

Ink Slings.

The discovery that the McKinley bill protects goat's hair does not improve the odor of that enactment.

The Canadians every day are becoming more outspoken in their desire for annexation, but Bre'r Jonathan he lay low.

Robins were seen in our town this week. If their appearance was intended as a harbinger of Spring it was certainly a case of misplaced confidence.

INGALLS is said to —. But what's the use of saying anything more about INGALLS? The recollection of him is but a dream that isn't even indelcent.

The chasm across which CLEVELAND and HILL shook hands the other day wasn't as bloody as the enemies of the Democracy would like to make it appear.

Considering the cold snap that followed the ground hog's appearance last Monday, it is to be regretted that when he came out and saw his shadow he wasn't sun-struck.

CAMERON is still master of the Republican situation in Pennsylvania, and it is the first time in his political career that his mastery is based upon action that can be commended.

The inglorious termination of the resolution in the State Legislature last Monday, censuring Senator CAMERON for his opposition to gag rule in the Senate, was enough to make DOX lay back and laugh.

PATTI is reported to be seriously ill. It is to be hoped that Death may not enforce the definite and final farewell of the divine singer with no chance for her to bob up serenely again with another tour.

BERNHARDT arrived in New York last week with more than a hundred trunks. If she intends to go back with them filled with American dollars the necessity for passing the free coinage bill becomes apparent.

Senator ROBINSON, of the Chester-Delaware district, will go down in history with the bad notoriety of wanting a bayonet behind every ballot. And just to think of it; this advocate of warlike weapons at the polls represents a Quaker district.

The vigorous manner in which Rev. SAM JONES acquitted himself the other day when attacked by a Texan Mayor should warn those who may be disposed to tackle the renowned revivalist that his religion is of the muscular variety.

The announcement by Chief Justice FULLER that the court sustains the motion of the British consul in the sealskin case brought before that tribunal, is assurance that although we have a Jingo Administration we don't have a Jingo Supreme Court.

If they could get their steamship subsidy swindle through, which, if passed, would despoil the public treasury of \$200,000,000 in the next ten years, the Republican leaders would be happy yet, you bet, notwithstanding the failure of their bayonet project.

The Philadelphia Inquirer says: "If the tariff is a tax it does not seem to be paid by the consumers." That is characteristic of all indirect taxation. To those who have to pay it it does not seem to be a tax, but it gets in its extortionate work all the same.

Senator ALDRICH, in speaking of the Force Bill, of which he was one of the chief engineers, says "the bill is dead without the hope of resurrection." For the good of the country it is to be hoped that it is beyond the sound of GABRIEL'S trombone.

The appearance of Governor PARTISON the other day at Harrisburg as prosecutor in an action for libel against an offender who assailed his reputation at the late election, showed that, unlike the slippery man from Maine, he didn't bring his suit merely for a campaign purpose.

If Mr. HARRISON is in a quandary about the appointment of a Secretary of the Treasury we would kindly help him out of the difficulty by suggesting MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY as the successor of Mr. WINDOW, deceased. Mr. QUAY'S experience in handling treasury funds has been so well ventilated that the public know all about it.

The New York Sun, with unparalleled effrontery, says "the Democratic party was betrayed in 1838." It was indeed betrayed, and the fact that DANA is still alive and kicking is evidence that the man who was chief among the Judases of that campaign didn't follow the example of his treacherous prototypes by hanging himself.

KRUPP, the German gunmaker, is said to acknowledge that he is responsible for the death of 650,000 men on the battle-field. He unnecessarily magnifies his responsibility. There haven't been that many men killed outright in battle within the last hundred years, and he is far from having made all the guns that did the shooting in that time.

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Pattison Fires a Shot at the Force Bill.

