

Ink Stings.

-In the Press prize contest Miss GRANT will "fight it out on that line if it takes all summer."

-Colonel BAYNE couldn't have raised a bigger hubbub if he had thrown a Stone into a hornets' nest.

-From the report that a cracker trust has been formed it would appear that even hardback can't escape the grip of the monopolist.

-QUAY and DUDLEY wink at each other when the claims made that a Federal Election law is intended to secure honest elections.

-It was very reprehensible for those wicked Delamater men in Chester county to attempt to oust Brother HASTINGS from the amen corner of the Methodist church.

-We don't know whether there is any relationship between Miss GRANT of Sunbury and the illustrious ULYSSES S., but it looks as if she is at least going to imitate his example by having an Appomattox.

-To the average Oregon voter an appropriation is vastly more interesting than the economic intricacies of the tariff question. And he is not particular about having "the old flag" accompany the appropriation.

-The way the other Republican leaders of Ohio are disposed to jump on FORAKER since they've got him in a hole has the appearance of an intention on their part to make him serve the vicarious purpose of a scapegoat.

-President Harrison is going to take up his summer quarters at Cape May, but it is doubtful whether a Jersey mosquito that meant business would consider it worth while to try to get any blood out of his Excellency.

-Congressman WALKER, of Massachusetts, during the hot spell last week, took his coat off in the House in discussing the silver question. If it had been the gold question who knows but that he might have shed his shirt.

-Two Altoona papers are having a dispute as to whether SWISBURNE is an English or an American poet. Some people of pretty good poetical judgment, who have read his productions, are in doubt as to his being a poet at all.

-Generals BANKS was always more of a politician than a soldier. It is probably for his political services that the Republicans will continue to "stick to Banks" by putting him on the retired list as a Major General with a big salary.

-A New York heraldry expert was employed by R. B. HAYES to do a job of heraldic work for him and has been compelled to sue for his pay. Perhaps he wanted to work off on him a Shanghai rooster rampant as a suitable coat of arms and it wasn't satisfactory to the Ohio fraud.

-In view of the fact that one hundred and fifty white tiles, furnished by HASTINGS, will cover the delegation that will go to the State convention from Bellefonte in his interest, it will be a superfluous question to ask any one of them on that occasion "where did you get that hat?"

-It is said that the Postmaster General has protested against the nomination of DELAMATER and will throw his influence to another man. Probably Mr. WANAMAKER, who has a decided preference for religious characters, has heard that our DAN is a leading member of the Methodist church.

-You can join the Hastings club by going to W. I. FLEMING's and putting your name down for the trip to Harrisburg. A white hat will be furnished you. The boys intend to "whoop her up" for the handsome General, and will no doubt do some red painting while booming his cause at the State Convention.

-The McKinley bill is gayly waltzing through the Senate, but after it shall have been finally passed it will give the consumers of the daily necessities of life a dance that will not be quite so gay. But the sooner it shall come on the sooner will a disgusted people call a halt and stop the fiddlers. So we say, "On with the dances!"

-Envious of the big money that Terra Haute is making out of the races that are coming off there, an Indianapolis paper complains of that city's want of enterprise in not establishing a track and getting a share of the boodle. But if the Indiana capital wants a first-class gambling concern why doesn't it hold out inducements to the Louisiana Lottery which is now looking for a new location?

-The Bellefonte Band is industriously practicing "Annie Rooney," which they intend to play when they start with the Bellefonte delegation that is going down to Harrisburg to boom the nomination of General HASTINGS. It is to be hoped that when they return they will not have occasion to play "Down Went McGinty." But it may be prudent for them to prepare for contingencies by also practicing that tune.

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Fearfully Dangerous to the Republic.

A telegram from Washington last Friday stated that when Senator QUAY appeared in his seat that morning he received many cordial greetings from his fellow Republican Senators, and was subsequently overwhelmed with callers at his home in the evening, those who paid their respects being, of course, prominent in the councils of his party. It was also stated that the next day he was to have an interview with the President by appointment.

