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Spawls from the Keystone.

—Rains have endangered Berks county potatoes.

—All the Lehigh Iron Company's furnaces near Allentown are running.

—The Auditor General denies that Cumberland's County Treasurer is delinquent.

—John Gerlach, of Lockersville, fell from a hay loft on Saturday and broke his neck.

—A man with a counterfeit \$100 bill isoperating in the coal regions about Hazleton.

—A floor fell from under Allentown Salvafionists on Sunday evening. Nobody was hurt.

—Willie Frantz, aged 12, of Scranton, was accidentally shot in the thigh by a young cousin.

—A large company attended "Bethany day" exercises at the Orphans Home near Womelsdorf.

—All vegetables yet in the ground have been badly damaged by incessant rains near Ashland.

—Michael Fritz, of Friedensburg, celebrated his 94th birthday. He is still actively engaged in business.

—Samuel Reese, of Barnt Cabins, has the brag calf; it is four months old and weighs 470 pounds.

—A train of eighteen cars of pickles was the old shipment sent from Pittsburg to Kansas City.

—Frank, the 9-year-old son of W. F. Bennett, of Reading, is missing, and supposed to be drowned.

—Ella Ardit, a pretty 16-year-old girl of Ansville, died suddenly at her uncle's hotel at Grantville.

—For a leg lost in a mine Joseph Siminski, of Nanticoke, sues the Susquehanna Coal Company for \$500.

—A pump good for 1000 gallons a minute keeps the Black Diamond mines at Luzerne free from water.

—Reading's Council has refused to permit the City Passenger Railway to substitute the trolley for horses.

—Mount Getta will be the permanent summer headquarters of the Stoverdale-Camp Meeting Association.

—For embolizing the funds of Andrew J. Cox, of Philadelphia, John J. Pierson has been arrested at Lancaster.

—Thomas Edwards, married, a miner at the Logan Colliery, Contrails, was caught under a rush of coal and killed.

—Repairs on the washed-out branches of the Reading Railroad in the Lebanon Valley are approaching completion.

—Mary Burke, of Lebanon, was stricken with dizziness and fell, breaking her nose and disfiguring her face badly.

—Teams from State militia will contest at Mount Getta on Thursday and Saturday for superiority in rifle shooting.

—An excursion train ran over and killed Edwin C. Fogel, of Alburts, Lehigh county, while sleeping off a spree.

—A thirteen year old tramp arrested at Norristown, has been all over the country since he was eight years old.

—The oldest man in the State is said to be Jacob Steel, of Fayette county. On October 16th, he will be 103 years old.

—Inspector of rifle practice Herman is arranging for regimental and brigade prize contests at Mount Getta next week.

—Eva Christian, an emigrant, who has been missing since August 3, has been found living with Hungarians at Shenandoah.

—One of the largest cranes ever killed in Berks county was slain a few days ago by Alfred Evans. It measured six feet.

—Mrs. Peter Cummings, of Scranton, while returning from a funeral on Tuesday was thrown from her carriage and killed.

—John Walsh, a minor, was probably fatally injured in the mines at Pittstown Tuesday by a premature explosion of a blast.

—Put off an East Allentown electric car, so disorderly conduct, Jacob Reichard spitefully cut down an electric pole, and was arrested.

—John Jones, of Taylorville, Luzerne county, was committed to jail charged by David J. Davis with wronging his 14-year-old daughter.

—W. Holmes Mason, of Marietta, has a tobacco leaf of the Pennsylvania seed variety, which measures 44 inches long and 26 inches wide.

—A Lebanon electric car broke through both gates of the Reading railroad at Lebanon crossing and crushed itself against a ballast train.

—The probable murder and robbery of a stranger near Pine Grove, who died covered with bruises on Sunday, is as much a mystery as ever.

—David de Hart, of Reading, had seventy-seven descendants present to help him celebrate the ninety-first anniversary of his birth last week.

—For eviction with her three children during a heavy rain-storm Mrs. Josiah Hunter, of Allentown, has sued her late landlord for \$5000 damages.

—A boy named Clyde Young, while playing about a saw mill at Derry, was instantly killed by a huge log rolling over him and crushing his body to a pulp.

