

Ink Slings.

Hello, Gov. BEAVER, do you know that there's a vacancy in the 3d congress district that should be filled by a special election?

After the avalanche of next November the Reed presidential boom may be exhumed and exhibited as a sort of paleontological curiosity.

Bondsman DARLINGTON'S vindication of QUAY has the defect of not covering the date of the steal. It is altogether too subsequent.

The seasons come and the seasons go, but the Lycoming judicial contest goes on forever. Like death, "it hath all seasons for its own."

Mrs. LOCKWOOD told a Bellefonte audience on Wednesday evening that marriage was not a failure. But wouldn't it be interesting to hear what Mr. LOCKWOOD has to say about it?

Grandfather's hat is amply large enough to cover President HARRISON, but in trying to get MAT QUAY under it also his Excellency will find it a good deal too small.

There is a dark cloud hanging over the agricultural interests of the country which some of the western farmers erroneously believe can be brightened by giving it a silver lining.

The letter which Representative FOW, who wants RANDALL'S place, has written concerning his attitude on the tariff question, differs from that clarion voice of his in that it has an uncertain sound.

When Speaker REED declared to the Pittsburg banqueters that "continuous victory we must have," he gave the reason for the desperate expedients to which he and the other Republican leaders are resorting.

What does the Altoona Tribune mean by saying that Hon JAMES MILLIKEN "has a quasi home in the city of Bellefonte?" Is it the purpose of that journal to impair Bellefonte's claim to its own and only MILLIKEN?

President HARRISON'S first veto was directed against the Mormons. As they can't get back at him with their votes he displayed no rashness in hitting them. It will be different, though, when pension bills are submitted to his consideration.

It is said that the English companies that are helping themselves to large chunks of the Dark Continent have prohibited the introduction of liquor among the natives; but British civilization will hardly be recognizable without the rum accompaniment.

The Philadelphia Press plumes itself upon having discovered that the Republican members of congress will solidly support the McKinley tariff bill; but as everybody knows that the party lash wouldn't allow them to do otherwise, we fail to see the brilliancy of the discovery.

It won't do to say in extenuation of QUAY'S embezzlement, that Pennsylvania did not lose anything by it. DON CAMERON, who made up the loss, is to be credited for that, although some may be disposed to find fault with him for interfering with the penitentiary's getting it own.

Worthy Master RHONE says, in effect, that the grangers would not vote for DELAMATER under any consideration, and would not touch WALLACE with a ten foot pole. In the event of the nomination of these candidates by the two parties, is it to be understood that the grangers will politically take to the woods?

In mentioning a recent visit of Attorney CLEMENT DALE, of Bellefonte, to Altoona, the Tribune, of that city, said that he was reticent about the Hastings campaign in Centre county. Probably that journal is not aware that there is nothing in the Hastings boom that is calculated to excite the enthusiasm of Mr. DALE.

Congressman DALZELL, the toast master at the Americo-Belshazzar feast, in alluding to "the revolution accomplished in parliamentary methods," spoke of that outrage upon the rights of the minority with as much satisfaction as a burglar would speak of the successful cracking of a bank safe among a gang of his pals.

SHEPARD, the well-heeled Pharisee of the New York Mail and Express, who heads his editorial columns with a fresh passage of scripture every day, zealously assists the blackguard of the Sun in abusing the private gentleman whose honest and faithful service in official positions won the esteem and applause of every fair-minded American citizen.

The Louisville Courier-Journal, reflecting upon what might have been, remarks that "had BOSS QUAY cut his throat or jumped into the Susquehanna, President HARRISON would now be practicing law in Indianapolis."—And yet there are people foolish enough to believe that BENJAMIN HARRISON disapproves of the methods of MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY.

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The Pan-American Farce.

It was proposed to follow the adjournment of the Pan-American conference with an excursion of the delegates through the Southern States, as a wind-up of the nation's hospitality to the distinguished Spanish-American representatives; but this was brought to a ridiculous conclusion by the excursion train being halted and called back after it had left Washington and gone as far as Richmond. It appears that only two of the delegates, MARTINEZ SILVA, of Colombia, and ZAGARRA of Peru, went along with the excursion, the others declining to take part in the junket. As the absurdity of continuing the journey under the circumstances was apparent, BLAINE ordered it to be abandoned.

