

The McKinley Bill with a reciprocity clause would be protection with a free trade annex.

A farmer with a big peach crop this year would be strongly tempted to put on the airs of a plutocrat.

We hope that DELAMATER will not be withdrawn in the midst of the contest. It would eliminate much of the fun.

Tyson had better keep his eye on the fellows who will go about in Wolf's clothing seeking whom they may devour by a trade.

Well may JOHNNY DECKER say that "sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless and ungrateful Commissioner's clerk."

It is doubtful whether being prodded by the bayonet would be much more intolerable to the people than being robbed by a monopoly tariff.

Emperor WILLIAM having called on Czar ALEXANDER, he shouldn't overlook Czar REED if he wants to treat all the crowned heads with equal consideration.

The stranger who would have taken the Republican gathering in the Court House on the 19th of this month for a Prohibition convention, would have been badly fooled.

Some arrangement should be made in Republican conventions that will enable the delegates to indulge in liquid refreshments without the bulk of them going out at one time.

When Kansas farmers have to pay 15 per cent. a month for money to move their crops, it would have been about as profitable to them if the grasshoppers had done the harvesting.

The Philadelphia Inquirer declares that a vote for DELAMATER is a vote for protection. In one sense this is true. The election of QUAY's candidate would protect the corporations.

The numerous Republican candidates in Philadelphia are already beginning to resort to ways that are dark and tricks which the November election will prove to have been vain.

An American monument to the memory of Lafayette is to be erected. As the military service which this will commemorate was rendered over a hundred years ago, there is still hope for a Grant monument.

Some change should be made in the rules regulating the proceedings of Republican conventions in Centre county with the object of avoiding the intervention of too long a time between drinks.

The failure of the proposed strike on the Vanderbilt railroad system affords another illustration of the inability of dependent wage-earners to hold their ground in a controversy with boundless wealth.

EDISON has invented a machine by which he hopes to be able to hear sounds produced in the sun. Who knows but that by the aid of this machine something may yet be heard from QUAY in reply to the treasury raid charges brought against him.

WALT WHITMAN, the vernal poet, in an interview with a reporter of the Philadelphia Times, spoke of President HARRISON as a man who is "wrapped in the tripple brass of his own selfishness." There is more truth than poetry in this description.

As they have the authority of Mr. BLAINE that the McKinley Bill "doesn't contain a section or a line that will open a market for another bushel of wheat or another barrel of pork," even Republican farmers may be indifferent as to what shall become of that bantling of the monopolists.

No wonder the Republican managers insist that the tariff is an issue in the Pennsylvania gubernatorial election. When the tariff beneficiaries tell the Boss that he can't have a dollar from them for the Delamater campaign until the McKinley bill is passed, its importance as an issue at once becomes apparent.

The small number of f. and b. cases in court this week compared with the numerous charges of assault and battery, would appear to indicate that the admirers of Mars have been getting in more work than the votaries of Venus. We leave it for the professional moralist to determine whether this is an improvement in a moral point of view.

Free trade would close the mills and furnaces of Pennsylvania and throw thousands of working people out of employment," shrieks a Republican paper in an adjoining county. Probably free trade would do this, but the reform of a monopoly tariff would benefit working people and be a boon to all classes of consumers. There is no use to borrow trouble about free trade. Even Mr. BLAINE can hardly be considered in earnest in advocating free trade of the reciprocity variety.

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Unworthy Pensioners.

General BARLOW was one of the most gallant soldiers who fought for the Union during the war of the rebellion. He entered the service as a private in 1861 and rose to the rank of Major General. Of all the brave men who faced the perils of the conflict none surpassed him in bravery or fidelity to the cause of the imperiled republic.

This distinguished soldier and eminent Republican has written a paper on the pension question in which he condemns the comprehensive system which is converting the survivors of the war into a vast body of mendicants and government dependents. He says that the Disability law—the same that was vetoed by GROVER CLEVELAND and since passed by the present congress and signed by President HARRISON—goes to "the extreme length of declaring it the duty of the nation to tax its citizens to support every soldier who cannot support himself, even though he may not have incurred the slightest disability in the service or have been exposed to any of the real dangers and hardships of war, and even though he may have been perfectly worthless and have rendered no service whatever."

A part from the demoralizing and degrading effect of making patriotism a thing of money value, he gives a graphic description of the worthless and unworthy characters who by this indiscriminate system of pensions will be placed on an equal footing with brave soldiers whose courage was of service to the country in its hour of peril. Is it right that the country should be taxed for the benefit of the skulkers and coffee coolers whom he describes in the following paragraph?

