

Ink Slings.

The Democratic rooster is all right in Centre county. It's on top now, and always expects to be.

Ohio, Indiana, and Iowa have all gone to the d—l, or to Radicalism—which is the same thing.

The "sassage" season is approaching, and soon the squealing of pigs will be heard in the land.

An earthquake shock awakened up the people of Lake Village, in New Hampshire, last Sunday night.

The bewhiskered old Emperor of Germany is trying to get his newly acquired domain in working order.

The Chicago fire has been a god send to some newspaper editors. Their papers don't contain anything else.

BRITAIN YOUNG, the much-married, has been before the court for bigamy. The old sinner plead "Not guilty!"

London, the metropolis of the world, contributes £20,000 to suffering Chicago. How about the Alabama claims now?

Arrangements are making for an interview between the Czar of Russia and the Sultan of Turkey. What are these chaps after now, we wonder?

Taking kerosene lamps into stables to milk cows by, don't pay—as is proved by the late bonfire in Chicago. There's considerable flame in a drop of coal oil.

A young man named Rock, was perforated by a pistol ball, in Blair county, the other day. It bored right through his leg. He is expected to go up the spout.

There were three doctors and one undertaker in our sanctum, all at one time, on Wednesday. We hope nothing serious will come of it, but the thing looked ominous.

The land of the pig-tails has recently been overwhelmed by disastrous floods. About three thousand "heathen Chinee" are said to have perished. Which the same is a sad fact.

A gay young fellow of ninety-one was married in Indiana, the other day, to a blushing maid of one hundred and six. The unsophisticated young couple are said to have been quite happy.

Judging from the number of "chickens" now displayed in the Radical newspapers, we guess that their editors have been paying surreptitious visits to all the hen roosts in the county.

The reign of terror has been restored in some counties in South Carolina, where Grant has suspended the writ of habeas corpus. No citizen of either of those counties is now safe from arbitrary arrest.

The election of JOHN DEAN, as President Judge of the Huntingdon and Blair district, is a triumph for BRAINERD. Well, he needed one. It is the first success he has had since he came to this part of the country.

Considering the fact that thousands of people are homeless and starving in Chicago and the West, a little less display over the funeral of the darkey CATO, in Philadelphia, the other day, would have been in good taste.

ROTHERMEL'S picture of the "Battle of Gettysburg," for which our State paid \$20,000, was not burned in the Chicago fire, as at first reported. Unfortunately for the reputation of the "artist," the great fraud is still in existence.

Sarcastic puns now, speaking of the burnt counties out in Wisconsin and Michigan, say that they have been "Shermanized." It is an inappropriate name, either, when we consider the desolation that distinguishes the "march to the sea."

A young lady at a circus, recently, didn't make any fuss when a limb of the law put his arm about her waist and combed her hair with his fingers. Her "cruel parent" was very indignant about it, however, and took the innocent maiden out with a shingle.

The Confederate dead at Gettysburg have been exhumed and sent to be reinterred among their own people. This is right. It is proper that the gallant "men in gray" should sleep their last sleep among the brave hearts for whose liberties they fought and fell.

Radicalism and the disorganizers within our own party, were so certain that they would carry the county that about the time of closing the polls they sent a dispatch from this place that the Democratic county ticket would be defeated by about thirty votes. It wasn't muchly, however.

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What Did It.

We suppose every one has their own idea as to what caused the result of the recent election. We certainly have ours. There is no use of disguising the fact that as Democrats we are beaten, and the naked truth stares us in the face that we are beaten because we had not voted enough.

But why not vote enough?

We may say it's because of "corruption," "bribery," "nigger," and "new departure." These causes no doubt aided much to bring about the result. In some places the ear-marks of the most unblushing corruption are discernible; in others the boldest bribery was resorted to; the niggers voted by tens of thousands against us, and the "new departure" disgusted thousands upon thousands of the best Democrats we have in the State, so completely that they would not go to the polls. But all these together were not sufficient to give a victory to radicalism had the right spirit prevailed in the local organizations of the Democratic party.

The chief cause was local dissension. Had we been united as we should have been, had democrats thought more of principle and less of men; had they recognized the necessity of working shoulder to shoulder, with those who were more lucky than they in County conventions; had they remembered that in division there is defeat, while in Union there is victory, the general result would have been very different, and our good old party could have waded through to a glorious victory, notwithstanding the radical corruption fund, their niggers and the "new departure."