This absurd wind-up was a fitting termination of the farce of calling together the representatives of American nations for the purpose of establishing commercial relations with them while at the same time our Congress was passing laws to more effectually keep their products out of our ports by increased tariff rates.

That the Spanish American delegates were impressed by this inconsistency is shown by the following expression of ANSELMO MORAGO, one of the Chilean delegates, to a reporter of the New York Herald:

The Pan-American Congress will not do this country one bit of good. It was a foolish expenditure of money, and it might as well have been saved. We have seen enough of this country, and want to get home. We are more than satisfied that the United States does not want the trade of the Spanish countries. Some of the merchants are in sympathy with us, but they are powerless. Your Government does not want to trade with us, and if we had known this eight months ago the invitation to look over your industries would never have been accepted. To-day the United States stands with a massive stone wall around it. We see no place to enter, and we can't very well tear it down to bring in our goods.

The cry of "Protection" has heartily disgusted all of the Spanish delegates, and they will be only too glad to get home and begin the work of bettering our trade relations with foreign countries. We do not ask you to allow manufactured goods to enter free of duty. Free trade, in every sense of the word, would be injurious to the United States and almost as bad as the present state. I do not think that Chili will feel quite so friendly to this country after this. Our government has taken on off all duties on all kinds of machinery, and every week mining machinery from this country is shipped to Chili. We do not charge you a duty; yet when we try to send our wool here you shut out our trade by a high tariff. We are not going to force our trade upon you.

We feel sorry that the expensive trip over the United States will not be worth two cents to the people who so royally entertained us, but that is not our fault. It lies entirely with your government. If your tariff laws had been amended before we came then the result would have been totally different. We have seen what a grand country you have here, but before the government gets ready to trade with us it is possible we will have forgotten you.

There is certainly great reason for the South Americans to be displeased. They do not ask the United States government to abandon a reasonable policy of protection. That question is viewed by them very much in the light in which it is viewed by the Democratic party. While reasonable but not monopolistic protection on manufactured goods is dictated by sound policy, and was endorsed by both the Mills bill and the Cleveland message, the economic folly of keeping out raw materials is as apparent to the South Americans as it is to the Democrats. And it is this folly, insisted upon by Republican leaders, that cripples our manufacturing industries, interferes with our commercial relations with other countries, and, by disgusting the foreign delegates, has made a farce of the Pan-American congress.

A Desperate Gang.

Was there ever such a brazen gang of political desperadoes collected anywhere as was gathered at Pittsburg last Saturday night? Flushed with his triumph over the freedom of the House of Representatives, Dictator REED appeared before this collection of reckless politicians and electrified them by the announcement that they must secure continuous victory by doing their own counting and their own certification. This shameless declaration of the Speaker was supplemented by the effrontery of BAYNE who paid tribute to the efficacy of the fat-frying process by saying that the money will be raised to carry out the scheme of continuous victory. Are not these fellows banking too heavily on the belief that public sentiment is utterly demoralized?

Wanting to Stem the Tide With Hastings.

Some of the more reputable Republicans of Philadelphia have taken a stand in support of the nomination of General HASTINGS as the candidate of their party for governor, being prompted to such action by the apprehension that their party would be in danger of defeat if a candidate of less personal strength than he is supposed to have, should be nominated. They admit this in an address which they have issued "to the Republican voters of Pennsylvania," in which, among other things they say: "The most thoughtful men of our party have not failed to discern that the tide of popular support which carried BENJAMIN HARRISON into the Presidential chair has been ebbing since the last election, and many strongholds of the Republican party have been captured and some States, hitherto Republican, have gone Democratic."

These well-meaning Republicans, however, would find that the nomination of HASTINGS would not stop the current of popular sentiment that is running against the Republican party in this State. The people have not only become nauseated by the general corruption of that party, but are being alarmed by its reckless policy that is undermining the fundamental principles of the government. HASTINGS has given no evidence that he would be anything more than the tool of the dangerous politicians who engaged in the reckless political carnival at Pittsburg as the guests of the American club. In fact he was a participant in that shameful demonstration.

We learn from the Williamsport papers of Tuesday that the Lycoming judgeship contest, which has grown old and rusty, has assumed a new aspect. The Judges were about preparing to close the case when on Monday the respondent received notice from the counsel of the contestant that a motion would be made to the court for a reopening of the proceedings. It is now for the Judges to determine whether this case shall continue indefinitely. It has already lasted long enough the make it celebrated as well as expensive.

