

Ink Stings.

Mr. QUIGLEY can't be Senator this time. Machine men need not apply.

At last we have a candidate for State Senator. He is a good one. Now to elect him.

We are all ready to benevolently assimilate the Cubans. The army is afoot and the navy is under steam.

If all this talk about typhoid fever in oysters isn't stopped soon the months with r in will lose half their prestige.

Votes for JOHN NOLL for Assembly and be sure that you are helping along the cause of purer government in Pennsylvania all you are able to.

The reason you haven't heard anything about the frost being on the pumpkin from the rural newspapers is because they know that all the frost is on STUART.

Notwithstanding the note of alarm that typhoid lurks in the luscious bivalve it will be perfectly safe to eat the stew that is set before you at the average church festival.

EMERY and BERRY will be in Bellefonte on the night of October 10th. It will be a great rally for reform and reformers from all parts of the county should be here to hear them.

Isn't that Atlanta race riot good for a little space in some of the partisan northern papers that have already forgotten the frightful one at Youngstown, Ohio, only a few months ago.

Under the new foot-ball rules this season the play is to be more open. This is to give the spectators a better opportunity to see who gets slugged and which one of the warriors does the trick.

A singular coincidence is recorded in the fact that the elephant on which Lord and Lady CURZON rode in the Delhi durbar, in India, died in that city on the very day that Lady CURZON died in London.

Spain has six hundred thousand persons with handles to their names, or one to every thirty-eight of inhabitants. We don't know exactly how many Colonels there are in Kentucky, but we never heard of a Kentuckian who isn't one.

At last CASSIE CHADWICK has given up hope of evading punishment on a technicality and has settled down to serve out her ten years' sentence. How sad that a woman who was such a good one at landing snipers should have to be penned up.

The Chinese coolies who are to work on Uncle SAM's big ditch across the isthmus are to receive the munificent sum of eight cents a day. Now when it comes to equal rights among men doesn't this make our Uncle SAMUEL look something like thirty-cents.

Poor Mayor JOHN WEAVER, of Philadelphia, is having his own troubles. Now they are talking about impeaching him because he is said to have tried to use his police in a local political contest in which he was interested. Verily, the gang makes the way of the honest official very troublesome.

A local minister settled the "tainted money" question quite to the satisfaction of his hearers on Sunday morning when he declared that he had no objection to tainted money because he believed that it had been in the devil's hands long enough and the sooner it got to working for the Lord the better.

The Secretary of Agriculture has ruled that packers dare no longer put the picture of a pig on a can of old beef and call it pork. The people of Pennsylvania will promulgate an order on November 6th that will show the machine that it can no longer put the stamp of respectability on its gold-bricks and call them pure.

State Treasurer BERRY made the most startling and most interesting political speech ever heard in Bellefonte, when he was here on his own campaigning tour last fall. He is helping more reformers into a position where he can help him so he will come to Bellefonte with Mr. EMERY and his party for the great reform rally on the night of October 10th.

We don't know what director of public safety PORTER, of Philadelphia, did that urged him to resign, but certain it is that he knows how to talk when out of office. Listen, this is what he says: "The resignation of a director or so is not a campaign issue. Don't let us get side tracked on that. Let us keep our eyes dead ahead on the November election and the triumph of reform at the ballot box."

The Republican gag is sending out thousands of Dr. SWALLOW'S paper, The Church Forum, all over the State. It is a pretty state of affairs when "a corrupt and criminal combination masquerading as Republicans" can use a Methodist organ to keep themselves in power. Good Methodists, everywhere, will repudiate and condemn this latest scandal into which Dr. SWALLOW brazenly attempts to drag the church.

Uncle JOE WHEELER was a gallant soldier but he couldn't stand the bombardment of kisses he was subjected to on lower Broadway, New York, Monday night. The old warrior is said to have sighed aloud after three successive beauties had fondly clung to his neck, imagining (?) him to be some one else, but he swore aloud right after when he discovered that his wallet and a four hundred dollar diamond had disappeared with the osculating "angels."

