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An Insult to Its Readers.

The *Keystone Gazette* never had any respect for the intelligence of its readers. In all its arguments upon political questions it has counted upon the ignorance of those to whom it addressed itself. Last week it gave additional evidence of its belief that its readers are a set of asses, in its assertion that the recent financial difficulties were caused by the Democrats carrying the November elections. It charges the Democratic victory with having brought about the depression in the money market, the failure of banking houses that have recently occurred, and the business stagnation which prevails more or less in the country.

This idiotic charge pays but a poor compliment to the effects of Republican policy and measures. For twenty-five years Republican policies have been exclusively operating. No other than Republican financial, economic and protective measures have prevailed. A Republican administration is now in power and will certainly continue to be for two years more. A Republican President and Senate can check any legislation that is not Republican, and to crown all, the most thoroughly Republican tariff that was ever passed has just gone into operation; and yet, with all these Republican assurances and safeguards of prosperity, the *Gazette* says there is a business collapse. What a beautiful commentary on the effects of Republican rule.

The *Gazette* man is foolish enough to attempt to make his readers believe that this financial disturbance and these business failures were brought about by the election of a Democratic congress which during its entire existence of two years will not be able to originate or act upon a single measure that will affect the finances or business of the country. The business condition must go up or down with the measures now operating, and to operate for some years yet, for which the Republican party, and that party alone, is responsible. The monopoly tariff went into effect but a few weeks before the Democratic victory. Would it not be more plausible to attribute the business slump to causes emanating from the McKinley bill? But if it was not at fault, where, at least, are its boasted beneficent results that it should fail to brace up the financial and industrial situation?

The *Gazette* especially insults the intelligence of its local readers by charging the failure of the Centre Iron Company to the Democratic victory. It could with as much sense have made it responsible for the Sioux Indian disturbance. There is not an intelligent man in this neighborhood who does not know that the causes which produced that failure were doing their work from the very beginning of the enterprise. If the Republicans had elected every congressman and carried every State in the Union, the Sheriff would have come to that establishment just the same. When creditors want to push their claims they don't stop to consider what party is in power, or whether the tariff is high or low. They didn't in the case of the CURTINS and others in this county who went under a year before the Democrats carried the elections. The COLLINGS and other operators who haven't gotten into debt by bad management, haven't been set back a bit by the Democratic victory.

The same causes brought to financial grief the BARKEES, the JAMISONS, the DELAMATERS and other shaky bankers who the *Gazette* says were brought to ruin by the success of the Democrats at the polls. They had invested their money in speculations that didn't materialize, contracted debts which they couldn't pay, and went down when the day of reckoning came. Its coming had as little to do with the late election as with the late eclipse of the moon.

In one sense, however, the Democrats may be said to be responsible for DELAMATER's failure. If they had allowed him to be elected Governor the use of the State money which he would have had access to on account of his official influence, no doubt would have tided his bank over its difficulties. The Democrats may in this sense be chargeable with DELAMATER's financial collapse, but wouldn't it have been unreasonable to ask them to forego the pleasure and duty of electing a Democratic governor in order to save QUAY's candidate from the consequences of his own bad business management?

JAY GOULD has bought a salt-works. Probably he has done this with a view of salting down the innumerable dollars of which he is the possessor.

Invasion of the Household.

The Force Bill is again under consideration. The people who have it in charge, true Bourbons that they are, have not learned anything from the lesson taught by the recent elections. Last Tuesday Senator GRAY, of Delaware, gave the iniquitous measure an unmerciful raking, speaking particularly of the domiciliary clause which provides for an election supervisor to go from house to house and inquire as to names, politics, nationality, &c., of the male inmates.

Domiciliary visitation—the invasion of the private household—has always been a favorite practice of the tyrant, and always the subject of execration and resistance on the part of the freeman. When Senator GRAY properly denounced this tyrannous clause Senator SPOONER interposed with the claim that it had been stricken out by the committee, but this assumption was upset by its being shown that the objectionable clause was in the bill which the Senate was at the time discussing; whereupon Senator HOAR offered the shuffling explanation that it "was only a mistake of the clerk or printer," subsequently admitting that the "mistake" might have been his own.

