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Spawls from the Keystone.

—Bishop O'Hara, of Scranton, is again ill.

—Harrisburg Asylum Trustees are officially exonerated.

—Hessian flies have made Berks county's new wheat fly.

—The McDonald oil-field wells are producing 70,000 barrels per day.

—West Fountain Hill, with 2000 people, will be annexed to South Bethlehem.

—A dog poisoner has taken the lives of many valuable canines at East Bangor.

—Lancaster's Pencibles expect to disband as they cannot get into the National Guard.

—The Jeannette Textile Manufacturing Company was chartered with \$100,000 capital.

—Unification of home missions was resolved upon by the Reformed Synod at Harrisburg.

—At the car shops in Reading, a new wreck car has been built containing sleeping benches.

—On the railroad near Driftwood, Thomas McCaffrey, woodsman, was beleaguered by a train.

—Pennyfrank National Guard rifle practice has been extended from October 31 to Nov. 14.

—Rival sets of officials are fighting for the possession of the Russian Hebrew Church in Lancaster.

—Fifty men began work at the Lancaster watch factory yesterday, and fifty will be added to-morrow.

—A lamp exploded and fatally burned Miss Amelia Yoder, while she was ironing clothes at East Sunbury.

—"The City and the Forest" was Dr. John B. Kieffer's theme in an Arbor day speech at Lancaster yesterday.

—While assisting in the shifting of his own train near Pottstown, Frank W. Leader was run down and killed.

—The State College Cadet Battalion Monday made a practice march over the first day's battle field at Gettysburg.

—Aged Robert Lawrence and Jacob Hine, 30 years old, were both squeezed almost to death between cars at Gordon.

—From Danville, Va., to Lancaster, Pa., over 30 miles, William Paulsen's two youngest pigeons flew home in seven hours.

—At Harrisburg the Reformed Synod has taken the initiative toward establishing a theological seminary at Lancaster.

—Burglars captured \$300 worth of clothing and jewelry from William Chapman's store, at Chapmanville, on Sunday night.

—The valve of Reading's Miller's foundry whistle stuck and nearly whistled the whole town, including the fireman, crazy.

—Dentist C. H. Thimme has deserted his sick wife and his daughter, at Reading, and gone, probably to his old home in Germany.

—A stable in which General Washington kept his horse at Oley, and the oldest barn in Berks county, was burned on Friday night.

—A new camp meeting association will retain the seventy-two old cottages at Stoverdale and at Mount Getzema new ones will be built.

—An engine and many coal cars were wrecked by a rear collision on the Lehigh and Susquehanna railroad near Zeigler's Bridge.

—Kischaquilla Tribe of Red Men, of Conestoga Centre, Lancaster county, were out on the war-path Friday, being twenty-five years old.

—From Weisenberg Lehigh county, to Newportville, Berks county, sixty-five miles, J. Walbert and A. Baer drove a team in eight hours.

—Eighty years in the penitentiary was the penalty inflicted upon Mrs. Lucy R. Fitzsimmons for assisting her husband in murder at Pittsburg.

—Easton's Bethel Evangelical Church will resist the Bowmanite control accredited from the Indianapolis Conference. So will the church at Bangor.

—Accused of theft, Charles Refier, a tramp, murderously assaulted Daniel H. and Wallace Kunkel with a knife, at Kempton, Berks county. He is in jail.

—Suit was brought against Dentist Schwartz, of Lebanon, by a man named Keitler who charged his jaw was broken while he was having a tooth extracted.

—The Prieberg, Lackawanna county, gang of John MacLuski, a Pole, have violently assaulted thirty six Italians and Poles since July 4. John is in jail at last.

—Hamelton's convicted ex-clergyman, Rev. H. E. Sutherland, who conspired and used the mails to back a rival in the church, has been refused a new trial at Pittsburg.

—Trying with his foot to adjust some machinery in a wood-turning works at Scranton, William Kaufman had his whole foot and ankle crushed to less than an inch in thickness.

—Mechanical Engineer W. V. Smith, of Pittsburg, has a plan to supply all western Pennsylvania with fuel gas by utilizing the present waste from thousands of coke ovens.

—Reading sextons dare not bury any more unidentified bodies. They are ordered to turn over all such corpses to the Adams Express company for Philadelphia medical colleges.

—Her baby and the cradle it was in were all that Mrs. Thomas D. Weaver could rescue from her burning home at M. Channon, this county. She rushed through flames to do that.

