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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1899.

Samuel H. Ashbridge was nominated yesterday by the Republicans for Mayor of Philadelphia.

Judging from the way that many of the Republicans are going for Col. Bryan, they are just as much afraid of him now as they were before.

It is said that the continued wrangling has delayed the work to such an extent that the new State Capitol will not be ready for the session of the Legislature, on Tuesday next.

The Quay Case.

If the Hon. Mathew Stanley Quay were simply a private citizen—if he were even merely a senator of the United States whose term was about to expire, and who had announced his determination to retire to private life at its end—the general public would have comparatively little concern in his efforts to avert or postpone indefinitely a trial of the grave charges which have been brought against him. It would be had enough in that event—this spectacle of a man who had received at the hands of his party and his state the highest political honor within their gift resorting to every trick and device within the range of technicalities of the law to prevent the determination of his innocence or guilt. But Mr. Quay is a candidate for re-election to the senate of the United States. \* \* \* \* \* The question of his innocence or guilt of the serious charges which have been brought against him is an intimate and pressing concern of every one whom he would force into the ranks of his constituency as a senator, and, before he asks them to accept him as their representative in the senate for a further term of six years, they, one and all, have a right to know, by judicial determination, whether he is innocent or guilty of these charges. It is to this effect that the public sentiment of the state has been developed. Senator Flinn has elaborated this expression of feeling in these words: "My advice to Senator Quay is to clear himself of these charges before he asks the Republicans of Pennsylvania to vote for his re-election to the honorable office of United States senator," and this advice is so wholesome and so reasonable that, if Mr. Quay persists in refusing to follow it, the Republican members of the legislature should enforce its later efforts by refusing to go into caucus. From more than one section of the state come indications that such will be the course pursued by a sufficient number of the Republican members of the two houses to prevent Mr. Quay from taking even the first step toward another term in the senate by securing a caucus endorsement.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Gave Mrs. McKinley a Brick.

"Aunt Martha," an old colored woman, at Atlanta, will probably get a place in the White House kitchen. When Mrs. McKinley, in deference to the wishes of the jubilee crowd, rode in an open carriage and braved the heat and damp, with great risk to her health, many persons expostulated with her. Her equipage had just passed under the jubilee arch, and was compelled to stop on account of the crush when Aunt Martha advanced from the crowd with a bundle under her arms and said to Mrs. McKinley: "Missus, its too cold for you to be out today, and I'se brought you a hot brick to keep your feet warm," adjusting the brick at the same time. So touched was the wife of the President that before she left Atlanta she tendered her a place in the White House.

When Fools go to Law.

A Mercer county farmer sold another two dressed hogs. Each farmer weighed the porkers on his own scales and there was a difference in weight of two pounds, amounting to twenty cents. The men became stubborn and the matter could not be adjusted. Suit was brought and the case was gone through the squire's hands, tried before court and still the parties are not satisfied, and it will come up for trial again at the next court. Thus far the costs, aside from that for the attorneys, amounts to \$450.

LET ALL GOOD MEN UNITE.

If any good is to be derived from the recent struggle of the Democrats and Independent Republicans for honest government in Pennsylvania, it will have to come through a close union between them. Standing by themselves, the Democrats can accomplish nothing; and the Independent Republicans, being far less numerous than the Democrats, have just so much less chance of accomplishing anything if they stand out by themselves.

There ought to be a concert of action between these two anti-Quay forces in the Legislature, and this should at once be followed by a close union of all opponents of the anti-Quay machine in the State. This union should extend to all future campaigns involving State issues, and be kept up till Quay's treasury plundering organization should be broken and scattered.

Should there be concert of action in the Legislature, the Democrats, being much more numerous than the Independent Republicans, would in fairness be entitled to the lion's share of such positions as might be secured; but this being a matter of secondary importance, it ought not to be permitted to prevent a union. The Democrats ought to have the nominee for United States Senator, and the Independent Republicans should have such positions of influence in the Legislature as would show that Quay's predominance on "the hill" had come to an end. His followers will fall away from him in troops whenever they find him powerless to control the Legislature. They have no admiration for him, for he has neither talents nor other traits of character to excite admiration. He has held them simply by "the cohesive power of public plunder," and whenever they find this power loosened they will fall from him like rotten plums from a well shaken tree.

