

Ink Slings.

—It looks as if the Italian cabinet were trying to outjingo BLAINE.

—"Millions for defense," but when it comes to billions it looks like wholesale plunder.

—The disgraceful anomaly which Connecticut finds her State government to be, is the natural result of political rascality.

—What will it profit the farmer to have the tax taken off his farm and clapped upon nearly everything else that he can call his own?

—As everything that afflicts humanity is being traced to some pestiferous germ, would it be unjust to regard McKINLEY as the tariff microbe?

—Italian presumption, if encouraged in the Mafia question, may go so far as to require an apology and restitution for the hanging of Red Nosed Mike.

—Three Jerseymen are going to start a newspaper in London to be called the Sun. It will furnish the Londoners Jersey enlightenment, if not "Jersey lightning."

—Some heads are frequent in American politics in a figurative sense, but it takes an Irish campaign to produce them practically by means of the shill-lah.

—The sap fairly hums through the pores of the maple trees in its eager haste to get the bounty which EDWARDS has secured for the production of the sugar camps.

—The way the tax bill looks it is altogether probable that the embattled farmers will find that the shot they fired last November didn't bring down game of any consequence.

—If the spring flowers could have peeped through the mounds last Sunday morning they would have been surprised at the way the Easter bonnets had got ahead of them.

—The proposition to give Philadelphia six Republican Congressmen probably is made for the reason that four weren't enough to have a bill passed that would fetch that Mint.

—In the event of Italy's becoming belligerent those who opposed the improvement of our navy may have occasion to be convinced that war ships are very useful articles of national furniture.

—The Record, which depreciates the New Orleans lynching, says that "it is a matter in which American civilization is involved." What seems to have been a good deal more involved was Italian uncivilization.

—The Arkansas legislators who removed a portrait of George Washington to make room for a picture of Jeff Davis must have deliberately intended to furnish the bayonet politicians with campaign ammunition.

—There are indications that the administration has concluded to jump on the Alliance postmasters in Kansas. This is on the principle of tit for tat, as the Kansas Alliance has been jumping on the administration.

—Cheap sugar will have much of the sweetness taken out of it by the reflection that the housekeeper will have to contribute to the bounty which the Louisiana sugar producer will get to compensate him for the reduced price of his saccharine production.

—There is at least one advantage in the Republican high tariff. It has cleared our merchant marine so completely off the ocean that in the event of a war with Italy there would be no American vessels left to be captured by the Italian cruisers.

—The removal of the sugar duty will take place on All Fool's Day, but how many will be fools enough to believe that anything will be gained to the tax paying people by taking the tariff off sugar and putting a bounty on the sugar product?

—The tariff-protected coke barons of the Connellsville region, having provoked their employees to riotous conduct by their refusal to pay fair wages, called upon Governor PATTISON for state troops to quell the disturbance, but they didn't find him to be that kind of a Governor.

—President HARRISON was quite successful in knocking out the fellow who some nights ago tried to get into the White House by the back way; but it isn't likely that he will be equally successful with the fellow who will try to get in by the front way some time in March, '93.

—The congressional districts of Wisconsin were so arranged in the G. O. P. interest that the Democrats couldn't get more than one congressman out of ten, but the new Democratic apportionment gives the Republicans four, and they are howling about a gerrymander. It is remarkable with what facility the old party can make herself blind to her own sins while viewing those of her opponent with a magnifying glass.

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Where Will the Relief Come In?

The farmer interest, under the direction of the Grangers, has been moving for some years toward securing the equalization of taxes. Several bills having this object in view have been before recent Republican Legislatures, but it was always managed so that they didn't materialize.

Last fall there was such a shaking up at the election that the present Legislature has been compelled to see the necessity of passing a tax bill that would have the appearance of equalizing taxes, but we are afraid that the farmers will find that it will fail to afford them much, if any, relief.

The comfort which the granger may derive from seeing the tax taken off his farm will be neutralized by his seeing it clapped upon everything else he owns.

Who Pays the Duty?

One of the absurd impressions that is attempted to be made upon the public mind by the upholders of the monopoly tariff, is that the duty on imported goods is paid by the importers and therefore the consumers can in no way be affected by it.

Cotton velvet, or plush, one of the commodities that is largely used by the poorer class of people, has a very heavy duty imposed on it, while silk velvets, used by the rich, are scarcely tariffed at all.