—Mrs. Finlay Ross, of Carbondale, cut her throat on Tuesday night with a razor, dying instantly. Despondency and domestic troubles were the causes.

—Dr. Z. X. Snyder, of Indiana, who was appointed by Governor Pattison as Superintendent of Public Instruction, has given notice of his acceptance of a position in Greeley Col.

—Miss Kate Alletman, of Fontana, Lebanon county, died Monday from injuries received by being thrown from a buggy while returning from the Mount Getta Farmers' Encampment.

—Yesterday, at Susquehanna, Mrs. James Hamm secured a verdict of \$312.50 against the Delaware and Hudson Company, for ejecting her husband from a train, which resulted in his being killed.

—In consequence of protracted rains leading brick manufacturers at Reading have been able to make no brick since August 20. Stocks are depleted. With continued wet weather prices may rise next season from 50 to \$1.

—Chris Magee denies that the Republicans will give him charge of the campaign in the West, and that collector Cooper will run the Eastern end of the fight. The responsibility has been shouldered upon Lieutenant Governor Wates.

—A preliminary injunction has been awarded restraining the Plymouth township (Luzerne county) School Board from changing the text books used in the schools. The grounds alleged are that the meeting at which the change was made was illegal.

The People's Contest.

The contest in Pennsylvania this year will emphatically be the people's contest. It will be the people against the political gamblers and party machine managers who have worked the State government and used the State Treasury for their own individual profit.

The careful and honest citizen should not, and we believe, will not consider the issue as one that is to determine whether a Republican or a Democrat shall fill the office of Auditor General or State Treasurer, but rather whether the books shall be opened and examined—whether they shall go into new hands that they may be overhauled and a statement presented to the people.

There has been thieving going on—embezzlers have been at work, and the people want to have the whole bad business exposed. They can't expect that these evils will be exposed by those who committed them.

The QUAYS, the COOPERS, the HANDY SMITHS, the BOYERS, the McCAMANTS and the BARDSLEYS, are not the men who want the books to be opened and the evidence given to the people as to how the money in the treasury has been used. Therefore the utter folly of continuing in the Auditor General's office, and at the head of the Treasury, officers who would be under such influence.

Machine officers are not the ones to show up the rottenness of the machine.

Individually MORRISON and GREGG may be reputable men, but they owe their nominations to machine influence. MORRISON is noted for his long affiliation with the party bosses—his connection with them is so strong that he could not break away from their influence even if he should desire to do so, and he has never given any evidence of his entertaining such a desire. General GREGG is utterly inexperienced in political and official life and even an honest disposition on his part would be unavailing against the determination of the desperate treasury gamblers to keep the books closed and prevent investigation.

The developments in the BARDSLEY case show the rottenness that prevails in Republican financial management. The plowshare of investigation must be run through both the Auditor General's and the State Treasurer's offices, and the subsoil turned up and exposed to the sunlight of official scrutiny. It wouldn't do for the plow to be a "machine" plow. Machine men would be out of place between its handles.

The people are now interested in having men in those two offices who will not be afraid that their friends will be hurt if the books are examined, and who will enforce the law in the settlement of accounts without fear, favor or affection.

We have not such men there now, and we would not have them there if QUAY'S machine candidates should be elected.

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False Campaign Issues.

Major MCKINLEY is making his fight for Governor of Ohio chiefly on the question of free coinage. He is throwing himself into the fight as a stalwart opponent of the free silver policy, with an apparent obliviousness of the fact that the people at this time are more interested in the question of tariff taxation than they are in anything relating to coinage. They feel the pinch of taxation on their necessities and are not troubling themselves as to whether their dollars are made of paper, or of silver, or of gold. Tariff reform is really the great issue before the country, but the Major is shy of it and spreads himself on the silver question. The latter is not a party issue, for there are Republicans as well as Democrats who are in favor of free silver, but it is the tariff, entering every household in the country and pinching wherever there is a buyer to be pinched, that constitutes the issue upon which the two parties are distinctly divided.

