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Spawls from the Keystones.

Malignant diphtheria at Altoona.  
Erie will build ships for the great lakes.  
Reading expects to have cheap air gas for fuel.  
An express train killed Mrs. Hunno, aged 62 years, at Allentown.  
Ex-President Grover Cleveland will attend Hon. W. L. Scott's funeral at Erie.  
Paralytic Mrs. Kate Blank, of Allentown, fell down stairs and killed herself.  
McMillan, the murderer, was sentenced to be hanged at Wilkesbarre Monday.  
The Pennsylvania Railroad is to concentrate its lake coal and iron trade at Erie.  
William Wilson, of Pittsburg, aged 25, has been arrested for abusing his wife, aged 73.  
E. Foster of Burlington, has picked a peach from one of his trees weighing half a pound.  
The Lehigh River needs four new bridges in Lehigh county, and they will cost \$250,000.  
The dead body of Miss Amelia L. Glose, of Friedensburg, was found in a brook near her home.  
An explosion of 1200 pounds of dynamite near Catawqua shook the county for eight miles.  
Valentine Andes, of Leacock, Lancaster county, has made 50,000 gallons of cider this season.  
Bigamy and the purloining of \$1400 is the charge that landed John Bodnar in the Easton jail.  
Brakeman William Oliver was found dead on top of his car at Sugar Notch. Apoplexy.  
Mrs. Adam Wucher, the famous Whitehall faster, is being nourished to graduate as a freak.  
"Wheatland," ex-President Buchanan's home, near Lancaster, is to be converted into a cemetery.  
The new school building at North Cornwall Lebanon county, was set on fire twice on Monday night.  
Governor Pattison has found Warren Asylum and Morganza Reform School overcrowded.  
A couple married by Rev. J. R. Bell, of Huntingdon, haggled over the fee for an hour and finally paid \$2.  
A fall from a second-story window at Altoona ended the career of John Sullivan, a Lynn, Mass., shoemaker.  
Delegates were elected at Allentown to a convention of Anti-Bowmanites to be held at Philadelphia on September 30.  
Bethlehem stable thieves carried off all of Stablesman William King's clothes and left him naked to sound an alarm.  
Stepping out of the way of a coal train near Staughton, Lehigh county, Mrs. Daniel Husset was killed by an express.  
The mammoth pumping engine, President at the Friedensburg Zinc Mines, broke one of its 22-ton walking beams and is disabled.  
William Walker Trimble, a civil engineer from Camden, N. J., was killed on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Huntingdon.  
Columbia was shocked recently by the sight of a 60-year-old man and his 14-year-old boy both in a beauty state of intoxication.  
Freddie Ferriman, aged 10, played with his papa's pistol at Pottsville. He seems to be dying now with a bullet in his abdomen.  
Samuel A. Davenport and Charles G. Otmstead will represent the Erie county Republicans in the Constitutional Convention.  
Burglars got \$3000 in money and goods from the residences of Thomas Robinson and James Conn, George's township, Fayette county.  
New Cumberland's School Board was dismissed by the Court for a deadlock in the choice of a teacher. A new Board will try it.  
Joseph Mather, of Johnstown, had Foreman John T. Lowry, of the Cambria Iron Mill, arrested for intimacy with Mrs. Mather.  
Ex-Governor St. John, of Kansas, addressed a crowd of Prohibitionists in Garfield Square, at Pottsville, Monday, and opened the campaign.  
In a murder trial at Wilkesbarre Judge Ward has ruled that familiarity with newspaper accounts of a homicide does not disqualify a juror.  
Car Inspector Jefferson Haddon, of Allentown, was killed while clearing away the debris from a triple wreck on the Lehigh Valley Railroad.  
William W. Shearer, aged 84, of Reading, has just died in the almshouse, as a result of falling down a Philadelphia elevator shaft 23 years ago.  
John Arlezos, colored, who killed John Crown a year ago, has been locked up at Reading for assaulting Bartender Steigerwald with a beer glass.  
The Parkersburg town treasury is empty and a meeting was held on Saturday evening to consider the best means to provide against total collapse.  
George Spangenberg, of Jefferson township, Lackawanna county, is looking for his wife, who has eloped with John Wood, and who took his money.  
Harry A. Flehe, of Brooklyn, threw himself into the canal at Harrisburg and was drowned. He was on his way home and feared to face his mother.  
Seventeen-year-old Albert G. Wenrich, of Vinemont, Berks county, is under arrest for assaulting Mrs. Mary Weaver, of Reading, and robbing her of \$5 at pistol point.  
Ex-Coroner William Silbert, of Bristol and John Fabian, of Tullytown, beat the record on Saturday. They bagged 144 at Scott's Creek in a few hours.  
The residents of Lebanon have discovered the cause of typhoid fever and dysentery in their town to be the city water supply, which is polluted at the storage reservoir.  
Mrs. M. D. Myr, of Scranton, recently railroaded to the Danville Asylum, has been legally declared perfectly sane, and released to take charge of her own property.  
West Goshen has been treated to a bull fight. The animals belonged to Miles Finegan and Frank Green. After tearing down the fence which separated them they fought for an hour before they could be separated.  
Governor Pattison and Deputy Attorney General Stranahan on Monday heard arguments for and against the extradition of A. A. Marshall, Altoona's alleged embezzler, who was recently kidnaped from Maryland and legally released.  
J. W. Cornell, a Langhorne butcher, hanged himself on a meat-hook while hanging up some meat. The stool on which he was standing slipped, and the hook pierced his arm. He was suspended for quite a while before him.

