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There's a Great Day coming. When Democrats will Acido Who'll bear the glorious banner Who'll be the party's pride.

"Tangle foot" fly paper will never be made strong enough to hold time flies.

Seventy cents worth of silver making a hundred cents worth of money seems to be a veritable case of the tail wagging the dog.

Poor MAHER was so badly cut up over his fist encounter that he tried to commit suicide. What a blessing if he had only succeeded.

The National Committee on arts for the World's Fair might begin to look up a piece of real American tin to be exhibited among the curiosities.

CAMERON and QUAY might at least have left some wooden men to fill their chairs in the Senate. But then their absence might not have been noticed.

If the World's Fair is not to show itself on Sunday what will the average female, whose centre of interest is in the Sunday bonnets of her sex, find to do?

The Kaiser seems to have an aggravated attack of swollen head, yet it isn't near large enough to support the gear of sovereignty in the triple role of Emperor, Pope and Jupiter.

The great gold "strike," at Creede, may materially enhance the chances of the silver bill, for there is the best of metal evidence that the rarer metal will fluctuate considerably in value.

SIMSON has taken to bicycling as a substitute for the exercise he formerly got while ploughing, but how in the world can JERRY wear knickerbockers and riding shoes with such an aversion to socks.

The Oil City Blizzard says: "In England they 'stand' for office." It might not be traducing the language to use the same term here if one can judge from the number of stud horse politicians we have.

And now HARRISON is into the Behring sea trouble with both feet. He's very wise for it will take all the seal pelts he can scrape together to thaw him out after the chilling blasts, of next fall, have swept over him.

Young JIM BLAINE is going to try the holy brass bands of matrimony again. This time he has fallen in love with a young Irish girl who will furnish the ducats for the prestige which his father's name has given him.

The Philadelphia Inquirer has actually awakened to a realization of the fact that it won't be able to pull QUAY through unless he stays at home and attends to his business. Perhaps the Press is trying to shake the boss too.

A Philadelphia ship captain has found an Adamless Eden among the South sea Isles. There 522 beautiful dames hold sway and according to the captain's description they, were attired in the most bewitching fashion—a la fig leaf.

BLAINE was sly enough to steal all the glory (?) from the Chilean fiasco, but HARRISON is trying hard to get even now, while the plumed knight is sick, by stirring up a rumpus with England. He will find twisting the lion's tail an entirely different matter from tramping upon a helpless country.

The one subject of discussion in Philadelphia just now is where is the best site for the mint and the monument? If the monument is as far "out of sight" to the Quaker as is the new mint we think they could more profitably spend their time looking up the site of GID. MARSH's present whereabouts.

The cranky traveler, who tries to find out whether the sheets on his hotel bed are damp by placing his watch between them, little thinks that the film, or mist, on the crystal will be there all the same whether the bed be damp or not. How could he expect anything else when the bed—and the watch itself for that matter—has a spring in it.

2 o'clock a. m. (The paternal voice is heard from above:) "Isabel! what is that scraping noise down there?"

Fair Isabel, (as she gropes wildly about in the dark for her lover's hat,) "Oh nothing, father, only Charley striking a match."

Relieved parent (to his wife as he stagers to the bed.) "Thank the Lord there's one of the six gone at last."

The great water tunnel for Chicago has proven a failure and wise acres are busy telling the people why the experiment proved unsuccessful. The supply was not even large enough to properly water the stock "on change" let alone furnishing all that was required for domestic and manufacturing purposes. It appears that the projectors of the scheme did not take into consideration the enormous quantities evaporated by windy places.

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How Protection Protects Them.

Another straw that shows the direction in which the "protection" wind blows, has just been stuck up down at Pottstown. Messrs. COBORN and SAYLOR, proprietors of the extensive, bridge building works at that place, have notified their 500 employees that after the 14th inst. a reduction of ten per cent. on all wages, will be made, and that those who do not wish to stand it must seek employment elsewhere.

This is a very practical illustration of the way protection protects workingmen. With the exception of the bogus "tin-plate industry," there is no class of manufacturers who are more particularly supposed to receive all the benefits a protective policy is intended to guarantee, than those engaged in just such work as the Pottstown bridge company. There is not a beam, a bolt, a nut or a rod, turned out of their mills that is not on the government's list of protected articles, or that any foreign made material, for the same purpose, can come in competition with without first paying a duty of from twenty to sixty per cent.

