

Ink Stings.

Resignation is a virtue that can't be expected of MAT QUAY.

Mr. CLEVELAND should be the leading educator in the Ohio campaign of education.

The "yellows" is effecting a transmutation of color by making the prospect of the Delaware peach crop look quite blue.

The French will never appreciate our flitch until they learn how to bake beans. Missionaries should be sent over from Boston.

Fortunately the physical structure of Governor PARTISON prevents the Harrisburg Patriot from calling him a "Stuffed Prophet."

What sort of protection is that which sends the American workman to the poor house and supplies his place with a cheap foreigner?

So great are the resources of the Kansas farmers this year that they are able to feed their hogs on peaches, and yet they are not happy.

The Bar Harbor liars, having gone over the entire gamut of diseases, have finally settled upon Mr. BLAINE'S kidneys as the seat of his ailment.

While for every sort of farm truck this is one of the greatest years on record, Mr. QUAY sadly declares that it is not a good Republican year. There isn't going to be much of that kind of truck.

Ex-Speaker REED is on the briny deep heading toward his native land, and the whales are swimming round his ship spouting their compliments to the great leviathan of the Fifty-first congress.

In view of the increased cost which MCKINLEY has imposed on tin cans, it is probably well that the peach trees of Delaware fall short of producing the crop which they promised earlier in the season.

The Kentucky distillers have 40,000,000 gallons of whisky on their hands. A true son of the Blue Grass region would smile at the person who should consider this an embarrassing surplus of old Bourbon.

The reported intention of the western farmers to corner the grain market is a nice commentary on the oft repeated protestations of the grangers against the greed of monopoly and the oppressive combinations of the trusts.

Secretary FOSTER, who claims a Republican majority of 50,000 in Ohio, doesn't take into his calculation the shrinkage in the Republican count which the honest method of the Australian system is sure to bring about.

The circumstance that the government of a Billion Dollar Country is so low in funds as not to be able to continue the supply of wooden legs to its legless soldiers, is an incongruity, to say the least of it.

The New York World says that the robins are singing and all the other little birds of the Buzzard's Bay region are chirping merrily in anticipation of an interesting event that is about to transpire in the Cleveland household.

Rev. SAM SMALL is being employed at the camp meetings of the season not so much for spiritual as for pecuniary results. Such is his drawing power that it is in the matter of gate-money that his ministrations has the greatest effect.

A movement is on foot in Philadelphia for the formation of an Anti-Monopoly League. The most effective combination for this purpose would be a general understanding among the people that it is time for the Republican party to be bounced.

The English and American cruisers have been quite successful in enforcing the temporary discontinuance of the seal fishery. When the Eagle and the Lion combine to protect the Seal, that docile animal may enjoy its summer outing with assurance that it won't be victimized by the stealthy poacher.

The alliance that is developing between France and Russia is bringing about a remarkable fraternization of republicanism and absolutism. Just think of the "Marseillaise," the death hymn of tyrants, being sung in the capital of the Russian despot as a compliment to the French Republic.

Notwithstanding the capering of heretics and the high jinks of the agnostics, Bishop LEONARD, of Ohio, entertains the comfortable conviction that the Christian faith is about to achieve extraordinary triumphs in the world. Fellows like BOB INGERSOLL are powerless to prevent the glorious consummation.

An admirer of Mr. WANAMAKER, who has the fullest confidence in his religious professions, writes reprovingly to a newspaper that has been overhauling godly JOHN, saying, "I know that he dare not do a wrong. He dearly loves his Lord and Master." After all, it may be that when WANAMAKER put bootie to the amount of \$400,000 into the campaign of 1888, he thought he was doing it in the interest of the Lord.

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The Eagle and the Rooster.

The Australian ballot system having been established in Ohio by law, the voting in that State hereafter will be regulated by it. The only defect in the system is that illiterate voters, in preparing their ballots in the privacy of the election booths, will not be able to discriminate between the tickets of the opposite parties from the reading that may be on them. To overcome this difficulty the two leading parties in Ohio have agreed to print on their ballots distinguishing figures which will serve as a guide to their voters who are unable to read.

