

--Pittsburg is just a trifle too slow to catch anything but storms and cyclones.

--It seems to take a great deal of work to properly FOSTER the SHERMAN boom in Ohio.

--On Wednesday the turkey tribe did most of the gobbling, but when Thursday came humanity did it all.

--Were you thankful for what you had yesterday or did you think more of things that you weren't blessed with?

--Because circus people all have their canvas-back in winter quarters is no evidence that they are living on duck.

--The man whose wife presented him with triplets yesterday, must certainly have been thankful that it wasn't a brace of twins.

--With all the protection it was able to give in the McKinley bill, the republican party couldn't keep castor oil from going down.

--With all its political, financial and other crookedness, there is still some redeeming features about Philadelphia. Her streets at least are straight.

--Dr. Gatling, the inventor of the Gatling gun, insists that his invention is a peace maker. We have no doubt of it all if he spells "piece" this way.

--It is not much wonder that after keeping the FASSETT open during the entire campaign, New York should go dry immediately after the election.

--People who place confidence in the story that untold wealth is hidden on one of the islands of the Delaware, need not be surprised to learn that some one is KIDDING them.

--It is highly probable that mother nature is retaliating on humanity for stealing her ice making, rain making, and electricity making jobs, by taking from us so many of our stars.

--From the fuss the English are making over the illness of the young Prince GEORGE, it looks as though they don't want "collars and cuffs" to reign after the Prince of Wales is through.

--When ST. LUKE wrote the story of the typical liar of his time, he knew nothing of the Brazilian newspaper correspondent. If he had, ANANIAS would never have been heard of.

--The Yuma Indians put to death their medicine men who fail to fulfill their promises. What a falling off in republican majorities there would be, if the same practice prevailed in politics.

--A Philadelphia woman eats soap with a relish. How many youngsters in this broad land have eaten it without any other trimmings than those a fond mamma can give when she hears her darling say naughty words?

--Investigation as to the condition and whereabouts of FORAKER proves that the wind storm that swept eastward over this State on Monday was not caused by his bursting. He is still whole and as badly inflated as ever.

--The friends of FORAKER have a paper out to raise money to erect a bronze statue of him. If they'll wait 'till he drops out and be satisfied with a brass one, there need be no expense about it. The corps will answer every purpose.

--Williamsport had'n't enough refrigerators and side-boards to bid for the Republican national convention in '92, so she's trying to get the prohibitionists to go there and drink up the over stock of "pop" which she has been keeping cool since the Christian Endeavor Convention last summer.

--Natural Gas companies have discovered a new way of warming up the people of Pittsburg this winter. They decrease the pressure and increase the price to consumers. It works like a charm and every fellow who pays a gas bill gets red hot every time he thinks about it.

--The one particular person who was not particularly thankful yesterday was WILLIAM LIVSEY. When he considered how much it had cost him to live in Canada and remembered that he would have been perfectly safe in the hands of his party in Pennsylvania, it knocked thanksgiving all to thunder with him.

--Philadelphia may be very slow and exceedingly quiet, but it is not going to be behind in the "neck tie" business. The one it has ordered for the statue of PENN on the public building, will weigh 500 pounds, but with all its heft it will not cost as much, as did those paid for by the State, for the statue of its Auditor General.

--Speaking of the late Alliance meeting, one of our exchanges assures its readers that the "farmers are losing ground." No doubt of it. Under the benign rule of the Republican party and its protective tariff ideas, they have lost about everything else loseable, except their ground, and what is to prevent following the rest, is something "no fellow" has yet found out.

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A Wrong Reason.

The Pittsburg Dispatch of Saturday last prints what reports to be an interview with Hon. Wm. A. WALLACE, in which that gentleman is made to say in substance, that he has but one political ambition, and that is to be sent by his county as a representative to the House at Harrisburg, for the purpose of securing such reforms in the ballot laws of the state as will prevent from voting, foreigners and lothers too illiterate to read.

The Philadelphia Press, Herald, Harrisburg Patriot and other papers take up the matter and congratulate the country on the prospect of Mr. WALLACE's return to Harrisburg, and incorrectly assume that such an occurrence will have the effect of bringing to the front for legislative honors, an entirely different and higher class of men, than the majority of those who for late years have been chosen as law makers.

