

Ink Stings.

As the Harrison family are dissatisfied with their accommodations in the White House it is a pity that so much money was expended in putting them there.

The Battenberg baby is old England's Baby McKee. It is pleasant to see a friendly rivalry between the royal families of England and the United States in the baby business.

Mr. Harrison has met with quite a hearty reception in New England. This goes to show that the American people will honor the high office of President however small may be the man that occupies it.

In all probability the great JOHN L. will get a year in a Mississippi jail. That period will be profitably spent in getting the whisky out of him. JOHN will come out of duress viler a soberer if not a better man.

Lancaster county is being all torn up on the question of the Internal Revenue Collectorship. The old county is not more noted for her abundant yield of agricultural productions than for her big crop of hungry office-seekers.

The resolution of the Republican State Convention complimenting MAT QUAY for the "honorable" manner in which he managed the last campaign is a pretty good illustration of the average Republican politician's idea of honor.

The general uprising against the Trusts would indicate that the popular impression in regard to these thievish combinations does not accord with Mr. BLAINE'S opinion that they are "private affairs" that should not be interfered with.

The theory that "Jack the Peeper" is a lunatic is the most plausible explanation of his remarkable conduct. If he wasn't crazy he wouldn't have invaded the dormitories of superannuated spinners for the purpose of feasting his eyes on sleeping beauty.

MARTIN BURKE, the leading suspect in the Cronin murder case, would turn states evidence if he could make up his mind that being killed by the Clannagael avengers would be preferable to being hung. In this situation BURKE is between the devil and the deep sea.

The great interest that is being excited by the Brown-Seward elixir of life may be attributed to the general desire that prevails among human beings to remain in this wicked old world as long as possible. It springs from the same feeling that prompted PONCE DE LEON'S search for the fountain of perpetual youth.

The husband of Vice President MORRIS'S wife's sister has been comfortably provided for with a fat office. It ought to forcibly strike the average citizen that a man who could afford to contribute as much campaign boodle as MORRIS did last year, shouldn't find it necessary to have the government support his wife's relatives.

Ten thousand Germans of Pittsburgh are said to have pledged themselves to vote against QUAY'S man BOYER on account of the disposition of QUAY'S convention to continue meddling with the liquor question. We hope it is true, but it is singular that these Germans are just beginning to understand Republican jugglery on that subject.

We can imagine the look of surprise mingled with dismay that flitted across the countenance of good JOHN WANAMAKER when, upon sending a postmaster's commission to a colored Republican of Reidsville, North Carolina, word came back that the appointee, since making his application, had changed his residence to the State penitentiary.

The announcement of Presidential appointments from Bar Harbor has a familiar old sound. It reminds the people of the time when the summer capital of the United States was located at Long Branch. Star-route jobs, post-traderships sales, land grabs, and other imitations of the Grant method of running the government, may soon be expected.

If this contention that has sprung up between New York, Chicago, St. Louis and Washington about the Columbus centennial exposition can't be satisfactorily settled, the difficulty might be terminated by selecting Philadelphia as the place for the demonstration. As a location for such a thing as a world's fair Philadelphia has proved herself to be a city on which there are no flies.

Speaking of the possibility of Congress not being as near a tie as is generally thought, the Philadelphia Inquirer naively remarks that there being 17 contested election cases it would be singular if the R-republicans shouldn't get their share of those that will be seated. Wouldn't it be more singular if they shouldn't get a good deal more than their share, judging from the manner in which they are in the habit of deciding contested election cases when they are in a situation to decide in favor of their own men?

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Negro Barbarism.

The excitement that has been created among the negroes of Georgia by an impostor calling himself the Messiah, indicates the small advancement those people have made from their original condition of barbarism. They have had the example and instruction of their enlightened white neighbors for generations, they have remained in a state of dense ignorance and superstition that lays them open to such deception as is being practiced by this false leader, who is making them believe that he is a second CHRIST. This fellow is a negro justice of the peace named EDWARD PRICE. He represented himself to have gone into a trance, and upon waking up proclaimed himself to be the Messiah. He rapidly gained a large following from among his colored neighbors, and it was not long before he had set the negroes of the neighborhood crazy with his new religion. The Atlanta Constitution, speaking of this superstitious movement, says:

No sooner had Price announced that he was Christ than he stripped off his clothes and carried on his work unembarrassed by garments of any kind. To his principal disciples he gave the right to set up barons, and he himself has in his train a number of concubines. Children have been sacrificed by his orders, and a number of negroes have been beaten to death under the pretence that they were possessed of devils. Where this outbreak of fanaticism will end no one knows.

