

Ink Shings.

-If the Republicans want to force their fate they will pass the Force Bill. -The man who raised the price of dry goods with his tariff bill is not the ladies' beau ideal of a statesman. -The American people have reason to be thankful that MCKINLEY didn't make the turkey the subject of tariff taxation. -TOM REED's situation in the next congress will furnish a parallel to the embarrassment of the clawless feline in Hades. -Prof. KOCH's consumption cure has come just in time for the G. O. P. which is being troubled with an alarmingly bad cough. -Mr. GLADSTONE is shy of giving his opinion of the Parnell scandal. The Grand Old Man knows a nasty thing when he sees it. -The McKinley tariff is an ogre standing inside of every dry-goods store. Its ugly form is particularly repulsive to the female purchaser. -A little of Dr. KOCH's lymph injected into the Harrison administration might enable it to continue a precarious existence for the balance of its term. -Amidst the encomiums which at this season we are wont to shower upon the succulent and savory turkey we should not overlook the modest merit of the pumpkin pie. -The "spirit dance" isn't peculiar to the Sioux. For years it has been popular with the boys who believe that a little of the ardent accelerates the motion of their heels. -Short rations, more likely than religion, are at the bottom of the Indian ferment in the Northwest. The stomach of a Redskin is more sensitive than his soul. -If the hostile Indians should invade Washington SITTING BULL would have the most extensive job he ever tackled in lifting the scalp from President HARRISON's "big head." -The large number of eligible candidates for Speaker of the next House testifies to the abundance and excellence of the material that composes Democratic statesmanship. -To decide that congress can make the congress districts in the different states is to give the constitution a severer wrench than that venerable document was ever subjected to. -The window glass trust is easily seen through. Such a transparent monopoly could not exist if the opportunity to rob the people was not given it by the McKinley tariff. -The taste of crow which unpleasantly lingers on the palate of the Philadelphia Press from the Emery-Delamater incident, may possibly yield to the savor of the Thanksgiving turkey. -MAGGE, the big Injun of Allegheny, is not satisfied with having scalped chief QUAY, but is moved by a barbarous desire to tomahawk him outright and dance over his mutilated remains. -An Indiana veteran has gotten a pension for nervous shock due to the "stopping a cannon ball with his stomach." SHAKESPEARE couldn't have applied to this soldier the remark: "He who hath no stomach for this fight let him depart." -Some one has started the foolish rumor that an attempt has been made to assassinate the President. The absurdity of this report is made apparent by the fact that politically President HARRISON has been a corpse for some months past. -Thanksgiving will answer more than its usual beneficent purpose this year. Roast turkey with its savory adjuncts will go a great way in assuaging the pangs of defeat from which our Republican brethren have been suffering since the recent election. -There is a remarkable case of a man in Wilkesbarre who, although alive, believes that he is dead. In our opinion Speaker REED is the only man in the United States who could entertain such a hallucination without being much fooled by it. -It now appears to be the general impression that Governor HILL will accept the New York senatorship. He can have it without asking for it, and if his acceptance should remove the antagonism that seems to be springing up in New York over the next Presidential nomination, it will be regarded with much satisfaction by the Democratic party. -Notwithstanding the cloud under which Mr. PARNELL has brought himself, his Home Rule followers refuse to desert him and have loyally re-elected him to the leadership of the Irish parliamentary party. It appears, though, that Mr. GLADSTONE's sense of propriety objects to PARNELL's leadership under the change of circumstances which the latter's conduct has brought about.

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Revolt against Cameron.