I was wounded at the battle of Antietam, and as I was brought out I was amazed to see the number of stragglers who were amusing themselves in the rear of the troops who were fighting in front. The country in the rear was filled with soldiers broken up and scattered from their commands, who were having "picnics." They were lying under trees, sleeping, cooking their coffee or other rations, and amusing themselves outside of the enemy's fire. This was by no means confined to the enlisted men, but I saw officers of various ranks, and even of high rank, and of different corps and divisions, who had thus deserted their comrades in the front. These things I saw myself, but apart from this experience, everybody who has served in the army must know that there were men in every regiment whose duty called them to be in the front who were never engaged with the enemy. Many men who served in the army did not render any such service as entitles them to any consideration. Mortifying as it is, and disagreeable as it is, the truth requires it to be stated that there were cowards, stragglers, and shirkers in the army. I think that every man who served in that part of the army which came into actual contact with the enemy would admit this if he expressed his unbiased opinion. It was this want of bravery and fidelity in many of our soldiers which accounts for the fact that it took the North, with its greatly superior numbers, its unlimited facilities for communication with Europe, and its greatly superior resources in every respect, so long a time to put down the rebellion.

That such men should be placed upon the pension rolls is abusing the generosity of the American people. General BARLOW is justified in saying that the recent pension legislation, passed by a Republican congress and signed by a Republican President, "is an insult to every decent soldier." He says this with a full knowledge that the object of such legislation is to make a large class of voters pecuniarily interested in the success of the party that does not scruple about using the public money for such a purpose. He knows that it is a colossal system of political bribery.

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Hon. CHARLES S. WOLF does not depart from his announced intention of supporting PATTISON. While he does not sever his attachment to the Prohibition cause, he tells the Prohibitionists, in effect, that the greatest public good that can be done at this time may be effected by suppressing the corrupt and unscrupulous political power which has been too long permitted to control and demoralize the public affairs of the State. As a moralist Mr. WOLF knows that morality, whether of the Prohibition variety or any other kind, is handicapped in Pennsylvania as long as QUAY's political immorality is on top.

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Grotesquely Improper Use of the Soldier's Sentiment.

The election of ROBERT E. PATTISON is demanded in the interest of good and honest government.

It is required to rebuke the assumption of power by a disreputable politician who has degraded the politics of the State, disgraced his own party, and made governmental administration in Pennsylvania an object of contempt throughout the length and breadth of the land.

His election is necessary to take the government of the State out of the hands of the corporations and the money power and restore it to the people.

It is necessary in order that the provisions of the constitution intended to restrain corporate power and to protect the citizen against such encroachments as railroad discrimination and other corporate abuses, may be enforced.

It is needed to insure the farmers fair treatment in the matter of taxes and the laboring men protection in the manner of the payment of wages.

These are the leading reasons that imperatively demand that ROBERT E. PATTISON should be elected, and the character of his former administration gives indubitable assurance that in the event of his re-election they will be fully realized.

But to this imperative claim of public interest his opponents interpose the objection that he vetoed a soldiers' burial bill. They have hired a few individuals in Philadelphia and paraded them as Democratic soldiers who demand that PATTISON shall be defeated and all the public good that would result from his occupancy of the governor's office shall be foregone, because he did not approve of a bill that would have pauperized soldiers' funerals.

The soldier sentiment is being put to very questionable uses in politics, but this is an attempt to use it that is really grotesque in its absurdity. Yet it serves a good purpose in showing to what straits the opponents of the Democratic candidate for Governor are reduced.

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A Comparison Which the People Will Draw.

When Ex-Governor PATTISON says in an interview with a reporter of the New York World that "a reform of the ballot should be a cardinal principle in the faith of every lover of his country," the people can be assured that there is no humbug in the expression. It conforms with the honesty and purity of every act of his public life. As Governor he recommended reform that would do away with the abuses practiced under our present election laws.

When DELAMATER and his supporters prate about ballot reform their words are to be taken as having quite a different meaning from those of PATTISON. They are talking for political effect. It is an attempt on their part to adjust themselves to a sentiment that has recently been strongly developed in favor of shielding the ballot box against the influence of bribery and intimidation.

Have the people reason to believe that as ballot reformers the Republican candidate and his backers are sincere? What have been their antecedents on this question? How did they act when an Australian ballot bill was brought before the last Legislature? Is it natural that they want to subject the Republican vote to the effect of a law that would prevent corporations and employers from bulldozing the voters who are dependent upon them for employment? Could it be expected that a Governor, who in the Legislature had been the servant and in business the attorney of the Standard Oil Company, would favor a restraint of the bulldozing power of corporations over their employees? By what process of legerdemain has QUAY, the leading factor in Pennsylvania Republicanism, who owes his power to political corruption, and who would direct the official action of DELAMATER as Governor, been converted into a friend and supporter of an honest ballot system?

