

Ink Stings.

—Even FIEDLER must admit that JIM SCHOFIELD is a "dandy."
—The "colored troops" of this place scattered their shots in the recent engagement.
—The political miasma that pervades Philadelphia is thick enough to be cut with a knife.
—There are some rotte Democratic leaders in Philadelphia who have again been mean enough to play jackal to the Republican lion.
—In taking a microscopic view of HARRISON Uncle Sam is fully justified in the conclusion that he is the smallest thing of the kind he ever saw.
—The Supreme Court of the United States may throw a sprag in the wheel which REED is attempting to roll over the Democratic minority in the House.
—The Postmaster's trying to milk JIM SCHOFIELD'S cow in the interest of the Republican party was the most amusing incident of the borough contest.
—We have not yet received intelligence of the spanking which the French authorities should administer to the young Duke of Orleans before sending him home to his mother.
—Is there ground for the suspicion that Sheriff COOKE put the gallows to political use by dispensing his invitations to attend the Hopkins hanging as rewards for voting the Republican ticket?
—Boss PLATT may have relented too late for New York to regain what she has lost by delay in the contest for the World's Fair. Surely bossism has its disadvantages.
—The fiction that tariff reform means free trade was made to perform its accustomed service in the 4th District congressional fight. When will the war tariff supporters stop lying?
—Sheriff COOKE'S omission to furnish the Democratic newspapers of this place with tickets for the Hopkins execution, leads to the supposition that he intended it to be a strictly Republican hanging.
—The great reduction of the high tariff majority in the 4th Congress district clearly indicates that the scholars attending the tariff reform school are numerous and are learning their lesson well.
—The war-tariff congress which has just passed a bill directing that farm mortgages be included in the coming census returns, should have been previously warned that a gun of that kind is loaded.
—The claim of some of the sanctimonious supporters of HARRISON that his election was the work of the Lord, looks much like an attempt to make the Lord responsible for MAT QUAY'S boodle campaign.
—The scheme to elect DOM PEDRO President of Brazil, improbable as it may seem, would be more likely to succeed than Mr. HARRISON'S scheme to have himself re-elected President of the United States.
—If QUAY had cut his throat in 1879, as he contemplated doing to escape the consequences of his participation in a raid on the State treasury, who would have managed the Republican boodle campaign of 1888 that elected HARRISON?
—Since pig-iron is being brought to Pittsburg from Alabama in large quantities, isn't it about time for the Pennsylvania iron kings to howl for protection against the cheaper productions of Southern furnaces? Shouldn't the tariff logic be general in its application?
—Puck's cartoon representing TAMMAGE returning from his visit to the Holy Land, loaded with a lot of trumpery alleged to be relics from that sacred region, shows that the targets at which the shafts of that paper are directed, include clerical as well as other humbugs.
—If CHARLES EMORY SMITH, when he gets to St. Petersburg, should take the Czar aside and expostulate with him concerning his despotic practices, could not the Russian despot retort by asking him what he thought of REED'S despotism in the American House of Representatives?
—The editor of the New York Sun, in a tentative sort of way, is constantly suggesting names for the next Presidential candidacy and asking how they would do? We venture to ask him how BENJAMIN F. BUTLER would do? He tried BEN against the regular Democratic nominee in 1884, and ought to know something about his availability as a Presidential candidate.
—KRECHLINE has reason to be dissatisfied with the treatment he received from FIEDLER. If the latter had pitched into him in the columns of the Gazette, as he did into JIM SCHOFIELD, he would have been elected Tax Collector by a handsome majority. FIEDLER'S saying nothing against him resulted in his defeat. A candidate who wants to be elected must get the Gazette man to abuse him.

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An Interesting Extract from the Life of Matthew Stanley Quay.

We publish in another part of this issue of the WATCHMAN an article which none of our readers should fail to peruse. We particularly commend it to the attention of Republicans. It is an extract from a correspondence in the New York World treating of interesting and instructive incidents in the public career of MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY, the boss of the Republican party of Pennsylvania and chairman of the Republican National Committee.
