

Ink Stings.

—So far under the HARRISON administration the politicians have got the appointments—the soldiers the dis-appointments.

—The man who kicks about having a mother-in-law, should kick himself. Its a matter of his own choosing that he has one.

—We have upon our table, a new publication from Chicago, called the Lion. An examination of its columns shows it is properly named.

—It is now said that Senator VEST is being urged to reply to INGALLS' speech on the race problem. Wouldn't that be simply answering the wind?

—The picture of our "own" Daniel in his overalls and check shirt didn't seem to have the proper effect upon the thankful(?) souls of Cambria county.

—The day for the exhibition of American fine Arts is approaching. We believe it comes about the 14th of February and is commonly called St. Valentines day.

—If there is anything at all in a name, one at least of Mr. HARRISON'S appointees should be a "rising" man. His name is YEAST and he has just been "set" in a Kansas post office.

—Maryland proposes to build, a new penitentiary. It is time. At least the increase of her republican vote for a couple of years back would indicate that something of the kind was a necessity.

—Since his five hour speech claiming the position of Governor of West Virginia, a position which the people voted to another man, NATHAN GOFF has very appropriately been named NATHAN GALL.

—There is nothing like sticking to an idea. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, failing to make the public take water, has divided into factions which are now engaged in making each other do this same thing.

—Georgia has produced a thirteen year old revivalist, Jimmy Cook—and the hope of many people down there now is, that through the instrumentality of this "Jimmy" they will be able to get through the Golden Gates.

—What is labeled and generally recognized as "the Philadelphia democracy," is to its party in the State, what a green apple is to a boys belly—a breeder only of trouble and busy always raising h—l internally.

—One of our big daily exchanges surprises us with the statement that NELLY BLY, on her recent trip, carried all the clothing she had with her on her back. Oh! naughty, naughty, NELLY. What a sight you must have been!

—The country can rest easy. BLAINE will not leave. All the opportunities Portugal offers to twisters of the British lion's tail, do not equal as inducements, the power, emoluments and salary, of the HARRISON premiership.

—We are led to believe that probabilities GREENE, who now predicts that the "back bone of winter is broken, is adding another to his many unfulfilled prophecies, for the simple reason, that winter, this season has had no back bone to break.

—The Locomotive judicial contest has demonstrated one thing. That is, that a Judge who is honest and believes he is right, can put more law, sense and justice into a dozen lines of dissent, than two Judges who have an object to accomplish, can put into three columns of "opinion."

—This is the time of year you hear the most about Philadelphia Democrats. Just before nominating time that city is as full of them as a "Grippe" patient is of bacilli. After the nominations are made most of them vote the republican ticket, and then put in the rest of the year swearing about political traitors and treason.

—A New York doctor is delivering two hour lectures on "How to remove surplus flesh." This is a clean waste of time to all who hear him. All one need do to get as thin as a June shad, is to join the great army of working-men and live a few weeks on the wages secured them by our glorious protective system. These is no reducer of surplus flesh like a workingman's high tariff diet.

—We sympathize with our neighbor, the Democrat. Just as it gets its flag thrown to the breeze, and is enjoying the belief that the "masses are for" its candidate for governor—Gen HASTINGS, up rises Cambria county, the one particular spot in this broad Commonwealth where his "services" should have been appreciated and his "sacrifices" remembered, and instructs her delegates for DELAMETER by a vote of 99 to 4 for HASTINGS. Surely some one has been giving our contemporary, or is Cambria so deaf as not to hear the "popular sentiment that clamors" for our DAN.

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The Desperate Straits of a Republican Congress.

It is wonderful what a change of principle a small change in the situation will bring about. During the last three or four Congresses, when the Democrats had a majority of the members of that body, certain rules governing its proceedings were adopted, that gave to the minority power at times to stay vicious legislation and prevent strictly partisan enactments, without free debate and a full hearing. During all the years of Democratic control in the lower House of Congress, we do not remember of ever reading a line in any Republican paper denouncing the rules that secured to the minority certain rights, nor do we know of any Republican congressman refusing to take advantage of all the rights and privileges which they were entitled to, under those rules.

It is all changed now however. The principle that the minority had rights that a majority should occasionally respect, has been discovered, since the Republicans secured that majority, to mean that any rules that would prevent the majority party from doing as it pleased, whether its members were present to vote or not, were vicious and designed to delay business and defeat the will of the people.