The Republicans held their State convention first and consequently had the first choice of an electoral symbol. They chose the Eagle as the sign to be printed on their ballots, and no doubt thought they were doing a big thing in selecting that bird. It is certainly a bird of high repute, but when all its points are taken into account it can hardly be accorded the merit that is ascribed to it. We often wondered why the fathers of the Republic adopted that fowl as the national emblem. Its earliest emblematic history connects it with the legions of Rome which conquered and oppressed every people within reach of their military power. A bird of prey, such as the eagle is, and always has been, fitly represented the Roman rule. And since those earlier days of rapine and oppression the eagle has served as the fitting token of Austrian, Russian and other European despots. Such a favorite has this bird been with German and Muscovite tyrants that they have put a double head on it to increase its capacity of preying upon its victims. In spite of such antecedents the founders of our Republic chose the Eagle as the Bird of Freedom, contrary to the advice of FRANKLIN who recommended the Turkey as the fowl that would better represent a country inhabited by a plain, industrious and practical people. It is a delicate matter to say anything disrespectful of our history, and in whose scream Americans have been taught to take pride, but when we come to think how rapacious it is, and with what relentless cruelty it preys upon the helpless order of animals, we are compelled to admit that a more appropriate sign than the figure of this bird could not have been selected for the ballots of a party which has made the majority of the people the helpless prey of a favored class of tariff beneficiaries.

The Democrats of Ohio have chosen for their ballots the figure of the Rooster, and they have no reason to be ashamed of that honest, vigilant, courageous and pugnacious bird. In fact he is a true emblem of Democracy. He isn't a bird of prey. In his conduct there is no stealthy swooping down and tearing to pieces of helpless and unprotected victims. If this Democratic bird has a misunderstanding with an antagonist he stands up and fights it out courageously. He is, moreover, an example of all the domestic virtues. He protects the females of his family and has an eye to the safety of his children. Like a true Democrat he sounds the alarm when danger threatens his community. His eye is cocked with pugnacious alertness when some Republican hawk or owl circles over his domain with predatory intention. His cheerful voice is a delight and comfort to the neighborhood. Even after death his virtues are exhaled from the savory pot.

We congratulate the Ohio Democrats on their selecting the Rooster as the sign for their ballots. His honest figure is a fitting representation of an honest vote. His clarion voice will announce a glorious victory on the morning after the election.

There couldn't possibly be a more dangerous individual than a doctor under the influence of liquor. The Georgia Legislature is evidently impressed with this fact, as it proposes to cure the medical fraternity of that State of drunkenness, and to this end a bill has been passed subjecting any inebriated physician to a heavy penalty. After having been convicted of drunkenness the physician is debarred from practicing. Drunken doctors should be as scarce as drunken preachers.

The Singular Effect of Being in Opposition.

A journal that starts out on a line of opposition for no other reason than personal resentment on the part of its proprietors or backers, is pretty sure to make a spectacle of itself before it gets far on its course. This is what is befalling the Harrisburg Patriot in its crookedness toward the Pattison administration. One of the singular capers it is cutting in its role of an opposition journal is its carping at the Governor because he does not assume dictatorial power.

Hon. GEORGE HANDEY SMITH, who is chairman of the committee appointed to investigate treasury irregularities, has neglected to call the committee together to perform its functions. The Patriot represents the Governor as being derelict in not taking Mr. SMITH by the nape of the neck and the slack of the breeches, figuratively speaking, and bringing him forcibly to a performance of his duty. It says that the Governor should exclaim in tones of thunder, "Call your committee together at once; this I demand in behalf of the plundered people." Nothing short of so theatrical an ejaculation as this from the Governor is regarded by the Patriot as the correct thing under the circumstances.

But, divesting this matter of all its fustian, the fact remains that the Governor has no right to make such a demand of the chairman of a legislative committee. Such a body as a committee is the creature of the Legislature, subject only to its creator, and it would be usurpation to make it the subject of executive control. If the Governor were to put on such airs of authority as the Patriot says he ought to assume in this case, chairman SMITH would be justified in telling him to mind his own business, and that certainly would be his answer to such an assumption were he not so pre-eminently polite a man.