It is a nice commentary on the character of Republican legislation that a clause of a bill subjecting the citizen to the outrage of domiciliary visitation should be excused as a mistake of the "clerk or the printer." May not the entire bill correctly be regarded as a mistake of the Republican party?

The man, woman or child who fails to get and read Pomeroy's *Advance Thought*, misses some of the best things presented in cold type. The rum-guzzler, wife beater, hypocrite or sneak won't like it, for it is unmerciful in its lashing of the villainies and vices of mankind, but other people will. It is only one dollar a year. Publisher, "Brick" Pomeroy, 234 Broadway, N. Y.

The Philadelphia *Press* declares that gerrymanders by State Legislatures can be prevented only by an apportionment "in which congress shall exercise its full constitutional power and lay out the districts in every State." In other words, instead of the State Legislatures doing the gerrymandering piecemeal, congress shall make a wholesale job of it. A Republican congress of course would effect a Republican gerrymander. In what respect is it superior in fairness and liberality to Republican State Legislatures that it should do differently in this matter from what they do upon every opportunity? That this is a Republican congress is the reason why Republican organs are clamoring for it to do the apportioning. If it were a Democratic congress that should attempt to assume such a power they would denounce it as an outrage.

Loose Use of the State Funds.

The misfortune of the State Treasurer in having placed large sums of money with banking firms which have recently failed—\$25,000 with the Jamison Company and \$100,000 with the DELAMATERS, should be a warning against so loose a disposition of the public funds. The Legislature ought to act upon this matter by legislation looking to a better protection of such deposits made by the State Treasurer. But this may be superfluous in view of the fact that there is already a sufficient law requiring the investment of superfluous state money in government securities. This requirement appears to be neglected, and it is even the fact that government bonds which had been purchased with state funds, as required by law, were sold and the proceeds returned to the treasury, no doubt for the purpose of making the money more available for such use as that in which Treasurer BOYER has endangered so large an amount.

The money in the treasury constitutes the assets by which the gang running the State government make the business of politics profitable. The banks and banking firms favored with this money use it for speculative purposes and divide the profits with those through whose official favor they obtained the use of it.

It is thought by some that Treasurer BOYER has discovered that he made a mistake—has learned a needed lesson—and nonsense of that kind. The present State Treasurer and his predecessors for some years past were put in office to do this very kind of business. They wouldn't have been there if the managers who derive most of their political profits from the use of the state money hadn't been fully assured that they could be used for this purpose. And this thing will go on until the people of the State shall put a more honest party into power, or the Legislature shall protect the treasury by laws so stringent that they can't be defied or evaded.

The Kind of Ballot Law We Should Have.

If our State Legislature should consider a reform ballot bill this winter, and should entertain an honest intention of passing it, it should be careful not to make its provisions so complicated and its requirements so cumbersome as to render them difficult of comprehension to the ordinary voter. To make the new system effective it is not necessary to deprive it of its simplicity. They overdid the work of reforming the ballot law in New York and Indiana, and the consequence is that there are complaints that thousands of voters were kept from voting by the complication and intricacy of the new method. In New York State neither the Republican Legislature nor Governor HILL, between whom the election law was produced, wanted a reform of the ballot, and as a result there are serious defects which gave the voters much trouble and prevented many from exercising the right of suffrage. In Indiana the same difficulty occurred from the same cause.

There is no reason why a Legislature which honestly wants to protect the ballot box from the influence of fraud and intimidation should pass any other than the Australian law pure and simple. This Australian law was originally designed to secure honest voting without reference to party advantage, and wherever it has been tried it has answered the purpose for which it was intended. Where defects have appeared they are attributable to ballot reform bills having been doctored by politicians with the object of securing a personal or party benefit.

