

Ink Slings.

Murderer Winsor has run away, And left poor Sheriff C. Had he not sloped he would have hung, But not on a Christmas tree. The cats of Kilkenny got their backs up when PARNELL asked to be vindicated. This is the season when the pensive turkey may well ask "Why should the spirit of gobblers be proud?" The cautious turkey looks askance at every passer by, and seeks to foil his enemies by roosting high. It isn't probable that Mr. HARRISON shall find a Force Bill in his stocking. SANTA CLAUS doesn't confer such noxious gifts. The gobbler, when he spreads his wings into the topmost limb to soar, he gobbles, in his upward flight, "Excellent!" He is a poor chump who isn't merry at this festive juncture and doesn't wish his neighbor to join him in a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The presence of CAMERON in the Senate threatens to throw a shade of unhappiness over the Philadelphia Press's otherwise glad New Year. If your stockings you've hung by the chimney with care— Those old ones of gray woolen yarn, And found in the morning no SANTA was there, The appropriate thing is to "damn." When SANTA CLAUS her stocking filled, he held his sides a minute. Its amplitude! He laughed to think of the limb that had been "in it." This Christmas SITTING BULL will eat his jerked venison in those happy hunting grounds where it is supposed that all bad Indians become good. SUCCI made a mistake in breaking his forty-five days fast last Sunday. If he had held on a few days longer what a vacuum he would have had for turkey and cranberry sauce on Christmas. If you didn't receive as much as you thought Was due you on Christmas day, Just put on your stockings cap and think How much you gave away. Methap "twill scatter the cloud on your brow, And make its dark shadow leave, If you shall remember on Christmas day "Tis more blessed to give than receive." The people of Pennsylvania have given ROBERT E. PATTISON occasion to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year preliminary to his giving them an honest State administration. The county teachers have all left, and we've recovered from the shock, but we'd like to find the pretty(?) face that wrecked our old town clock—which hasn't been going since the Institute adjourned. Senator INGALLS has left Washington for Kansas to find out whether the opposition to him in that State is an iridescent dream or a stern reality. He is likely to discover that its color is not that of the rainbow. While we wish the Democrats of Centre county a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we trust that the Republicans haven't been set back so much that they won't also take a hand in the festivities. If there's a dearth of toys and knick-knacks In the stocking of Baby McKee, Old BAXBY can set it down as due To the McKinley B. No longer can SANTA'S Christmas goods Be brought over the boundless sea, Without paying increased tribute To the McKinley B. The Democratic roster is too high-strung a fowl to be used for holiday purposes. Besides, he has been crowing so much this fall that he is a little off in flesh. The lymphatic turkey is more suitable for the festive board. The tariff hasn't done much in contributing to the holiday festivities of the Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company's employes. A reduction of twenty per cent in their wages is poor sauce for their Christmas dinner. No wonder the Farmers' Alliance declared against the fashionable folly of six o'clock dinners. Imagine the tin-horn summoning the hungry granger to the dinner table about the time the chickens are preparing to go to roost. When Uncle SAM on Christmas morn Looks for his gifts from SANTA CLAUS, Though always a mild mannered man, There is indeed sufficient cause For him to imprecate like sin, As fearfully his anger wakes; For all that he can find within His hung-up stocking, long and thin, Is a lot of tariff taxes. It is questionable whether the right pony was selected in the choice of the Golden Poppy as the floral emblem of California. A flower of such soporific qualities is hardly a fit emblem of so wide-awake a State. It is too suggestive of Morphous. The Sergeant of the Senate is kept busy in hunting up absent members of that body. It may be the influence of the season that leads them to seek that apartment in the capitol building where "cold tea" promotes senatorial sociability.

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The Events of the Year.