After Senator CAMERON had voted to set aside the the gag resolution in the Senate to make way for the Apportionment Bill, whereby the Force Bill received what appears to have been its final quietus, the radicals in the State Legislature showed great indignation over his action and talked loud about passing a resolution demanding his resignation. They, however, couldn't muster courage enough for that, but satisfied themselves with a resolution calling on Pennsylvania's representatives in the Senate to support the federal elections bill, more popularly known as the Force Bill. This was passed by a party vote, and was sent to the Governor for his signature. But upon this subject he didn't have the same impression as that which actuated the Republican legislators, and consequently he vetoed the resolution, returning it to the body from which it emanated with some interesting remarks, of which the following are the leading points:

There is no popular demand for legislation which seems to invade this right of the people and to transfer the choice of their representatives from State to federal regulation. The proposition to invest the executive and judicial branches of the federal government with the power to appoint agents to control the election of the legislative branch is a most preposterous and dangerous one. The device to this end, which this resolution approves, involves the expenditure of many millions of dollars and the creation of enormous federal patronage in regard to the judiciary, as cumbersome, inequitable and expensive, as it is unnecessary and unconstitutional. Such a plan will not tend to secure free and untrammeled suffrage.

On the contrary, it will destroy the purity and disturb the tranquillity of elections; it will awaken sectional discord, breed distrust and endanger business prosperity. Sound moral, material and political considerations alike demand that such a measure should be reprobated and not encouraged. Convened, as the general assembly of Pennsylvania is, to consider matters of State concern and to jealously protect the rights of its citizens, I can see no virtue in the approval of a measure which would yield to Federal interference and supervision what fairly belongs to the people of the State, and what is constitutionally guaranteed to them. I believe that an overwhelming majority of the people outside of our own commonwealth are heartily opposed to the features of the bill. I cannot, therefore, consistently or conscientiously join in a request to the Senators of Pennsylvania to favor such an enactment.

This was excellent treatment of a partisan measure which proposed to create political disturbance in the country for the sake of a party advantage. As chief executive of Pennsylvania, Governor PARTISON could never consent to having the control of its elections taken from the hands of the State authorities and handed over to the arbitrary management of a centralized federal government, and what he would not want for his own State he certainly would object to having fastened upon any other State.

Mine Protection.

The terrible mine disaster near Scaddack last week was a calamity that needs investigation, with a view to the prevention of such calamitous occurrences. The business of mining is necessarily attended with dangers, but unavoidable as they are to a certain extent, no effort should be spared to lessen their number and to shield the miners as far as possible from the perils of their calling. It is, therefore, for a commendable purpose that a commission appointed by the Legislature is inquiring into the facts and circumstances of last week's terrible accident and taking testimony that will discover the cause of the disaster with a view to fixing the responsibility, if any, and devising further safeguards if those already existing can in any way be improved upon.

Probably it wouldn't be so much of a calamity if the Republicans should effect their project of erecting the only Democratic congressional district in Philadelphia. It would leave the factious Democrats of that city less to wrangle about and less capital with which to carry out disgraceful deals.

Dead Issues.

Mr. BARRETT, Republican Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, is beginning to see what is the matter with the party which, though old, is not as grand as it used to be. Dead issues, he thinks, is what is troubling it. In addressing the Norfolk club some days ago, he said: "We are split up as a party, because we are not bringing to the front questions in which the people are interested; because we stand on the issues that were popular twenty or twenty-five years ago, and are making these 'old issues paramount.'"

Mr. BARRETT is entirely correct in his diagnosis of the Republican disease. It is suffering terribly from dead issues, and its ailment is incurable and bound to be fatal, for all the live issues are in the possession of the Democrats, there being none available for the Republicans to take hold of for the infusion of new blood into their moribund party.

The great dead issue, whose carcass hangs around the neck of the Republican party with peculiar offensiveness, like the body of the Ancient Mariner, is alluded to by Mr. BARRETT in the following language: "The McKinley bill 'was not popular in the last election.' The majority of the people in this State did not believe in it and do not believe in it now. We can well afford to let it lie in the rest for the present."

Rest, no doubt, is what the "grand old party" would like to have, for itself and for its issues, but there is no rest for the wicked.

Peace should prevail in the Democratic ranks in New York since CLEVELAND and HILL have met at a public dinner and exchanged compliments. Mr. CLEVELAND praised the Governor's administration of public affairs at Albany, and proposed his health, which was drunk amid great applause, and in return for this compliment the Governor spoke in high terms of the ex-President's administration, calling it a model example of Democratic government. Such cordiality between the leading Democrats of the State should allay the hostile feeling between the factions.

Already Enough.