He Should Come Over.

Prince BISMARCK being now a gentleman of leisure, some of his American admirers are talking about inviting him to come over and partake of American hospitality. So great a character as the ex-Chancellor, even if he were inclined to come, might not be willing to recognize anything short of a formal invitation from the government, but should he visit this country, either as a public or private guest, he would meet with a reception that would certainly be very flattering to him. He would scarcely realize that he was in a foreign country, for thousands of his countrymen would greet him, and he would hear his native language on every hand, and, as for his favorite beverage, he would find lager beer almost as popular in this country as in Germany, and probably as good.

It would be a grand thing for our German citizens to entertain the old Prince. Their flourishing condition under a free government would be a revelation that would do him good. Of course he would be an object of interest to Americans, who in their admiration for his hearty, bluff character and great ability, would overlook his enmity to the American hog. Should he conclude to come he can depend upon having a good time.

Eight Hours a Day.

The contention of the organized workingmen is for eight hours as the limit of a day's work, with full pay as compensation. The May demonstration is intended to enforce the demand for reduced hours of labor, the movement being in greater force than any that has yet been made in the labor interest.

The position taken by those who advocate the reduction of the hours of a working day, is that it would give a chance for work to thousands who are crowded out by the overwork of those who have employment. Its purpose is to equalize, as far as possible, the opportunities of those whose living depends upon their labor. The increased leisure it would give working people is merely an incidental object.

A Questionable Vindication.

The Republican State committee at its meeting last week in Philadelphia fixed upon Harrisburg as the place for holding the State convention, and the 25th of June as the time. Among other business it did was the passage of some resolutions, the leading one of which expressed their confidence in M. S. QUAY, and vouched for his reputation as against the charges to which it has recently been subjected in a manner peculiarly circumstantial and damaging.

As this committee is composed of the creatures of the Boss it was entirely natural that they should be zealous in giving him a certificate of character. But men less servile than these henchmen would have thought it due to public opinion that a leader, charged as QUAY is charged, should at least meet the accusations with a denial. If confident of his innocence they should have eagerly availed themselves of the opportunity of calling upon him to prove the falsity of the charges against him by a prosecution for libel. The confidence in him which they express does not come from a source that will assure the people of the honesty and purity of MATHEW STANLEY QUAY.

That he has not been officially notified of the death of Mr. RANDALL is given by Gov. BEAVER as the reason for his not calling a special election to fill the vacancy in the 3d congress district. This subterfuge would not be resorted to if it was a district that was likely to elect a Republican representative. A very small business indeed and therefore very much like BEAVER.

A Farmers' Tariff Bill.

The plan of aiding the farmers in their financial distress, as proposed in the Vance bill, which designs to make the government a factor in disposing of their surplus products, is already being abandoned by its projectors and advocates on account of its evident impracticability and unconstitutionality. Something that appears to be better is offered in the proposition of Mr. BLAND, of Missouri, who has introduced a tariff bill which would afford the farmers more relief than they can derive from the sham protection of the McKinley measure. It is designed to open the markets of the world to our agricultural productions which are now to a large extent confined to an overstocked home market by the prevailing tariff restrictions.

The plan of the bill is that all commodities imported into this country in exchange for farm products shall be admitted free of duty. Such importation of foreign commodities would be in proportion to the amount of agricultural products that would be reciprocal received from this country, the effect being to encourage other countries to become customers of our farmers, and the consequent extension of their market. They are now suffering chiefly on account of their not having an outlet for what they produce in excess of the home demand.

We have all along been having tariffs for the benefit of manufacturers, their tendency being toward monopoly; but it is time that some kind of a tariff should be devised that will benefit the farmers. It looks as if the Bland bill would answer the purpose.

An Important Liquor Decision.

The Supreme Court of the United States has just rendered a decision which is extremely discouraging to the good people who want to keep intoxicating liquors at a distance by means of prohibition. In a case brought before it from Iowa, the Court decided that the prohibitory law of that State could not prevent a citizen of the State from receiving a supply of liquor from another State. This is about the substance of the decision. The construction which we hear some put upon it, that it enables the person who receives it to sell the liquor to other parties in the State into which it has been brought, is certainly erroneous. The decision of the Court is that a Prohibition law is unconstitutional so far as interstate transactions in the liquor business are concerned.

