

Ink Stings.

—KENNEDY'S indictment of QUAY may be excluded from the records of congress, but it can't be erased from the minds of the people.

—Probably DELAMATER'S object in coming to Bellefonte was to get to a nice quiet place where he wouldn't be disturbed by visitors.

—It would be really a pity if the amusement of the campaign should be interrupted by the withdrawal of QUAY'S candidate for Governor.

—"Raum" is the German for cream. His knowing how to use RAUM may account for LEMON'S getting the cream of the pension business.

—If the *Schenectady Truth* hadn't talked out about DELAMATER as it has, it wouldn't have deserved its name. There is only one side on which truth can hold up its head in this contest.

—They are having a HIGH old time in Reading over the post office question. One of the contending factions declares that it would be a low piece of political business to make HIGH post master.

—DELAMATER'S promise to drop QUAY after the election will fail to have the intended effect. The people have made up their minds that the most effectual way of dropping the Boss is to drop his candidate.

—KENNEDY, the incisive excoriator of MAT QUAY, thinks there has been "too much billing and cooing." Evidently this bold Ohio man doesn't want any turtle dove business in handling the great corruptionist.

—Lightning from a clear sky was a phenomenon that startled the people of Altoona the other day. The Quay people will be subjected to a similar surprise later on in the season—say about the first week in November.

—The heads of some of the Republican county nominees, which became swelled at the time of the county convention, and continued in an enlarged condition for several weeks, are being gradually reduced to their normal size.

—FRIEDER wants to know how he could have known anything about the \$900 charge against Mr. ISHLER if some Democrat hadn't told him? What a question to be asked by a fellow who has such remarkable talent in inventing campaign lies?

—The Harrisburg *Telegraph* says "there are no evidences of a landslide to PATTISON." Its confidence equals that of the contemporary of NOAH who couldn't see anything more than a passing shower in the downpour that produced the Deluge.

—If Vermont could have been hauled over to the sea-coast where a choice selection of old naval hulks could have been made available for political use on her sacred soil, there is no question that the size of her Republican majority would have been gloriously maintained.

—Even if JOHN L. BUTLER wasn't so inconsequential a character his revolt against PATTISON would nevertheless be a laughable affair from the circumstance that his only connection with the Democratic party was through an office for which he was indebted to the mistaken kindness of Senator WALLACE.

—The reduction in the tax rate in this county by the present Republican board of county commissioners is as invisible as is the surplus which was left in the treasury by their Democratic predecessors. A glimpse of either of them is impossible even with the assistance of a binocular microscope.

—The River and Harbor bill has been sent to Cresson for the signature of the President. At that point his Excellency has almost within sight an object lesson in the far-famed Kiskiminitas, demonstrating the necessity of using the public funds for the improvement of the navigable waters of the country.

—When candidate WOLF'S military record is boasted of by his supporters it might be well enough to remind them that there are other kinds of records that are of some account in estimating the worthiness of a candidate. Mr. ISHLER has not only a record for military service but also for sobriety.

—The lying dispatches to the *Press* about outrages at the Arkansas election were copied with scrupulous fidelity by the country organs and will never be contradicted in their columns. In the meantime their deluded readers are firmly convinced that the Democrats of the South employ the heft of their time in gunning for niggers.

—The Philadelphia *Inquirer* is quite sure that protection and free trade are "batting together" on the soil of Pennsylvania in this gubernatorial contest. They have had heretofore equally exciting skirmishes in battling for the municipal offices of Philadelphia. It is wonderful how they can be made to square off and hit out from the shoulder at each other when the Republicans want to carry an election.

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Bewildered Tariffites.

The average Republican intellect must be in a somewhat bewildered state on the subject of protection. Two years ago, when GROVER CLEVELAND recommended the reduction of excessive tariff rates, which were admitted to be too high by even Republican authorities, a howl was raised all along the party line that the Democratic President's object was free trade. He was explicit in stating in his message that care should be taken to preserve such a measure of protection as was required by the relative rates of wages in this country and in Europe, and that only the duties beyond this should be reduced in order to prevent the trusts and monopolies from robbing the consumers. There was no free trade whatever in this proposition. It merely suggested the equalization of the tariff benefits. But the howl of "free trade" was raised nevertheless, and there wasn't a tariff fanatic in the Republican ranks who wasn't worked up to the belief that the President of the United States and the whole Democratic party had entered into a conspiracy to destroy the manufacturing industries of the country.

