

Ink Slings.

The tin-pan is rattling through the Ohio campaign.

Some very puzzling questions about wool are being put to Major McKinley by the Ohio shepherds.

The newspapermen think that the proposed Type Trust would be a trust of a very bad type.

The Jersey birds are chirping a farewell to Mr. HARRISON. Those that he missed will not miss him.

BARDSLEY locked his jaws probably to prevent a lock from being turned on prominent Republican officials.

It was German hunger and not Republican diplomacy that opened the bars for the American hog to come in.

It is remarkable how the Ohio Republicans ignore the tariff question and insist upon giving the campaign a silver lining.

There will be lots of corn this year, and by the process of a well-known evolution there will consequently be lots of Democrats.

An earthquake shook up the Chilians on Saturday, but after the revolution they had gone through, an earthquake wasn't much of a shake.

A pea-green African elephant is the latest freak. What a combination it would make for a menagerie in company with a sky-blue rhinoceros.

Hayti has more Generals to the square inch than any other country in the world, but in the matter of Majahs it is away behind the southern part of the United States.

England, which compelled China to open her ports to the opium trade, is virtuously indignant at the Chinese for persecuting missionaries engaged in spreading the gospel.

BALMACEA got away from Chili with his silver without the aid of a silver bill. The way he managed that affair clearly indicates that he is in favor of free silver.

In rejecting WHITE as their candidate for Governor the Republicans of New York gave notice that no "literary feller" need apply. A fellow with a barrel suits their purpose better.

In consequence of Ohio having an Australian ballot law, the fat which is being liberally furnished by the tariff beneficiaries will be found to have lost, in a large measure, its lubricating quality.

Italy declines to attend our Fair, not because she is mad at us, but because she is not in the habit of going to fairs. She is excusable, but we should be greatly obliged if she would keep her Mafia at home.

The President greatly enjoyed gunning for reed-birds and bagged a number of them, but wait till the Democracy opens a fusillade on the g. o. p. in November, and then you'll see the leathers fly.

The arrested Philadelphia Mercantile Appraisers have employed the best legal talent of that city for their defense, relying upon the well-known ability of the Philadelphia lawyer to cheat the penitentiary out of its due.

American eagles recently made a flight to Great Britain, landed upon her effete shores, and came back without so much as even a pinfeather ruffled. They had been sent over to settle balances and were returned in the original packages.

The late census of Canada showed that she had a less population than Pennsylvania, but she can point to Premier MERCER'S embezzlement of \$175,000 as evidence that the Keystone State is not much ahead of her in official peculation.

The anchor which COLUMBUS used when he landed at San Salvador is said to have been discovered. It could be utilized at Chicago just now where the Columbian Fair seems to be at sea. BLAINE also could make use of it in casting it to windward.

VAN MOLTKE is said to have been able to hold his tongue in a dozen different languages. BARDSLEY can't equal this, but in his examination before the court last Tuesday he showed that he could hold his tongue in the English language with remarkable obstinacy.

A colored lawyer of Baltimore has been denied admission to the Allegheny county bar. Intense as Allegheny county republicanism is, it finds itself compelled to draw the line at colored lawyers. In this it follows the example of the Republican party which shows its repugnance to the negro by drawing the line at colored office-holders.

Notwithstanding that immense quantities of tin-plate were run into the country before the increased tariff went into effect, the price was run up \$1.10 a box immediately after the "protection" barrier was shut down. This robbery was practiced simply because the tariff furnished the opportunity. The consumers are paying this tax. It is idiotic to suppose that the foreign producers paid it when the tin was brought in.

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It Should be Crushed.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger in its leading editorial the day after the Democratic State convention, said:

It is indispensably necessary that the 'spoils' system shall be struck by a crushing defeat in Pennsylvania.

This is an excellent remark. It is an observation exactly suited to the exigency of the situation in this State. The spoils system has ruled Pennsylvania for years. It has made its government the prey of a combination of political sharpers. It has used its offices for the purpose of private spoil. It has employed the financial department as a medium through which the money of the treasury has been used to enrich machine managers and reward party workers. It has set up a treasury-raider as the party boss and made him the dispenser of offices and political preferments.

