

Ink Slings.

It is announced that MYLIN is going to stick. That is bad for MYLIN.

Uncle SAM is making encouraging progress in converting bad Indians into good soldiers.

Even a Billion Dollar Country may be bankrupted by a reckless expenditure of its resources.

Just in the midst of Mr. BLAINE'S ailment Venezuela aggravates his case by declaring that she doesn't want reciprocity.

SHERMAN and FORAKER will have a little side-show of their own in Ohio. The performance promises to be interesting.

What is the use of RAUM'S rushing through 300,000 more pension claims only to find that there isn't any money to pay them?

The administration is making a desperate effort to recoup the devastated treasury by reducing the expense of the Marine Band.

The trouble which ex-Attorney General PALMER'S poem has got him into goes to prove that it isn't safe to monkey with the lyre.

The Tennessee militia who were captured by the striking miners, don't appear to have maintained the military reputation of the South.

Most of the administration being away from Washington on its vacation, comparatively but little mischief is going on at the national capital.

It may be charitable to believe that both the State Treasurer and the Auditor General in their relations with BARDSEY were affected by peris.

The opposition there to HARRISON'S renomination is being gradually whittled into line. There is a great advantage in having control of the party lash.

The discovery of how much of the money of the wrecked Keystone Bank was used for Republican campaign funds would afford an interesting piece of public information.

The great steel works at Steelton celebrates the tenth month of the McKinley tariff law by closing down its entire plant and setting 4000 "protected" workmen adrift.

It has been computed that \$19 spent in every hour from the creation of the world up to the present time would about equal the amount spent by the Billion Dollar Congress.

Secretary FOSTER can't even fool himself by his new form of Treasury statement, which gives a good sized surplus on paper but adds not a cent to the actual cash on hand.

While the decision of the Dauphin county court sustains the Governor's appointing power, it doesn't do SYDER any good. But this may be remedied by another appointment.

For years the State Treasury and Auditor General's offices of Pennsylvania have been close corporations. It is about time they are opened and exposed to public investigation.

The resignation of QUAY as chairman of the Republican National Committee, with CLARKSON in his place, won't add anything to the decency of Republican campaign methods.

After mature deliberation the French authorities have come to the determination not to admit the American hog into Republican France. This is shabby treatment coming from such a source.

The attempt to make BLAINE out an invalid waiting at death's door to be called to a better world, has completely failed. A man with as much politics as there is in JIM would hardly make a first-class angel.

When for seventeen years Republican Legislatures have refused to pass laws for the enforcement of the present organic law, what sort of a new constitution could be expected of a convention dominated by that party?

WANAMAKER has been lecturing his Bethany Sunday school on "the Miracles." If he could explain the miraculous disappearance of the money which BARDSEY had charge of, he would have an attentive and highly interested audience.

The platform on which LINCOLN was elected demanded economy in public expenditures. So great has been the change since then that a member of the present Republican cabinet defends the extravagance of the Billion Dollar Congress. It is time to turn the spend-thrifts out.

The announcement that CLEVELAND has engaged to make six speeches in the Ohio campaign shows that there will be elements in that contest that will make it extremely lively. The great champion of tariff reform taking the stump for the principle he so conspicuously represents will afford a spectacle highly interesting to the American people.

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The Cost of a Constitutional Convention.

But few people in Pennsylvania believe that there is an actual necessity for the holding of a constitutional convention. There is an idea prevailing that the part of the present constitution requiring the numbering of the ballots at our elections should be stricken out, and this idea, in the interest of ballot reform, led to the movement for a constitutional convention, but beyond that single purpose no one can give a good reason why there should be such a convention. There is no need for a new constitution. The one we have is comparatively new, and if there is anything wrong with it, it may be found chiefly in the fact that it isn't enforced.

Prudent citizens will cautiously consider what may be the outcome of a convention that is intended to tinker with the constitution. Will it bring about an improvement? Will influences get hold of the convention and turn it to their special advantage? Will it be worth the expense?

There will be one hundred and seventy-six members, with salaries fixed by act of assembly at \$1,000 each, together with mileage. This would amount to over \$200,000, but in addition there would be the expense of the machinery of the convention, including clerk hire, printing and other incidentals, in such cases always so numerous and expensive, which would swell the gross sum up to nearly double the salaries of the delegates themselves.

But it is to be remembered that the Legislature has no power to limit the pay of members of a constitutional convention who compose a body that has higher authority than a Legislature. It exercises sovereign power and may increase the amount of pay which the act of the Legislature says they shall have. This principle was recognized and invoked by the convention of 1873. In that case the act of Assembly fixed the salaries of the delegates to the convention at \$1,000, but, in the exercise of its high prerogative, that convention ignored the limit of pay fixed by the act and determined that the salary of each of its members should be \$2,500, and they were accordingly so paid.