There was a good deal of talking at the Pittsburg banquet, but Mr. QUAY'S silence on a certain subject was more expressive than the gab of all the others.

Contempt That Won't Serve Its Purpose.

The banquet of the American club, a Republican organization of Pittsburg, last Saturday night, presented itself in an interesting light as being a presidential boom for Speaker REED, who was a conspicuous attendant; but further interest attached to it in the expectation that it would furnish M. S. QUAY, also in attendance, an opportunity to rise in the presence of the club and its distinguished guests and at least deny if not disprove the charges by which his reputation, both public and private, is being so seriously assailed.

Mr. QUAY was at the banquet, but not a word had he to say in refutation of the damaging indictment. To his friends and retainers this may appear to be treating the charges against him with dignified contempt. But the contempt of a person who is charged with embezzlement and other flagrant offenses by responsible accusers can not be dignified.

When the parties who arraign M. S. QUAY declare that it was a no less noted citizen and Republican than C. L. MAGEE, of Pittsburg, who found the Pennsylvania Boss at the Lochiel Hotel in the early spring of 1879, desperately drunk and threatening to commit suicide on account of the discovery of a treasury embezzlement of \$260,000 staring him in the face, and that it was a no less distinguished personage and Republican than WAYNE MACVEAGH who used his influence to induce DON CAMERON to settle the embezzlement and thus save the terrified culprit from suicide or the penitentiary, it won't do, in the face of such specific designation of witnesses, for the Republican Boss to rely upon dignified silence and contempt for his vindication.

The farmers of Minnesota make a remarkable proposition in asking that binder twine shall be made in the State penitentiary, as a means of relief from the extortion of the Twine Trust. Things have come to a pretty pass when penitentiary criminals are looked to for protection against the robbery of Republican tariff laws.

Drifting Towards Pattison.

The drift of Democratic sentiment in Philadelphia on the question of the party nomination for Governor, has taken a decided turn in the direction of ex-Governor PATTISON. Within the past two weeks quiet but active work has been done in the interest of his candidacy with a result which shows that the estimation in which he is held by the Democrats of the city has not diminished since his retirement from the governor's office. It is reported that a number of leading Philadelphia Democrats have within the past week come out in his favor, including such leaders as ex-Postmaster HARRITY, ex-Representative GEORGE MCGOWAN, JOHN M. READ, ROBERT S. PATTERSON, Sheriff KRUMBHAAR, City Chairman DONNELLY, Magistrate JOHN SLEVIN, Select Councilman RYAN and ex-chairman JOHN JOHNSON. The statement is made that the Philadelphia delegation to the State Convention will vote for him almost solidly.

The Worst Yet.

The bill introduced by Senator HOAR, which is intended to subject presidential and congressional elections to federal supervision and interference, has been aptly described by Senator PUGH, of Alabama, as a design to "prostitute the judiciary of the United States to political and partisan uses."

This bill is the worst in the list of usurpations by which the party in power propose to maintain and continue their hold on the government. For this purpose the courts, controlled by political influence, are to be made party machines, and every election district is to be invaded by the agents of this new order of political absolutism. To what use partisan judges could be put in such a business, may be judged from the service rendered by Judge Woods in the Dudley prosecution.

Our free institutions were never before menaced by such danger as now threatens them through the reckless designs of men in whom partisanship has entirely destroyed the sentiment of patriotism.

Spawls from the Keystone.

Reading beaux are asking. The price of ice-cream has gone up.

Senator Quay has contributed \$10 for the workmen's library at Lancaster.

Greencastle boasts that it is the prairie town in the State for the largest number of loafers.

Meaville bobs up with another oldest Odd Fellow. He has been a member sixty years.

Execution was issued on Wednesday at Lancaster against Benjamin Sonder, farmer, for \$7500.

A gang of wire-tense swindlers are making life unhappy for the farmers in the interior of the State.

A child of John Shrom accidentally fell into a tub of scalding water at Lancaster and was fatally scalded.

Williamsport is rejoicing because the retail merchants of the State will hold their next association within its limits.

The insurance on machinery and stock of the burned silk-mill at Catawqua is estimated at \$30,000, and on building, \$50,000.

Dr. R. S. Marshall, a prominent physician of Allegheny, committed suicide last Friday by shooting himself in the head.