The spoils system still exists and its promoters and supporters ask to have it continued by the election of a ticket nominated by the influences which have so long corrupted every branch of the State government. The stream cannot rise higher than its source. The State officers put into place by such influences cannot be better than the source from which they derive and to which they are indebted for their positions.

The Ledger is right in saying that the spoils system should be struck by a crushing defeat. The stroke will be made effectually crushing only by the thorough defeat of the ticket nominated by those who are interested in maintaining this system, and who would be brought to punishment by the exposure of the rascalities that have been practiced under it.

Intelligent Labor.

England is ahead of any other nation in the completeness and efficiency of its labor organization. This is owing to the great advance which labor has made, both in condition and intelligence, under the liberal and enlightened economic laws which have been in force in that country during the past half century. There has recently occurred a remarkable illustration of this fact in the meeting of the representatives of organized labor at Newcastle, the greatest of its kind that the world has ever seen. This Trades-Union Congress met to consider questions of interest to the class with whose welfare it was identified and for which it was delegated to act. The intelligence and conservatism displayed, and the confidence in the object of the conference that was evinced in the proceedings, clearly exhibited the progress which labor has made in enlightenment and toward an improved condition in a country which has discarded high tariffs and restrictive industrial regulations.

The obstacle in the way of effective labor organization in the United States has been found in the fact that its power has been set at naught by the ignorance, venality and factious disposition of some of its leaders, and also of some of its members. A different spirit and purpose pervade the movement in England, as evinced by the proceedings of the Newcastle Congress, which represented an organization of 1,500,000. The men who are the leaders of this movement are not ignorant creatures whose animal necessities are the sole object of their solicitude. Most of them are possessed of an intelligence which elevates their action above the ill-directed endeavor which too often in this country characterizes labor organization. In its general features the Newcastle Congress was as dignified and as orderly in its proceedings as are similar gatherings of any of the professions. It displayed its wisdom by avoiding complication with politics. In this respect the English labor leaders steer clear of the rock upon which the leaders in the United States are too much inclined to strand the labor movement.

With a consistency deserving of a better fate the Prohibition party will go down to its usual defeat next fall. It would seem an appropriate move for our cold water friends to resolve that the prohibition of liquor is not at present a practical issue, and disband their organization until affairs are more propitious. There is no use in advocating an impossibility.

The True Issue.

The campaign this year in this State properly includes home issues only. Tariff issues are out of place. Silver fancies are irrelevant. War memories are chestnuts that could be made to do service at a former period but are now stale and flavorless. These cannot be employed as issues except in the interest of treasury robbers to divert attention from the exposure and punishment which are their due.

Investigation of treasury frauds is the great object to be attained by the results of this campaign. In that lies the issue. It is well said by a correspondent of the New York Evening Post, writing about the political situation in Pennsylvania: "An honest and earnest investigation promises to reveal a condition of affairs equal to that which prevailed under the Tweed regime in New York."

Investigation exposed TWEED and brought him and his gang to retribution. It was done by a Democratic Governor, SAMUEL J. TILDEN. There are no Pennsylvania Republican leaders to bring the Pennsylvania TWEEDS to account, for they are themselves the TWEEDS. Keep your eye on the true issue. It is embraced in the three words: Investigation; Disclosure; Punishment.

FASSETT, who has been nominated for Governor by the New York Republicans, has adopted a new way of touching a sympathetic chord in the hearts of the voters. When he was nominated at the Rochester convention and made his appearance on the platform, turning aside from the men who were pressing around to shake hands with him, he went to his wife who was sitting in a front seat, and then and there, in the presence of the multitude, deliberately kissed her. Kissing one's wife is a proper thing to do, but the urgent necessity of doing it in the presence of a crowd of politicians and party wire-pullers is not apparent. It looks as if FASSETT kissed his wife for campaign effect.

Conglomerate Politics.

A movement for a new political organization in Michigan has materialized and taken definite form. Its elementary parts are certainly comprehensive, as they include the Knights of Labor, Farmers' Alliance, Patrons of Industry and the Industrial Brotherhood. Last May at a conference between representatives of these orders an address was issued to the subordinate lodges requesting them to vote on a proposition looking to a union for political action independent of the two old parties. As the returns showed that ninety per cent of the members were in favor of such action, these representatives met last week and issued a call inviting all industrial and reform organizations to send delegates to the State convention to be held in Detroit the last week in December for the purpose of confederating these organizations into a united political movement, and to elect delegates to the National convention, to be held in Washington, February 22, 1891.