In the name and in the interest of the workmen of the United States this duty was asked. It was heralded from the stump, through the press and in all manner of political documents, during the entire HARRISON campaign, and it will again be heralded in the same way and in the same interests in the coming campaign, that "protection" is not for the sole benefit of the companies and corporations engaged in mining and manufacturing, but to enable them to employ more labor and to pay it better wages—to give to our workmen better prices than are paid in Europe, and secure them more of the necessities and comforts of life, than their brother-workmen in the old world enjoy.

There is not a Republican workingman who voted for "HARRISON and protection," who did not honestly believe that in doing so, he was voting to secure himself and others steadier work and better wages. There is not one of them who sustained that party in its passages of the McKINLEY bill, but was left under the impression, that its results would be to increase the price of labor, as well as the comforts of life the laborer should have. And there is not one of them now, after three years of HARRISON rule, and a full and fair trial of his "tariff policy," who can point to a single instance in which labor has been benefited by it, or to a solitary case in which wages have been advanced as a consequence of its good results.

As in this Pottstown case, so has it been in every other. As the proprietors pocketed the increased price that protection secured, for the out-poor of their mines or mills, greed grew, and they further attempted to increase their profits by a reduction of the wages paid their employees. It was to fill their pockets and not to enable them to pay more remunerative wages, as they pretended, that protection was wanted. It has been the history of every mine and manufactory whose out-poor is upon the list of protected articles:— Higher prices for our products, lower wages for our workmen!

Are the workmen so blind that they cannot see? Are they so prejudiced that they will not heed? Are they so deaf to every appeal to reason that they will not hear? Do they know of a single instance in which wages have gone up in consequence of the enforcement of the protective policy? Has the demand for labor increased, or the opportunities to earn an honest and decent living enlarged?

The 500 workmen of Pottstown whose families, after Monday next will eat less bread, wear thinner clothes and have fewer of the necessities of life, will know from practical experience, how much protection for labor there is in Republican promises, professions and enactments, just as the workmen in thousands of other places have discovered months ago.

As it is in Pottstown, so is it in every section of the country where labor is employed.—Republican rule secures this certain result:—Less wages or no work.

Fine job work of ever description at the WATCHMAN Office.

Facts Don't Show That Way.

It may be necessary, as some president makers assert, for the Democracy to find its candidate in New York, but really, when one comes to look at it in the light of past elections, there seems to be much more of mere opinion in this position, than basis furnished by facts.

Since 1860, every candidate for president the Democrats have had to vote for, was taken from New York, with the exceptions of General McCLELLAN, who was practically more of a New Yorker, than a Jerseyman, to which State he was credited, and General HANCOCK, who resided and voted in New York although accredited to Pennsylvania.

In these thirty-two years we have been successful once. In seven presidential campaigns, victory has one single time been recorded and enjoyed, under the lead of a New York candidate, and following a policy largely dictated by her politicians.

If past experience is worth profiting by, surely there is nothing in giving to New York the nominee, simply because he is a resident of that State, or represents the political ideas and policy of New York leaders.

Any other State in the Union, conceded the opportunity of furnishing the nominee on every occasion, since the war, would have hit on some one, at some time, who would have carried the banner of Democracy to triumphant success.

Here in Pennsylvania, the worst ring-ruled, rotten and boss-ridden commonwealth in the country, with more money, power and influence against the Democracy, than any other State in the Union possesses, we have carried it five times in twenty years and will do it again in 1892, unless existing conditions and the Republican situation changes materially.

A New York candidate, furnishes no assurance of success to the Democracy. Any good, clean, representative Democrat, let him be a resident of what State he may, on the right platform, will be just as available, as any candidate New York can present.

It is time the Democracy was growing tired of New York domination and New York defeats.

Where Justice Should be Withheld.

Nearly every day of our lives we read accounts of verdant countrymen having been fleeced out of large sums of money, by the so called "green goods" game, and invariably, after they have realized that instead of growing rich in a day that they have been unmercifully skinned, they run to police headquarters with their tales of woe and want the soundreels hunted down.

The latest illustration we have is the case of JAMES W. COOK, a country merchant from Fairfax, S. C., who, on last Monday, went to New York to buy \$5000 worth of counterfeit bills for \$500. When he arrived in Philadelphia he thought to take a peep at his treasure (?) but to his dismay the "green goods" men had wrapped up a brick and placed it in his valise. Cook of course gave his case to the police and expects them to get his money back for him. Should it be done?