It cannot be disguised that a strong opposition to the re-election of Senator CAMERON is springing up among influential Republicans in this State. It is seen cropping out in leading party journals, and is freely expressed by prominent leaders. The circular of Senator KAUFMAN, of Lancaster county, is one of the most open, as it certainly is the strongest manifestation of the anti-Cameron movement. CAMERON unquestionably has the advantage if a fight should be made against him, for he contributed a large sum of money to secure the election of a Republican majority in the next Legislature. This gives him a pecuniary claim on a body which will be of a character that will readily acknowledge the binding force of the mortgage he has on it. But there is a feeling among the more intelligent and independent members of the party that his inefficient representation of the state in the United States Senate is not creditable to so great a commonwealth as Pennsylvania. It can truly be said that of all the States she has the weakest Senatorial representatives. Both CAMERON and QUAY are absolutely without influence in the Senate. They are seldom in their seats, but when they are there they positively are nobodies compared with the Senators of other States. Even a five minute speech is beyond the oratorical ability of either of them, and their incapacity being well known advantage is taken of them by the able members of the Senate. To the thorough-paced Pennsylvania Republican the tariff is of the first importance. Hence his humiliation in seeing that when the McKinley bill was before the Senate Pennsylvania, the mother of protection, was dumb on that subject. CAMERON and QUAY had nothing to say, simply because they were unable to speak intelligently on the subject. CAMERON could not make a respectable speech on the tariff or any other question, to save his life. He hasn't the capacity for such an effort. No wonder that Pennsylvania Republicans, who have respect for themselves and their State, and to whom encouragement has been given by the recent successful revolt against bossism, are becoming restive under such representation as is furnished by their two Senators. They can't help but admit that Pennsylvania has been practically without representation in the Senate since WILLIAM A. WALLACE occupied a seat in that body, and it is natural that they should want a different order of affairs more creditable to their party. But they can hardly hope for more respectable senatorial representation. CAMERON's money was the chief factor in giving the party a majority in the State Legislature, and his claim on that which he bought is not likely to be successfully controverted. The party must for awhile yet endure the gall and wormwood of incompetent and disgraceful bossism. -Among the many Democratic victories of the 4th inst. none was more complete and gratifying than the one in Montana that administered a stinging rebuke to the political highwaymen of the Republican persuasion who managed to steal that state with the assistance of unprincipled partisans in congress and the ready aid of a compliant administration. The party that could steal the Presidency of the United States found means to defeat the wishes of the people upon the admission of Montana; but the election of DIXON, a Democratic congressman, is a rebuke to those who usurped the political control of that new state, and vindicates the right of the people to self government. -There is not much heard about the proceedings against the violators of the election law in Philadelphia, but there is assurance that preparations are being made to bring them to justice and to inflict upon them the full penalty for their transgressions. The offenders are in a large measure election officers who were bribed to vitiate the ballot box. The evil they did in violating the trust reposed in them as sworn officials far transcended the worst work of the ordinary rouser. Their punishment should be in proportion.

It Should be Resisted.

If an attempt should be made at the fag-end of the present discredited congress to pass a new apportionment bill it should be resisted by all the power that can be brought to bear by legitimate opposition. There is sufficient evidence that the census, which will supply the basis for a re-apportionment, was a fraudulent piece of work, and the parties to the fraud should not be allowed to derive an advantage from it. Senator McPHERSON, of New Jersey, referring to the refusal of the Secretary of the Interior to even listen to demonstrated errors, expressed the right view of the treatment of the census fraud should receive, when he said: "The first thing for congress to do after its re-assembling is to investigate the way the census of New York was taken. No reapportionment bill must be passed until it has been satisfactorily proven that the recent census was correct, or if not correct, until the taking of another census which will be correct. It is vitally important that the census of the inhabitants of this country should be as accurate as possible, for upon its result depends the representation of the States in the national house of representatives and in the electoral college. Other Democratic Senators and Representatives also favor an investigation. It is altogether probable that the Force Bill will be abandoned and the efforts of the Republican congress will be centered upon the passage of a partisan apportionment bill; but it is scarcely possible that it can be done in the face of determined Democratic opposition. -There is evidence that some of the Republican newspapers understand the significance of the recent elections in their bearing upon the tariff question. For example, two of them, the Pittsburg Times and Press, urge the immediate and total repeal of the duty on tin-plate. One of the reasons assigned for the outrage on the consumers of tin was that protection would build up tin-plate industries that would give employment to 50,000 workers, and it was said that Pittsburg would be the center of this new industrial development. It has now become evident that this was a fraudulent assumption. There is no truth in the assertion that tin mines have been discovered in this country. American tin manufacture must depend for its most important material upon importation from abroad, and the heavy duty put on pig-tin is an impediment rather than an encouragement to an infant industry that is intended to be fostered. If the tariff promoters had allowed this raw material to come in untaxed there would have been some sense in their claim that they wanted to encourage the manufacture of tin plate in this country. But their treatment of the tin schedule is a gratuitous injury to consumers, unrelieved by any industrial benefit. -Natural Gas Playing Out. The supply of natural gas has undergone such a diminution that it is no longer a fuel that may be depended upon for large manufacturing purposes. When it was first discovered and applied to the various uses which made it the most complete and desirable fuel ever used by man, there were enthusiasts who believed that the supply was inexhaustible, and that coal would be dispensed with in the regions which nature had favored with the volatile fuel. But there were others who doubted the inexhaustible character of the gas deposit, and it is being proved that their doubts were well grounded. The gas bubble has burst in Pittsburg. Six years ago the manufacturers of that city and neighborhood began to discard coal as a fuel, substituting the subtle combustible that could be so conveniently brought to their furnaces through pipes, and there was general congratulation among its inhabitants that Pittsburg had ceased to be the Smoky City. But the relief from the smoke and soot of a past period was but temporary. The manufacturers have received formal notice from the gas companies that they must find another fuel, because the supply is not great enough to justify its continued sale on the wholesale plan; and private consumers have notice of increased prices that place the cost of gas so considerably above that of coal

