rescue of Pennsylvania from the grafters was most auspicious. EMERY, BLACK and CREAMY spent last week in the northern tier and addressed monster meetings at Athens, in Bradford county, and Smethport, McKean county. The greatest enthusiasm was aroused by their eloquent and effective speeches. At Smethport they had been preceded by CASTLE, who undertook to prejudice the public mind against EMERY. But so far from achieving that result he only worked up the friends of the reform candidate to greater efforts in his behalf with the result that every step in the progress of the Fusion candidates was met with something like an ovation.

It is small wonder, however, that the people of the State are aroused to an extraordinary degree by existing political conditions. The exposures of the past year have shown that for many years the QUAY machine has been looting the people most mercilessly. The legislation of a dozen years has been shaped to protect crime and encourage venality. The machine managers have boasted that no law has been violated by their predatory operations. But the facts are that every benefice of the State has been tainted with graft and that the educational and charity appropriations have been made to pay tribute to the conspirators. An appalling condition has been revealed, in fact.

In the face of such a state of affairs the reform candidates are welcomed because they hold out their promise of relief. There is little hope of restitution for the reason that the robberies have been perpetrated under the sanction of statutes and the courts were so corrupted that they offered no hope of relief. There is a certainty of a correction of the evils in the election of the Fusion ticket, however, and with that understanding the candidates are welcomed wherever they appear with the greatest enthusiasm. The speeches of EMERY, BLACK and CREAMY are both eloquent and forcible, moreover, and carry conviction to the minds of their hearers.

Our Absurd President.

The enemies of President ROOSEVELT could hardly desire a greater opposition to his absurd order on the subject of orthography than is expressed in the ridicule it has evoked and the popular contempt it has inspired. But according to late reports from Washington it is destined to encounter even a more humiliating opposition. In other words, it is alleged that some twenty-five years ago Congress adopted a concurrent resolution making "WEBSTER'S unabridged dictionary the standard for government spelling," and that resolution was affirmed by the Supreme court and is still unrepealed.

If that be true, and we have no reason to doubt it, the President's ridiculous order is not only a violation of all the history and traditions of the English language, but is a subversion of the laws of the country and consequently null and void. Of course, ROOSEVELT won't mind the subversion of the law. He knows no law other than his own caprice and pays no attention to his obligations to the constitution. But the courts can be invoked to compel obedience to the resolution of Congress and the universal guffaw of an intelligent and gratified public will do the rest. ROOSEVELT will be the butt of every man's jokes.

Probably the office President ROOSEVELT holds should protect him from popular ridicule and shield him from the contempt of the people. But there are some things so absurd and some offenses so enormous that they cannot be disregarded though associated with the high office of President. The order outraging our language and usurping authority which the wildest fanatic would not have dreamed of claiming, was of this character and we rejoice rather than regret that it has resulted in such a fiasco. Probably the rebuke plainly conveyed in the popular ridicule will bring the President to his senses.

Capt. BARCLAY, the Republican nominee for Congress, who, if elected, will probably name the next postmaster of Bellefonte, was here on Saturday to attend the veteran's picnic. He saw many of his lieutenants in this section, of course, but the thing he saw most of was the editor of the Gazette. This worthy, who came to Centre county just in time to keep the Republican party from becoming dominant and who has done all (?) the work of the party ever since, would like to be postmaster. He doesn't need the job, to be sure, but he wants it; just as he has wanted everything else that has been gettable since he joined the Republicans. Just why our friend isn't satisfied, we don't know, and won't attempt to explain, but he isn't, and the way he hung onto Capt. BARCLAY was equivalent to serving notice on the other aspirant that they will have to move to Sinnamahoning if they expect a chance to tell what they have done for the party.

Where is the Trade?

Our Imperialist statesmen will have to explain what is the matter with the Philippines. Our exports to the islands have fallen off about \$750,000 compared with the previous years, while the exports of the Philippines to the United States have also declined. Evidently trade does not follow the flag, as our Republican statesmen said it would.

The Democratic senatorial conference in this district is certainly in deep water just now. It met at the Passmore house, Phillipsburg, last Tuesday and after halting until the middle of Wednesday afternoon without making a nomination the Clearfield conferees moved a final adjournment. The Centre county conferees voted against such action and then the Clearfield delegation withdrew from the conference. After some discussion the Centre county conferees adjourned to meet at the same place next Tuesday afternoon.