It is interesting at the end of the year to review its most prominent events, at home and abroad, which in the future will make it memorable. The following incidents, of leading importance, as happening during the year, have been extracted and condensed from an extended review of 1890: Early in the year the German parliament was dissolved. The new parliament which was elected in its stead had a large majority against the conservative or government party. Meantime the young Emperor quarreled with Prince BISMARCK, and the Chancellor, after twenty-eight years of unbroken leadership in the affairs of Prussia and Germany, resigned, and General CAPRIVI was made chancellor in his place. The year began with a dispute between Great Britain and Portugal over the possession of a vast region in Africa. By a show of force England made Portugal yield. This was followed by an understanding between several powers interested, in which England's authority was extended in Eastern and Central Africa, and that of France in Northwest Africa and Madagascar, while Germany, in exchange for Zanzibar, received the British island of Heligoland in the North sea. In England, the commission which had been investigating Mr. PARNELL'S connection with alleged criminal conspiracies virtually acquitted him. Toward the end of the year the proof or admission of certain charges against Mr. PARNELL'S moral character led Mr. GLADSTONE and other liberals to abandon him, politically, and this in turn caused a division in the Irish national party. In France, the exposure of the plots of General BOULANGER with royalists, Bonapartists and extreme radicals, to overthrow the republic, destroyed what remained of the Boulangerist movement. Several events in the affairs of Europe in general were noteworthy. Professor KOCH, of Berlin, discovered and experimented with a substance which, it is believed, destroys the germs of consumption in the early stages of the disease. The anti-slavery congress at Brussels made important recommendations, as did also the conference of the powers at Berlin, to consider the labor question. The king of Holland's death, in November, was followed by the accession of his daughter, Wilhelmina, 10 years old. It has been a year of political events and excitements in the United States. The conference of the independent powers of America at Washington recommended several important measures, including a plan, since formally adopted by several nations, for international arbitration. A tariff bill, considerably increasing the aggregate burden of tariff taxation, was passed by congress. The congressional election resulted in a very large democratic majority. The World's Fair and Columbian exhibition was located at Chicago and fixed for 1893. Wyoming and Idaho were admitted to the union. The census enumeration of the people showed a population of sixty-two and a half millions. Congress passed a new silver law, which provides for the purchase by the government of a great deal of bullion. It also passed a disability pension law and an anti-lottery law. There was great excitement among the Indians of the west over the expected coming of an Indian Messiah. The Sioux and some of the other tribes began threatening dances and depredatory movements, and a large body of troops was sent to their country to hold them in check. There has been a successful revolution in Salvador, and an unsuccessful one in Honduras. In the Argentine Republic the reckless and extravagant government of President CELMAN was overthrown by revolution, and a new government set up. Brazil is at peace under the new republic. As a result of rash speculation and inflation in Argentine and Uruguay, the great English house of Baring Bros. was embarrassed. Financial stringency, with many failures, prevailed in New York. The harvests of the world have not been abundant, and the wheat crop of the United States is below the average. Among the dead of the year are the king of the Netherlands and the Dowager Empress AUGUSTA, of Germany,

Cardinal NEWMAN and Lord NAPIER, of Magdala, in the old world; and in the new, Justice SAMUEL F. MILLER, of the Supreme Court; JOHN C. FREMONT; WILLIAM D. KELLEY and SAMUEL J. RANDALL, statesmen of Pennsylvania, and JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY and DION BOUCAULT.

The Methodists of Arkansas don't seem to approve of shepherds of their flock laying aside their crooks and taking a hand in the worldly business of politics. Thus the conference of that State has called Rev. N. B. FIZER to account for such an irregularity. His offense of having run for Governor has been punished by a suspension of his clerical functions for a term of five months. But the conference was too severe with the erring divine. The licking he got at the polls was punishment enough.

A Wonderful New Metal.

The great thing of the future will be aluminum. The farmer hardly can be made to believe that in every six tons of the clayey material of his farm there is a ton of metal, worth \$350, which can be used for all the purposes to which silver, brass, tin or nickel is now applied. This is aluminum, which scientists have for years been trying to extract from the clay at a cost that would make it cheap enough for general use.

A Chicago party announce that they have discovered a process of production that secures the requisite cheapness of the new metal, and claim that they will revolutionize the arts by their discovery. They say that it will surpass any other material for plating purposes and entirely change that industry, relighting galvanized iron to the shades of oblivion. One of the largest Chicago dealers in pipe and galvanized iron examined specimens of this new plating and was so well pleased with it that he ordered a million feet of aluminum-plated piping. For pipes, burnished furnishings, kitchen utensils, stove and furniture mountings—in fact, for every kind of article that is now silver-mounted, nickel plated, tinned or gilt—it is claimed that at the reduced cost of that material, aluminum plating will be substituted.

