

An exchange speaks of FRED DOUGLASS as the ablest specimen of his race. Which race? As between black and white FRED is half and half.

There isn't to be a legislature elected this year, but the wage-earners will have a chance to rebuke recalcitrant legislature that was elected last year.

A political court is not a desirable institution to have in a county. Vote for RILEY and prevent our court from assuming too much of a partisan complexion.

Don't fail to be at the polls in November and bring your neighbor with you. This isn't a year for Democrats to stay at home when there is voting going on.

The success of the Democrats in Pennsylvania this year will be a step toward the adoption of the Australian ballot system, and ballot reform means the freedom of every workingman at the polls.

A full Democratic vote this year will be the most effectual step toward putting the Commissioners' office next year in the hands of competent officers who won't increase the taxes by increasing the county debt.

The administrative tergiversations going on at Washington give color to the report that the President eats pie for breakfast. There is every indication of something heavy lying on the stomach of the administration.

The agricultural folks whose tax bill was pigeon holed in the last Legislature should see to it at the next November election. They can look at it most effectively through the medium of the Democratic State and county tickets.

Chicago has opened headquarters at Washington as the nucleus of some lively work designed to capture the congressional appropriation for the World's Fair. There won't be any modest standing in the way of her operations.

At the election in November the farmers will have a chance of showing how they like the way their tax-bill was treated by a monopoly legislature. Speaker BOYER is now within reach of the granzer's stogy boot.

There is no dissatisfaction among our county Democracy this year; they all agree that the county ticket is worthy of being elected. Then let them come to the polls en masse and vote it. Votes are necessary to make such harmony bear its proper fruit.

Harmony prevails to a most satisfactory degree among the Democrats of Centre county. But harmony can produce no practical results without activity. There is no kicking, but there should be a great deal of walking toward the polls.

RAUM may not have as big a hole in his countenance as TANNER, but he may be trusted to make as big a hole in the surplus as his lavish predecessor started out to make. He will keep his mouth shut but the treasury door open for the pension raders.

The exposure of the forgery that was resorted to for the promotion of his election has had a bad effect upon FORAKER. He is sick, and will be sicker after the election, yet we hope he will not die. There would be something wanting in Ohio politics without the familiar sound of the Foraker fog-horn.

BILLY GRAY is gaily traveling the county in the zealous pursuit of votes and with the happy anticipations of guileless youth, blissfully ignorant of the fact that the ringmasters have determined to sever the jugular vein of his political prospects in the interest of FLEMING. But the longer WILLIAM lives the more he will find out.

Mr. POWDERLY, you told the Knights of Labor that the Australian ballot system would be the palladium of the wage earners' rights. Be a little more specific and tell your people that a candidate who is so decidedly opposed to this palladium as BOYER has shown himself to be, isn't worthy of their votes. Now is the time to talk with practical effect.

To allow HASTINGS to pull the wires of the Republican party in this county is a matter that concerns only the members of his party, but to put him in control of the Prothonotary's office through the medium of a henchman would invest him with a legal bossship that would affect interests wider than those of the Bellefonte ring. It isn't well to give a boss control of such a variety of wires.

When the official situation was different from what it is now, Mrs. BLAINE turned up her nose at Mrs. HARRISON. But from the vantage ground of her position as mistress of the White House Mrs. HARRISON now elevates her nasal organ at Mrs. BLAINE, and the complication is approaching the crisis at which they may not speak as they pass by. It is to be hoped that the administration isn't drifting into anarchy.

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The Unrewarded Colored Voter.

The time has again arrived when the Republican leaders in State and county will call on the colored brethren to rally to the support of the rickety old party which they have so often rescued from defeat. In this county the colored vote is a considerable factor. It is located chiefly in Bellefonte where the colored population is large for a town of its size. This vote has been used by the Republican politicians of the county for their own benefit without a thought of giving anything in return to the colored men who year after year have voted their ticket with the regularity of machinery. It is large enough to turn the scale in a close election, and the Republicans who are enjoying the profits of county offices have squeezed through by the assistance of the colored people. What have they given in return? Absolutely nothing. It would raise a big fuss among the leaders if any of these "niggers," as they call them, should ask for a small post office or the nomination for one of the lower grade of county offices, and yet among the better class of colored men of Bellefonte, who regularly vote the party ticket, there are some who could run the Commissioners' office better than it is run by the incompetents who are now mismanaging the county affairs. We could pick out at least two colored men in Bellefonte who could make more efficient Commissioners than HENDERSON and DECKER. And yet it would cause infinite disgust among the ringsters who have been enjoying the fruits of the colored vote, if these men should ask the smallest official favor.