The Governor in this matter has done all that his duty called upon him to do, and gone as far as he had a right to go. In a letter to the chairman, with correct discrimination he recognizes the fact that Mr. SMITH'S committee is "a creation of the two branches of the legislative department of the government," and therefore it is not for him "to indicate the time at which it ought to meet, the measure of its duties and responsibilities, or the manner in which they ought to be discharged," yet, nevertheless, he reminds the chairman of the committee that "by the terms of the joint resolution, approved January 26th, 1891, providing for the appointment of this committee, it was instructed to make a thorough investigation of the present methods of conducting the business of the State treasury, especially in regard to the present system of deposits for the public funds, and to report as soon as possible, etc." The joint resolutions, approved May 27, 1891, extended the powers and duties of this committee to an investigation of the department of the Auditor General, and instructed it to report to the Governor "at the earliest possible time." It seems to me plain "therefore, that the intention of the legislature was that the investigation of the Treasury and Auditor General's department should be thorough and systematic, and that it should be diligently made, so that the report could be made to the executive with such promptness as to enable the state officials to act with dispatch in any matter which such report might show demanded their attention."

If Governor PARTISON had assumed more than this in his communication to the chairman of this committee he would have gone beyond the limit of his constitutional authority; and if he had made such a fool of himself as to have said to chairman SMITH, "Call your committee together at once; this I demand in behalf of the plundered people," the Patriot would have been among the first to condemn him for putting on dictatorial airs.

JOHN SHERMAN is the only remaining United States Senator who served while HANNIBAL HAMLIN presided over the Senate. It wouldn't be right to allow Fog-horn FORAKER or Calico CHARLEY FOSTER to remove so venerable a relic.

Mr. Cleveland and the Ohio Contest.

It was published in the papers last week that ex-President CLEVELAND had been invited to take the stump in Ohio for Governor CAMPBELL and that he had consented to make six speeches in the campaign. The announcement was calculated to give pleasure to Democrats, not only because they believed that speeches from Mr. CLEVELAND would do much to help the Democratic cause in Ohio, but also for the reason that the idea of his taking an active part in Democratic movements was peculiarly gratifying to them. It is therefore a disappointment to them to learn that the ex-President denies that he had made any engagement to speak in Ohio, intimating quite plainly that his voice will not be heard in the contest in that State.

This is unfortunate for the Ohio Democrats and also for Mr. CLEVELAND. Speeches from him in a contest in which tariff reform will be the main issue, would have a powerful effect. His reason for not delivering them will be misconstrued by his enemies. They have already said that he is indifferent to Democratic success; that he takes no active part when a struggle for Democratic principles is going on; that his voice was not heard in the contest which resulted so gloriously for the Democracy last year, and that he was silent in regard to the bayonet outrage attempted by the Republican party. A New York newspaper of extensive circulation, whose malign mission is the personal abuse of Mr. CLEVELAND, has been ringing the changes on such charges as these, and it is a cause of regret to Democrats that Mr. CLEVELAND should give an advantage to the malevolence of such enemies.

As the leading representative of the principle of tariff reform the Democrats have a right to expect him to take a foremost place in a contest in which that principle is the paramount issue. They don't like it to appear as if he thought himself above the issue and the party, and yet that is just the appearance that is presented by his not coming down into the ranks and taking a part in the fight. He is no longer prevented by the dignity of a high office from performing active political duty. He is now but a private, and his place is in the ranks with a musket in his hand. No shots would do more execution in a campaign than those that he could fire.

It appears that one JAMES W. LUCAS, who served in the confederate army as long as he could, and as late as February, 1865, killed a Union soldier, figures in the list of Uncle Sam's pensioners. When the pension agents become so successful in their pull on the treasury as to be able to get pensions for rebel soldiers, it is about time to purge the pension lists.

The Auditor Generalship.

Republican newspapers are booming General GREGG for Auditor General. The animus of this movement is easily understood. The leading characters of the party, among whom the offices have customarily been distributed, have become so odious in consequence of their corrupt practices that it would not be safe to put any of them on the State ticket, and therefore the party would take refuge behind an honest soldier until the clouds pass by. They hope that by being able to point with pride to a battle-scarred veteran on the ticket, and by reviving the war feeling that prevailed a quarter of a century ago, they may induce the voters to overlook the public embezzlements and treasury raidings of the present period.

In the insolvency of their power, when nominations followed the bidding of the Boss and election was the certain sequence of nomination, they never thought of putting a modest and honest soldier like General GREGG on the ticket for an important office. But he is not named now because his worth is appreciated by the managers. They simply wish to trade upon his good name and record, and calculate to manage him if he should be elected. The Auditor Generalship is especially important at this time in view of the investigation that is necessary for the interest of the State, and should not be filled by any one, be he soldier or civilian, who could in any way be influenced by the Treasury ring.