—The life of the 17-year-old daughter of Emil Schmidt, of Bethlehem, has been assessed by a jury as having been worth \$1792.50. She was killed on the Reading railroad, and the father sued for damages.

—To prevent the gushing oil from running down his sloping dooryard and possibly getting afire and burning him out, L. Channon, Sr., seeks by injunction to stop the drilling of a well near him, at McDonald.

—Dissatisfied that Florence C., one of the five sons of the late Lawyer A. H. Miller, of Pittsburg, gets the bulk of his \$500,000 estate, the other four will contest the will, and have hired a lawyer who has broken forty-eight wills.

—Public admonition is all the punishment Pittsburg's United Presbyterian Synod imposes on Rev. W. J. Reid for uniting a fellow clergyman to a deceased wife's sister and complicating the resurrection conundrum, "Whose shall he be?"

—Two enormous cannons have been shipped by the Government from Washington to Bethlehem to be tested, at Redington, by the Bethlehem Iron Company, by which corporation their tubes, jackets, etc., were made, and likewise to be fired at and test the strength of new armor plate.

—Mrs. W. W. Smith, of Philadelphia, caught her foot and fell down a long flight of stairs at the Cooper House, Lancaster, with a helpless babe in her arms. A twist as she fell enabled the mother to strike on her back and shield the babe not only from instant death but from all harm. She will recover.

Defeat the Ring and Learn the Condition of Your Public Offices.

If any republican paper or any republican speaker has given any substantial reason, why any honest voter should cast his ballot to continue in the control of the State ring, the offices of Auditor General and State Treasurer, we have failed to see them. We have heard much of next fall's campaign, of the tariff, of BLAINE and all manner of subjects foreign to the question the people are expected to decide, on Tuesday next, but during the entire fall we have not read a single article or heard a single speaker who had the gall to say that under the control of the ring, that seeks a prolongation of its rotten rule, either of these offices had been honestly conducted or that any change would be made, in their management, if GREGG and MORRISON were successful.

It is a notorious fact that these two offices have been the strong hold of the State ring for years back. No man to-day knows the condition they are in. No man knows how much the people have been robbed, nor can any one tell the extent of profligacy, neglect, favoritism and corruption that has characterized their management for years past.

It is thirteen years since any one, other than a tool of the State ring, has had a sight at the books and settlements in the Auditor General's office, and it is fourteen years since the money in the Treasury was seen or counted by persons not under the control or subservient to the dictations of the same corrupt power. The losses and robberies that have come to light since the failure of the Keystone bank, are all included in a period of time extending back less than eighteen months. How much of the same kind of outrageous management and downright corruption has been covered up for the years prior to that, no man knows nor will any one ever ascertain, if the same ring is to be kept in power and the same method of management continued.

To secure a change in these two important offices that will be of any advantage to the tax payer it must be a radical change, not only in men but in methods and management as well.

To put out McCAMANT and BOYER and put in GREGG and MORRISON, while it would be a change of men it would change neither the methods nor management in these offices, for the same powers that controlled the actions of the two officials whose rule has brought open disgrace upon their party and the State, would control the action of these new officials and matters would go on just as they have been going on for years. They are the creatures of QUAY and his crowd, just as McCAMANT and BOYER have been.

To this same ring power they are indebted for their nominations and for their elections, if successful, and when installed into office their duty will be to obey the dictations of the ring that made them, and allow the people's interest to care for itself.

Do the tax-payers want to know the condition of affairs in the two offices through the methods of which they now know that during the past twelve months they lost or were robbed of over one and a half million of dollars? Do they want a change in the management, of these offices, that will secure honest administration and a faithful performance of public duties in the interest of the people? If they do there is but one way to accomplish it, and that by defeating the men who are the candidates in this interest, and it elected will do the bidding, for the same ring that committed the wrongs of which the people so justly complain.

—A vote for the republican state ticket, is a vote to endorse republican BARDSLEY wherever it curses the commonwealth.

—If GREGG and MORRISON should be elected it will be taken as an indication that the people of the State want the same method, now in vogue in the Auditor General's and State Treasurer's office, continued. It will be an endorsement of McCAMANT and BOYER's management of these important positions, and a plain way of saying they did no wrong in allowing BARDSLEY to steal a million and a half of the people's money.

"Nothing New."