In view of the festive requirements of Thanksgiving and Christmas we recently remarked that the American people had reason to be thankful that the turkey was not subjected to the exactions of the McKinley tariff. Had we more thoroughly acquainted ourselves with the minor iniquities of that measure we should not have laid ourselves open to correction by the Philadelphia *Record* which says we erred in representing the turkey as having escaped the McKinley outrage. That paper's more intimate knowledge of the details of tariff taxation enables it to state positively that "on a live turkey that walks over the line into the United States the tax is 3 cents a pound; when a dressed turkey is brought into the country the tax is 5 cents a pound." It thus appears that even the holiday festivities are not exempted from the intrusion of the tariff taxer.

The London *Times*, recognizing that the financial trouble in the United States had its origin in Europe where the pinch was brought on by the Baring difficulty, calls upon London, Paris and Berlin to go to the relief of New York with an advance of money that will relieve the stringency in the United States. What would the *Times* think if it knew that Republican papers in this country were trying to get their readers to believe that the financial trouble was caused by a political victory of the Democratic party?

Ex-President CLEVELAND having written a private letter to a friend, afterwards made public, in which he expressed his honest opinion of INGALLS, true in every particular, it is now said that the Kansas Senator will make "the greatest effort of his life" in scoring the ex-President in the Senate. It won't hurt the ex-President any. He has been benefited by the venomous blackguardism of DANA, and INGALLS will be also to his advantage. Time out of mind the solidity of the file has been proof against the fang of the serpent.

Senator QUAY, who never did like the Force Bill, is credited with the intention of bringing in a substitute bill of such outrageous character that its rejection by even such a body as the Senate will be certain. By its introduction he expects to create such a diversion that both of the bills will fail. This is the report, but we doubt whether QUAY is capable of doing his country that much good.

Because the Farmers' Alliance has denounced the Force Bill the Republican organs declare it to have been influenced by Democratic politicians. Such a charge should be offensive to the farmers who surely have enough innate patriotism to oppose a despotic and revolutionary measure without being moved by an extraneous agency.

The Democratic rooster again has occasion to awaken the echoes among the granite hills of New England. On Tuesday the Democrats made a clean sweep in electing the municipal officers of Boston, their Mayor having a plurality of 13,000.

The Y. W. C. T. U. gave a dinner and supper in the room adjoining the post office, yesterday, Thursday.

Killed By Too Big a Dose of Whisky.

KINGSTON, Nov. 21.—At Shavertown a little hamlet about six miles from this place, John Holley, a son of Robert Holley, a respectable farmer, died on Saturday night from an overindulgence in whisky.

A party of twenty young men, of whom Holley was one, started out about 9 o'clock to serenade a newly-married couple in the same neighborhood. In order to get rid of the unpleasant noise, the groom came to the door and offered if they would go away to furnish them with a jug of whisky. This being agreed to, he gave them a jug containing two gallons of the stuff, which they took.

The party at once repaired to a blacksmith shop near by, and entered on a prolonged revel. They dropped away one at a time as they got saturated, and went to their homes, until about 11 o'clock only five or six remained, and of these young Holley was the only one unable to walk. He had imbibed in such quantities that he was literally paralyzed, but, as his companions were greatly under the influence of the liquor, they did not appreciate his condition.

It is said by some of the boys who left early that he began drinking the stuff in large tumblers, and during the first half hour had swallowed three or four of these, making in the aggregate fully a quart. During the evening he undoubtedly drank two quarts of the whisky. Shortly after 11 the liquor was finished and a start was made for home, but poor Holley was unable to stir. The boys were in a quandary, as they dared not take him to his home, and could not leave him where he was. After a consultation it was decided to take him to a barn about a quarter of a mile distant, and leave him there to sober up. After considerable difficulty he was carried there, and when they had wrapped him in several horse blankets, he was laid on a pile of straw and left alone.

The wife of the farmer owning and occupying the farm was the first to discover him when she went to the barn at about 8 o'clock Sunday morning to feed the chickens. Without disturbing the body, she alarmed the men of the household, who found when they arrived that he was dead.

The coroner empaneled a jury on Sunday afternoon, which, after viewing the body, adjourned to meet and hold the inquest on Tuesday evening.

Dr. Koch's Cure in Kansas.

