## Democratic Hatchman.

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Ink Slings.

-In speaking of "marriage obsequies," our little neighbor, the Daily News, imparts too funereal an aspect to matrimony.

-It is hardly worth while to consider the question of ballot reform in this state until it is known what QUAY will allow the Legislature to do on that sub-

-Whatever opinions may be entertained concerning the character of the season that is about closing, it will be generally admitted that it wasn't a (n)ice winter.

-It is hardly probable that his friends could persuade MAT QUAY to take the gubernatorial nomination himself for the purpose of vindicating his reputation.

-In denying the farmers of the west untaxed twine the Republican party is doing much toward the preparation of the rope by which it will be hung higher than Haman.

-Mrs. HARRISON during her recent visit to their section greatly pleased the people of the South, but what section can be said to be favorably impressed by Mr. HARRISON?

-Good St. PATRICK maintained his well established reputation on Monday by bringing us a stormy day. But if he wasn't a little blusterous he wouldn't be a true Irishman.

-Castle Garden is literally lousy with Hungarians whom the industrial princes are bringing over to illustrate the benefit that "protection" confers upon American labor.

-The robin is adding his tenor to the soprano of the song-sparrow and the alto of the blue bird, and soon the bullfrog will be demanding attention as the bass-singer of the vernal choir.

-The farmer may possibly pay with more cheerfulness the tariff tax on his clothing and other necessaries when he learns that a paternal government has protected his hens from the competition of foreign fowls.

-In allowing himself to get so bigheaded as to believe that he could get along without BISMARCK, the young Emperor of Germany will in time discover that he didn't know as much as his grandfather.

-In neglecting to invite the United States to the Berlin labor conference Emperor WILLIAM may have been influenced by feelings that are yet affected by the asperities of the recent pork controversy.

heaven." That is so, but, then, it may of a time at home.

-It is said that the women of Cincinnati are all broken up over the representation that they toe-in when they walk; but we are sure that most women would prefer this pedal defect to the amplitude of the Chicago foot.

-It is well to observe Jefferson's birthday, but when it is seen how the free institutions which he did so much in helping to establish are being abused, some may be led to doubt whether such a man as Jefferson was ever born.

-Julia Ward Howe is said to be the best Greek scholar of her sex in this country. But there are lots of farmers' wives in Centre county who can beat her making pies, which in point of material importance is of more account than Greek.

-After the beneficent effects of free hides on the shoe and leather industry, by which it has been made the most flourishing in the country, the reimposition of a duty on foreign hides by the Mc-Kinley bill must have been prompted by nothing but unadulterated hightariff "cussedness."

-"Our Democratic friends make a free-trader out of Senator Allison about once a year," remarks a Republican paper. Oh, no, it is the Republican granger voters of Iowa who are reconstructing the Senator's tariff views. It will require the expressio n of but one more election to complete the job.

-Nothing lately has been heard of the ten-dollar certificates which QUAY and DUDLEY devised for the replenishment of the Republican campaign boodle fund. They would be found very serviceable in the approaching congressional elections should there be a deficiency of fat fried out of the manufacturers.

-The leniency with which the scoundrels of the Squeers soldiers' orphans schools syndicate were treated by the authorities may have had much to do in encouraging the outrages perpetrated in Philadelphia almshouses and institutions for the blind. If it was permissible to Do-the-boys in the orphans schools, what was more natural than the infer- the three leading principles of industrience that the blind boys could be done al and political progress, the Times is in the same way?



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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Naval and Military Tyranny.

With the light of recent developments brought out by official investigation, it is not difficult to see why service in the navy and army of the United States is not popular with those who compose the under stratum in those branches of the public defense. Desertions from the army are occurring to such an extent that it is difficult to maintain the complement of our small military establishment, while it is notorious that Americans are disinclined to enlist in the navy, and that consequently our naval ships are in a great measure manned by foreigners who have no natural feeling for our

The reason for this disinclination to serve their country in the capacity of soldiers and sailors was markedly disclosed in a recent inquiry into the conduct of an officer of the navy who was charged with tyranical and abusive treatment of the men under his command. But it doesn't require investigation to divulge the existence of such a state of affairs in both the navy and the army. The officers -particularly those of the lower grades-have always had the reputation of being unreasonable and tyranical martinets, who abuse their authority by abusing the men under them. This accounts very reasonably for the numerous desertions from the army and the reluctance of American sailors to enlist in the naval service. Men in whom have been instilled the spirit and independence that belong to the citizens of a free country, will not tamely submit to domineering and oppressive treatment at the hands of those who are over them, whether in military or in civil life. This is particularly offensive when the tyrant is some petty military dude who imagines that his shoulder-straps elevate him so much above the common material of the service that it is entitled to receive from him no better coatment than that commonly accorded to dogs.