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Mr. Gompers' Plain Duty. The esteemed Philadelphia Record shares our opinion that President GOMPERS is misdirecting his energies in his campaign against Speaker CANNON. "GOMPERS cannot defeat Speaker CANNON," the Record says. "He might make a successful contest," it adds, "against the more vulnerable DEEMER," meaning the Republican candidate for Congress in the Fifteenth district of this State. At the last election CANNON had 15,000 majority, and his district is not what is called an industrial section. DEEMER had 5,619 and his is one of the agricultural districts of Pennsylvania, though it contains a mining section and the Democratic candidate is an official of the mine workers organization.

The esteemed Record is accurate in its judgment. DEEMER is vulnerable and the energy and intelligence which Mr. GOMPERS put into the fight against Representative LITTLEFIELD, of Maine, invested in a campaign against him would certainly compass his defeat. The same is true of the Fourteenth, Nineteenth and Twenty-first districts of this State. Ordinarily Republican by safe margins, the ROOSEVELT tidal wave of two years ago ran up the majorities to 4,479, 4,098 and 4,882, respectively. But the changed conditions and the machine proclivities of the Representatives then chosen have made the defeat of the Republican candidates not only possible but probable, and with Mr. GOMPERS' help absolutely certain. The Sixteenth and Twentieth districts are nominally Democratic and the Federation of Labor could easily make them overwhelming so this year.

Thus with half the labor which Mr. GOMPERS will expend in an effort to defeat Speaker CANNON, which will not succeed, he might make certain the defeat of five candidates in this State, all of whom, if elected, will vote for CANNON for Speaker. In this district, for instance, Mr. BERRY had 4,046 majority for State Treasurer. Taking from that aggregate the 2,319 Prohibition votes he has still 1,727 to the good which may be counted as the vote of the Democratic candidate if it is polled. The Labor vote added to this would increase the total beyond the BERRY majority and guarantee a vote against CANNON for Speaker and in favor of a Speaker who would promote rather than stifle just labor legislation. The result in other districts under similar conditions would be precisely the same.

Even on the floor Speaker CANNON is a dangerous man. His vast experience, his considerable ability and his absolute indifference to moral obligations give him a power that is possessed by few. But with a Speaker not in sympathy with his purposes and a aniles committee guided by principles of justice, Speaker CANNON could accomplish little. As the paid agent of monopolies and other corporate interests he has been able to prevent the consideration of labor legislation absolutely. For that reason it is clearly the interest of labor to keep him out of the chair. It being impossible to keep him out of the body the only course open is to prevent the election of Congressmen who will vote for Speaker. Every Republican in the Pennsylvania delegation will vote for him.

Stuart's Fair Promise.

Mr. EDWIN S. STUART is making some very harmless speeches wherever he can get an audience to listen to them throughout the State, but they don't stand for much. He says he will adopt all the reforms promised in the Republican platform but QUAY said such things frequently. Four years ago Judge PENNYPACKER assured the public in almost every county in the State that he would inaugurate all the reforms that the people demanded. But he has done nothing in the shape of reform. As a matter of fact his administration has been the worst in the history of the State. The unlawful expenditures for the construction of the capitol must have been made with his assent.

Everybody knows that in the event of Mr. STUART'S election there will be no reforms. Such a result of the vote will be justly interpreted as an endorsement of the past as it will certainly work a restoration of the machine to power. We concede Mr. STUART is personally honest. He would not, if he could, participate in graft or other forms of crime. But he wouldn't even attempt to restrain the machine managers in their predatory operations. He isn't strong enough to go up against such a proposition. While he was Mayor of Philadelphia the machine was organized. His placidity revealed the possibilities in the line of graft and it has been a protected industry ever since.

The only way to eliminate the evils of government in this State is to complete the work begun last year by the election of W. H. BERRY to the office of State Treasurer. If STUART is elected DURHAM will come back and resume his residence in the Boas mansion at Harrisburg next winter. The old system will be restored and the iniquities of the past resumed. On

the other hand if LEWIS EMERY Jr., is elected there will be such a renovation in the other departments as occurred in the State Treasury following the election of BERRY. Probably STUART doesn't mean to deceive the public by his promises of reform. But everybody knows that he will not be able to carry out his pledges.

The System at Harrisburg.