From this it appears that QUAY's position at the head of the Republican party has been in no way impaired by the indisputable evidence that he is the greatest political roguet that this age has produced. He does not deny the charge that he was a party to a theft of a quarter of a million of dollars from the treasury of Pennsylvania which he lost in speculation, and that the discovery of the crime would have brought upon him the punishment due an embezzler if the stolen money had not been made up and restored, not by himself, by another person. The commission of this flagrant crime is not denied by him, yet his fitness to be the head manager of his party is not questioned; senators and prominent leaders of that party crowd upon him to tender their congratulations; his house is thronged by his party followers, and the President, who owes his high office to the dishonest methods of this unparalleled political scamp, has a meeting with him by appointment.

There is a moral in all this, and a very bad one, too. When a party has become so debased as to accept with approving avidity the leadership of such a character, and looks to his management for the means of its future success, does not the existence of that party constitute a danger that fearfully menaces the Republic?

Grasping Too Much.

The protected glass manufacturers continue to show a desire to increase their profits by employing cheap imported labor. Some days ago seven Belgian glass-blowers, who arrived at New York as part of an invoice of low priced workmen, brought over to illustrate the beauties of the protective system as adjusted to suit the interests of the tariff beneficiaries, were detained on account of their having been imported in violation of the contract labor law, and will be sent back.

There is no class of manufacturers that are more favored by tariff duties than are the glass producers. Under the present law their protection is of the highest, and the new bill proposes to give them a still larger benefit. The duties it provides will be almost prohibitory. But instead of being satisfied with this, and letting the employees have a share of the bounty, they display a determination to have the additional advantage of paper labor. And, furthermore, assured of the passage of the McKinley bill, they are about forming a more thoroughly organized Trust, by means of which they may more completely pillage the helpless consumers of their product.

Educational Paternalism.

The Republicans of Wisconsin have gotten educational affairs in that State in a complete muddle by the passage of an offensive compulsory educational law. A bitter opposition has sprung up against it, not because it is a measure designed to promote education, but on account of its arbitrary and oppressive character. Protestants and Catholics are included among its opponents. The Lutheran convention held in Milwaukee, at which more than a thousand and intelligent representatives were in attendance, made a strong protest against the compulsory features of the law, declaring that its purpose was to deprive the parents of the control of their children. The Catholics also have pronounced against the substitution of the supervision of the State for parental care and authority in the education of children. Both of those large religious bodies object to compulsory education that is to be enforced without regard to place, manner and character of the instruction. In every field of its activity the Republican party is trying to establish systems of paternalism, governmental and educational, that can not help but be offensive to a free people.

Not a Tariff Victory.

There was an election in Oregon last week that was somewhat singular in its result. Democratic Governor PENNOYER was re-elected by a satisfactory majority, while the only member of congress the State is entitled to, was elected by the Republicans. The papers of that party are cackling over his election as an endorsement of the Republican tariff policy, but it really had no significance except as showing the appreciation of congressman HERMANN's success in getting appropriations for his Oregon constituents. The tariff question very naturally had no weight in the contest, as Oregon is so much to one side as to be out of the reach of the questions which agitate other sections of the country. Congressman HERMANN admitted this himself the other day when he said: "The election in Oregon was quite remarkable. It seems to have been non-partisan to a large extent. Districts supposed to be Democratic and which gave PENNOYER [for Governor] two and three hundred Democratic majority, turned around and gave me as much the other way. This was particularly so up around the mouth of the Columbia River, where I had secured liberal appropriations for the improvement of navigation."

It will be difficult to make a tariff victory out of such a result. Its only significance is that the people of Oregon have a weakness for fat appropriations.

The High License law in Baltimore is found to be working well in the interest of temperance as well as of the taxpayers. Since it went into operation it has closed 2000 saloons and increased the city revenue about \$600,000, leaving enough saloons to reasonably satisfy the thirst of the citizens. These are more practical results than have attended the prohibition laws of Maine and Kansas.

The Right Kind of Talk in Maine.