This sort of treatment prevails throughout the entire range of Republican official patronage. The black men elect the Republican office-holders from the highest to the lowest, but can't expect to be regarded as more than party slaves. HARRISON would have been hopelessly defeated if it had not been for the colored voters of New York and Indiana. If they had voted the other way both of these States would have gone against him by large majorities; yet how many offices have been given to the men who gave him his position? Even FRED DOUGLASS wouldn't have got an office if there hadn't been a black government to send him to as minister. No white Republican cared about having it, and that's the only reason why FRED was allowed to have it.

Pennsylvania has been made the Republican State it is by the votes of its colored voters of which there are at least 40,000, and which, if turned the other way, would knock QUAY and his party out of the box every time; but notwithstanding this fact, when the Boss dispenses his official patronage he is careful that none of it shall go to the men of black skins who have so faithfully saved his party from defeat year after year. While he and his minions sit down to the feast of official dainties, the colored men who furnish them with the feast must stand at a distance and lick their chops as the only compensation for their invaluable service. What will it benefit them if they elect BOYER State Treasurer—a young man who ever since he became of age has been enjoying the fruits of political victories won by black voters to whom he has given nothing in return?

The colored brethren may like this kind of treatment. They may think they are getting all they deserve when they give the Republican party victory at the polls and get nothing for it. The voters of that color in Centre county may believe that they are fit for nothing else than to be "hewers of wood and drawers of water" for the Bellefonte Republican ringsters, who wouldn't give them a ten dollar perquisite in recognition of their service. If they like it, of course they will go on keeping such ungrateful politicians in office. If, however, they are beginning to get tired of it, we would suggest that this would be a good year to teach the Republican machine managers and ringsters, both in State and county, by voting against them, that the days of colored slavery are over.

SCHAEFFER and MEYER illustrate the advantage of good reputations. The voters appreciate the excellent official service they have done and want them to keep on doing it for three years more.

Pan-American Free Trade.

The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin says that "the free trade orators who persist in thrusting themselves before the Spanish-American visitors ought to be taken in hand and muzzled."

What foolish talk this is. We don't know whom the Philadelphia paper means by "free trade orators," but if the object of getting the Pan-Americans together is to secure commercial intercourse between them, how is it to be done if high tariffs are to continue as barriers to such intercourse? In inviting them to trade with us, are we to let them understand that they needn't export their productions to enter our ports unless the heavy tariff tax on them is paid as usual?

The very proposition of the Pan-American arrangement involves a free trade idea. There can be no reciprocity if there is a tariff barrier, and there can be no intercourse without reciprocity. It is really Mr. BLAINE and his followers that are floundering on the verge of free trade in this Pan-American business, for if they don't make strong concessions to that principle their congress will be nothing more than a fruitless farce. Already we hear Mr. JOHN SHERMAN express his willingness to enter into a free trade arrangement with the South American countries. And yet we hear foolish papers like the Evening Bulletin advising the muzzling of those who talk free trade to the Spanish American visitors.

The K. of L. and the Australian Ballot System.

The Knights of Labor should, to a man, be in favor of a reformed ballot system so that dependent working people may be able to go untrammelled to the polls. Master Workman POWDERLY has used strong language in portraying the manner in which laboring men are interferred with in the exercise of the right of suffrage by the bull-dozing power that holds them in subjection.

In a public address delivered recently on this subject, he said:

We cannot compel obedience to the Constitution of Pennsylvania while men can be browbeaten at the polls and compelled to vote as the Corporation Boss and the Political Boss dictates. Before we can move hand or foot in the way of Reform, we must throw every safeguard around the ballot-box. No rifles or bayonets, bombs or other weapons of war will be necessary. What we require is a secret ballot, one by which the partially free man may become in truth a freeman. How many citizens of Pennsylvania will raise their hands with mine when they read this and pledge themselves not to ask for another measure of Reform at the coming session of the Legislature, except the passage of some such system of Ballot Reform as the Australian System? How many will pledge themselves not to vote for any man until he pledges himself to stand by the people and vote for such a measure?

