

Ink Slings.

In the death of Hon. S. S. Cox has occurred the Sunset of a brilliant life.

There can be no question that ROBERT RAY HAMILTON'S marriage was a failure.

In London the striker scored a victory. In the United States defeat almost invariably scores the striker.

We are not surprised that an extra session of Congress is a sort of buzz-saw that BENJAMIN is chary about monkeying with.

Secretary WINDOM is putting himself to unnecessary trouble in explaining the increase of the national debt. TANNER is explanation enough.

Imagine the effect of CLEVELAND taking the stump, with strikes, lock-outs and business failures emphasizing his argument in favor of tariff reform.

Secretary WINDOM'S interpretation of the treasury report for July and August conflicts with popular confidence in the time-honored maxim that figures won't lie.

The capers that the waves have been cutting on the Atlantic coast would seem to indicate that old Neptune isn't disposed to let Jupiter Pluvius have all the fun this summer.

The great JOHN L. wants to go to Congress. If the election should be determined in the prize ring, who would have the hardihood to be a candidate against the invincible slugger?

The appointment of WARMOTH to the collectorship at New Orleans leaves beyond doubt that if ELIZA PINKSTON were among the living she could have her pick of the Louisiana post offices.

The array of Republican candidates for Governor that are standing up in a row waiting for BOSS QUAY to make his selection, may not care so much about being chosen after they have seen the result of the election this fall.

The report that Williamsport was going to get the Distin band instrument works appears to be mere wind. Pottsville is blowing about getting that horn factory. It is a subject on which a good deal of tooting can be done.

And now the ingenious Republican organs claim to have discovered that BILL SCOTT ran the Democratic State Convention. That will hardly answer as a set-off to BOSS QUAY'S neat manipulation of the Republican Convention.

The veterans appeared to better advantage at Gettysburg this week dedicating monuments to the heroic memory of their dead comrades than they did some weeks ago at Milwaukee endorsing TANNER'S raid on the public treasury.

MATTER escaped the questionable honor of having his handsome features burlesqued in the Keystone Gazette, by his not being the choice of the ring. The county boss instructed FIEDLER what to fix to have ready for publication.

In canvassing the county this fall WILLIE GRAY will have to have a different speech from the one he shot off at the voters last year. Under existing circumstances his hearers would guff him if he should try to work off any tariff rot on them.

Fatal accidents are happening almost as frequently to the workers on the electric lines as to the employes on the railroads, and yet there are people who think that the dynamo wouldn't be as effective as the rope in landing criminals on the other side of Jordan.

The Democrats under the lead of LEON ABBETT will administer a stunning shock of Jersey lightning to their Republican opponents notwithstanding the reported failure of the New Jersey apple crop. It will be lightning of a political and not of a liquid character.

In gadding about the country quite a spirited competition is going on between JAMES A. BEAVER and BENJAMIN HARRISON. The Governor had no rival in this way of wasting official time until the President appeared on the road and beat BEAVER'S record as a gadder.

Ex-Speaker CARLISLE is credited with great political sagacity in predicting that the issue in 1892 will be tariff reform, with GROVER CLEVELAND as the Democratic candidate for President; but that idea is so general that the Speaker must share with the people the credit of so sagacious an impression.

Those who expect that the coming Prohibition county convention is going to be crowned with the Republican workers who threw up their hats so enthusiastically for the cold water cause in June, are going to be disappointed. The prayers of our temperance friends on that occasion are not likely to be topped off with Republican amenities.

The licking which the meddlesome administration received in the Third Congressional district of Louisiana is merely a forerunner of the spanking it will get in Virginia. But as the Old Dominion will afford a larger area for spanking, the kicking and squirming attending the punishment will afford proportionally more fun to those who shall witness its infliction.

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The Star Spangled Banner.

The patriotic people of Baltimore had a lively time this week in fighting over again the battle which their gallant ancestors fought three-quarters of a century ago against the British invaders and thereby saved their fair city from pillage and disgrace.

The flag that waved over Fort McHenry when its guns baffled and drove back the fleet of the invader, and which on that occasion inspired the writing of the song, is still in existence, it being the property of Mr. E. APPLETON, of New York, he having inherited it from an ancestor who had taken part in the heroic defense.

The Difference.

The great strike of the workmen on the London wharves has been quite a relief to the defenders of the American monopoly tariff who for the past six months have been rather roughly handled concerning the strikes which have prevailed in all parts of this tariff protected country.

But in looking at this matter they overlook an important fact. The strikes in this country are generally against a reduction of wages, the tendency being towards a reduction under our protective system. The strike of the London wharfingers was for an increase of wages, the tendency in all departments of English industry being in the direction of an advance in the compensation of labor.