Other negroes, following the example set by PRICE, have announced themselves as prophets, one representing himself as King SOLOMON and another as NEBUCHADNEZZAR. The latter eats grass on all fours after the manner of the ancient biblical character whose name he has assumed.

Such gross ignorance and degraded superstition are hardly conceivable, and yet there is no portion of the South where the colored people could not be affected by the same superstitious craze. It is deplorable that people no further advanced in enlightenment than they are, constitute the strength of a political party in a large section of our country, and that all the machinery of that party is being exerted to give these barbarians the political control of that section.

Recognition of a Practical Joker.

The administration evidently appreciates a joke and is disposed to encourage people of a jocular turn of mind. Mr. SHERBURNE G. HOPKINS, a young man connected with the fraternity of newspaper reporters at Washington, a year ago last winter got off a neat joke of the practical variety on no less a personage than the Chief Justice of the United States. From the unlimited resources of his facetious ingenuity he fixed up a logus infernal machine that was calculated to raise the hair on the venerable head of Chief Justice WAITE. He got together a combination of clock springs and a quantity of suspicious looking shoe blacking and forwarded it to the residence of the chief of the national judiciary in a way that could not help but look like a design to blow up the leading member of the Supreme Court. It was a rare joke and was written up in sensational style for the newspapers by the young gentleman who had perpetrated it. That a good thing like this is appreciated by those who give out the offices at Washington is evidenced by the recent appointment of SHERBURNE G. HOPKINS by President HARRISON as a Notary Public in the District of Columbia. After such a recognition of his ability as a practical joker there is no telling what the young man may try next.

Brother WANAMAKER should take MAT QUAY aside and have a season of prayer with him. The Boss is greatly in need of something of that kind. Last Sunday a week while the Post Master General was engaged in his pious duty at the Bethany Sunday School in Philadelphia, QUAY was holding a caucus at the Continental hotel with his understrappers, arranging the programme for the State Convention. If the pious dry-goods merchant had known how wickedly the Boss was behaving on the Lord's day it is altogether likely he would have made him the subject of prayer. Nobody needs praying for more than the Pennsylvania Boss, and nobody could do it in better style than Holy JOHN.

A Disgraceful Resolution.

Its abject submission to the will of M. S. QUAY was the chief characteristic of the Republican convention that met in Harrisburg last week. It came together for no other purpose than to do the work which its boss had assigned it to do. The candidate it nominated was the one he had selected. Its performance in this matter was merely of a routine and perfunctory character. The resolutions it passed were such as he thought would best suit his purpose and express the sentiments of the party as subsidiary to his own political designs. Nothing could have so strongly indicated the thorough abasement of the convention and the party it represented, as the resolution which designated QUAY'S management of the last campaign as "honorable." The history of politics cannot show anything to equal the corruption which the Chairman of the Republican National Committee brought to bear upon that campaign. It was unique in its rottenness. No attempt was made to disguise the purpose for which the immense amount of boodle contributed for HARRISON'S election was intended to be used, and QUAY applied it with the trained hand of one who had won the distinction of being the most corrupt and unscrupulous manager in his party. He was selected for this special service because he had that bad distinction, and yet in the face of all this—in defiance of a public sentiment that was shocked and outraged by the open manner in which he had been instrumental in carrying the election with money, this wretched collection of abject henchmen apply the word "honorable" to his management of the campaign. Could there be a more disgraceful exemplification of the depth to which political demoralization can descend?

The Culpability of the Drunkard.

The Philadelphia Times takes a sensible view of the responsible culpability of the drunkard. It believes that drunkenness should be included among the criminal offenses and treated as such offenses usually are. It has been too much the custom to regard the person who is addicted to the use of liquor as a victim for whose bad habit somebody else is more to blame than himself. The liquor seller is the one who is made to shoulder most of the blame. The drunkard is regarded with a false sentimentality that almost entirely divests him of blame or responsibility. This is the worst kind of nonsense. In cases of inebriety the man who is drunk is the chief actor and should be treated as the principal offender. If instead of being coddled and pitted as a poor unfortunate creature he were subjected to punishment commensurate to his offense he wouldn't be so likely to make a public display of his misfortune. An exhibition of drunkenness in public should be followed by sure and speedy punishment. The penalty of offended law should impress upon the man who allows himself to be overcome by liquor that brutalizing himself by intoxication is a crime for which he must be held penally responsible. The punishment of the liquor seller for infringement of the law that restrains his business is entirely a different question. Public sentiment is ready enough to punish him. But it seems to be too backward in treating the drunkard in the way that would be fully justified by his offense.

