

Ink Slings.

The way wealthy American girls are selling themselves for noble European titles is but a species of aristocratic prostitution.

Let's see! CLARKSON is from Iowa. His system of decapitation didn't appear to be enthusiastically indorsed by the voters of his State.

Very unexpectedly to Mr. HARRISON, his attempt to split the solid South was attended with a will defined fissure in the solid Northwest.

Things may turn up in the Iowa Legislature that may make ALLISON wish that he hadn't refused a place in HARRISON'S cabinet.

FORAKER is too small a man to pose as a magnanimous character, notwithstanding his congratulatory letter to his successful Democratic competitor.

Letters of congratulation on the manner in which he carried Centre county are not pouring in upon Adjutant General DANIEL HARTMAN HASTINGS.

The recent Ohio election settles the fact that wool can no longer be utilized by the Republican politicians as something to pull over the eyes of credulous voters.

The elections having passed off, the campaign between Chicago and New York for the World's Fair may be considered on, and a lively one it is going to be.

The vendetta among the Kentucky Republicans threatens to wipe out their minority in that State which needs tender nursing instead of the hacking and shooting which the leaders are indulging in.

The opinion largely prevails that the WATCHMAN'S roosters last week were the finest lot of Democratic poultry that was ever exhibited in Centre county. They were, indeed, splendid birds, and all game.

The New York city authorities think they have abated a great nuisance by stopping the horns of the street musicians. But the voters of Ohio abated a good deal greater nuisance by stopping FORAKER'S fog horn.

Thanksgiving is next in order. Among the other things for which we have reason to be thankful is the circumstance that the people are getting their eyes open to the humbug of a protective system that doesn't protect.

Mr. HARRISON'S conduct in the Montana business is unique in its indecent disregard for correct appearance, but a President who could put JOHN WANAMAKER in his cabinet is capable of committing almost any impropriety.

It is altogether likely that TANNER is the only Republican that regards the result of the recent elections with satisfaction. He is just fool enough to believe that it was a rebuke to the administration for having turned him out.

An exchange belonging to the other party says that "Vermont has the proud distinction of being the only State in which the Republican party has never encountered a disaster." But is it not rather an example of ingrained Bourbonism?

The largest Democratic majority ever given by New Jersey—about 14,000 for ABBETT over the kid-glove gentleman, Mr. GRUBB—furnishes sufficient evidence that the lawn tennis vote doesn't amount to a hill of beans as a political factor.

The handsome increase in the Democratic majority in Centre County shows how easily Pennsylvania could have been rescued from the political pirates who have her in thrall if the Democrats all over the State had been equally united and determined.

The most effective ballot reform is that which reforms the voter, sagely remarks the Philadelphia Inquirer. This platitude has a pretty sound, but for practical results wouldn't something that will keep the hoodler and the bulldozer from getting in their work answer the purpose better?

As the slump in the Republican campaign in this county clearly shows that neither BROWN nor FIEDLER amounts to anything as a party leader, why not throw them both out as applicants for the Bellefonte post office and give the place to either CHARLES GARNER, WILLIAM MILLS, CHARLES GREEN, or some other colored Republican who is of some account to the party.

By a most outrageous system of gerrymandering the Democrats of Iowa were prevented from electing a legislative majority in addition to a Governor. If it should turn out that anti-prohibition Republicans in the Legislature should join with the Democrats in hustling Mr. ALLISON out of his Senatorial seat, a loud howl would be raised about an unhallowed whisky combination, but no one would be deceived by such a hypocritical wail.

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Money Should Not Gain the Prize.

Having carried a majority of the State Legislature at the last election it devolves upon the Democrats of Ohio to elect a successor to United States Senator PAYNE, who is a Democrat. This will not be the gain of a Senator, but the holding of that which they already have, and which the Republicans confidently expected to take from them by a sweeping victory at the November election. It being a certainty that the Democrats will elect the Senator in this instance, quite a number of candidates are already being brought forward, and among them unfortunately are the names of some millionaires.

The United States Senate has become a favorite object of ambition to plutocrats with political and social aspirations. They already occupy more seats in that body than is good for the country, and it is to be hoped that the Democratic Legislature of Ohio will not add to their number. The Democratic party is not a plutocratic party. Its doctrines and its policy are antagonistic to the schemes of those who want to bring the government under the control of the money power, and therefore millionaires are not the right kind of material out of which to make Democratic United States Senators.