But when men who claim to be consistent Democrats get mad and won't vote, because their own particular favorites are not nominees; when professed democrats are willing to sacrifice an entire ticket because some individual candidate may not please them, when their own little personal hatreds and jealousies have a greater control over them than the success of the party or love of principle, it is not to be wondered at, that radicalism glories over its victory and gets drunk over our defeat.

There is not a county in the State that shows a decreased Democratic majority but can trace the cause of that decrease directly to personal hatred and local disputes. In Cambria county where we lose a member of the Legislature, and the majority for the State ticket is some three hundred less than it should be, they have a fight about the county seat, and pretended democrats there vote as if the location of their Court House was of more importance to them than the success of Democratic principles. In Clinton county a fight about who should be Associate Judge, demoralized the party to such an extent that we lost some three hundred; in Luzerne, where we should have had three thousand majority local fights among aspiring candidates and their friends cut us down to less than one thousand. In Schuylkill, Cumberland, Franklin, and in fact almost every Democratic county in the State, the same causes are discernible, the same petty, shameful reasons apparent.

"A house divided against itself can not stand."

How can we expect to succeed with divisions and dissensions within our own ranks? And who is to blame for such divisions and dissensions? Is it the party, or the individual democrats who set their own opinions up against the decision of the party through its regularly organized bodies—the county Conventions? If one individual Democrat has a right to oppose any single nominee of his party has not every other Democrat the same right? And if such a right exist, what is the use of County or State conventions? Simply none at all. The question of who shall be candidates, becomes a matter of personal preference and the organization of the party may as well be abandoned at once.

We hope Democrats in this, as well as in all the other counties of the State will reflect over these matters. To succeed we must have unity of action, harmony of feeling and united, vigorous work. Our county convention must be the final arbiters in the choice of candidates, and he who refuses to abide by their decision should be placed among the enemies of the party. A voter whose personal preferences are stronger than his love of principle is no Democrat.

Hereafter, let private piques, personal hates, little local disputes, be cast to the dogs, and let us fight as men who are battling for the success of a great principle, and success will be the result.

Texas!

The Pittsburg Commercial and other Radical papers have been trying to create the impression that the Democracy have not carried Texas. They cry "Take down your Roosters," and then go on to state that the Radicals have carried the State by a heavy majority.

The truth is, the Democrats have elected the entire congressional delegation, and their majority is somewhere between thirty and forty thousand. The attempts of these Radical papers to prove the contrary is a piece of the most unblushing effrontery, and is done in the hope that they may by these means be able to brow beat the Democracy out of their hard earned and glorious victory. The Radicals don't want this Democratic congressional delegation from Texas to get their seat, and they think that by raising the cry of "fraud" now, and asserting that it is the Radicals who have been victorious, they may be able to accomplish their purpose of having them counted out. This is a game this wretched party has played successfully heretofore, and they hope to again succeed in the same way.

However, the Democratic majority is a little too heavy, and the proofs of the election of our congressmen a little too strong, to be very easily got out of the way. The Radicals may as well acknowledge the corn, and submit gracefully to a defeat which they did not expect and which they cannot remedy.

Already, Grant is taking his cue from the result of the elections in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Iowa. Taking it for granted that the people of these States will uphold him in his base designs, he has made haste to declare the writ of Habeas Corpus suspended in certain counties in South Carolina, under the pitiful plea of "Ku Klux!" when there isn't a single "Ku Klux" in the whole State, save the rascally bands of Radical carpet-baggers who are roaming through that country, trying to incite the people to open acts of violence for the very purpose of having martial law proclaimed.

Other States will soon feel the iron hand of the Administration. The last Congress gave Grant the power to suspend the writ of Habeas Corpus all over the country, North as well as South, when ever he considered it necessary to his own interests to do so. Availing himself of this power, he has determined to hold on to the presidency, and the placing of South Carolina under martial law is the first step toward the attainment of that object. Notice all ways that the counties thus tyrannized over are Democratic counties, and martial law will prevent them from voting independently.

Such is the inkling given us of Grant's future programme. If necessary to his success, even Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Iowa, the very States that have just pronounced in his favor, will be treated in the same way and their people forced either to vote for him or not vote at all. Such is the condition to which we have been reduced by our own apathy. The tyrant now has his heel upon our necks.