The Republican majority is small in the present Congress, and it is not always that they can rely upon having a majority of members present; so that in addition to depriving the minority of any power whatever, they now propose to empower the speaker to declare 100 members a quorum of a body consisting of 325, elected and paid representatives, and that this little rump of a Congress, when it is made up of Republican members, shall have power to go on and enact laws, just as if the entire body was present. It is a queer condition of affairs, that requires rules to be annulled, rights to be ignored, majorities to be dispensed with, and every rule and tradition that has governed the popular branch of Congress since the day that body first organized, to be violated and set aside, in order that the Republican party may do as it pleases.

It is an attempt to force a public policy and attain partisan ends that may prove a terrible boomerang some day. And the wonder will be, if speaker REED has the authority to declare 100 members a quorum of 325, what is to hinder him from fixing the number constituting that quorum at any less figure, his fancy or the needs of his party may necessitate?

No More Fooling in Delaware.

The Philadelphia Republican papers are just now in the slough of despondency over the recent decision of the Delaware court of Errors and Appeals. That tribunal has had the audacity to decide that under the laws of that State a Republican voter must pay his taxes, if he desired to cast his ballot. This is a terrible blow to the rights and privileges of Philadelphia repeaters, and the great depths to which this decision has weighted down the hopes of their Republican backers in that city, is shown by the amount of squealing the organs of the bosses are doing. For years, after voting, counting or whatever you may call it, for this State, Philadelphia has undertaken to attend to the same duties for both New Jersey and Delaware. In Jersey these efforts have been futile, but in Delaware on several occasions, they have proven conspicuously successful. Repeaters and darkeys by the score, would be run over into every little manufacturing town, and the boss of the manufactory, who was generally a Philadelphia Republican doing business over in a Democratic State, because the taxes were less there than at home, would see that they got their votes in. They didn't pretend to pay taxes for these people; they made no show of proving them citizens; they would simply put a lot of fictitious names upon the registry list, and when voting time came, if they couldn't forge or steal tax receipts, they would claim that it was the duty of the Democratic tax collector to collect the taxes in time to give the party named the right to vote, and if he failed in that, it did not franchise him. So far did their faith in their ability to carry Delaware by these methods go, that they carried a case up to the highest tribunal of that

Commonwealth and demanded a decision, that would enable them to accomplish under a ruling of the Court, what, for years, they had been trying to bring about by sharp practices and political trickery. Delaware Courts are neither to be humbugged nor bull-dozed, and it very promptly and properly decided, that to be entitled to vote in that State, one must pay a tax, and that it wasn't necessary, either for a tax collector to run all over creation to hunt the delinquent up or to stand on the street corners day and night for the convenience of those wanting to pay.

It is this decision that has blighted the hopes that Philadelphia Republicans had of controlling the little Commonwealth lying so closely to the lines of their city, and it is this that there is such a weeping and wailing and gnashing of Republican teeth about. Time may possibly assuage their grief, and while it is doing this Delaware will continue to be Democratic.

Up Goes our Hat.

"NELLY BLY," the indefatigable and spirited representative of the New York World, who has been making a circuit of the globe to see if it could be done in a specified time, reached New York on Saturday last having made the trip in 72 days 6 hours and 11 minutes. This is eight days less time than JULIUS VERNE'S hero got round in his imaginary trip, that theater goers, a few years ago, were so familiar with. Its a big thing of course, for Miss BLY, and with the rest of American humanity, we take off our hats and hurrah! until we are hoarse.

Just why, we don't know.

Miss BLY neither swam the sea in front of the steamer, nor trotted the tracks ahead of the engines, that make their daily trips along the routes over which she passed, to accomplish the feat; she did in fact what a million, or ten millions of people for that matter could do, if the funds were furnished—take the ordinary route of travel and go ahead. But still we whoop'er up for NELLY BLY. To be sure, the papers say, she traveled with her ward-robe on her back, whether they expected her to do it naked we are not informed; she didn't take a poodle or a mastiff as an escort, and proves by returning unharmed, that dogs are not a necessary accompaniment to ladies when traveling alone. These two things she demonstrated; that a lady with her clothes on gets along fully as fast as one who carries the most of them in a trunk, and that it is not necessary for a sprightly girl to go lugging a bear-eyed dog along to protect her from the attentions of the naughty, naughty men.

If there is anything else of practical value that has been demonstrated by this trip, we fail to catch on to it. We hurrah! however, all the same and join our modest voice in with the tumultuous crowd, who are shouting for NELLY BLY without knowing the reason thereof or stopping to ask if there is any.

