

Ink Stings.

Brazil effected a great revolution with less fighting than it takes to settle a factional misunderstanding in Kentucky.

From the indifference shown by New York in the matter, it looks as if the World's Fair will take HORACE GREELEY'S advice and go west.

A preacher with five wives is one of Pennsylvania's curiosities. SOLOMON must have been the biblical character that this much married minister tried to imitate.

Isn't BEAVER, who is willing to hand Pennsylvania over to the control of the corporations, a nice character to assume the championship of state sovereignty?

Is DECKER'S letter, which we publish in this issue of the WATCHMAN, to be taken as a gauge of the intelligence of the party he represents in the Commissioners' office?

The President came home from the Chesapeake with more game in his bag than he succeeded in securing in Virginia, Ohio or Iowa. His gun kicked awfully on those latter hunting grounds.

It does not become the Democracy to assist in filling up the United States Senate with millionaires. The plutocrat in politics is an excrescence that should be confined exclusively to the monopoly party.

Mr. HARRISON'S admirers are bragging about the ducks he shot on the Chesapeake marshes last week. But isn't this incident suggestive of the dead duck that will be found in the White House after the election of 1892?

When honest GROVER CLEVELAND sits down to his Thanksgiving turkey he can do so with the consciousness that it would increase the thankfulness of a great majority of his fellow citizens if he were taking his turkey in the White House.

The vote in Philadelphia by no means indicated the relative strength of the two parties in that city, but it rather disclosed the disgraceful fact that rotten Democratic leaders in that quarter can't keep away from the Republican barrel when it's on tap.

We hope that our worthy Governor will not declare war against Uncle Sam for interfering with the Pennsylvania cow. But, speaking of cows, wasn't the fence law which his Excellency signed, aimed at the liberty of those useful animals?

The movements that are being made in Kansas and Iowa to resubmit the question of prohibition to a popular vote would seem to indicate that long abstinance has made the people of that part of the wild and woolly west distressingly dry.

The Brazilian upheaval may result in loosening the underpinning of the Spanish as well as the Portuguese throne, in which case the nursery of little ALPHONSO, the Baby McKee of the Spanish monarchy, would have to be shifted to other quarters.

One would think that the turkeys, in view of their impending fate incident to Thanksgiving, would feel as downhearted as the defeated Republican candidates in Virginia, Iowa and Ohio. It is certainly a sad season for turkeys and Republicans.

We can send our congratulations to the Brazilians on their adoption of a republican form of government, but when it comes to the question of trade a Chinese wall of our own building stands in the way of commercial intercourse between the two republics.

If the serious illness of JEFF DAVIS should result fatally the politicians whose chief stock in trade is sectional animosity would lose one of their most useful bugaboos. For their sake we hope that the old rebel will not pass in his checks just yet, for we know how badly they would feel about it.

The Philadelphia Press says that "the New England cotton mills are paying the largest dividends of the decade." Why shouldn't they be making big money when they have the advantage of a free raw material? But how is it with the woolen mills which have to work with a taxed material?

As PECK pictures it, Uncle SAM makes an apologetic bow to Mr. HAYES and asks his pardon for having considered him the weakest President the government has ever had. Our Uncle is right in believing that as a weakling the present presidential incumbent discounts the fraudulent product of the 8 to 7 swindle.

In Philadelphia a number of callow Republican young men have formed what they call an anti-Colden club. Considering the benefits that have resulted from the teaching of the great English economic reformer, there would be about as much sense in forming anti-Gillies, anti-Oberlin, anti-Jenner, anti-Wilberforce, or anti-Franklin clubs, as there is in an anti-Colden club, and the time may come when the Philadelphia young men will have understanding enough to see it.

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No Coercion.

The Erie Herald, which has the reputation of being the organ of Hon. W. L. SCOTT, some days ago made the following expression:

The Democratic voters everywhere should see to it that no man is chosen to represent the party in any capacity—either as a local official, committeeman, county or State delegate—who is not a pronounced and open friend of GROVER CLEVELAND. Make every aspirant for Democratic votes show his colors. He who hesitates or is suspected of disloyalty to our great leader, who was defeated by fraud, corruption, and a disgraceful trade, should be relegated to the rear. Begin at the beginning and put only sound Democrats in representative positions. Send to the State Convention men who are known to be in favor of the Cleveland policy of tariff reform and ballot reform. The candidate for Governor should be a pronounced, unequivocal CLEVELAND man. Such a man will bring out the Democratic vote as it has never been brought out before, and we firmly believe he will be elected.