The same may be expected to happen again if another convention should be called. The question is whether it would be worth the cost?

The People's Party movement in Kansas appears to be on the decline. In answer to a call for a State convention, last week, but fifteen farmers responded. The excuse given, "too busy with the crops," is an explanation that hardly explains. Had they said they are becoming "disgusted with politics," it would have been nearer the truth.

Looking after the crops will pay better.

Cleveland's Summer Home.

A correspondent of the New York Times draws a pleasant picture of the summer home of ex-President CLEVELAND on the shores of Buzzard's Bay, Mass. It is a place of 100 acres, with a roomy, comfortable house, which has so many gables painted gray that Mrs. CLEVELAND has given it the appropriate name, "The Gray Gables." The view is said to be very fine, and salt water is so near that Mr. CLEVELAND can take a sail in his catboat, "The Helen," whenever he feels inclined. He feels inclined very often, having become an enthusiastic salt water fisherman. Here he and Mrs. CLEVELAND lead an unpretentious, wholesome life, on friendly terms with all around them, and especially intimate with JOSEPH JEFFERSON, the actor, whose summer home is across the fields. On the 25th Mr. CLEVELAND is to be "taken into neighborhood privileges in a formal manner" by the people of Sandwich, county seat of Barnstable, at a reception and dinner in his honor, for which great preparations are being made. The governor of Massachusetts and other notables will be present.

On the first of July the Signal Service, from which the public gets the weather prognostications, was transferred from the War Department to the Department of Agriculture, and will hereafter be known as the Weather Bureau. There was no necessity for this transfer other than to give Secretary Rusk's department something to do.

Governor Pattison Will Act.

The announcement that Governor PATTISON has decided to prosecute all those criminally connected with the loss of the State's money through BARDSEY'S rascalities will end the feeble attacks which have been made in certain directions.

Since the Bardsley exposures efforts have been made to make it appear that the Democratic State administration was partially responsible for his crimes. It has been charged that the Governor should have known that the Republican State Treasurer had not compelled BARDSEY to comply with the law. In fact, in the effort to drag some Democratic officials into the unsavory mess, the truth has been distorted.

Since the Governor has announced his intention to pursue the prosecution with vigor we can expect a change in the method of attack by those who have been assailing him. Now will come the charge that the Governor's action is in the interest of politics and not of justice. For doing his duty fearlessly he will be accused of trying to serve his party and advance his own political prospects. Meanwhile every man in Pennsylvania who believes that crime should be punished and politics rid of corruption will feel thankful that Pennsylvania has such an able and fearless champion as ROBERT E. PATTISON to look after its interests.

The Atlanta Constitution reports that the white planters in some counties of Georgia are finding it difficult to obtain negro help in their field work. The reason is said to be a growing disposition among the colored people to work for themselves or for men of their own race. The negro Farmers' Alliance is believed to have much to do with this new notion, and as it is secret in its operations and its members adhere very closely together and obey instructions implicitly, it is likely to cause considerable disturbance in the old methods of labor in the southern states.

An Exploded Scheme.

The sub-treasury project, which had become a favorite scheme of the Southern Alliance, is being rapidly abandoned in that section in consequence of the vigorous attacks of the Democratic leaders and newspapers of the South. In South Carolina Governor TILLMAN, an Alliance-Democratic governor, has come out strong against it, and carries the people with him. In Texas it has been repudiated. In Mississippi Senators GEORGE and WALTHALL, with their re-election in issue, are on the stump against the notion, and will carry the legislature in opposition to it. In Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Georgia and Kentucky the Alliance is dividing on the question and rapidly reaching a condition of mind that will make it a dead and gone issue. There is nothing in it that will stand discussion before intelligent men. Putting it aside removes all obstacles to the active co-operation of the Alliance and the Democrats in the Southern States, and it is therefore a happening of considerable political importance.

The Ohio Platform.

The Ohio Democrats make a very plain expression of their sentiments in their platform. They declare in favor of "free unlimited coinage" of both gold and silver, in which declaration they no doubt express the sentiments of a majority of the people not only of Ohio, but of the entire west.

The tariff plank contains the very essence of Democratic belief in declaring for a tariff no higher than what is necessary to meet the expenses of government economically administered. In this there is a declaration of war against a system which places the great mass of citizens under tribute to a few beneficiaries of protection, and supplies the means of extravagant and profligate public expenditure. The Ohio platform cheerfully accepts the challenge of the supporters of a monopolistic tariff and pledges the Democracy to an unflinching stand against the McKinley bill, calling upon the people to decide. The tariff question will be the great issue in the fight, and if the factional difficulties in the Democratic ranks can be composed, there is reason to look for the election of Governor CAMPBELL on this issue.

The Improved Situation in Ohio.