Wonderful Effect of its Use on a Patient.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 24.—Dr. Baum, of this city, has received from Berlin some of Dr. Koch's consumption virus, and yesterday inoculated S. T. Austin, of Kansas City, Kansas, a man in an advanced stage of consumption. The doctor made the first injection of lymph under the shoulder blade of Austin, in an amount of one-half drachm. The effects were almost immediate. The circulation was better, and in a few minutes the cough decreased and the expectation of the patient was much easier. Later in the day he found Austin much improved in health, and administered another half drachm. The same good effects were noticed and the circulation was increased and breathing became easier and the cough continued diminishing. Dr. Baum had not seen the patient up to a late hour this afternoon, but he has been reported as improving. Another injection was administered this evening.

She Enticed the Dog-Catcher.

A Broadway Belle Who Grabbed Her Pet Just in Time.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Dr. Robert F. Kemp, of Roosevelt Hospital, took a stroll on Broadway yesterday afternoon with a young woman who led a pet dog by a chain. Just as they passed Sixty-fifth street a dog-catcher seized the dog and threw it into his wagon. Dr. Kemp seized the horse's head and demanded the return of the dog. The driver struck the blow, and the two had a lively tussle on the sidewalk. The driver's assistant ran to his aid, and the young woman, with presence of mind, stepped into the roadway, unfastened the door of the dog-pen, and carefully picked out her imprisoned pet. She didn't take the pains to fasten the door again, and the other dogs sprang to the street and escaped, and this ended an adventure that would, on the stage or anywhere else, have brought applause from the parquet to the gallery.

Cleveland on Ingalls.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 24.—Nelson F. Ackers, Internal Revenue Collector of Kansas under President Cleveland, has received a letter from the ex-President, which says:

There is no one thing of the same grade of importance which has resulted from the recent election which ought to please Democrats and decent people so much as the prospect of the retirement of Ingalls. I do not know what kind of a Democrat it would be who would not labor in season and out of season to prevent the return to the Senate of this villifier of everything Democratic, who has been put forward by the Republican party to pour abuse too bad for even decent Republicans, and who was made President Officer of the Senate to crown their insults to our party."

"Biddedford Pool," reports a Maine contemporary, "is at present invaded by a troop of snowy owls from the Arctic wilds. The life-saving crew has been belying its name during the past week to the extent of thirty owls. They are sent to Boston and sold for \$3 or \$3.50, according to their whiteness and the work necessary to mount them successfully."

SCIENTIFIC FARMING.—"Mine is a model farm," said Barrows. "I raise potatoes of all kinds. In this field I plant onions and potatoes together. Result, 300 bushels of lyonnaise potatoes to the acre. Over in that field I planted fifty bushels of potatoes. In the spring I ran a stone crusher over the surface. Result, 250 bushels of mashed potatoes to the acre."—*New York Sun*.

Calling a Halt.

The Columbia *Independent*, whose editor was a gallant soldier in the war of the Rebellion on the Union side, writes as follows:

"The Lancaster *Examiner* is nothing if not radical, and when it says, 'it is time to call a halt in the pension line, it is enough to make one open his eyes. It knows as well as any one knows, that the demagogues in Congress have been using the pension as a bait for old soldiers for years, and will do it for years to come. The dependent pension bill is one of the most iniquitous measures ever passed. It was vetoed by President Cleveland, but was re-enacted by a Republican Congress and signed by President Harrison. We have some little knowledge of the business, and it is surprising to see with what avidity the short term soldiers go for a dependent pension. It would seem as if the entire lot of three, six and nine months' men were invalids when they went into the army and that their short service increased their disability to such an extent that not one can to-day do a day's work. The dependent pension bill bids fair to bankrupt the nation, and is an act of gross injustice to the old soldier. That it places a premium on perjury cannot be doubted, and that a great majority of the claims will cause perjury to be committed is a fixed fact. A service pension bill, at the proper time, would not compel perjury. The record alone would have been evidence of the soldier's service, and on that he would have been paid. We agree with the *Examiner* when it says, 'it never was the true soldier who fought to save his country, who tried to bankrupt it.' It has been the persistent claim agent and the demagogues in Congress, and had Cleveland been re-elected in 1888 the old soldiers would have had a friend in power who would have prevented the dependent pension bill from becoming a law."