A Farmer That Seems Satisfied.

We have a two page letter from a former Snyder county citizen, now a resident of Hoover Nebraska, in which he criticizes as sharply as possible, the item published in this paper some weeks ago, giving the price of farm products at Nantasket, that State, as furnished by a farmer residing at that place. The gentleman writing, to find fault with the prices as given, makes no correction, except to quote corn at 15 cents per bushel, instead of 12, and beef at \$3.50 to \$4.00 per 100, in place of being a drug on the market. We can fully understand why an individual who had been raised, and schooled, and "brought up" among the Republicans of Snyder county; this State, would be satisfied with most any condition of affairs he would find any place, he might move too; but for the life of us we can't conceive how a man intelligent enough to be a successful farmer, could imagine that his business was prosperous, under a system of tariff that taxed him unmercifully for everything he bought, and secured him but 15 cents a bushel for his corn, 40 cents for his wheat, 13 cents for his oats, and proportionately low prices for everything else his farm produced. There is but one reason for a man under such circumstances being satisfied, and that must be that he is too narrow minded, either from politi-

cal prejudices, schooling or surroundings to appreciate how greatly he is being imposed upon, or to recognize the fact that one great cause of such low prices for farm products is our tariff system, that builds a wall about us, and prevents us securing any market for the surplus products of our farms.

So long as the farmer is satisfied with the prices he is getting, just so long ought he to vote for, and support a system of government that secures this for him. When he widens out enough to know, that we can't eat up all our agricultural lands produce, and that other countries won't take of our surplus grain, until the entire grain crop of every other agricultural district in the world is exhausted, for the reason that we refuse to trade with them until after we have imposed an enormous tariff upon everything they would bring to us, he will possibly change his mind and allow the protected few to take care of themselves, while he takes care of his own interests by voting for a change that will secure him better prices for his wheat, corn and oats.

The Republican Disgrace.

The West Virginia contest for Governor will in all probability be brought to a close on Saturday. At that time it is expected the legislature will act finally upon the report of the committee appointed to investigate the charges of fraud. That report has been made public and leaves no doubt of the election of Judge FLEMING, the Democratic nominee. It shows the boldest and most open frauds on the part of the republican managers and exposes one of the most villainous conspiracies to defeat the will of the people, that has been brought to public view. In the purchase of votes, the importation of non-resident darkeys from old Virginia and the open attempt to carry a State by fraud, the election in that State last fall has no parallel in the history of the country. Low estimates fix the number of fraudulent votes, (imported darkeys) cast in the State at fully 3,000. Of these the committee was able to uncover and expose 800. Throwing these out, gives Judge FLEMING a majority of 700. These frauds were confined mostly to the six counties in which GORF, BLAINE, ELKINS & Co., have their mining and railroad interests. Into these counties, negroes who were not voters or residents of the state were brought by train loads and voted. At two precincts upwards of one thousand of these imported blacks were marshalled, the election officers intimidated and their votes taken and counted. The boldness and defiant manner in which these frauds were perpetrated is without parallel. Scores of witnesses testified to the following facts, which is but one instance, of the many that are given in the report. "Seventy-six of the imported negroes were voted at Bluefield, Mercer county, where they were then put on a train and carried across the line in Virginia, where they were bona fide residents, and cast their votes without protest. Another train then carried the gang back to Elk Horn, W. Va., where they were marched to the polls, crazy with drink, and were voted again."

All over and all round is the same evidence of unadulterated rascality and unblinking fraud, as thick as claw marks on a lousy dog. And yet the candidate who was to be benefited by these frauds; who was to be made Governor by these rascalities; who knew of them and assisted in their perpetration, had the unlimited gall to get up and plead his own case, for five long hours, and demand of the legislature that it cast aside the report of its committee and declare him entitled to the seat.

Could effrontery go farther? All-wise and all-knowing newspapers that know more than the records show or more than sworn committees can find out, and which have been insisting that GORF was being cheated out of the governorship, have now an opportunity to revise their opinions and admit that in this matter, they have been mistaken.

The republican party we presume will stand up under the disgrace of this exposure as bravely as ever, and in spite of the truth, will continue to cry about Democratic frauds in West Virginia and the outrage that has been perpetrated, when Judge FLEMING is given his seat.

It Will be Forgiven and Forgotten.