This is an extraordinary proposition and as objectionable as it is extraordinary. What occasion is there for resorting to such coercive methods in behalf of Mr. CLEVELAND? The Presidential question is not before the Democracy at this time and will not be until 1892. When it shall come it will be time enough to determine how it shall be met, and it is not likely that then the members of the party will allow any such restriction upon their action and choice as is proposed in the above paragraph.

There is no doubt that with but few exceptions the Democrats of Pennsylvania would prefer GROVER CLEVELAND as the next candidate of the party for President. They regard him as the best and most reliable representative of Democratic principles that can be found among the party leaders, especially entitled to their confidence and support on account of the stand he has taken for tariff reform. Their attachment to him has been strengthened by their consciousness of the villainous means that were used to defeat him. There is a combination of circumstances operating to make him the favorite of the party in the question of a Presidential nomination. This can with reasonable confidence be relied upon to secure for him the support of the Pennsylvania Democracy, should he again be presented for nomination, without a resort to the compulsory measures suggested by the Erie Journal. If its method is an inspiration from Mr. SCOTT, then we have to say that he is displaying a premature and pernicious activity in this matter. As the situation now appears, we are emphatically for GROVER CLEVELAND as the leader of the party in the next Presidential contest, yet on this question our motto is, "no coercion."

We regret to learn of the severance of JOHN H. MCGINNESS, Esq., from the editorial department of the Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin with which he was connected for the long period of twenty-one years. The prosperity of that paper has been due in a great measure to superior business management, but much of it could justly be attributed to Mr. MCGINNESS' editorial ability. He imparted to it the tone without which no journal can attain a respectable and influential position. As far back as the '50's this veteran journalist appeared as a historian in the publication of his first edition of the History of the West Branch Valley. Recently he has interspersed his editorial duties with the labor of revising and enlarging this important contribution to the history of our State, and now, having vacated the editorial tripod, he intends, as we learn, to devote his time and attention to the interest of this publication. We trust that he may be abundantly rewarded for the careful research and literary talent he has devoted to it.

It would not be surprising if the effects of the revolution in Brazil should extend to Portugal, which had seen so long and so intimately connected with its former great South American possession, and if Portugal should start off on the republican track it would be difficult to keep Spain from going the same way. The Spanish peninsula, containing those two kingdoms, is permeated with a sentiment antagonistic to monarchy, and it may acquire only an example such as that of Brazil to induce the Portuguese and Spaniards to give their sovereigns notice to quit.

Posing as a Defender of State Sovereignty.

It is said that His Excellency, JAMES A. BEAVER, Governor of Pennsylvania, is boiling over with indignation. The cause of his wrath is the action of the agents of the Bureau of Animal Industry, a branch of the National Department of Agriculture, in quarantining cattle in the neighborhood of Upland, Chester county. The Governor regards this as a presumptuous invasion of the sovereignty of a State that is distinguished by having him as its chief executive officer, and he is going to let the general government understand that if the cows of Pennsylvania are to be quarantined it shall be done only by authority emanating from the source over which he presides.

We should think that it makes very little difference to the farmers of Pennsylvania whether their herds are protected from infectious diseases by the action of the general or of the State government, and the excitement of the Governor on this question looks very much as if he wanted to swell out and look big over a matter of very little consequence.

There are other things about which his indignation might be excited with more advantage to the people of the State than is likely to result from his wrath about the quarantined cattle. The habitual disregard for the provisions of the constitution intended to restrain railroads and other corporations; the legislative favoritism shown for corporate interests and contempt for the claims of the wage-earners; the jugglery by which the demand of the farmers for equalization of taxes has been set aside, and the general governmental policy of the State by which the money power is advanced to the detriment of the public welfare—all these things should make him angry, but they don't rattle his temper in the least.

And on the subject of cattle, we don't believe the Governor is half as mad about the general government interfering in the matter of quarantining Pennsylvania cattle as were the people of this region last spring on account of his signing the bill that restrained the liberty of the poor man's cow.

The Governor's posing as the defender of Pennsylvania's sovereignty in this quarantined cow business borders closely on the ridiculous.

Death of a Great Lawyer and Democrat.