Public Money Put to Political Use.

The reports of the experts who examined BARBSLEY'S books showed that a check had apparently been sent to Auditor General McCAMANT for \$7,144.52 as part of the spoils resulting from an exorbitant charge for mercantile appraiser's advertising. This was a damaging implication of a high State official, who promptly denied that there had been any such transaction between him and the defaulting city treasurer. Mr. McCAMANT has since been before the city council investigating committee and upon mature reflection says that while none of the money indicated by the check came to him, it might have gone into a channel through which it was used for election purposes.

This confirms the suspicion that for years public money has been used by the Republican leaders in Pennsylvania to corrupt the elections and by such means to maintain their hold on the State government. The State treasury as well as the treasury of the city of Philadelphia has been in their keeping and they have sedulously prevented investigation that would have disclosed the way they manage those trusts. Whenever an important election came around they were always on hand with a sufficient amount of bootie to influence the result in their favor, and in this manner they have succeeded in retaining control of the people's money with which they have corrupted the people's elections. It has been a system by which corruption has perpetuated itself. It may be true, as Auditor General McCAMANT claims, that he did not get a cent of the Barbsley plunder, but he cannot be held guiltless if he knew that this money was being used for a political purpose and did not prevent it.

A Washington correspondent says that ex-Governor CHENEY, of New Hampshire, will succeed Mr. PROCTOR as Secretary of War. The latter official goes out of the cabinet to become the successor of Mr. EDMUNDS as United States Senator from Vermont. The Green Mountain State may regret losing the distinction of having a representative in the cabinet, but it nevertheless ought to be happy in the liberal bounty that has been conferred upon its maple sugar production. Its steadfastness to the Republican cause was not forgotten when the Billion Dollar Congress distributed its favors. No State could have been more sweetly treated.

Color Blindness.

Lieutenant MEIGS, of the United States navy, who has been twenty-eight years in service, is found to be color-blind, which, it is said, will not only prevent his promotion but will compel his retirement. If this should be the decision of the naval authorities it would indeed be a remarkable piece of foolishness. After years of service, during which his color blindness did not in the least impair his efficiency, it has been accidentally discovered that it incapacitates him from the performance of his duty.

DECATUR, PERRY, BAINBRIDGE, STEWART, FARRAGUT, and other heroes of our navy, served their country and fought its enemies successfully, and it isn't known to this day whether they were color blind or not, and it wouldn't have made any difference if they had been, so far as their ability to whip the enemy was concerned. We have no doubt that Lieutenant MEIGS knows the difference between the red, white and blue of the Stars and Stripes and the color of an enemy's flag, and that is all the knowledge of color that should be required of a fighting American sailor.

Following close upon the attempt of a lunatic, on the 14th inst., to shoot President CARNOT, of France, comes another attempt to kill him by means of an explosive concealed in a Bible sent to him by some miscreant who by such a cowardly method of assassination would deprive the republic of its excellent chief magistrate. It is easy to see why there should be attempts to blow up the cruel despot who oppresses the Russian people, but why anyone should want to kill the enlightened and liberal President of the French Republic is a mystery.

Spawls from the Keystone.