The Duke of Wellington, a shrewd business man as well as General, is credited with the saying that high interest is but another name for poor security.

Among Our Exchanges.

It seems to us that a much better man than PHILIP SHERIDAN might have been put in command of the desolated city of Chicago, if, indeed, it was necessary to place any military leader there. SHERIDAN is the man who ravaged, burned and destroyed the Shenandoah Valley, making of that beautiful garden nothing but a howling wilderness, and filling the hearts of its people with grief and bitter mourning. Wherever he goes he leaves misery in his track, and the wonder is that the President could so far forget whatever feelings of humanity he may possess as to put this cruel calvary rider in a position where his evil disposition may incite him to the commission of even worse deeds than those which made his name infamous in that beautiful vale of the "Old Dominion." After having their city destroyed and laid waste by fire, it does seem to us like adding insult to injury to send SHERIDAN to the Chicagoans, who will doubtless look upon him as only another vial of wrath and woe to be poured out upon them. Knowing him and his deeds in the Valley of the Shenandoah, what guarantee have they that he will not treat them just as he did the powerless, unresisting and innocent people of that country. Truly may they exclaim, "Save us from our friends!" Commenting upon Gen. SHERIDAN'S presence at the burnt city, and the irresponsible way in which he wields the power placed in his hands, the Lancaster Intelligencer, quoting from the New York World, and drawing it a little mild, says—

Although much good has been done by Sheridan and his troops, as well as out of the appliances at his command, under direction of the President, he is not the man to be entrusted with the direction of affairs at Chicago, in its present emergency. The New York World well observes that whenever any great physical disaster falls upon a city, an epidemic of suspicion seems to attack the citizens. We all remember how crazed the Parisians became during the siege upon the subject of spies, and how innocent men were hanged to lamp posts by mobs who, without any visible reason, suddenly chose to suspect the unhappy victims of being German emissaries. The fact that there is a disposition in Chicago to attribute the spread of the fire to incendiaries, and that several men have already been summarily hung upon suspicion, looks as though the excitement consequent upon the tremendous disaster of Sunday had made the people lose their judgment and self control. In such circumstances General Sheridan, who is famous for losing his head whenever he is placed in the midst of any great excitement is evidently not the sort of person to exercise control in Chicago. To us at a distance, who do not feel the mad physical excitement of the disaster, the spectacle of Sheridan's soldiers hanging men without trial, as though Chicago citizens deserve no more consideration than Pigeon squabs, is not a pleasant one. It seems hardly possible that such an unnecessary work as that of adding to the fire could have been attempted. At all events Sheridan should hold his men in check until the guilt of suspected persons shall have been proved.

The calamity of fire has not been confined to Chicago alone. Vast tracts of country in Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota have been desolated by it, and hundreds of lives and millions of dollars worth of property lost. The long drought had made everything as dry as tinder, and immense prairie fires, which got into the woods, have raged to an unlimited extent, consuming not only houses, barns and fences in the country, but even whole villages. Under the heading of "A season of Horrors," an exchange remarks—

The present has been a season, or rather month of horrors; and it is now feared that the destruction caused by the tremendous fires which, for weeks have been ravaging vast tracts of country in Wisconsin and Michigan, will equal, and perhaps exceed, the devastation in Chicago. The news from these sections is of the most alarming character. At Pishigo, Wisconsin, the loss of life has been terrible, 325 persons having already been buried and as many more still missing. At Little Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, 75 persons have been burnt to death. In Michigan there has also been a frightful loss of life and property. Half the town of Manistee has been burnt, involving a loss estimated at \$1,300,000. Along the lake coast from Lake Huron to Saginaw Bay, at least half a dozen flourishing villages have been destroyed and many others are still exposed to the fires in the woods. Hundreds of lives have been lost, and many people have been driven into the lake to escape burning. The revenue steamer Esenden, has been sent to

their assistance. It is hoped that the worst is now over, the rain having checked the progress of the flames—Disastrous fires also raged in the woods of Western Ontario. In Windsor a whole block, comprising the principal business portion of the town, was burnt on Wednesday night. The loss is very heavy. In this case an incendiary was caught in flagrante delicto and was arrested.

