

Winter snows, come and go, Mercury moves, fast and slow. In Pittsber's eyes a saddened gleam; Ice machine stands supreme.

The KEELY cure, like the KEELY motor, seem to be a little too much for the Keystone State.

Monday was MCKINLEY's day in Ohio, and FORAKER wasn't in it. He had been there before.

New Year's resolutions are getting into a week condition. For every seven days gives them an additional dose.

Its an ill wind that blows no-body good" thought HARRISON when he received the news that BLAINE had had a relapse.

The average dollar, of the newspaper man, is quick silver. That is, he doesn't have it long because its' on its round.

Since the KHEDEVE of Egypt is dead and England is beginning to hustle around already, it would be an elegant chance for WALS.

"Bucking the Tiger" is the favorite pastime with TAMMANY Democrats. Climbing the HILL is the arduous labor of New York's Republicans.

The fellow who said that Indian Territory was only good to hold the rest of the world together, forgot to add: and help increase the population of the next.

The Pine Ridge Indians are beginning their Ghost dances again and army circles are getting astir. The dances are all right if the redskins would only drop lead.

President HARRISON could bring the Chilian trouble to an end quicker, and in a more honorable way, by firing his minister EGAN, than any of the big guns he is having prepared for an emergency.

If the pet industry of the present administration would only make a tin ear for BENNY, he might be able to get through his campaign without hearing all the nice things that are being said about BLAINE.

The disaster which befell the HARRISON boomlet at the Philadelphia primaries, Tuesday night, can justly be laid at WANAMANER's door. He withdrew his advertising from the Quaker city papers just a trifle too soon.

GARZA, the Mexican dissenter, is said to have been a sewing machine agent at one time. If the report is true, everyone will readily know that he must have traveled for the SINGER company, from the way he is making things hum along the border.

The two JERRIES promises to make as funny a combination about Washington this year as the "two JOHN'S" have made in theatrical circles. SIMPSON says RUSK can't plow, and RUSK says that the sockless congressman don't know when to tramp down onions.

The silence of the Philadelphia Press (administration organ) on the result of the contest between QUAY and HARRISON for delegates from that city, can be accounted for on the grounds that when its side showed itself at the polls there wasn't enough of it to talk about.

The paper that said, "A little gossling gone," when Mr. and Mrs. DUCK's little daughter died, was almost as far off as was the Delaware county journal when it startled its readers with the headline, "Another cotton tail gives up the ghost," on the morning that WILLIAM RABBIT's third son died.

SIR EDWIN ARNOLD's prediction that someday the United States will control all of South America is very complimentary indeed, to our governmental system, but from the rate most of us are living, we have a mortgage on a certain lake of brinstone and its rather cold comfort to have such a egg tell us that we'll eventually have to endure a "land of fire" also.

The only thing Senator HILL forgot to do when he froze the Republican majority out of the New York senate, was to provide some measure which would prevent the unseated aspirants from being accorded the honor of seeing their names in print with "ex-Senator" prefixed. If they had been allowed to usurp the place we have no doubt that "ex-convict" would afterwards have been the proper title.

The wife of Gov. elect BROWN, of Maryland, had intended wearing a diamond studded fillet at her husband's inaugural reception, but an over zealous jeweler displayed the beautiful ornament for Mrs. BROWN's hair and told the reporters that it was her gubernatorial crown. It is needless to say that the Governor's reception never came off and it is the first time such a thing has ever occurred at Annapolis. The only place we Americans recognize a queen of diamonds is when she holds sway over the green cloth.

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A Most Righteous Measure.

The first bill reported from a committee of the present Democratic House, at Washington, was that to repay citizens of the border counties for losses sustained during the war, by the invasion of Confederate troops.

The total amount of the proposed appropriation is \$3,450,595.45, divided among the different counties in which losses occurred as follows: Adams, \$489,438.99; Franklin, \$2,471,468.85; Cumberland, \$211,778.95; Fulton, \$6,808.03; York, \$53,944.08; Somerset, \$214,366.15; Perry, \$2,640.40.

These amounts are the sums adjudicated by the State years ago, and found to be due the residents of the counties named, for property burned, confiscated, or destroyed, and which should have been promptly paid by the State, at the time of their adjudication.