The result of such conduct on the -A Western paper says, "buying part of army and navy officers apyour wife an Easter bonnet is not going pears in its more serious aspect in the to do much toward getting you into almost entire absence of Americans from the lower personnel of the navy. do a great deal in preventing a sheel In consequence the bulk of our naval force consists of foreigners of the lowest class, and it is easy to see how the honor and safety of the nation would fare under such circumstances should our ships, manned by men who have no inborn interest in the flag, be brought into conflict with a foreign enemy. Since we are getting a new navy such conditions should be brought about as would attract to it that class of native seamen who in times past emblazoned the history of American seamanship with deeds of undying fame. The flag, hallowed by the achievements of gallant Yankee tars under DECATUR, PERRY, BAINBRIDGE, STEWART and FARRIGUT, should not be left to the guardianship of foreign sailors. But that it is being left in that plight is in a great measure due to the offensive conduct of too many of our naval officers.

A Notable Anniversary.

Thursday of last week the Philadel phia Times celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of the date of its establishment, and it was able to do so with a proud consciousness of the high degree of prominence and prosperity it has attained. We all remember the first appearance of the neat and sprightly journal which fifteen years ago emerged above the dead level of journalistic dullness in the metropolis of our State, and inaugurated a new era in journalism in that quarter. It has energetically and intelligently maintained the character it then assumed, and has set an example which has exerted a great influence in placing the Philadelphia newspapers among the brighest and

ablest of the land. Without assuming a distinctive political position the Times has done some excellent political work, rendering a service that has told for the general interest of the country, and on many oc casions its efforts were attended with brilliant success in battling with local abuses, political and other kinds. In the present contest for tariff reform, ballot reform and civil service reform, in the forefront of the fight.

Republican Tariff Revision.

The new tariff bill which the Ways and Means committee have been ingaged all winter in framing, will soon be ready to be presented to the House, and what its rates of taxation will be on necessaries and unnecessaries is an open secret among those in Washington who are interested in it. There will be no relief from the tariff burden on the raw material of wool which has almost crushed the life out of the woolen industry, the bill being framed in the special interest of the gentle shepherds of Ohio, regardless of the welfare of the woolen manufacturers and the necessities of the wearers of woolen clothing. mighty expensive to the people of the

United States. The duty on steel rails will be fixed at this raised a howl of "free trade" that tion, and it was even admitted that steel rails are manufactured as cheaply in this country as in England, yet the large a margin within which the steel abuses practiced in the Squeer's syndicombines might plunder their cus-

The bill is going to be very liberal with the farmers whose dissatisfaction with their share of the benefits of "protection" is becoming alarmingly evident to the supporters of the tariff syser-twine robbery. An off-set to the struction of the Blind. gouge which every farmer is subjected to through highly tariffed lumber, salt, hardware and tinplate, is intended to be furnished by a duty on hay and potatoes. A triumphant cackle is to be excited in the barnyard by a 5 cents per dozen tariff on eggs, and it is proposed to complete the farmer's reconciliation to being robbed by tariff taxes on all the essential necessaries of life by putting a duty of 25 cents per bushel on

All this is a poor tribute to the intelligence of a class of people who these tariff mongers ought to know are fully aware that the agricultural abundance of this country needs no protection against foreign competition.

-Those who are in a situation to know say that the proposed farmers' encampment at Mt. Gretna, Lebanon county, is not of granger origin, but has had its inception outside of that or ganization. It may be a good movement, with an entirely unobjectional object, but it is claimed that it is not fair to the Grangers to represent it as emanating from a disagreement among them in regard to the William's Grove exhibition. The latter has been a great success, surpassing in its results anvthing of the kind in the country. There are complaints that it has been in too large a measure the source of personal profit. All such enterprises are liable to such an incident, and it is likely that the Gretna project has something of that kind in view.