There is a sensation going the rounds of the papers in this country about good Queen Vic. They say that she is going crazy. How true this is, there is no telling, but it will be remembered that insanity is hereditary in the Queen family. King George the Third, who was on the British throne at the time of our Revolutionary war, was idiotic, and other sovereigns of the same House have since been suspected of being non compos mentis. Queen Victoria is one of the most estimable women that ever lived, and that such a calamity should befall her is very sad, and will be a matter of regret the world over. Perhaps, however, the story may exist more in the imaginations of sensational news writers than in fact. We hope so, at least. We know the good Queen has been melancholy ever since the death of Prince Albert, her husband; but we trust that her reason may not desert its throne on that account. The Ledger alluding to this report, says—

The gravest apprehensions are expressed in England in reference to the health of Queen Victoria. They do not refer so much to her physical as to her mental condition. The death of the reigning sovereign is a contingency that sooner or later must come, and the Prince of Wales stands ready to assume the sceptre, as many an heir has succeeded a dying monarch heretofore. But the mental alienation of the sovereign is a much more difficult matter for the Government to deal with, especially as Her Majesty has always been jealous of her prerogatives, and is now more so than ever. For many months the Queen has been fevered and irritable, and the public are beginning to think of the tendency to insanity which is hereditary in her family, and to fear the worst in her own case. The latest letters and telegrams from England all point to this as an absorbing topic of discussion in England, and it is regarded as some what probable that, if Victoria's ailments continue and increase, the Government may find it necessary to secure her abdication. There is an universal feeling of regret at the sad condition of so estimable a lady—a feeling shared alike on both sides of the Atlantic—but the good of the millions who populate the British Empire, and, possibly, the integrity of the realm itself, may soon require Her Majesty to retire from the active labor of a reigning sovereign.

The woman suffrage movement appears to be gaining ground. An attempt is to be made this winter to get Congress to pass a declaratory act affirming the right of the petticoats to vote, all of which is to be done under the superintendence of Mrs. VICTORIA C. WOODHULL, the female candidate for President. Should the thing succeed, what a nice time there will be in 1872! The Washington Patriot has the following item in this regard:

It is announced that a combined effort is to be made upon Congress this winter to induce it to pass a "Declaratory act," affirming the right of women to vote, and that this pressure is to come from Mrs. Victoria Woodhull and those who sympathize with the woman suffrage movement. It is also mysteriously hinted that Senators and Representatives are pledged to the movement, in sufficient numbers to attach some importance to the scheme of the woman-suffragists in their attempt on Congress. A lively, but perhaps not very profitable, time may therefore be expected at the coming session among the ranks of the friends of female suffrage when Mrs. Woodhull shall establish herself here in her new quarters.

Go in, Vic—go in and win. We'll bet on you.

WISCONSIN FORESTS ON FIRE.—The Daily News of October 4th 1871, says: The fire which has been raging in the six or seven northwestern counties of Wisconsin have never had a parallel, there being 3000 square miles of valuable pine forests destroyed. The entire population are fighting the fire without success. All supplies of food for men and beasts have been destroyed throughout at least fifty townships. Houses and their contents, haystacks, corn, wood and other property, together with hundreds of miles of fence are burned.

A canal driver at Akron, for twisting a mule's tail to make it go, received a kick in the face which extracted his front teeth very unceremoniously, crushed his jaw, and distorted his physiognomy not a little.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—William B. Mann, Esq., has sued the proprietors of the Age and Mercury for libel.

—Delaware county has six lodges of Knights of Pythias, numbering nine hundred members.

—"Gen." Corman, of Huntingdon, was drowned in the river at Lackawanna, on the 15th instant.

—Dr. R. Christy, of Hollidaysburg, whilst picking grapes, fell off a chair, breaking his wrist and two ribs.

—Mr. James Reaty and wife, of Shepleyville, Merion county, recently celebrated their golden wedding.

—The Lehigh coal operators have advanced 25 cents per ton on all sizes of coal for the month of October.

—At the Doylestown fair from 35,000 to 40,000 people were in attendance. Over 200 head of cattle were on exhibition.

—Rothermel's picture of the battle of Gettysburg, which, it is said, was burned in the Chicago fire, is now reported safe.

—The officers of the State fair report that nearly 15,000 people attended the State fair during the four days of its continuance.

—Harrisburg elected a colored constable on Tuesday—the first Fifteenth Amendment ever dubbed with official honors in that city.

