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Spawls from the Keystone.

—Lehigh county has 238 applicants for licenses.
—Oil has been struck at Mapletown, Green county.
—Steelton is terrorized by an army of tramps.
—Bethlehem has a 15-year-old habitual drunkard.
—Williamsport saloons have now orders to close at midnight.
—Williamsport is to have a new agricultural implement works.
—A mad dog at new Berlinville, bit Howard Bauer and thirty dogs.
—Mud has practically shut off supplies from the McDonald oil field.
—John Maloy, a Wilkesbarre miner, dropped dead from heart disease.
—George Leoski was killed by tprock at the Sterling mine, Shamokin.
—Lebanon objects to an over charge of \$3500 per year for electric light.
—Reading's somewhat doubtful Water Board has been declared legal.
—Rufus Wagner, a Lehigh county pauper, handed himself to a barn rafter.
—Allegheny county butchers will prosecute all local oleomargarine dealers.
—The next Pardon Board meeting will be held on Thursday of next week.
—Maybury George was squeezed to death by a car in a North Ashland colliery.
—Berks county has asked for 450 liquor licenses and only three are opposed.
—Murderer Wall, who was hanged at Tunkhannock, had tried to dig out of his cell.
—Ten thousand men and girls are making ribbons and silks in the three Bethlehems.
—A train cut to pieces Michael Laughlin, aged ten, at Park Place, near Mahanoy City.
—The Plymouth Coal Company is piping oil in or coal dust for fuel at old workings.
—The Monitor Colliery, Locust Gap, has shut down, throwing over 300 men out of work.
—Great quantities of Southern ore are pouring into the iron mills in the Lebanon Valley.
—Milton H. Biekel was a policeman for one day only at Lebanon. He drank, and was resigned.
—Two logs crushed together on woodsman Neil McKinnon's foot at Westport and cut off all his toes.
—Lebanon decided Wednesday, by a vote of 1109 to 191, to authorize Councils to erect an electric plant.
—A gang of tramps beat William Jackson nearly to death, at Sunbury, robbed him, and are now in jail.
—A blow received in a fight February 27 will surely cause the death of William Seney, of Mt. Carmel.
—William Pautsch, of Shoemakersville, has been sued for breach of promise by Miss Mary Heckman, of Pottstown.
—Manufacturers of bottles in Western Pennsylvania are complaining of the great depression in the glass trade.
—Eastern Pennsylvania farmers are selling their wheat. The shipments from the agricultural district are very heavy.
—James Mills, charged with murder, who escaped from the Butler jail, was recaptured in a freight car by the conductor.
—One-armed James Sellers stabbed one-armed Frank Darby in the lung, inflicting a probably fatal wound, at Lancaster.
—N. P. Coleran's general store at Newmans-town, Lebanon county, was robbed of \$300 worth of jewelry and merchandise.
—The father of Robert Taylor, the lawyer who escaped from the Reading jail, has been arrested for harboring the fugitive.
—John Boves, a fifteen-year-old doorboy at the Primrose Colliery fell on the track before a trip of mine cars and cannot live.
—The body of John Gallagher, a Scranton miner, was found near the river, and it is thought he was killed for his money.
—While asleep Monday night, Mrs. Kelley, of Duquesne Heights, rolled over on her six months old baby, crushing it to death.
—Shenandoah, Mahanoy City and Hazleton still want the Legislature to carve a new county for them out of Luzerne and Schuylkill.
—Carson Sterling, of New Holland, has been arrested, charged with causing the death of Miss Naomi F. Rush, by criminal operation.
—Microscans at a Reading social and fair rubbed into the face of many young men and maidens bouquets of flowers full of red pepper.
—Having been fined \$1.50 by the Mayor of Wilkesbarre for the drunkenness, Joe Anheiser, a pensioner has sued him for damages.
—Four year old Johnny Mart, of Cranberry, near Hazleton, drank carbolic acid on a full stomach and yelled till a doctor "bailed him out."
—Dick Cooley, one of the famous Cooley robber gang, was convicted Friday at Uniontown of highway robbery and torturing a prisoner.
—Relatives of the twenty-two victims buried in the great cave-in at Nanticoke in 1885 were non-suited by Judge Woodward, of Wilkesbarre.
—A spark from John Mulliski's lamp ignited a keg of powder at Taylorville Colliery, Saturday night, and the Polandier will die from his burns.
—David Long's little son died of cramp, at Lebanon, after being held under the dripping eaves by schoolmates. It is a sad an investigation will be made.
—Luzerne county's auditors are after the County Commissioners with a sharp stick because an extravagant price was paid for painting the jail and court house.
—Miss Hannah Hummel, of Pottstown, was the first bride in the new Trinity Reformed church, where she was married Wednesday, to Daniel Rhoades, of Pottstown.
—John Sherman, Harry Kelley, John Darrah, John Crawford and Frank Cleary were severely burned by molten iron, which burst from a flask in a Renovo foundry.
—The Pittsburg and Western Railroad route, the Wells-Fargo Express Company has taken to the Ohio River steamboats to reach Ohio points from Pittsburg.
—The thieves who stole Lutheran Church service cards at Zionsville, Lehigh county, are probably church members. If so, they will probably disrupt the congregation.
—Under a law passed in 1870, Allegheny's ex-Mayor, Wyman, can get out of Pittsburg jail three days before the expiration of his three months sentence, good behavior being the only condition.
—Falling with a cigar store counter, on which he had been dancing, young Michael O'Hearn was scalded by a splinter of the counter, at Bethlehem. A doctor stitched the scald back again.