The Democrats have scored the first victory of the season. Last week there was a municipal election in Newport, Rhode Island. It was conducted on strict party lines and resulted in the Democrats electing their whole city ticket, the first time they ever did such a thing in the history of Newport. This is very gratifying, not only in that it shows the direction which the political current has taken, but also in that it shows that when electoral restraints are removed, as they have been in Rhode Island, the people express themselves on the side of Democracy.

We have not lately heard of anything more gratifying than the manner in which public decency sat down on the theatrical enterprise of the alleged Mrs. ROBERT RAY HAMILTON. This woman thought that she could make money by appearing on the stage in a play in which the most scandalous incident of her abandoned life would be the leading feature. True, she was encouraged in this expectation by the success which has unfortunately too often attended her histrionic immorality, but her case was so repulsive that when she essayed to exhibit herself the public turned away in disgust.

Wholesale Stealing.

City Treasurer WRIGHT, of Philadelphia, the appointee of Governor PATTERSON in place of BARDSLEY, has forced the prosecution of the swindling Mercantile Appraisers in spite of the obstacles that were thrown in his way by Republican ringsters who have reason to fear the consequences of such proceedings. Auditor General McCAMANT didn't favor such action, but he was compelled to yield and the suits have been instituted.

This movement is in the direction of clearing out the jobbers, embezzlers and thieves who have so long been quartered in the public offices of Philadelphia. The conduct of the Mercantile Appraisers has been especially culpable. In the last two years they assessed, at 62 1/2 cents a name, 53,274 persons alleged to be doing a mercantile business. Of this number 20,700 paid the tax as assessed; 19,155 were exempted, their names having been put on for no other purpose than to swell the list and increase the Appraisers' fees, and suits were brought against 17,400 alleged delinquents. This business was to a large extent a conspiracy among a number of interested parties. The Appraisers got 62 1/2 cents a name; the ring newspapers \$1.50 a name for advertising, which they divided with BARDSLEY and State officials; while the magistrates before whom the delinquent suits were brought got over \$60,000 from the State, in costs and fees, for collecting less than \$6,000. It is believed the magistrates also divided with the ringsters.

City Treasurer WRIGHT estimates the yearly loss to the State by the negligent and corrupt acts of the Appraisers at nearly or quite \$400,000. This loss was incurred in order that a set of thieving ringsters might put money in their pockets. The officers under whose management this rascality was perpetrated have been called to account by the institution of criminal suits against them, and they will be punished if the resources of Republican politicians and State officers fail to throw obstacles in the way of justice.

The number of fatal accidents in the coal mines of Pennsylvania last year was 378 in the anthracite and 146 in the bituminous, or a total of 524 lives lost. There were 1,388 persons injured by non-fatal accidents. As a result of the accidents there were 275 wives made widows, and 813 orphans. From this it would appear that it costs an awful loss of life to furnish the great mineral staple of Pennsylvania. There have been important battles fought without a much greater destruction of human life than is every year required to put Pennsylvania coal into market.

Lieutenant Governor JONES, of New York, is an eccentric sort of a political individual. Everybody has heard of how he brought himself into notice by his willingness to "pay the freight," and the fame of his moustache is worldwide. Having been Lieutenant Governor, his ambition is to go a step higher and be Governor, and with this object he has been pushing his candidacy, but the Democracy of his State don't seem to think that he ought to be promoted. JONES differs with them in that impression and threatens to run as an independent candidate if he should not be nominated, which he certainly will not be. It should conclude to do so foolish a thing it would not materially hurt the Democrats, but it would be bad for JONES.

The New York Democratic Nominations.

The New York Democratic State Convention, which assembled in Saratoga on Wednesday, was a most harmonious gathering of the representatives of the party. ROSWELL P. FLOWER was nominated for Governor with scarcely a show of opposition. There was a complimentary vote given to ALFRED C. CHAPIN, but the vote for FLOWER was practically unanimous, as it stood 334 to 43. WILLIAM F. SHEEHAN was nominated for Lieutenant Governor by acclamation. The remainder of the ticket was also nominated by acclamation. The convention furnished an excellent platform for their candidates to stand on.