The victims of this delusion must be considerably surprised just now to hear that two of the leading lights of Republicanism are advocating measures which are absolutely free trade in their character compared with anything CLEVELAND recommended concerning the tariff. BLAINE wants to establish a state of trade with South America which will allow the productions of that region to come into our ports free of duty. He calls its reciprocity, but a change of name does not alter the fact that in effect it would be free trade. As if ambitious of not being outdone in a progressive movement by a rival whom he has not much love for, JOHN SHERMAN sees BLAINE and goes him one better in the reciprocity business by proposing such free and easy commercial relations with Canada as would allow the coal, lumber, and agricultural productions of the Dominion to come across the border without paying a cent of duty. Of course these propositions involve the taking of our productions in return by South America and Canada, but what is that but free trade? With such a change of base on the tariff question by two of the party's most trusted leaders, in what condition can the reflective faculties of the regular old-line Republican be in but that of bewilderment?

—The people of Pennsylvania were not thrilled with indignation by the attack which congressman KENNEDY made upon their most prominent United States Senator and conspicuous political leader. His assailant called him a criminal—a self-confessed criminal—yet the anger of the old Keystone State was not aroused to any perceptible extent. It is strange that this indifference should exist under such an aggravating assault on the great Pennsylvania statesman, particularly after the convention of the dominant party in the State had vouched for his being a very exemplary public character.

Burning the Marks Into His Hide.

Congressman KENNEDY, of Ohio, a virulent Republican partisan, became so enraged at QUAY'S choking off the Force Bill in the Senate that he lost control of his feelings last week and allowed himself to express his true opinion of the great Republican corruptionist in language whose force was equalled only by its truth.

On the floor of the House and under the eye of a Republican presiding officer, the indignant Ohio man compared the chairman of the Republican National Committee to JUDAS ISCARIOT, and denounced him as a self-confessed criminal whose silence under charges inculpating his public character was an admission of his guilt.

This onslaught on the man who supplies the Republicans of Pennsylvania with their candidate for state officers, evoked no dissent from the Republican members who heard it, and no reproof from the presiding officer in whose presence it was made. Coming as it did from a Republican member, it cauterized the tattoo marks into the pachydermal hide of Pennsylvania's Republican Boss.

The Outrage Mill and Its Usual Grist.

The conduct of some of the Republican organs in regard to the recent Arkansas election was extremely reprehensible. They did not hesitate to resort to the most outrageous lying in attributing the increased Democratic majority to outrages committed upon the Republicans.

The day after the election the columns of these papers contained special telegrams from Arkansas representing that a veritable hell had been in operation in that state on the day of the election, of which the Republican voters, white and black, had been the victims. It was reported that the Democrats had murdered their opponents, that ballot boxes had been stuffed or destroyed, and the usual grist of the outrage mill was embodied in the terrible details.

It is quite evident that the parties employed to send these dispatches had been instructed as to the kind of election news that was wanted from that quarter, and had faithfully carried out their instructions.

It now appears that there is not the slightest evidence to sustain these reports of political outrages in Arkansas. The Associated Press dispatches, which may be considered reliable and responsible, make no mention of irregularities in which Democrats were engaged. They did, however, mention the circumstance of one man being killed in a political row, and that he was a Democrat, a brother of a Democratic candidate for Sheriff, the supposition being that the Republican candidate was his slayer. It also transpired that on the day after the election the Governor of the state found it necessary to disband a negro military company at Little Rock whose members were making threats against the whites. Beyond these instances of violence there is no evidence that the election in Arkansas was different in its incidents from elections held in northern states.

But it suited the purpose of those who want the bayonet to be used at southern elections to represent that such a state of affairs exists in Arkansas as requires the employment of that military implement. The Democratic majority in that state went up from 15,000 last year to nearly 40,000 this year. Here was presented a fine chance to put the old outrage mill in operation, in utter disregard of the fact that the same influences which reduced the Republican majority in Vermont are almost obliterating the vote of that party in the Southern States.