The Republican press of the State is seemingly rejoiced over the fact that so far the Senate investigation has "discovered nothing new." In place of gloating because no new disgrace has been unearthed, it should blush for shame, that every charge made by Governor PATTON has been fully, and plainly, and undeniably proven, as against its office holders.

It requires no "new discovery," to show the people how the laws have been disregarded, the tax-payer robbed, and how profligacy, carelessness and corruption have run riot in the state offices under the rule of the Republican State ring. It was to give the accused an opportunity to show that the accusations were false, rather than the Senate to find new developments, that it was called in extraordinary session. And what has been shown? Simply a verification of every charge named in the proclamation of the governor and of every allegation set forth in his message to the Senate.

It has been shown that every law regulating the duties of the State Treasurer has been disregarded!

That every act of the Legislature protecting the people's money has been violated!

That to assist a member of the Republican State ring—JOHN BARDSLEY—out of financial difficulties, four hundred and twenty thousand dollars of the people's money, were turned over to him without warrant of law!

That this amount of money was lost to the people of the State, through a conspiracy in which the Republican State Treasurer, the Republican school department and the Republican city Treasurer of Philadelphia, were the principals!

That the books in the State Treasury since that warrant were charged, as being paid, before they were presented!

That the cashier of the Treasury, WILLIAM LIVSEY accepted bribe after bribe for the use of public moneys, and fled to Canada to escape conviction for these offenses, and that the State Treasurer shut his eyes to LIVSEY's crimes, and neither censured nor removed him, nor has he made any effort to have him returned for trial and punishment!

With these facts proven by the affidavit of the Treasurer himself; with this condition of affairs—rotten, corrupt and disgraceful as it is—admitted even by the accused; we ask, in the name of all that is honest, or just, or decent, what "new discoveries" are needed to show the people the necessity of a change?

"Straining at a Gnat and Swallowing a Camel."

In this enlightened age, when newspapers have become the educators of the people, and have proven themselves almost as much of an essential as the light of day, is it possible that we have in this broad land a society, however intelligent its members and noble its aims, which should endeavor to suppress the Sunday issues of the newspaper? Yes, such is the case! In Pittsburg the Sabbatarian society has inaugurated an attack upon the Sunday publications and proposes arresting all newspaper men found at work on the Sabbath. If the plan is successful the Smoky city will have no Sunday, and consequently no Monday morning papers, and its citizens will thus be cut off from the doings of the whole world for two days each week.

We do not presume to say that Sunday typesetting is not as much a transgression of the labor law as Sunday dry goods or grocery selling would be, yet we cannot see how the good people of that city propose getting over the inconsistency they will be practicing when they close the printing office right in the midst of the great din and smoke of their manhood iron and glass factories. To which they know too well that a Sunday banking of the furnaces would mean the death blow.

Not until the doors of every business place in the land are closed should the newspaper be stopped, and then we fear there would need be no organized effort to suppress it, for having no mission to fulfill the weary printer would glory in one day's rest.

—When you vote on Tuesday next don't forget to vote "for a Constitutional Convention."

Promising to Pile More Taxes on the Farmer.

While a few professed friends of the farmer, who have been bought by the Republican ring to betray the agricultural interests of the State, are sending out appeals in the interest of the Republican ring ticket; the leaders of that party are quietly trying to secure the vote and influence of the merchants of the State, by promising a repeal of all mercantile taxes. On Monday morning last, every merchant in the county received the following letter, in which was enclosed two Republican State tickets. It was sent them from the Republican state committee rooms, although disguised as an appeal from an unknown organization called the "Dealer's Protective Association," and is as follows:

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 24, 1891.

DEAR SIR:

The Mercantile Tax is unequal and vexatious. It costs the State for its collection one half the sum realized. The State does not need the revenue derived from this source. Although it does not amount to much in the aggregate, this tax is obnoxious and burdensome to the dealer—small and large. It ought to be abolished.

How can this be done? Only by the Legislature. How do the two parties stand on the question of a repeal of this onerous tax? The thirteenth plank of the Republican platform adopted at Harrisburg, August 19, 1891, pledges that party to the abolition of the tax, as follows:

"We are in favor of the prompt repeal by the Legislature of all Mercantile Taxes levied by the State."

On the other hand the Democratic party, at the State Convention of September 3, 1891, in the twentieth plank of the platform then adopted, pledges itself to the continuance of these taxes, as follows:

"We oppose the repeal of the Mercantile Taxes, and insist that they shall be fairly and equitably laid, honestly collected, and that the money arising from them shall be paid into the State Treasury."