as to make it a luxury to be enjoyed only by the well-to-do.

The consequence is that the fires of the factories are being readjusted to the use of coal, and Pittsburg will soon be as smoky and dirty as ever. It is natural to ask the question whether this change will materially affect the prosperity that was so greatly extended by the new fuel; but it is believed that the return to coal will not retard the progress that has been made during the natural gas era. Human ingenuity is quick to adapt itself to a change of circumstances and situation. -General RAUM has not proved satisfactory as a Commissioner of Pensions. Although not as noisy and demonstrative as TANNER, he has other defects that make him even more reprehensible than his blatant predecessor. A first-class scandal has been the result of his peculiar methods of administration, rendering the call for his removal imperative. There is a report that President HARRISON intends to relieve him and will appoint Governor BEAVER, of Pennsylvania, in his place. It may be a question whether the Governor would not consider it too much of a descent to come down from the chief executive office of a great State to a third class position at Washington. The Pension office is one of great responsibility, in which a good man can do important and valuable service. Yet in dignity it is below the governorship of a State. But should it happen that Governor BEAVER should be placed at the head of the pension bureau, his incumbency would be a great improvement on anything that this administration has had in that position. He is fully competent; the work would be congenial on account of his military affiliations, and he is honest, a quality absolutely indispensable in the performance of duties involving the expenditure of millions of money. It is a circumstance well worth commenting upon that during the Cleveland administration the business of the pension office was conducted without a scandal being connected with it, and that the distinguished veteran who took charge of it at the beginning of Mr. CLEVELAND's term filled out the full four years with credit to himself, justice to the pensioners, and benefit to the public service, while in the two years of the Harrison administration the management of the pension bureau has been such as to require the removal of two incumbents. -A Doubtful Remedy. It is believed by a certain class of Republican statesmen that silver may do something to counteract the disaffection that prevails so extensively in the West in consequence of unsatisfactory tariff laws, and therefore some lively silver legislation in the next session of congress may be expected. A free silver coinage bill, it is hoped, will take the string out of a tariff bill that has goaded the western Republicans into a revolt, the calculation being to give them plenty of money to pay the increased cost of living inflicted upon them for the benefit of protected manufacturers. Such Silver Senators as JONES, STEWART, TELLER and PLUMB say that unless the western farmers are given a silver sop that will relieve the increased cost of necessities it will be of no use for the Republicans to try to elect the next President. But such an expedient will prove a doubtful remedy, as it is calculated to excite more opposition in Eastern business circles than it will placate among the Western farmers. -The failure of the old and well-known banking firm of BARKER BROTHERS in Philadelphia last week was a real surprise. It was considered one of the most substantial and conservative firms in the financial circles of the country, and it was given additional distinction by having for one of its members Mr. WHARTON BARKER, the noted Independent Republican and political reformer. But notwithstanding its reputation for conservatism, it appears that the firm indulged in extravagant and dangerous speculation, and exhausted its resources in endeavoring to bolster unprofitable adventures. A collapse was the inevitable result.