Philadelphia, and in fact Pennsylvania, has sustained a great loss in the death of Hon. LEWIS C. CASSIDY, the eminent lawyer and political leader, which occurred very unexpectedly last Tuesday morning at his home in Germantown. He had been ill for several days, but his illness was not of such a character as to prepare the public for the announcement of a fatal termination. A form of heart disease was the immediate cause of his death. He was easily the ablest member of the Philadelphia bar, occupying a leading position for almost a generation, and in the counsels of the Democratic party he exerted as great an influence as he did in the legal fraternity. Although never solicitous for official position he held several important public trusts, making a peculiarly lustrous record as Attorney General of Pennsylvania. It will be difficult to fill his place in the profession of which he was so brilliant a member and in the party to which he gave such able and distinguished support.

Post Master General WANAMAKER'S proposition to have the postage reduced on fourth-class mail matter is meeting strenuous opposition from country merchants. This would include small packages, by which the mails would be enabled to do a cheap express business, and the country merchants, who have given the matter attention, charge WANAMAKER with wanting to make this postal reduction in the interest of his Philadelphia dry goods store which would greatly enlarge its country trade if Uncle Sam should consent to carry his goods through the mails at nominal rates. Such a scheme as this is characteristic of WANAMAKER who is much inclined to run his branch of the government in a way that will most benefit his private business.

Unfortunately Championed.

A flutter has been raised in certain quarters over an alleged design of Governor HILL, of New York, to capture the Democratic organization of Pennsylvania in the interest of his candidacy for President in 1892. If there is a movement of this kind it has been kept well under cover, with little prospect of making an open appearance above ground. Contingencies may happen that may make Governor HILL the candidate of the party in the next presidential contest, but at this time there is no sentiment in the party that has set with any degree of strength in that direction. The feeling appears to be decidedly for CLEVELAND, yet even this, strong as it is, is subject to the modification of circumstances that may yet arise.

If Governor HILL really is aspiring to the Presidency he is unfortunate in the organ that is doing the most to push him into notice as a candidate. The Democracy were greatly aggrieved by the methods that were employed to defeat GROVER CLEVELAND, especially the misrepresentation of the tariff reform principles he stood for in the contest. No journal bore a more reprehensible part in this bad business than the New York Sun which, while pretending to be Democratic, vented its personal hatred for the Democratic candidate through the self-stultifying misrepresentation that the tariff reform represented meant free trade. When a paper that has left such an unpleasant memory in the minds of Democrats appears as the chief if not the only advocate of Governor HILL'S presidential aspirations, continuing its malicious abuse of Mr. CLEVELAND at every opportunity, there can be no other conclusion than that the Governor is being unfortunately championed and that it would be better for his candidacy if he should call DANA off.

A Republican Tariff Reformer.

The declaration of Hon. HUGH McCULLOCH against the Republican monopoly tariff is an important accession to the movement of tariff reform and furnishes an interesting and instructive illustration of the way the Cleveland leaven is working. Mr. McCULLOCH was Secretary of the Treasury at the close of LINCOLN'S term, during the entire administration of JOHNSON and part of ARTHUR'S, thus holding one of the highest and most responsible positions under three Republican Presidents.

In a letter in the New York Times the other day, this old and experienced Republican statesman and financier gave it as his opinion that our manufacturers no longer needed protection; that they had reached a point of development at which high tariff rates did more to promote trusts than to protect industry, and that what is most needed at this stage of our industrial development for the interest of manufacturers, wage-earners and the people generally, is a lower tariff, wider production and access to foreign markets. In concluding his article Mr. McCULLOCH said that "the present tariff is at war with the best interests of the country. It is continued by being made a party question and the free use of money in elections," and he declares that its days are numbered.

This is excellent Democratic doctrine coming from a very respectable and intelligent Republican source.

The Detroit Free Press takes some pains to show that this century will not end until the 1st of January, 1901. This oughtn't to require any explanation to people of ordinary discernment. Of course a century has not terminated until all its years are completed, the same as in the case of a centenarian who is not a centenarian until he has lived a full hundred years.

The Philadelphia Inquirer scolds the charge that it is in favor of "tariff reform," but claims to be strong for "tariff revision on protection lines." This is the sort of jugglery with the tariff that is calculated to tickle the trusts and make the monopolists smile.

It was a crime in a Democratic candidate, a few years ago, to spell city with two U's, but the same party that so decided, elected at the same time a county commissioner who spells "bitch" with the t left out.

Their Changed Views.

It is reported that Hon. WILLIAM L. WILSON, of West Virginia, in a speech he made in the recent Virginia campaign, said that immediately after Mr. CLEVELAND'S defeat last year the latter told him that in preparing his tariff message, which has since taken its place among the great official documents, he had especially in view the condition and welfare of the agricultural classes of this country.