These are questions that present themselves to the people when they consider and compare the sincerity of DELAMATER with that of PATTISON on the subject of ballot reform.

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Suspended Bayonets.

The Republicans of the Senate have gotten out of the hole in which they were put by the interference of the Force Bill with the Tariff Bill, by dropping the former for this session. QUAY is credited with having suggested the way out of the difficulty, and he is represented as having drawn down upon himself the wrath of HARRISON and other impractical politicians who believed that the passage of two such obnoxious measures was possible at this stage of the session.

There is an understanding among these bayonet conspirators that the suspended bill shall be taken up and passed at the next session, but we are quite confident that by that time the people will have expressed their opinion of such revolutionary measures at the polls in a way that will afford the Republican leaders but little encouragement to revive this intended outrage on the American ballot box.

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Be Registered.

Democrats see that you are registered. Sept. 4th is the last day on which you can be registered in time to vote. Look after your neighbor and see that his name is on the registry list. Remember, Tuesday, Sept. 4th, is the last day.

A Futtle Diversion.

The Republican politicians would like to distract the attention of the voters in this campaign by making a big racket on the tariff question. The election of a Governor has nothing more to do with protection, free trade, or tariff reform than it has with the influence that produces the tides. The people know this and are not going to be switched off the main issue by an irrelevant question.

Governor PATTISON, in his letter of acceptance, correctly outlines what the voters will have to decide in this contest. He says: "Self-government—home rule—is now on trial in this Commonwealth. On one side stand the people with their constitution and general interests; on the other stands a selfish and arrogant political leader—ship, self-constituted and defiant, and resolved to use the offices and treasure of the people as personal spoil."

When Quayism, and all the governmental abuses and corruptions it stands for, are up for trial, the confederates of the chief culprit can't divert the attention of the jury from his case by juggling the tariff into the proceedings. It has no relation to the main issue.

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Standard Oil Candidates.

The Prohibitionists are in about the same fix with their gubernatorial candidates as the Republicans are with theirs. Mr. CHARLES MILLER, whom they have put on their ticket for Governor, is a member of the Standard Oil Company and president of one of the most profitable refining works of that gigantic monopoly.

They have a plank in their platform denouncing trusts and monopolies of all kinds. If they are as conscientious as we take them to be, they will ask their nominee to withdraw in order to avoid the deception of presenting a monopoly candidate on an anti-monopoly platform. As to the Republicans, they couldn't have selected a more suitable candidate than they have in their Standard Oil man. He exactly suits the party, and nobody can be deceived by him.

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An Altoona paper, speaking of the Democratic convention in Blair county, says that the Pattison wing of the party, being short in numbers, concocted everything. The paper making this statement ought to know that the Democratic party in Pennsylvania this year hasn't such appendages as wings. It is a compact and indivisible body, with nothing loose about it to flap and make trouble. In its entirety it is solid for PATTISON. The wing business is being done by Republicans who are flapping over to the Democratic side.

Actions Speak Louder than Words.

It is said that candidate DELAMATER has many engagements to meet farmers during the campaign. But when he meets them what can he have to say to them? He may make promises but he can not point to a single incident in his career as a legislator in which he did anything for the farmers' benefit.

This was not because there were not opportunities. He had a chance to favor a more just equalization of taxes by which the burden of taxation unduly imposed upon the agricultural people would have been more fairly divided with the capitalists and the corporations. The tax bill presented by the grangers did not have his support. The head man of the Pennsylvania granges, Hon. LEONARD RHOXE, can give sufficient testimony to that fact.

Actions speak louder than words. In the Senate Mr. DELAMATER acted for the corporations and not for the farmers. Any amount of nice promises that he may make them when he wants their votes will not eradicate the impression that has been made by his acts.

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The fellows who are interested in DELAMATER's election would have most emphatically denied a little while ago that there were any Democratic soldiers in the late war. But now they claim that there are Democratic soldiers who are going to vote against PATTISON for vetoing a bill that proposed to consign veterans to their last resting places by pauper burials. This claim is inconsistent with the old assertion that there were no Democrats in the Union armies.

Natural That They Don't Want It.

Nothing could be more natural than that the men who manage the Republican party in Pennsylvania do not want a different ballot system from the one under which they have for years carried the State by immense majorities. As they have done so well with the present system, why should they desire to have any other?

The employing class, the corporations with large numbers of voters under their control, and other interests that look to the Republican domination for favors, are the ones that exert influences which interfere with the independent suffrage of the workmen under their employ. The coercion they exert at every important election adds thousands of votes to the Republican pool.

From this source the party managers have derived the means of controlling the State. Is it likely that they wish to part with it? Is it natural that they should favor a reformed ballot system that will prevent the corporations, the rich employers and interested capitalists, from compelling their dependent employes to vote the Republican ticket?