The Apportionment bill which has passed both Houses of congress and no doubt will be signed by the President, may not be chargeable with the intention of being partisan in its effect, but it is objectionable in that it continues the increase in the number of Representatives that has been made after every census to keep up a proportionate pace with the increase of population. There must be a time when this must stop and there could be no better time than now.

The House of Representatives is already a large body, and if the increase is to go on every ten years it will grow to be an unwieldy collection of lawmakers. The present number is 356, quite enough for the purpose of representation and legislation. Six hundred could not do the work any better, but probably would do it worse. There is nothing in the organic law that requires the number of representatives to be of a certain proportion to the total population. If that were required it would take a small army to constitute the lower house when we shall attain the hundreds of millions of population to which Americans look forward with patriotic pride. It is to be hoped that this is the last decade in which it will be thought necessary to give the government an additional supply of congressional law-makers. Quantum sufficit.

The G. O. P. people of Pennsylvania are in a bad way with their United States Senators. A large part of them detest QUAY, having no respect for either his integrity or his ability, while another large part are mad at CAMERON and would like him to resign. But neither of them cares much about this hostile sentiment. It is said that when CAMERON left Washington for Fortress Monroe last week, to recuperate after the effort of helping to kill the gag resolution, he said to a friend: "I am in for six years more and my critics can howl all they want."

He Will Hardly Try It.

There is a report that Senator QUAY is going to reply to the personal and official charges that have been made against him. He is represented as having prepared a detailed and circumstantial refutation of the damaging things which his enemies have said and published about him, which he will read in his place in the Senate and thus clear his record in the presence of his senatorial associates. When the Senator was under fire during the recent State contest it was claimed by his friends that he couldn't afford to take notice of the charges of his enemies while they had their guns trained on him. It could be beneath his dignity and in conflict with his sense of self-respect. That emergency is now over and the public would be much interested in anything the Senator may have to say in vindication of his assailed reputation and as proof that he had been slandered and vilified.

It was unfortunate for him, however, that his defence was delayed. If he could have proved during the last campaign that he never raided the State Treasury and never got himself into difficulty by losing the public funds in private speculation, the political misfortune which overtook him in the last State election might not have occurred, or might at least have been mitigated.

Since the report of his intended self-vindication before the Senate has been circulated, the Senator is said to have been asked about it, but he maintained his accustomed reticence as to whether it was so or not. It isn't probable that he will venture upon the hazard of a vindication.

The President of the United States under all circumstances should behave with decency; yet HARRISON has shown that when his feelings are ruffled he can withhold decent treatment from those who come into his presence. The defeat of his pet Force Bill was the cause of one of his displays of boorishness. A couple of Pennsylvania Republican State Senators called on him immediately after CAMERON had assisted in defeating the force scheme, and he vented his spleen on them by reproaching them for having aided the re-election of the offending Senator, early turning his back upon them after the reproof. It is cowardly for a man holding his position to indulge in such bad manners, as he knows that his exalted office protects him from being treated in return with the same rudeness. It is cowardly as well as unmanly.

State Money for Road Purposes.

One of the provisions of the new road law, to be acted upon by the State Legislature, is for an appropriation of about \$1,000,000 by the State to the building of permanent roads. This, it is said, will be distributed to the townships in a manner similar to the public school appropriation, and is to be given with the hope that townships will contribute from their local taxation additional sums for permanent macadamizing. For this purpose the bill will probably permit townships to borrow money up to the constitutional debt limit. In each township three supervisors are to be chosen, who will serve without pay, and who will employ foremen to oversee the gangs of road laborers. In each county an engineer will be elected to pass upon the road work in all the townships.

Mr. DINGLEY, of Maine, has introduced a bill in congress the purpose of which is to prohibit absolutely the sale of intoxicating liquors in the District of Congress. It might improve the general average of congressional legislation if the legislators were deprived of their usual supply of "cold tea," but Mr. DINGLEY should have learned from the example of his own State that passing prohibitory laws is one thing and enforcing them is quite another.

It is a nice little scheme for the Republicans to attempt to leave a big deficiency to encumber the Democrats of the next congress, but it is a scheme whose transparency allows everybody to see through it. It will be generally known who squandered the money and whose mismanagement is responsible for the deficiency.

Mr. Kerr for Clerk of the House.