The incident particularly mentioned in the article is connected with that point in QUAY'S history when the apprehension of the discovery of his implication in a robbery of the State treasury inclined him to the intention of committing suicide. A set of gambling speculators, of which he was the leading spirit, had obtained access to the money in the State treasury and lost in stock speculation a large amount of the public funds irregularly and unlawfully used for that purpose. The gang were bankrupt, of course, and hadn't the means of restoring the money when the inevitable exposure was at hand. At this serious juncture QUAY had about concluded that the only way of relieving his embarrassment was to sever his jugular vein or jump into the Susquehanna river, and as the distressful character of the situation had caused him to keep himself in a condition of desperate intoxication, it is probable that he would have gotten out of the scrape by means of the razor or by way of the river if DOX CAMERON hadn't appeared upon the scene and made arrangements by which the money which had been virtually stolen by these rascals, was returned to the treasury. CAMERON did this to shield his party from disgrace, for the gang who had used and lost this public money included, in addition to QUAY, a prominent member of the State administration and other leading Republicans.
It is remarkable that this occurrence did not at the time it happened become publicly known. The circumstance that QUAY had become so distraught through fear of exposure as to purpose getting out of the difficulty by suicide, was an open secret among, and was freely talked about by, the official habitues of the State capital. It may have been put in the back ground as a matter of public notoriety by the greater prominence which his connection with the Pittsburg Riot Bill bribery case assumed about that time, which the Philadelphia Press and other leading Republican papers said should have landed him in the penitentiary.
These wretched instances of QUAY'S rascality in his public capacity, do not require elaborate comment. It may be well, however, to mention in this connection that he is the individual to whom is committed the political management of the Republican party which in the last Presidential campaign depended for success upon the methods which such a character would naturally resort to; and, also, that he is the absolute Boss of the Republican party in Pennsylvania, distributing its official rewards, controlling the Legislature it elects, and dictating who shall be its nominees for Governor and other State officers.
A Fraud Upon the School Children.
There ought to be some protest against the fraud that is being attempted to be practiced upon the school children of the State by parties who are trying to get them to contribute their pennies for the erection of a monument to E. E. HIGBEE, the recent State Superintendent of Public Instruction. It should be impressed upon the children's understanding that the honor which the memorial tribute of a monument implies belongs only to those who have been great and good. Such an impression will act as a moral stimulus to the youthful mind. But what moral effect is produced by making the children participants in the erection of monuments to commemorate men who have been notoriously unfaithful in the discharge of public trusts?
The person whom the school children are asked to assist in honoring, was officially connected with the Soldiers' Orphans School scandals, and there was such an appearance of his

implication in the abuses practiced in the management of those schools that an outraged public sentiment demanded his resignation. Under his Superintendency of the Orphans' Schools the State was robbed and the children starved and abused; a heartless syndicate speculated and grew rich upon the suffering and misery of these helpless children, and so shameful was this state of affairs, which should have been known and prevented by the Superintendent, that public interference was necessary to check it.
If Superintendent HIGBEE did not know that these abuses were being practiced he was incompetent to hold the position he occupied. If he had knowledge of them, he was officially responsible for their commission. Is it proper that children should be taught that it is the right thing to build monuments to men who in official positions have been either incompetent or criminal? Under the circumstances, to lead the school children of the State to believe that Superintendent HIGBEE, as an official, was worthy of a monument, is to practice a fraud upon them.
Ingalls on the Origin of Religion.
In his harangue in the Senate on the race question Senator INGALLS showed that on some points he knew less about the Caucasian than about the colored race. He could not have committed a greater blunder than he did in saying that humanity is indebted to the Caucasian race for its religion. This assertion is in contradiction to the fact that great as was its genius in other respects, that race never originated anything in the way of a religious belief that graded higher than a fantastic superstition. In nothing else was it so defective as in its original religion. Its conceptions in that line were entirely of a pagan character, and if it had depended upon itself for its theosophy it probably would be still divided in its worship between the multitudinous gods of the Grecian mythology and the savage deities of the Teutonic Walthalla, or, with a more advanced civilization, would perhaps have adopted some system of philosophy in lieu of a religion.
