

Ink Stings.

-In speaking of "marriage obsequies," our little neighbor, the Daily News, imparts to funeral 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 subject.

-Whatever opinions may be entertained concerning the character of the reason that is about closing, it will be generally admitted that it wasn't a (nice) 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 bull-frog 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 necessities when he learns that a paternal government has protected his hens from the competition of foreign fowls.

-In allowing himself to get so big-headed 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.

-A Western paper says, "buying your wife an Easter bonnet is not going to do much toward getting you into heaven." That is so, but, then, it may do a great deal in preventing a school of a time at home.

-It is said that the women of Cincinnati are all broken up over the representation that they too-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 McKinley bill must have been prompted by nothing but unadulterated high-tariff "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 expression of a 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 inference that the blind boys could be done in the same way?

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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.

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 tyrannical and abusive treatment of the men under his command.

The result of such conduct on the part of army and navy officers appears in its more serious aspect in the almost entire absence of Americans from the lower personnel of the navy.

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Thursday of last week the Philadelphia 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.

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 occasions 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, the three leading principles of industrial and political progress, the Times is in the forefront of the fight.

Republican Tariff Revision.

The new tariff bill which the Ways and Means committee have been engaged all winter in framing, will soon be ready to be presented to the House, and what its rates of taxation will be on necessities and unnecessaries is an open secret among those in Washington who are interested in it.

The duty on steel rails will be fixed at about \$13 per ton. The Mills bill put the duty at about the same figure, but this raised a howl of "free trade" that sounded from one end of the country to the other.

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 system.

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.

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Wallace at Home.

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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 the city by the Inquirer, within the past year, has not been so long ago that it is forgotten.

We now have revolting disclosures of abuses in the management of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, at Philadelphia, one of the charities supported by the State, involving carelessness, if not positive dishonesty, in some of the managers, and in one instance criminal conduct of a peculiarly repulsive character.

The Lock Haven Democrat is publishing the New York World's exposure of Boss QUAY'S rascality in instalments. As a continued story it makes interesting reading.

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 its party's policy are antagonistic to them.

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.

A Question of Interest.

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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 regulations, and all other classes suffering from tariff taxation on the necessities of life; and with our carrying trade on the ocean almost obliterated by the nonintercourse policy of our tariff system, we would ask the Telegraph whether it is any longer "our interest to do it?"

Complaint from an Unusual Quarter.

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.

When Speaker REED adopted his despotic methods, disregarding the precedents 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 filibustering tactics.

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 protect from interference their design to continue the benefits of a monopoly tariff to the moneyed beneficiaries who contributed the means that brought the Republican party again into power.

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.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

-Quay's son, Dick, is slated for the Legislature.

-Sam Leach is boomed for congress in Schuylkill county.

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

-Chester county is having a serious time over the high license question.

-Luzerne county has forty-five religious denominations within its borders.

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

-Dr. Daniel Priser, of Lionville, Chester county, has seven foxes penned for a farm.

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

-For selling liquor in the guise of patent medicine a merchant at Beaver has been held.

-Warren county grangers will push the candidacy of Farmer Samuels for the Legislature.

-Chester people are engaged in picking out eligible sites for their new public buildings.

-Jacob Fisher, of Kutztown, the oldest resident of Berks county, celebrated his 99th birthday.

-The Westinghouse Company of Pittsburgh has an order for 11,000 air-brakes for a Western railroad.

-The Lumberman's Exchange at Williamsport has decided to advance prices on home-locked lumber.

-The disputed ownership of a \$25 heifer cost the contestants \$70 to decide it in Schuylkill county courts.

-A smoke-consuming engine with a noise less exhaust is being built at Pittsburg to be used in Brazil.

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

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

-There were only twenty-three remonstrances against 470 liquor-license applicants in Lackawanna county.

-Dr. F. A. Tiekardt, 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.

-Pumstead township, Bucks county, contains forty persons who have passed the allotted three score and ten years.

-An alleged discovery of gold and silver has been made on the farm of Jeremiah Stauffer at Wooddale, Fayette county.

-The Grand Jury at Norristown has recommended that tamps 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 Allisoe, Berks county, a raving maniac who spent fifty years chained to the floor of an out house.

-After having shared the meat at the supper table John Ryan, of Hyde Park, picked up the ham bone that was left and nearly killed his brother-in-law with it.

-A man, registering as William Slaughter, put his team up at a West-Chester hotel, and after taking a meal at the place disappeared and has not been heard of since.

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

-Christopher Schwartz, a prominent baker of Allentown, has brought suit for \$800 damages against Elmer Berehard, who is alleged to have said that Schwartz sold stale bread.

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

-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 injured by being knocked down.

-The attorney for the prosecution in a case on trial at Ebersburg 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.

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-He had been to church the night before, and his family thought he had been in bed through the night.

-About six weeks ago Ellen Stranga, 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 Minesville put up his wife, furniture and a cow at auction. The bidding was spirited between a lot of the woman's admirers, one of the number finally captured the lot for \$22. The purchaser says he is well satisfied with his bargain.

-The funeral of ex-Congressman Samuel Calvin took place at Hollidaysburg 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 1300 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-great-grand children.

-William Mammoth, a barber of Nazareth, was given a hearing before United States Commissioner Kilpatrick at Easton for sending obscene 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 deaf, did not hear the whistle.

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

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