Is there Cause for a Republican Stampede?

The Philadelphia North American makes the following remark:  
The Democrats of Pennsylvania profess to believe that there will be a stampede of Republicans to the Democratic ranks this fall because John Bardsley was crooked. If they are sincere in their belief the Democrats expect that which they know has never happened in their own party with the condition of circumstances reversed. Within the past two years Tate, of Kentucky; Archer, of Maryland; Polk, of Tennessee; Noland, of Missouri; Vincent, of Alabama, and other Democratic State Treasurers, have defaulted, but it was observed that their conduct hasn't had much to do with changing the political complexion of these states.  
The North American's argument is not applicable to the question. The Democrats were never placed under circumstances similar to those which surround the Republicans of Pennsylvania at this time. If Tate of Kentucky, Archer of Maryland, Polk of Tennessee, Noland of Missouri, Vincent of Alabama, &c., were defaulters, their dishonesty and default did not compromise the integrity of the party to which they belonged. The discovery that they were defaulters, and their punishment as defaulters, were brought about under and by the party whose confidence they had betrayed and whose reputation their conduct had a tendency to injure. They were isolated cases, promptly followed by correction. There was no effort to conceal them. JOHN BARDSLEY'S case is not an isolated and individual instance of official corruption in his party. It has its widely ramifying connections. It is a segment of a circle whose corrupt periphery comprehends the entire Republican management of public affairs in this State. It is an incident of a system of official debauchery that has pervaded every department of the State government.  
It is impossible for any party to prevent individual dereliction; scamps may be found in every party; but when such general demoralization exists that scampish practices are the common practices of a party's leaders; that treasury embezzlement and misuse of public funds are systematically adopted as a principle of party management, with the scamps not only unpunished, but shielded and put into official places, endorsed by the party platform, and elevated to the position of party bosses, then it is that the honest members of such a party should "stampede." The Democrats never had occasion to stampede for such a reason. But who can say that there is not ample reason for honest Republicans to withdraw their support from their party while under such corrupt management as it is found to be in Pennsylvania at this time?  
—There isn't a Republican lawyer in the Union-Snyder-Mifflin judicial district that has the sand to run against Judge BUCHER for President Judge. His second term is about expiring and the Democrats of the District have nominated him for a third term. The Republicans would like to run somebody against him, but they can't find any one willing to stand the defeat that would surely attend his running against Judge BUCHER. Such being the situation down there, the Republican are arrogating a great deal of credit to themselves for not bringing the judicial question into a party contest. If there was any show for them whatever you would see them trotting out a candidate for Judge. Their virtue in this matter is the virtue of necessity.  
—The wind blows peacefully through the mousethatch of JONES who "pays the freight." His ire having subsided, he has concluded not to run for spite as an independent candidate for Governor of New York.  
—We greatly regret to learn that the Governor of Kentucky has ordered a reduction of his staff, which will necessarily reduce the number of Colonels in that State, and consequently diminish one of the most picturesque features of the Blue Grass region. Everybody has a warm feeling for the Kentucky Colonel; there is no character anywhere more affable or chivalric; not even the Virginia Majah surpasses him in this respect, and when his fine traits are brought out with full effect by the exhilarating influence of his favorite beverage, he is truly an interesting character. Kentucky will be a great loser in losing her Colonels. In fact it will be a loss to the whole country.