The Democrats of Maine didn't mince matters in making their declaration of principles at their State convention last week. They reaffirmed the cardinal doctrines of the party which constitute the basis of a true republican government, and they declared against that system of class legislation which places the mass of citizens under tribute to a favored few, demanding the reduction of tariff taxation upon the necessities of life in common use by the people. In treating this momentous subject they were naturally led to an endorsement of the wise and honest administration of GROVER CLEVELAND, and to high praise of the courageous statesman who first aroused organized opposition to the Republican policy of making millionaires at the expense of the common mass of citizens. One of the planks of their platform makes the following arraignment of the person who now occupies the Presidency, and of the congress that is controlled by the monopolists:

At the last presidential election the Democratic candidate's majority of 100,000 was set aside by the corrupt purchase of the votes in New York and Indiana by the Quays and Dudleys, and Harrison is in the chair as the result of this purchase. Since his admission to power he has shielded the bribers, rewarded the men who furnished the corruption funds, and muzzled the press by subsidizing its editors with the large offices, and the Republican leaders in congress propose to enact a tariff act for revenue, not even for protection, but as a job to procure means with which to purchase the next election at the polls.

In view of such a result of dishonest elections the Maine Democrats very properly included in their platform a demand for ballot reform.

A Williamsport paper gives a sweltering picture of the three astute Judges to whom has been committed the task of unraveling the mysteries of the Lycoming judicial contest, grappling with that interminable case during the hot weather of last week. Judges BRONER, MAYER and ROCKEFELLER are pictured with their coats off and the perspiration running from their learned brows while tackling the contents of the ballot boxes that are to be overhauled before it can be determined who was elected Judge last fall a year. It was a sweaty job for the judicial triumvirate; but the tax-payers of the county will be made to sweat a good deal more in paying the expenses of this Republican attempt to annul the election of a Democratic Judge.

An Attempt to Get Free Newspaper Service.

We are in frequent receipt of circular letters from the census bureau at Washington requesting us to publish their contents relating to the census, which is represented as intended to facilitate the collection of information required to complete the census returns. Most of it relates to statistical information about disease and matters pertaining to the public health. If we should publish these circulars they would take up much space in our columns, and as there is no suggestion of compensation, we are compelled to regard such a request for free advertising as rather cheeky on the part of a great government that has so large a surplus in its cash box that it is at a loss to know how to squander it.

The enumerators and others connected with the census work are not working for nothing, and we can't see why the printers, if their papers can be made useful in perfecting the census, should not be paid for such service. The matter already sent us for gratuitous insertion would, at our regular advertising rates, amount to several hundred dollars. We are not willing to do service of that value gratuitously for an individual who is as well served as Uncle Sam. For such service we think we should be offered a little of the "surplus."

If the subject matter which is requested to be published were such as would benefit our readers we would not for a moment hesitate about giving it free insertion in our columns. But most of it is intended to assist in securing health statistics which from their very nature will be unreliable and delusive. No assurance given by these circulars through the medium of the newspapers that information about physical and mental defects will be treated as strictly confidential by the census bureau, will induce people to allow the census enumerators to take an inventory of their bodily and mental ailments. We would regard the room occupied in our columns for this purpose as so much waste space so far as practical and useful results were concerned; but of course we would insert at regular advertising rates.

Quite a number of Philadelphia Democrats are being heralded over the State as having declared for PATTISON or WALLACE. Now, if, after the nomination is made, they could only be induced to declare for the ticket, and stick to their declaration, there wouldn't be any 60,000 Republican majority in that politically rotten city, and the country Democrats would for at least once have reason not to be ashamed of Philadelphia Democracy.

Why They are Leaving.

The Phillipsburg Wage-Earner notices the large number of miners from that region who have recently left for England, where they originally came from, many of them returning to their native country with the intention of remaining there. The causes operating in this matter are not hard to detect. Notwithstanding the "protection" afforded by a high tariff the wage-earners in the Pennsylvania coal regions fail to find their finances in a plethoric condition. They are even too poor to venture on a strike, although they have good and sufficient reason for such a movement, but know that it would bring only additional poverty and starvation. Under such circumstances it is not strange that English miners employed here should be attracted homeward by the flourishing condition of the miners in England whose wages have been raised 47 per cent within the past two years. It is a nice commentary on tariff protection that workmen abandon its alleged benefits and go to a free trade country to improve their condition.

During the current fiscal year there has been already paid out for pensions \$109,257,535, with a great many rusty old claims on the lists of the pension agents yet to hear from. Last year the amount of pensions paid was \$87,624,779. In this great land of ours peace is almost as expensive as war. TANNER was removed because his lavish disbursement of pension money was attended with too much jaw. RAUM holds his jaw, but in disbursing the cash he gets there just the same.

Hastings' Religious Reputation Assailed.

