

Ink Slings.

—The Republican is as brilliant as usual this week.
—The marble-shooting disease has again attacked the boys.
—In Savannah they are asking only nine cents apiece for strawberries.
—The Clarion Democrat has gone clean crazy on the subject of railroads.
—Eggs in other towns are fifteen cents a dozen. Here they are twenty. Bellefonte ahead, as usual.
—Congress has not yet adjourned, nor will it, so long as the San Domingo commissioners remain absent.
—Our up-town cotemporary threatens to write something for his paper some day. May we be here to read.
—BEN. BUTLER has given five hundred dollars of some Southern man's money to a Yankee church somewhere.
—An earthquake shook the State of New Hampshire all over on Tuesday last. It was particularly severe on the radicals.
—The Huntington Journal goes two notices on Brown's visit to that sanctum last week. Insatiable monster, would not one suffice?
—The niggers at Buffalo Gap, West Virginia, had a riot the other night. Fortunately, two of them were killed, which squelched the row.
—A flock of wild geese were heard in this neighborhood the other night. They just reminded us of a Radical convention.
—The story that a bill endorsing the Ten Commandments couldn't be got through the Pennsylvania Legislature, without money to back it up, isn't true.
—We may have something to say next week about certain persons who circulate reports that prominent individuals have died of apoplexy or hung themselves.
—While Judge BRAMBLETT was trying a negro, at Meridian, Mississippi, for not another nigger in the audience shot the Judge dead. Another 'Ku Klux outrage!'
—We see it stated that Gen. WILLIAM B. FRIZZEL, the Democratic candidate for Vice President on the ticket with Gen. CASS, in 1841, is still a hale and hearty man, and frequently visits Louisville on business.
—How do the white Republicans of the country like the plea of five niggers in the House of Representatives at Washington? Didn't you vote for them? 'Hey? what?' as TOM BRUNSWICK would say.
—The Commissioners have imposed a fine of ten dollars for trespassing upon the grass in the court house yard. So our croquet-players and others, who have been in the habit of pasturing there, will have to pay for it.
—The following is about the stoniest piece of matrimony we've stumbled over for some time:
Married—at Flintstone, by the Rev. Mr. Windstone, Mr. Nebemiah Sandstone to Miss Wilmorra Whetstone, both of Limestone Look out for brimstone next.
—We believe every Radical county in the State is in debt. Crawford only owes about \$254,000. Centre, under Democratic management, is out of debt, and has \$5,000 in her treasury. How high is that?
—A fellow out in Michigan undertook to beat his quadruped with a fence rail. The animal stood it for a while, and then politely patted the man's head with his foot. He went to join the happy angel band.
—The Globe says that a horse belonging to a man in Lewistown fell through a trap door in this place recently and was killed. When, where, how? We hadn't heard of this before. Where did the Globe get its information?
—A boy in Iowa, twelve years old, to revenge himself upon a person who had offended him, poured kerosene oil over four of his enemy's horses, and then set them on fire. Three of the poor brutes were burned to death, and the fourth so badly that it had to be killed. Such a boy as that ought to be hung a little.
—VICTORIA C. WOODHULL wants to be 'Presidentess.' Well, we have no particular objection, only, these confounded 'esses,' we don't like. We have already doctoresses, professoresses, proprietresses and other 'tressess.' If this thing continues a while longer, we will have to get another Webster to reconstruct the English language, just like GRANT, who must every now and then reconstruct the South.

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The Ku Klux Committee.

Senator JOHN SCOTT has covered himself with glory. (?) The people are under such a debt of gratitude to Pennsylvania's gifted son that they can only relieve themselves of the burden by electing him President. JOHN, as chairman of the Ku Klux Committee, has prepared and presented to the Senate a report upon the alleged outrages committed upon loyal sealawags and carpet-baggers in North Carolina. The committee, like the MRS. SERRAIT commission, was organized to convict. For the purpose of carrying out the intention which controlled its appointment, the committee went to work, and calling before it such men as the Holden-men capable of any meanness, took their statements of the condition of affairs at the South, and upon this sparse testimony the report is based, establishing so far as the report can, the fact that desperate outrages have been committed by the Ku Klux. True, a couple of fellows who alleged that they had not voted the Radical ticket at the last election were called before the committee to prove the existence of a secret organization in the South; but the enormities are only proven by witnesses of the Holden stamp.