Republicans are in the habit of saying that State Treasurer BERRY found nothing wrong in the office when he entered upon his duties. The funds were all safe, they added, and not a penny had been stolen. The recent revelations in regard to the building of the capitol serve as an ample answer to that false claim. As a matter of fact there had been in practice for many years a system of graft that under the sanction of law robbed the treasury of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually. It was robbery in a small way but in the aggregate it amounted to vast sums. It was a constant leakage of hundreds of places.

Here is an example. Since Mr. BERRY has become a member of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings a contract for several thousand feet of granolithic pavement for walks in and about the capitol park was to be given out. Mr. BERRY said it was exorbitant and added that he had had such pavement laid about his property at home for sixteen cents a foot. But, he was informed, it was proposed to make the concrete in this walk eighteen inches thick, and in view of that fact the price was moderate, whereupon, he allowed the award to be made. Subsequently when the pavement was being laid he examined the work and found that the concrete was only three inches thick and protested to the contractor. "There is nothing in the contract requiring eighteen inches of concrete," the contractor replied and there was no recourse.

Another case in point. At a recent session of the Board a bill was presented for \$875 for a flag pole for the capitol building. Mr. BERRY protested that the price was exorbitant and was told that it had to be brought all the way from Oregon and three cars were required to carry it. Even at that he declared it was excessive and the Governor asked him how much it ought to cost. He said he didn't know exactly but could find out in a short time. Then he called up CRAMP'S shipyard by phone, made the inquiry and got a reply that it could be put in place for \$175. That bill has not been paid.

These are small items, of course, but they represent the system at the State capitol and in the aggregate amount to vast sums.

Weaver Reveals the Cloven Foot.

Recent incidents have revealed the real character of JOHN WEAVER, Mayor of Philadelphia. His pretense of reform has been proven false. The man who treacherously betrayed the public in order to give SALTER immunity from the penalty of ballot box stuffing, couldn't be anything other than a fraud. Why he broke away from the machine may never be known. Mutual interests may keep the lips of DUREAN and McNICOL sealed on that subject for all time. For two years in the office of Mayor he had been a shelter to criminals. The white slave traffic and other infamous vices had prospered under his sanction. The looting of the treasury was unrestrained and the protests of the public disregarded. Crime was encouraged and criminals protected within the shadow of his office.

His sudden conversion was the wonder of the moment. Conjecture as to the cause of it was freely indulged but no explanation given. Meantime he accepted the plaundits of the public and revelled in the luxury of popular admiration. He was cheered on the streets as the hero of some great achievement. He walked in the air, figuratively speaking, and touched "only the high places" in his exultation. At the time we cautioned the hero worshippers against excessive enthusiasm. You can't "make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," and we couldn't see how it was possible that a District Attorney who had fixed a jury in order to secure the escape of a criminal could become a genuine reformer overnight. The thing had a fishy flavor.

What caused Mayor WEAVER to abandon his machine associates in crime may never be known, as we have said. But it is easy to guess what he expected to get out of it after he discovered the effect on the public mind. He soon discerned visions of exalted office. He at once set himself to scheming for the Governorship. He tried to get the LINCOLN party nomination and after failing in that attempted to get the nomination of any other party in order to effect a fusion. But his hopes failed of fruition and he turned his attention to the work of controlling the nomination of the City Party. Disappointed in this expectation he is endeavoring to destroy the reform movement. He is a fraud and having failed to rule now wants to ruin the reform movement.

Various Kinds of Evils.

Some of those fair custodians of the honor and integrity of the country, the Daughters of the American Revolution, are giving themselves unnecessary trouble about the flag and some of the songs which appeal to patriotic emotions. The other day the Quaker City Chapter of this amiable and altogether lovely organization devoted a whole session to the discussion of the subject and according to an esteemed Philadelphia contemporary, "is thinking of entering upon a full-fledged crusade for the purpose of instilling into the hearts of loyal but phlegmatic Americans greater enthusiasm than at present prevails when the band plays 'America.' One of the members wants a greater measure of 'reverence among the school children for the flag and the National anthem,' and another 'sweet sister' insisted that 'American men and women should learn to stand up when 'The Star Spangled Banner' is sung or played.'"

