

An Indian Messiah furnishes a study for the theologians.

The dreams produced by the Thanksgiving mince pie are not of the iridescent variety.

It is now called PORTER'S "alleged census," but it is a stretch of courtesy to call it even that.

Was it preparatory to the Thanksgiving feast that the Republicans had their goose so well cooked?

Early in the month the Democratic rooster was the predominant fowl, but November winds up with the turkey on top.

Admitting that TOM REED is correct in saying that the ladies caused the tariff slump, what is he going to do about it?

Since the McKinley bill has been satisfactorily attended to, isn't it about time to give some attention to the printer's bill?

Argentine securities, which got the English bankers into such trouble, may have a silvery name, but they failed to produce golden returns.

What sort of a political crop "hayseed" is going to produce is one of the problems over which the politicians of the country are earnestly cogitating.

There was a bold leader named QUAY, who, like most other dogs, had his day, but now, if he could, he'd peel bark or saw wood, since he's lost his tight grip on Pa.

Dr. KOCH'S discovery of a sure cure for consumption would be of service to Pennsylvania bossism if its disease hadn't developed such gallant symptoms attended with an unmistakable death rattle.

Some one has suggested Mayor FITZLER as a proper successor to CAMERON in the Senate. No doubt FITZLER regards the suggestion as very fitting, but it isn't likely that CAMERON will go off into its fiver it.

MCKINLEY has been styled by the friends of protected monopoly, "the Napoleon of the Tariff." This title is rendered sufficiently becoming by the fact that in the early part of this month MCKINLEY got his Waterloo.

If VON MOLTKE'S eyes were affected by the torchlight on the occasion of his birthday celebration, what would be the condition of the old soldier's optics if they were to experience the glare of an American Presidential campaign?

It isn't gallant for the tariff statesmen to charge their overthrow to female influence. Nothing was more natural than that the ladies should kick at an increased price of dry goods, and the high tariff furnished occasion for such feminine recalcitration.

Whatever may be the relations existing between North and South Dakota, it is to be hoped that the same amicable feeling may prevail between the governors of those two states that was expressed by the remark which passed between the executives of the two Carolinas.

It is reported that DELAMATER intends to contest CAMERON'S claim to the United States senatorship. If this be true, they both being millionaires, the Senatorial permission will be knocked by the longest pecuniary pole brought to bear on a purchasable Legislature.

We have received a specimen of beet root sugar from the Onard Beet Sugar Factory in Nebraska. It looks so white and pure and innocent that we are loath to class it among the infant industries that are bawling for another twist of the tariff screw for their protection.

In his lectures STANLEY speaks of a race of pigmies he met with in the wilds of Africa. But there may be found in the wilderness of Republican politics at this time a number of statesmen who have reason to feel smaller than the diminutive savages discovered by the African explorer.

A vote on the question of a national flower has resulted in a big majority for the forget-me-not. There is so much connected with the late election which QUAY and his gang would like to have forgotten that it is hardly probable they will take kindly to a national flower with such a name.

They are going to enact a law in Oklahoma which will make it a criminal libel for a newspaper to even insinuate anything against a man's character, whether it be a fact or not. If Quay would have had the advantage of such a law there wouldn't have been occasion for so much dignified silence.

The result of the recent elections, particularly that of Indiana, has had the effect of a surgical operation in cutting the conviction into the Harrison cranium that there is no chance of a second term for the present administration. Nothing but a sharp incision of this kind could get a correct idea of the situation into the "big head" covered by Grandfather's hat.

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Tribute to Thurman.

The banquet at Columbus last Monday night to which a thousand Democrats were drawn from all parts of the country to do honor to ALLEN G. THURMAN, the oldest and foremost representative of Democracy in the land...

There was no better time for a meeting of leading Democrats; no more auspicious occasion for the interchange of congratulations; no worthier object of the party's homage than "the Old Roman" whose life has been devoted to the maintenance of Democratic principles and whose name is the synonym of Democracy.

The individual tribute paid to Mr. THURMAN by each of the thousand Democrats assembled at the Columbus banquet represented the aggregate love and affection of the Democracy for the old chieftain whose declining years are illumined by the halo reflected from illustrious service rendered his country and his party.

The McKinley Bill Not Likely to Be Repealed.

The Chicago Tribune, the leading Republican journal of the West, is clamorous for the repeal of the McKinley tariff bill, saying that the sooner it is repealed the better.

But it isn't probable that the congress which passed the McKinley bill will do anything towards its repeal. It has been dazed by the election, but its members can't be induced to believe that their tariff legislation was responsible for the result.

But even if the congressional leaders should be fully convinced that their recent tariff legislation produced the change in public sentiment that has overthrown their power in congress, they would still be unwilling to retrace their course on that question.