That they don't want such reform was clearly evidenced by the manner in which an Australian ballot bill was squelched at the last session of the Republican legislature.

That was a better index of the sentiment and purpose of the party managers in this matter than any lying promises that may be made to secure votes in a campaign.

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A Nut for Republican Workingmen.

When the Republican workingmen of Centre County, ascertain, as they will before the campaign is over, that the two men they are asked to vote for as Legislators, have, as members of a mercantile association, signed petitions asking the legislature to repeal the \$300 exemption law, and that one other candidate on that ticket, Mr. WOLF, has been an advocate as well as the beneficiary of the pluck-me-store system, we would like to know what there will be left for the Republican "ring" to hang even a hope upon. Evidently the ticket which the Bellefonte "ring" put in nomination on the 19th inst., was set up purposely to assist in the more efficient knocking out that DELAMATER is to get at the hands of "OUR DANIEL."

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Spawls from the Keystone.

A Harrisburg horse sports a mustache. Barn-burners are terrifying Canonsburg. The Lancaster Fair opens on September 9. A legless burglar has been caught in Pittsburg.

Three Easton children have been systematically robbing stores. West Chester girls talk of inaugurating a dress reform movement.

A Chester youth proudly declares that he ate a fifty-pound watermelon.

Pittsburg teamster has been arrested for kicking his horse's eyes out.

A Reading giant threw an objectionable visitor bodily through the window sash.

The factories visited by the State Inspectors up to date represent 16,444 employes.

Candidates Pattison and Black were at the Williams Grove picnic on Wednesday.

A "tariff reform picnic" will be held on September 6 at Hohenstein, Lebanon county.

Seventeen Montgomery county farm properties will be sold at sheriff's sale in September.

F. C. Smick and D. H. Wingard, of Reading, are making a tour of the State on horseback.

Two boys of Kemberton, Delaware county, have been jailed for killing fish with dynamite.

Because of the fruit famine some of the county fairs will offer prizes in the fruit classes.

A drake on a farm at Neversink, Berks county, killed and ate sixteen young chickens in a day.

An Altoona conductor stopped his car to run after two persons whose fares he had overlooked.

A cake walk was given at Newton for the purpose of buying a new suit of clothes for a colored pastor.

Railroads running into Wilkesbarre have been carrying great crowds of sight-seers since the cyclone.

A son of Melchior Ditzel, of Brickerville, had an ear bitten off by a vicious horse belonging to his father.

A duck and a pig at Altoona feed from the same bowl, and the duck reposes at night on the pig's back.

A Reading fisherman caught a German carp, and wrapping it up in a wet newspaper, carried it home alive.

Mrs. Ellen Wucher, of Whitehall, Northampton county, has passed the 133rd day of her enforced fast.

A freight car collided with a railroad tender at Harrisburg, and the boiler iron was ripped open as if by a knife.

The old Miller farm in Lower Heidelberg, valued at \$15,000, has been entirely eaten up by fifteen years litigation.

A Lancaster man has a couple of young foxes running around in his tobacco field. He says they eat the worms.

James Morris, of Silver Brook, while high in the air on a swing at Glen Onoko on Friday dropped to the ground dead.

Henry Erhart, 8 years old, of Lexington, Lancaster county, was kicked by a horse and his skull was fractured.

Pearl Olpin, 6 years old, fell from a canal boat at Marietta on Sunday when she was playing and was drowned.

The wife of John F. Witmer, a Lancaster saloon-keeper, on Saturday vainly swallowed lead with suicidal intent.

With a record for opening 100 claims in 6 1/2 minutes, Charles Beraw, of Reading, claims to be the champion of the State.

Tucker Hemmick, who tried to preside at the head of three families in different parts of the State, has been arrested at Pottsville.

A gang of Hungarians employed on the Reading Road at Lansdale struck because they were refused passes to return home every night.

Adam Trout, of Paradise, aged 80 years, was found dead in his wagon on the turnpike near York. The body was found in an upright posture.

Mrs. Jacob Anderson, while attending to the tiller on her husband's canal boat, fell overboard at Linfield on Saturday and was drowned in the Schuylkill.

Lewis Evans, of Pottstown, while walking in his sleep on Wednesday night, fell from a window to the ground, a distance of thirty feet, but escaped with but slight bruises.

G. B. Brennan, of Mount Joy township, Lancaster county, who was over 60 years old, enjoyed his first car-ride last week when he visited the Granger's picnic at Mount Gretna.

The fitters-up of the Phoenix Iron Company have quit work on account of the company having placed more work upon them for the same pay and hours. About sixty men are out.

A runaway team that had been hired by two young men from Philadelphia crashed into a loaded street car at Reading on Tuesday night, and one of the horses was fatally injured.

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