—The English authorities are making preparations to take the census of the United Kingdom which will be done next year, the enumeration of the British people being taken every ten years, and always the year after the Americans have been enumerated. This work is done in Great Britain with great accuracy and celerity, it never requiring more than one day to complete it. They do not attempt to overload their census with matters of information that are of no practical account, and, as it is never intended for political use, there is no temptation to doctor it.

A Natural Sequence.

There can be but one conclusion concerning the refusal of the Lawrence county grand jury to indict the four delegates who at the congressional conference sold their votes to the managers of McDOWELL'S candidacy. It is not unreasonable to conclude that that jury was "fixed." There was ample evidence that the offense had been committed. In fact the delegates confessed their guilt. That they had sold out was a matter of notoriety. Yet the grand jury not only ignored the bill against them, but gave their offense additional sanction by making the prosecutor pay the costs. Meanwhile McDOWELL, who obtained his nomination by such means as he would employ to secure the ownership of a bullock in the shambles, continues to be the nominee of the party and will receive its support. In a region like Lawrence and Beaver counties, pervaded by the Quay style of politics, a corrupted jury may be considered the natural sequence of a corrupted political conference, if it be necessary to sustain the latter by the former.

Blackguards of Different Kinds.

In successive issues of his paper, DANA, of the New York *Sun*, has printed a mutilated picture of CANNON the Dirty, with the object of focussing public attention upon the Illinois blackguard. Such an attempt to pillory the foul fellow who drove the ladies from the gallery of the House by his obscene talk, would be appreciated by the public if it were made by some one else than the editor of the New York *Sun*.

The sense of fitness that belongs to the generality of readers fails to discern in DANA a proper censor of blackguardism. His persistent vilification of GROVER CLEVELAND shows him to be a more reprehensible blackguard than the man who inadvertently let slip a dirty remark in the heat of debate.

There are different kinds of blackguardism. DANA'S differs from CANNON'S in that it is more brutal if not as dirty. Can any one form a conception of anything more atrocious than the continued hounding of Mr. CLEVELAND after his retirement from public office has removed every excuse for a decent enemy to attack him, and his private position should shield him against even his most malicious foe.

The unremitting blackguardism with which DANA continues his attacks on CLEVELAND in private life has no parallel in journalism, and it is the more obnoxious to the public sense of decency for the reason that it is known to receive its inspiration from so ignoble a source as personal malice.

Brutal DANA is not the proper person to pillory dirty CANNON for being a blackguard.

A Poor Showing.

The census has made a poor showing for the farmers of Ohio. There is a marked decline in the value of farm lands, yet the conditions in that State are such that if there is any benefit for farmers in a high tariff it ought to make its appearance there. Ohio is full of protected manufactures. The centers of manufacturing industry are numerous and large. It should be the ideal locality for the profitable home market that is said to be produced by protection.

Yet in the face of all this there has been a wide-spread decrease in farm values, showing a depressed condition of agricultural interests. The Ohio farmer is losing money in the decline of the value of his land.

For example, in Wayne county, one of the richest agricultural districts in the State, the value of farm land has decreased 14 per cent in the last ten years. In Franklin county, where the population has increased 70 per cent since 1880 on account of the activity of manufactures, the census shows agricultural land to be worth \$1,138,386 less than it was ten years ago. The same depreciation has taken place in all parts of the State, while the mortgage indebtedness has by no means decreased in proportion. As far as an estimate may be made from the census reports already returned, there has been a decrease of at least \$80,000,000 in the value of land in the State in the last decade.

In these facts it is difficult to discern where the benefits of protection to the agriculturists have been coming in.

Stranger Things Have Happened.

It would be a miracle if Allegheny county should go Democratic this year, but miracles sometimes happen and it looks as if this is going to be a favorable year for their occurrence in politics. The revolt against DELAMATER showed its first and strongest symptoms in Allegheny county, and instead of "blowing over," as was confidently expected by the machine men, the revolt is extending, and the symptoms of disaffection are really dismaying the managers. The difficulty does not spring from personal grievances or factional misunderstanding, but it comes from an uprising of the decency and self-respect of the party against the intolerable personal rule of the bosses.

Five of the Republican newspapers of Pittsburg are making war on DELAMATER, giving reasons for their opposition which can't fail to have a powerful effect upon the result. From being account of the disgraceful spectacle he made of himself. Unfortunately, however, he got there just the same.