Reports are in circulation concerning irregularities in the holding of the election in Tioga county on the 4th inst., which, if true, call for investigation. They point to practices which cut down Mr. ELLIOT'S vote to an extent that made a majority appear against him.

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Offices in the Gift of Governor Pattison.

Governor PATTISON will have several important and good paying offices at his disposal and a number that are of inferior importance and profit. The salaries of the official positions he will fill by appointment range from \$4,000 down to \$300.

The other high offices which the new Governor will fill are those of Adjutant General, with a salary of \$2,500; Superintendent of Public Instruction, \$2,500; Insurance Commissioner, \$3,000; State Librarian, \$2,500; Private Secretary, \$2,500; Executive Clerk, \$1,500; Assistant to Executive Clerk, \$1,200; Messenger, \$1,200; Factory Inspector, \$1,500.

A number of prominent Democrats have been named for the higher positions under the State government. To express a preference for any of them would be invidious, and, therefore, so far as we are concerned we shall be content with the selection which the Governor shall make.

The Legislative Majority.

It is unfortunate for the welfare of the State that a Legislature which would agree with Governor PATTISON in politics and administrative purpose was not elected. Many measures tending to better government would thus have been secured.

The great popular interest taken in the recent State election is shown by the fact that the vote cast was the largest ever polled at any election except that of 1888, it being 928,264, but a few thousands less than the vote of two years ago.

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Which of the Two Is the Worse?

The admirers of Mr. PARNELL, and the friends of the Irish cause, are greatly disconcerted by the outcome of the O'Shea divorce suit in which the Irish leader was made co-respondent.

This will certainly injure if not positively ruin Mr. PARNELL'S influence as leader of the Irish national movement: It is generally admitted that it will end his usefulness in the great cause in which he has so long been conspicuously serviceable and influential.

But should it have this effect? Does the offense he has committed unfit him for the performance of a high public duty? Does it impair the quality of his patriotism? Should it remove him from his position as a national leader?

A similar offense did not deprive the country of the service of ALEXANDER HAMILTON. That eminent American, who, notwithstanding the objectionable character of some of his political theories, did his country great service in founding the fiscal system upon which the financial affairs of our government have since been conducted, confessed to the sin of adultery in the midst of his official services.

Adultery and theft are both reprehensible. Neither of them should be committed by public or private characters. But which of the two, if practiced by men in public station, is the more calculated to do a public injury? Condemn the adulterers, but at the same time punish the thieves.

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What Gave the Victory.

There can be no disguising the fact that the passage of the McKinley tariff bill had more to do with the defeat of the Republican party at the recent elections than any other influence that affected popular sentiment.

We must wait to see what the McKinley bill will accomplish in the next two years and we must again assert ourselves as strong advocates of the principles of that bill, or we must go down. It cannot be disguised that the Democrats won this victory by sticking steadily to the policy outlined by President Cleveland in his message to Congress.

The platform upon which Mr. Cleveland was elected, strengthened by his courageous position, was re-incorporated into the St. Louis platform, and as a result the Democratic party met temporary defeat; but the battle this year was fought squarely on these same lines and the result of it is that we are defeated.

Neither would it have been wise to put off the passage of the McKinley bill until this winter. It had to go through in the last session if it went through at all, and if the country is dissatisfied with it two years from now as it was on the 4th day of this month, then the defeat of the Republican party in the elections of 1892 is inevitable.

This Senator has not only a proper comprehension of what inflicted the greatest injury to his party in the recent contest, but he has also a clear perception of GROVER CLEVELAND'S sagacity in basing the Democratic contention upon the question of reducing tariff taxation. The Democrats steadfastly adhered to the doctrine of his great message, and won, and they will win on it in the next Presidential contest.

—They have a law in New York State which requires candidates to certify to the election expenses they incurred in the campaign in which they had been engaged. It is intended to prevent the improper use of money in elections, but whether it has that effect is questionable.

—Last Tuesday evening a number of Williamsport Republicans made an excursion to Lock Haven to pay their respects to congressman-elect HOPKINS and to congratulate him on his election. Considering the close shave by which their candidate escaped defeat in a district which ordinarily gives a big Republican majority, their congratulations were no doubt appreciated by Mr. HOPKINS.

—Last year the corn crop of the country averaged twenty-six bushels to the acre. This year the average is but nineteen. Such a falling off is not a proper response to the protecting care which MCKINLEY has kindly extended to the agricultural productions of the country.

—Senator INGALLS is said to have had an offer of \$15,000 a year to edit Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper. He had better accept the editorial offer as it isn't likely that his senatorial job will last much longer.

Spawls from the Keystone.

A catamount was shot in Lebanon county last week.

Thieves stole the watch dog from a Lancaster house.

The cost of tuition in this State was \$6,937,889 last year.

Six men shot forty-seven rabbits in a fifty acre field at Linfield.

A Scranton female, aged 70 years, works out her road tax every year.