Wallace at Home.

Ex-Senator WALLACE returned to his home in Clearfield last week from his European visit which was continued during the past winter. Upon arriving in New York some six weeks ago he did not go immediately home, but went to California to attend to interests with which European parties are connected. There are reports that he is prepared to take an active part in the State contest this year, and it is said that he does not conceal his intention of being a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor. There can be no question about his Democracy, and as a political organizer he has no superior. Under no other standard bearer could the De mocracy make a livelier or more aggressive fight although there are others who would make equally acceptable candidates.

Abuses in Charitable Institutions.

Some terrible revelations have recently been made concerning abuses practiced in charitable institutions in Philadelphia. The exposure of the ill treatment of inmates of the leading almshouse of thet city by the Inquirer, within the past year, has not been so long ago that it is forgotten. It excited public indignation and was the subject of condemnation at the time, but unfortunately it was not followed by the corrective action which the turpitude of the case demanded.

We now have revolting disclosures of abuses in the management of the Pennsylvania Institution for the In-Keeping Ohio in the Republican line is struction of the Blind, at Philadelphia, one of the charities supported by the State, involving carelesseess, if not positive dishonesty, in some of the managers, about \$13 per ton. The Mills bill put and in one instance criminal conduct of the duty at about the same figure, but a peculiarly repulsive character. There is something unspeakably revolting in sounded from one end of the country to the thought that the helpless blind, the other. Perhaps such an "ap- who are supposed to be comproach to free trade" is entirely admis- mitted to the charitable care of the sible when the tariff is being tinkered State, should be subjected to an unby "its friends." But, the fact is, it mentionable outrage by an attendant was shown to the committee that \$8 or whose duty it should have been to \$10 per ton would afford ample protective treat them with the greatest tenderness. But it isn't surprising that such a

state of affairs should exist when it is considered with what indifference laxcommittee has concluded that the \$13 ness in the management of our charitaper ton duty would not firnish too ble institutions is regarded. When the cate soldiers' orphans schools (were brought to light it required the greatest effort to bring the attention of the State authorities to them, and corrective measures were attended with the most disgraceful delay. And even after they stood exposed in all their enormity, tem. A heavy duty on beans and peas it was proposed to erect a monument to protect from interference their deis expected to placate the grangers who the memory of the officer under whose are getting mad about being compelled official maladministration they were to pay a double price for their clothing allowed to occur. Under such circumand other articles of domestic use. stances the public should be prepared that brought the Republican party A stiff duty clapped on barley is de- for such disclosures as have been made again into power. These were the obsigned to mollify feelings that have concerning the management of the Pennsylvania Institution for the In

> -The Lock Haven Democrat is publishing the New York World's expose of Boss Quay's rascality in instalments. As a continued story it makes interesting reading. Will the people of Pennsylvania allow the Boss to continue furnishing indefinitely material for such narratives?

Democratic Doctrine from a Republican Source.

The Philadelphia Telegraph should have no difficulty in seeing that it belongs to the wrong party. Its expressions concerning the leading measures of of its party's policy are antagonistic to them. This is particularly the case in regard to its economic measures, which are far from meeting the Telegraph's approval. It does not hesitate to say that "there is no apparent earnest or sincere effort" to pass the bills for the suppression of trusts that are before the present Congress. It can't believesthat a Congress that will maintain a monopoly tariff can entertain any serious intention of putting down monopoly embodied in the form of trusts. 'If Congress were in earnest," it says, if it really wished to abolish trusts, it could do it, in nearly all cases, by the very simplest and easiest means. Trusts generally are created and main tained by excessive duties, which kill "foreign competition."

Nothing could be truer than this, and it exactly expresses the Democratic plan of getting rid of trusts. Remove the source from which they are nourished and they necessarily die. The Republican congress prolongs their existence by continuing the nourish-

The Telegraph expresses a great

truth in the following paragraph: Protection is a good thing only when it is the servant of the people; it is one of the worst of things when it becomes their master and sets up great monopolies to plunder them. It should be dealt with accordingly. Congress can get rid of nine-tenths of the trusts if it chooses to do so. It would take no greater efpetition and enable them to absolutely control our markets.