We would remind Brother POWDERLY that now is a good time to repeat this to the Knights of Labor of Pennsylvania and give it an especial application to the candidacy of Mr. HENRY C. BOYER, the Republican nominee for State Treasurer, who, as Speaker of the Republican House of Representatives, took the lead in the rejection of the Australian ballot system by that body.

WANAMAKER finds the double duty of running the Post Office Department at Washington and the Bethany Sunday School at Philadelphia a little too much for him, and accordingly he has withdrawn from the superintendency of the latter institution over which he so unctuously presided. The Sunday school cause will not be injured by his withdrawal. The active participation in Sunday school work by a person who has figured prominently in the most corrupt political scheme that ever disgraced American politics, was far from presenting an edifying spectacle, and was not calculated to benefit the cause.

Notwithstanding Mr. BLAINE'S injunction to his Pan-American proteges to lay low on Sunday and not to stray out into Canada, an enterprising Kaituek named WIMAN inveigled them across the Niagara river last Sunday and made a speech to them in which he endeavored to show that a Pan-American commercial arrangement that didn't include Canada wouldn't pay out to any material extent; in short would be a delusion and a fraud. BLAINE should keep his visitors locked in the cars when they get too near the Canada line.

Why the K. of L. Will Oppose Boyer.

It is announced by the York Gazette that at a meeting of Knights of Labor comprising the assemblies of eight counties, at that place last Saturday, it was determined unanimously, as members of that labor organization, to work and vote against BOYER, the Republican candidate for State Treasurer.

The motive for this action is obvious. During his entire legislative career, and particularly as Speaker of the House, the Republican Treasury candidate showed no friendly disposition toward the interests of labor. In no instance did he favor any of the measures offered for the promotion of the welfare of those who work for their living, but on the contrary, the legislative body of which he was the presiding officer and whose committees he appointed, refused to pass bills that were designed to benefit labor, but did not neglect to legislate for the advantage of capital and corporations. The course adopted by the body of which BOYER was the head, in the treatment of labor bills, was not only an injury but a positive insult to wage-earners, and therefore it is not difficult to understand why the Knights of Labor are going to vote against him.

A Growl from the Old Soldiers.

Although HARRISON last year received a large portion of his support on the claim that he was the especial friend of the soldiers, the veterans are already beginning to complain of the bad treatment they are receiving from the administration. At a meeting of the Veterans' Union of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg on Tuesday the resolutions passed contained the following ominous growl of the old soldiers:

It has been brought to the notice of the convention that certain true and faithful soldiers of the war have been removed from positions of trust and profit in the gift of the present administration for no specific or apparent cause, except it be to make place for political managers, which is contrary to the letter and spirit of the laws passed by congress, approved and concurred in from time to time, and the faithful performance of the same guaranteed by all law-makers of all political parties.

The soldiers will in time discover that the profession of friendship for them was merely intended to secure their votes, and that since the Presidential prize was gained by their assistance the "political managers" need the offices for the fellows to whom they are indebted for personal political service. It is the same all through the country as it is in Centre county. Even a small post office can't be given to a soldier if there is a party worker that wants it.

Sweat as an Element in Politics.

Nobody suspected that candidate FLEMING was such a poor man, requiring the charitable votes of his fellow citizens, until one of his supporters announced it in a Republican newspaper of this place. His sympathetic friend pictures him toiling on the tailor's bench, with the sweat streaming from his care-worn brow. The Bellefonte people who are personally acquainted with the ring candidate for Prothonotary wouldn't be able to recognize him from this picture. They are accustomed to see him as a handsomely dressed, aristocratic looking merchant tailor, and as viewed through the plate-glass windows of his handsome establishment he looks like one of the most prosperous business men of the town. And to say that he sweats from hard work is the most ridiculous rot. He is too great a gentleman to do such a vulgar thing as to sweat. Perspiration will do very well for farmers, mechanics and laborers, but it is entirely out of place with a well-dressed merchant tailor. It wouldn't be doing FLEMING injustice to say that he hasn't handled a tailor's goose within the last ten years, for his employees do that part of the business for him, and yet he is represented as being "a poor man who earns his living by the sweat of his brow working at the tailor trade." We are warranted in saying that SCHAEFFER, when a farmer, did more work and sweat more in hoeing a patch of potatoes than the gentleman merchant tailor W. J. FLEMING ever did in the whole course of his life. The ring managers didn't have any difficulty in putting their Prothonotary candidate on the ticket, but if they think they can sweat him into office they are greatly mistaken.