The people of the State have been pained to learn of the death of ex-Judge HUGH H. CUMMIS, of Williamsport, which occurred last Sunday morning at the Mountain House, at Cresson. He had been appointed by Governor BEAVER one of the commissioners to distribute the relief fund among those who had suffered from the Conemaugh flood, and was in the discharge of the duties of that position when death overtook him. He is said to have succumbed to an attack of Bright's disease of the kidneys which no doubt was aggravated by the onerous character of the service he was performing. The deceased was a person of excellent reputation both as a man and a jurist. As President Judge of the Lycoming district he distinguished himself by the impartiality and correctness of his decisions and the dispatch with which he transacted the business of the court.

An Interesting Contest.

The next general meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic, which will shortly be held at Milwaukee, will present an interesting contest for commander between Corporal TANNER and ALGER of Michigan. As the G. A. R. has degenerated into a political machine, this contest will be entirely political in its object. TANNER wants the endorsement of the Grand Army to sustain him in his position as Commissioner of Pensions and to support his policy of an extravagant disbursement of the public money to the pension claimants. With such backing he could safely count upon the administration allowing him to do pretty much as he pleased in managing the pensions, for it would be a notification coming from a source that contributed largely to HARRISON'S election, that TANNER should not be interfered with in shoveling out the money to all manner of claimants for alleged military service.

ALGER wants to be commander to boost him in his candidacy for the Presidency. His ambition is heading toward that high office. The power which boodle exerted in the last campaign encourages him to believe that his millions will go a great way in making him President, and if he could be placed at the head of the G. A. R. it would be such a supplement to the influence of his wealth as would put him ahead of any competitor for the Republican nomination. In the candidacy of both TANNER and ALGER for the leadership of the Grand Army of the Republic there is a predominance of those mercenary motives that have a powerful effect in Republican movements.

Lying About the Sugar Trust.

The Republican Convention of Huntington county last week appeared to have been badly rattled on the Trust question. It had gumption enough to know that the Sugar Trust is behaving very badly, but it was woefully mixed in its idea as to who is responsible for the extortion which that Trust has been allowed to practice. See what a funny mess it made of its resolution about the Sugar Trust:

We condemn and denounce the sectional policy of the Democratic majority in the last congress, which maintained a high duty on southern products, such as rice and sugar, and which sought to reduce that on the production of other parts of the country; that this policy has fostered that great and oppressive monopoly, the sugar trust, which has increased the price of one of the prime necessities of life more than fifty per cent.

This is an average specimen of the treatment which Republican politicians accord to the tariff question. It directly charges the Democrats in the last Congress with maintaining the duty on sugar, when the fact is that the Mills bill proposed a heavier reduction on sugar than on almost any other commodity. The average reduction it made was 5 per cent, while it offered to reduce the duty on sugar 16 per cent. The leaders of "the grand old party" did so much lying on the tariff question last year that one should think that in this off year they would take a rest.

Punishing Wife Beaters.

Somebody has sent us a copy of the Hagerstown (Md.) Globe that contained a marked article giving an account of the punishment that was administered at the whipping post to DANIEL C. HERBERT, a resident of that neighborhood, for beating his wife. This is the new method of punishment for wife beating prescribed by a law recently enacted in Maryland. HERBERT had come home intoxicated, and after abusing his wife with curses and blows he proceeded to choke her until she became insensible. He was sentenced to receive fifteen lashes on the bare back, which the Sheriff laid on with his full strength. From the tone of the paper in which the account of the whipping is given there does not appear to be any markish sentiment entertained in Hagerstown against this way of punishing men who beat their wives. There can be no question that "the punishment fits the crime," and it is to be regretted that other States do not follow the example of Maryland in giving similar treatment to this kind of human brute. The only fault to be found with the proceedings in the case published by the Hagerstown paper is that the lashes were limited to fifteen. They should not have been one less than fifty.