This is a new sentiment as coming rom a Republican source. But it is one with which the public has been reform message of GROVER CLEVELAND. kind of voting.

Complaint from an Unusual Quarter.

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The Philadelphia Inquirer sets up a helpless cry for Congress to do more work. That body has been in session for more than three months and has done nothing of consequence in the way of legislation. The Inquirer, recognizing the fact that, as both branches are controlled by the Republicans, there exists no ground of day. excuse on account of interference by the opposition, which has been effectually forestalled, declares that the responsibility for this inactivity must be borne by its party.

When Speaker REED adopted his despotic methods, disregarding the prece dents of a century and ignoring customs sanctioned by the constitution, the Republican papers exulted in his course, justifying the revolutionary proceedings by the assertion that it was intended to expedite business which the minority had no right to retard by fillibustering tactics. They claimed that the unusual and arbitrary action of the Speaker was in the interest of legislation, which would be injured by partisan obstruction. But the Speaker has had his way for the last three months and such organs as the Inquirer, which are capable of seeing where the responsibility rests, are making complaint about Congress not doing any work.

But it is doing all that was intended to be effected by REED's despotic measures. By a complete suppression of any opposition that could have been offered by the minority, they are seating Republican contestants over the claims of Democrats clearly elected they are debarring opposition to pension, government building and other raids on the treasury, and will sign to continue the benefits of a monopoly tariff to the moneyed beneficiaries who contributed the means jects of Speaker REED's revolutionary pobut as to legitimate legislation, beneficial to the general interests of the people, that wasn't included in the de-

-The funeral of ADAM HART, the Lycoming county centenarian, whose death we noticed last week, took place in the Lutheran cemetery near Montgomery, and the pall bearers were six grandsons of the deceased. In the services the choir sang "I would Not Live Alway," which of course was not intended as a reflection upon the old gentleman for having hung on to life so tenaciously.

An Offensive Proposition.

The Republican scheme of making a negro State out of portions of the Indian Territory and Oklahoma isn't of a character that is calculated to secure the approval of white Americans. The latter can't be expected to approve of handing any of the national domain over to the exclusive control of negroes, however much it may suit the designs. of Republican politicians. The country is broad enough for the colored people to take their chances along with the whites, which they have a right to do anywhere within its limits, but neither their interest nor that of the whites would be promoted by setting up a Hayti or San Domingo in any part of our common territory. There is an affront to the American people in the proposition to create a State that should be under the exclusive control of any particular race, particularly an inferior

A Question of Interest.

We are the freest Free Traders under the sun among ourselves, but with outsiders we are Protectionists and propose to remain so while it is our interest to do it .- Philadelphia Tele

But with important industries, such as the woolen, declining under a blighting tax on raw materials; with our farmers becoming poorer from the effects of oppressive economic regulais then not protection, but aggression; and it tions, and all other classes suffering from tariff taxation on the necessaries of life; and with our carrying trade on fort to do it than by taking away their means the ocean almost obliterated by the deaf, did not hear the whistle. of life—the duties which shut out foreign com- nonintercourse policy of our tariff system. we would ask the Telegraph whether it is any longer "our interest to do it ?"

-The Kansas farmers had better stop familiarized through the great tariff whimpering and prepare to do the right

-Qaay's son, Dick, is slated for the Legis-

Schuvlkill county.

-The Mount Gretna Farmers' exhibition vill open about August 17.

-Chester county is having a serious time

-Luzerne county has forty-five religious de-

-Four girls and forty-eight men attended a South Easton dance a few nights ago.

-Dr. Daniel Prizer, of Lionville, Chester ounty, has seven foxes penned for a run

-An Altoona horse received two 1300-volt shocks fron a broken wire and was unhurt.

-For selling liquor in the guise of patent

-Warren county grangers will push the can-

lidacy of Farmer Samuels for the Legislature. -Chester people are engaged in picking

out eligible sites for their new public build -Jacob Fisher, of Kutztown, the oldest resi

dent ol Berks county, celebrated his 99th birth--The Westinghouse Company of Pittsburg

has an order for 11,000 air-brakes for a Western -The Lumberman's Exchange at Williams

port has decided to advance prices on hemlock lumber. -The disputed ownership of a \$25 heifer cost the contestants \$370 to decide it in Schuvlkill

county Courts. -A smoke-con

ess exhaust is being built at Pittsburg to be sed in Brazil.