A West Grove man 50 years old never cast a vote until the recent election.

A Pittsburg youth has been arrested for stealing a piano from his mother.

The Altoona shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad cover 367,314 square feet.

A newly opened oil well at Pittsburg has been named the Governor Pattison.

Albert Kull, a Pottsville boy, killed an owl with a toy gun charged with a nail.

Deer, bears and catamounts infest the Blue Mountain woods near Lebanon.

During the past year there have been 829 cases of typhoid fever in Berks county.

Farming in Chester county has been more profitable this year than for a long time.

A four-ton lump of coal passed through Pottsville recently on its way to New York.

A Pittsburg politician says the Republican campaign cost between \$700,000 and \$1,000,000.

A farmer at Pineville caught a thief in his corn-crib, and, locking him in, held him prisoner.

A lyceum and debating society have been organized by the Baptist Church people at Bristol.

J. J. Houck, of Reading, and a companion recently shot 1000 ducks in one day at Perryville, Md.

The honey product last summer of Fred Alderfer's bees, near Harleysville, was 3400 pounds.

A house in Allentown, said to be haunted, has been occupied by six families in four months.

The daily shortage of box cars on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Pittsburg is from 500 to 600.

A 15-year-old boy was attacked by a footpad in Norristown a few nights ago and robbed of his watch.

On the farm of the late Josiah Nicholas, in Bucks county, there has been growing a second crop of apples.

Dewler's blacksmith shop at Allentown is said to be the largest and most perfectly equipped in the State.

Under the weight of 1500 bushels of corn the barn of U. B. Boyer, at Ercellon, collapsed several days ago.

A young man at Easton invited a party of girls to drive, but his behavior so badly that the girls had him arrested.

Giuseppe Lamonto turned an abandoned freight car into a speak-easy and sold liquor to Reading Railroad laborers.

Daniel Dutt, of Allentown, has been put under bonds for trial on the charge of gambling at the Lehigh County Fair.

The Halloween pranks of some West Chester boys have cost them a deal of trouble and some money before a Magistrate.

Mayor Lehr, of Allentown, has notified the Salvation Army to stop its street meetings on the ground that they are a nuisance.

Corner's jury at Butler has discovered that J. J. Covert, who dropped dead in the glass works, "died by the visitation of God."

A Bristol woman, while cleaning a chicken the other day, found in its craw a bass hook with a minnow on it and a piece of fish-line attached.

In some portions of the fields in Bristol township the early sown wheat is turning yellow, owing, it is supposed, to the ravages of the Hessian fly.

A dance at Millersburg was broken up by the appearance of an irate wife, who caught her husband leading the set with a buxom young girl.

Mrs. Anna Levan, of Windom, Lancaster county, Monday received a Government check for \$2415.80 for back pension allowed for her husband's death.

An unknown man on Saturday hid his head on the Lehigh Valley track in front of a coal train to Coplay to commit suicide, but was saved by workmen at the quarry.

Harry Burzyona, a well known farmer of Lansdowne, was crushed to death on Saturday last, while felling a tree, which caught him in its descent and pinned him to the earth.

Out of compliment to a bridal couple a train was stopped at Buena Vista, and this action averted a serious accident, which could not have been avoided had the train gone on.

William Cook, of Easton, a Lehigh Valley Railroad brakeman for eighteen years, met with his first accident the other night, when he had his foot cut off at Mauch Chunk by the cars.

The Baumstown (Berks county) post office, established fifty years ago, has had no postmaster since Franklin J. Linderman relinquished on October 13. No one wants the position, as it only pays \$3 a year.

Executions and judgments amounting to \$26,875 were entered in the Prothonotary's office at Doylestown on Saturday against Samuel B. Larzlers, of Doylestown township. He is one of the largest farmers in that section.

Hugh Stewart, aged 31 years, while intoxicated on Thursday broke into the house of his sister, Mrs. Hugh Gilmore, of Altoona, when his nephew struck him with a baseball bat, so badly fracturing his skull that he died next day.

A little daughter of William Fisher, of Reading, escaped from her home early Saturday morning and walked in her sleep to the iron gates of the First Presbyterian Church, where a policeman found her, waked her up and took her home.

The Pardon Board has refused a rehearing to the Nisly brothers, the murderers of Herman Umberger, in Somerset county, but has recommended a pardon to George Evans, of Clearfield, convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to twenty years imprisonment.

A man claiming to be John West, alias James Wright, of New Brighton, surrendered to the Scranton police, saying he was the murderer of Perry James at his home, and was tired of roaming the county to avoid arrest. He is regarded as insane, and will be held pending inquiry.

While on a scouting expedition against the Indians thirty-seven years ago John Gifford, of Willistown township, Chester county, was shot in the breast. He has frequently since felt the bullet, and on Wednesday last it came through the flesh under his right shoulder and dropped among his clothing.