There Can Be No Reform Within a Rotten Party.

After JOHN BARDSLEY, last week, positively refused to open his mouth as a witness in the suit against officers of the auditing and treasury departments in which they were charged with being connected with his malversation, it is said that Auditor General McCAMANT, who was present as one of the defendants, appeared like a man who felt that a great load had been taken off his shoulders. The chief witness against him had shown his determination to keep his mouth shut. LIVSEY wasn't there, but if he had been, there is no doubt that he would have experienced the same sense of relief.  
Since his lucky escape from the embarrassment in which testimony from BARDSLEY would most likely have placed him, Auditor General McCAMANT has been before the legislative committee as a witness on a subject similar to that which the court was trying to get to the bottom of. When asked why BARDSLEY had been allowed to retain liquor license money to the amount of thousands of dollars long after it was due the State, the Auditor General replied that he had frequently been urged to pay up, but he would "get angry" when thus importuned, and consequently payment was not insisted upon; besides BARDSLEY assured him that "the State funds were perfectly safe and there was no occasion for alarm." So it appears that this custodian of the State's interests would get scared when a delinquent got mad at being dunned, and could be satisfied when an officer unlawfully retaining public funds told him that he need not trouble himself about it, as it was safe.  
At the very time the Auditor General represents himself to have been bulldozed by BARDSLEY, there is evidence of letters of thanks from him to the embezzler which might be charitably accepted as merely acknowledgments of his obligation to BARDSLEY for having done shopping for him in the purchase of "neckties and handkerchiefs," as Mr. McCAMANT explained it, if there was not at the same time the evidence of BARDSLEY'S check book that the Auditor General had favors of an entirely different kind to return thanks for.  
Mr. McCAMANT is a fair sample of a respectable Republican office-holder. When he was nominated nothing could be said against his personal reputation; and that reputation was the shield of the bosses. Who could doubt that every thing would be safe with a man of such fine personal character in the auditing department? His case shows the utter impossibility of reform within a party that is rotten from the top down—particularly at the top. Another person of excellent private character has been nominated by the Republicans for Auditor General—another shield for the bosses and machine managers to get behind. Is it unreasonable to believe that, if elected, the same power would exert its control over GREGG that ruled the respectable McCAMANT, and that he too would submit to superior influence and become scared when prominent delinquents should get mad for being urged to pay up?  
—There is something amusing in the fussy little Emperor of Germany calling the great NAPOLEON a parvenu. Apart from the absurdity of such an expression as applied to the greatest and most illustrious sovereign Europe ever had, WILLIAM appears to have forgotten that "parvenu" was the term which the HAPSBURGs at Vienna, and the BOURBONS at Paris, at a comparatively recent date, contemptuously applied to the obscure Hohenzollerns when they were essaying to have recognized as a kingdom their disjointed patches of territory which VOLTAIRE sarcastically said looked like a pair of gaiters on the map of Europe.  
—The sixteen page industrial issue of the Chester county Democrat, which was published on the 17th inst., teems with the natural advantages and business worth of West Chester. It is a very creditable publication indeed, and marks the success of a live journal. Such papers scattered broadcast over the country do a world of good to the interests of a town, but they are of no value whatever unless the citizens cooperate with the publisher to make them a success.

An Interstate Misunderstanding.