We can readily understand why the republican ring that has controlled the legislation and finances of this State since the war, failed to meet this most just of all obligations against the Commonwealth. There was more financial profit to it and its party in placing the State's money in favorite banks, or loaning it to the DELAMATERS and the BARDSLEYS, to speculate with, than to pay its just debts.

There is no denying the fact, that Pennsylvania, as a State, should have settled and paid these claims in full, years ago, and then presented the amount to the General Government for reimbursement. It did not do so, but because it failed in its duty, is no reason why Congress should fail in its.

It is because this amount is justly due from the government; because it has unjustly and wrongfully been kept from the people to whom it rightfully belonged, for years and years, that we hope this Democratic House that has taken such prompt action, in the matter, will be just as prompt in passing the bill as the committee was in reporting it.

Holy JOHN is in a serious plight just at present. Having withdrawn his patronage from the Philadelphia Daily News, that staunch Republican organ has straightway begun to make things exceedingly uncomfortable for him, by publishing statements as to the manner in which he purchased its support, when a candidate, and its silence when the investigation of the Spring Garden Bank threatened implicating those very near and dear to him.

A recent decision by the Supreme Court, in which it holds land lords and saloon keepers responsible for the welfare of persons who have become intoxicated on their liquors, and for injuries suffered by them while under the influence of such drinks, promises to do much in the way of stopping the sale of liquor to drunk men, and men of known intemperate habits.

Of His Eggs.

If Chairman BRICE made the absurd statement, attributed to him by the newspapers, to the effect that the Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee has no right or authority to choose the member of the National Committee for the State, and that the National Committee itself would name the representative, he has less political brains than any one imagines him to have.

Pennsylvania Democrats may not amount to much when it comes to electing a president, but there are over 450,000 of them who are willing, for the sake of the principles they hold dear, to stand by their colors year after year and to contribute as much and labor as earnestly, for the success of the cause, as the same number of Democrats do in any portion of this wide country. They may not know how to down the Republican majority, that overwhelm them, but they have knowledge enough to know that they have rights which even Mr. BRICE and his committee are bound to respect.

If Pennsylvania Democrats see proper to elect that member by the votes of the State Committee, it is their business—not Mr. BRICE's. If they see proper to elect him in some other way it is the same. The only voice Mr. BRICE or his committee could have in the matter, would be, in case two members were elected by two different authorities, they could determine which was the proper representative.

As the State Central Committee is chosen to act for the party in all things, except in the matter of making party nominations; as it is held responsible for the manner in which the welfare of the party is attended to, it is clearly within its province, and is its duty, to see that the proper kind of a Democrat is chosen to represent the party and its organization in the National Committee.

An Entirely Legitimate Transaction.

The various newspaper comment on Mr. KEELY's sale of the right to use his bi-chloride-of-gold cure, for drunkenness, in the state of Connecticut, has probably brought the Pittsburg doctor and his institutes, throughout the country, into a greater degree of prominence than any of his most remarkable cures or failures have done.

Until within the last week Mr. KEELY had reserved the exclusive right to use his compound in all parts of the world, but having received an undoubted liberal offer for the right to establish and operate institutes, under his system, within the limits of the Nutmeg state, he has sold that right for \$80,000 to a Connecticut syndicate. And is the attack upon him, by the press, in consequence thereof, in the least way justified?

Many of our largest papers are now calling him a "quack" and declaring that he should give his discovery for the benefit of humanity. It is absurd for the writers of such articles to think that a man who has given the best efforts of his life to the formulation of such a compound should not reap the benefits therefrom. If Mr. KEELY's experiments had proven unsuccessful "humanity" would not have helped him bear the losses incidental to his work, but now, when he has made a partial success, at least, of it every one seems ready to condemn the cure and its originator for trying to make money out of it. His right to the bi-chloride-of-gold cure is undeniable, and why should he not have the benefit of any revenue it may bring.

As to the successful termination of the KEELY treatment we have yet to see the case in which it has, thus far failed. Every patient with whom we have talked seems perfectly satisfied with the system, but it is necessarily a question of time before we can be positive that their cures are permanent.

If Mr. KEELY can make a fortune out of his cure he is to be congratulated, for to do this it must prove successful and then "humanity" will owe him an hundred fold the sum he can possibly realize on it. How can we place a value on the lives and homes it will save and brighten?