The Ohio Legislature six years ago made a great mistake in preferring Mr. PAYNE, a millionaire, to that grand old representative of Democratic principles, Mr. THURMAN, for United States Senator, although the former in point of qualification is greatly superior to the average millionaire aspirant for senatorial honors. That mistake exerted a disturbing influence upon the Ohio Democracy and placed the party in a false position on the plutocratic question. It is hoped that it will not be repeated; that the millionaires will be made to understand that they are not the sort of characters that the Ohio Democracy are looking for to represent them in the United States Senate, and that the high office to be filled may be given to some one who shall be more distinguished for his superior qualifications and correct political principles than for the extent of his pecuniary possessions. The Ohio Democracy should give notice that in the matter of the United States Senatorship no millionaires need apply.

The Republican Judge in Armstrong county had an experience at the recent election which should be a warning to other judges. That judicial functionary attempted to set himself above the law on the license question. Regarding his own idea of moral duty as superior to the letter and spirit of the statute which directs the granting of licenses when its provisions are complied with, he determined to follow that idea as the better guide for his judicial action. The consequence was that he refused to grant any licenses, thus making the law a dead-letter. This suited a certain fanatical sentiment in his county, but it didn't suit the common sense of the people who believe that laws should be administered according to their intention, and this common sense party voted him clear off the bench.

The Effect of Bigheadedness.

Although naturally chagrined at the result of the November elections, it is reported that President HARRISON can't see in it any reflexion upon his administration. It is not difficult for him to find a number of personal and local reasons for the majorities against his party, but nowhere can he see that anything he has done or omitted to do has contributed to the party defeat. The way things turned out in Ohio was, in his opinion, due to popular objection to a third term; Iowa went Democratic on account of the temperance issue and the personal unpopularity of one of the Republican candidates with the farmers, and as to Virginia he denies that MAHONE personally was his candidate or had received any special support from him.

Mr. HARRISON is so constituted that it is impossible for him ever to see when he is in the wrong. He is constitutionally big-headed, having the conceit that usually belongs to small minds. Long after the farmers of the west shall have been in open revolt against the tariff taxes that are so oppressive to them, the first rumbling of which was

heard in Iowa, his self-sufficiency will render him unable to comprehend the dissatisfaction, or will lead him to attribute it to some other cause. It is impossible for him to understand that the overwhelming defeat of MAHONE was a condemnation of his unwarrantable interference in State politics, which he will be ready to repeat at the next opportunity, notwithstanding the rebuke. No one but a character thoroughly saturated with conceit and panoplied by an overweening confidence in his official importance and personal infallibility, would adopt the course he has done to bring Montana into the Union as a Republican State against the expressed will of a majority of its people and for the purpose of putting his son into the United States Senate.

It can't be expected that Mr. HARRISON will learn anything from the lessons taught by adverse majorities. If things go wrong he is sure to believe that it was everybody's fault but his own. This is characteristic of people whose heads are abnormally developed.

An Act That Would Justify Harrison's Impeachment.

President HARRISON is resorting to desperate means to bring Montana into the Union as a Republican State, with two Republican United States Senators, one of whom would likely be his son RUSSELL. After the conspiracy to throw out the Silver Bow county vote, whereby the State Legislature would be secured for the Republicans, the Democrats took the question to the territorial courts, the only tribunals that could rightfully take cognizance of the matter. The lower court promptly decided against an evident attempt to steal the Silver Bow representatives, directing that the vote should be counted as it was cast. An appeal was then taken to the Supreme Court of the Territory, but that tribunal being presumably Democratic, President HARRISON hastened his proclamation admitting Montana into the Union for no other purpose than to supplant the territorial Supreme Court by a State Supreme Court from which he expects a decision in favor of the Republicans.

It is plain to any ordinary discernment that the President is guilty of usurpation in this action. The territory is constitutionally not prepared for admission until all the questions arising out of its movement for statehood shall have been determined by the territorial authorities. But a very important one of these questions is deferred by the President until after the territory shall have become a State, and it is deferred clearly for a partisan purpose. It is said that Mr. HARRISON'S action in this matter was opposed by members of his cabinet, who condemned it as being irregular and unconstitutional. When it is considered that the President's object is a personal as well as a partisan one, involving the election of his son to the United States Senate, his conduct with regard to Montana is one of the greatest outrages ever perpetrated by the chief executive officer of this government.