It may be and possibly is quite true, as charged by the friends of Gen. HASTINGS, that a sharp but very dirty trick was played upon him in Cambria county, that secured to his competitor DELAMETER, its delegates for Governor. It is asserted that the convention selecting the delegates, was called without sufficient public notice; that in many districts no election was held, although self appointed delegates presented themselves and were admitted; that for other districts that neither elected nor self delegates, persons were substituted who were known to be with the ring, and that the entire proceedings were illegal, contrary to party usages and a factional set up from beginning to end.

We shouldn't wonder of these charges are true. It is a way republicans have of doing business.

A party that depends for its success upon boodlie, bribery, bossism and fraud, would not scruple to cheat a member of its own political faith, when it didn't want him to the front and had no other way of preventing his getting there. Republican bossism requires this kind of work, and the cowardly creatures of that boss are used to obeying orders. In this case the boss is for the other fellow, and the other fellow must win, no matter how its done. The republican masses may be for Gen HASTINGS; we believe they are; but what do the wishes of the republican masses amount to as against the will of the boss?

No, we have no doubt whatever, but they did in Cambria county, just what the HASTINGS people charge.

But what are they going to do about it?

Simply go on wearing the collar of a boss as they always have done; submitting to any humiliation that boss rule may subject them to, and hurrahing for any fraud or outrage it may perpetrate against the Democracy. They will whine like chained curs for awhile and then when wanted, will wag their political tails and trot off again to do the will of their master. This is all there will be about it.

Another to Their List of Steals.

From present appearances it looks very much as if the republicans, have been able to add to their long list of villainous frauds, another that is scarcely eclipsed by the stealing of the Presidency in '76. Dispatches state, that Mr. HARRISON'S packed Supreme Court of Colorado, has decided that the republican rump legislature there, is the properly qualified body of lawmakers for the new Commonwealth, and that notwithstanding the fact that the people elected a majority of Democrats as representatives; that the will of a republican board of canvassers and not the ballots, should determine the result. This the republican papers claim as a "big victory." So it is. But its of the same character that a crackman crows over, when he gets safely out of the clutches of the law, with the contents of the safe he has robbed secure in his pockets.

The Coroners Jury in the KEMPEN murder case has found out, after weeks of investigation, that the lady was chloroformed. The public knew that the morning of the tragedy. What was wanted to be made clear was who committed the murder. This fact the Jury seems to have forgotten entirely.

Ex-President Cleveland Writes a Letter to the Custom Cutters.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—A letter from Ex-President Cleveland was read to-day at the concluding session of the Custom Cutters' National Convention. The full text was as follows: "E. G. H. Hutton, Esq., President. DEAR SIR: I thank you for sending me your address made at the convention of the Custom Cutters' Association, and I have read the same with interest. The question of tariff reform directly affects all the people of the land in a substantial way, and they ought to be interested in its discussion. I am afraid that a great many of our fellow citizens are too apathetic to regard this as a political question, intricate and complex, affecting them in a remote way and one which may well enough be left for politicians to wrangle over. This indifference is a neglect of the subject on the part of a great number of our people, a willingness to blindly follow the party to which they happen to belong in their action upon it. It is a good sign to see practical men, such as belong to your association, discussing the question for themselves. If this is done intelligently, and with sincere intent to secure the truth, tariff reformers, I think, have no need to fear the result of such a discussion. Very truly yours, GROVER CLEVELAND."

This letter was written in reply to one by Horton, the president of the Cutters' Association, asking for some statement on the tariff question, as it affected the tallow. An exactly similar letter was sent to President Harrison, but as yet no reply has been received. After the letter had been read the convention extended its thanks to Cleveland.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—The First Colored Church at Norristown is in the hands of the sheriff. —Of the 400 inmates of the Erie Soldier's Home 150 are on the sick list. —Rival doctors at Manor Station engaged in a fist fight over a professional dispute. —An epidemic of influenza prevails among the cattle of the eastern portion of Berks. —A Pittsburg sportsman owns an 8-months-old dog that hunts perfectly and was never trained. —The irrepressible John Cessna has announced himself as a candidate for congress for the Blair district. —Because of a coal famine at Uniontown the black diamonds are sold by the bushel at a fabulous rate. —A bottle of whiskey carelessly dropped in a Scranton school-yard gave the scholars their first "booze."

—It will cost \$100,000 to put the famous stone bridge at Johnstown in the condition it was before the flood. —Rev. M. J. Eckels, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Salisbury, Md., has accepted a call to Bedford, Pa.