We own to the impossibility of finding language sufficiently strong to express our approval of this movement. We have been tossing sleeplessly in our downy bed through long and weary nights worrying over the abatement of enthusiasm and the decadence of patriotism throughout the length and breadth of this land of liberty and home of freedom. But we didn't entirely despair. BYRON assures us that heroes are attainable by pushing the button and we felt certain that in the moment of exiguity some sublime influence would assert itself just as the fair Daughters of the Revolution propose to do, and rescue us from the impending danger. Therefore the enthusiasm of our welcome to the proposed "full-fledged crusade" may be imagined but not described. It is an oasis of patriotism in a desert of disloyalty.

It has occurred to us at times, however, and it may occur to those accomplished "Daughters of the American Revolution," that there are greater evils infecting the body politic than the absence of enthusiasm over the flag and the patrioic songs. There is graft, for example, and the fathers of some of these charming "daughters" are into it up to their eyes. Then there are bribery, ballot pollution, perjury and various forms of misfeasance in office and the Daughters of the American Revolution appear to be entirely oblivious of their presence, though as a matter of fact they are the underlying causes of indifference to the flag and want of enthusiasm over the songs in question. The fountain of most of these evils is in Philadelphia, moreover, where the fair daughters are most distressed about the absence of enthusiasm over the songs and respect for the flag. Probably the fair daughters might correct those evils.

Mr. Young's Perfidy.

The surreptitious disbursements in the construction of the state capitol have increased from six to nine million dollars under the closer scrutiny of State Treasurer BERRY. The total cost of the building is now up to \$13,000,000 and still climbing. The probabilities are that in the end \$15,000,000 will have been expended under an appropriation of \$4,000,000.

Every dollar of this illegal expenditure must have been made with the sanction of ROBERT K. YOUNG, counsel for the building commission. He was paid a generous salary and his business was to hold the contractor and the architect to the plans and specifications upon which the contract was let. We all remember the beautiful design of the building which was published. It contained marble stairways, fine ceilings, strong walls, marble floors, carved window frames and everything belonging to a modern building of the best type. Mr. YOUNG'S oath of office required him to hold the contractor to every condition set down in the plans.

How has he discharged that duty? The walls were built and the roof put on at the expense of the building commission out of \$4,000,000 appropriated for the construction of a capitol building and everything else was paid for unlawfully out of money in the treasury not appropriated at all. In violation of his oath Mr. YOUNG consented to this looting for it would not have been possible if he had protested. It was the source of graft for the machine, the fountain of gold from which the plunder flowed. It was to reward Mr. YOUNG for perfidy that PENROSE consented to the demand of VANVALKENBURG for his nomination.

Will the people ratify this award of re- nancy by electing YOUNG to an office which will give him vast opportunities to repeat the crimes. As Auditor General he could maintain a source of graft which would yield wealth beyond the dreams of avarice. He has shown his willingness to serve the machine in this way and PENROSE was ready to enlarge his field of operations. But will the people agree to it?

Tomorrow the Hebrew residents of Bellefonte will celebrate the Jewish day of atonement, Yom Kippur, consequently their stores will all be closed.

An Important Issue.

From the Reading Telegram. The issue raised by Candidate Emery in his speech at Punxsutawney is very important. Properly explained, it will sweep the State.

It is notorious that the poor man, in town or county, pays every penny of tax that the law can squeeze out of him. He has no lobbyist to keep watch at the State capitol and to kill bills intended to add to his burden. He has no pull to gain him valuable exemptions. He has no means of consulting with the assessor the full value of all that he owns. He pays the limit.

Not so with the big corporations. True, they pay a tax on their capital stock. But when it comes to paying taxes on real estate owned by them, on physical property actually necessary to their operation, they have a thousand ways for dodging. And Legislature after Legislature has let them dodge. Why? Because the gang controlling the Legislature has been in cahoots with the corporations. It has deliberately and persistently betrayed justice in order to draw blood money from the corporations.

In his Punxsutawney speech Mr. Emery gave some interesting examples. Before the campaign ends he should give more. When he gets into the anthracite region he should tell how thousands of acres of the finest hard coal, owned or leased by ramifications of the coal trust, are carried on the assessment books as idle land, although the homes of the humble miner is put down at full rates. Nor do we imagine that he would have to go as far away as Pottsville or Scranton to find glaring instances of inequality.