Republican Savagery in Kentucky.

Kentucky continues to maintain her old reputation of being "the dark and bloody ground." In some of her back counties feuds between hostile families and neighborhoods break out with a fierceness that usually ends in bloodshed. Some of these family disputes have lasted for years, extending over entire counties and ending only when both factions become exterminated.

It has been the custom of Republican journals to represent this lawlessness as springing from Democratic rule in those regions, but it has been shown that in both Kentucky and West Virginia the counties disturbed by these feuds give Republican majorities, and that the prominent actors are Republican leaders and in some instances office-holders. It is foolish to charge such a state of affairs to any political cause, for it springs from a condition of society with which politics has nothing to do whatever, but it is a fact that these Kentucky and West Virginia vendettas have occurred in neighborhoods where the civil authority is exercised by the opponents of the Democratic party, the leading participants being Republicans.

The latest deed of blood in Ken-

tucky was the miserable slaughter of each other by two Republican leaders at Lexington last Friday. They were not of the low-down uncultivated class of Republican ruffians who have deluged Harlan and other counties of that State with blood, but were prominent leaders of Kentucky Republicanism. Col. SWOPE and Col. GOODE had both been office-holders under the "grand old party," and one of them had received an appointment under the Harrison administration, yet they murdered each other with as much savagery as has been displayed by the members of the Howard and Turner factions in Harlan county. Kentucky Republicanism is certainly a fit subject for missionary effort.

Ballot Reform—Voting By Machinery.

The Australian ballot system was thoroughly tried in Massachusetts on the 5th inst. and its operation is spoken of in terms of the highest praise. The voting was done rapidly, accurately and fairly, its secrecy entirely eliminating the influence of those who were in the habit of affecting the vote by bribery and intimidation. It was fully proved, what has been claimed for it, that this new ballot system is conducive to fair and honest elections.

One of its most gratifying effects was the reduction of the usually large Republican majority to a very slender plurality. This was done, no doubt, through its prevention of the bulldozing of employees which is so commonly practiced by Republican employers. But the new system is to be commended not because it affects the majority of any particular party, but because it renders the ballot free and untrammelled. Whether the Republican or Democratic vote may numerically suffer by it, it is nevertheless the right method.

It is encouraging to see the widespread interest that has been excited by the question of ballot reform. The Australian system appears to be the vehicle for carrying it out that receives the largest amount of public favor. There are, however, other plans offered. One of them has been devised by Mr. J. H. MYERS, of Rochester, N. Y., a gentleman well known in Bellefonte and neighborhood, who has invented a device which he calls "The Poor Man's American Voting Machine," and which he claims will furnish an effective means of overcoming the bribery, intimidation and corruption which to too great an extent influence our elections. His device consists of a booth in which the voter can be strictly private, inside of which is an iron case provided with push knobs, each knob representing a candidate to be voted for and duly labeled with the name. The voter upon entering the booth pushes the knobs representing the candidates he wishes to vote for, which registers his vote inside of the iron case. The machinery is so arranged that the knobs become set after the voter has pushed them, thus preventing him from voting more than once. As he passes out of the booth the closing of the door resets the knobs for the next voter. This is strictly mechanical, ensuring privacy and a thoroughly correct registering of the votes. It would dispense entirely with the use of ballots. All that would be necessary after the close of the polls would be for the election officers to open the machine and make a transcript of the votes registered by it.

But we don't believe that this machine voting would satisfy the people. We should think that they would prefer the ballot as the medium through which to express their choice. It is less artificial and better represents their individuality. Besides, if the voting machine should get out of order it would be fatal to the election. It could be thrown out of gear by designing parties who would have a point to gain by such derangement.

The Australian system is the best that has been devised to correct the abuses that have crept into our elections, and no party that does not depend upon intimidation and bribery for its success can object to its adoption.

A decided reaction against Prohibition has been shown this year in Iowa, with evidence of a strong disposition to try high license, and a similar feeling against constitutional Prohibition is developing in Kansas.

What Was Gained in the State.

