

Ink Slings.

—There is nothing diseased about the Blaine boom in Pennsylvania. It is perfectly sound in wind, limb and kidney.

—It is not expected that the naval contingent to be furnished by the National Guards will belong to the horse marines.

—The G. A. R. will encamp in Washington next year, probably drawn there by the increased attraction of the pension office.

—The fact that very little wheat is coming east leads us to suspect that the western farmers are succeeding in imitating the methods of "Old Hutch."

—The development of a mud volcano in California is an indication that the Pacific slope is getting itself in shape for the approaching Presidential campaign.

—Major McKINLEY's visit to the manufacturers of Pittsburg evoked such a limited flow of "fat" that the campaign in Ohio may not be as oleaginous as was expected.

—A negro named THOROUGHGOOD was capitally punished in Delaware the other day. Notwithstanding his name he was so thoroughly bad that they had to hang him.

—On the 18th inst. Buncombe county, North Carolina, will celebrate the hundredth anniversary of her organization. There will be no lack of orators to speak for Buncombe on that occasion.

—The Blaine magnetism will have the same effect on the Republican party that a galvanic battery has on the legs of a defunct frog, which makes them kick without imparting any actual force.

—There are such peaceful associations connected with the name of Bethlehem that it looks strange to see the most destructive implements of modern warfare turned out from a town bearing that name.

—The Prohibition party in Ohio is divided. Even with multiplication, instead of division, the Prohibitionists of that State couldn't cipher out a sufficient number of votes to carry the election.

—The failure of FRED DOUGLASS as a diplomatist is largely owing to the fact that the Haiti niggers would have been much better pleased if, as the minister from the United States, he had been of a color different from their own.

—The tariff organs shouldn't be so happy over the idea that the McKinley bill has afflicted the industries of Europe with an attack of paralysis, until they are sure that it won't subject the industries of America to a stroke of apoplexy.

—The way CAMERON and QUAY have fallen upon the bosom of JAMES G. BLAINE, refusing to be comforted until he shall take charge of the "grand old party" as its standard bearer, is one of the most touching pictures ever presented in the shifting scenes of American politics.

—The Swiss anniversary brings the memory of WILLIAM TELL again to the front. Reverentially as the great Swiss patriot is remembered, there is nevertheless, a disposition to regard his great apple shooting feat in much the same light as that in which WASHINGTON'S adventure with the cherry tree is viewed as a historical occurrence.

—The circulars which have been put in circulation, abusing Mr. CLEVELAND, evince such a degree of venom as gives them the appearance of having been printed in the New York Sun office. The term "conceited and contemptible ass," applied to Mr. CLEVELAND, sounds very much like an expression coined by DANA.

—The Convention of the People's Party of Ohio decorated the hall in which it met with a display of wheat, corn and oats. But these productions don't count at an election. It is the crop of votes that does the business, which, in the case of the People's party, is going to be very short—hardly enough for seed.

—When the lady at camp Kensington, the other day, upon being introduced to Governor PATTISON, asked, "May I kiss you, Governor?" what would the soldiers standing around have thought if he hadn't replied, "Certainly, madame." They would have thought he was no good, and they would have been right in thinking so. The Governor sizes up to all the requirements of his position.

—Since JERRY RUSK took charge of the agricultural end of the government and the weather bureau, the grasshoppers have devastated many parts of the west, and the Farmers' Alliance are yelling for more paper money; besides, we are not having the kind of weather we should have reason to expect from a steady old granger like Uncle JERRY. It begins to look as if he isn't the right man in the right place.

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An Ingenious Game.

In the arrangement of the Republican State nominations, which are to have the appearance of being entirely free of boss dictation, there appears to be some misunderstanding as to the places on the ticket that would best suit the personal preference of General GREGG and Mr. GILES D. PRICE, the two gentlemen who have been slated. They both seem to have a preference for the Auditor Generalship, and have expressed themselves to that effect. This, however, will no doubt be satisfactorily arranged.