Down at the Heel.

If QUAY does not control the Philadelphia Press it is about the only part of the republican party of that city that is not absolutely and willingly dominated by him. After a fight against the "infloone" of the cock-eyed statesman of BEAVER, in which all the power of the administration was used, it succeeded in electing on Tuesday last, only three of the fifty-eight delegates to the Republican State Convention. It is not much credit to a party that a man, with the reputation and character that QUAY possesses, can dictate its course and control its actions, and an administration, with its power and patronage, that can be beaten by such a man, is certainly pretty low down at the heel, in the estimation of the voters of its own party.

No News From that Section.

It is strange how much news we can get from distant Chili, thousands of miles to the South of us; how minute the particulars, that are furnished by the enterprising press, of the starving peasants of far off Russia; how full and complete the reports of the doings of men of prominence all over the wide world, and yet what a paucity of facts we have about those in whom we are interested, just over the lakes in Canada. Much of this state's money and many republican secrets are there. Wm. LIVSEY is there. Others like him are there, and yet with all these interests just over the border, who has word from Canada. Who hears from LIVSEY?

According to DUN & Co's financial report for 1891, there were almost two thousand more failures for that year than during the preceding one. According to Republican promises, and the expectations of those who believe in a protective tariff, 1891 should have been a high-tide year with business people and general prosperity. It seems, however, that the MCKINLEY bill, and the protection it gives to certain interests, did not work as promised or expected, and the lesson it has taught the business interests, that have been hampered and crushed by it, as well as the great army of laborers who are out of employment, should be one that would last, at least, until the party forcing this policy upon the country, is voted out of power.

The State Commission, whose duty it was to select designs for the booths, guard rails and ballot boxes, under the new ballot law, have concluded their labors. The booths recommended are made of wood and the maximum cost fixed at \$4.00 each. The guard rail is of the chain pattern, so as to be readily adjustable to any room and to cost \$4.80 for each election precinct. The ballot box is of wood 18 inches each way, inside measurement, and to be fitted with a self locking device, the entire cost of each to be \$3.00. The State pays for the booths and guard rails and the counties for the ballot boxes.

Fortune seems to have turned her back on CYRUS W. FIELD, the "Columbus of modern times," who, as he stands on the boundary that divides this world from the great hereafter, has friends, money and name all snatched away from him in the course of a few months. Eight weeks ago his wife died, a few days later a son, in whom he had explicit confidence, robbed him of much property and now his oldest daughter, Mrs. LINDLEY, is dead. The troubles he has had would make a younger man despair, and but emphasize the vanity of earthly treasures.

After the Republican legislature enacts, and the Republican governor signs, an honest apportionment bill for the State of Ohio, we will have more faith in the professions and promises of the leaders and papers of that party, than existing facts will allow us to have at this time. A fair Republican apportionment, would be a curiosity that would excite the wonder of the entire country, and after it was once exhibited, there are many of us who would not be surprised to see the approach of a political millennium.

The man who knows what he is about reads the WATCHMAN and profits by its teachings.

Out For Cleveland.

Senator Harry Alvan Hall, of the Elk, Clarion, Cameron and Forest district was in Harrisburg, on Tuesday, on professional business, and while there did not hesitate to express himself upon current matters in Democratic politics. When asked his opinion as to the effort that is now being made to organize an anti-Cleveland movement within the State, Senator HALL said:

"Believing as I do that the Democracy of the State is almost a unit in favor of the nomination of Grover Cleveland, I feel that any effort upon the part of designing politicians to subvert the popular will to subserve their own selfish ambitions should be promptly and effectually rebuked. The re-entry of Chairman Kerr, as a candidate for reelection to the Chairmanship of the Democratic State Central Committee, is apparently at the instance of certain Democrats who are hostile to the administration of Governor Pattison and to the nomination of Mr. Cleveland. It is, in my judgement, an effort to capture the organization of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania with the purpose of using it, as far as possible, to overcome the Cleveland sentiment within the State. The political finger-boards within the party but too clearly indicate that this in the purpose of those who have pursued or are endeavoring to pursue Chairman Kerr to make the light. From what I have learned within the past week or ten days, I regard the selection of J. Marshall Wright, of Allentown, for State Chairman as extremely probable; in fact, within the past day or two, I have become satisfied that his election is assured. A significant feature of Chairman Kerr's candidacy is the fact that all the anti-Cleveland men in the State are arrayed under his banner."