As a purely business matter, every dealer in the Commonwealth should vote and use his influence for the party which pledges itself to do away with this offensive and onerous tax. IF THE REPUBLICANS WIN, IT WILL BE ABOLISHED. IF THE DEMOCRATS WIN, IT WILL NOT BE.

By order of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The total amount of Mercantile Tax paid by the merchants of this county for the past year was \$2,646.75. This went into the State Treasury. It is the entire tax that is assessed against all the wealth represented in any and all kind of goods for sale by the merchants of the county—goods representing wealth to the amount of millions of dollars. There is no other tax of any kind levied upon this wealth—no road; no school; no poor; no borough. Of all the taxes levied upon the farmer and workingman, none are charged up against the merchant, but this beggarly unfelt Mercantile Tax, which the Republican party now promises to repeal, if it is successful at the polls on Tuesday next.

To repeal this tax is simply to say that the farmer who is now loaded down with all kinds of local taxes, must make up to the State Treasury the amount the merchant is relieved of. Some one has to make it up and who would there be to tax but the farmer and workingman. The tax on corporations and license taxes are fixed by law and cannot be increased. The value of the farmer's property or of the workingman's vocation is not. These latter are subject to any increase that public necessity may demand, and the relieving the merchants of the county of the payment of the \$2,646.75, that they are now compelled to pay, would necessitate that much more tax being piled upon the farmers and workingmen.

This is the plain, long and short of it. Exonerate the merchant of all his taxes, and tax the farmer double for every thing he has. It is the way the Republican party has of doing things to obtain votes.

Its leaders know, that as a party, it has lied to and deceived the farmers; it has levied all kinds of taxes upon them and defeated every effort they made to secure an equalization of taxes until the men engaged in agriculture have revolted against their rule, and they now seek to make up for the loss of the farmer vote, by making the merchant believe that hereafter he will have no taxes at all to pay. In doing this they expose their purpose of adding additional burdens to those already borne by the overtaxed farmer and workingmen, and open the eyes of voters to what the result will be if the "Republicans win."

What do you say farmers and work-

ingmen? Read the above letter carefully, and go and vote for YOUR OWN INTERESTS, by voting against the party that would saddle additional taxation upon you, to benefit the merchants.

Are You Ready?

Democrats, you have but three days from the time this issue of the WATCHMAN goes out, in which to finish up the work for election day. Are you prepared for that important event? To many it may seem that with no county ticket in the field, and but two State offices to fill, the matter of going out to vote and of getting others to go out to vote, is of little concern. We know there has been no brass band campaign, no parades and fire works no fuss, but all the same, the necessity for every man, who believes in honest government, being at the polls, is just as imperative and important, as if the country had been turned upside down with political tumult.

The two State offices to be filled at the election on Tuesday next are outside of the Legislature, the most important to the tax-payers of any for which they vote. The entire money interests of the State, so far as the matter of collections and disbursements of public funds are concerned—the faithful oversight of the millions wrung from the tax-payers and the honest settlement of all accounts with the commonwealth, are in the hands of these two State offices.

The loss to the people of the State of over a million and a half of dollars, within the past year, through the carelessness and corruption in the offices of the State Treasurer and Auditor General, is the strongest evidence of the close connection these positions have, with the interests of the tax-payers. It is a pointer to every man whose name is upon a tax duplicate, or whose money is in the hands of a tax-collector, showing the importance of going to the polls and voting for men who will protect the interests of the people as against the interests of a ring.

For years, as every body knows, the financial offices of this State have been in the hands of men under the absolute control of a ring of boodlers. They have scattered the people's money among favorites, all over the State; they have used the public funds for private speculation, until they have come to believe these taxes, paid into the Treasury by the people of the State, actually belong to them to be used as they see proper and for such purposes as they deem best; they have, at the dictation of the ring, whose creatures they are, set their own judgment up as against the law, and their own necessities as against public duties, and the result is a known loss, to the already overburdened tax-payer, of over a million and a half of dollars, in a single year and how much more, that is unknown, no one can tell.

To the man who is interested in trying to lighten the burden of taxation that now rests upon him, or who believes in the honest and careful management of the financial interests of the Commonwealth, the election on Tuesday next is far more important, than would be the election of a Governor, Supreme Court Judges or any other State officials. These are the two offices that directly effect the interests of the tax payer, and every tax-payer in the country ought to think enough of his own welfare to go out and vote.