The attention of Democrats was so much absorbed by the great victories won everywhere outside of Pennsylvania, that they at first failed to realize what they had actually achieved in this State notwithstanding the appearance of an unusually large Republican majority. That majority is deceptive. It was gained not by Republican strength, but unfortunately through Democratic indifference, and, we are ashamed to say, to some extent through Democratic treachery. The gain that swelled the Republican majority to its large proportions was chiefly made in Philadelphia where a set of trading Democratic leaders sold out to the enemy.

In other counties the Democrats made notable gains on the McGrann vote of 1887. This was notably the case in Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Juniata, Millifield, Perry and York, also in Bucks, Lehigh, Schuylkill, Lycoming, Centre, Clearfield, Somerset, Lebanon, Cambria and Erie. There was a great shrinkage of the Republican majority in Allegheny. Altogether there was a gain of over 10,000 on the McGrann vote, and had it not been for the bad faith of some of the Democratic leaders in Philadelphia, which swelled the Republican vote to undue proportions, BOYER'S majority would have been of a size that could easily have been overcome by only half of the colored brethren voting the other way. As it is, he is indebted to the faithful colored helpers who win the party victories and get none of the spoils.

Of the Democratic counties that covered themselves with glory by increased majorities Centre can be pointed to with special pride. The great increase in her majority was due to the harmonious and united action of her Democracy, producing a result that fully justified the "halcyon" and vociferous" crowing of her Democratic roosters.

The minor advantages gained were numerous. In Armstrong, Chester and Westmoreland counties the Democrats elected President Judges. In Franklin, Huntingdon, Perry and Venango counties, all of them Republican, Democratic Sheriffs were elected, the Perry Democrats, in fact, electing all the important officers. Allegheny county elected a Democratic District Attorney by over 10,000 majority, and Fayette and Westmoreland, which last year were carried by the Republicans, returned to the Democratic fold with old time majorities.

There is really nothing in the result in the State to discourage its Democrats, but a steadfastness was displayed by the rural Democracy that promises the ultimate redemption of the State. It may come sooner or later, but come it will.

A Vain Hope.

Our greatly esteemed contemporary, the Philadelphia Record, in view of the result of the recent elections, says that it remains for the Republican leaders "to arrest the tendency of their party to dissolution" by boldly taking up the work of tariff reform in the next Congress. But to expect this is to indulge a vain hope. When it is seen that all the leaders of the party, from Mr. HARRISON down, and the leading journals, are protesting against interpreting the result in Iowa, Ohio and Massachusetts as having any reference whatever to the tariff question, how can it be expected that wisdom will be imparted to them on this subject by such experience? Besides, if it should begin to dawn upon them that there is something wrong, the remedy could hardly be looked for from party leaders who are indebted to the tariff beneficiaries for the means that secured their political success. It wouldn't be easy for them to shake off the control of the fellows who furnished the "fat," even if they were disposed to reform.

It is with regret we record the death of State Treasurer WM. B. HART, which occurred last week at Harrisburg, not unexpectedly, as he had been in poor health for the past year. Personally he had many friends, and in his official career he bore a good reputation. He was prominent in his party and had the confidence of its leaders. His services during the war gave him a good military reputation. Gov. BEAVER has appointed cashier LIVSKY to fill out his unexpired term.

Spawls from the Keystone.

The Indians at the Carlisle School eat 150 pounds of beef a day. Thirty tons of wire will be used for Williamsport's electric light system. Eliza Savage, aged 63 years, of Reading, has been arrested as a common scold. During the past year 200,000 rustless iron kettles have been made in Pittsburg. The striking log drivers working on the islands near Sunbury have returned to work. Ten gunners at Meadville, Lancaster, bagged ninety-five rabbits on Monday afternoon. Peter Elson, of Lancaster, has been held for maliciously destroying property in a cemetery.

A birth, a marriage and a death happened in a West Conshohocken family within a week. On Tuesday next Mrs. Elizabeth Kuehn of Manchester, near York, will celebrate her 102 birthday.

For fifty-one years James O'Hare, of New Philadelphia, near Pottstown, has served as an election officer.

Just as he had cast his vote on the 5th, inst. John Wildermont, of Reading, was stricken with paralysis. The families of the men killed at the Coleridge furnaces will be cared for by Mr. Coleman, the owner.