Mr. CLEVELAND had the sagacity to see that the farmers were particularly oppressed by the heavy taxation incident to a high tariff, but when he spoke in their behalf there was unfortunately a class of politicians who gained the ears of a large portion of the agriculturists and led them to believe that they were benefited by a system which Mr. CLEVELAND stigmatized as extortionate and oppressive. Since then the tariff reform education has greatly progressed among the farmers, the late elections, especially in the West, showing that they are rapidly adopting Mr. CLEVELAND'S views in regard to the oppressiveness of the monopoly tariff.

THANKSGIVING.

MRS. T. F. RYDER.

We thank Thee, O Lord, for the blessing of living.

For the sun-shine that brightens, the bird song that cheers,

For the sense of thy watch-care whose fire pillar

Has lighted the night through the long march of years.

The toil-curse of Eden, O Lord, Thou hast blessed it

With seed to the sower a hundred fold yield;

We thank Thee, O Lord, for the wealth of our garner,

The generous offering of many a field.

The rod of Thy chastening, O Lord, we have felt it

Its stripes are upon us, we bow 'neath its weight,

But a Father's hand held it, all-wise and unerring,

Our sorrows are not the dictations of fate.

We thank Thee, Oh Father, that into the darkness,

'Mid the wreckage of homes and the crushing of hearts,

The light of the brother-love, best gift of Heaven,

Illumined the gloom by its grie-piercing darts.

Each wave that rolled westward bore out on its billow,

Rich offerings of love from the dwellers afar,

As sweet as the spices at Bethlehem offered

By the wise men who followed the light of the star.

If before we had doubted, O Lord, Thou hast shown us

Thine image still bright in the warm hearts of men.

In afflictions deep waters so often reflected,

Bending low to up-lift us again and again.

May the pathway before us, unknown and un-trodden,

Awaiting the coming of faltering feet,

Be bright with the rays of thy love's lumina-tion,

With peace and the blessings of plenty re-plete.

The Revolution in Iowa.

We make the following extract from a letter we have just received from Mr. Wm. A. Kerlin, a former Centre county citizen now resident at Rudd, Iowa, which furnishes some very pleasant reading for Democrats who have taken an interest in the recent election in that State:

When I moved out here, on the afternoon of the day we left I happened to meet Brother Wm. Shortridge who, when he gave me good by, said I should become a good Republican since I was going to such a strong Republican State. I replied that I was going to the State of Iowa to help make it a Democratic State. If you see my friend Shortridge tell him I have now lived to see my prediction come true. We have elected a Governor by the advocacy of Democratic principles, and reduced the Republican majority in our Assembly from 48 to 4 on joint ballot. Think of it, ye Gods! And this all done without ever expecting the like, for the principal issues were Prohibition, Ballot reform and Tariff reform. The vote for Governor was the test, and the rest were bound to follow. You must also remember the Republicans gerrymandered the State senatorially and legislatively for the express purpose of electing their United States Senator, and the Democrats did not expect to be able to accomplish any thing in that line. I tell you, Brother Meek, there was a mighty revolution in Iowa this last election. As the fellow would say, "did you hear something drop?" We have been having some great jubilation meetings, I can assure you. It is not sure that Mr. Allison will be returned to the United States Senate. We as Democrats hope he won't, and they will make a man fight, I can assure you.

"Will you kindly show me your winter un-clothing?" asked a young man, stepping up to the new saleslady in a furnishing goods store. "Excuse me, sir," said the miss, somewhat embarrassed, "I—I am still wearing last summer's."—Exchange.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Charles Berger drew a bear at a raffle last week.

—It costs \$25 fine to shoot rabbits on Sunday in Warwick township.

—Rabbit hunters near Phoenixville use ferrets in lieu of dogs.

—Reading's Labor Council will give its attention to child labor.

—The growth of Kutztown is hampered for the want of dwelling houses.

—Alfred Show, of Altoona, has rolled a cent into a ribbon eighty-four inches long.

—A Johnstown widow has been on a prolonged spree and spent all her relief money.

—Artificial eggs have been peddled in South Side, Pittsburg, for the genuine article.

—The tin roof of a railroad caboose was torn off and strapped itself around a brakeman.

—Lancaster people are laughing because a man named Wolf caught a fox near that town.

—The Pennsylvania Railroad is anxious to abolish the five grade crossings in West Goshen.

—Two heaping spoonfuls of sugar in a glass of beer is the regular drink of a Lancaster tipper.

—Ladies at Easton are interesting themselves in a project for a hospital for the poor there.