There is not much work in going to vote. There is but little cost, if any, in getting to the polls, and why any one who desires to see the rule of the ring of State robbers brought to a sudden and disgraceful end, should fail to be on hand, and vote against the men and the party that have been so reckless in their management of public affairs, we cannot imagine.

Are you ready for the election, on Tuesday next, Democrats? You never had a better opportunity to win, than you now have. You never had greater reason to work than at present. If you but do your duty there is no question as to what the result will be. Will you do it?

—Voters throughout this section of the State, who want laws to protect their interests—who favor a re-enactment of the repealed fence laws, should not forget that their only hope is through the action of a Constitutional Convention.

Ink Slings.

"The strange how the laws are disobeyed (?) In this land with statesman rife Yet's a dull day with an insurance man When he doesn't take a life.

—The third Triumvirate—RHONE, THOMAS, MCSPARREN (?) (?)

—If you are on the fence, be sure and slide down on the WRIGHT side.

—It should'nt be considered immodest to present a truth as a bare fact.

—A dog has the better of the dude in this; he is never bothered with knees in his pants.

—If there is no rest for the wicked, what a tired set republican politicians must be.

—To think of it, a little fifth rate power making Chile sauce out of Uncle SAM's marines.

—The trouble with the man who looses his temper is that he is always sure of finding it again.

—The trees are exposing their naked limbs and the corn is very much shocked, in consequence.

—"The longest way round is the shortest way home"—Illustrated in the circuit LIVSEY is making.

—The refrain of the band (d)itti(e)s is heard every where in Mexico now. New music, and very catchy.

—Men who seemingly cut a big figure before an election, often turn out to be mere cyphers after it is over.

—Eight years Mrs. Fitzsimmons will sit in the penitentiary and meditate whether she took FITZ for better or for worse.

—Poor old Ireland! The only thing that keeps her from sinking completely, now since her leader is gone, is her great big Cork.

—The wages of sin is not always death. In this state, if a man is a republican, they pay him for that work with a fat office.

—"The Campbells are coming" is the favorite tune in Ohio, and East Liverpool has become quite an oasis in the Protectionists' desert.

—We are scarcely out of summer months as yet, but all the same the administration at Washington is having an exceedingly Chile time of it.

—Next Tuesday will be election day, and of course you'll join the throng, that will poke its ballots in the box, for a WRIGHT that can't be wrong.

—"PATTISON shot," VICTORIA Dead" and "Ohio's Disgrace" were startling head lines in Saturday's papers, yet the queen is not a corpse, BOB is not a murderer and Ohio will redeem herself by electing CAMPBELL.

—The Boston Conservatory of Music will shortly honor a leading republican of that city, by placing a life sized portrait of him in stained glass, in one of its windows. We presume it does this because he is the best representative of a lyre that can be found.

—The new society fad is the "Jubilee" waltz. It would make an elegant step for McCAMANT and BOYER to trip out of office on, but the name is hardly as appropriate to their condition of minds as it will be the good people of the State who see them go.

—And now since spook princess Ann Odella Dis de Bar has gone crazy, over the thrills of joy experienced while kissing a Chicago editor, quack doctors and scientists are publishing columns about the direful results of kissing. Ye gods, what a sweet thing he must have been.

—There will be no difference between the merchant and the bond holder after the republicans repeal the mercantile tax as they now promise to do, if successful. Neither of these classes will be required to pay any tax then. This work will be left exclusively to farmers and workingmen.

—It is said that the young Emperor of Germany has been down at the mouth ever since he realized that he could not raise whiskers. It seems to have been a case of down on the chin also. Dear, oh dear! how blue must be the dutch winds since they can no longer sigh through his imperial sprouts.

—DARWIN, the Lycoming county horse thief, claims to be a relative of the great naturalist and his actions in Williamsport seem to substantiate the evolution theory of the illustrious englishman. From the monkey he has made of himself it is evident that the cycle was not completed in his case, however.

—The Right Honorable JAMES MILLIKEN is now writing his free coinage articles under the nom-de-plume "POOR RICHARD." Colored are't you departing a little from your aesthetic english habits in assuming a title made famous by the poor Yankee lad who entered Boston with a loaf of bread under his arm and with a red stocking tied about his neck?