Replete With Significance.

The declaration of the Lincoln Independent Republican Committee of Philadelphia against the Quay domination and the Delamater candidacy is a most significant deliverance. It is not the petulant expression of disgruntled politicians, nor the flighty address of cranky doctrinaires, but the earnest appeal of intelligent, conscientious and substantial Republicans for the assistance of their party brethren in retrieving the old commonwealth from the low political condition to which long subservency to the personal rule of corrupt political bosses has reduced it.

The fifty-eight reputable citizens and high minded men who sign this address and in plain language declare that the good name of the State, and its redemption from the disgrace and injury of corrupt political domination, require the defeat of QUAY'S candidate for Governor, include some of Philadelphia's leading clergymen, physicians, professors, lawyers, manufacturers and merchants—all of them Republicans and all moved by a determination to do what is in their power to rescue their party in the State from the evil influences which have so long controlled it. Among them are the proprietors of the Baldwin locomotive works, and such other conspicuous manufacturers as EDWARD T. STEEL, JOHN T. BAILEY, GEORGE C. BLADON and GEORGE D. BROMLEY, who brush aside the deception that is attempted to be practiced by the machine managers in representing that the tariff is involved in a contest for better state government.

The declaration of the Lincoln committee against DELAMATER and in favor of PATTISON furnishes the most striking exemplification of the spirit of revolt that prevails among that class of Republicans who care more for the honor and good government of their State than they do for uninterrupted party success attended by uninterrupted boss rule.

—Great disgust prevails in congressman CANNON'S district on account of his having shot off his mouth on the floor of the House in such a dirty style. The discovery that they have a very low sort of a fellow to represent them has aroused a determination among the decent people of the district to supply his place with a gentleman. As the Republicans are more directly concerned, they being responsible for the presence of CANNON'S foul mouth in congress, this feeling is more pronounced among them than among the Democrats, and for that reason no less than a dozen Republican newspapers in his district are clamoring for the party to drop him and nominate somebody who will not deem it necessary to introduce obscenity into the discussion of public questions.

—When President CLEVELAND went out of the Presidential office his administration left a surplus of nearly a hundred millions of dollars in the treasury of the government. Where is that surplus now? Speaker REED, in his speech at Boston, with a frankness that looked as if he regarded lavish expenditure of the public funds as something to be proud of, admitted that the surplus had disappeared. The numerous ways adopted by the Republican congress to scatter the money wrung from the people by oppressive taxation, was made the subject of comment by the Speaker, who proposes to replenish the exhausted treasury by giving the tariff screw another twist.

—Probably because Republican congressman MILLIKEN, of the Third Maine district, had been elected two years ago by a majority of 6,531, he thought his party so strong in the district that the certainty of his re-election would not be impaired by his appearing at the Republican meeting in Waterville last Friday so drunk that he had to be led from the platform by his friends. With such a majority no doubt he considered it entirely safe to appear before his constituents in a state of beastly intoxication. It wasn't to be expected that he would suffer defeat in consequence, but in a prohibition state like Maine there ought to have been a shrinkage of MILLIKEN'S majority on account of the disgraceful spectacle he made of himself. Unfortunately, however, he got there just the same.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—York has 337 voters.

—Complex at Coalton do their courting on the curbstone.

—Ducks bid fair to be plentiful along the Susquehanna.

—The Norris town post office yields a monthly profit of \$800.

—Two Venango county White Caps have been sent to jail.

—A Lancaster restaurant sold 1500 sandwiches on Labor Day.

—Twenty-two farms will be sold at Sheriff's sale in Montgomery county soon.

—Box cars on the Pennsylvania Railroad will hereafter be fitted out with air-brakes.

—Thousands of bushels of potatoes are reported as having rotted in the fields of Schuylkill county.

—Eugene J. Sharadina, Reading bank clerk, has traveled 30,000 miles in collecting 16,000 Indian relics.

—The registration of voters of the city of Lancaster shows 8296 voters, a large increase over last year.

—Four counties of this State are free from bonded debt—Erie, Mercer, Forest and Lawrence.

—An Altoona policeman has distinguished himself by arresting a child for stealing a banana.