As the quill season is about drawing to a close the Commissioners might level up the Court House yard and have the enclosure put in trim for the diversion of next year's loafers, irrespective of color. Pitching quills is physically beneficial to those who engage in it, but the kind of pitching that would be financially beneficial to the tax-payers of the county would be the pitching of the Republican majority out of the Commissioners' office.

Chicago and the Columbus Quadr-Centennial.

We have received a circular issued by Chicago editors calling attention to the superior eligibility of Chicago as the site for the exposition to be connected with the Columbus celebration in 1892, and urging that it be located in that city. Its arguments would be good if there was not another point that offers better reasons why it should be selected as the site of this exposition.

As the nations of all the world will be invited to participate in the demonstration, the exposition should greet them on the borders of the ocean which bore the great discoverer to these shores. Why should it be necessary for foreign visitors to traverse half the width of the continent to reach the point of celebration? The circular points out the many advantages Chicago offers for such a demonstration, but there are so many elements of propriety in the exposition being held in the chief city and great commercial emporium of the country that the Chicago arguments really appear impertinent.

The Administration's Bad Luck in the South.

Some days ago an election came off in the Third Louisiana Congress district to fill the vacancy occasioned by the recent death of Mr. GAY, the Democratic representative. It is KELLOGG'S old district, but had been carried by the Democrats at the last three elections. In compliance with the policy of the present administration to increase the Republican strength in the South, a determined movement was made to recapture this district at the recent special election.

In view of such an overwhelming expression of the popular will, the kind of report which the Republican visiting committee shall make as to the causes that brought about such a result, is a matter of curious speculation. It is hardly possible that they will try to represent that there are flaws in a majority of 8000 sufficient to justify a contest of Mr. PRICE'S seat. However, the resources of Republican cheek are unlimited and inexhaustible.

Nearly enough money has been raised for the construction of the equestrian statue of General GEORGE B. McCLELLAN which is to be placed on the south side of the public building in Philadelphia. As a work of art it will be a companion to the equestrian statue of General REYNOLDS, which has been erected on the north side of that building. The other two sides, east and west, would be good locations for statues of Generals MRADE and HANCOCK.

There Should Be an Overhauling.

There is urgent occasion for overhauling the management of the State treasury and investigating the manner in which the sinking fund has been used. The public money of Pennsylvania has for a long while been under the control of a party that is not distinguished for fidelity in the performance of such a trust, and when it is well known that a character like M. S. QUAY has had much to do with the management of the State funds, the necessity for an overhauling should be deeply impressed upon the public mind.

There has been sufficient proof that the funds have been used for speculative purposes. The State money has been placed in favored banks with every evidence that the profits have been shared. What other reason than this can be given for the sale of a million dollars worth of interest-bearing United States bonds that were held by the State as an invest, the proceeds of which sale being placed in the hands of favored bankers? Can it be doubted that there was a divvy of the profits arising from the use of this money by the banks? How was the State indemnified for the loss of the interest which would have gone into her coffers if this money would have been allowed to remain invested in United States securities?

This was a most flagrant breach of official trust. It was a point-blank robbery of the State, and the ring which for years has been growing rich by such practices should be called to account. As long as they are allowed to remain in office they are able in a great measure to cover the tracks of their dishonesty which are imprinted all over the management of the State Treasury. To get at them they must be got out.

BOYER, the Republican candidate for State Treasurer, is the mere tool of MAT QUAY and no one is more interested than QUAY in keeping the management of the treasury under cover. The Boss owns BOYER and would control him if the voters should be unwise enough to put him at the head of the treasury. QUAY made him the candidate and would use him if he should become the incumbent.

Death of Hon. Samuel S. Cox.

The report that Hon. SAMUEL S. COX was dangerously ill was speedily followed by the announcement of his death, which occurred at his residence in New York on Tuesday evening. This is a great loss both to the country and to the Democratic party. For years he was a leading figure in Congress, having been sent to the national legislature from Ohio, his native State, when comparatively a young man, and after his removal to New York city his eminent abilities and high reputation were recognized by his being again sent to Congress, where he served almost continuously up to the time of his death. During his long term of public service as a congressional representative he was ever found on the side of good government and in support of no other than constitutional measures. The corrupt schemes which during his time were so profitable to venal legislators, always found in this incorruptible Democrat a consistent and unflinching opponent, and it can be truly said of him that in both public and private life his fingers never touched a dishonest dollar. He was a man of varied attainments, being noted as much for his literary accomplishments as for his force as a public speaker. His temper was of the most genial nature and his sparkling wit was perennial and inexhaustible. It will be difficult to fill the place made vacant by the death of this able and honorable public character.