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The Difference.

The Philadelphia Ledger, whose opinion is always worthy of high consideration, says of the Democratic candidates for Auditor General and State Treasurer that they "are men of marked ability and perfectly clean character, and were nominated just as General GRIGG was nominated for Auditor General by the Republican State Convention—not because either of them sought for or desired the nomination, but because the nomination sought them as belonging to the style and type of men that are in the strongest degree needed for the offices named—and which are at this time imperative—demanded by all opponents of the 'spoils' system of State Government."

This tribute to the Democratic candidates is greatly to be appreciated, coming from the source it does. Accompanying it is the Ledger's estimate of General GRIGG, personally considered, but the difference in the General's case as a candidate is that he represents a party which would be politically injured by a full disclosure of the rascalities that have been perpetrated in the financial department of the State government, and if elected he would have to shield his party. Every consideration of party allegiance and party dependence would force him to do so. The superior influence of abler and more dishonest politicians would be too strong for him to resist. General GRIGG as an honest private individual is one thing; but as the head of the auditing department of the State, surrounded and influenced by machine politicians who would be ruined by investigation, he would be something entirely different. The people have discernment enough to see the difference.

Italy Declines to Be at Chicago.

The Italian Government has given official notice that it will not participate in the Chicago World's Fair. It might be thought that she is actuated in this matter by bad feeling caused by the New Orleans difficulty, but the Italian authorities explain their determination not to take part in the Fair by saying that it is owing to a principle adopted by the government long ago not to officially participate in any international exhibitions; that it declined to take part in the French exposition held in Paris in 1889, and that the refusal to be represented at the Columbian exhibition is in consequence of this rule never before departed from, which should not be interpreted as an act of hostility to the great enterprise or a desire to prevent the Italians from exhibiting. There is reason to regret that Italy should adhere to her rule in the case of an exhibition intended to honor her illustrious navigator, CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS. It is especially intended to commemorate the great achievement of one of Italy's greatest sons, and she should be prominent on the occasion.

It is quite evident that the Republican State officials and party managers don't want to assist in discovering and showing up the frauds that have been practiced in the collection and handling of the State taxes. Republican organs complain that the Democrats are giving a partisan character to the investigation of these frauds and are seeking to make party capital out of it. But whose fault is it that the Democrats have this advantage? These evils must be corrected. Those who have been guilty of them are naturally averse to disclosure and punishment. But is that a reason why the Democrats should refrain from exposing the rascals who have stolen the public funds? Isn't it childish to interpose the objection that the motive is a partisan one?

Spawls from the Keystone.