Mr. PRICE professes to believe that the fate of his party in the coming contest depends upon his nomination. Claiming to be a representative of agricultural interests, he is impressed with the fear that Republican farmers will break away from the party if something be not done to retain them by the nomination of a farmer like himself. With him at the head of the ticket they will forget the neglect with which they have been treated by their party legislatures and managers, and will march to the polls with their old time enthusiasm. He says this in a letter to the Allegheny members of the Legislature whom he asks to support his candidacy for Auditor General. He writes as follows:

I have been encouraged to enter the contest for the Republican nomination for Auditor General by many staunch Republicans in different parts of the State, who foresee grave danger to our party from the disaffected prevalent among the agricultural and laboring classes. These men believe that if I could be nominated this element would remain in the party and labor for its success. The incidents of my canvass have seemed to justify their judgment. My candidacy has been heartily approved by the disaffected element in every county from which I have advised, and I have ample assurances that if I am nominated the party in this State could assume the aggressive and roll up an old-time majority in November.

Such language is calculated to amuse those who know that Mr. PRICE'S nomination has already been arranged by the managing power. His letter, which has been duly published, is intended to give the appearance of his making a canvass for the nomination, of his being wanted by an element in the party which the bosses cannot safely ignore. The effect will be so much better to have it look as if he were put on the ticket in deference to the wish and interest of the honest, hard-fisted grangers and workingmen, than that it should appear that he was nominated in compliance with the pre-arrangement of Boss QUAY.

This is, indeed, an ingenious game, and PRICE'S part in it is being well played. With a farmer on the ticket to allay "the discontent prevalent among the agricultural and laboring element," in conjunction with a soldier to arouse the old war feeling, and a Blaine boom thrown in to do the magnetic business, the bosses hope that by such a conjunction of helpful influences they may be able to avert the defeat which threatens their political existence.

—One thing very certain is that if every county in the State presents a candidate for Constitutional delegate, as conservative, careful and intelligent as is the candidate named by this county, there will be no one who can object to a convention because of the character of the men chosen to perform the important work expected.

Without Government Coddling.

The farmers of Virginia are demonstrating their ability to promote their business interests without being bolstered by a government subtreasury system, such as Alliance visionaries are dreaming about. Relying upon themselves, they have gone to work in a practical way by establishing at Lynchburg a warehouse for the storage and sale of tobacco. Up to the 30th of July the sales have amounted to 5,500,000 pounds, upon which a saving to the farmers has been made to the amount of nearly \$7,000. It is expected by the end of the year to report much larger sales, and it is announced that the business has grown so rapidly in a single year that vastly larger accommodations are demanded. There is no doubt that the farmers, if they will combine for common benefits, and place their business in the hands of capable and reliable agents, can accomplish much in the way of saving expenses, and in that way promote their prosperity.

Applejack.

One of the incidents of this prolific year will be the production of an unusual quantity of applejack. From all parts of the country we hear that the apple trees are bending with their load of fruit, and it is reasonable to expect that much of this product will be converted into that finely flavored liquor which was so popular with our forefathers, but which on account of the unreliability of the apple crop has fallen into disuse.

Of all the sisterhood of States New Jersey is the only one that has maintained a reputation for the production of this liquor, and there may be traced an affinity between the vigor of her Democracy and the stanchness of her applejack. Jersey justice, Jersey Democracy and Jersey applejack are equally renowned for their unadulterated character and vigorous action. But the production of the spirituous extract of the apple will not be confined this year to New Jersey. All through Eastern Pennsylvania the apple trees are bending under an unprecedented yield of fruit, and the farmers are counting upon a distillation of the surplus, which is exceedingly profitable in good apple years. In Berks county alone seven distilleries, which went out of business when the apple trees stopped producing their old-time crops, are being put in running order, and such will be the demand on their capacity that it is thought that several new ones will be started. The stock of this liquor on hand being much reduced, it is expected that a good price will be obtained for the new run, as much as \$2.50 per gallon. The government tax is 90 cents a gallon.

The morality of the question of applejack we will leave to the Prohibition philosophers. The fruit is here in immense quantity and the owners are pretty sure to put it to the most profitable use. It is natural for them to do so. Human nature is weak and applejack brings a good price. And when it is of good quality, without too much of the lightning characteristic, a little of it taken hot, with the proper admixture of sugar and a roasted apple floating on the surface to reinforce the flavor, is not a bad thing on a cold winter evening.

—It is the height of impudence for BALMACEDA, the President of Chili, to ask the United States government to sell him the cruiser Baltimore. The great United States isn't so hard up as to sell the ships she has built to whip her enemies with, and if she should ever be required to huckster off her navy, BALMACEDA isn't the person she would want to deal with.

