

Ink Slings.

—CHARLEY WOLFE interjects into this campaign the slogan of '82. Dinna ye hear it, Bosses?

—In the numerous fights which are springing up among the Republican leaders it doesn't matter much which side Mr. HARRISON's on.

—If the Force Bill should knock out the Monopoly Bill it would go to show that the bayonet as a political instrument isn't an entirely unmitigated evil.

—Vice President WARR of the New York Central Railroad displays an arrogance in his treatment of the strikers that makes him appear as the Czar REED of railroad circles.

—The flowery eloquence with which young Mr. SWOOP opened the Republican convention on Tuesday, failed to enthrone the assembled delegates. Probably it was too rich for their blood.

—The pointed question which the colored Republican put to candidate DELAMATER at Chambersburg afforded another illustration of the fact that the colored brother has become a troublesome element in politics.

—The defeat of SAM LOEH for congress in the Schuylkill county Republican convention last Tuesday may have been in consequence of DICK QUAY souring on him. In such matters DICK reflects the acidity of his father.

—The Pinkerton detectives are a dangerous exorcism which should be rubbed off the surface of the body politic. In this free country there is but little use for a standing army, and one run as a private enterprise is altogether obnoxious.

—The brickmakers of Philadelphia at their picnic last Monday furnished a specimen brick which serves to show the character of the political structure which the voters of Pennsylvania are going to erect this year. They took a vote for governor which resulted in 916 for PATTISON and 305 for DELAMATER.

—The scheme of sending word out from Bellefonte a few days before the primaries that it wouldn't do to nominate Capt. MONTGOMERY, was a piece of boss business that would have done credit to MAT QUAY. The chairman of the Republican county committee is becoming quite proficient in that style of political management.

—At one point in the proceedings of the Republican convention last Tuesday it looked as if business would be suspended until a telephone message could be sent to Phillipsburg inquiring whether there were any more candidates lying around loose in that enterprising town who would be willing to take the balance of the nominations.

—We object to our lively neighbors of Phillipsburg moving the county seat, with all the official appurtenances, right away over to their thriving and ambitious city. They, however, may have the jail if they are willing to take the present Sheriff along with it as an encumbrance. That is the only condition upon which we are willing to part with that institution.

—There is a report that HARRISON and REED have become so angry at QUAY for his interference with the Force Bill that they have a mind to punish him by helping to defeat his candidate in Pennsylvania. It is to be hoped that this is not true. Such a display of hostility on their part would excite a sympathy for the Boss which that old political reprobate doesn't deserve.

—In nominating WOLF, whose candidacy was sprung on the party a few weeks before the convention, and rejecting Capt. MONTGOMERY who was in the field earnestly working for at least six months, the Republicans of this county reversed the old maxim that the early bird catches the worm. WOLF, however, by the time the campaign is over will find that the worm wasn't worth catching.

—Our old friend, JOE HOY, who is in a better political humor than he was last year, can't resist cracking a joke at the expense of the Republicans. He says they have a Beaver for Governor, have nominated a Wolf for Sheriff, and have Kunes on their ticket for Commissioner, and he brings the laugh in by saying that the Democrats will enlarge this collection of animals by giving them a skunk in November.

—CHARLEY WOLFE stated an undeniable fact to the Union county farmers when he told them that Republican supremacy in the State means the rule of the corporations; and he knew whereof he spoke when, on the other hand, he said to his agricultural audience that "Governor PATTISON had the honesty and courage to stand by the hoodwinked and oppressed farmer against the chicanery and oppression of corporate power." Mr. WOLF will state many telling facts pertinent to the issues of the campaign before the contest shall close in November.

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A Bugle Blast from Charles S. Wolfe.

We had no doubt as to the side on which CHARLES S. WOLFE would be heard in the contest in which ROBERT E. PATTISON is pitted against the candidate chosen by the corrupt Boss of the Pennsylvania Republicans.

Earlier in the season the Delamater organs announced with well feigned satisfaction that Mr. WOLF and others of the old Independents were going to stultify the position they took in 1882 against bossed dictation and machine rule by supporting a candidate who is the offspring of the perfection of bossism, in comparison with which that of 1882, objectionable as it was, might have been considered decent and tolerable. The organs claimed that Mr. WOLF was going to subject his honorable independence of eight years ago to such stultification, but we didn't believe it.