Getting Their Reward.

In rewarding the fellows who helped to work the "blocks-of-five" system by which HARRISON was enabled to carry Indiana, the President is forced to recognize some very sealy characters. The necessities of the situation compel him to put on the list of government office-holders a class of hard cases such as never before disgraced the civil service of the country. For example, ELI F. HOMADAY has just been appointed to a timber agency on the government lands. This fellow, in partnership with his mistress, kept a bawdy house in Indianapolis, notoriously known as "the Long Branch." He was useful in the last election, his service being of the character that was necessary to fraudulently give the electoral vote of Indiana to HARRISON. It must have been a desperate case that compelled the administration to face the disgrace of making such an appointment. But this is not the only dishonorable incident of this kind in connection with carrying Indiana for HARRISON. The foremanship of the Government printing office has been given to one HENRY McFARLAND, husband of a bawdy house keeper of the same city, who kept a grogery on the first floor of her ranch. These cases give an insight into the influences that were brought to bear to assist the bootleggers in securing for Mr. HARRISON the electoral vote of his State. How beautifully the blocks-of-five worker was supplemented by the bawdy house and grog-shop keeper in the glorious achievement of electing a high tariff President.

A Delusive Hope.

There may be people foolish enough to believe that the Republican party will provide some relief from the extortions which the combinations known as trusts are practicing upon the public. The newspapers of the party in an indefinite sort of way are beginning to express their disapprobation of this method of robbing consumers, and there are vague intimations that something will be done by those who have control of the government to correct this evil.

Nothing could be more delusive than the idea that relief will come from that quarter. No assurance of this kind can be gathered from the acts or expressions of those who are in position to speak for the party. Take, for example, the recent Republican State Convention of Pennsylvania. Not one word did it express in condemnation of the Trusts that are preying upon consumers in almost every department of production. Not the shadow of a pledge was made that the people should be relieved from this system of spoliation by anything that the Republican party might do. But, on the contrary, the war tariff, by which these monopolies are encouraged and sustained, had the heartiest endorsement of the convention. It is idle to expect that antagonism to the tariff-fed monopolies can be developed from a political situation dominated by the Republicans. The money that put them in power came from the class that runs the trusts and other monopolistic combinations whose influence will be all powerful in controlling the policy of the party.

The administration was quite unfortunate in its appointment of a postmaster at Reidsville, North Carolina. As a compliment to the race which composes the bulk of the Republican party with its general majority, the Reidsville post office was awarded to a colored brother. The commission was forwarded, duly signed and sealed by the saintly Post Master General, but upon looking up the address of the new appointee it was found that it had been changed to the State penitentiary, he having since his application committed burglary and been sent up for three years. Thus the boast of the Philadelphia Press that no bad characters are being appointed to office by this administration is being wonderfully verified.

Since Prince Russ passed a night in Windsor Castle the Harrison family have become ambitious of having more palatial quarters than are afforded by the old White House. It wouldn't be surprising if Congress should make an appropriation for the construction of a building patterned after the monarchical residences of Europe. That is likely to be the result of sending Russ on a visit to the kings and queens of the old country.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

A man in whose tried life we trace / That worth where duty and courage meet; / He spurned the lures of Power and Place / To choose the victory of defeat.

From him, when sly Discretion sought / His fearless candor to repress; / An emperor's purple had not bought / The silence that might mean success.

In rightful scorn he flung aside / All disingenuous garb of sham; / To laboring thousands, far and wide, / He said: "Behold me as I am!"

Against Phytocracy's cold thrall / He urged his protest, high and pure, / With justice for his pedestal, / He rose the Patriot of the Poor!

But when our tax-wring lands were shook / With Freedom's large electoral throes, / They that should serve him best forsook, / And left him with his legioned foes.

Ah, well could wise old History say / How oft, through 'time's mysterious trend, / The people, in just this willful way, / Have turned them from their truest friend!

—Edward Fawcett in Bedford's Magazine.

Spawls from the Keystone.

A conference assembly of Reformed Ministers of the United States is in session at Lancaster.

A meeting of the State Association of Firemen will be held at Carlisle on September 17, 18, 19, and 20.

Mrs. Sophie Bart, while dancing in Pottsville a couple of nights since, knocked one of her knee caps off.

Henry Doyle stabbed Henry Kline during a picnic near Pottsville on Sunday and was arrested. Kline will recover.