That Mr. WALLACE would accept a legislative nomination, is a matter that we feel confident would be gratifying news to the people, not only of his own county but of the entire State. That his election to the House would bring to it an ability and influence, that has not been known or felt within the halls of the Legislature, since JOHN HICKMAN, Judge JENKA, McDOWELL, SHARP, and other men of that class left it years ago, is equally certain.

And that his acceptance of a position now generally refused by the able and stronger men of both parties, would have a tendency to induce other men of high standing to accept a like nomination, and other districts to secure as high class representatives as possible, is altogether probable, and would be the strongest kind of reasons for persons of all shades of political opinions, hoping that the alleged interview is correct, and truthfully represents Mr. WALLACE as having a desire to return to Harrisburg.

What makes us doubtful of the reliability of the interview, is the reason said to be given by Mr. WALLACE for his willingness to accept the position named:--"that he may help frame a reform ballot law and secure such legislation as will prevent from voting, the ignorant and illiterate foreigners."

Wm. WALLACE, under existing condition of affairs, would never give such a reason for wishing to go to the Legislature. He does not deal in clap-trap, nor does he attempt to deceive those with whom he has business or other relations. If there is any trait for which he is known, more marked than another, it is his courage and disposition to say plainly what he means, and to say it in a way that any one who hears or reads may understand. And just here is where the purported interview, shows its lameness or incorrectness--in the reasons it quotes him as giving.

Early in the campaign last fall, Mr. WALLACE was published as vigorously opposing a Constitutional Convention. He was among the first of the prominent lawyers of the State to give his reasons to the public, why there should be no changing of, or tinkering with, the present Constitution. If it was wrong and unnecessary to alter or amend that instrument last fall, it would be equally wrong and unnecessary, next fall. And yet, without a change in the Constitution, Mr. WALLACE, as does every intelligent citizen, knows, that no restriction on the right of suffrage can be had. That so long as we have the present Constitution, just so long can every male citizen twenty-one years of age, who has been a citizen of the United States one month, a resident of the state a year, lived within his district, sixty days, and paid a state or county tax, vote, no matter if he is so ignorant that he can't tell a letter B from a bulls foot, or is so dumb that he don't know enough to go into the dry when it rains.

Senator WALLACE, may honestly favor the idea of a restricted ballot, but he is not going round trying to make believe that he would like to go to the Legislature to pass laws to that effect--under the present Constitution.

The Dispatch will have to look for some other reason, or leave grave doubts as to the correctness of its statement.

Practically Blotted Out.

There is weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth among the republican leaders of New York. They could stand the election of a Democratic governor and the piling up of a Democratic majority of 45,000, but when it was announced in Albany on Tuesday last, that both the Senate and House would be in the control of the Democrats, it was too much for one time, and the despair that settled down upon them is said to be past realization. If ever any set of men were knocked completely out, it is the New York republican leaders. For years they have maintained power through the operations of a most iniquitous apportionment of the state, both Congressional and Legislative. With a clear Democratic majority in the state of at least 25,000, they could elect nineteen of the thirty-four congressmen; and an overwhelming majority of both the House and Senate. Secure in these, they could prevent a fair apportionment being made as well as dictate most of the appointments of the governor, by refusing to confirm those that did not suit them.

They realize that the loss of the two branches of the Legislature, as well as the governor, means a new apportionment that will give them only what they are entitled to,--representation, in Congressional, Senatorial and Legislative districts in proportion to their vote, and that this means that they will have neither Senate or House for years to come; and with this state of affairs comes the political annihilation of those who have led the republican party for years and profited by as villainous a gerrymander as that which disgraces our own state. A new apportionment in New York means a majority of Democratic congressmen from that State, a Democratic Senate and a Democratic House in 1892, and a Democratic United States Senator to succeed HISCOCK.

Is it any wonder that the political tribulation that has fallen upon them seems greater than they can bear?

The Great Horse Show.