Could Accomplish More by Ploughing in a Less Field.

It is strange what a disposition there is in some people to make themselves sponsors for matters pertaining to the state at large, while they leave local and district concerns, that are equally as important to the public welfare, to be attended to by those who are disposed to do so or to take care of themselves.

For years back the Philadelphia Press has been trying to educate the people of the state, or rather the people who vote the ticket that that paper is always willing to support, to the importance and necessity of electing men to the United States Senate who will do honor to the Commonwealth and upon whom their constituency can rely for representation that would be creditable to the people and the state. In this endeavor it has the sympathy of every Pennsylvanian, who is not the tool of a ring or the creature of a political boss, and is as clearly right in its efforts in this direction as the party which it supports is wrong in keeping in the United States Senate as representatives, two men as unfit, unworthy and useless, as are CAMERON and QUAY.

Conceding the good work the Press is trying to accomplish and the necessity of the change that is needed in the character and capacity of the men who represent this state in the United States Senate, how much more consistent it would seem, and how much more effective of good it might be, if it would commence its reform in this line at home and demand for the city that sustains it and for the districts in which its voice ought to be potential in the selection of representatives, the same measure of efficiency, ability and worth in the law makers it sends to Congress, that it does in those its party in the state sends to the Senate.

We all understand and recognize the incompetency, the utter, shameless inefficiency and worthlessness, as representatives, of the two Republican Senators who have belittled the position and dishonored the state, at Washington, for years.

We recognize the fact also, that there are other representatives at Washington, who have a voice in the formulation of government policies, and power to do and act for the people just as these Senators have—representatives whom the Press has time after time assisted to re-elect, and to keep in congress until their names about the bars and boarding houses of the capital have become as familiar as "household words." And yet who has ever heard of their doing anything in the interest of the public; for the welfare of the people; for the protection of the honor of their state; for the benefit of the city that every two years, on the advice of the Press, sends them back to congress to draw their salaries, hunt for clerkships for ward heelers and vote as some more influential and active Republican dictators.

Philadelphia has four congressmen, for whom the Press is just as responsible as is any other power or individual, and how much better or more influential are either of these as representatives in the House, than is CAMERON or QUAY in the Senate. Some of them began representing that city, and its opposition to Democratic principles, when they were young men, and are in the same capacity to day, grown old and wrinkled in office, and has any one ever heard of them originating a measure, securing a benefit for their constituency or doing anything that would bring honor to their state, or credit to their districts?

They rise to the capacity of signing a pay-roll once a month and securing the appointment of an occasional clerk or messenger, and with this ends their labors, usefulness and influence.

And this is the standard of representative ability that Republican Philadelphia has set up. It is the standard the Press has eulogized and supported, in the interest of the party for which it speaks, for years. It is the standard that party in the state has adopted and admires, and we are at a loss to find either consistency or honesty in the Press's efforts to change it, so far as Senators are concerned and to continue it in the equally important, though less dignified, position of members of the House.

There is a smaller field in which the

Press could sow its reform seed with much brighter prospects of reaping a fair harvest of success, than the one it is now ploughing in.

The Strongest Reason Why He Should Not go Back.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, which seems to be Senator QUAY's special and particular champion, has discovered one reason at least, as it thinks, why he should be re-elected. It is, as that journal puts it, "that he saved the McKinley tariff bill from defeat," by some proposition, the explanation of which is not made clear, that secured its consideration by the Senate and thus insured its becoming a law.