A Monster Machine.

The Biggest Stationary Engine in the World.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 6th.—At the Friedensville Zinc Mines, six miles south of Allentown, there is in operation the largest stationary engine in the world. During the past few months it has pumped dry by underground drainage nearly every one pit, spring and small stream within a radius of five miles.

The engine is known as the "President," is of 5000-horse power and is run by sixteen boilers. At each revolution of its ponderous wheels a small stream is thrown out, the number of gallons raised every minute being 17,500. The driving wheels are 35 feet in diameter and weigh 40 tons each. The sweep-rod is 40 feet long. The cylinder is 110 inches in diameter, while the piston-rod is 18 inches in diameter and makes a 10-foot stroke.

The engine has a ballast box capable of holding sixty tons, and to feed the boiler twenty-eight tons of coal are required daily. On the engine is the largest nut in the world. It is hexagonal in shape and weighs 1600 pounds. To tighten or loosen this nut twenty men are required, while the wrench that fits it is twenty feet long. From the end of the walking beam of the engine to the bottom of the shaft the distance is 300 feet. The masonry on which the engine rests is 108 feet deep, some of the foundation stones weighing five tons. The engine operates four pumps, three of which are thirty inches in diameter and the fourth twenty-two inches.

A Fortune from Beans and Beef.

Oliver Hitchcock, the Park Row beans and beef man, has made more money from the sale of the two articles of diet mentioned than any man in the world. His fortune is estimated to be \$750,000. He is said to own considerable stock in the New York Central railroad and to have a large sum invested in bonds and mortgages. He is a remarkably sturdy man for his age—he being 74 years old. Every day finds him behind his counter, at the corner of Beekman street, slicing the juicy cornbeef or larding the Boston vegetable. He works only four hours a day now.

Mr. Hitchcock began selling beef and beans forty years ago, and he has been at it continuously ever since. Some of the most famous newspaper men of New York city have dined at his humble restaurant. Horace Greeley was one of Hitchcock's regular customers. Hitchcock cannot remember why he made a specialty of beef and beans, but he has tangible evidence that it these articles are properly cooked and decently served they will bring a handsome remuneration.—*New York Journal*.

A Teamster Killed at Jersey Shore

WILLIAMSPORT, Dec. 1.—George Reese, a teamster, aged 40 years, was killed at Jersey Shore this afternoon he being thrown from the top of a load of lumber which he was driving. In descending an incline he lost his balance, and was precipitated to the ground, striking on his head. His neck was broken, death being instantaneous. He was unmarried and lived in Milford township, this county.

Buffalo Bill as a Quaker.

Buffalo Bill was born in Chester county, Pa., and comes of good old Quaker stock. Both his father and mother were Quakers and estimable people. The father was a mild-mannered, quiet little man in a broad-brimmed hat, and his mother a sweet-faced old lady with a soft voice, who always said "thee" and "thou" and wore a gray gown and a white cap.

A Baby Smothered to Death.

WILLIAMSPORT, Dec. 1.—The 3-months old child of Lewis Linesey was smothered to death in bed last night. The mother put her three children to bed and went out to visit a neighbor. During her absence, the little one turned over on its face, and was held down by the weight of the covering. When found, it was breathing its last.

Congressional Twins.

There are two men on the Republican side of the House who look enough alike to be twin brothers. They are Louis E. McComas, of Hagerstown Md., and William D. Owen, of Logansport, Ind. McComas is a sharp, shrewd lawyer, and Owen has been a Minister of the Christian church. The former is a member of the committee on appropriations and the latter is chairman of the committee on immigration and naturalization. The District of Columbia appropriation bill was the first appropriation bill passed. McComas drove it through the House with lightning like speed. It is said that several Washingtonians congratulated the Rev. Mr. Owen on the ability he had displayed in securing the appropriations for the District and asked him into the restaurant to have something.

McComas' experiences are, however, not so pleasant. The doorkeepers say that he was recently stopped in the corridor by a matronly lady, wearing black lace mitts and gold eye-glasses, who threw up both hands on seeing him and said: "La! Brother Owen, how do you do? Why, I haven't seen you in a dog's age!"—*Cor. Chicago Times*.