—On Saturday night four ladies had their dresses spoiled in Germantown by some dastardly second-hand throwing vitrol upon them.

—A woman in Schuylkill county had twins on Monday night, making nineteen children, all boys, she has contributed to the population.

—Grant, the man who was lately shot in New Brighton, made a dying declaration that he received his wound at the hand of James Hart.

—Thomas G. Williams of Coffee Run, the great fox hunter, killed five wild turkeys one morning last week. Mr. W. has killed 1100 since this fall.

—An apple orchard in East Whiteland township, Chester county, containing 25 trees, has produced the present season 400 bushels of apples.

—The grain fields of Chester county are now looking fine. The wheat has come up regularly and covers the ground where it was sown early.

—Mr. Allen, of Franklin township, Butler county, has, in boring for oil, struck salt water of such gravity that three barrels of water will make one of salt. As good as an oil well.

—A light-fingered Altoonian named Allen took his companion Banche's pocket book and abstracted some \$140 last week, for which litigating the justice bound him over for trial.

—Thaddeus Switzer, of Farmagh township, Juniata county, got his right arm into the machinery, which tore and mangled it in such a shocking manner as to compel amputation at the shoulder.

—On Sunday last a little child of Mr. R. C. Rice of New Castle about eight months old, in some manner got within reach of a teapot filled with hot tea and before it could be prevented pulled it over on itself, scalding itself so badly that it died in the course of a few hours.

—An old woman in a neighboring county, (Green perhaps) whose goose was killed two years ago by a bungling sportsman, has commenced a suit for \$50 damages, as she claims that if the goose had been allowed to live, its natural increase and feathers would have amounted to that sum.

—Some enterprising bee hunters in Crawford county lately performed the difficult feat of cutting off a limb containing a colony of bees at a distance of eighty six feet from the ground, without a single limb between it and the ground. A brave boy was hoisted up, and sawed it off, despite the stings.

—Health officer Williams, of Allegheny, reports that the small pox in that city has assumed a very mild form, and that the number of cases has decreased. For the week ending on Saturday only seven new cases were reported. The preceding week there were fourteen, and the week previous there were forty-seven.

—The remains of a human body were found at Printz's lower brick yard, Lewistown, on the 20th ult. The bones, on exposure to the air, rapidly dissolved and must have been buried there many years ago. The mystery cannot be solved by any of the present generation, and its solution must be left to the great day of the future.

—Last week Mr. Stowell, of Delmar township, Tioga county, had the misfortune to have his barn burned. It was the largest in the county. He loses about 120 tons of hay, besides the grain stored in the barn, also a valuable lot of farming implements, including a reaper and mower, a threshing machine, wagons, sleighs and plows.

Mayor French has received a telegram from Indiana Pa. requesting him to have his officers look for two men who had stolen a fine, large roan horse and a bay mare from the subscriber James Kuffner. It was stated that the two men stole the horses and set fire to the barn. They were on the road to this city or had already arrived here, having been heard of at Saltburg. The case was given into the hands of Officer Cupples.—Post.

—After all the gammon about the Philadelphia election riots, it turns out that they were caused by Radical negroes beating men of their own race from the polls because they proposed to vote the Democratic ticket. This is only following the advice of the saintly Jenkins in his speech at Steubenville, Ohio, "Ring every negro who does not vote the Radical ticket" to the tune of "Prison food from whom all blessings flow."—Post.

—Those Democrats in the close counties in Pennsylvania and Ohio who throw away the two Legislatures, on account of personal ambition or factious impracticability, are wholly to blame for the gerrymandered Congressional districts, which will be attempted and no doubt accomplished. Having disfranchised themselves, let them suffer the result of their own folly in silence, and learn how to preserve the principles of self-government in the future.—Post.

DECEASED INMATE.—Mrs. Mary A. Delaney, residing at the southwest corner of Thirtieth and Sansom streets, appeared before Justice Becker at the Central station yesterday afternoon, and charged Miss Nellie Murchland, residing at No. 1407 Pine street, with harboring her husband, and also with assault and battery. Mrs. Delaney stated that the defendant had broken up her home, and that she was the cause of her husband running through all his means. In support of the charge of assault and battery she testified that about two weeks ago the defendant met her in the street and tore the veil from her face. Miss Nellie was required to enter bail in the sum of \$700.—Day.