It is always better to have some excuse, though it be a thin one, for supporting an unpopular and underserving candidate, than to have none at all.

But if the passage of the McKinley bill with all its iniquities and oppressions; the increased taxes and the decreased business it has brought; the reduced wages and want of employment it has caused; the tight times and increased number of failures that has followed its enforcement, and the general depression in all kinds of business that is directly traceable to its pernicious principles, are, in addition to all his other sins as a politician and short comings as a representative, to be saddled upon him, we fear the poor fellow will have more to bear, and a rougher row to hoe, in getting back to the Senate than he or his friends imagine.

It is bad enough, the Lord knows, to have a senator without character, ability or disposition to do anything for his constituency; but its a great deal worse to have one, who when he does attempt to accomplish anything, does it in the interest of a policy that robs the many to benefit the few and inflicts such evils upon the people as they have suffered under the operations of the robber tariff of the last Republican congress.

Would Do the Wind Work.

Mr. POWDERLY comes to the front again, and tells the public through a column and a half article in the Scranton Truth, what he would do with the "Reading deal" if he was governor. There is no doubt that Mr. POWDERLY would do a great deal—with his mouth, but what he would effect is quite another matter.

There are plenty of people who are unkind enough to think, that after he had wasted his wind in professions of devotion to constitutional obligations and the interest of the people, he would quietly subside into a subtle tool for Mr. QUAY and the corporations that control him, just as he did in the elections of last fall.

In accomplishing anything for the masses, or the good of the state, Mr. POWDERLY's name, at this writing, is "Dennis."

Against the Women.

Although we have not been especially interested in the women question that is now agitating the Methodist church, we were somewhat surprised to learn that the Central Pennsylvania conference, that held its annual meeting at York, last week, had voted 58 for and 108 against the admission of women as delegates to the general conference, not that Methodist ministers are more progressive or liberal minded than other men, but after the vote, which expressed the sentiment of the church at large stood 71,000 in favor of the admission of women, it was generally supposed that the preachers who have to depend so largely on the "clinging vines" for support would at least favor justice. Unfortunately we have not studied Dr. BUCKLEY's articles on the subject, or we might believe, with the learned divines, that womens' sphere in church work is limited. How ever we can not understand why they want co-operation in the moral and financial department, if they do not need it in the executive. We do not say that women should be eligible to membership in the general conference because they are wiser or even better than men; but because they are different, and this difference needs to be represented.

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This is New York's Democratic Year.

Republicans who are trying to encourage themselves, in consequence of the senseless and unseemly factional fight that has developed between the followers of ex-president CLEVELAND and the admirers of ex-governor HILL, should remember, before counting too much on what New York will do for them, that there are various reasons why that state ought to be, and why it WILL BE Democratic at the next election, notwithstanding the local dissensions among Democrats that are furnishing to the enemy such an amount of satisfaction.

In the first place, if these factional fights between New York's candidates continue, neither of them will be "in it," when the time for nomination comes. And with both of them set aside, there will be no cause for trouble, and these political divisions will disappear.

Then the Democracy of that state have a clear majority of 25,000, which at the last election, through Republican dissatisfaction, was increased to 45,000. This we have to start with, and under any circumstances is an advantage not easily gotten over.

Then for the first time in twenty years, every department of the state government and all of the local patronage is in the hands of the Democracy. Another advantage the full meaning of which republicans will readily understand.

In addition to this condition of affairs is the recorded fact, that at no time since 1864 has New York state cast its electoral votes for the same political party in two successive Presidential elections. In 1864 it went Republican, in 1868 Democratic, in 1872 Republican, in 1876 Democratic, in 1880 Republican, in 1884 Democratic, and in 1888 Republican.

1892 is New York's Democratic year.

The Republican wisecracks who took the people to be idiotic enough to believe them, and insisted that the prosperity that came from abundant crops of grain and fruit last season—was due to the effects of the McKinley bill, could employ their time now explaining why that all-benefiting measure permits the infliction of the miserable weather we are at present experiencing. An explanation of this point, would be about as sensible as the former assertion was truthful.

A Philadelphia Statesman.

Since the death of the lamented RANDALL and of the Hon. WILLIAM D. KELLEY, Philadelphia congressmen seem to amount to so little, that when one of them does the most trivial thing that requires his name to go upon the record, it is heralded broad-cast as though he had accomplished some great purpose. On a half a dozen occasions, since the present congress convened, we have read dispatches from Washington stating that one of the members from that city had introduced a bill appropriating a considerable sum for the improvement of League Island. We have never heard of the appropriation getting any further nor have we seen that the member who introduced it has made any effort to secure its favorable consideration.