No! most emphatically, no! He should have been arrested and tried as an accomplice to counterfeiters. For if his valise had really contained the \$5000 in "queer" money, there is every reason to believe that he would have worked it off as soon as possible and the fact that he had paid \$500 for it is the best evidence as to his intent. If he had realized \$4500 out of the transaction are we to suppose he would have said anything about it to the authorities? We rather think he would have chuckled at his successful little game as his New York friends are probably doing at this very moment.

Mr. COOK is more clearly guilty of a serious crime against our laws than are the fellows who succeeded in duping him, for while they simply lured him on with stories of the fortunes to be derived from "showing like queer," they did not show or try to pass any of it, and more than likely never had any in their possession, though by his investment of \$500 Mr. COOK gave the best evidence as to how he would have used it.

Justice to such persons should only be given in the way of fines and imprisonment.

Went Off Half Cockeyed.

As a result of the hearing in the railroad combine case, had before Attorney General HENSEL, on Thursday of last week, that gentleman will prepare a bill in equity and submit the question of the constitutionality of the "deal," to the courts for a decision.

This action will meet the hearty approval of every citizen of the Commonwealth, whose interests are in seeing that every provision of the constitution is properly enforced, there can be no doubt, but what the Republican papers, that have been howling themselves hoarse because the Democratic State administration, would not make of itself a judicial tribunal and determine without facts, that the Reading railroad deal was unconstitutional, will do now, is a matter about which there is no little curiosity.

Whether these same journals, that have been so certain that they knew all about constitutional law and constitutional requirements, will be as free with their advice, and as voluble in their explanations to the Court, to which the case will be taken, as they were to the Governor and his Attorney General, remains to be seen. As long as this transaction was a question in the hands of the Democratic administration, there was no doubt, in the minds of these Republican constitutional expounders, of the illegality of the combine and the enormity of the wrong the consolidation would effect.

Now that a Republican court may have to determine the matter, and as there is no certainty that its decision will be in accord with the views and statements, that have been furnished the people through the Republican press, more for political than any other purpose, we look for considerable silence where there was formerly so much noise, and for but little information from papers and papers that seemed bursting with a pregnancy of opinions, which they attempted to unload upon a gullible public as facts.

By the time this question is finally and judicially settled, some people will possibly discover that the gun that goes off at "half-cock," generally does more damage to its owner, than to the game it is intended to bring down.

Their Weather Eye Upon Politics.

The eastern Republican papers are terribly exercised over the fear of the passage of the free silver bill and are heaping upon the Democrats in Congress any amount of denunciation, for fixing a day for its consideration. In the list of congressmen who voted with the free silver men to set apart three days of the present session for the consideration of the BLAINE bill, we do not find the name of a single Democratic representative from Pennsylvania, while the Republicans of the State furnish them with three votes, DALZELL, RIFE and STONE. When this party that in the east, declares free silver to be a fraud, and in the west unites to force it upon the country, succeeds in getting their own representatives, as a body, to vote against this proposed legislation, it will be time enough for them to howl about the course of the Democratic majority in congress.

The trouble with the Republicans, is not the fear that the passage of a free coinage act would debase the currency of the country or jeopardize or embarrass its business industries. Their fears are that if such a measure should pass both houses of congress, that the president's veto, which is known would be given it, would ruin their chances of carrying the western states that are for free coinage, in the presidential contest.

It is not the interests of the country they are looking after; it is the interest of Mr. HARRISON and the Republican party that most concerns them.

There is a queer consistency in some people's political positions. While DALZELL, the anti QUAY Republican candidate for United States Senator is in Washington voting for "free silver and a debased coinage," as his opponents of this measure put it, his backers here in Pennsylvania, are abusing the Democracy like thieves for voting just as he is doing. If the Democracy deserve defeat because of their action on the coinage question why should Mr. DALZELL be elected after supporting this same measure?

He's the Fellow We Want.

From the Atchison (Kan.) Patriot, A few of the Democratic politicians who think that they make and unmake making quite a noise, but when the people meet by their delegates, at Chicago in June, they will kick aside all the schemes and nominate a candidate that the people can and will elect.

A Hint to Harrison.