The factions elements that showed themselves in the Ohio Democracy previous to the renomination of Governor CAMPBELL, threatening opposition under any circumstances, gave a discouraging appearance to the situation, but since the convention things are assuming a more favorable look.

The disaffection was chiefly confined to Cincinnati, where certain official acts of the Governor aroused a spirit of hostility. The Cincinnati Enquirer was the chief representative of this feeling and made a hard antedemocratic fight against CAMPBELL'S renomination, but now that the ticket has been made the Enquirer comes out with an editorial generally approving the work done by the convention, particularly the platform. Overlooking its former objections to the Governor, it wisely says: "The question of Governor CAMPBELL'S availability is no longer one for discussion in Democratic circles. The convention has renominated the governor and associated with him a ticket individually and collectively sound and commendable. It has set the pace for all Democratic instrumentalities." The Enquirer then gives the assurance that it will support the Democratic ticket in accordance with its unbroken, undeviating record. The example of the Enquirer will soon be followed, it is hoped and believed, by the Hamilton county element that opposed CAMPBELL'S nomination. In such an event there will be a reasonable hope of a Democratic victory in Ohio.

The insurance commissioner of Pennsylvania has completed his report which is full of interesting figures. The business during the year has been very large and a great increase over that of the year previous. The premiums paid amounted to over \$26,000,000, of which one-fourth went to home companies and the remainder to companies in other states. Of the \$2,000,000 increase of premiums over last year nine-tenths went to companies outside of the state. The life insurance policies issued numbered 387,620, insuring \$120,355,273. The insurances in force number 877,430 policies, insuring \$448,888,115. The average insurance is only about \$500 per policy, but the large number of policies in proportion to population shows that the insurance idea as a matter of precaution, not of speculation, has taken a strong hold upon the community.

Quay's Retirement.

The announcement that Senator M. S. QUAY has decided to retire from the Chairmanship of the Republican National Committee will create no surprise in Pennsylvania. Even the most earnest supporters of the junior Senator acknowledge the wisdom of the move. QUAY can gain nothing by retaining control of the National machinery, while his continuance in office would seriously handicap his party.

In fact, under the existing circumstances, it would be the height of political folly for any Pennsylvanian to loom up prominently in the management of the Republican party. It would be a constant reminder of one of the most gigantic political thefts of the age, and would place in the hands of the Democracy a powerful weapon which would be felt wherever the Republican party has a following.

No matter how opinions may differ as to Mr. QUAY'S methods, every intelligent observer must concede that there are but few who can exceed him in political shrewdness. M. S. QUAY is about to retire because he recognizes that nothing can save the Republican party from defeat in 1892. He wants to be in a safe place when the structure topples over.

QUAY'S retirement can be taken as an acknowledgement that this shrewd leader recognizes that the Republicans have before them no prospect but that of a hopeless campaign.

The American amateur athletes showed the Britishers that they are made of first class material. The boys ended a brilliant tour in London by sweeping the big share of the prizes and doing some record breaking. When one of our crack boat crews goes over and distances the Oxford boys, we will be ready to look for more worlds to conquer.

Heading Towards the White House.

The New York Herald thinks that Governor CAMPBELL, of Ohio, is heading towards the White House. Of course everything in this connection depends upon his re-election for Governor, but he is certainly the one man whom it will be hardest for the Republicans to defeat. They must beat him or they will be completely lost in 1892. They already see the necessity of contributing very generously to the campaign fund, and it is safe to say that the market price of voters who are on the fence will run up to a unprecedented figure in the Ohio contest.

Governor CAMPBELL is a man of marked ability. To a record which defies investigation is added an integrity of personal character which has never been assailed. He is a politician of limitless resources, shrewd, long headed and daring. Those who know him best accuse him of being something more than a politician, and deliberately charge that he has many of the qualities of the statesman. They insist that he can serve the country efficiently in a wider sphere than the State of Ohio affords, and declare that the hand of destiny is pointed in the direction of the White House.

Tammany for Cleveland.

Congressman BELTZHOVER, of Carlisle, who represented Pennsylvania at the Tammany Fourth of July demonstration, is credited with saying, in reply to the question whether CLEVELAND or HILL is Tammany's choice, "Tammany is unquestionably for CLEVELAND, and while HILL has many friends there, the preponderance is for CLEVELAND, nine to one. The issue in the next campaign will be tariff, pure and simple. Pennsylvania is for CLEVELAND first and PATTISON second, and if CLEVELAND is once out of the question PATTISON will get the solid Pennsylvania delegation."

Systematic Campaigning.