Professor Boyer, of Pottstown, has been a chorister for over fifty years. He has participated in 4000 funerals.

Constables Darby and Shanon Hill are making business for each other by having one another arrested.

Professor Frank Stouch has taught 22,686 persons at Reading how to dance. It took him fifty-three years to do it.

A single shot fired by George Amey, near Scranton, blew off the ear of his hound and killed the rabbit too.

It is whispered that two participants in Chester's baseball carnival will be publicly married at the end of the affair.

Complaint is made of the small like pace of the Williamsport street cars, and there is a rumor that sleeping-cars will be put on.

The watch-dog in a Reading shoe factory aroused the neighbors by its barking, and it was found that the factory was in flames.

"Lemon parties" are becoming very popular in Williamsport, as every young man is expected to bring a lemon, gilt and squeezer.

An Allentown tailor has invented a "shoulder protector," to prevent the powder on the girl's faces from soiling the young men's coats.

A young Moreland farmer has named his cows after his various sweethearts. He has a large herd, but found names enough to go round.

Three Williamsport grocerymen have been arrested for selling liquor to boys and on Sunday. The liquor was cider, but it "got there."

Christian Fegley, aged 64 years, of Shamokin, has worked around coal mines for fifty-two years. The average life of a miner is 45 years.

Coke Bros & Co. are erecting a large iron breaker at Drifton, the first one in the country, with a capacity estimated at 1800 mincers per day.

The Seventh day Adventists, who have been holding meetings at Pottstown in a tent, baptised four converts in the Schuylkill River on Sunday.

George Johnson, colored, now in Lancaster jail for robbery, is wanted in Dauphin, Northumberland, and Lycoming counties on similar offenses.

Clifton S. Denny, of Harrisburg, has been given a gold medal by fellow-workmen for having landed a ten pound salmon a few weeks ago.

A Shuylkill colt belonging to W. H. D. Goodshall near Lancaster, choked itself to death a few days ago by having its head caught in the feed-box.

Norristown was startled by the rumored death of Fannie Davenport in that town on Saturday. Fannie, however, was a well known car horse.

Burglars have been very bold at Schuylkill Haven, and the other night they ransacked a house where three men were sleeping with guns at their bedside.

Seventy year old Mr. Dusel became hopelessly mired in the mud on one of Lancaster's street corners. The old man had to call for assistance to be dragged out.

Led to the spot by a dream, Frank Stout, of Catawagus, recovered the body of his friend William Kennedy, who was swept over a dam and drowned a few days ago.

The club house of the Lehigh University students are favorite places for visits of thieves, three robberies having occurred in as many weeks, in which nearly a hundred dollars and a large amount of clothing were carried off.

Henry and Daniel Wick, pork butchers of Montgomeryville, were stopped on the road a few days ago by a masked and armed highway man, but they drove into him and left him injured on the road.

A few nights ago thousands of wild geese passed over Easton on their way South. The electric lights seemed to attract them. The policemen say they could have hit the geese with stones.

David Moyer, 23 years old, committed suicide on Thursday at South Whitehall, Lehigh county, on account of remorse for the burning of the barn of his employer, Farmer Henry Hundt, on last Sunday.

John McCartney, the proprietor of the Lehigh House, at Lehigh, has been held for selling liquor to Nehemiah Ford, who was intoxicated and who lost his life on a railroad after leaving McCartney's house.

Winnie Hunter, of New Castle, was improperly addressed by a man on the street, and quietly stepping into a restaurant she borrowed a long driver, with which she pummeled her tormentor until he cried for mercy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dangler, of Bulltown became separated from their child while visiting Pottstown a few days ago. The mother secured the sympathy of a lot of school children and pressed them into service as detectives. By this means the lost child was restored to her in a short time.

Alderman Jones yesterday at Allentown gave judgment against the borough of Maungie in favor of Eugene Wertz for \$300 bounty claimed by him for services in the late war. The case will be appealed to test the constitutionality of the act of May 8, 1888, under which the claim was brought.

Collections are being taken up in the public schools of Lehigh county for the Johnstown Schools. Each teacher is expected to give a day's salary, and this, with what the children contribute, will be forwarded by Superintendent Knauus, of Lehigh, on the 27th inst. as a Thanksgiving day offering.