It is believed that in a short time all the turnpike roads in Montgomery county, which are valued at \$1,000,000, will be abandoned.

Supervisor White, of the Third Census district, finds it very difficult to find the proper men to fill the positions of enumerators.

Judge Stewart, of Chambersburg, has refused to release John L. Rhodes on habeas corpus. Rhodes is charged with killing his nephew.

Alfred W. Croll has been arrested at Reading and held in \$1000 bail on the charge of swindling people with the "green goods" game.

Matilda, wife of Milton Detweiler, a butcher of Pottstown, attempted suicide on Monday by cutting her throat with a razor. Her wounds are fatal.

Buck Mountain Colliery, at Buford Mountain, and Middle Lehigh Colliery, at New Boston, have suspended operations for an indefinite period.

A church organ is the bone of contention among the members of a congregation near Cressona, and the music in the air is very pronounced at present.

The body of Ellis Rhoads, a farmer who disappeared about four months ago, was found near the Reading Railroad viaduct across the Swatara at Hummelstown.

A bazaar got up by the ladies of Easton to secure funds for the erection of a city hospital was opened by Governor Beaver Friday night in the opera house of that city.

The trustees of the Bristol Methodist Church have threatened to prosecute some of the young folks who sit in the rear pews of the church and create disturbances.

There is a man in Schuylkill county who makes a regular business of peddling sand. He carries his product in barges on the Schuylkill Canal, and enjoys a large trade.

All the restaurants of Media were closed last Sunday through the quiet influence of Chie Burgess Reilly. He was asked to close them by the Young Men's Christian Association.

Through the generosity of W. C. Allison, Esq., the car manufacturer of Philadelphia, a large and commodious grand stand will be built on the Dickinson College new athletic field at Carlisle.

The jury in the case of Martin Wilkes, the leader of the Polish faction in the church war at Plymouth, rendered a verdict of guilty of aggravated assault and battery. Sentence was postponed.

James Shaw, the oldest resident of Carversville, Bucks county, while engaged in cutting down a tree on Friday afternoon, was stricken with paralysis of the heart, and died in a few minutes.

J. W. Orzell, Hanover, the wire fence swindler, who has swindled the farmers of York and Adams counties out of nearly \$125,000 has been arrested in Hanover. He gave bail for a hearing.

The Crawford county farmers will hold a Convention the coming week to nominate the candidates for the Legislature. The public road question is the one the farmers are keeping their eye upon.

Charles Johnson, convicted at Match Chunk for defrauding the people in Carbon county by obtaining subscriptions without authority and pocketing the money, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

An execution was issued on Saturday against Aaron Whitaker, proprietor of the exchange Hotel, one of the oldest hostlers in Wilkesbarre, for \$10,294. The writ was issued by S. B. Price, Trustee, to whom Whitaker gave a judgment note in 1880.

Lebanon Classis of the Returned Church convened at Sinking Spring Monday to try Rev. M. L. Fritch, of Skillington, on the charges preferred by a committee of Classis. The charges are theft and falsehood. Rev. Fritch was not present, as he denies the jurisdiction of Classis.

Annie Holland, the young woman who was arrested in Philadelphia last Saturday for abandoning her infant in the woods near Chatham, on March 31, had a hearing at Avondale and was committed to the Chester county jail without bail. She was afterward released on a writ of habeas corpus.

There was a big wreck on the Lehigh Valley Road on Sunday near Lehigh Gap. A freight train of forty-five cars ran into gravel train and scattered cars in every direction. Seven of the train hands were more or less injured, but none fatally. The collision was due to non-observance of orders.

Lawrence Smith, of Bethlehem, whose mind is said to have been affected by the grip called on Miss Fannie Flyte, to whom he was engaged to be married, on Thursday of last week, and said she would never see him again. He disappeared from his boarding-house early the following morning, and is still missing.

A Lehigh Valley passenger train struck and killed Mrs. Patrick McLaughlin, aged 65, near Hazleton Friday morning. She was on her way with her husband and two children to the depot to take a train for the West, where they were to reside. In stepping out of the way of a coal train she got in front of the express.

Sigfried's Bridge, Northampton county, has a marvelous medical case which the doctors are unable to account for. Mrs. Wucher, aged 40 years, has been afflicted with convulsions for over a year, which attack her every half hour, and last for some time. Although she has a strong inclination to drink, not a drop of water has passed her lips since Good Friday.