- Butter 18 cents a pound at Sharon.
-Carlisle's school has 1000 Indians.
-Reading doctors are to form a Trust.
-Johnstown has a Greek Catholic Church.
-Women Huns do farm work near Uniontown.
-Lebanon's little police station is overrun with rats.
-Constable Foyle, of Hanover, shot a crane five feet high.
-Potatoes are down to 60 cents a bushel at Hummelstown.
-They have bored a mile down for natural gas at Grapeville.
-Lewis Pritchard's baby drank lye at Tremont and may die.
-Williamsport will observe Emancipation Day on August 6.
-In three years a Camargo cow has had triplets twice and twins.
-Chambersburg's new shoe factory will employ seventy-five hands.
-Simon Weaver, of Columbia, has a turtle that weighs 112 pounds.
-An Irishman wrestled with a bear at Altoona and was knocked out.
-Girl bicyclists have appeared at Shamokin and the people are shocked.
-Twenty-four infants died in Reading last week of cholera infantum.
-York's registration under the new law shows an increase of 92 voters.
-The Norristown Insane Hospital is full, and no more patients will be accepted.
-A Lehigh Valley express ran down George Kratt, a deaf old man, at Wilkesbarre.
-John Wentzel, of Reading, was arrested for deserting from the United States army.
-Five Italians were arrested at Reading for assaulting Lawyers Maltzberger and Kropf.
-Drunken drivers ran over Mrs. David Walters, of Lebanon, causing serious injuries.
-Three burglars stole \$1000 worth of goods from J. O. Brookbank & Co.'s store, at Driftwood.
-Miss Annie Brenneman, of East Berlin, was instantly killed by lightning last Friday night.
-During a spell of coughing Miss Bertie Troupe, of Harrisburg, dislocated her jaw on Saturday.
-A rake in the hands of Mrs. Armpriester, of Reading, pulled a drowning Polish boy out of the canal.
-A railroad tie hurled in the air by a hoisting rope killed Michael Dougherty, mine boss, at Carbondale.
-George Bragly, aged 6, and William Peacock, aged 8 years, were drowned in the canal at Catsasqua.
-Reading folks find wagon loads of huckleberries and numerous rattlesnakes on the Blue Mountains.
-Charles D. Henn, of Shoemakersville, has been arrested for stealing property from the Reading Railroad.
-A freight train ran over William Scheckler, a brakeman on the Lehigh Valley, at Quakake Junction.
-The report of the state fish commission soon to be issued, will be profusely illustrated with colored plates.
-Henry Johnson, Michael Binnet and William Yarnatt, arrested for counterfeiting in Reading, were released.
-John Snyder, a hotel keeper, near York tried to kill his wife Sunday night by hitting her in the head with a stone.
-Susie Miller, a 16-year-old deaf mute of Mahanoy City, had both legs cut off by a coal car and died shortly afterward.
-Six employees of the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad at Ridgway have been discharged for stealing whisky from the cars.
-Many young boys are suffering from a malady similar to St. Vitus's dance, in Newcastle, Joseph Harland's son may not recover.
-A runaway horse hurried Abram Koch, one of Mahanoy City's business men, out of his wagon, and he may die of the injuries.
-A 6-year-old son of Henry Gambler, of Lebanon, was whirled around by a wagon wheel and his nose and leg were broken.
-A revolver in the hands of William Fuller, of Reading, accidentally sent a bullet into the knee of a 10-year-old lad named Toy.
-Clarence Rathrook was arrested at Allentown and taken to Centre Valley to answer a serious charge made by Mary A. Kiserman.
-George Brophy, aged six years, and William Peacock, aged eight years, were drowned in the Lehigh canal at Catsasqua Monday morning.
-With 260 delegates and an aggregate membership 700 larger than heretofore, the State Grand Lodge of Good Templars is in session at Lock Haven.
-To prevent an electric light pole from being erected in front of his liquor store, in Lebanon, John Matthews put a chair over the hole in the ground and sat on it.
-During services in the United Presbyterian church, in Greenville, Sunday morning, a storm arose and the steeple was struck by lightning and badly shattered. A panic followed, but no person was hurt.
-The Republican Invincibles, of Norristown, the strong Republican club of Montgomery county, is making an active fight against John B. Robinson, of Delaware county, for president of the League of Republican Clubs.
-Samuel Boyer, church organist, of Berks county, puts in a claim to the championship. He says he has listened to over nine thousand sermons and never fell asleep over one of them. He deserves a medal as big as a door-mat.
-Between eighty and one hundred members of the order of railroad conductors from Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Harrisburg, Altoona and other points, visited Reading as the guests of Reading division on Sunday.
-A West Chester man who went to his stable yard early the other morning to investigate a queer noise, found that a horse had broken loose and a dog holding on to the halter to prevent the animal leaving the premises.
-Charles Wall, the farmer who murdered his wife with an ax at Falls, Wyoming county, Sunday evening, was taken to the Luzerne county jail. He acknowledged the crime, expressing repentance and blaming his ungovernable and jealous temper for having made him a murderer.
-Bishop Bowman preached to a vast multitude in Allentown Sunday, during which he severely castigated his enemies, accusing them of conspiracy, falsehood and robbery in depriving him of his legal rights and possession of the property of the church, to regain all of which he proposes to exhaust all proper means.