The horse show at New York last week was a great success, both in point of entries and dollars. Never before in America has there been such a gathering of beauty and blood, and never before has a horse show netted its managers a cool \$100,000. Horses and chrysanthemums, seem to be the fad of the fashionable world at present, and indeed it is a very peculiar man that don't admire a good horse when he sees it, although very few are fortunate enough to own one that would attract attention among the one thousand exhibited at Madison Square Garden. Horseflesh, like everything else in America, is progressing and when millionaires like LELAND STANFORD, A. J. CASSATT, the late AUGUST BELMONT and WILLIAM L. SCOTT take the subject in hand, it will not be long until we are exporting instead of importing finely bred horses. Arabs and Normans, Clydesdales and Trotters were all there; but the hackneys which many consider the most useful of all breeds, and a comparatively new favorite, shared with the hunter and jumper, the honors of the show.

THESE TELL THE TALE.--The smokeless stack of the Bellefonte Furnace Company, the noiseless machinery down at the Nail Works and the fireless furnaces at the Glass factory, are every day reminders to the people of this place of the efficacy of the McKinley tariff bill. Before its enactment, all these enterprises were in full blast; none of them in operation to-day, and no man knows when, if ever, either of them will be. So much for protection.

--A call for a meeting of the executive committee of the National Democratic committee has been issued. It will be held in Washington on Tuesday, December 8, at which time will be fixed the date and place of meeting of the National Committee to determine when and where the general Democratic Convention of 1892 will be held. As that convention will name the next President of the United States, anything pertaining to its place of meeting or work, will be looked forward to with the greatest of interest.

Looking Ahead.

Since the last Presidential election, the number of electors who will cast the votes of the different states for President and Vice-President, has been increased from 401, to 444. This has been done by an increase in congressional representation amounting to 23, and by the admission of new States with an aggregate representation of 20 votes. We give in connection herewith a list of the States, with the number of votes cast by each in the electoral college of 1888, and also a list of those that will vote, and the number each is entitled to cast, at the next election of President:

Table with 2 columns: Vote of 1888, Vote for 1892. Lists states and their respective electoral votes.

The asterisk (*) shows the states that voted the Republican ticket in 1888, and also those that voted it at the recent election. It will be noticed that not a single state that cast its vote for CLEVELAND in 1888, has gone over to the Republican column, while of those that were for HARRISON: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana and Illinois, have voted since with the Democrats.

Conceding to the republicans all the New states, even Montana, which is, and has voted Democratic, and giving them back Rhode Island, which has consistently voted Democratic since the amendments to their constitution abolishing a property qualification, along with Illinois and Wisconsin, both of which under existing circumstances are at least doubtful on the Tariff question, the next electoral college would stand as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Democratic, Republican. Lists states and their respective electoral votes for the next election.

We know that all this kind of figuring is mere speculation, but we leave it to the cool, calm judgment of the reader, to determine for himself, if under the circumstances, it does not look very much as if the next President would be a Democrat and that indications at this time point strongly to the overwhelming defeat of Republicanism and its high tariff, monopolistic doctrines.

--As all the other newspapers of the country are all bidding adieu to FONSBICA and his brief Brazilian reign, the WATCHMAN too, feels like extending its hand in an everlasting farewell to the usurper. In doing so, it would kindly remind him of the fact, that he at least, has one sympathizer in this country, who from personal experience knows how it works to usurp authority not belonging to him, and how it feels to get kicked into the dust very suddenly for doing so. It is the Hon. THOS. B. REED, late republican speaker of the House of Congress. As misery loves company, FONSBICA and REED should seek each others acquaintance.

A Gerrymander at Home.

From the Pittsburg Post. The Philadelphia Press condemns the proposed gerrymander of Ohio again, and says: "The Republicans have now an opportunity to show how fairly and equitably that State can be divided into districts, and in this way intrinsec themselves in popular favor. It will pay better for them to adopt this course than to take revenge for past outrages perpetrated by the Democrats." But the Republicans will follow their own precedents in Ohio and supersede a Democratic gerrymander by one of their own invention. Talking of gerrymanders, why does not the Press pay some attention to the Republican gerrymanders in Pennsylvania, and especially the maintenance of the Senate apportionment on the basis of the 20-year-old census of 1870? The constitution requires a Senate apportionment "immediately after each decennial census," yet none has been made in this State under the census of 1850 or 1860. Its party adheres to the apportionment under the census of 1870 because its rascality could not be improved upon.

Will it Be the Millennium?