It is, concededly, a very difficult matter to equalize taxes. The ablest experts differ in methods. But at any rate it should be possible to get at Harrisburg a Legislature and a Governor who will try honestly to be fair and square; who will not let the tax laws be drafted by the paid attorneys of the protected corporations.

A Contemptible Business.

From the Clarion Democrat.

It seems very singular to many people that Mr. Castle, a man who pretends to be moved by honorable principles and motives and to be inspired by considerations of justice and equity, will place himself in the position of a tool of a corrupt political machine and corporate injustice and greed, by continually giving circulation to stories which long ago have been completely denied and refuted. His information must come from the same source from which it emanated years ago (remote and recent) when Standard Oil had the oil producers by the throat and was sapping their life. Because Lewis Emery, with other men of courage and backbone, stood up against the tyranny and injustice of the Standard Oil octopus and took every fair and legal means to prevent it from accomplishing its destructive purposes, they incurred the enmity of the Standard company, which has been trying ever since to crush them financially, morally, socially and every other way. The things Castle has been saying are the same things the Standard Oil company has been saying for years, and yet the people have gone on trusting Lewis Emery Jr., because they know he is an incorruptible patriot and what he promises he performs. Castle has lent himself to the shooting of the bullets made by the Standard, but it will be of no avail. What a business for Castle to be in.

The People Startled.

From the Easton Argus.

State Treasurer BERRY startled the citizens of the State a week or two ago when, in his speech at Erie he announced that the cost of the new capitol building at Harrisburg would be greatly in excess of the appropriation of \$4,000,000. His later announcement to the effect that this cost will be nearer \$12,000,000 is nothing short of shocking. Mr. BERRY has not finished looking into the details of the affair and promises to make public his findings. His discovery is timely and when the voters of the State learn to what extent the machine representatives took liberty with the balance in the State Treasury "not otherwise appropriated" there will be a still greater determination to turn them out of office and install a regime headed by men like Lewis Emery Jr., and State Treasurer BERRY.

Bryan and Sullivan.

From the Chicago Public.

Mr. Bryan did a good job when he held up Roger C. Sullivan to the national gaze as a type of the man whose presence officially in the Democratic party stultifies party principles and does the party harm. He could not well have done this with any other Democratic official of similar character, for all the other corporation agents in the Democratic machine have title to their positions in the party. Sullivan alone has a bad title, and this has enabled Mr. Bryan properly to demand his retirement. But the opportunity open, Mr. Bryan has utilized effectively to declare his own position not only with reference to Sullivan, but to all other Democratic officials who are also corporation agents.

May be the Same One.

From the Washington Post.

The Kentucky man who reported having seen a whistling rat with yellow body and blue feet will greatly relieve the feelings of a number of men if he will state whether it also had a green tail.

Not Until After Election.

From the Charleston News and Courier.

Just as soon as the election is over, we purpose to organize a "kind words" club.

Don't forget that "The Queen of the Asena" will be the attraction at Garman's tonight. The attraction is well spoken of and should prove very interesting and entertaining to all lovers of trained animals. Regular prices will prevail.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—On Friday evening last the Renovo Evening News entered upon its twenty-fourth volume.

—Columbia county farmers report that the buckwheat crop there will be only about one-third of what it should be.

—The public schools of South Latrobe have been ordered closed by the county medical inspector because of the prevalence of diphtheria.

—They have them pretty had in Chambersburg. An eel has been discovered in the drain pipe of a refrigerator. It was alive and was about a foot long.

—The Sevres china pottery at Derry has closed down for an indefinite period and 250 people are out of employment. Present market conditions are given as the cause.

—The Latrobe merchants at a recent meeting voted against the proposition to close their stores early in the evening. The vote stood 15 to 12, but the Bulletin says the meeting was not largely attended.

—G. B. Outman, of Scarp Level, claims to have the champion big tomato stock of the present season. Mr. Outman has in his garden a stock that measures twelve feet seven inches across. There are fifty-seven tomatoes on the stock.