Trying to Efface the Ring Mark.

This is about the time of year when some Republican, closely connected with the Bellefonte ring, publishes communications in the ring organ under the assumption of giving the expression of some Democrat counseling other Democrats to vote the Republican ticket. An old trick like this fails to effect its purpose and has no more influence in deluding Democrats than if it came directly from HASTINGS or any other of the party bell-wethers. Words from "Many Democrats of Ferguson," or a "Marion Township Democrat," appearing in the ring organ, are never of Democratic origin, and are usually written in the organ's sanctum. They are frauds, their appearance being an insult to a discerning public.

Such was the character of the communication in the Keystone Gazette last week, of bogus Democratic parentage, defending FLEMING against the charge of being nominated by the ring that pulls the wires in Bellefonte for the entire county. But facts as well as appearances sustain the charge. Personally FLEMING had no strength that would have legitimately gained him the nomination, and yet the ease with which he got on the ticket clearly indicated the manipulation of the ringsters. HASTINGS, BROWN, READER, FIEDLER, and the select crew who pull the strings, knew beforehand that the nomination was going to go to FLEMING. They knew it because they had their hands on the lever that controls the working of the machine, and they knew how they intended that the machine should work.

It is an insult to the intelligence of Republicans in other parts of the county to suppose that they don't know that FLEMING'S nomination was of ring manufacture. The larger number of them no doubt will support it, but it would be putting too low an estimate upon their intelligence to believe that they are not able to see the ring mark on it.

But there is good assurance that quite a number will not support the ringsters' choice, for the very good reason that they are opposed to putting an office so closely connected with the Court under the influence of a set of politicians who usually run things in their own interest. FLEMING would be incompetent to perform its duties, and the deputy would be selected by HASTINGS, and things would be run to suit the county boss who has his interests to subservise in the courts as well as in politics. Many Republicans fear this, and on this account they find the greatest objection to FLEMING as the choice and tool of the boss ringster and the wire-pullers associated with him. There are plenty of prudent Republicans who wouldn't like to see so important an officer as a Prothonotary put to such use. The organ sees how this is working against its candidate, and is doing all it can to counteract the unfavorable impression. But the ring mark cannot be effaced.

There isn't a laboring man whose condition has been improved by the result of the election last year, although it was represented by the monopoly supporters that if it should turn out as it did it would be of great benefit to those who live by their wages. The low wages and scarcity of employment now existing are sufficient proof of the falsity of last year's promises. Keep your eye on the lying politicians who made them. They are again asking the laboring men for their votes.

Puck never fails in making a hit. Concerning the Pan-American cousting that is now going on, it has a cartoon representing Uncle Sam making love to South America at long range. Our Uncle almost tears his straps in his effort to embrace the fair damsel of the Southern continent, but the insuperable war-tariff wall separates him from the object of his adoration. It is a clear case of "so near and yet so far."

The laboring men of Centre county who last year were promised better times if HARRISON should be elected, have seen HARRISON go into office, but they don't see the better times. The same fellows who fooled them with false promises of plenty of work at big wages are asking for their votes again. It is possible that they will get them either for State or county officers?

Spawls from the Keystone.

West Chester's Pedestrian Club never walks. Tramps arrested in West Chester are set to work.

One of Lancaster's dudes carries his cigar back of his ear.

Steel rail ties are being made at Carnegie's Pittsburgh works.

Walnut wood in large quantities from Lancaster.

Arbor day was quite generally observed throughout the State.

Chester hucksters can make three pecks of potatoes look like a bushel.

A girl who smokes cigarettes in public shocks Williamsport people.

A coon hunt in the very center of Williamsport was indulged in last Sunday.

Persons living near the sulphur springs of Uchlan have lost their sense of smell.

Chambersburg is troubled by mischief-makers who sound false alarms of fire.

Lee Yon, a Chinaman, was arrested at Lancaster on a charge of stealing chickens.

Police men arrested a man in Reading, with a bogus gold brick in his possession.

The Labor Union Council of Reading will fight western beer and five cent barbers.

A "dog detective" makes his living by tracing stray beer kegs for the Reading brewers.

A pair of twins weighing ten pounds each, were presented to conductor Honaf, of East Reading.