At the Union county farmer's annual picnic last week he proved that he isn't that kind of a man.

On that occasion he arraigned with his usual force the bosses and machine men who for years have been using the Republican power in this State for the benefit of the railroads that have discriminated against the interests of the farmers, and who, for the promotion of corporate interests and the aggrandizement of corporate power, have prevented the enforcement of those provisions of the State constitution which were intended to shield the people against corporate encroachment and usurpation. He was quite plain in expressing his opinion that Mr. DELAMATER represented this malign influence.

Mr. WOLF gave an illustration of the complete subjection of the Republican leaders to the railroad power.

He further arraigned them for the failure of the Revenue Law designed to benefit the farmers by an equalization of taxes, which in its passage from the Speaker of the Senate to the Governor was so mysteriously manipulated that it vanished entirely from human sight.

He also charged that when Governor PATTISON had the courage to bring suits against certain corporations for establishing freight pools, coal combinations and other abuses, the corporate power thus righteously assailed had no other escape than "to elect a Governor who would discontinue the litigation."

If under BEAVER the corporations have been allowed to have their own way, what would they not be permitted to do if the servant of the Standard Oil Company and the choice of M. S. QUAY could be made Governor of the State?

The campaign against the abuses which so long have injured and oppressed the people of Pennsylvania could not have been opened more forcibly and effectually than was done by Mr. WOLF at the Union county farmers' picnic.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, the head of the Standard Oil Company, denies that he is going to endow a Baptist university with \$20,000,000. The Baptists can consider themselves lucky in not becoming the recipients of such a questionable benefaction. Money acquired by the methods of a grasping, heartless monopoly is not the kind of stuff to put into institutions intended to promote religion and morality.

A Choice of Alternatives.

Mr. JAMES DOBSON, the great woolen manufacturer of Philadelphia, who has been a very Trojan in upholding the high tariff exactions, in a letter urging the immediate passage of the McKinley bill gives a pitiful description of the present condition of the woolen industry. He says: "The woolen trade all over the country is in a worse condition now than for years, and we certainly need either greater protection on the finished goods or freer raw material."

Why not adopt the remedy of "freer raw material" which he admits to be one of the alternatives in this dilemma? Why increase the cost of the people's clothing, already too high, by another turn of the tariff screw, when free raw materials, as recommended by GROVER CLEVELAND and advocated by the Democratic party, would relieve the woolen men in their embarrassed condition and at the same time reduce the cost of one of the prime necessities of civilized life?

Delamater Pleads Not Guilty.

A colored man at a Republican meeting at Chambersburg last week was instrumental in forcing candidate DELAMATER to break the silence which he so long maintained under the damaging charges brought against him by ex-Senator EMERY.

The Republican candidate was addressing the meeting and was having smooth sailing in his exhortation to his hearers to stick to the ticket and maintain inviolate the blessed tariff by the election of the candidates furnished by the Boss, when suddenly and unexpectedly, in the midst of his harangue, a colored brother arose in the audience and expressed an uncontrollable desire to hear something about the Emery charges.

The colored gentleman, no doubt, had heard enough about the tariff and wanted to get down to business that had some connection with the campaign, and it is altogether likely that the speaker, so startlingly interrupted, had he dared to express his opinion of that ebony Republican, would have called him an impertinent nigger. But having to face the interrogatory about the charges which represent him to be guilty of bribery, forgery and perjury, as a matter of course he pleaded "not guilty."

What less could he have done? It is the plea almost invariably put in by every culprit arraigned before a court of justice, but the court doesn't immediately order an acquittal because the prisoner says the indictment isn't true.

Congressman Kerr Should Be Renominated.

Democrats all over the State feel an interest in Hon. JAMES KERR's being sent back to congress for another term. They are interested in him not only for the reason that he has made an excellent representative and an earnest and active supporter of democratic principles in the treatment of all the measures that have come up in the House since he has been a Member, but also because the position in which he has been placed at the head of the Democratic State Committee requires of his Democratic constituents that they show their appreciation of his service and their acknowledgement of his worth by the endorsement of a renomination. While he is attending to the business of the State campaign he should be encouraged in the work by the approbation of the Democrats of his district which would be expressed by making him again their candidate for Congress. On this subject the Philadelphia Record expresses the sentiments of the Democracy of the State by the following sensible and well-timed words.