In abandoning the tariff as a campaign question MCKINLEY abandons the issue which he was chiefly instrumental in raising. In turning his back upon his own offspring and posing as the champion of "honest money" he shows himself to be more of a demagogue than a statesman. This is particularly shown by his attempt to strengthen his position as an honest money advocate by quoting Mr. CLEVELAND'S anti-silver letter, in the face of the fact that a few months ago he denounced Mr. CLEVELAND in a speech at Toledo as the President who "had discredited one of our great products and had increased the price of gold." At that time the Major had not fully discovered how unpopular his tariff had become among the farmers and householders of Ohio, and that it would be necessary to divert their attention with the free-silver bugaboo, including him to take the position which he had condemned Mr. CLEVELAND for taking.

This raising of false issues in a campaign is a very common habit among Republican leaders. It will be done this year in Pennsylvania, as it has been done frequently before. The vital issue before the people of this State is whether the State government shall be purely or corruptly, honestly or dishonestly administered; whether the State Treasury shall be made the prey of speculators and embezzlers, and their evil deeds be concealed by keeping the State Auditor's and Treasurer's offices in the hands of incumbents who are under the control of the machine managers? It is purely a State issue involving no other than State interests. But those who want to conceal the misapplication and embezzlement of State funds will endeavor to divert public attention from treasury investigation by raising a clatter on the subject of the tariff, and by nominating a soldier to keep alive the old war sentiment. But when thieves are raiding the public treasury tariff interests and war sentiments are out of place.

The Republican journals are at their old tricks. This time last year they were predicting that a Democratic victory would ruin every industry in Pennsylvania, and now they are claiming that the defeat of MCKINLEY in Ohio will mean ruin for the entire country.

Cordial A acceptance.

England is very cordial in accepting the invitation to attend the Columbian Fair. The Queen herself takes a lively interest in it. In the commission she has issued to the council of the Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, she declares it to be her "wish that the exhibition should afford a full and suitable representation of the industry, agriculture and fine arts of Great Britain," and that she "earnestly desires to promote the success of the exhibition." The British government has made a grant of \$125,000 to defray the expenses of the exhibit, and it is thought the exhibitors themselves will contribute at least \$1,000,000 more for the same purpose. Austria, Italy and Germany are rather backward, because of the feeling of leading industries on the McKinley bill, but still there is reason to believe that those countries will be fully represented.

Mr. Powderly as a Republican Candidate.

There is something inconsistent in Mr. POWDERLY'S accepting the Republican nomination as a candidate for delegate-at-large to the constitutional convention. It was only a few weeks ago that he declined the appointment of a World's Fair commissioner on the ground that it was a "political position" and that as the head of the Knights of Labor it did not become him to occupy such a position. While we congratulate him on the interest he appears to manifest in the improvement of our State constitution, we are at a loss to see in what way there is more politics in a World's Fair than in constitutional convention. In fact in neither of them should there be any politics.

But he says he is moved to take the nomination for the constitutional convention by his desire for ballot reform. Surely Mr. POWDERLY ought to know that the party which has put him in nomination does not want ballot reform. In the last Legislature they resorted to every artifice to defeat the movement for an improved ballot law. They don't want any other electoral system than the one under which they have in time past bribed and intimidated enough voters to secure the control of the State. The proposition to adopt the Australian plan of voting has at every turn been met by the opposition of the Republican leaders. Under such circumstances it is not possible that when they selected Mr. POWDERLY as one of their candidates for delegate-at-large they did so out of consideration for the influence he would exert in bringing about ballot reform. However conscientious his actions may be to that end he cannot expect to have the cooperation of his Republican colleagues in the convention.

The motive of the Republican machine managers in putting the leader of the Knights of Labor on their ticket is quite obvious. They expect that in return for this honor the workingmen of the State will rush in a body to the support of their machine-made ticket for Auditor General and State Treasurer. This is the only reason for the nomination of Mr. POWDERLY. It certainly was not made in the interest of ballot reform, for that is the kind of reform which the machine managers particularly object to.

The Democrats and Farmers' Alliance of Minnesota are arranging for a fusion for next year's work, on the basis of a joint electoral ticket, the Democrats to have the United States senator and the Alliance the governor. The Democrats last fall on governor polled in Minnesota 85,844 votes and the Alliance 58,114, or a total of 143,958, against 88,111 Republican. The State gave HARRISON a plurality of 38,000. As the policy of the Democratic party offers greater advantages to the Western farmers than is offered by the party of monopolistic tendencies, there is no reason why such a combination should not be satisfactory.