The object of the investigation was to secure a report which would seemingly authorize the interference of Congress in further reconstruction legislation, which means a control of the elections. Feeling that the free North will certainly pronounce against them at the next Presidential canvass, the Radicals see that their only means of perpetuating themselves in power, is by an application of the old rule of the bayonet. To warrant any further reconstruction, the country must be led to believe that a horrible state of affairs exists at the South, and JOHN SCOTT'S Ku Klux committee was the means employed to secure this end. Doubtless there does exist some political organization at the South; but that it is a people banded together for rapine and bloodshed is not at all probable. The Democrats are instinctively opposed to secret political organizations. The opposition have ever been the friends of such organizations. But it may be that under the peculiar situation of affairs in the "devoted provinces," the conservative element find it expedient to form associations to counterbalance the Radical Union League—Junior Sons of Liberty, Grand Army of the Republic and other kindred, secret political organizations. But assuming that this is the fact, does it follow that these organizations, whose membership is made up of the conservative element in the South are a band of sworn assassins? Will any sane man believe that all the best men of the Southern States have lost their traditional honor and manhood and sunk their well established chivalry? Can any one who is not so warped in political prejudice, whose mind is not imbued with bigotry, who is not willingly purblind when the truth is to be looked for, believe that the whole moral sentiment of the Southern people is wholly submerged and swallowed up in that bitterness of political desperation which overflows and overturns all that is good and great among them, and makes them a nation of cowardly cut throats and assassins? That to secure the supremacy of their political friends and coadjutors, they would jeopardize their honor as men, their position as citizens, and render themselves amenable not only to the laws of their State, but to the certain vengeance of Heaven?

To assume this is to say that the people of the North are incapable of reflection, and it certainly is upon that they JOHN SCOTT has acted. No man who believes in the intelligence of the people would seek to make political capital out of the testimony taken by the SCOTT Ku Klux Committee. But poor SCOTT is to be pitied rather than blamed. Ever since last fall, when he ran the campaign in Huntington county for his friend MORELL, and was so badly beaten, he has been troubled with an hallucination. Not capable of political foresight, and unwilling to believe that his own personal unpopularity went far toward the defeat of MORELL, SCOTT could not account for his want of success in any other satisfactory way than by charging it upon a secret political organization. This hallucination preyed upon him until he saw on every side spirits blue, black and grey, and determined to convince the world that within the Democratic party an oath-bound secret political organization exists. Hence, he made the motion upon which the committee to investigate the Ku Klux outrages was appointed. Doubtless upon this report, the Radicals, thoroughly disgusted at the result of the elections in the South, will find a pretext for another act of Congress of the reconstruction stamp. Again will the down-trodden people of the South have to endure the iron rod of despotism. Once more the bayonet will be called into requisition to force the prostrate and powerless yeomanry of the once proud North Carolina, to do the bidding of the Imperator whose great talent is expended in destroying the liberties of a great people on the one hand, while on the other improving the hour of rule to secure pretexts in exchange for office. Had the Southern States been carried by the sealawags and carpet-baggers, and HOWES not been impeached, the Ku Klux Committee would never have been appointed. JOHN SCOTT would in that event, never have been put in the unenviable position he now occupies—that of having exhibited himself to his countrymen as a man capable of descending to the lowest depths of base partisanship to the end that his party friends might have the shadow of an excuse for another effort at the destruction of the liberties of a people. Congress in its anxiety to perpetuate power in the hands of the Radicals, may attempt another reconstruction, and in so doing press so hard the belt of despotism upon a people, educated from childhood to liberty, that the point may be reached when acquiescence will cease to be a virtue and resistance to oppression will be an effort, not only of a few disguised cut throats, but the work of host whose banner will not float in vain.

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We shall agree with the Bellefonte Watchman that Washington saw some civil service and was a statesman, but we must remind our contemporary that the founder of his party did not so estimate Washington, who was that fearful thing a Federalist. But his military experience was very much greater than his civil experience, while we should deny that he was enough to hurt. He was elected on his military record which was brilliant. We shall further agree that Pierce was not sufficient enough to hurt, and that he was a good lawyer. But he was nominated because he had a military record. However, if we understand that and are not to be a lawyer to entice him to a nomination for the presidency? We hope not really. But if so then every joy will read Blackstone, as an editor reads the news and set up a proper picture candidate for the executive chair. Philadelphia Day