We have it stated that several Democrats, who make some pretention to be leaders, advise against union with the Independents. If we believe them to be sincere we must also believe them to be stupid. The Democrats can neither accomplish good now, nor sow seed that will bring forth good fruit in the future, by shutting themselves up inside of their own party organization, like a silkworm inside of a cocoon. The silkworm can multiply only by eating its way out and following the dictates of nature; and the Democratic party, having become a minority in the great State in which it once was the majority only by following the dictates of common sense and forming a liberal union with the large body of Independent Republicans who, like itself, seek to rescue the State from the leprous clutch of a political "machine" which has made the Capitol and Departments at Harrisburg a reeking cesspool and sink of iniquity.

No confidence should be placed on any professed opponent of Quay's who may propose to go into the machine caucus. Unless the indictments hanging over Quay scare him off the track, that caucus will nominate him, and every man who participates in it will vote for him, no matter what show of opposition he may begin with. Nor is Quay the only person who ought to be struck at. He is chief of the vicious gang, every member of which ought to be driven out of public life and out of active participation in politics. The interests of the Commonwealth require that this gang be broken up and individual members be deprived of political influence, and the honor of the Republican party demands that it be no longer dominated by these disreputable characters.

Let honest Democrats and honest Republicans combine for the public good, and let the combination last till the public good shall have been thoroughly subserved.—Carlisle Volunteer.

Pointed Paragraphs.

Promises make debts and debts make more promises.  
Popular fallacies are more plentiful than popular facts.  
Men who court trouble soon find themselves wedded to it.  
You can't distinguish saints from sinners by their shiny hats.  
There is no ailment more difficult to cure than wilful ignorance.  
The stars on an officer's coat often cause a girl to be a star-gazer.  
Good fortune come to men oftener on foot than in a stylish carriage.  
There's usually a vast difference in a man's worth and what he's worth.  
Old Diogenes would have an anxious time of it in France at the present writing.  
It's well to "know thyself," and it's just as important not to give thyself away.  
The average man is always willing to help you celebrate anything at your expense.  
The widow's husband has been buried, but the husband of the grass widow has merely been mislaid.  
The man who lets his wife get up of a cold morning and light the kitchen fire will never set the world ablaze.—Chicago News.

Try the COLUMBIAN a year.

Last night during the absence of Rev. O. S. Metzler from home, robbers broke into the parsonage and ransacked the building. The Reverend was in Pottsville and did not return until 12:15 last night. When he arrived at his home he immediately retired. This morning before leaving the parsonage he discovered that the electric light was burning in the cellar, an unusual occurrence. In going into the cellar he found that the shutter on the cellar window facing Chestnut Street had been broken open and that the house had been visited by thieves. He then went through the house but has discovered nothing missing. Mr. Metzler believes that the probabilities are that the thieves were scared away upon his arrival home.—Ashland Local Dec. 8.

Rev. Metzler is a former pastor of the Benton charge of the M. E. church, and is well known throughout this county.  
Don't overestimate the big-heartedness of the man who for a week now will be so liberal with his cigars. They are from the box presented to him by his wife and likely cost \$1.35 per hundred.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 19th, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m. Two pieces or parcels of land bounded and described as follows to wit: No. 1. Bounded by lands of Alfred Heacock, S. A. Bangs, I. D. Patton, E. Welliver, Ellis Berry, Virgil Robbins and others. Containing 49 acres and 130 perches of land, upon which are erected a full and complete set of

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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.  
ESTATE OF DELILAH BARTON, LATE OF BLOOMSBURG, DECEASED.  
The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, Pa., to distribute the funds in the hands of the Administrator of SUSANNA C. HAYMAN, late of Orange township, deceased, as shown by his first and final account, will sit to perform his duties at the office of C. W. Miller, Esq., on Saturday, January 7th, 1899, at 9 o'clock p. m., when and where all persons interested are requested to present their claims against said estate or be debarred from a share of the same. FRANK KIEHL, Auditor. 12-29 St.

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ELECTION NOTICE.  
The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Bristacreek Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Lime Ridge, Pa., will be held at the Hill Centre Grange, No. 56, on January 9, 1899, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. for the election of twelve directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. H. H. BROWN, Secretary. 12-6 to

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" " 56c, at 44c.  
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