We are glad to see that congressman KERR, present Representative from this district and Chairman of the Democratic State Committee of Pennsylvania, has consented to become a candidate for Clerk of the next House of Representatives. In addition to the local feeling which we may have in this matter, we are sure that the Democrats of the entire State would be highly gratified by Mr. KERR'S election to this important and responsible position. He is bright, able, cool-headed and alert; just the man for the office.

We see a strong argument advanced in Mr. KERR'S favor as a candidate for the congressional clerkship in the fact that he comes from a section of country which has no candidate for Speaker, and his candidacy can, therefore, not interfere with the election of that officer. Then the office of clerk of the House of Representatives has been held by Pennsylvania almost since the founding of the Government, and there is now no reason for departing from the time-honored custom. The present clerk, ex-Congressman McPHERSON, is a Pennsylvanian, and he has held the office for many years when the House has been in the control of the Republicans. Now that Pennsylvania has gone Democratic in a year in which the Democrats carried the lower house of congress, it is argued by the friends of Mr. KERR that Pennsylvania is more than ever entitled to the place, and, above all men in the State, he should be elected. The fifty-second congress would be repaying but a small portion of the debt the majority party owes to one of the staunchest Democrats in the country.

With the certainty of another term Senator CAMERON can afford to treat with contempt the impotent wrath of his enemies who denounce him for doing, by voting against the gag rule, what he had a clear right to do in the discharge of his official duty. He was under no obligation to vote for a measure which his better judgment condemned and which his discernment enabled him to know was not wanted by either a majority of his party or of the people of his State.

Partisan Devility Frustrated.

It is now pretty generally understood in Washington, gathered from semi-official expression, that no further effort will be made in the senate to enforce the gag rule and pass the obnoxious Force Bill. Two unexpected obstructions thrown in the way of the revolutionary measure has so delayed the action of the bayonet Senators that they now find scarcely sufficient time left for the completion of indispensable legislation with which they dare not allow further consideration of the Force Bill to interfere. They are compelled to lay aside their partisan scheme in order that the end of the session may not find necessary business unfinished, and that there may not be occasion for the new congress to meet in extra session. The country has reason to rejoice that the partisan devility of the Republican leaders has been frustrated.

Secretary of the Commonwealth HARRITY has made two very good selections in the appointment of T. RITTER VANDYKE, of Lewistown, as Assistant Corporation Clerk, and Hon. JAMES NORTH, of Pattison, Juniata county, to a clerkship in the State department. The appointments under this State administration are of the approved Democratic stripe.

A bill is before the State Legislature to legalize the Saturday half-holiday, from the 15th of June to the 15th of September, for all employes in operations that will admit of interruption. This boon, granted voluntarily by merchants and manufacturers of Philadelphia to their employes, has been so acceptable and beneficial that an effort will be made to make it general and obligatory throughout the State by a law to that effect.

The 700 iron-workers who have been locked out at Pottstown because they would not accept a reduction of 25 per cent in their wages, will have ample leisure to study that branch of economics connected with protective tariffs.

spawls from the Keystone.