The G. A. R. Reunion.

The twenty-fifth reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic at Detroit last week exceeded in magnitude of attendance any previous gathering of the old soldiers. It was a great occasion in all respects, but unfortunately the race question was allowed to come up, some of the white veterans objecting to the "colored troops" being allowed to take part in the proceedings of the G. A. R. on an equality with their white compatriots. When it is considered that the "colored troops fought nobly," the injustice of this demand is manifest, and it is to the credit of the Grand Army that it was voted down. The proposition that was made at this reunion that the already large pension expense saddled upon Uncle Sam should be increased by allowing pensions to all the surviving soldiers who were ever in rebel prisons, would seem to indicate that some of the old soldiers believe that because they saved the country they have now an unquestionable right to rob it.

—At the farmers' encampment at Sulphur Springs, some days ago, Senator PEPPER, of Kansas, with the breeze carelessly dallying with his whiskers, and in his off-handed breezy Western manner, declared that he wanted the government to loan the people money at 1 per cent interest to lift nine million mortgages, and "to pull the teeth and close the mouth of the great red dragon in Wall street." It might be well to have the teeth of the Wall street dragon extracted, but to have it done as PEPPER proposes would be a mighty dear piece of dentistry.

The Blaine Boom in Pennsylvania.

All the signs point to the launching of a Blaine boom in Pennsylvania which will sweep the Republican organization into the camp of the Bar Harbor invalid. QUAY entertains a bitter feeling toward HARRISON in whom he sees an ingrate who has willingly accepted the fruits of the corrupt campaign of 1888 while he affects a repugnance to the corruptionist who made that campaign successful. It is with such a feeling that the great boodler resigns the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee places himself in a position to have full swing at HARRISON. CAMERON will co-operate in the movement, for although he has never been friendly to BLAINE, his dislike for HARRISON is well known and undisguised. At the present juncture the senior Senator finds himself in a situation in which the man from Maine is preferable to the individual from Indiana for the purposes of practical politics.

There can scarcely be a doubt that both QUAY and CAMERON are in the Blaine movement. The alacrity with which their organs and henchmen are tumbling over to BLAINE is evidence of it, and if further proof were wanting it is furnished by the circumstance that the Philadelphia Press opens its vitals of wrath on the two Pennsylvania leaders for deserting Mr. HARRISON. The Press is edited by the President's Minister to Russia, who is home on a furlough and keeps his eye on QUAY and CAMERON with sensitive watchfulness. He accurately gauges the meaning of such a conference as the one recently held at Donegal.

And there is another reason why the two bosses should give a zealous support to a Blaine boom. They do it for their own political salvation. The old party is in extremely bad shape in Pennsylvania. Its reputation is completely bankrupt. Its rottenness has created such a stench that even many of its oldest members are turning away their noses with undisguised disgust. If it goes down the two bosses go with it. The magnetism connected with BLAINE'S name offers the only remedy for an otherwise hopeless case. He has always been able to fire the Pennsylvania Republican heart, and both QUAY and CAMERON hope to be able to carry the State this fall by the hurrah which is to follow the launching of a vigorous Blaine boom in the next State Convention. But it will be a vain attempt to hide the corruption of Republican State rule behind the tattooed figure of the man from Maine.

—The recent visit of Major McKINLEY to Pittsburg was made with "fat" frying intentions, but it is said that he did not meet with the encouragement which he had a right to expect from the manufacturers who are so greatly indebted to him for "protection." In answer to his demand for more "fat," which is needed in his gubernatorial campaign, they are said to have replied that the \$80,000 they dumped into the Major's district last year covered the extent of their obligation to him.

They Will Do Their Duty.

The committee of private citizens selected by Governor PATTISON to examine the books of the Keystone bank for the purpose of ascertaining how much has been lost to the State by the Bardsley default, are worthy of public confidence. Each of the five gentlemen can be depended upon to pursue the investigation in a thorough and business-like manner. What may be excavated from the mass of festering rottenness will be given just as the committee finds it. There will be no halt in any direction through fear that the trial may throw suspicion upon those who hold their heads high in the community. The committee will find out the truth, if such a thing is possible.