—We can hardly believe the report that President HARRISON intends to give one of the nine recently created circuit judgeships to a negro, and yet he might be led to adopt such an expedient by the desire to secure the colored influence for the promotion of his second term scheme.

—Chairman ANDREWS proved himself to be such an incompetent leader that a more efficient man at the head of the party is required.

Ten Days Intermission.

The State Legislature adjourned last week for ten days, to reassemble on the 6th inst. The reason given for this long intermission was that it was needed to give the members an opportunity to observe their Easter duties and to attend to business incident to the first of April.

Some believe that the managers find the peculiar kind of legislation they delight in barred by the presence of Governor PATTISON, and are therefore indifferent about staying long in Harrisburg.

A Fatal Blunder.

The bunglers who got the bill passed for a new Mint at Philadelphia without a provision for the appropriation needed to build it, hoped that their mismanagement could be corrected by a decision of the Attorney General that the Mint could be built without an appropriation; but they have had their hopes dashed by Attorney General MILLER deciding that there is nothing in the bill that provides the necessary cash or authorizes the Treasury Department to furnish the funds without which the building can't go up.

—This is going to be an important and interesting year in the matter of Governors, as six of that grade of officers are going to be elected to succeed BOIES in Iowa, BUCKNER in Kentucky, JACKSON in Maryland, ABBETT in New Jersey, HILL in New York and CAMPBELL in Ohio.

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The Partisan Census.

Congressman MILLS, of Texas, in an article in the Forum, shows the inaccuracy of the Porter census. By the application of reliable and convincing tests he demonstrates that the population is more likely to be 65,000,000 or 66,000,000 than 62,000,000 as shown by a defective census.

Mr. MILLS shows that according to PORTER'S figures the increase of population between 1880 and 1890, a period of profound peace, when the conditions were most favorable for a growth of population, the increase was less than between 1860 and 1870 when war had the effect of diminishing the number of people.

—It may turn out that Senator HEARST, of California, did not die in vain, inasmuch as the outrageous expenses connected with his funeral, to be paid by the government, have become such a scandal that the method of congressional funerals will be overhauled and reformed.

Why He Was Bounced.

Mr. ALEXANDER MCKINSTRY, a Democratic clerk in one of the departments at Washington, who very singularly was allowed to hold over from the Cleveland administration, got himself into trouble by a too free expression of his sentiments.

—It was feared that the black population of the United States was increasing at a more rapid rate than the white, there being appearances to encourage such an apprehension, but the late census shows that the facts are just the reverse, it appearing from the figures reported that the white population has increased 23.4 per cent. and the black 14 per cent. since 1880.

—Governor PATTISON has scored his first veto under his new administration and laid out flat the bill that intended to change the practice of the Orphans' Court regarding the sale of a decedent's property for the payment of his debts.

It Shouldn't Be Taken Into Account.

Some one says that Mr. CLEVELAND can not command the soldier vote of Indiana, and advances this as a reason why it would not be prudent to nominate him. We are not urging the nomination of Mr. CLEVELAND, or of any other candidate, but the fact that he can't get the Indiana soldier vote should not prevent his being chosen as the candidate if other things should be favorable.

The Democratic party, from its very nature, must oppose such a system of electoral corruption and such a reckless and demoralizing expenditure of the public funds.

An Investigation That Will Be Interesting.

Congressman COMPTON, of Maryland, is going to get back at Hon. THOMAS B. REED, late Speaker of the Billion Dollar Congress and popularly known as the Czar.

Mr. COMPTON is the congressman-elect whom Mr. REED's congress unseated in favor of a person named MUDD, whose claim was as muddy as his name.

—Speaking of the reduction in the price of sugar that is expected to follow the removal of the sugar duty, a tariff organ exclaims: "McKINLEY wins on sugar."

—When the members of the New Hampshire Legislature were canvassed the other day in regard to their preference for the next Presidential nomination, of the Democrats 63 preferred GROVER CLEVELAND, one expressed a preference for WHITNEY, and two for HENRY BINGHAM of New Hampshire.

—The South is represented to be politically more solid than ever. Representative McMILLIN says that in that section there will be no electoral vote cast in 1892 except for the Democratic ticket.

Italy Not Satisfied.