Representative James Kerr, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, will have no opposition in his own county of Clearfield for renomination to Congress. He should have none in the other counties—Clarion, Forest, Elk and Centre—which with Clearfield make up the Twenty-eighth district. With the possible exception of Forest county the whole district is strongly Democratic. A Democratic nomination is equivalent to an election.

While Mr. Kerr is lending his whole time and best efforts to insure Democratic success in the State, his fellow-Democrats whom he has repeatedly served at Washington should see to it that his necessary absence from his own camp shall do him no injury. It is the custom to elect a faithful Representative for a second term. It would be a still better custom to elect faithful Representatives as long as they shall be faithful. But in Mr. Kerr's case, standing as he does now as the representative of the party throughout the State, it would be not only a mistake but a mishap not easily reparable to cut him off with a single term.

The moral effect of not giving him a renomination while in his position as Chairman of the State Central Committee and manager of the campaign, would be damaging to the Democratic cause. This is something which, in this connection, should be taken into account.

That Centre county will throw no obstacle in the way of Mr. KERR's renomination is a fact well understood. The people here are for him, the candidate of the county—COL. SPANGLER—is for him and he has had the manliness to so declare publicly. His confederates are warm Kern men, and political trouble takers outside of the district need have no fears, as to the final result. Mr. KERR will be renominated, and elected by a much larger majority than was given him two years ago.

Probably the reason why Speaker REED doesn't want to have COOPER on the Raun investigating committee is that he is afraid he might put a head on the Commissioner of Pensions.

Edmunds in the Role of a Kicker.

Who would ever have thought that Senator EDMUNDS would be a kicker against even the most iron-clad party regulations? But it is a fact that after the Senate caucus last week he expressed his dissatisfaction with the arrangements that had been made to keep the Republican Senators down to the line of duty prescribed by the managers. He inveighed against the criminal extravagance of passing the river and harbor bill when there is a deficit of \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 staring congress in the face, and the obstinacy with which the members of the Finance Committee are tramping down matters of important legislation in order to rush through the tariff bill. As friendly as he is to the Force Bill he does not want the Tariff Bill disposed of without a full debate, and he charged its managers with having handled it for the benefit of special interests and in entire forgetfulness of every principle of right and justice.

There must be something very palpably wrong in Republican management when a veteran party man like EDMUNDS is compelled to kick.

"Goodby to that corpulent old Treasury surplus if your Uncle BEN BUTLER ever gets a whack at it," remarks the Philadelphia Press. But the corpulency of the surplus is being so rapidly reduced by the Republican treasury raiders pegging away at it, that by the time BEN's turn shall come there will be hardly a shadow of it left for him to whack at.

Diplomatic Impudence.

No American Minister abroad ever did any thing as cheeky as that which Minister WHITEHEAD RIED is now doing in France. The government of that country has excluded the importations of American pork, its purported object being to protect the French pork raisers from the competition of foreign production. Mr. RIED has entered a protest against this, expostulating with the French authorities for pursuing a policy so injurious to American interests and unfriendly to a people who have always been on such good terms with the French.

To read the long expostulation of the American Minister, which has been republished in the papers in this country, one would almost be led to believe that the American government has been the most liberal in the world in allowing importations from foreign countries, and had a right to complain of illiberal trade regulations on the part of other governments, when, in truth, at the very time when Minister RIED is calling the French authorities to account for laying an embargo on American pork the congress of the nation he represents is engaged in increasing the tariff restrictions on foreign importations almost to the point of prohibition. Surely the French have a reason to regard our Minister's action in this matter as a remarkable case of diplomatic impudence.

It is unfortunate that France can justify her exclusion of American pork by pointing to the American tariff which imposes restrictive duties on French productions. It is also unfortunate that other foreign governments are adopting the same method of retaliation by excluding the agricultural products of the United States. It is rough on the American farmers, but the American government should not complain about it, for it is only applying to her the treatment which she accords to other nations.

The struggle for sheriff is causing an ugly snarl among the Republicans of Philadelphia which is likely to demoralize their entire campaign. The report that QUAY was going to take upon himself the authority of determining who should be nominated for sheriff raised a storm of angry protestation, and now the opposite report that he has concluded to take no part in the fight is greeted with derision by those who are best acquainted with his disposition to manage all the details of the party machinery. They remember the promise he made to Mayor FITLER that he wouldn't interfere with the Harrisburg convention, a promise which he kept by sending his son DICK to the convention to carry out the orders he sent from Beaver by telegraph.