"Under these circumstances," continued Senator Hall, "I regard it as my duty to do all that lies in my power to aid in the election of Mr. Wright. I may add that I favor the election of Secretary HARRY as the Pennsylvania member of the National Democratic Committee. He is the most competent and the best equipped leader we have had in the State since I have had any knowledge of politics. There can be no doubt that in the right as it will be the duty of the State Central Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Scott. No one has yet been selected nor has anyone been authorized either directly or indirectly to represent us on the National Committee. It is an absurd proposition that no one but the National Delegates have the power to elect. If this were the case, and Mr. Scott had died immediately after the adjournment of the last National Convention we would have been without representation for four years. The power to fill the vacancy exists somewhere; and where, if not within the supreme power within the party, which is the State Central Committee. I do not credit the statement that Chairman Brice has ruled that Mr. Kerr shall fill the vacancy. He would scarcely attempt such an unwarranted assumption of authority, and if he has, the Democrats of the State will be prompt to resent his dictation."

Why the Future Looks Bright.

An epitome of the present situation of American agriculture forms a prominent and the most practical and valuable feature of the American Agriculturist (New York) for January, in which issue this old reliable magazine celebrates its fiftieth anniversary. In this epitome our relation to the world's food supply is given, and an estimate of American production and requirements. It is the most complete presentation of the laborator studies of C. Wood Davis, and apparently justifies his predictions of the brilliant future that awaits the American farmer. Mr. Davis' opinions and data carry great weight in the commercial and agricultural world because of his exhaustive inquiry of production in its relation to population, not only in the United States but in all the principal importing and exporting countries of the world. He shows that from 1870 to 1890 the bread-eating populations increased 11.4 per cent. and the wheat area 15.6 per cent. while the rye area was unchanged, but during the ten years just closed the increase in the wheat and rye area was but 1.4 per cent. against an increase in the bread-eating population of 14 per cent. In other words, consumption increased ten times as fast as production. These studies show that in 1871 the total wheat exports of the United States, Europe, India and Australia were only 120 million bushels, while the price in India, on the Atlantic Seaboard, at Chicago and in Liverpool averaged \$1.46 per bushel. The price steadily declined to \$1.13 as the average in 1884, when exports had more than doubled, and has since fallen to 88¢ as the price for 1889. Hence the probability of an advance in future.

Why Kansas Does Not Progress.

At Fort Scott, Kansas, recently a man crawled under a freight house, wherein was stored a barrel of whisky, and boring a hole through the floor and barrel, carried off the liquor. No wonder Kansas does not progress. So much of the ingenuity is lost in trying to get a drink that they have little left for the channels of legitimate business.

Spawls from the Keystone.