As for tin, the new metal will speedily settle the tariff on that article and turn the tables on the monopolists who have conspired to raise the price of the workingman's dinner bucket and the housewife's water pail. At least we should be led to believe so if what the Chicago party say about their aluminum discovery be true. But Chicago has the reputation of being a windy city and it is to be feared that her citizens, partaking of her nature, are given to blowing. But if the new metal is really what it is represented to be, we hope that its discoverers won't have it placed on the list of infant industries and get the Republicans to protect it with a high tariff.

France is getting ready on a grand scale for her next misunderstanding with Germany, which will come sooner or later. The force she has now on a war footing reaches the tremendous number of 3,226,000 soldiers, and the reserve will make it about 4,000,000. At this rate there is one fighting man to every nine of population. This immense aggregate of soldiers is armed with weapons of the most improved kind. It is fearful to contemplate the use for which this vast force is intended, and that it has a sedative effect upon the warlike spirit of Germany is shown by the pacific declarations of the German Emperor. The nation across the Rhine of course is making every effort to match this immense military power, and when the collision comes it will be Titanic in its character. Whatever may be its outcome it is certain that France will not be taken unprepared and at a disadvantage as was she in 1870.

It is a benevolent act on the part of the President to find places for the unfortunately Republican congressmen who were treated unkindly by their constituents at the last election. Thus he has provided for CONGER, of Iowa, by making him Minister to the Republic of Brazil. But what position abroad could compensate McKINLEY for the loss of his district?

Responsible for the Disorder.

The many sympathizers with the Irish national movement are pained by the disorder that attends the appeal which the two factions have made to the Irish people. PARNELL'S conduct is responsible for these turbulent proceedings and for the injury they are doing the cause. After bringing discredit upon himself and ruining his standing as a leader, he endeavors to secure vindication from a people noted for their excitable nature and factional disposition. They have been wound up to the highest pitch by the long suspension of the Home Rule question, and this episode, involving the reputation of the leader in whom they had the utmost confidence, was sure to produce intense feeling. It could not be otherwise than that he should have followers even while shadowed by the cloud of disgrace in which he is enveloped; and on the other hand it could not be otherwise than that under the circumstances the best Irish sentiment should be opposed to his continued leadership. Therefore it was entirely wrong, it was the next thing to being criminal, for him to throw himself into a contest which was certain to be of a turbulent character, and which had no other object than the vindication of a personality that has been hopelessly damaged. An unselfish regard for the cause which PARNELL has hitherto championed with much ability and efficiency, would have induced him to withdraw after ordinary sense was able to discern that his objectionable moral conduct had destroyed his influence and usefulness as a leader. His persistence in ignoring decent public sentiment has thrown Ireland into a turmoil. He has been personally assaulted, an occurrence not uncommon in Irish factional fights. The throwing of lime in his eyes by his opponents was a brutal act, but PARNELL made himself the victim of such brutality by exciting the factional rancor that prompted it.

The University of Pennsylvania has commenced the use of the Koch lymph for the cure of consumption, and the result of the experiments made at that institution last week is awaited with great interest by the public. The Pennsylvania is conservative in the adoption of new medical methods, and that it has tried the Koch cure is evidence that it does not believe that it is quackery. No greater triumph could be achieved by the healing art than would attend the success of this new method of curing tubercular diseases.

Encouraging an Infant Industry.

The Province of Quebec is adopting measures to stimulate the increase of its population. Its legislators are impressed with the truth that it is the people that make the State, and they want more people in order that they may have more of a State. With this as their object they have passed a law which is intended to encourage the production of babies. This law provides that the father of twelve children shall receive a grant of 100 acres of land, to which 100 acres shall be added for every additional child.

This should be an encouragement for every able-bodied Kanuck to do his full share in the patriotic work of peopling the sparsely populated Dominion. In the United States the baby industry is not prosecuted with the vigor that characterized the earlier days of the Republic, large families being the exception in these degenerate times. It is far from being a fad in our fashionable circles. The Canadians are wise in encouraging their infant industry in a way that will be of more substantial benefit to the Dominion than a McKinley tariff would be.