Having admitted so much in the above that WASHINGTON was a Statesman; that JACKSON had civil experience, and that PIERCE was a good lawyer, we think no more words are necessary, on this subject, with our friend of The Day. Only we must beg to differ with him in his belief that PIERCE was nominated because he had a military record. We don't think so. He really did not have a military record worth speaking of, except for his patriotism. It is because to what he believed to be his duty. He was a brave officer and a good one, but not brilliant. He was chosen as a compromise candidate for the Presidency, on account of his real fitness for the position, and beat Gen. SCOTT on this very ground. It was claimed that SCOTT, being a purely military man, was unfit to be President; and that PIERCE, having had much civil experience, was particularly qualified. This was the ground of argument, and notwithstanding SCOTT'S brilliant and glorious military record, the people chose PIERCE. Even by The Day's own showing, GRANT is the only real military President we have ever had. If he has had no civil experience, is neither a lawyer nor a statesman. His education, whatever he has, is altogether of arms, and his conduct, since his election, has shown it. It is not necessary that to be President a man should first be a lawyer, but no man ought to be President who does not know the law.

—A fearful tornado swept over a portion of St. Louis last week, doing much damage. Houses and offices were blown down, cars overturned, and a number of lives lost. The scene is described as awful in the extreme.

—The Scranton Republican says that the streets are swarming with men out of employment.

St. Patrick's Day.

To-day (Friday) is the anniversary of the birth of ST. PATRICK, the patron saint of Ireland—a day and a Saint dear to every Irish heart. The Lancaster Intelligencer furnishes some incidents in regard to his life and character, that will be generally interesting. That paper says that historians differ not only as to the day of his birth, but also as to the place of his nativity. His baptismal name was SEBASTIAN, but at the time of his ordination by ST. GERMAN it was changed to MONGIAS; and it was not until his appointment by the Pope to the bishopric of Ireland that he had conferred upon him the name of PATRICK. It appears from the most authentic records that PATRICK was born in Wales about the year 372. The book of Lecan says his mother was a FRANK. She was sister of ST. MARTIN Bishop of Tours. PATRICK, with his father, mother, brother and five sisters, embarked from Wales for Brittany, probably to avoid the dangers and distresses which a country exposed to hostile invasions must ever be in. The Irish under NIAL the Grand, soon after invaded Brittany, and among the number of captives they made, was PATRICK and two of his sisters. This invasion of Brittany happened A. D. 388, at which time PATRICK was sixteen years old. He lived in slavery seven years, and after his redemption and return to his friends, he averred that in a vision he saw a man coming to him from Ireland with letters, the beginning of which was vox Hibernicusus; and that while perusing it, he heard the natives call to him for instruction. From this time forward he determined to consecrate his life to the Church, and to convert the Irish. On the death of PALMIDIUS, the first bishop of Ireland, POPE CELESTIN, appointed PATRICK to succeed him. His missionary success was wonderful. He converted and baptized the King of Munster, Dublin and Connaught, while their subjects almost en masse forsake the faith of the Druids and embraced Christianity. It is recorded that during this mission of sixty one years in Ireland he consecrated three hundred and sixty five bishops and ordained three thousand priests. He made Armagh the primary of all Ireland and founded a university there which was the chief of all the Christian Seminaries on the island, which rank it maintained for centuries—having at one time no less than seven thousand students. Many miracles are recorded as having been wrought by St. Patrick, one of the most notable being the banishment of all venomous reptiles from the island. He died according to O'Halloran, at Down, in Ulster, in the year 463, aged about 120 years.

In explaining the doctrine of the Trinity to the Irish Druids, it is said that he plucked from the ground a leaf of the shamrock and showed them how the three leaves were united and yet were but one. From his day to the present the shamrock has been an emblem of Irish nationality and Christianity. The genuine union of the three leaves of the shamrock, and the unnatural union of England, Scotland and Ireland, are thus contrasted by a favorite Irish bard:

The Shamrock, the Rose and the Thistle combined, Have long been as emblems of union and friendliness; But oh! they regard not the emerald stem, Who tear it from earth to entwine it with them!

For the Rose has its thorn and Thistle its sting, While naught can the Shamrock but gentle-ness bring; And their touch, when they meet, darts the venom they bear, To the life of the Shamrock that soon withers there. The Rose and the Thistle together may cling, And impart to each other their thorn and their sting; But say, shall the Shamrock of Erin be found With their porcupine prickles sternly bound? Oh, not in full freshness unvalued 'till blow, When round it not Roses nor Thistles shall grow; Too long have their presence retarded its growth, Then let them may our Ireland refuse bloom to both!