Diplomatic circles at Washington were thrown into a flurry on Tuesday by a startling communication to the State department from the Italian Minister to the effect that inasmuch as the United States government had not given assurance that the lynchers of the Italians at New Orleans would be brought to justice, the Italian government would be compelled to show its dissatisfaction "by recalling the minister of His Majesty from a country where the Italian representative is unable to obtain justice."

This may not mean war, but it is pretty good evidence that Italy is not satisfied with the explanation which our government has given concerning the New Orleans affair.

Spawls from the Keystone.

- Night-prowling roughs terrorize Millford.
—Pottstown paid only \$14,300 in county tax last year.
—Odd Fellows will demonstrate at Tamaqua on April 27.
—Lebanon has never had a bank failure or a defalcation.
—A "Koch" Hospital will be started in Pittsburgh.
—All the male teachers of Shenandoah have endorsed a liquor license application.
—A Shenandoah policeman had to resign because he could not sign for his salary.
—A horse at Farmersville stepped on the foot of a stableman and cut one of his toes off.
—Soft-hearted women are showering murderer Fitzsimmons with flowers and delicacies.
—Cumberland county has organized a new \$12,000 agricultural society to run its county fairs.
—Several Pittsburg iron mills have displaced natural gas by using Lima oil spray and gas as fuel.
—Two or three robberies per night at Altoona within a fortnight have terrorized the town.
—Lumber men anticipate that the present will be the biggest logging season ever experienced.
—Two Lehigh county men have started a pole-cat ranch. The animals are raised for their fat and skin.
—Reading's population will be swelled from 70,000 to 90,000 this week by the arrival of workmen from new industries.
—Isaac Hoge, of Lansdale, Bucks county, tiring of life, on Thursday fired two shots into his head, but still lives.
—A horse leaped from a moving train near York, rolled over, got up, ran after the train and stumbled into a culvert.
—The affairs of the Kutztown Savings Fund are about being wound up. The depositors will receive about 12 per cent.
—Farmer Schrieber, of Guth's Station, Lehigh county, found thieves in his house, had a tussle and was seriously wounded.
—Mount Gretna Park has been recommended by United States Army officers as a most favorable site for military encampments.
—The Lawrence Colliery, at Mahoney Plane, is still in fire under the railroad, but the mine officers expect to have it soon extinguished.
—The Bethel Evangelical Church in Robeson township, Berks county, has excluded from its edifice, Rev. C. D. Dreher, Bowmanite.
—There were no tears for the New Orleans lynched Italians at Scranton. The brutal murder of Paymaster Mc Cleure is too well remembered.
—The William F. Templeton Post, G. A. R., of Washington, Pa., has been organized twelve years, and has just had the first death in its ranks.
—Dr. M. A. Hengst, of Birdsboro, failed to cure Job Van Pelt of grippe, and Van Pelt assaulted the physician with a club, injuring him seriously.
—Morris West, of Lebanon, is under arrest for feloniously assaulting his 17 year-old cousin, Miss Liebig, while a guest at her father's house in Reading.
—Mamie Trezure, a child living at Reading was badly hurt a few days ago by her clothing catching in a passing train. She was dragged some distance.
—Fifty thousand brook trout fry are finding their way from State Fish Commission car tanks into Lebanon county's swift-running rivulets and creeks.
—Armed men are looking for Emanuel Dungan, of Mahanoy City, who feloniously assaulted 13 year-old Ida Pfeiffer, of Bucks Mountain, and fled.
—William Flinkinger, of Erie, wandered off and perished in the late snowstorm. He was a prominent citizen and a relative of Representative W. B. Flinkinger.
—A tramp who was found dead in a deserted house near Harrisburg was recognized as a bugler in a Pennsylvania cavalry regiment during the late unpleasantness.
—Herr Fricke, the loudest Anarchist in Pittsburgh, has been found dying of starvation and was taken from his cobble's shop to a hospital. Yet he had many apostles at one time.
—Foreman D. M. Jones, of the Glen Lyon Collieries, near Nanticoke, was brutally and almost fatally assaulted by masked men, without apparent motive, on the highway near his home on Friday night. Miners found him and took him home.
—Special trains are to be run from Cumberland, Myersdale, Conneleville, Uniontown and Latrobe on the day of the Nicely brothers' execution at Somerset, to accommodate the many persons who hope to get within the shadow of the jail on that day.