Vindicating Mr. Emery.

From the Pittsburgh Post. When Homer L. Castle and Silas C. Swallow some time ago made charges against Lewis Emery, Jr., the Post declared that they were the same that had been put forth years ago by the Standard Oil company, that they were all false and that in due time they would be properly refuted. The work of doing this was begun on Tuesday when Jeremiah S. Black, the Fusion candidate for Lieutenant Governor, exposed to the farmers of McKean county, who are the neighbors and friends of Mr. Emery, the falsity of one of the charges made by Mr. Castle. The latter laid much stress upon an alleged affidavit of P. E. Buckley, of Philadelphia. Mr. Black showed that Buckley, by his own confession, had stolen barrels of oil from the Lewis Emery oil company in Philadelphia and sold it at night, and after being sent to jail pleaded with Mr. Emery for mercy on account of his family and that Mr. Emery let him off.

Mr. Black further read a sworn confession of this same man Buckley, which showed that at the instance of the agents of the Standard Oil company he had bribed an employee of the Lewis Emery oil company to give information as to the business of the latter concern, the avowed object being to drive it out of business by approaching its customers and inducing them to trade with it. The infamous methods thus revealed are those which the Standard uniformly employed against its rivals and which were recently testified to in the courts. Wherever its agents could they bribed men in the employ of their competitors to get a list of the latter's customers with the Standard Oil company, every one of which was long ago disproved, and for the publication of many of which the editor of the Standard Oil organ in this State was compelled to pay large damages to Mr. Emery several years ago.

Mr. Black on commenting on the Buckley affidavit and Castle's remarks thereupon very pertinently said: "This is the kind of political buncombe the gentleman who spoke yesterday is telling the honest people of the State. If Mr. Castle and Rev. Dr. Swallow will remember the ninth commandment, 'Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor,' they will have all the righteousness they can take care of."

The "Inexpensive" Capitol.

From the Philadelphia Record. A few weeks ago the Capitol Commissioners astonished the world by announcing that when all the outstanding bills were paid they would have about \$50,000 left from the appropriation of \$4,000,000 and that the building was completed.

They were deliberately imposing upon the public. The Capitol has cost nearer ten millions than four. The appropriation has been enormously overrun, and it has been accomplished by a process of subterfuge and deception and even of violation of specific law. The method is now disclosed. The law of 1885 authorized the Superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings to buy furniture for the two branches of the Legislature, and every general appropriation bill since then has contained a blank appropriation of whatever sum was expended for furniture. By an arrangement between the Capitol Commissioners and the Commissioners of Public Grounds and Buildings the former have been enabled to keep within their appropriation because the latter, who had an unlimited appropriation, expanded the word "furniture" to cover not only the bronze chandeliers and the cut glass shades, which are innumerable and the least of which cost \$300, but the mahogany window casings, the carved mahogany moldings and the parquet floors.

These are not furniture; they are a part of the building, and paying for them as furniture is not only a piece of jugglery, but it is a violation of the following proviso attached to the appropriations of 1903 and 1905 for the purchase of furniture: "Provided that expenditures made under this section shall not be so construed as to authorize the Commissioners of Public Grounds and Buildings to complete the present Capitol building."

And that is precisely what the Commissioners have done to the extent of several million dollars—to the extent of more money than the building itself cost.

Spawls from the Keystone.

The announcement comes from Lancaster that the farmers of that county will realize \$3,000,000 from their tobacco crops this year, an excess of \$1,000,000 over last year.

The wires of the new Sugar Valley Telephone company have been connected with Loganton and the people of the entire valley can now have communication with that busy place.

The greater part of the \$100,000 needed for the new Pine Street Methodist church in Williamsport has been raised. The subscriptions now total \$83,000, practically \$50,000 of which has been paid.

Although she has just inherited \$50,000 from an uncle who lived in London, Mrs. Rabelle Poole, of Phoenixville, has decided to continue waiting on customers behind the counter in her husband's store.

John M. Wolf, of Hanover, York county, yesterday entered upon the fifty-ninth year of his service as a teacher in the public schools of Adams and York counties. He began at the age of 15 and is now 74.