The monotheism that prevails generally among civilized peoples, which is one of the distinguishing features of Christianity, and which Senator INGALLS seems to think originated with the Caucasian race, was of Semitic origin. It was MOSES, the Jewish lawgiver, that made man acquainted with the one true God through his commandments. It was JESUS, also a Jew, that perfected the world's knowledge of that one God, and it was a member of another branch of the same Semitic race that continued the monotheistic idea in the declaration that "there is but one God and Mahomet is his Prophet." It took nearly three hundred years of fierce opposition and contention before the race to which the Senator says humanity is indebted for its religion, was ready to dispense with its extensive assortment of gods and reconcile itself to having but one.
The Caucasian race, which is alleged to be descended from JAPHETH, had nothing whatever to do with originating the theology which has elevated it from its pristine paganism. Notwithstanding the opinion of the Kansas orator to the contrary, the credit for evolving the one-God belief which characterizes the religion of civilized humanity, is due to the sons of SEM.
INGALLS is well enough versed in the rotten politics of his party, but on a question involving a religious point he is away off.
Constitutional Restraint to Be Invoked.
Speaker REED'S arbitrary sway having been formulated by the adoption of the new rules, it having before been enforced by his own dictum, his assumption of power is now in shape for the question of its constitutionality to be brought before the Supreme Court of the United States. It would not be creditable to the spirit, determination and sense of justice of the Democrats of the House if this were not done. Ex-Speaker CARLISLE no doubt voiced the sentiment of his Democratic colleagues when on Monday he declared that steps would be taken to have it determined by the highest tribunal whether the high-handed conduct of REED and his crowd can be constitutionally sustained.

Patriotism in the Schools.

A bill has been introduced in the New York Legislature by a Republican member, requiring that the Fridays before Washington's birth-day, the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving Day, be devoted to exercises in all the public schools that will be calculated to develop patriotism.
Of what character should such exercises be? We would suggest that on such days set apart for the inculcation of patriotism, the children should be taught that they can best develop their love of country, which is the synonym of patriotism, by contracting an early hatred for the corrupt politics which is threatening to undermine the free institutions of our country. The young should be impressed with a sense of the disastrous consequences of using money to control elections, and of the inevitable ruin that will follow the control of selfish and dishonest party managers. They should be taught the danger of making legislation subservient to the interests of favored classes at the expense of the general mass of citizens, and of the downward course that is indicated by filling our legislatures, State and national, with the representatives of the money power. All these things should be brought to the attention of the youths, with instruction that if they want to be patriots they must set their faces against them.
As object lessons of the decadence of our republican government, it would be well to include in the patriotic curriculum of the schools a picture of the chief office of the government gained in one instance by theft, and in another by the corrupt use of money, accompanied by the warning that if such practices are not checked the existence of the Republic will be of limited duration.
Horrible Despotism.
The enormous outrages practiced upon the political prisoners in Siberia, including women as well as men, display in the most revolting light the brutal despotism of the Russian autocracy, and call for indignant protest from the civilized nations of the world. After KENNAN'S revelations almost any wrong and cruelty in the treatment of the unfortunate inmates of the Siberian prisons should not be surprising, but civilization was hardly prepared to believe that such barbarities as have recently been credibly reported from the prison-hells to which the victims of autocratic brutality are consigned, could be perpetrated by even the jailer serving the cruel and cowardly Russian tyrant.
These outrages are perpetrated to sustain a most oppressive form of personal government, and as that government consists solely in the personality of an autocrat, and exists only for his interest, it is to be wondered—is it wrong that the victims of his arbitrarily despotic power, confronted by an insuperable military force that precludes the possibility of revolution, should strive to remove him by the only available means of dynamite? Would not the bombs that should blow him sky-high, and continue blowing up his successors until through terror they should relax their despotism, be fulfilling almost a holy mission?
Congressman BUTLERWORTH, of Ohio, had a pretty correct conception of what will overtake the party that will continue to maintain the iniquity of war tariff taxation, when he said, the other day: "Unless we thoroughly overhaul the system we might as well hang up our fiddles and go home, without an expectation of coming back again." As the situation of the Republicans on the tariff question renders it impossible for them to overhaul the system, it may be considered a sure thing that their fiddles will be hung up.
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Tariff Experience in Jefferson County.

The kind of protection that results from a high war tariff is panning out very poorly for the coal miners of Jefferson county, this State. For that matter, it is about the same with the miners of other regions, but the case of the former is particularly brought to our attention by the following picture of their plight resulting from a strike for better pay, drawn by so good a Republican newspaper as the Pittsburg Times.