While delving among the items in the books for the purpose of ascertaining the amount lost to the State, it is probable that the committee may unearth matters which more closely concern the city. But no matter what may be disclosed by the books, there will be no evasion, no attempt at concealment when the committee presents its report.

It Can't Be Allowed.

The German government is reported as wanting to buy the island of St. Thomas, one of the West Indies, belonging to Denmark. It is of no particular value to the Danes, but as a coaling and general naval station it would be of great use and importance to a nation of Germany's commercial and naval aspirations.

If the German government should make a bargain for the purchase of the island, would the United States consent to its taking possession? What would become of our Monroe doctrine if we should allow a European power to pick up so valuable a piece of property at our very door? That doctrine declares against further European encroachment on this side of the water, and in this case Germany would plant herself at a point where her ships could command our Southern coast, and threaten our West India and South American trade.

If the purchase should be made it is altogether likely that the United States would object to Germany's taking possession of the goods. It would be contrary to the Monroe doctrine. It would be offensive to the pride of the American Eagle. It would conflict with our commercial interests, endanger our seacoast, and couldn't be allowed for various other reasons.

—The Elk County (Kansas) Farmers' Alliance want a 2 per cent loan from the government with which to lift their mortgages, and they want it badly, and right now. They are not satisfied to wait until congress can convene at the regular time and pass a law for such a loan, but they demand that it shall meet immediately, and that the money shall be handed over without further delay. But why confine themselves to a loan for the payment of mortgages? Many of them, no doubt, need larger barns, better houses and other improvements, and if the government is to go into the paternal business why should it not furnish money to meet all the urgent wants of the Kansas grangers?

How They Do It in Persia.

The Shah of Persia has adopted a method of punishment which should have the effect of stopping the practice of embezzlement in his dominions. Recently he discovered that the governor of one of the districts of his empire was making private use of the taxes he had collected, in a way pretty much the same as that of Republican financiers of the Bardsley stripe. The Persian potentate became highly incensed at such a breach of trust, but instead of appointing an investigating committee that would probably have white-washed the case, he adopted the Asiatic way of treating such offenses by immersing the embezzler in a caldron of boiling water. That officer will never embezzle again, for both his official term and his life were brought to an end by this hot water treatment.

Although it would not accord with the American system of penology, yet if the hot water method of punishment were adopted in Philadelphia it might stop some of the stealing that has so long prevailed among the Republican functionaries of that city.

A Naval Militia.

Almost everybody in Pennsylvania has become proud of the State's organized militia. Those who formerly regarded it with suspicion have overcome that feeling as they have gradually learned to look upon the Guards as a body of citizen soldiers who are capable of being useful without being dangerous. But the impression is now being made upon the reflecting citizen that the usefulness of the National Guard would be greatly enlarged by adding to it a naval brigade, to be formed in Philadelphia and the Delaware river section, and in Erie county, which would be of great service in the naval defence of the State against a foreign power. New York and Massachusetts have such naval reserves as adjuncts to their organized militia, and their drill in connection with the squadron of evolution this summer showed to what proficiency such marine volunteers may be brought.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