Saturday evening secret service men in Philadelphia captured James M. McAndrews, alias Frank Hildebrand, reported the cleverest small coin counterfeiter in the east. A complete counterfeiting outfit was also confiscated.

The New York and Pennsylvania Paper company have contracted for the erection of 12 new dwelling houses at Johnsonburg. Hyde, Murphy & Co. of Ridgway, have secured the contract and they are to be completed by December 1.

The eighth set of twins has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen C. Deppe, living near Berwick. The babies are boys. Twenty-four children have come to the Deppe home, and eleven boys and eight girls are living. Five children died in infancy.

Mrs. Margaret Butler, of Coal Castle, Schuylkill county, the oldest resident of that county, died last week, at the advanced age of 104 years. She maintained all her faculties until the end and the statement is made that her sight was so good that she never had occasion to wear glasses.

Joe Fields of Juniata county, recently cut down a white oak tree on his farm that measured four feet nine and one-half inches across the stump. It had 236 rings or growths, which would make the tree that number of years old. It was solid clear through except a small piece in the centre.

Sunbury Daughters of the American Revolution have appropriated enough money to erect a boulder monument to mark the site of Fort Augustus, a colonial stronghold. It will be on a small corner of the property owned by the borough. The boulder will be, roughly, a four-foot cube, bearing a bronze tablet on the side facing the river drive.

Mrs. J. R. Callahan, of Johnstown, before her marriage Edith Wambaugh of South Fork, and formerly a nurse in the West Penn hospital, Pittsburgh, has just received legal information to the effect that Clyde Gordon, late of Cincinnati, has bequeathed \$8,000 to her for her kind services when he was a patient for three months in the hospital.

Edward Clark, of Flemington, Clinton county, met with a painful accident last Thursday forenoon by falling from the roof of a building. The young man was giving the roof of the building a coat of tar paint, when he missed his footing and fell to the ground, a distance of about eighteen or twenty feet. A bucketful of the paint followed him and completely covered him. One ankle was broken.

To mark the place where three of Perry's ships were constructed the Erie county Historical Society will erect a big native boulder on the beach opposite the mouth of Big Cascade creek. The society wants a stone four feet high and desires to obtain it in Erie county. The stone will have a bronze marker giving the purpose of the monument and the names of the ships—the Lawrence, the Niagara and the Ariel.

Herman G. Stalab and John Anderson, the two private detectives who figured in the Hartje divorce case and testified for Augustus Hartje broke open the trunk of Thomas Madine, the coachman and one of the correspondents in the case and in that way procured some of the letters alleged to have been written by Mrs. Hartje, were indicted by the grand jury on the charge of entering a building with intent to commit a felony.

James White, of Lick Run, died in the Lock Haven hospital, last Saturday morning at 4 o'clock, of gastric and enteritis. The remains were prepared for burial by Undertaker J. N. Sloan, at his rooms. The deceased was an unusually tall man, the body in death measuring six feet, six and one-half inches. Mr. Sloan says that in all his experience of fifty years in the undertaking business that this is the longest body he has ever prepared for burial. Deceased was about 50 years of age.

On Thursday evening of last week Frank Owens, son of the late William Owens, of Clearfield, had occasion to ride to the home of Amos Owens, a neighbor. Hitching his horse some distance from the house, he returned, after transacting the business with Amos, and next that was known of him he was found in an unconscious condition near where the horse had been hitched. He never lived to tell how the accident happened. The horse reared home showing no signs of excitement. William Owens, father of deceased, was killed several years ago. Mr. Owens lingered in an unconscious condition until Friday evening when he died.

An interesting bit of history is recalled by the burning of a barn on the old Smith farm, at Academia, Juniata county. The barn was the property of Rev. S. W. Pomeroy, who gained fame during the Civil war by carrying a message from Chambersburg to Governor Curtin at Harrisburg. The message was from Judge Kimmel, of Chambersburg, and told of the plan of the rebels to march on to Gettysburg, and was the means of bringing the Union army to that place in time to win the battle. It was sewed between the lining and cloth of Pomeroy's trousers and in this way escaped the vigilance of the rebel guards then occupying Chambersburg. Rev. Pomeroy is well known by many people in Centre and adjoining counties.