—Next to receiving a fresh plug of tobacco murderer Bartholomew likes to have his picture taken.

—Girls at the Morgana Reformatory started a fire and tried to escape during the excitement.

—Puddlers in Carnegie's mill at Pittsburg are dissatisfied with the new rules just made for them.

—Elmer Scheetz of Pleasant Valley, while out grunting last Tuesday, killed two rabbits with one shot.

—Charles Pharo, a Bethlehem dog fancier, the other day lost by death an English setter valued at \$1000.

—Isaac S. Isham, of Perkiomenville who is in his 89 year, deposited his sixty-eighth ballot at the last election.

—By mistake a Norristown livery man sent a horse and carriage to a house of mourning a day ahead of the funeral.

—In trying to imitate his father, the 15 months-old child of James Keane, a West Chester barber, nearly cut his throat.

—A Pittsburg paper says: The total number of whippings reported for the month of October in the city schools was 249.

—At Johnstown a jury was severely rebuked for bringing in a verdict of "unintentionally guilty."

—Miss Ida Warner who was on her death bed at Pottstown, was on Saturday married to her affianced lover, John Trout, of Reading.

—George Springer, an engineer on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, had his foot cut off Monday by falling from his engine, near Minersville, Pa.

—The Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Fire Brigade of Renova will give its sixth annual assembly and concert at the Renova Hotel on November 27.

—Miner Mertz, 45 years old, was ground to small fragments between rollers at Red Ash breaker of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company at Ashby.

—If any one will make it worth his while Frank Weaver, of West Chester will try and beat his record of eating forty-five fried oysters in fifteen minutes.

—Jacob Brownwell, a well-known citizen of Reading, was found wandering aimlessly about in an almost nude condition and somewhat deranged, last Friday.

—Evidence in a Shenandoah criminal case showed that the defendant, a boy of 12 years, was so poor that he had to borrow the clothes in which he appeared in Court.

—When searched at the Pittsburg jail a large bottle of vitriol and another of morphine were found on Laura Bailey, one of the defendants in the May Sullivan case.

—A Pottstown lunatic called on his sister at Cold Springs, and before entering the house deposited all his clothing and personal effects, including his false teeth, on the door step.

—James Hartman, of Lyndonport, Lehigh county, was attacked by a frenzied dog a few days ago, the animal fastened its teeth in his hip, tearing the flesh and severing an artery.

—A Port Jervis paper says: A piece of coal fall floating from a barbed wire fence in front of a house in Callison depot a few mornings ago created no little sensation in that village.

—In order to win a \$20 bet Frank Van Horn, of Churchville, carried eighty-five pounds of corn three and a half miles on a dark night. The trip consumed an hour and five minutes.

—With a view of testing a new tooth pulling machine which he was about to purchase a Williamsport dentist allowed himself to be operated upon, and the lower part of his face was nearly torn away.

—John Henry, an inmate of the Soldier's Home at Erie, who was returning from a visit to friends in Chester county, either fell or jumped from a passenger train and was killed at Williamsport some days ago.

—Some Hungarian residents of South Bethlehem butchered a pig by sticking it with a poker, and instead of scalding its flesh they burned off its bristles by tying the carcass up in straw and setting fire to it.

—Bartholomew, the condemned murderer of A. W. Dillard, had his photograph taken in the Easton jail, and expressed a desire to have a picture taken with Mrs. Dillard sitting in his lap, but the jailer refused.

—Swooping down on a weasel a chicken hawk at Manatwary carried the animal up, but before many minutes the weasel planted its teeth in the bird's neck and killed it. The weasel was not hurt by its fall from the ground.

—Peter Kunkel, of Trexler's Station, on the Berks and Lehigh Railroad, the other day shot a blue heron, measuring five feet and seven inches across the wings, which used to visit his carp pond and feed upon the fish.

—Squire Manger, of Douglasville, has issued a warrant for the arrest of Thomas Clark, a former resident of Pottstown, charged with assaulting Mrs. Anna Hatch, a Douglasville woman. The affair happened at the old fort. Both are married people.

—Three men being unable to drive or drag a 400-pound pig from its pen at Reinhold, Berks county, they called in the assistance of John Berkeley, a giant in strength. He deliberately picked the kicking porker up and carried him out unaided.

—George Burgoyne, of Poughtown, was recently fined for driving past a toll-gate without paying the toll, and the next time he went by he demanded a receipt for the toll. As it was not forthcoming he refused to pay, and will be again arrested.