Now hope is waning, as they see day after day new importations of men taking their place. They are coming from the over-crowded anthracite region, darkies are coming from Virginia, and immigrants, whom the agents of this millionaire railroad and mining company have gathered in New York, are arriving. Black-faced fellows with lamps on their hats are going to and fro in the streets. Day by day the rumble of the dump-cars grow more frequent, dragging coal from the drifts at Walston and Adrian; day by day there are more streams of smoke rising from these miles of coke ovens into the winter air. And all about the cheerless mine lands are squads of burly Pinkerton men, with repeating Winchester. To trespass on the company's property or interfere with the scabs is out of the question, if one cares sought for his life. The miners are cold and their families and themselves are poorly clad. They must have support, or the millions of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg railway and mining company, backed by the small army of Pinkerton men, will force them into submission or out of the region.
There can not be a doubt that most of these men who find themselves in such a sorry situation, were taught to regard the tariff as something necessary to secure them the means of living, and that at every election involving the tariff issue they were enthusiastic supporters of "protection." It is altogether likely they voted for HARRISON, fully assured that should they do otherwise they would expose themselves to the competition of foreign pauper labor, of which they had heard so much.
It may be that they are now learning something from experience. With reduced wages, and their places taken by cheap contract laborers and negroes, and Pinkerton's men restraining their disposition to rebel against the hardship of their situation, it may bother them to see how they have been benefited by the election of HARRISON and the maintenance of the tariff.
In Effect a Tariff Reform Victory.
All was effected at the special congressional election in the 4th District that was expected by the friends of tariff reform, by a substantial reduction of the majority of the monopoly tariff candidate. It would have been too much ever to hope for a repudiation of the war tariff in a district that only last year expressed itself in favor of the fiscal fraud by nearly 10,000 majority. AYERS knocked 2700 off that majority.
It won't do to attribute this to a falling off of the general vote, as TAYLOR, the Republican candidate for Receiver of Taxes, got a majority in the district equal to KELLY'S majority last year.
Prof. WALLER, of the Bloomsburg Normal School, is such an improvement on HIGBEE that the Governor in appointing him Superintendent of Public Instruction is to be congratulated in doing the right thing at least once.
It was idle to expect that party prejudice in the 4th congress district would yield to the evident advantage of free war materials. The majority in that manufacturing district would sooner see their industries ruined than their party defeated. Such is fanaticism in politics.
The consciences of too many Philadelphia Democratic leaders seem to be asphyxiated by the foul political atmosphere that envelops that Republican stronghold.
WILLIAMSPORT'S POSTMASTER.—Congressman McCormick has settled the contest for the Williamsport post office by deciding to recommend John B. Emery for that position. The Williamsport post office is a nice plum and we suppose of course that Mr. McCormick knows which of the Republican aspirants did the most for his party and his (McCormick's) election. But what we want to know now is, is this the Mr. Emery, formerly of Bellefonte nail mill notoriety, who busted in the windows of the Bellefonte Watchman's office on the day of the Blaine demonstration in that place during the Beaver campaign?—Lock Haven Democrat.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—A dog census of Chester county shows 1116 animals.
—A colored man was nominated for Burgess of Marietta.
—Trains of four cars will be run on Pittsburg cable lines.
—A solid vein of lead ore has been found at Marshalltown.
—Edwin Haverstick, of Hanover, uses a Bible 151 years old.
—Nearly all of Norristown's hotels have been visited by thieves lately.
—A little fire at Lancaster was extinguished with a tub of oysters.
—Colonel Theodore W. Bean, of Norristown, is talked of for Congress.
—West Chester auctioneers complain of unusually dull business in the county.
—Spring poets are encouraged at Lancaster. A literary society offers prizes.
—Seven steamers are being constructed at Pittsburg for the United States of Columbia.
—The total collected from 133 schools of the State for the Higbee memorial was only \$135.65.
—Within two years George P. Bender and son, of Pittsburg, met with horrible deaths by accident.
—Benjamin Haverstick, of Mechanicsburg, who played with President Buchanan when a boy, is dead.
—A most exciting hunt is promised for the 25th instant at Litz, where a ferocious wolf will be chased.