—Pittsburg natural gas supply companies maintain that they will be able to fulfill their contracts.

—Henry Fink, aged 50 years, dropped dead of heart disease at Cataquaqua, on Monday while digging a well.

—Joseph Lump, a half-witted lad at Towanda, has confessed to firing a number of mills where he was refused work.

—While attempting to jump a fence a horse at Salisbury became impaled, and remained in its painful position all night.

—A noisy intruder at an Allentown Salvation Army meeting was set upon by the entire battalion and taken to the lock-up.

—The Board of Charities will aid the Trustees of the Norris town Asylum to secure State aid to enlarge the institution.

—The registration of voters in Lancaster county shows 39,620 names on the list, a gain of 500 over the registration of 1889.

—Both the High and anti-High factions claim to have carried the Republican primary election in Berks county on Saturday.

—A storm passed over Quarryville on Saturday night, and lightning killed three horses of Charles W. Pusey in a pasture field.

—Complaint is heard at Reading because President Nagle, of the School Board, runs the meetings in true "Speaker Reed style."

—Seven colored men, a colored woman, and a white man were arrested in South Chester on the charge of keeping speaking-salies.

—Hog cholera has within a few days dispatched sixty hogs in Heidelberg and Marion, Berks county, and attacked many animals.

—A dispute as to the ownership of some ducks at York was settled by freezing the birds and allowing them to take their own course.

—Peter Mettler, an eccentric person o Look Haven, is having a life sized statue of himself made to be placed in his cemetery lot.

—David Robinson, a colored resident of West Chester, has been nearly blinded by a handful of red pepper thrown by a love-lorn female.

—Jeremiah K. Grant, ex-District Attorney, of Reading, is to be tried at once on four charges of bribery, extortion and taking illegal fees.

—On Monday almost an acre of land over an abandoned part of the Gap nickel mines, owned by Joseph Wharton, of Philadelphia, caved in.

—William Ellis, a lad caught stealing from his employer, a Norris town jeweler, invested all his stealings in perfumery and musical instruments.

—Joseph R. Wood, aged 75 years, one of the oldest coal operators and residents of Schuylkill county, died at Pottsville on Monday of internal hemorrhages.

—David Hopter, of Pottsville, picked up a rattlesnake a few days ago to examine it, when the reptile bit him. Hopter sucked the wound and experienced no bad results.

—Fifty Hungarians, employed at Shenandoah, left last week to return to their native country. They have accumulated money enough to live without work.

—Doylestown ducks are addicted to dissipation. They eat the tomato refuse from a seed establishment which has undergone fermentation, and get beastly drunk.

—Rev. Dr. Ambrose Rondthaler, pastor emeritus of the Moravian church at Bethlehem, died this week, aged 78 years. He was the oldest Mason in the Lehigh Valley.

—Miss Lenhart, of Philadelphia, now visiting at Lehigh, killed three copperhead snakes, one after the other, one day last week. When a fourth appeared she screamed and fled.

—Mrs. Charles Crowther, of Upland, expired suddenly on Tuesday evening while at supper. Five minutes previous she had gone to the street and bought a watermelon from a huckster.

—At Chambersburg John Rhodes was acquitted of the charge of murdering William Rhodes, his nephew, whom he shot and killed last April, the jury believing he did it in self defense.

—J. H. Spangler, of Fontana, Lebanon county, three years ago brought a sprout of a banana tree from Florida and planted it. It has grown to a height of twelve feet and has leaves five feet long.

—C. Frank Miller is believed to have caused the congestion of brain of which he died recently by overexerting himself rescuing the wounded from the late disaster on the Mount Pleasant Gravity Railroad.

—The office of the General Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Altoona was struck by lightning from a clear sky on Monday, causing a loss by fire of from \$200 to \$300 and delaying trains for a little while.

—While a five year old son of Alban Buckingham, of Mount Pleasant, near Kennett, was drawing his father's loaded gun across the floor on Saturday, it went off and entered the child's stomach, and before medical assistance could be rendered the child was dead.

—All the jurors drawn by the Cameron county authorities from which to select a panel to try Albert Miller for the murder of Christian Drum were dismissed by Judge Mayer on the motion of the defense, upon the ground that they had been irregularly and illegally drawn. This is the second postponement of the trial upon technicalities.