They had a fierce fight in Chester county for the gubernatorial delegates to the Republican State convention. The contention was between HASTINGS and DELAMATER, whose supporters went into the fight with a degree of personal acrimony unusual in such a contest. The Delamater wing of the contestants was led by congressman DARLINGTON, while Major McCALLEY headed the Hastings forces. The personalities that made it a nasty fight were directed chiefly against the Centre county candidate, the object being to break down his religious reputation and impugn his standing as a church member, with the hope that it would discredit him among that class of voters who want to have pious men in office.

The effort that was made by his enemies to create the impression that the General is not a christian statesman was so bitter and persistent that his supporters were compelled to write to his pastor in Bellefonte, Rev. Mr. HOCK, of the Methodist church, for a certificate that would confound the designing and wicked partisans who were trying to impair his character as a christian and a church member. That Mr. HOCK furnished Brother HASTINGS with the right sort of a document there can be no question, for the contest resulted in the complete defeat of his opponents by the triumphant election of his delegates. In carrying Chester county the General has not only made an encouraging stride toward a nomination, but the result has fully vindicated his standing as a pious member of the Methodist church. The people of Centre county were not cognizant of the extent of the General's piety, but as it has been vouched for by his pastor and endorsed by the Republicans of Chester county, there can be no question that if he should be elected his christian statesmanship would at least equal BEAVER'S.

The free library which Mr. CARNEGIE presented to the Scotch city of Edinburgh was opened this week with appropriate ceremonies. How much of it was paid for by the proceeds of the ten per cent. reduction of wages which his Braddock workmen unsuccessfully kicked against some time ago, would be an interesting problem for the high-tariff political economists to cipher out.

The Blair County Misunderstanding.

The Democrats of Blair county favorable to the nomination of ex-Governor PATTISON for governor held a convention in Hollidaysburg last Monday to protest against the choosing of Wallace delegates by the county committee and to counteract that action by the election of Pattison delegates. The convention consisted of representatives from most if not all of the districts of the county, and the speakers on the occasion claimed that they represented the great mass of the Democrats of the county. A resolution was passed condemning the action of the county committee as an usurpation of power, and delegates instructed to vote for PATTISON were elected.

This is an unfortunate situation. The wishes of the Democrats of Blair county should be properly represented in the State convention, and it is to be regretted that there should be a contention as to what the wish of the majority is as regards the gubernatorial nomination. This not being a time for irreconcilable division among the Pennsylvania Democracy, every effort should be made to secure an amicable and satisfactory understanding in such cases as that of Blair county. Coercive and underhanded measures should be avoided, for it is essential to success that when the nomination of the State ticket is finally made a general consciousness should prevail that it was fairly and honorably brought about.

Both the leading candidates, Messrs. WALLACE and PATTISON, are gentlemen of such high repute that any improper means employed to effect the nomination of either of them would be out of place, and would be repugnant not only to their individual feelings, but to the sense of fairness and honor that pervades the Democratic masses. Either of them on the ticket, or any of the other gentlemen spoken of in connection with the nomination, would be entitled to and would receive the united and enthusiastic support of the Pennsylvania Democracy.

Spawns from the Keystone.

-Montgomery county cats has been attacked by lice.

-Reading dealers have agreed to sell no oysters out of season.

-A visiting opera company left a trained pig behind them at Lancaster.

-The body of a man was found among the logs of the Williamsport boom.

-Stephen Henry Rice, of Potterville, is 75 years old and engages in foot races.

-A large stuffed hawk does yeoman duty as a scare-crow on a West Chester farm.

-A Columbia county postmaster was suspended for selling postage stamps on time.

-While picking coal along the Reading Railroad recently a Hungarian woman lost \$400.

-Two vicious dogs at Mineral township Venango county, have killed sheep valued at \$1500.

-Dunkard "love-feasts" are in progress at Richland, Schaffersstown and other points in the State.

-Tramps make a nightly rendezvous of the school-house at East Whiteland, Chester county.

-Bristol boys shot a dozen water-snakes the other day as they basked in the sun beside a stream.

-Eli Treager, a professional roach exterminator, has sued a Pittsburg proprietor for his bill.

-A barrel of porter on a freight platform at Lancaster exploded a few days ago and drenched several persons.