—John Keillinger, 4 years old, of Columbia died on Thursday from the effects of a dose of laudanum accidentally taken.
—Colonel W. W. Scott, of West Chester, went from Rising Sun, sixty miles away, to cast his ballot at the primary election.
—Engaging in a quarrel, Charles Hamersly, of Chester, was pushed under an engine by another boy and had a leg taken off.
—The building of a new design of scow which he hoped would bring him fortune has robbed John Heimback of his mind.
—Colored men of Coatsville were indignant because one of their number accepted a nomination on the Democratic ticket.
—The Relic Committee of Johnstown Flood Commission is making an effort to find the owners of all the property in its possession.
—The Westinghouse Electric Light Company, of Pittsburg, has just closed a contract for lighting a Japanese town with electricity.
—At the eighty-fifth anniversary of the settlement at Economy a brass band stationed in the highest steeple in the town discoursed music.
—The theft of a can of milk from the residence of J. Wain Vaux led to the report that the house had been ransacked by a gang of law less Italians.
—His horse being sick a Springfield (Berks county) farmer pressed his wife and hired boy into doing tread-mill duty, and thrashed a lot of wheat.
—Dr. Warren the State ornithologist is hunting up the origin of a new breed of white rabbits that has been discovered in the western part of the State.
—In a drunken altercation at the Rocktown Hotel, near Ashland, Henry Glover stabbed Daniel Paul and then accidentally stabbed himself. Both men will die.
—Pittsburg property-owners who would not stoop to run a saloon have nevertheless made application for license and will rent privileges to desirable tenants.
—The Reading Herald quotes a well known politician in saying: "Delamater will be the regular candidate and Warton Becker will oppose him as an independent."
—As he was dying in a Pittsburg hospital, Patrick Haynes gave direction for reaching his friends in Brooklyn, but letters and telegrams have failed to get response.
—The two daughters of C. F. Lawrence, of New Castle, publicly cowhided John Magee, a young man, who, it is said, circulated damaging reports about them.
—The aid of the Lackawanna county Court had to be invoked before a marriage license could be granted to a Senanton lad of 19 years, who had neither parents nor guardian.
—The 7-year-old daughter of Mrs. Fisher, of Rutherford, recently had sufficient presence of mind to throw a bucket of water over her mother, whose clothes had caught fire.
—Joseph Minnick, an inmate of the Harrisburg Asylum, escaped from that institution and wandered back to his home in Ashland, from which he also suddenly disappeared.
—A Lancaster jury awarded Abraham W. Gantz 1 cent damages in his suit against his brother Henry for \$1000 damages for circulating a report that Abraham had forged a note.
—What might be called a XXXX wedding took place at Kingston a few days ago. The groom, bride and best man were unable to write their names, and all made their marks.
—An unknown man about 30 years old was found dead in one of the gas ovens of the Warwick furnace, at Pottstown, on Monday, having evidently crawled in to warm himself and been overcome with gas.
—Aaron Werner, 35 years old, of Bushkill township, Northampton county, bought two quarts of whisky and drank it in a short time and several hours afterward he was found dead in a stable.
—The Coroner's Jury at Norristown yesterday held Charles Money and Peter J. Grady responsible for the death of Michael Kennedy by running against him while driving recklessly through the streets.
—John Nankervis, employed in the mines of the Phoenix Iron Company near Boyertown, was standing on a projecting rock when it fell a distance of forty feet, carrying him with it, but he escaped serious injury.
—John Evans, a contractor, had John Wagner arrested for stealing lead pipe. Wagner proved his innocence and was discharged, and at once entered suit against Evans for \$300 damages on account of his arrest.
—A squad of policemen was necessary to drive away the hordes of storekeepers who were trying to collect their bills from two carloads of Poles and Hungarians who were loaded at Scranton the other day for the Punksatwary region.
—J. Hayes, Sr., of Birmingham township, Chester county, planted a patch of potatoes on February 5, and if the seed does not die from influence or be blown into New Jersey by the March winds, he expects a crop of new potatoes by April 1.
—Nine-year-old Terissa Romack was terribly burned by her clothing taking fire a few days ago, and despite her suffering, she refused to surrender the care of the infant left in her charge to any one but her mother, who was temporarily away from home when the accident occurred.