Quay Says He Lost Nothing.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—Senator Quay emphatically denies that he is on any of Delamater's paper, or that he has any feeling against the recent candidate for Governor. "On the contrary," he says, "I trust he may come out of this creditably."

Twenty Millions for the Strip.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 9.—John A. Blair, Secretary of the Cherokee Strip Live Stock Association, and a son of Millionaire John I. Blair, of New Jersey, to-night telegraphed to Chief Mexas of the Cherokee Nation, an offer of \$20,000,000 for the Cherokee strip.

An Italian was making up powder on the stripping at Jeunesville, on Monday afternoon, when a spark from the fire ignited a cartridge. Throwing it on the floor he jumped on it for the purpose of putting it out, when the friction of his boots set the cartridge off, which shattered one of his feet so that it will have to be amputated.

There is scarcely anything women cannot do with a hair pin. They use it to pick their teeth, button shoes, clean finger nails, punch bugbuds out of cracks, fasten up stray bangs, clean out their husband's pipe, scratch their heads, run it into cakes to see if they are done, and about a million other things that the poor deluded men know nothing about.

For bites in children, rub the irritated skin or the pustules with castor oil, applied with the tip of the finger. Baby will pass from fretting to slumber while the process is going on, the relief will be so great and quick. For inflamed eyes, bumped heads and sprained ankles use abundantly water as hot as can be borne.

Books, Magazines, etc.

An elegant Gift Book: Golden Thoughts on Mother, Home and Heaven. Edited by Rev. Theo. L. Cuyler, D. D., and others. From an examination of its merits we heartily endorse the sentiment of William M. Taylor, D. D., Pastor of Broadway Tabernacle, expressed in a personal letter to the Publisher, E. B. Treat, 5 Cooper Union, N. Y.

"This book is as valuable in its contents as it is beautiful in its external appearance. There is something here for almost every experience and the lessons of earth are all made to point toward the rewards of heaven. The book, as a whole, is worthy of all acceptance, and is especially timely in an age when the glory of the home is so frequently forgotten in the glitter of what is called society."

Price \$2.75. Gift Edges in a box, \$3.50. Two hundred thousand have been printed to meet the demand. Teachers, Ladies and others wanted to introduced it.

AN INSULTIVE IDYL.

The country school marm, gay and fine,
Will come to town next week,
To "mash" all Bellefonte's frayed-out dudes,
And hear the speakers speak.

Our best hotels will overflow
With pedagogic "sweets,"
And airy, fairy, gushing girls
Will promenade our streets.

The adolescent sap-head youths,
Whose hearts young Cupid rules,
Will all be caught by the lovely ones
Who teach the country schools.

The thaw of Wednesday and Thursday put an end to the sleighing for the time being.

The "Old Jonathan Coburg" Co., carries on imperial band and orchestra. It is a good show, so the papers say.

Don't miss seeing "Old Jonathan Coburg," played by the Moore and Vivien Co., in the Opera House on Thursday night, Dec. 18th.

Last week we stated that Mr. Josh Folk had been bounced from the police for getting drunk and abusing his family. Mr. Folk has since called to inform us that we were in error as to one of the charges, at least, that of abusing his family, and requests the publication of the following affidavit affirming his innocence of that charge:

Centre County, Pa.:
Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace, in and for said county, Sade Sheridan, J. Folk, Edith Folk and Sade Sheridan, all of Bellefonte Borough, who on their oath say, that certain charges have been in circulation that on the 18th day of November, A. D. 1890, Joshua Folk of said Bellefonte Boro., did come to his home in said Boro., intoxicated, and did then and there abuse his family. Said Joshua Folk was at that time off of duty as policeman, did come home slightly intoxicated, but did not in any way act indecently or was he abusive to his family; and further say that we never knew of said Joshua Folk at any time to be abusive to his family.

Sworn to before me, this 6th day of Dec. A. D. 1890.
SAM'L F. FOSTER, J. P.
MELITIA M. FOLK, Mark
EDITH FOLK, Sade Sheridan, J. P.