The Chilian Rebels Ahead.

It is announced by telegram from Chili that the forces of President BALMACEDA have been routed and that the victory of the congressional party is complete. During the progress of this civil contest the people of the United States have been treated to two utterly diverse stories. One, and the most widely circulated, was to the effect that BALMACEDA is a brutal tyrant who ignored the laws, overturned the liberties of the people, in defense of which the congressional party took up arms. The other was that BALMACEDA is a patriot, a friend of the people, while the leaders of the congressional party are aristocrats, enemies of liberty and insympathy with the monarchical governments of Europe. On the one side it was declared that the rebellion was instigated by the enemies of the people; on the other side it was said to be the last recourse of the people themselves in defense of their freedom. Nearly all the American newspapers have manifested a friendly spirit toward the revolutionists; but in the face of such conflicting testimony it was extremely difficult to decide which side told the truth. The congressional party having won, we will soon know what the policy of the leaders is to be.

The Democratic Society.

The Democratic Society of Pennsylvania, the organization which is doing so much in solidifying and strengthening the Democratic party in this State, will hold its next meeting on the 30th of September. These annual assemblages increase in the number of attendants at every meeting and their usefulness increases in proportion. The great meeting at Reading last year inaugurated the campaign which elected Governor PARRISON. It is expected that the assembly of this year will be equally large and equally important in its results.

The place of the Democratic societies in the regular party organization of the State has been sufficiently determined to demonstrate the value of such an auxiliary force. While they are regularly incorporated with the organization, they perform a function and exercise an influence which have only recently been felt in American politics. Chairman BRUCE and Chairman KERR unite with the officials of the National Association of Democratic Clubs and of the Democratic society of this State in urging the formation of Democratic societies in every political subdivision of the Commonwealth.

All societies should endeavor to have the names of their deputies to the general assembly at Pittsburg in the hands of Secretary JOHN D. WORMAN, United States Hotel, Harrisburg, at least a week before the time of meeting, although the names will be received up to the day thereof. New societies should forward to the secretary a full list of officers and members as soon as organized, and also of the deputies to the general assembly. Each society is entitled to one member of the general committee and the deputies should be prepared to hand in the name of the member upon assembling at Pittsburg. Each society is entitled to one deputy at large and to one additional deputy for every twenty-five members in good standing, as certified by the secretary.

A primary Democratic society becomes a member of the Democratic Society of Pennsylvania, entitled to representation in the general assembly and in committees, by simply reporting its organization to the secretary with officers and membership and directing the name to be enrolled. No fees are exacted.

England is showing a strong disposition to take a prominent part in the Chicago exposition, and the other European nations will in all probability be represented by their best products. In fact in this age of commercial competition they cannot afford to be absent. There will be a large influx of visitors from all parts of the world to Chicago in 1893, perhaps more than to any other exhibition which has yet been given.

Unharmonious Harmony.

The harmony prevailing among the Republicans of Pennsylvania is of the discordant variety. Nowhere has it cropped out more jarringly than in the contest that has been going on all summer for the leadership of the Republican League between ROBINSON and DALZELL. The fur has been flying during the past three months as profusely as in the contest of the celebrated Kilkenny felines. The Harrisburg Telegraph, organ of the Republican machine at the State capital, savagely denounces DALZELL as "a combination of arrogance and impudence," and advises the leaguers at their Scranton convention to "take him by the nape of the neck and pitch him out of the convention, as the party can get along without such mischief breeders."

On the other hand there is another faction which regards ROBINSON with equal hostility and would be delighted to have him pitched overboard. Whatever way this League fight may terminate there is going to be sore heads.

When President HARRISON appointed Patrick EGAN as United States Minister to Chili it was probably with the intention of currying favor with the Irish-Americans and of winning votes for the Republican party. Whatever may have been his intention, EGAN has now proved himself to be a decided failure, and his recall is an imperative necessity. The administration is only receiving its dues for the manner in which it acted in appointing EGAN.