A Suspicious Catch.

We would advise caution in accepting the truth of the report that the log-book of COLUMBUS has been discovered. It will be remembered that when the illustrious navigator was returning from his great discovery he was overtaken by a storm in which the expedition came near being swamped, and the admiral's log-book, containing the incidents and experiences of the voyage, was lost. It has always been a cause of regret to navigators, historians and geographers that so interesting and important document met with such a disaster. It is therefore interesting to learn that this long lost log-book has been found, it having been fished up out of the sea on the coast of Wales by a Welsh fisherman. Four hundred years have passed since it suffered the fate of MCGINTY in going to the bottom of the briny deep, and that it is in as good a state of preservation as reported must be on account of the preserving effect of the salt in the sea water. The circumstance of the discovery of this relic of COLUMBUS fits in nicely with the circumstance that the enterprising city of Chicago is celebrating a World's Fair in celebration of the great discoverer's achievement, which wouldn't be complete without having his log book on exhibition. It would be so like Chicago enterprise to have hired the Welsh fisherman to fish for the article which will be the most interesting of the exhibits at the fair. -The Lock Haven Express thinks that if a Democratic House should unseat congressman HOPKINS and give the place to congressman ELLIOT, it would result in HOPKINS' renomination and election by a great majority. Well, suppose it would. What of it? The congress that would be called upon to inquire into the crookedness by which HOPKINS got a small majority this year, would have no occasion to consider the majority he might get at same future election, however large it might be. That is entirely a different question. Sufficient upon the future is the evil thereof. For the present, the evil in hand is sufficient. -Decidedly Democratic. The next House of Representatives will be remarkable in its Democratic complexion. According to a compilation of the clerk of the present House, himself a Republican, the new House will stand 222 Democrats, 92 Republicans, and 17 Alliance members. The Democratic majority will be 130 over the Republicans, or 147 if the Alliance men are counted as Democrats. It is likely that another Democrat will be added by the member who is yet to be elected in Rhode Island. Two districts are so close that the result is doubtful, but if they should return Democrats the majority, according to Democratic figuring at Washington, would be 161. This is much the largest majority any party has ever had in congress since the formation of the government. It is twenty-four of a majority over a two-thirds vote, which will allow the Democrats to suspend the rules at any time and pass any measure they desire. Of the 17 Alliance members elected all are Democrats on the tariff question. On the leading point of Democratic policy they may be counted every time as against the monopolists. -There isn't that harmony among the Republican papers on the tariff question that should exist in well regulated political journalism. The election that happened lately is largely responsible for this derangement. The leading party journals in the West, taking their cue from the prevailing public sentiment in that section, insist upon a modification of the McKinley act. Some of them go as far as to demand its repeal. But in the East the leading papers, influenced by a consideration for the protected interests, want the bill to remain intact, being impressed with the idea that it hasn't yet had a chance to show the good that's in it, and that the people will like it when they understand it better. This contention is likely to be followed by results similar to those that gave celebrity to the Kilkenny cat fight. -You can get this paper and keep booked up for \$2 per year.

spawls from the Keystone.