In one of Judge's stupid cartoons an American workman is represented as pointing to a dilapidated specimen of a London striker and addressing a tariff reformer with the remark: "A nice box you and the Democracy would have got me into." Is this American workman one of the Illinois miners who during the past summer have been kept from starving by public charity, or is he one of those that have been thrown out of employment by the blight that has overtaken the woolen industry in consequence of the tariff on raw materials? May be he is a Pennsylvania coke worker who has grown opulent on wages averaging 80 cents a day.

The Farmers and Wage-Earners Account With Candidate Boyer.

There are two classes of Pennsylvania citizens who should feel themselves particularly interested in defeating M. S. QUAY'S candidate for State Treasurer, although all classes should desire his defeat in the interest of good government. The classes especially interested in this matter are the farmers and the wage-earners. As Speaker of the House of Representatives he has shown no friendship for either of them. When tax laws, intended to relieve the farmers of an undue weight of taxation by placing a more just proportion of it upon the corporations, were proposed in the Legislature, the influence of Speaker BOYER was not exerted to secure their passage. It could have been of powerful assistance, but he chose rather to follow the bias of the leaders of his party in favor of corporate interests. It was for this reason as much as on account of other adverse influences, that the efforts of the Grangers to have tax bills passed that would relieve them of undue and unjust burdens, failed in both the sessions over which Speaker BOYER presided. It is true that in the first session a reform revenue bill was allowed to pass, but who can doubt that there was an understanding among the managers that it should meet with its death in the dark passage between the Senate and the executive department? At the last session the Grangers' tax bill was allowed to die of neglect while schemes for the benefit of interests far less worthy engaged the favorable attention of the body whose action Speaker BOYER in a great measure inspired and directed.

The other class of voters who have a special reason to be anxious to square accounts with MAT QUAY'S candidate this fall, are the wage-earners. Ever since he has been Speaker of the House they have been asking for legislation that would benefit labor. To what extent have their reasonable demands been complied with? Every one of the labor bills offered at the last session failed to pass. The committees appointed by the Speaker were unfriendly to them. The influence which he could have powerfully exerted in their favor was withheld. The wage-earners were in effect kicked out of the House over which he presided. While he occupied the chair the disgraceful spectacle was presented of the bone and sinew of the State begging in vain for legislation that was justly due them, while obsequious compliance was being accorded to the demands of the capitalists and corporations.

The farmers and the wage-earners have a special account to square with candidate BOYER in November. If they are true to themselves it will be to him a very rough reckoning.

English syndicates are going right on with their absorption of American breweries. There is scarcely a city in which one or more of the biggest of these establishments have not been captured by the "free trade" money of the capitalists of old England, the breweries of St. Paul last week being the last published as having succumbed to the influence of British gold. Establishments connected with other American industries are also being bought with money from JOHN BULL'S plethoric pocket. This ought not to be. It is not consistent with the declaration of the Republicans that free trade is ruinous. Free trade has been in operation in England for the last forty years with the effect of making the English so rich that they can come over here and buy up the industries of this tariff protected country. According to the Republican theory the English should be too poor to be able to buy and the Americans too rich to want to sell.

The resolution of the Republican convention of Lycoming county which referred to the present contested judicial election case as an effort to "preserve the ballot pure and unsullied," can scarcely be regarded in any other light than as an attempt to get off a joke. The one thing most distinctly evinced by the long investigation is the fact that the Republican leaders in that county have endeavored to seat a Judge belonging to their party by perverting the result of the election. Under such circumstances their commendation of a pure and unsullied ballot is calculated to make people laugh.

Spawls from the Keystone.

