

—One often hears of the wind's sighs, yet to see it, is quite a different thing.

—Lock Haven girls are said to be so sensitive that they jump, even at a propane.

—ROGER Q's bill was not quite long enough for him to pick up the speaker ship worm with.

—Since FORAKER has quieted down, there has not been a single cyclone heard of in any part of the country.

—Results have shown that the political egg out of which Missouri expected the speakership, was not well HATCHED.

—It was a case of "hands up" with the Shippensburg man who played with dynamite. The dynamite went up too.

—The fact that another of our MILLS has ceased to run, should not be attributed to the damaging effects of a protective tariff.

—BILL NYE fell out of an opera house the other night and made the mistake of cracking his cranium instead of his usual joke.

—They say it takes a crank to make the world go and we believe it, after the way things went in RUSSELL SAGE's office last Saturday.

—There has been more CRISP-ness in the atmosphere of Washington, during the past week, than was ever experienced in that city before.

—It was a cold day for the other candidates, for congressional door keeper, on Monday last, when "Ice-man" TURNER was chosen for the position.

—The Illinois congressman said: We have a little scheme for the speakership! and the Georgia delegation returned: We're ready for you,—SPRINGER!

—An ungrammatical writer says: "The 52nd Congress is setting now," Wonder what it will hatch? The Democratic portion had a goose egg for its first HATCH.

—President HARRISON is caricatured as wearing a hat many times too large for him, but we have never heard him charged with getting up a message in any way above his size.

—KERN undoubtedly had a "clear-field" in his race for the clerkship. At least if it wasn't clear at first it did not take the doughty little democrat long to break through the lines.

—The mouth of the St. Lawrence is said to be a safe tying up place for fishing boats, but there's another mouth which makes a most excellent haven for another class of schooners.

—A great many people who imagine they can tell you exactly who will be elected the next President couldn't guess, within a dozen, of how the vote in their own election district will be.

—Philadelphia has just wakened up to the fact that it can't have elevated railroads because it must pay for property damaged in building one. When that old city has to pay for it, it never wants much of it.

—Kangaroo, Michigan, has been dubbed the Celery city, on account of the great quantities of the relish grown there. If they would only put an i and a t in it and called her Celery the real name and the fictitious one would be much more closely connected.

—A Chicago spinster has gained a reputation and considerable wealth for herself by designing a souvenir spoon in which a pig and its tail make up the bowl and handle respectively. As a spoon it won't do for love sick maidens as they all shrink from touching porker's tail.

—The "Lot Holders" in the Williamsport cemetery are kicking about the management of the burying ground. They had better do all their "scrappin'" now for when they come to take up their little plots a good many of them will need their strength to "kick" down below.

—The whale that was captured off the shore, at Snow Hill, Maryland, on Saturday, had evidently prepared for another Jonah and when the five gallon demijohn of good whiskey was taken from its stomach, many an old tar heaved a sigh as he thought of what might have been.

—Indiana is paying two cents a head for killing the English sparrow and the youngsters in the Hoosier state are reaping a great harvest for Christmas. If Pennsylvania would put a two dollar bounty on dead "chippies" what a boost it would be to the morals of future generations.

—The design for the Pennsylvania building at the Columbian Exposition has been adopted and already many firms throughout the state are beginning to offer their handsomest products for its furnishing. Among them is ALLEBACH, a Philadelphia clock maker, who modestly says, he will loan a handsome time piece for the structure. Mr. ALLEBACH is very generous, but the State has already paid about \$350,000 for an "onyx clock" and we're sure the world will want to see it. JOHN BARDSLEY should be there to wind it.

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## Don't Tinker With It.

The prayer of Republican politicians and Republican newspapers now is, that the Democrats in congress may make such mistakes as will create new issues, and with these, bring to them a new hope of continued lease of power. If the situation at Washington was such that the Democrats could enact such legislation as they pleased, it might be possible that errors could be committed in determining questions of importance, that could be twisted and presented to the public in a way that would give to republicanism a hook to hang its hopes upon. But as matters are, with a Republican occupying the presidential chair and a republican majority in the upper branch of congress, it would be the most consummate folly for the Democratic majority in the House to attempt to change the situation on the great questions that now excite public attention, or to put into legislation their ideas of what is best for the people at large.

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Let the 235 Democrats who now rep-

resent the party of the people at

Washington, consider carefully before

attempting to change or better the sit-

uation. No good can come of any ef-

fort to accomplish that which it is im-

possible to accomplish. We are en-

joying the fruits of a Republican tariff.