Thirteen cords of wood were sawed from a single tree in Coterden township, Lancaster county.

A gang of railroad Italians have been annoying Hazboro farmers by their thieving depredations.

The three months bride of a Williamsport piano tuner has eloped with one of the dudes of the town.

The men of the Paoli wrecking crew wore high hats a few days ago when the inspection train passed.

The Carbonade and Providence turnpike, on which there are now four toll gates, is to be made a free highway.

Robert Coleman, the millionaire of Lebanon, will give the base-ball team of Trinity College \$50 for every game won.

Annie Schalle, 20 years old, of Fullertown, attempted suicide by taking rat poison, but prompt efforts saved her life.

Tormented by a safe agent, a Lock Haven undertaker got rid of the bore by offering to grade him a casket for a safe.

Mrs. Peter Yoh, of State Hill, Berks county, died on Tuesday a few minutes before the time set for her husband's funeral.

The Humane Fire Company of Norristown which has been singularly unfortunate with its horses has just lost another animal.

Reading's board of trade has avocably considered a proposition of a Philadelphia carpet firm to establish a factory in that city.

The proprietor of the Cooper House, at Lancaster, followed the female oasball troupe until the manager was able to pay his bill.

Mary Wilhart, of Greensburg, a religious enthusiast, disturbs the neighborhood with open air prayers and her midnight prowling.

Laudis Miller, of Auburn, Berks county, with his family has just returned from Kansas, having made the journey both ways in a wagon.

Twenty-five cents worth of apples which dropped from a tree overhanging two properties, has led to a lawsuit between Norristown neighbors.

The sour mullace used by a Bethlehem clerk who had been tampering with his employer's mail matter led to the discovery of his crime.

The whiskers on a corpse disinterred at Montgomery Cemetery have grown six inches during the twenty-five years the body has been under the soil.

His wife's infidelity being revealed to him through a tell-tale letter, J. B. Plick, of Bradford, peeked up the woman's effects and sent her to her lover.

Andrew Fleming, 78 years of age, a veteran of the Florida war in 1861 and Court Officer for Adams county for thirty years, died at Gettysburg, last week.

Rev. J. N. Steof of Ohio, has been elected pastor of the Reform church of Trappe in place of Rev. Schumaker who was deposed for kissing one of his parishioners.

The uniform of a pedestrian club composed of Montgomery county girls is red, but the dear creatures can't understand why they are chased by bulls every time they go for a walk.

Captain U. R. Burkhart, who is said to have robbed McLean Post G. A. R. of Reading is also accused of having secured admission to the Hampton Soldiers' Home by forged letters.

Wills J. J. Mosser, of Allentown, was speeding his horse on a race track Saturday the animal ran away and was so badly hurt that it had to be killed. Mosser's leg was broken.

Henry Bachman, who was released from the Allentown jail last week, was caught Saturday robbing Enoch Frankonfeld's residence in South Whitehall. Several companions escaped.

Jacob Scribner, formerly of Allentown, who murdered his uncle (Franklin Scribner) at Moorhead, Minn. on September 23, has been declared insane, and will be sent to the Government Hospital at Washington, D. C.

John Bucklen, of Phoenixville, visiting Pottstown on Wednesday night, missed all the down trains, and, while waiting for a morning train, fell asleep beside a ho einder pipe, when a train came along and crushed his arm.

Suit for \$15 has been brought against Lancaster county by one of its tavern keepers on the strength of his having a watering trough in front of his place. The County Auditors have tried to cut the allowance down to \$3.

Two writs were issued directing the detention of W. B. Moger, one of Reading's imprisoned saloon-keepers, after he had served his term, but nevertheless he was released. Subsequently he was rearrested and will be held until his fine is paid.

Thomas Ivanson, of East Bedford, has never prohibited persons from coming on his property and taking a few apples, but he has to break his record for hospitality when a neighbor commences to load a wagon with fruit from his orchard the other day.

A Lancaster county pensioner drawing \$14 a month, recently boasted to a stranger that he could not more fence than any man in the Co. When his pension was stopped he learned that the stranger was a Government detective sent to investigate his case.

An equity suit was begun last week at Chambersburg between the two factions of the United Brethren Church, which has been prepared as a test case, and will in all likelihood decide the ownership of hundreds of valuable church properties in this and other States.