Senator STEWART, of Nevada, has made a strong speech against the Force Bill. As he is a Republican he deserves special credit for opposing that revolutionary and obnoxious party measure. It is often wondered what that unpopulous pocket State is good for, anyhow, with not enough people to constitutionally entitle her to a congressman; but when one of her Senators takes a manly stand against such a scheme as the Force Bill it can't be said that he is not of some use.

The Movement for Ballot Reform.

The Pennsylvania Ballot Reform Association notifies the people of the State that a movement will be made to have the next State Legislature pass an Australian ballot bill. They give a description of the working of the reform system, including the details connected with its operation, which we publish in another column. It is the Australian plan pure and simple, without the complexities which have been added to it by designing or overzealous parties in other States, and which have interfered with the perfect benefits which result from its operations when not impaired by alteration and ill advised or ill intended amendment. The great majority of the people of the State, irrespective of party, want a reform ballot law. Their sentiment on this point was expressed at the last State election. The desire for this reform was the motive that led to the election of Governor PATTISON. There are politicians who oppose it, but they must yield to the popular will. The Democrats are united in their determination to have such a reform. We believe that a large proportion of the Republicans favor it, although their leaders prefer the old system which gives them the opportunity for crooked practices. They showed their aversion to honest election methods by their rejection of an Australian ballot bill at the last session. But the party is pledged to a reform ballot law by its last platform, however insincere that pledge may have been. It is certain that the Governor, whose election was not in their calculation when the Republican ballot reform promise was made, will call upon the Republican Legislature to show whether on the question of an Australian ballot law they were playing fast and loose with the confidence of the people at the last election. So far as the Governor is concerned the Democratic pledge of ballot reform will be fully carried out.

American history will probably record no more Indian outbreaks, as in all likelihood the one that is now occurring in the North West will be the final effort of an expiring race to assert itself against the encroachments of their white enemies who have pushed them to the last limit. The number of wild Indians, who constitute the tribes that are disposed to be hostile, have been reduced to a mere handful, and there is something in this last feeble and ineffectual stand against the millions who have despoiled them of their heritage, that would be pathetic if it could be divested of its savage associations.

Bad Indians.

SITTING BULL has left this world with the reputation of having been a very bad Indian. Since his death, however, there are some who are disposed to revise their opinion of the defiant savage and to attribute to him the qualities that belong to the hero, the prophet and the patriot.

There was never an Indian who opposed the whites that was not considered by them as being bad. As far back as King PHILIP, of the early New England colonial times, the opposition he made to the encroachments of the psalm-singing Puritans was regarded by them as extremely reprehensible. They were the Lord's chosen people and any protest from the heathen against being robbed of the land they had inherited from their fathers was sufficient justification for "smiting them hip and thigh." PONTIAC, who subsequently organized a formidable resistance to the threatening power of the white man, which to him portended the destruction of his race, was also a bad Indian. The list of iniquitous aborigines who have been subjected to the reprobation of the righteous whites, includes TECUMSEH, BLACK HAWK, OSCEOLA and other chiefs whose offense was their resistance to the ever increasing and encroaching power of intruders from another continent whom nothing could satisfy but entire possession of the land. White men actuated by the same motive have usually been called patriots.

SITTING BULL probably was a bad Indian of this description. But he has gone to a land where the whites won't be able to crowd him off his reservation, and where he and his people will not be cheated by rascally Indian agents.

Spawls from the Keystone.