- Mine cars at Mt. Carmel crushed Frank Brady.
-Heavenly Recruits are holding a convention at Auburn.
-Lancaster's Republican primaries will be held January 25.
-Scarlet fever has joined hands with the grip in Birdsboro.
-Trinity Reformed Church, at Gettysburg was dedicated Sunday.
-The Pennsylvania Telegram has given up the ghost, at Reading, Pa.
-The snow and ice has cheered the hearts of Williamsport lumbermen.
-A lamp exploded fatally burning Peter Buckner, a Reading shoemaker.
-Bethlehem will hereafter run her fairs independently of the State Fair.
-"Reddy" John Scott has been arrested at Allentown for several highway robberies.
-Orphan's Home contributions were stolen from a box in the Huntingdon Post Office.
-Calvin Keiser, a Reading lad, has been arrested for shooting arrows into street cars.
-Andrew Carnegie will give another \$1,000,000 for the Carnegie Library, at Pittsburgh.
-A 3500 pound shaft fell upon Charles Y. Garman, in a Reading iron mill, crushing him.
-Forty very serious cases of malignant diphtheria have closed Erie's public schools.
-Lancaster will borrow \$25,000 to meet city deficiencies in paving and other departments.
-The mud and snow killed Michael Kirwen at Shenandoah, as he slept by a railroad track.
-Portions of a blank cartridge went into Peter Wohleber's hand, at Pittsburgh, and he died of lock-jaw.
-A telegram to William Weiser, of Bower's Station, announces the death of his son Cyrenus, in Colorado.
-David A. Shope fell, thirty feet head foremost, from a scaffold to his death, at Cove station, near Harrisburg.
-The first train was Saturday run over the Williams Valley railroad, a branch of the Reading at Tower City.
-While trying to adjust an electric light with an iron rod, Michael Bunk, of Johnstown, was shocked to death.
-At Plymouth, Luzerne county, any school child absent without excuse more than five days suffers suspension.
-It is said that Lieutenant Governor Watres will succeed Ezra W. Ripple as Colonel of the Thirtieth Regiment.
-Grand Rider was overpowered by gas at the Cambria Iron Company's blast-furnace, Johnstown, Friday, and died.
-Pittsburg's taxable proper is assessed at \$30,000,000 more this year than last, to keep the rate of taxation where it was.
-Chambersburg politicians say they are after Congressman Atkinson's scalp for neglecting to push the border raid claims.
-Business requirements have induced Colonel E. A. Ripple, of the Thirtieth Regiment, Scranton, to decide upon resigning.
-"Fifty dollars or I'll blow you up," shouted Jacob Yarnson to Henry Birman, of Lancaster, and the crank was hurried to jail.
-While working by her cookstove Mrs. Thomas Jones' clothes caught "fire" and she was nearly burned to death in Mt. Carmel.
-An intoxicated man, being refused liquor, struck Frank Ernst, a Reading saloon-keeper, and inflicted an injury that may blind him.
-The ladies of Lancaster will not be left in the World's Fair procession. They have organized with Mrs. A. J. Steinman, President.
-George H. Tensch, superintendent at York Farm Colliery, Potsville, has taken charge of three other of the Lehigh Company's collieries.
-A shooting gallery is rated as a gambling house at Lebanon—a game of chance in which the shooter who misses the bull's eye pays the bill.
-Five Scranton street car men went to sleep in their stalled cars and almost suffocated by the gas from charcoal stoves that heated the cars.
-Bowmanite Evangelicals at Shoemakersville have sued Dr. M. S. Reber to recover the treasurer's account book and funds of the church.
-In the Clinton county court, Michael McDonald confessed the killing of Israel Masera, and his plea of manslaughter was accepted.
-A Million and a quarter passengers rode on Lancaster's electric and horse cars last year, and the city will soon have a greatly extended system of rapid transit.
-A heel-less shoe and heel-less tracks in the snow, aided Scranton officers to catch Andrew Miller, one of the deadly assailants of a Pole, whose skull was fractured.
-Rev. George Gal, of Columbia, is strongly urged to seek the appointment at the next conference to Grace M. E. church, Broadland Master streets, Philadelphia.
-Charged with robbing their employer, Harry Welsh, Peter A. Reinhard and Samuel Crawford have been arrested by the Pennsylvania Railroad at Lancaster.
-Barbara Rodgers was sent to jail, at York, for 6 months, for beating her seven-year old son, and making him sleep barefooted in a barn where water would freeze.
-Officer Edward Kroll, of York, was falsely reported dead, and before the Mayor had heard of it, he received applications for the supposed dead man's official place.
-Mr. John Bardoritz Bethlehem, locked her two children in the house and neighbors found them an hour afterwards, suffocated by smoke from burning meat on the stove.
-Charters were granted Friday to the Overbrook Chemical Company, of Philadelphia, capital \$25,000, and the Geller & Hawley Furniture Company, of Williamsport, capital \$30,000.
-In State proceedings against the Quaker City Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, Judge Simonon of Harrisburg has warned the company to do business hereafter on the purely mutual plan.
-A Lock Haven sharper sewed a manufactured wild cat's ears upon a pet kept for that purpose and got a State royalty from "Squire Rosser for the ears. But the "squire" discovered the stitches and made the sharper refund.
-Clearfield's retiring Democratic postmaster, A. H. Rosenkrans, was notified by Federal Treasury auditors that he owed the Government 1 cent. He drew a check for the amount sent it to Washington and has just got his receipt.
-Cumberland county friends of President Judge W. F. Sadler, who was Judge Mitchell's most formidable competitor in 1888 are doing all in their power to secure his nomination by the Republicans for the Supreme Court vacancy this year.