- The crop of apple jack will be heavy this fall.
—Eighty-one tents are at the Litz anti-Bowman camp.
—The Paoli W. C. T. U. camp meeting was a financial failure.
—Harry Mindorf, of York, was badly injured by being dragged by a horse.
—Pittsburg organizations will not celebrate Labor day because of recent troubles.
—Reading school Directors are going to plant thirty large trees, costing \$18 each.
—An electric car at Allenton got unmanageable on a hill, and several women fainted.
—The deaf mutes of the Lehigh Valley held their fifth annual picnic near Bethlehem.
—A horse kicked and killed Joseph Conlan, aged 6 years, son of F. J. Conlan, of Pittston.
—Mathias Snelzky, Hungarian, of Shenandoah, cut his throat with a razor, and may die.
—A Reading school director, Frederick W. Cranston, has been arrested for disorderly conduct.
—The Patriotic Sons of America, of Tower City, have begun the erection of a \$6000 opera house.
—Two daughters of James Lamb, New Hanover, died of scarlet fever within two hours on Monday.
—A dog bit Dora Davis, of Reading, two weeks ago, and blood poisoning now threatens to kill her.
—Scranton people will cause the indictment of the City Council if they do not keep the streets cleaner.
—Augustus Wilhelm, of near Myerstown, has a tree which bears apples having one stem and two cores.
—The Reading Railroad has already stored 15,000 tons of buckwheat coal at Reading, and will add 85,000 tons more.
—All the West Chester churches will unite in a monster prayer meeting to pray for persecuted Jews in Russia.
—Jacob Shively, a Johnstown flood sufferer, attempted suicide, at Williamsport, by getting in front of a freight train.
—Harry Saylor won praise on Tuesday, at Pottsville, by the rescue of Charles Buckley's young son from drowning.
—Two men caught by the Reading detectives at Birdsboro, and handcuffed, leaped off a freight train and escaped.
—Reading's council asked the Trolley Wire Railway Company to pay 1/2 cent to the city for every passenger carried.
—The Pottsville Iron and Steel Company will surely resume next week with non-union men, says President Atkins.
—Emancipation day, under the auspices of the Charles Sumner League, was royally celebrated at Williamsport.
—After an Italian wedding at Norristown, the participants whipped out stiletos, and one man was dangerously wounded.
—During a quarrel on Saturday, Mrs. Peter Thompson, of Pittston, stabbed her husband in the head with a butcher knife.
—Carpenters who tore down an old school house at Hummelstown found love letters written by the pupils 100 years ago.
—Lewis Becker and Herman Lichtenstein, of Philadelphia, have been held in jail for setting fire to a store in Allenton.
—George Wagner fell down a coal shaft at Mahanoy Plane, but a beam prevented him from going to the bottom—100 feet.
—The old cider mills in Berks county, which have been idle for many seasons, are getting into repair and greasing up.
—Farmers in Eldridge township, Schuylkill county, find on harvesting their oats crop that it was ruined by a recent hail storm.
—A large number of shoes stolen from Rhoads, Latr & Henderson's factory at Birdsboro were found in a railroad culvert.
—Another large meeting of miners in Luzerne borough insisted upon the operators complying with the two-weeks-pay law.
—Mrs. William Nowlin, of Coatesville, who eloped a week ago with Carroll Stokes, has returned to her husband and been forgiven.
—Samuel Plummer, bank presid at, of Franklin, claims to have conversed with deceased relatives at Cassadaga Lake, N. Y.
—Lee Rawkin, a Johnstown flood sufferer, has been sent to an insane asylum, his mind being shattered by his terrible experience.
—Treasurer Blanchard, of the Williamsport school board, has been required to give a \$150,000 bond instead of \$25,000 as heretofore.
—Mrs. Yanes, of Kline township, was beaten by a neighbor with a shovel, and for a time it was feared that her injuries would prove fatal.
—A convention of German singing societies from the various cities and towns in Pennsylvania will never meet in Reading on the 26th instant.
—Mrs. James Maloy, of Locust Gap, while on her way home at night from Mount Carmel, was set upon by a gang of toughs and badly beaten.
—A lad named Buechley, of Jalapa, near Pottsville, fell into Tumbling Run, but was rescued by a companion who could not swim a stroke.
—The Pennsylvania Company is pushing its new line to Bedford Springs by way of South York. The idea is to tap the coal and ore beds.
—A gang of young roughs enticed Amanda Allbright, aged 19 and insane, from the Reading almshouse, and they now have her a concealed captive.
—Bucks county's Orphan Court Clerk is warning ministers that they are not returning marriages as the law requires, and are liable to a penalty of \$50.
—A cancer had eaten away most of Hiram Troxel's face, and the pain made him escape from the Reading hospital and drown himself in a watering trough.
—A 6-year-old New York boy and his 4-year-old sister passed through Allenton en route for Gettysburg, a 200 mile journey, which they are making alone.
—Professor Krenmor, of Snmmt, Schuylkill county, had his arm crushed while riding in a car by the corner of a freight car that stood on a siding.
—Eva Ray Hamilton has broken out again at Wilkesbarre. She laughs at the idea of any one poisoning her, and asks people to attend to their own business.
—Lewis Lewin, a Philadelphian, who caused twelve peddlers to be arrested for peddling without licenses, has recovered \$30 reward for each of three cases heard.
—Ida Roiber, aged 18, a domestic employed at Harrisburg, swallowed Paris green on Sunday night, but a stomach pump saved her. Her home is at Fairview, and she had trouble in a love affair.