—We do not know when our exchanges have been so dull and uninteresting as they have been this week. There appears to have been absolutely nothing stirring in the world for the last few days, and 'news columns' and editorials are alike dull and uninteresting. If the Watchman is likewise this week, be sure we have caught the infection.

[For the WATCHMAN.] THE WANDERER.

Oh, my spirit longs to see— The dawning of the light! With the angels come to me, The angels fair and bright!

Father, I am tired of earth, I pine for a release; Can the angels give new birth, Can angels give me peace?

Can a child as weak as I— For we are children all— E'er by Thy Great Throne draw nigh, Responding to Thy call?

Waiting only waiting now, To pass the river o'er— Can it be, with solemn vow That I shall reach the shore?

Days, and weeks, and months, and years, Have marked my course of care, And the present calls but tears, May I not dwell up there?

Yes, poor wanderer, fears be hushed, With hope approach thy tomb, Fruit more ripe has never blushed, Your Father calls you home

Words that grow so tall and rank, May fade, decay, and die, Out on surgy ocean's bank, Or in the valley's sigh

Flowers, as beautiful they grow, May scatter on the ground, Petals bright, and fragrance throw Upon the air around.

Men whose deeds proclaim them great May toil with purpose brave, They may writhe in fields of fate, Bright laurels for their grave

Morn may bear the gentle breeze, The orange scent the air, Howling blasts may rend the trees, The bound pursue the hare

Youth, as joyous moments speed, May speak the thoughts of love, Little children soon may be, The words of light above.

Bard! may write, with golden pen, For millions yet to read, Gems with which to diadem The weary hours of need

But these scenes are not in store For joy upon this stage, Other pleasures, joys of yore, Await your coming age

All your days of life are o'er, They're numbered and have fled, One sad, and solemn moment more, And you'll be slumbering—dead.

Thus the little wanderer's soul From earth to Heaven passed, Thus the earth-born gained the goal, And an hored safe at last

Safe within that blissful home, Beyond this world of care, Safe, beneath God's only dome, Away—up there—up there

In the trial of Representative C. C. Bowen, of South Carolina, at Washington, for bigamy, the jury has failed to agree. Eleven obstructive jurors were for conviction, and one a negro for acquittal. The bigamous member has been re-arrested, and will be tried early in the month of March—Exchange

The jury to try the above case was composed of eleven intelligent white men, and one ignorant, uneducated negro. It was a clear case—clear as evidence could make it. Three white women were on the stand as witnesses, and each one swore that she had been married to Bowen. The eleven white jurors found Bowen guilty, but the negro juror persisted in declaring him "not guilty." The jury had to be discharged, they having failed to agree, and thus Bowen escaped punishment, at least for the present.

After the trial, the negro juror was asked why he persisted, in the face of positive evidence, to declare Bowen "not guilty?" "Well, sah, to tell the truth," said the sable juror, "I was told that the Hon. Mr. Bowen was a good Republi can, and the Order to which I belong does not allow us to convict a brother Republican," &c.

Here, then, we see two negro jurors are used by Radical demagogues to screen Radical law breakers. Before they (the negroes) are sworn as jurors, they are privately instructed as to the verdicts they shall render! This is Radical rule, Radical "progress," Radical "God and morality" idea of justice. —Antislavery Volunteer.

—General Blair, in striking out from the shoulder, has hit one nose pretty soundly. In the debate on the bill to secure Radical majorities at elections by force and fraud, Senator Blair said "the military commanders at the South had by the use of their troops, elected themselves to the highest and most lucrative offices, and that one of them was in the Senate."

That shoulder-strapped upstart from Mississippi, General Ames, recognized this thrust as quickly as Ben Butler did that of Farnsworth, the other day. He got up very excitedly and asked "if the Senator meant to intimate that the troops were not used according to law?" To this General Blair replied that the law under which they were used had no authority under the constitution, and thus of course, it was no law. Such pugilism as this we are in favor of. —Steubenville Gazette.

—The lower branch of Congress on Thursday repeated the duty on salt. "How's that for high" tariff on a Radical Congress—say?

Spawls from the Keystones.