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. "A Tariff for Revenue Only" will adorn the transparencies of every Democratic procession from ocean to ocean in 1892. The doctrine is embraced by the Democracy everywhere. There is no diversion of sentiment any where. And when that doctrine is established by the law of the land, all other economic reforms must and will come as matters of course. Stealing, in the form of subsidy, will cease. Agrarianism, under the mantle of patriotism, will cease. The spoliation of agriculture will cease. The intimidation and oppression of the operatives and wage-earners will cease. The country will be restored to healthy and normal conditions; sectionalism, with its prescriptive spirit and its narrow aims, its Force bills and its pension jobs, will be finally sent to the bone yard, along with the other debris of the war; and a great, happy, prosperous and united people will take up the march of progress, to distance all the nations and to lead the world.

Republican Slave Divers.

From the Pittsburg Post. Things are getting sort of changed around when free negroes are brought up from the Democratic South and made slaves in Republican Allegheny county. The disclosures by the Times concerning the treatment of the colored men who work in one of the Monongahela river mines are rather startling. Oh, if this had only been in the South how the Gazette would have rolled it as a sweet morsel under its bloody shirt tongue! But it is not in the South. It is right here in Allegheny county, with its Republican majority of 20,000 the boasted home of protection to labor. Protection, indeed! These ignorant negroes were brought from Virginia to displace local labor because they would work cheaper, and are reported subjected to a system of espionage and oppression hardly surpassed if at all by the contract convict labor system of Tennessee, against which the miners there recently broke out in open shotgun and gunpowder rebellion.

Gone to the Political Bone Yard.

From the Atkinson (Kan.) Patriot. There is a political graveyard where parties are buried which has many suggestive head stones: "Sacred to the memory of the anti-Masonic Party," "Sacred to the memory of the party of Wirt and Wood," "Sacred to the memory of the Federal Party," "Sacred to the memory of the Free Soil Party," "Sacred to the memory of the Know-nothing Party," "Sacred to the memory of the Liberal Republican Party," "Sacred to the memory of the Whig Party," "Sacred to the memory of the Greenback Party," "Sacred to the memory of the Granger Party," "Sacred to the memory of the Prohibition party," "Sacred to the memory of the People's Party." All of these parties lived their little day, died and were carried out to the grave yard by the one party that was born when the morning stars of the Republic sang together, and will live till the sun has set forever.

The Real Question.

From the Meadville Messenger. Cries of "free trade" and "ruining American industries" will not obscure the real question at issue. The people are being rapidly educated on this subject and understand that Democratic success means legislation in the interest of the masses--while Republican victory means legislation in the interest of the classes. It is the Jeffersonian doctrine of the common people against the money aristocracy; a tariff for the benefit of all instead of protection for a few monopolists and millionaires.

The Kind they Like.

From the Philadelphia Times. Senator Vest is growing gray. Well, a gray Vest is a comfortable garment, and the Missouri people seem content to wear it. They know it to be well lined.

Spawls from the Keystone.