In arranging for their State campaign the Republican leaders in Ohio have made a systematic division of the labor that is to be borne by each of them in the contest. Thus Senator SHERMAN will give his attention on the stump particularly to the silver question, as he is recognized as the leading gold-bug of the country. Secretary FOSTER will address himself to the task of convincing the voters that the last congress did a praise-worthy act in squandering a billion dollars, because this is a billion dollar country. McKINLEY will attend exclusively to the tariff part of the programme, his purpose being to carry conviction to the citizens that he conferred a great benefit upon them by taxing everything they use in their daily living. To FORAKER is assigned the general dirty work of the campaign, including personal abuse of the Democratic candidate and vigorous blowing of the fog horn. There is not much love between these four champions, who have antagonistic ambitions to serve, SHERMAN and FORAKER, for instance, being ready to knife each other at the first opportunity, but as so much depends upon carrying Ohio their systematic arrangement for carrying on the campaign will no doubt be carried out.

The fact that the money in the treasury is exhausted by indulgence in extravagant expenses does not deter Pension Commission RAUM from announcing that 350,000 new pension cases are to be "considered" this year, and there is scarcely a doubt that nearly all of them will be granted. It is a mystery where all these claimants come from, but how they are to be paid with an exhausted treasury is a greater mystery.

Senator MYLIN, of Lancaster county, was slated as the Republican candidate for Auditor General, he being the choice of Boss QUAY. But the opposition to the dictation of the Boss having shown itself in such a formidable way, it is probable that MYLIN will be withdrawn and some one not so conspicuously the choice of QUAY substituted. It is proposed to get up a soldiers' ticket and to allay the opposition to bossism by an appeal to the old war sentiment. But behind the smoke of the old battle fields the Boss will be concealed pulling the wires.

Spawls from the Keystone.

Work has begun on York's Government building.

Drought is spoiling some of Berks county's crops.

The Evangelical camp meeting is in progress at Gordon.

Four Chinamen have applied for naturalization papers in Easton.

The Lebanon Watch Company, capital, \$30,000, is chartered.

Burglars got \$400 worth of smokes from Lebanon's Keystone Cigar Factory.

A bee stung Charles Mohr at the Lancaster caramel factory, and he came near dying.

A vicious cow attacked Mrs. Samuel M. Wahl, of Fleetwood, and injured her terribly.

"White Cap" notices have been sent to John Wurmkeissel and William Mocz, of Cross' sons.

A Pittsburg lawyer objects to his wife acting as his typewriter; he wants the genuine article.

For doing outlager beer in his store William Squires, of near Reading, has been arrested.

The National Encampment of the Union Veteran Legion will begin in Reading on October 14.

John Boscher, an old man from Hazleton, hanged himself in the Almshouse at Schuylkill Haven.

Five thousand people attended the opening of West End Park, in Lancaster, on Wednesday night.

Lack of employment caused John Kelly, aged 50 years, to hang himself at Turkey Run mining village.

Thieves got several boxes of shoes from the Reading's freight station at Landingville on Tuesday night.

Mrs. Joseph Jones, aged 60 years, of Tamaqua, while demented, out her throat with a razor, and may die.

A gang of twenty Italians nearly killed Fred Davis, a resident of Locust Gap, and all have been arrested.

Unlicensed peddlers in Lehigh county are followed by a Philadelphia prosecutor, who expects handsome fees.

The opening of the Heavenly Receipts camp meeting, near Royersford, was attended by nearly 10,000 people.

The Polkville Iron and Steel Company has blown out its furnaces, and will remain closed down indefinitely.

Texas flies are burrowing about the base of northern Berks county cattle's horns, causing the horns to drop off.

Harry Hendrickson shot Johnny Peters in the left breast at Middletown while the boys were inspecting a revolver.

A Black bear attacked Davis' pigs at Lockport, Clinton county, and Mr. Davis and an ax turned the intruder into steak.

Mrs. O'Neal, a Pittsburg bride, was taken home by her mother and spanked because she got married ahead of time.

Farmer Ephraim S. Mack, of New Hanover, Montgomery county, was killed on Saturday by his hay-wagon running over him.

Suicided between car-bumpers and impaled on a conpling pin at Palo Alto, Brake-John McGuire, of Mill Creek, was killed.

A horse trapped at the skull of 12 year old Edgar Arp, who fell from a load of hay near Williamsport. The boy will die.

Stanley Verho, wanted for the murder of John Irigo at Scottdale ten years ago, has been arrested at Hazleton and taken west.

Charles Plow, aged 50, jumped into the canal at Honesdale and was drowned in an upright posture, his feet sticking in the mud.

Two hundred and fifty miners employed by Stephen & Co., Pittston, have struck. They claim that two months wages are due them.

Only three out of sixty of the application for a professorship in the Reading Boys' High school appeared for competitive examination.

Thirteen year old Mary Mularkey is dying from a rattlesnake bite. She was bitten while berrying in the Moosic Mountains near Scranton.

For a reward of \$100 two York Haven paper mill employees recovered the body of Jacob King from the Susquehanna River, near the mill.