—Mrs. Harry Kirk, residing near Latrobe, is in a serious condition resulting from her having been bitten by copperhead snake. The reptile was hidden beneath some kindling in the coal house and bit her on the right hand as she was picking up the wood.

—Philip Cassidy, chief of police of Mt. Union, who was in jail at Lewistown charged with the unjustifiable killing of Edgar Smith, colored, near Mt. Union on the night of September 13th, has been released on \$2,500 bail on habeas corpus proceedings before Judge Weads.

—Doleful reports come from Berks, Montgomery and other eastern counties concerning the melancholy fate which has befallen the majority of young turkeys this year and the consequent inevitable shortness of the coming Thanksgiving day crop. The shrewd venders are beginning to work this little game quite early in the campaign.

—The continuance of the ancient custom of providing a bounteous dinner for the guests at a funeral resulted in the destruction of the dwelling of Miles Schaeffer, at Pleasantville, Berks county, while the family were on the way to the grave, carrying the body of Mrs. Schaeffer. The fierce kitchen fire and a defective fire did the work.

—Adams county has filed five applications with the state highway department for state aid in road improvement, the aggregate being 33,150 feet. The total amount of money available for road building purposes in Adams county until June 1st, 1907, is \$40,478.13. The total cost of roads constructed amounts to about \$1,304.31, leaving a balance of \$32,173.82.

—After missing eggs from her henery for months, Miss Minnie Bare, of Smithfield, caught the thief in the act. Saturday she went to the coop to gather the eggs and upon reaching her hand into the nest she grasped a five-foot blacksnake. She emitted a yell that attracted all the hands from a cornfield. Fred Brown severed the reptile's head with a corn cutter.

—Huntingdon is to have a skating rink, in fact it is being built now, and will be 75x126 feet in size, with a gallery extending the full length and a thirty foot stage at one end. It is expected to be capable of holding 1,500 people and it is hoped that it will be completed in time to hold the county convention of the public school teachers, which is to be held October 28th.

—Orders announcing the following appointments on the state police force were announced on Monday. First sergeant Geo. F. Lumb to be lieutenant, vice lieutenant William L. Swann, resigned, vice lieutenant Charles P. Smith, promoted. Lieut. Lumb is assigned for duty to Troop B, Wyoming, and Lieut. Garwood, to Troop C, Reading.

—Contractor Overdorf, of Johnstown, is rushing his work on St. Mary's Polish Catholic church, on Church street, Gallitzin, and expects to finish before Christmas. The structure, which is of brick, will cost \$36,000 and have a seating capacity of 600. There will be three altars costing \$2,000. A pipe organ costing \$3,000 will be installed and three chimes will summon the people to worship.

—The reunion of the Knights of the Golden Eagle held at Clearfield on Wednesday last week was a big success. There were 500 in line, including five excellent bands of music, the Glen Ritchey, the Houtzdale, the Reynoldsville, Fifth Regiment and the Clearfield Volunteer band. One of the finest features of the parade was the Glen Ritchey temple of thirty ladies, all clad in white and carrying white parasols.

—Raymond White, aged about 9 years, son of contractor Charles W. White, of Beech Creek, Clinton county, has again broken his arm. He attends school in Blanchard and Tuesday was jumping over a fence post along with other boys, when he failed to get over altogether with the result that he fell heavily to the ground and broke his left arm. For three successive years he has had the misfortune to break one of his arms, the right arm once and left one twice.

—At Spring Hill, Bradford county, a large barn was struck by lightning the other day and consumed with a hurry. The owner and his wife were absent from home, but their 12-year-old son telephoned for help and did what he could. That night he was taken ill. Paralysis developed and his recovery is scarcely expected. It is not certain whether he was affected by the electricity or whether fright produced the lamentable condition into which he fell.

—In a duel at Lewistown with razors as the chosen weapons Saturday night both the chosen weapons near losing their lives. Jim principals came near losing their lives. Jim Jones, a colored man, saw John Marshall coming along in company with Mrs. Jones. The irate husband immediately pulled his razor and went to work. At the first swipe Marshall lost an ear and after this the cutting became general until both men dropped from loss of blood. A trail of blood marked the pavements to the jail, and both men are said to be in a precarious condition.