Some Census Facts.

Enough is known of the result of the census to give a definite idea of the relative growth of the different States in population. New York State still keeps the first place, with a population of nearly six millions, but the percentage of her increase during the last ten years has not equalled that of Pennsylvania which easily continues to be second, with a population of about five million three hundred thousand. The difference between these two leading States in 1880 was about 800,000; it is now not more than about 600,000.

The increase in New York State in the last decade was made principally in the two great cities of New York and Brooklyn, the other districts having grown very little, if any, in population. In Pennsylvania the growth of Philadelphia was disappointing, the great increase of nearly a million in the population of the State having occurred outside of its leading city, principally in the coal districts.

We have seen the returns from but one of the coal counties, that of Northumberland, which shows a population of 75,000, an increase of over 50 per cent. in the last ten years. No doubt the others have done as well, and we may expect to see equal gains in Schuylkill, Carbon, Luzerne, Lackawanna, and the bituminous counties of Clearfield, Jefferson, Indiana and the Connelville and other coke regions. Bituminous coal as an element of growth has vastly developed since 1880.

No doubt there has been a considerable increase of population in the oil counties, but not near as much as would have taken place if the benefits of that great natural resource of this State had not been diverted to other States by the Standard Oil Company which has been assisted in robbing Pennsylvania of the larger portion of the results of its petroleum production by such agents as DELAMATER, the Republican candidate for Governor. The census returns show that there has been little, if any, increase in the strictly rural counties of Pennsylvania, some of which have, in fact, diminished in population. This is a bad showing for districts which were erroneously believed to have been benefited by a tariff-furnished home market.

A local Republican paper, speaking of the Democratic county convention of last week, said: "The convention last week was a fair sample of the power and rule of bossism." This haphazard assertion was indulged in for want of something else to say. In what way did bossism make itself manifest on that occasion, and who was the boss? The paper that makes this foolish charge gives a willing support to a State ticket which is admitted even by Republicans to have been the handiwork of BOSS QUAY.

A Republican Protest Against the Tin Plate Robbery.

It was an interesting set-to the Republican Senators had over the tin-plate extortion in the tariff bill. Senator PRIME, representing the anti-tariff Republicans of the prairie States, begged his Republican colleagues "not to 'fuse an increase of duty on all the tin 'ware used in the country, on every tin cup, on every tin plate and coffee pot, and on every yard of tin-roofing in the United States.'"

The protesting Kansas Senator indignantly declared that "not one single consumer of tin plate had asked for 'the increase of the duty on tin,' which will make every housekeeper and fruit-canner pay increased tribute to a pampered syndicate controlling the tin trade, for whose benefit, he said his colleagues had permitted themselves to be urged into overriding public opinion and disregarding the great mass of consumers."

A Democrat of the Cleveland stamp could not have employed stronger terms in denouncing this tin-plate robbery than were used by the Kansas Senator. But what availed his protest in the interest of the western farmers, housekeepers and fruit-canners as against the demands of an infant industry whose promoters want to become millionaires with the rapidity that is ensured by tariff extortion?

HASTINGS, BROWN, COBURN & Co., couldn't have put things in better shape for the success of the Democratic county ticket.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—A cat at Renovo kills 50 sparrows a day.

—Clinton Schneck, who murdered Louisa Brunst, died in Montgomery county Jail.

—A 35-year-old horse died at Springfield township, Chester county, a few days ago.

—Corn and potatoes are plenty in Berks county, but the fruit crop is a dead failure.

—The August term of the Criminal Court opened at Lancaster on Monday with 166 cases on the trial list.

—At a rat-hunting match at Minersville a young man was shot in the breast and killed by a companion.

—The wheat thus far thrashed in Lancaster county averages from fourteen to eighteen bushels to the acre.

—The dwelling of E. C. Savage was robbed on Wednesday night at Bloomsburg of \$500 worth of jewelry.

—Lewis Derr, of Lebanon, dangerously wounded Charles A. Gronon while shooting sparrows on Thursday.

—At Reading a man in a drunken stupor laid down on the pavement and two bull-dogs kept guard over him.

—Black diphtheria has broken out among the children at Miner's Mills. Three are dead and twenty-two are sick.