On Saturday last an other member from that city, it has five of them although the public is not aware of the fact from anything they do, distinguish himself, or thought he did, by presenting a petition for the passage of an act excluding pauper emigrants. No sooner had the document reached the clerk's desk, than the public was informed of the fact through a twelve line "special," to all the papers that would take it, and from the tone of the telegram and assumed importance of the act, the country was left to believe that pauper labor would be excluded at once, because a Philadelphia congressman had presented a petition to that effect.

Thousands upon thousands of the same kind of petitions have been forwarded from every district of the state to their representatives in the House, who have duly presented them to the clerk in charge of such papers, but none of them thought it important enough to inform the world by special message that he had done so. This was left for a Philadelphia statesman. It is about their size. About the extent of their capacity.

Need A War Tonic.

From the New York Telegram.
This Harrison administration must be at least as sick as poor Mr. Blaine. It is perpetually standing in need of a war tonic to set it on its pins.

He Missed The Royal Road.

From the Louisville Courier Journal.
The author of the book showing "how much harder it is to spend a million than to make it" has evidently never been in Washington while a Republican Congress was in session.

A Sensible View Of It.

From the Evening World.
There will be no Behring Sea war with England. Neither nation concerned will suffer loss of dignity by a peaceful settlement, and to neither one is all the sealskin available worth a drop of soldierly blood.

Has Knocked The Life out of Them.

From the Philadelphia Herald.
The McKinley bill isn't showering benefits on the wage-earners of Allegheny county to any great extent. On Tuesday puddlers, machinists, finishers and other employes is some of the leading iron works in that tariff-blessed section of the State, were notified of a reduction of 10 per cent. in their wages. They knew there was no use to kick and they accepted the cut. There is something pathetic in the fact that the "tariff benefits" have taken the spirit of resistance out of the "protected" workmen, and they meekly resign themselves to their fate.

Ignoring That May Not Work.

From the Montrose Democrat.
The Republicans, in their anxiety to carry Michigan in November, propose to ignore the law compelling the election of Presidential electors by districts instead of by general ticket. As this law has not been successfully challenged and stands on the statute books, it is hard to see how it can be gotten around or over. To ignore will not nullify it, and the electors chosen under it must be counted in the Electoral College. But the Republican bosses are equal to any emergency; to ignore a State statute is a small thing compared to gobbling the Presidency.

Goes Back on Its Own Record to Catch Votes.

From the New York World.
The Republican politicians never hesitate in sacrificing their professed principles for success. In Iowa Mr. Clarkson has been trying to get them to abandon prohibition, and a sufficient number of Republican Senators joined with the Democrats to pass a local option bill, only to have it indefinitely postponed by one majority in the Republican House. In Illinois the Republican State Committee has resolved unanimously in favor of a declaration in the party platform favoring the repeal of the odious school law which its party passed in 1889 and defended in the legislative session of last year. "Principles be hanged—what we want is votes," is their motto.

What a Vacuum It Has Averted.

From the Harrisburg Patriot.
Alger has made his war record public, and a more or less interested people can now breathe more freely. What if he had had no record. Shades of the mighty dead, what a calamity! No more waving of the bloody shirt; no more cries of secession; no more spread eagle speeches; no more bloody chasm; no North and no South; no more yawning about traitorous Northmen marching in the same parade with confederates; no more information about the spirit of rebellion kept alive; no more glorification of Alger; no more "nothin'." What a danger has been averted by the doughty soldier who Custer said should have been dismissed from the service.

An Industry that Don't Materialize.

From the Pittsburg Post.
The Tin Plate Consumers' Association, which numbers more than 250 members, including the packing and canning firms which are the largest consumers of tin plate in the country, some days ago asked its members to report as to the quantities of domestic tin plate bought by them. Thus far replies from 115 have been received, and 100 of these firms say that they have bought no domestic tin plate. Some of them report that they have been unable to find any, and the testimony of the majority is that no attempt to sell domestic tin plate to them has been made. One firm says that it ordered a carload on December 3, but it will now cancel the order because there is no immediate prospect that it will be filled. Fifteen firms report they have bought domestic tin plate to the extent of 665 boxes, but were deterred from more extensive orders by the high price of the domestic article. In comparison with this domestic product of 665 boxes the quantity of tin plate imported annually before the imposition of the higher duty was equal to about 7,000,000 boxes.

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