—The Huntington bar has lost nine of its members by death in ten years.
—The local option temperance bill has passed the lower branch of the Legislature.
—Columbia's first colored juror did not get a chance to sit on a single case. Challenging did the business for him
—A bed of chalk has been discovered in Juniata county. We thought Little Juniata would "make its mark" some day.
—A parsnip two feet two and a half inches in length was dug up in a garden in Indiana town the other day.
—James Bennett, aged 98, and a soldier of the war in 1812, died in Mercersburg, Franklin county, on Monday, the 27th ult.
—Tobias Mark was killed in Bell township, Clearfield county, on the 16th ult., by being thrown from a load of timber.
—A man named Jack Long, was killed on the railroad, just below Huntington, the other day, while walking on the track.
—A young man named Laird, residing in Millintown, was recently run over by a team and so severely crushed that he died in fifteen minutes.
—A supplement to an act, entitled an act to incorporate the Odd Fellow's hall association of the borough of Millintown, has passed the Legislature.
—The Pennsylvania railroad company was chartered a quarter of a century ago. Now it represents \$5,000,000, and owns between 200 and 300 miles of railroad track.
—Mr. Greeley, on being asked by a Pennsylvania farmer why he didn't write a new work entitled "What I Don't Know of Farming," in said to have replied that a life was too short.
—Miss L. F. Fagely, a young lady attending the academy at Bloomfield, Perry county, committed suicide by drowning herself in a pond of water near that place.
—The Pennsylvania Columbian suggests the nomination of Gen. W. W. Davis, editor of the Doylestown Democrat, as the next Democratic candidate for Auditor General.
—Miss Eva Clark, aged twenty-one years, daughter of James Clark, of Venango borough, died on Monday last from the effects of chloroform administered by a dentist, for the purpose of extracting teeth without pain.
—In Allentown, the other day, a young man of that place, while under a fit of insanity, divested himself of all his clothes, and naked as he was born, walked two squares down the main street.
—Three citizens of Chester county died recently, whose united ages were 236 years. They were Philip Fillman, Sr., aged 86, Col. Jacob Christian, aged 84, and Mrs. Rebecca Davis, aged 83 years.
—An otter was recently killed in the Narrows, near Lewistown, which measured four-and-a-half feet in length. The Gazette says these animals are more numerous than a quarter century ago and are very destructive of fish.
—On the 25th ult., a young man named Harties, was killed at Clarion, while playing base ball. He ran at the bat allowed his club to slip from his hands, and it struck Harties on the head. Who will be the next victim?
—Dr. D. X. Junkin, as we learn by the New Castle Gazette, is now in Philadelphia, making arrangements for the publication of a book he has been engaged in writing for some time past—the biography of the late Rev. George Junkin, D. D.—a brother of the author.
—Mr. Caldwell McCracken, formerly of Indiana county, was drowned near Erastown, Ill., a few weeks ago while crossing the river on horseback. The ice broke under him and let him through.
—A child in Huntington, took sick and apparently did not long since, but when about being prepared for burial it returned to life living, however, only about three hours. It was two weeks old and was subject to convulsions.
—In Philadelphia there is a small blacksmith shop, the bellows of which are operated by dogs. The bellows are connected with a wooden wheelbarrow, which is kept revolving by the motion of the dog, something after the manner of a tread mill.
—Mr. John Huestetter, of Juniata county was waylaid by two men whilst about a mile from Patterson, on his road home, one of whom was painted black and demanded his money in truly highwayman-like style. He delivered up his wallet containing \$10 and afterwards struggled with him, but the other villain standing by the rescue he had to flee.
—The bar of Philadelphia recently held a meeting and adopted a resolution asking the Legislature not to adopt the New Civil Code until it could be properly examined by the profession. A committee of seven was appointed to examine the Code, and the cooperation of other bars in this work is solicited.
—One of the watchmen on the Pennsylvania railroad near Marysville, Perry county, a few nights since, was entangled by a panther animal long, and after a rapid chase, (with his back to the animal) came off safe, losing not only his courage and breath. The animal proved to be a scam-out—an animal of the wild cat species.
—The farm of Joseph H. Osborne, in Bucks county, consisting of 83 acres, was recently sold at \$12 per acre. This farm possesses considerable historical interest, from the fact that upon it is "Osborne's Hill," from which General Howe directed the operations of the British army during the battle of Brandywine.
—The following gentlemen have been elected Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad for the ensuing year, viz: J. Edgar Thompson, Joseph Bacon, Wistar Morris, George Black, Pittsburg; Samuel T. Bodine, Joseph B. Myers, Edward C. Knight, Washington Butcher, John M. Kennedy and John Rice.
—The barn of Mr. John M. Rhodes, near Mattanburg, Blair county, was destroyed by fire on Saturday night last, and nine valuable horses, several head of cattle and a lot of sheep perished in the flames. The entire stock of wheat, corn, hay, etc. was hopped up by the flames. Loss \$33,000.—Insurance \$1,400.