- Robbers are operating in the vicinity of Lansdale.
Edward Curran, of Catasauqua, was cut in two by a train.
The thermometer was at 41 in Lebanon on last Tuesday night.
Lebanon's largest funeral was that of ex-Mayor Peter L. Weimer, last week.
Select Castle Knights of the Mystic Chain will hold next year's session at Scranton.
Albert Smith, of Columbia, fell from a horse chestnut tree and was killed.
Frank Anderson will be tried at Lebanon next week for attempting to commit suicide.
Etna, Lehigh county, is in darkness, its electric light plant having burned down.
With 5000 entries and large attendance the Berks County Fair has opened at Reading.
The registry lists of Lancaster county show 38,022 voters, a loss since last year of 689.
Thieves took \$100 worth of watches and jewelry from S. S. Vogle's Mount Carmel store.
Governor Pattison will open the State Fair at Bethlehem on September 23.
A vinegar vat to hold 1000 barrels is being constructed at Truckerton, Berks county.
Hiram Smeltzer, of Bethel, walked out of a second-story window in his sleep and escaped uninjured.
Richard Mose, of Pittsburg, has been elected Select Commander of the Knights of the Mystic Chain.
Mayor Clark, of Lancaster, sent Constable Christian Kline to jail for thirty days for drunkenness.
Work will, by order of court, be resumed in the insolvent Demorest establishment at Williamsport.
Adam Light, of Light's Rolling Mill, Lebanon, lost his sight and a part of one hand by a torpedo's explosion.
Lovers half a century ago, Wm. William Zitz, of Hantsville, and Miss Mary De Long have just been married at Plymouth.
Thirty-one Reading citizens have sued the city for \$5000 allowing for damages caused by defective sewers during the recent flood.
Clerk of the Courts John J. Toole, of Pottsville, has been indicted for assault and battery upon County Commissioner Samuel G. De Turk.
Governor Hill, of New York, has declined an invitation to be present at the Allentown Fair.
A piece of meat eaten at supper by Farmer Ephraim Buss, of Nazareth, choked him to death.
St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, was broken into and thieves secured sacred vessels from the altar.
James Patterson and George Stark, accused of murdering young Roberts, at Johnstown, were acquitted.
Jonas Hosts, a rich Allentown bachelor dropped dead and \$3000 worth of notes were found in his pockets.
A drummer giving his name as "Gallagher" of Pittsburg, was arrested in Wilkesbarre for trying to steal cigars and liquor.
Dr. T. P. Walker, of Dunbar, was convicted of malpractice in the case of Miss Lida Lawrence, a typewriter, of Uniontown.
There are 270 cases for trial before the Berks County Criminal Court that opened on Monday.
Samuel Stoner was arrested at Lancaster, charged with robbing Sellers' Mononite Church.
Kinports & Shank's general store at Annville, Lebanon county, was robbed Monday night of \$900 worth of goods.
The borough of Fleetwood, near Reading, must be reincorporated, having lost its original charter.
Thomas Fogel, a 70-year-old resident of Allentown, fell twenty-five feet of a pear tree and was slightly injured.
Johnstown business men and seventy-two carloads of friends went on a picnic to Nineveh last week.
Organist William C. Keller, of Zion Church, Allentown, Berks county, has been arrested for forging notes for \$1250.
A. A. Marshall, insurance agent of Altoona, is charged with embezzling \$1300 belonging to A. B. Donaldson, of Pittsburg.
William Church's 4-year-old son was killed under a North street electric car in Harrisburg.
Dr. A. S. Reiter, of Myerstown, Lebanon county, was arrested for practicing medicine without registering with the Prothonotary.
A party of boys nearly stoned Joseph Williams to death near Lancaster Tuesday because he attempted to assault a woman.
Frederick Grasser, a plasterer, while repairing a chimney at Ashland, fell from the roof to the ground and was killed.
William Heffner, of Lebanon, while digging a ditch was buried under eight feet of ground by a cave-in, and his shoulder broken.
Dr. R. B. Schulz, of the Berks county almshouse, will become first assistant physician in the Harrisburg Insane Asylum on October 1.
Governor Pattison has requested the Board of State Charities to investigate the charges of abuse at the Harrisburg Insane Asylum.
Pittston merchants have been systematically robbed, and Maria Balthan and Bridget O'Brien have been arrested, a big lot of goods being found in their home.
James Sloan, aged 83 years, a farmer, of East Nottingham, was killed by falling off his mowing machine Tuesday and his head was nearly cut off.
Mary Diehl and Mary Graver, of Salsbury township, Lehigh county, have sued James H. Meitzler for \$5000 damages for false imprisonment for alleged chicken stealing.
Mrs. Anna Maria Young, of Easton, widow of the late Captain Jacob Young, of Revolutionary fame, was 88 years of age Wednesday. She is next to the oldest resident in the county.
Rev. T. N. Reber, for the past fifteen years pastor of the Reformed Church at Salisbury, Maunogue and Pottstown, Lehigh county, has been requested to resign. He declares that they all owe him salary.
Expressman James M. Heady, who is now under \$300 bail at Chester for non-support and desertion, and \$500 for adultery, was again arrested and put under \$200 bail for threatening bodily harm to his brother-in-law, Albert Hoskins.
Once prominent Dr. J. G. Spurling, of Wilkesbarre, is in jail, unable to pay alimony decreed in favor of wife No. 1, from whom he mistakenly supposed a Western divorce had released him, and adjudged a debtor to wife No. 2, who was not his legal wife at all, to the extent of \$800 for trespass.