The snow is thirty-five inches deep along the Lehigh Valley Railroad between Laceyville and Waverly. Mrs. John B. Allen, of Chester, accidentally took an overdose of laudanum and died from its effects. Reading Railroad express trains were this week loaded down with turkeys for the Philadelphia market. Funeral services over the remains of ex-Congressman JOHN A. HESTAND were held at Lancaster. The interment was at Marietta. Mrs. Joseph Finn scared two burglars away from her house in Pottstown by using her husband's revolver. Horse disease of some kind has broken out in Dublin, Bucks county. Three horses have died within a few days. John M. Donnelly, a Lebanon inventor and manufacturer, died on Friday night from injuries received a week ago in a runaway accident. There are said to be sixty-five delinquent collectors of county tax in Berks, and action upon their bonds will be taken by the Commissioners. David and Joseph Nicely, the Somerses County murderers, applied to the Board of Pardons for a rehearing, on the ground of after-discovered evidence. A demented Italian, known as Pedro, became violent and escaped from the poor house at Sanson, above Pottstown, and was only retaken after a desperate fight. Assistant Postmaster McMahon, of South Bethlehem, was beaten out of \$10 on Saturday by a dapper young man wearing the "flim-flam" game on him. The Pennsylvania branch of the Farmers' League, in convention at Pottsville, passed a resolution demanding equal taxation of all property, personal and corporate. The late Andrew Garrett's will did not, as has been supposed, leave a large bequest to Trinity Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg. George Hummel gets the estate instead. Ignatz Altman was robbed on Sunday evening at South Bethlehem of \$300 by a sneak, thief entering the second story of his house and breaking open a trunk. Morris Miller and Simon Shopenhans are in prison at Hazleton in default of paying fines of \$50 each for peddling without a license, the result of cross-char-ges growing out of a quarrel. McKee & Fuller, car manufacturers at Fullerton, Lehigh county, have received an order from the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company for 1000 freight cars, all to be supplied with the air-brakes and patent couplers. The commission created by the Legislature to examine into the present system of maintaining the poor, and to modify the existing laws relating to that subject, met at Harrisburg to complete its work. A man named Adams, it is said, has been fleeing the families of West Chester by representing himself to be an agent for a Philadelphia photographic firm and collecting money for pictures which he failed to make. The announcement made that Sheriff-elect Sides, of Lancaster, intends reappointing Isaac B. Loran, a Democrat, as his principal deputy, and Jacob Shenk as another deputy, has raised quite a commotion in local political circles. Mrs. Jane Lewis was attacked by tramps on Saturday and beaten so that she died. Her son, with whom she lived, six miles from Altoona, was absent at the time of the assault, and when he arrived home his mother was unable to talk to him. Sixteen arrests were made in connection with the dispute between the members of the Lutheran and Reformed Churches at Cherryville, Northampton county, concerning the use of the cemetery attached to St. Paul's Lutheran Church there. Tate, Shaffer and Downing, delegates accused of accepting bribes at the Republican Convention which nominated McDowell, of Mercer county, were committed to jail for refusal to testify at the trial of Attorney William D. Wallace, who is under indictment for bribery. Orders have been served by the Chief of Police at Norristown on St. Aloysius' Church people, holding a fair in the Opera House, not to run their pool-wheel, and the wheel which was in motion during the past week by the Friendship Pioneer Corps was also stopped by the complaint of Rev. H. M. Dyckman. The State financial officers, the State Treasurer and Auditor General, have finished their report of receipts and expenditures of the Commonwealth for the year ending November 30, as follows: The total receipts, \$6,625,918, and a balance of \$4,428,645 in the Treasury, an increase of \$100,200 in the receipts. Who Is to Blame? Boston Transcript. But much of what is written of the present disposition of the Indians toward an outbreak is evidently exaggerated, and, aside from this, we are strongly disposed to suspect plans to drive the Indians out of their possessions by means of war on the part of those who covet those possessions for their own ownership. Our people may well think of the cost, as well as the suffering, implied in an Indian war before they give countenance to those who would bring it on. A Veteran Killed by the Cars. The Renovo News says that Isaac Swartwood, while crossing the Sinnemahoning creek on the P. & E. railroad bridge, Thursday morning, was struck by the engine of fast freight and thrown on the ice some 20 feet below, and was picked up by friends and carried to the station, where he died in about two hours. Mr. Swartwood was an honorably discharged and pensioned soldier of the late war, and was seventy-two years of age. His family and friends deplore the sad end of this aged veteran. Regulating Immigration. Norwich Bulletin. We are willing to welcome all who come to us possessed of ordinary intelligence, capable of self-support, endowed with the instincts and ideas of common morality, and anxious to become of us as well as merely to live with us. But it is high time that some restrictions were put upon the incursions of ignorance and pauperism and vice and crime. In plain English, we have the right to choose what guests we shall invite to enter our family, the right to refuse those whose company we find undesirable, and the time is fully ripe for exercising that right.