- "Corn beer" is a popular beverage in Scranton now.
-Northampton county farmers complain of blight among potatoes.
-There are over sixty entries for the races of the Lancaster county fair.
-At the Berks county Fair this year beer will be sold only at the hotel.
-A conservatory is being erected on the capitol grounds at Harrisburg.
-Nearly every resident of Petersburg, Huntingdon county, has malaria.
-A man arrested at Erie for jumping his board bill had \$50 in his pocket.
-There will be an extraordinary poultry display at the Berks county fair.
-Johnstown is over-run with watch and clock menders, all of whom are busy.
-The hogs on the farm of the Norristown Asylum are dying with cholera.
-The new gymnasium for the West Chester Normal School will cost \$30,000.
-An Altoona paper says spring chickens are now ripe, plentiful, large and cheap.
-An illuminated clock is being placed in the dome of the capitol at Harrisburg.
-The new dog tax is already decreasing the number of dogs throughout the State.
-Westmoreland county is troubled with an organized band of midnight marauders.
-A West Chester young man cured himself of the whistling habit by chewing gum.
-Montgomery county grangers want the golden rod selected as the national flower.
-A Juniata county woman publicly flogs her husband every time he comes home drunk.
-Thousands of blackbirds make a roosting ground of the old Allentown Fair Grounds.
-Ten refreshment stand privileges at the Berks county fair brought only \$355 at auction.
-Some Columbia residents announced themselves at a pronunciation bee a few nights ago.
-A kick from a colt has literally knocked the face of Edward Rich, of Horsham, out of shape.
-A balloon in rhinoceros form descended near West Chester and frightened some natives.
-A mass of hair rolled into a solid ball was found in a calf's stomach by a West Chester butcher.
-Nine ears of corn grew in a bunch on a single stalk on the farm of John Wambalgh near York.
-Harry Seebert, of Orbisonia, fell backward on a circular saw and had his hand nearly cut off.
-Two dozen hard-boiled eggs were imposed on a West Grove storekeeper for fresh ones by a farmer.
-M. H. Moody, a former resident of Bombay and a fire worshiper, is on a lecturing tour through the state.
-Two little Reading girls were walking along the street, when a 100-pound column fell over between them.
-Judith Stone, of Pittsburg, has decided that Sunday milk dealers must pay a fine for worldly employment.
-The first State Convention of the Union Prohibition League will be held in Harrisburg, on September 26.
-Several Pottstown people sat down to a corn supper a few days ago, when corn was served in a score of styles.
-Mrs. Mary Dunsish is languishing in the Norristown jail for the larceny of a dead chicken from her neighbor.
-Stratton Wise, of West Chester, came down stairs early on Friday morning to find a drunk tramp asleep in his parlor.
-A newly married woman named Witman threw pepper in her husband's eyes last Friday during a quarrel at Reading.
-There is great opposition at York to the joint fair of the State and County Societies because of a 5 cent admission fee.
-The Pittsburg Courts have refused to grant a divorce to C. B. Siderer, who left his wife after six weeks of wedded bliss.
-A committee of Johnstown citizens has been appointed to see Senators Quay and Cameron in relation to securing National aid.
-One year in the Eastern Penitentiary was the sentence imposed on a tramp in Adams county who had pushed his way into a jail house.
-Four hundred dollars for charity was netted by a baseball game at Harrisburg between reporters and policemen. A girl was umpire.
-Objecting to her brother's marriage to a quadroon, Miss Drenning, of Pottsville, had the couple arrested on a criminal charge as the knot was about to be tied.
-By a premature blast in Pascoe & Dinan's stone quarry near Bethlehem, Peter Yerkens had both eyes blown out, and two other workmen were seriously hurt.
-The farmers of New Hanover township, in the neighborhood of Exleyville, Montgomery county, are cutting and hosing "second crop" hay, of which they have a large crop.
-The knives of a mowing machine at Perkiomenville, Montgomery county, cut into three pieces a fifteen-foot blacksnake which has frequented the vicinity for fifteen years.
-Becoming alarmed at the responsibilities of maternal cares a hen at Oxford, Chester county, deserted her nest of eggs, but a kindly turkey gobbler took her place and raised the brood.
-A warrant for assault and battery was served in mistake on John C. Hesel, a reputable resident of Westtown, a few days ago. It was meant for another man of a similar name.
-George Strop, of Bradford, stepped on a plank which flew up, striking him on the "Adam's apple." The cartilage was fractured, rendering breathing impossible. He died soon afterward.
-At Lake Conalokts a few days ago a Titusville girl threw a Union City masher into the water. He pulled himself out, and proceeded to slap the girl's face, and a Magistrate charged him \$1 for his fun.
-On Tuesday of last week W. S. Strickler and Miss Ellen Kennedy, of Shippensburg, were injured in a runaway accident, but they did not let the incident interfere with the wedding they had arranged for the following day.
-Mrs. Jacob Hoffer, of Lower Saucon, near Allentown, returned home the other day and found her 2-year-old child on the kitchen floor playing with a blacksnake. Two other snakes were in the room, and all were killed by the child's mother.
-Mennonites of Lancaster county selected a minister on Friday by drawing lots. Twenty-one bibles, one of which contained a slip of paper, were placed on a table, and the candidates walked around and each took a book. The one drawing the slip was ordained.