—Rev. William B. Sanders minister of the Reformed Church, died on Sunday night of influenza, aged 75 years. —As a cow at Bartonville was jumping over a little gully her horse caught in a tree limb, and she was hanged. —Black children, white children and red children sat down to a dinner at the Indian school at Carlisle recently.

—A S. Updegraff, of Williamsport has a hen that is parading at the head of a brood of chickens three months ahead of time. —The last brick on the new Normal school at Lock Haven has been laid and the structure is gradually nearing completion.

—Senator Marts, of Williamsport has almost recovered from his recent illness and will go to Asheville, North Carolina, to spend the winter. —Lea P. Brown, a prominent farmer and Republican of Drumore township, Lancaster county, is dead from an attack of the grippe.

—When Mrs. Rorer, at New Galena, Bucks county awoke on Saturday morning she found her little daughter lying dead by her side from suffocation. —At Mount Washington, Pittsburg, there is a man who thinks his mission on earth is to kill stray dogs, and in six months he has slain 100 animals.

—Rats were found so plentiful in a barn near Williamsport that the men who had been engaged to do some thrashing were driven from their work. —Wounded by a bullet a dog at Pittsburg fell into a pool of water, and lay there helpless till ice formed around the animal making him a prisoner.

—Mrs. Jackson Malin, of Kennett Square, died yesterday from the effects of a surgical operation performed on Friday to relieve intestinal obstruction. —The DeWitt Flint Glass Company will move its factory from New-Brighton because a bonus of \$9000 promised it by the Board of Trade has not been paid.

—Two little sons of Patrick Oolan, aged respectively 5 and 8 years, were drowned by breaking through the ice on a pond at Yardley, Pa., on Saturday afternoon. —While Abraham Keller was engaged in loading logs in the woods near Belvidereville Bucks county, he suddenly fell back and expired. He was 70 years old.

—Sentences of twenty-one and seventeen years respectively for the two Wilkesburg burglars, is calculated to be a decided drawback to the house breaking profession. —Two hundred Poles and Hungarians were taken by a labor contractor on Monday from Plymouth to Pottsville to take the places of the striking miners at that place.

—Pennsylvanians in Washington are putting forward Judge Harry White, of Lanianna county for the vacancy in the office of solicitor-general, caused by the death of Judge Chapman. —While getting the safe out of the Gorry post office, some time ago, John Armstrong had his leg crushed and now he wants Congress to pay him \$2500 on account of the accident.

—A suburban jeweler fell over a step at Pittsburg, spilled part of his purchases on the ground and a detective who was at hand arrested him on suspicion of having stolen the stuff. —The Queens Run Fire Brick Company have erected eleven new houses at Queens Run for accommodation of the miners. They are substantial and comfortable frame structures.

—The prospect of preaching his first sermon so excited a Dickson Seminary student that he got into the wrong church and had taken his place in the pulpit before he discovered his error. —Each of the aspirants for the Republican gubernatorial nomination has warm friends in Blair county. Hastings and Delamater seem to lead in this section, though Minton has many enthusiastic followers.

—Steeking his foot into the leg of an old pair of pants that had hung in the garret closet a long while, a Parleton youth disturbed a wasp's nest, and his action brought the insects out and around his ears. —The dead body of Edward Andrews was found in the cabin of a boat near Chester. It is probable that he died of starvation, as when last seen alive he was ill and it is believed he became unable to care for himself.

—While John Best, of Derry, was engaged in coupling cars at thalpoes Thursday afternoon, his right hand was caught between the bumpers and so badly crushed that amputation was necessary. He is unharmed. —As he was returning home from his honey-moon Peter Tige, of Cochranton, jumped off the train to get some cigars, and remaining too long the train with his bride pulled out. He overtook her on a freight train and was happy.

—Fredrick Strong, who died recently in Montgomery township, had a great propensity for bringing petty lawsuits against his neighbors, and once, it is said, he was told by Judge Chapman that if he ever showed his red head in man that he would be sent to jail. It was Court again the world be sent to jail. It was not long before Strong brought another suit, and when he came in Court his hair had been dyed black.

—At Dshavon Station, Pa., on the Pittsburg and Western Railroad, a natural gas well with a pressure of 500 pounds, ignited on Saturday, while four drillers were plugging it. The four men were terribly burned, but all but one George Moore, will recover. The well is still burning, and it is probable that it will be smothered, as was successfully done at the great Murrayville gas well fire some years ago.