A Lebanon photographer arranged a camera in the gallery and had his picture taken during his wedding ceremony.

A Chester Miss found a pocketbook containing \$400 in cash and returned it to the owner. He gave her 25 cents.

The flour-mills in Erie are working day and night. The shipment of flour from Erie is now an important item to the railroads.

Elijah Bull, of West Manheim township has held a commission as Justice of the Peace for forty-two years, and this week took out his commission for five years more.

A Chester horse drinking at the edge of a creek became scared at a wriggling eel, caught by a fisherman, and ran away dragging the wagon after him into mid-stream.

A young couple who were lately married and left Manheim in splendor were compelled to return in the "caboose of the Night Buck," having missed the regular train.

The wages of the hands employed in William Jacobs' cigar manufactory at East Greenville, Montgomery county, were reduced last week, and ten of them have quit work.

Larry Blair of Uniontown had to take a falling party across into Greene county, and the ferryman being tardy he swam four horses and the omnibus across the Monongahela.

A mare at Compassville became angered a few days ago at some boys who were teasing her, and attacked one of them. She was about to trample him when the owner whizzed in.

At Carlisle on Saturday a locomotive whizzed into a flock of turkeys and slightly hurt one, which fell upon the pilot, whence it was grabbed by an alert youth as the train pulled up.

The funeral of Miss Emma Kephart took place from her home, in New Britain, Berks county, at 6 o'clock in the evening a day or two ago. It was her last wish that she should be buried at sunset.

Nathan Shitoshi, a Poleander, reading a letter the other day as he walked on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad at Plymouth, did not hear an approaching train and was run over and killed.

The Fire Brigade from the Indian Training School, with their Brittan hand-engine, will take part in the firemen's parade in Carlisle next month. They are the only fire company of Indians in the country.

William C. Root, of Catoanqua, this week brought suit for \$10,000 damages against Robert Gibson and Robert Falton for defaming the character of his daughter Jennie through letters written to Lizzie Gillespie.

Marshall Ingram, formerly United States census taker of Newlin, Chester county, is said to be experimenting with a view to the production of a new vegetable, or rather a combination of the radish and the turnip.

Thaddeus Henry, the tonsorial artist who shaved President Buchanan and Thaddeus Stevens for many years, and who has been shaving people for sixty-one years, has opened a hair-dressing saloon in Lancaster.

The Uniontown Gossip of last Saturday acknowledges the receipt of a toriose inscribed "H. C. 1881," the initials being those of H. C. Cook, father of the editor. The animal is still chipper and catches flies with dexterity.

A young thief who stole a pair of pantaloons from an Easton barber shop on Saturday was found enrobed in them an hour later. The owner took him to the river bank, compelled him to disrobe, and left him to linger in the bushes.

Thomas Turner, who keeps a cigar store in Chester, a few days since placed in his window a plaster-of-paris duck which proved to be so life-like that two dogs belonging to Messrs. Crumble and Meyer crashed through the plate glass to get at it.

Stephen Snowden, a colored man of Norris-town, did a job of painting a few days since with a composition containing benzine. When he tried to walk home he found himself intoxicated from inhalations of its fumes. A doctor gave him antidotes.

While attempting to head off a thief by running through some yards a few nights ago, Special Officer Shabrooks, of Lancaster, ran afoul of a bulldog and was held prisoner until the owner was awakened. The thief went the long way round and escaped.

D. A. Chandler, Chatham, Pa., has in his possession a solid walnut desk of antique style. It has inscribed on one of the bottom drawers the name "Job Baily," and the date "1747." Though in use for three or four generations, it is still in a good state of preservation.

One of the daughters of Mr. Michael O'Neill, of Williamsport, is quite an artist, and a day or two since she left in a closet some painting materials, which took fire spontaneously and consumed the entire wardrobe of the family saved what they had on.

Doe Haggerty, who was blown to atoms by nitro-glycerine near Titusville last December, had \$5000 insurance on his life, but the insurance company is not entirely satisfied that he is dead, their chief argument being that "no dead Haggerty can be found."

A 100-barrel water-tank on Miller & Sibley's stock farm, near Franklin, burst with a loud report a few days since, scattering the staves for a distance of 200 feet. The material the tank was built of was very dry, and when filled with water expanded to such an extent as to break the hoops.