--An ossified negro is rattling his bones for dines at bath. --McKean and Potter county hunters get \$24 apiece for deer. --Hog disease has prostrated many of Berks county's big porkers. --The Mononite faith-cure service opened operations at Reading, Wednesday. --"Green goods" circulars are again flooding susceptible citizens of Lancaster. --Married sixty-one years, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Pennell died in Chester on Sunday. --Frost is crumbling Johnston's new fire brick pavements like blocks of sand. --Twelve year old John Rowman, of Lancaster, was shot in the abdomen, by mistake, Sunday. --The largest Teachers' Institute ever held in York county is now in session at the county seat. --Engineer C. C. Ray, injured near Jersey Shore last week, is dead and was buried from Sunbury. --An escaped maniac, James Gastly, gave six men a lively chase at Northumberland on Monday. --Many new ore banks are being opened in Southern Pennsylvania on the Reading's Gettysburg Line. --Catching the convention crew, Williamsport is bidding for the Prohibition aggression in May. --Brave Engineer C. C. Ray, who stuck to his locomotive in the wreck near Sunbury died on Sunday night. --The trial of William Keek, alleged murderer of the Nipeches, at Ironton, Lehigh county, will occur in January. --The body of a well-dressed stranger perhaps 35 years old, was found on the railroad track at Bethlehem Tuesday. --Friends of Hon. Charles Hunsticker, Norristown, are urging him for successor of the late Supreme Justice Clark. --Chief Engineer Greenberg, of the Huntingdon Fire Department, had to put out a fire in his own pocket in Harrisburg. --A bullet in his thigh was the result of an attempt by George McCafferty, Linwood, to load it into a rusty pistol barrel. --Hanover, York county, is full of marriageable young women and sends out this advertisement: "Male Help Wanted." --Without noise or leaving track a robber stole a cash box with \$50 from G. B. Wilson's drug store, Chester, on Sunday night. --The Moravian Seminary's claim for \$50,000 for damages to its property by opening Bridge avenue, Bethlehem, is on trial this week. --Twelve-year old Elizabeth Barre has a suit for \$25,000 against the City Passenger Railway Company, of Reading, for the loss of a leg. --Enormous quantities of Lancaster county tobacco have recently been taken from the poles and put through the stripping process. --Playing in front of a stove while his mother was in the yard, a 6-year-old son of John W. Tligman, of South Chester, was burned to death. --The Cumberland Valley Railroad Company is ordered by a jury to pay Samuel M. Shutt \$547 for the loss of his leg on the track. --A duplex boiler exploded at the Lochiel Iron Works, near Harrisburg, Monday and created a panic. Jacob Bettinger was injured. --The Reading Railroad people at Reading removed obstructions, and the Pennsylvania finished their siding to Orr, Painter & Co's, works. --A Norristown father dug the grave and buried his own infant child in the Catholic Cemetery, to save the expense of paying the sexton. --A gulf sixty feet wide showed on the surface of the ground at Girardville, where a great cave-in occurred, and frightened the inhabitants. --A band of gypsies was raided on Henry C. Fritz's farm near Chester, when the men fled but the dusky woman repelled the invaders with stones. --The revolt of Class B in the Reading Boys' High School is attributed by the boys to the principal's partiality for a banker's son among them. --Charged with forgeries that aggregate \$800, Jonathan E. Gerhart, a cattle dealer of Sossamantville, Montgomery county, has been locked in jail. --Mrs. W. F. Carpenter, a Johnstown woman, has been arrested for welding a baseball bat on the head of M. J. McKintze, who was trying to collect a bill. --Struck by a train that shade off his buggy and tossed him a red or two, head foremost, 78-year-old George Byrly, of Jeannette, got up and walked away for a doctor. --An order for 3500 new box cars has been given by the Lehigh Valley Railroad to McKee & Fuller, Fullerton, Lehigh county--a two years job for the works. --While smoking his pipe on Sunday night Hugh Gallagher, Allentown, fell asleep, and the house was set on fire by a spark and destroyed. He narrowly escaped death. --Among those mentioned to succeed Justice Clark are Hon. Levi B. Adkins, of the twelfth district; Judge Woodward, of Luzerne and Hon. Hugh M. North, of Columbia. --A bolt in a rapidly revolving wheel tore the shirt off William Montgomery, a workman in Roach's shignard, Chester, and only his great strength saved him from being whirled to death. --The will of Mrs. Anna Eyerman, one of Easton's richest ladies, bequeaths an estate valued at over \$150,000 to her grandson, John Eyerman. Rev. H. M. Kiefer, D. D., of Easton, gets \$1000. --For a defect in the road that caused the lynch-pin in their wagon to break and the wagon to fall over an embankment with Rudolph H. Kauffman and wife, killing the latter, Mr. Kauffman is now suing Manos Township, at Lancaster. --Calvin M. Dechast, superintendent of the Mount Penn Gravity Railroad, was arrested at Reading, on the charge of manslaughter. The arrest was made by direction of the District Attorney and the coroner's jury, which charged him guilty of criminal negligence in connection with the recent accident. --Thomas Cooch, a widower, aged 87 years, one of the best known pioneers of the Schuylkill County coal region, was shot by his brother Richard, aged 80, because, as Richard says, Thomas had alienated his 40-year-old wife from him and induced her to join in system-atically maltreating him. Mrs. Richard Cooch was wounded, but her husband says he did not intend to hurt her, as he blamed only his brother.