-Frank Vice, an 11-year-old lad of Bristol ran away from his home the other day instead of going to school.

-Mrs. Mary Hilsman, of Ephrata, aged 89 years, has just paid her 63rd annual subscription to a local paper.

-Because of a strike among tinmiths a big roof in Pittsburg is being tipped by employees themselves.

-At Hartsview recently a horse belonging to Andrew Myers ran a shaft through his side. He bled to death.

-An Italian crawled into a sewer at Pittston and disappeared. A search was made, but he could not be found.

-Andrew L. Shirk is on trial at Lebanon for shooting and killing Chief of Police McCord while resisting arrest.

-A hawk took up its residence in the cellar of an Elk Hill (Susquehanna county) house and cleared the place of rats.

-The 11-year-old daughter of N. H. Bream, of York Springs, attacked and killed a bald eagle, which she mistook for a hawk.

-Since April 1 it is computed that not less than 100 saws have been stolen from the unfinished houses at Lansdown and vicinity.

-A Lebanon woman has been arrested for deserting her child in an empty house, where it laid several days without nourishment.

-What is declared to be the biggest find of firebrick clay in the country has just been made on a farm at Fritztown, Berks county.

-The Survivors' Association of Hampton's Battery will erect a monument at Gettysburg, the fourth memorial shaft raised by this association.

-The Lebanon County Court has decided that the deboning of cattle is not cruelty, and has acquitted Joseph Horst, a wealthy farmer arrested for that offence.

-Miss Moore, of Sunbury, paid a midnight visit to her lover, Harry Harris, to warn him of the murderous threat of a rival, and early the next morning the pair eloped.

-Martha Walsh, of Sandy Run, aged 22 years, a guest at the Mansion House, Hauch Chunk, was suffocated on Tuesday night by blowing out the gas in her room.

-Arrested for running a speak-easy, a Pittsburg woman pleaded poverty, but her statement was discounted by the fact that \$210 was found in her house by the police.

-Eighteen thousand blank cartridges will be used by the Eighteenth and Fourteenth Regiments, of Pittsburg, on the 15th inst. when a sham battle will be fought.

-A swarm of bees alighted in the window of a drug store at Lancaster one evening last week, and the druggist locked them up over night. In the morning they were all dead.

-Two young men who display a remarkable knowledge of religious affairs have been traveling around the country about Honesdale, robbing houses where they could obtain board.

-Patrick Gorman attempted suicide on Friday night at Easton by swallowing laudanum because his wife deserted him and two babies. Prompt restoratives saved his life.

-Coroner Klump, of Allentown, is investigating the death of Benjamin Moyer, a weak minded farm hand of Weisenburg township, Lehigh county, who died on Monday last after drinking intoxicants to excess.

-The evidence is very strong against a brew L. Shirk, on trial at Lebanon for shooting and killing Chief of Police McCord. It is understood the defense will be that the accused was insane from excessive drink.

-Jacob Schultz, Jr., of Lancaster, left for the West on Thursday morning, telling his friends that he would not return for five years. Upon reaching Harrisburg he had an attack of homesickness, and returned on the next train.

-Benjamin Moyer, a weak-minded man of 34 years, living in Weisenburg township, Lehigh county, died on Wednesday of a beating sustained at the hands of unknown persons who induced him to drink intoxicants to excess.

-Frank Moore, a young Englishman in the employ of Frank Conly, in Abington township, Montgomery county, was seized with cramp while bathing in a pond near that place on Tuesday night, and drowned in full view of three companions.

-Harrison Wagoner, the aged pedestrian, trundling his wheelbarrow, and who left his home in McConnellsburg, O., twenty-two days ago, reached Hagerstown last week after having traveled 438 miles in twenty-two days. Mr. Wagoner is 89 years of age.

-Within fifteen hours, three prominent citizens of Montgomery county were officially declared insane. Charles Steeper, a wealthy resident of Springfield township; Christian Beener, a wealthy butcher of Norristown, and John Conard, a farmer of Whiteplains township.

-While assisting another negro in an attempt early Friday morning to rob the store and dwelling of J. G. Geterols, in Lower Providence township, Montgomery county, James Lloyd, colored, was peppered with shot by Mr. Geterols, captured and lodged in jail at Norristown. Lloyd's accomplice, who was armed and escaped.