- Lafayette College has 322 students.
-A bogus Masonic lodge has been exposed in Scranton.
-Mount Carmel Colliery top rock fell and killed John Hanlon.
-A Scranton Judge has decided that piano playing is manual labor.
-During the late floods a Montclare man shot eighty-one muskrats.
-A case of small-pox at Erie has been traced to a letter carried from Texas.
-There are 400 idle houses in Williamsport due to the high rents demanded.
-During the past year 473 buildings, valued at \$1,214,844 were erected in Scranton.
-Eighteen divorce cases were acted upon in the Tioga County Courts at the last term.
-The old fashioned spelling-bee is undergoing a revival through the country sections.
-Chester county's three alleged fire-bugs were acquitted after a trial that lasted three days.
-Ex-Brakeman Charles Sheffer is in jail at Norristown as a car burglar who stole tobacco and rum.
-Noah Leibert, a Pottsville farmer, was fatally kicked in the bowels by a horse he was grooming.
-Lee in the river at Lock Haven went out on a five-foot flood Friday without causing the damage anticipated.
-Mrs. John J. Watson, of Middletown dropped dead beside her husband in their carriage on Thursday.
-G. A. R. Men at Schuylkill Haven would not permit a comrade's body to be buried in the Potter's field.
-Mr. Campele, agent of the Indian schools at Carlisle, is visiting the Indian boys employed on Bucks county farms.
-Commissioners of Lehigh county require all tramps committed to jail to crack stones from morning until night.
-John Robbins, a porter of the United States Hotel, at Easton, attempted to rob the wine cellar, and is now in jail.
-A Jersey Central engine killed Widow Hart while she was picking coal on the track at Upper Catasauque yesterday.
-It is said that Northampton County Commissioners conduct their official deliberations in Pennsylvania Dutch.
-Dolington, Bucks county, has a preaching station, thanks to the good people of the Episcopal Church of Newtown.
-The first incandescent electric light plant established permanently by Edison is to be sold by the Sheriff at Salisbury.
-Allentown's two oldest women—Mrs. Benjamin Morris, aged 83, and Mrs. Ellenor Dubbs, aged 88 years—died on Friday.
-For the first time in the history of the Farmers' Institute at Atglen no papers by women were read at the last meeting.
-J. M. Glick, one of Girardville's prominent citizens, has received an old-time Molly Maguire notice to leave the town.
-George Hoffman, of Carlisle, serves green corn on his table all winter, much to the astonishment of his guests. He preserves it in a pickle.
-A girl in Huntingdon township, Luzerne county, who walks four miles to Sunday-school, has only missed three Sundays in twelve years.
-A grave prepared at Macungie for Peter Heilig was found to be full of water, and the interment had to be postponed until the hole was pumped out.
-William H. Moon, the well-known Bucks county nurseryman of Morrisville, has been elected President of the Pennsylvania State Horticulture Society.
-Voluntary manslaughter is the verdict from which Policeman William Weathers, of Pittston, will appeal. He killed Coal Operator J. W. Davis in October.
-The jewelry store of John F. Schmitt, at Homestead, was robbed on Saturday of \$2000 worth of diamonds and watches during the proprietor's absence at supper.
-Editor Smith, of the Punxsutawney Spirit, is a new legislator. He writes home that new members are tolerated in the Legislature because there is a law against murder.
-The mangled body of John Koons, a clerk in the City Treasurer's office at Harrisburg, was found on Sunday near West Fairview, where it is supposed he was struck by a train.
-Dr. McIntosh, of Harrisburg, says he visited a town in this State where no one could understand his English, and he saw working-men's notices posted in four different languages.
-William Morris pulled the trigger of his shotgun at Lukus Quarry, near Chester, on Sunday night, and a black citizen ran howling away to the woods with only one of the 150 pellets.
-St. John's Evangelical congregation at Shamokin passed resolutions not to recognize nor support the suspended Bishops Bowman and Esler in any attempt to organize a conference.
-William Wolf was buried by caving earth thirty feet down in a well he was digging in Spring Garden township, York county. Rescuers dug so rapidly that, though they got him out unconscious, he lived.
-While Joseph Cramer and Frank Ault, two Lancaster boys, were playing with a revolver Saturday the former pointed it at Ault and discharged it, inflicting a wound in the head that may prove fatal.
-Joseph and Edward Gorman, proprietors of the Washington Hotel, Allentown, are in custody for maintaining a dog fighting pit in their cellar, for prize-fighting and for selling liquor to minors and on Sunday.
-No more bodies have been recovered from the wrecked Mammoth mine near Youngwood and the number of dead still remains 107. Fifty widows are left at Mammoth and twelve in Europe. Ninety-six children have been orphaned.
-At Montrose Philander Brown was sentenced to imprisonment in the county jail for one year and six months for swindling Paul Hill out of several thousand dollars on a plea that Mrs. Hill wanted the money for use in heaven. They were refused a new trial.
-The United Mine Workers, in convention at Pittsburg, passed a resolution petitioning the Legislature to enforce the Gallagher mining law in the bituminous regions. Another law is also asked, which shall make the operator or the State responsible for mine disasters.
-Jacob Stupp, twice convicted of murder at Uniontown, who escaped from jail whilst awaiting a new trial in May, 1874, was captured and again lodged in the Fayette County Jail. One of his sons made a deathbed confession in 1887 that it was he, and not his father, who killed Alpheus Glover, and Stupp, who is now nearly 70 years of age, is confident of proving his innocence.