Interstate interests of the first importance demand that amicable feelings should be maintained between Governor JACKSON, of Maryland, and Governor PATTISON, of Pennsylvania, and that friendly relations should continue between the two States. Unfortunately something has occurred that has excited the anger of Maryland's executive and may lead to hostile demonstrations from the south side of Mason & Dixon's line.  
It appears that an offender, of the name of MARSHALL, eluding the hand of justice that was about to be laid upon him in Pennsylvania, sought refuge within the confines of the State over which Governor JACKSON exercises gubernatorial jurisdiction. When the fugitive got over the border the pursuing myrmidons of Pennsylvania law should have stopped at the historic line which separates the two sovereignties, but in their zeal for the apprehension of the offender they forgot the respect that is due the soil of a sovereign State, and, regardless of the consequences of such an invasion, continued the pursuit and captured "My Maryland," returning with him to Pennsylvania and lodging him in the Hollidaysburg jail.  
Was it any wonder that under such high-handed circumstances Governor JACKSON'S wrath boiled over? Would he be worthy of being the Governor of a sovereign State if he should not become incensed at seeing its sovereignty treated with so little respect? But Governor JACKSON is an executive officer who fully understands the gubernatorial bill. He understands what is due the dignity of his State and knows how to act when confronted by an urgent emergency in her behalf. Therefore he has demanded the return of the man by whose arrest the dignity of Maryland was insulted, and if that person is not returned, he, as her chief executive officer, will know the reason why.  
History records a similar misunderstanding between the two Carolinas. An emergency arose in which the Governor of South Carolina was compelled to demand from the Governor of North Carolina reparation similar to that which the Governor of Maryland finds himself forced to require of the Governor of Pennsylvania. Many diplomatic notes passed between the two Carolina governors. There was much threatening on one side and evasion on the other. When the difficulty had reached a point at which there was every appearance that a hostile collision was unavoidable, the two Governors got together and it didn't require a long time between drinks for them to arrive at an amicable and satisfactory understanding.  
If the difficulty between Governor JACKSON and Governor PATTISON cannot be composed in any other way, we would advise them to try the Carolina method of diplomacy.

Balmaceda Suicides.

The tragic termination of BALMACE-DA'S career has taken the world by surprise. It was thought that the discomfited Chilean dictator had succeeded in getting out of the country, taking with him a large amount of plunder in the shape of silver, but this impression is dispelled by the startling announcement that, despairing of making his escape, and terrified at the prospect of the punishment he had reason to expect, he ended his trouble by killing himself in his place of concealment. He had taken refuge at the legation of the Argentine republic in Santiago, the capital of Chili, and when he became assured of his inability to escape from the country he shot himself through the head with a revolver, the suicide occurring last Friday morning.  
BALMACE-DA was one of the ablest men that Chili ever produced. Entering public life at an early age he occupied some of the most important official positions in the government. He enjoyed great popularity and had the confidence of the people on account of his ability as well as for the reason of the success and fidelity with which he had performed his public trusts. In 1886 he was elected President of the Republic. His ambition to succeed himself as the head of the government led him to the commission of arbitrary acts which brought him into collision with congress. The congressional party rebelled, a civil war ensued, such as is easily excited in South American countries, BALMACE-DA was defeated, and he is now a dead man.  
Thus terminated the career of a presidential officer who was ambitious of being his own successor against the will of the people. In the United States, when a President gets big headed and wants to hold on to his office for a longer period than the people think his merits deserve, there isn't a revolution, but the voters go quietly to the polls and put him out with their little ballots. This is the way they will dispose of BENJAMIN HARRISON, who, upon finding that he has lost his presidential hold, will not be likely to blow out his brains as BALMACE-DA did, but will take them along with him to Indianapolis and use them again for all they are worth in a second-class law practice.  
—When it is remembered that the fear of arrest and punishment for election rascality prevented W. W. DUDLEY from returning to Indiana for more than a year after the last Presidential election, his appearance at the head of the Indiana delegation to the next Republican national convention will go to show that manifest rascality isn't anything of a backset to a Republican leader. That fact, however, needs no special illustration.

Livsey Resigns.

Almost simultaneously with the return of State Treasurer BOYER from Canada, where he had been tempting the elusive trout with the delusive fly, a letter reached him from the fugacious LIVSEY, tendering his resignation as cashier of the Treasury. The letter was dated at Milwaukee and stated that on account of "circumstances of a domestic nature" his return to Harrisburg was a matter of the indefinite future. He resigned in order, as he said, to relieve Treasurer BOYER of official inconvenience. Mr. LIVSEY ought to be in Harrisburg where there is a highly interesting investigation going on, and it is to be regretted that he is prevented from contributing to its interest by being kept away by "circumstances of a domestic nature."  
—At last the great clatter that has been going on for more than six months over the election of a President of the Republican State clubs, has terminated in the election of JACK ROBINSON. It was done at Scranton on Wednesday almost as speedily as you could pronounce the distinguished name, the enunciation of which has always been regarded as the synonym of celerity. The clubs assembled in convention—including the "mushroom" as well as the semi-pure variety—and said "Jack Robinson" with an emphasis and speed that took away the breath of JACK DALZELL and Major WARREN. After deluding himself for six months with the impression that he was in it, DALZELL has discovered that he wasn't to any appreciable extent.