Our fireless furnaces, silent manufac-

tories, and unemployed laborers, attest

its effects in every section of the coun-

try. The people voted to have it just

as it is, and should be permitted to en-

joy the realization of their own work,

until they see proper to place the hands

of those who opposed the measure

that brought about these results.

Democrats in Congress, leave well

enough alone.

## If So, Why Not.

It is now about time for the shriek-

er for "protection" to raise his whee-

ve voice in denunciation of his own ad-

ministration. It is over a week now

since President HARRISON closed and

began a new treaty with the Hawaiian

Islands which proposes absolute free

trade between that country and this.

The agreement stipulates in the plain-

est language that the Island named ad-

mit free of duty every article importe

there from the United States, whether

agricultural or manufactured, in return

for which this country will receive

without a tariff everything they may

send here. If this treaty meets with

the approval of the Senate and is ratif-

ied by the Hawaiian government, the

doctrine of unrestricted "free trade"

will have been recognized, and the ad-

ministration that was elected on a high

protective platform, will be the instru-

ment through which it was accom-

plished.

And if "free trade," that great bug-

boo that Republican voters have been

tired of, as does the children of

the Seeder, the eternal fires of a brim-

stone hell, is a good thing to have with

these Islands of the Pacific, why

would it not be the right policy to pur-

sue in our dealings with the entire

South American continent?

## Spaws from the Keystone.

Fulton is the only Pennsylvania county without a railroad.

Governor Pattison will issue a charter making Hazleton a city.

Allegheny county Democrats are organizing to defeat ring rule.

Montrose's Board of Trade has set out to convert the place into a summer resort.

Frozen apples have killed cattle at them at Highlands, Susquehanna county.

Farmer Martin Wetterau's neck was broken by a runaway accident near Barnesville.

A coal company has undermined an entire street at Carbondale, and trouble will ensue.

"Does it pay to be a Christian?" the Pittsburgh papers ask. It pays to be a Christopher.

Four suburban butchers drove their teams into an unlighted open trench in a Lancaster street.

Burglars with axes, saws and jimmies are loosening many Bethlehem doors and windows.

With his eyes blindfolded Cooper Harry Smith made a fleur barrel in twenty minutes at Columbia.

A prepossessing 16-year-old blonde, Miss Mary Sailor, of Mount Carmel, has mysteriously vanished.

A Pittsburg company has formed to build and run passenger boats from there to New Orleans.

A wild pig from the West will be let loose and chased by several citizens at Douglassville to-day.

His legs having been broken, George Keenie, of neat Scranton, shot himself to death in bed.

John Skurvanitch, a Hungarian miner, fell 100 feet to death down a mine shaft, near Scranton.

A falling hemlock tree wrecked a passenger train near Cresson Monday, on the Ebensburg Road.

An immense pulley in the Allentown Spike Works burst Monday, seriously injuring Joseph Ward.

The body of an unknown man with a bullet hole in the temple has been found by hunters near Galitzin.

Farmer George Miller, of Abbottstown, Cumberland county, is cultivating a 2½ acre vein of new-found coal.

Street railway conductors and drivers are all to act as policemen, and arrest non-paying car-jumpers.

Individual owners of camp meeting cotages at Stoverdale have permission at last to remove them to Mount Gretna.

A freight train jumped the track above Chain Dam, near Easton, and blockaded the Lehigh Valley Railroad, Saturday.

Dr. J. C. Brabec, of Lititz, is suffering from blood poisoning—the result of treating a diphtheria patient while his hand was sore.

Middle-aged Mrs. Rose Parkinson fell into a twenty foot well at Johnstown after dark. Neighbors with a ladder helped her out.

Burglars made off with \$350 worth of silver and other wares from F. S. Brown's store in Coopersburg, Chester county, Sunday.

"Lookout Mick," called a Pittsburgh Italian's parrot to an Irish boy next door. The boy got a gun and shot the parrot in its cage.

Juror James H. Brown had an epileptic fit while trying the tedious Durbar suit at Williamsport. Court adjourned till he recovered.

A verdict for \$833.75 was given the Reading Railmad, in Reading, Friday against the Pennsylvania Railroad for damage to property.

Fourth-class postmasters were appointed Friday: J. W. Stevens, Biglerville; L. E. Seidle, Normal Square, and T. E. Royal, Ruthburn.

The Pennsylvania Chautauqua, capital \$10,000, was organized at Lancaster, Friday, and regular summer school will be held at Mount Gretna.

At Kline's Grove, near Shamokin, seven-year-old Harry Keller has just died of injuries sustained while playing "slings around" at school.