-The Farmer's Alliance is growing in Berks county. -Many Montgomery county springs are drying up. -Two blindfolded girls ran a foot race at a Reading fair. -Profanity will not be tolerated on Williamsport's streets. -Music will be taught in the Reading schools hereafter. -Diphtheria is prevailing to an alarming extent in Lancaster. -C. P. Blatt, of Pittsburg, breaks horse shoes as if they were wood. -Pittsburg push-carts must use the streets and not the sidewalk. -Westmoreland county's Grand Jury has condemned the county home. -The Conshohocken Pipe Works are shipping their product to England. -Green glass-blowers at Pittsburg will probably leave the Knights of Labor. -Florist Darlington, of Doylestown, shipped 1200 carnations to Philadelphia last week. -Four huge opossums were caught in Henry Slackhouse's barn at Tullytown on Thursday. -A thieving tramp at Farmersville was overtaken by a posse and given a severe flogging. -William H. Rote, 50 years old, a well-known citizen of Altoona, fell dead on the street last Friday. -Roast pig suppers are popular in Bristol. The ladies of many churches have gotten them up. -Jacob Ecker, of East Coventry, is 81 years old and has just swallowed his first dose of medicine. -An ulcerated tooth was the primary cause of the death of James Kerr, the Stroudsburg druggist. -The "Two-Fifty Club," of Pittsburg, is composed of bicyclist, who can do a mile in that time. -Over 150 hogs have died within the past few days at the Kellon (Chester county) Creamery. -A prisoner escaped from the Sullivan county jail, at Laporte, by burning the lock off the cell door. -A youthful nimrod at Fairmont mistook a fat possum for a bear, and dropping his gun ran for his life. -On the farm of the late Josiah Nicholas in Bucks county, there has been growing a second crop of apples. -Abraham Lincoln, a relative of the martyred President, still lives in Camarvon township, Lancaster county. -John Hand, of Thompson, has just brought suit against the borough of Hyde Park to recover \$300 bounty money. -Sueci, the New York faster, has a rival in Dr. T. A. Herbig, of Minersville, who has eaten nothing for thirty days. -The Coal Ridge Colliery, at Mount Carmel which has been flooded for seventeen years, has just been pumped out. -An attempt to increase the flow of a spring at the old May farm near Norristown resulted in its disappearing entirely. -Pittsburg was in holiday attire a few days ago on account of the arrival of a little elephant for its Zoological garden. -Dr. B. H. Warren, of West Chester, wants some specimens of the Pennsylvania bears to complete his collection for the State. -A chopping mill and an acre of ground in Whitpain township, Montgomery county, sold for \$1 at a sheriff's sale a few days ago. -Levi Braxton, of Chambersburg, owns a hog that weighs 935 pounds and is still fattening at the rate of three pounds per day. -The minimum of taxation on farm property in this State is in Northumberland county, at a rate of five and a half mills. -Carlisle telephone subscribers have threatened to boycott the company because of the refusal to replace a discharged manager. -The sale of the new tobacco crop at Lancaster has already begun, the prices for wrappers running from \$8 to 28 cents per pound. -A Fallstown (Bucks county) man clipped his pony the other day, but the cold weather was too much for the little animal and it soon died. -John Brown, a well-known hunter, accidentally shot and killed himself at Lansford on Thursday evening while examining his own gun. -A number of West Chester ladies are carrying packages of red pepper about them as a defence against the "Peeping Tom" that is annoying them. -Bristol's weather prophet predicts, from his observations of animals, a cold winter. He says the ice crop will be harvested before the first of the year. -Students at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, smeared the entire interior of one of the classrooms with blue paint. All of the furniture was also painted. -Benjamin Laub, an old hermit who has been living for twenty years near Straoustown in a hut made of rails and leaves, was burned out a few days ago. -The family of Zachariah Burns, a poor Allentown carpenter, on Friday last, listened to a tramp's "tale of woe," and he repaid the kindness by stealing \$20. -A. C. W. Mathews, a compositor in the Media American office, recently set up 13,026 ems of solid minion in 9 hours and 50 minutes. This involved the handling of about 33,000 types. -Susan Alspach, of Orwigsburg, died in the Harrisburg Insane Asylum recently, and it is said that her malady was contracted from another insane person whom she nursed for three years. -H. P. Rush and his wife drove through Chambersburg a few days ago on their way to their Chester county home. They had ridden all the way from Topeka, Kan., and had spent \$41 for toll. -Of the 201 cases returned to the Lancaster Quarter Sessions Court during the last week-over half came from the Welsh Mountains and in nearly all these cases there were convictions to jail. -A Norristown girl, attacked with tooth ache, left the theatre and called on a neighboring dentist, where the distressing molar was pulled. Then she returned to enjoy the remainder of the show. -At Lattrobe Frederick Garver was shot in the hand by A. G. Saxman in mistake for a burglar. The men selected a Board of arbitration which decided that the injured man should receive \$375 damages. -Patrick O'Hara, aged 60, employed in the Pennsylvania Coal Company's mine at Dunmore, Saturday fired a blast, and was returning after the discharge, when the roof fell in and crushed the life out of him.