-Emma Keller read in a Pittsburg paper that she was wanted by the police and she rendered herself.

-Five colored men summoned as witnesses to Ebensburg could not obtain entertainmen at any of the hotels.

-There were only twenty-three remonstran es against 470 liquor-license applicants in

Lackawanna county. -Dr.F. A. Tickardt of Bethlehem. for the

past sixty years a practicing physician; is dead at the age of 84 years. -A needle swallowed a year since by Josie

Fabian, aged 9 years, of Bristol, was cut from her side last Friday. Plumstead township, Bucks county, contains

forty persons whe have passed the allotted three score and ten years. -An alleged discovery of gold and silver

has been made on the farm of Jeremiah Staufer at Wooddale, Fayette county.

-The Grand Jury at Norristown has recom nended that tramps be employed at breaking stone or other useful employment.

-A special meeting of the City School Board has been called to arrange for the building of two new school-houses that will cost \$60,000 -There is a contest over the estate of Nicholas Seidel, of Alsace, Berks county, a raving maniac who spent fifty years chained to the

-After having shared the meat at the sup er table John Ryan, of Hyde Park, picked up he ham bone that was left and nearly killed

his brother-in-law with it. -A man, registering as William Slaughter' out his team up at a West Chester hotel, and and has not been heard of since

-Some Port Clinton young men tried to take advantage of the sleighing recently, and made a trip to Orwigsburg. They had to carry the sleigh back to Port Clinton.

-Christopher Schwartz, a prominent, baker of Allentown, has brought suit for \$500 damages against Elmer Berchard, who is alledged to have said that Schwartz sold stale bread.

-Being caught by a train on a railread bridge John S. Reddinger, of Tatesville, Bedford county, chose the alternative of jumping to the ground, seventy-five feet below, and was kill-

ed by the tall. -During a drunken row between twenty Hungarians at Coplay on Saturday one of the party had his nose broken, several received serious stab wounds and two children were in.

jured by being knocked down. -The attorney for the prosecution in a case on trial at Ebensburg referred to the defendant as "the — liar in Cambria county," and the remark excited no undue attention

from the Judge or members of the Bar. -The body of John Criswell, aged 65 years, resident of Waynesboro, was found early Monday morning near his kitchen door. He had been to church the night before, and his family thought he had been in bed through

-About six weeks ago Ellen Strange, a colored girl, aged 24 years, disappeared from her home in Middletown, and nothing was heard of her till Saturday when her dead body was found in the Swatara Creek, at Port Royal, near Middletown. -On Thursday a Hungarian of Milnesville

The bidding was spirited between a lot of the woman's admirers, one of the number finally captured the lot for \$32. The purchaser says he is well satisfied with his bargain. -The funerel of ex-Congressman Samuel

put up his wife, furniture and a cow at auction .

Calvin took place at Holidaysburg on Saturday, and was attended by many people of that place and from a distance. Mr. Calvin had been a School Director for forty years, and 1000 school children attended his funeral.

-Mrs. Hannah Davis, colored, died at the residence of her son, near Lincoln University, one day this week at the age of 93 years. She was the mother of twelve children, and lived to see seventy-four grandchildren, sixty-six great-grand children and three great-greatgrand children.

-William Memmert, a barber of Nazarath, was given a hearing before United States Commissioner Kilpatrack at Easton for sending bscene letters through the mails to the wife of Erskine Walter, a rival in business. He was held in \$1500 bail to appear in the United

States Court at Philadelphia. -John Huzzard, a well-known farmer of Kimberton, Chester county, was cut in two by an engine on the Pickering Valley Road at Phoenixville. He had started across the track as trains were approaching on the Reading and the Pickering Valley Roads, and, being

-The Pennsylvania State Poultry Association met at Harrisburg in the rooms of the State Board of Agriculture and effected a reg-State Board of Agricul lar organization by adopting a constitution and by-laws and electing the following officers for 1890; President, M. S. Sprout, Carlisle; Vice-President, I. C. B. Sands, Pottsville; Secretary N. G. Temple, Pocopson, and Treasurer, H. W. Vohle, Philadelphia,