—Just as a Pittsburg minister had pronounced him a husband Thomas Davis was arrested for beating his mother.

—In one single night recently R. J. Mills, of Pottsville, rescued a woman from ruffians and was himself held up by traps.

—Harvey Dougherty, a boy, while hunting birds near Johnstown, accidentally shot and killed Mollie Mangus, 15 years old.

—A race to be run at night under the electric light is a feature talked of by the managers of the Cumberland county fair.

—Some Harrisburg Nimrods are hunting for a big animal supposed to be a panther that has taken up its residence near the city.

—Five Italians have been committed to prison at Reading, charged with inciting to riot and threatening to kill their foreman.

—Madison Quay, of West Pikesland, Chester county, still carries his hand in a sling, the result of an accident sustained five years ago.

—Joseph Toner, of Derry, in attempting to jump from a freight train struck his head against the ties and half his scalp was torn off.

—There is an impression in Pittsburg that murderer Smith can be hanged in spite of the order of Court to send him to an insane asylum.

—A Langhorne man is fitting up a pigeon house to accommodate 1000 birds. This will be the largest flock of carrier pigeons in the country.

—At a Sheriff's sale of a farm of eighty-two acres in Solebury township, Bucks county, last week, it brought only \$90 above the mortgages on it.

—A horse drawing a wagon loaded with small boys ran away a few days ago at Lancaster and scattered the youngsters all over the street.

—The members of a quarrelsome family at Williamsport have preferred charges and counter-charges against each other until they are all in jail.

—Alleged violations of the Child Labor law will result in the arrest of a number of Reading manufacturers in order that test cases may be made.

—Lima oil certificates were dealt in for the first time on open board at Pittsburg Tuesday. The Standard Company has issued 8,000,000 certificates.

—The 14-year old son of Joseph Klingler, a well-known farmer of Bethel township, Lebanon county, fell from a straw stack on Wednesday and was killed.

—Thursday evening's hail storm did a great deal of damage to the tobacco crop in the southern part of Lancaster county. The loss will be very large.

—Mrs. John Bartlow was killed and seven others seriously injured by being run down by a freight train, while walking on a railroad bridge near Hyndman.

—William Keller, of Rockland, while on his way to campmeeting on Sunday was killed by the train on which his daughters were being carried to the camp grounds.

—James Bishop, of Mount Joy, who ran away from home 15 years ago, was recently recognized by friends among the regular army men stationed at Mount Gretna.

—John Gallagher, of Allentown, was so pleased because his wife and mother-in-law were going to California that he got drunk and on Friday was found dead in bed.

—Mrs. Martha Cook and Miss Mary Stack, of Wrightsville, Lancaster county, claim to be the oldest living twins in the United States. They were 88 on the 29th of July.

—Mrs. Wucher, the Whitehall faster, has passed the 136th day of her enforced fast. She seems to be getting somewhat stronger, and the doctors think she will live another week.

—Fred Babner, of Reading, suddenly experienced a loss of weight from 136 to 86 pounds, and a few days ago found the cause of it to be five lizards that had been living in his stomach.

—Nicholas Brandon, a dissipated character, was burned to death in his house early Monday morning at West Hazleton. It is supposed that he upset a lamp while he was intoxicated.

—Little Katie Rau, of Reading, is dying from injuries received by being tossed by a vicious cow, whose owner, John Stark, has since been arrested for allowing the animal to roam at large.

—Because a South Bethlehem Hungarian with a weakness for singing would not desist in his warbling of "Lili An Rooney," on Sunday night, his boarding boss knocked him insensible with a flat-iron.

—A 14-year old son of William Irwin, of Marysville, was buried between fourteen feet of dirt and stones while helping his father about an old well. He was dug out after four hours, conscious and only slightly bruised.

—David Thomas, aged 12 years, of Shamokin, who was arrested for burglary a few days ago, was subsequently discharged from custody on account of the social position of his parents. He has since been rearrested on another charge.

—Impure drinking water is said to be the cause of the typhoid fever that has attacked the family of William Fike of Douglassville. A grown son and daughter have already died, and Mrs. Fike and four children are in a critical condition.

—Thomas Phillips, of Carbondale, was found dead on a railroad track at Scranton Sunday morning. His head was crushed in and his pockets were emptied of their contents. The belief is that he was murdered, and Coroner Gardner has set about to unravel whatever mystery is connected with the death.