From the Detroit Free Press. President Harrison ought to invite the New Jersey potter to dine with him off that imported china bearing the legend: "E Pluribus Unum!" As members of the class for whose benefit the heavy duty is imposed on French China they would undoubtedly enjoy a meal of the foreign product in the company of the man to whom they look for the carrying out of the policy which is intended to keep it out of the country.

Two Vacant Chairs in the Senate.

From the Danville Intelligencer. The lone fisherman, Matt Quay, still spends his leisure hours fishing for tarpon in the Florida waters. This is a snap that a good many of his constituents would like to fall into, loading with hook and line and be paid from \$3 to \$10 a day. The time was when a man was elected United States Senator from did perform some service to the State, but those days have passed. Neither Cameron nor Quay are in their seats half, or a third of their time.

It Wasn't the Law He Was After but the Profits of the Law.

From the Stubenville (O.) Gazette. Had John Wanamaker tested the McKinley law before the Supreme Court what would the result have been? It made \$2,000,000 out of a case of this sort. He went to court with a claim that he had been over-charged tariff on ribbons. He had sold the ribbons and collected the tariff from his customers. Then he won his suit, and again collected the tariff from the government. John knows how to catch the coon goin' and comin' if any body does.

The Difference.

From the National Democrat. We invite the attention of the Republicans who think the negro is frightfully maltreated in the South to the fact that an Iowa court, a few days ago, decided that the keeper of a restaurant might refuse to serve a colored man, as a restaurant was not technically a public house, while the Memphis Appeal Avalanche a few months ago published this significant paragraph: "All the leading cities of Mississippi are competing for the site of the Mary Holmes' Colored Girls' Seminary. A citizens' meeting was held in Natchez yesterday to present the advantages of that place as a suitable location."

Time Works Wonders.

From the Bedford Gazette. In the Fifty-first Congress that little cocksparrow, John Dalzell, was Boss Quay's chief agent in the conspiracy to steal of Democratic seats in the House of Representatives to give the Republicans a working majority." Last week Mr. Dalzell made an impassioned speech, protesting against the "outrage" of unseating a Republican who wasn't elected. While the debate was in progress the presiding officer of the house was Mr. Pendleton, of West Virginia, one of the victims of the Quay-Dalzell plot of the Fifty-first Congress. Another strange feature of the present situation is that Dalzell is now the leader in the movement to drive Quay out of the Senate.

Work to Win.

From the N. Y. World. The object of the Democratic party's existence is to secure Democratic policies in government and legislation. The immediate aim of the party is to work certain Democratic reforms which are pressing needed in the interests of the people.

If these ends are to be accomplished within the next four years the Democratic party must win in this year's election. It can win easily if there is union of effort and unflinching loyalty on the part of all Democrats. It is the imperative duty of all Democrats to insist upon such union of effort and to cultivate such loyalty.

Pending the selection of candidates there are wide differences of opinion and wide diversities of desire among Democrats. But there is no difference of opinion as to the essential principles of Democracy, and there must in no case be any lukewarmness of desire for the party's success.

It is important for each Democrat to remember while trying to direct the preliminary work of the party in the channel he prefers that the dominant purpose before which all subordinate considerations must give way is to elect a Democratic president and a Democratic congress, so that Democratic reform may be wrought and Democratic policies be restored. The party must win in this year's elections.

If you want printing of any description the WATCHMAN office is the place to have it done.

Spawns from the Keystone.

- Freshest are reported all over the state. -Wilkesbarre is projecting a home for girls and aged women. -Forty Fort (Luzerne county) public schools are closed by mumps. -The study of music has been introduced into Reading schools. -Nearly 100 hogs were burned to death in a railroad wreck at Altoona. -Wilkesbarre has 119 newly-licensed retail saloons; revenue, \$74,600. -A robber hiding in a Pittsburg cellar betrayed himself by sneezing. -Berks county residents are being showered with green goods circulars. -In the vicinity of Pottstown \$700 has been collected for the Russian sufferers. -Reading real estate speculators have bought up 115 building lots in that city. -A young girl read a paper on farming to grizzled grangers at Robesonia recently. -Receiver Collins, of the embarrassed bank at Muncy, says the depositors will be paid in full. -The expense of running the Berks county prison was \$17,000 more than the income last year. -Dullness of trade has compelled a reduction of wages at the Mellert Pipe Foundry at Reading. -Forty-two thousand trout fry were distributed in the streams around Lock Haven Tuesday. -The Reading Press Club will raise funds by hiring a hall and getting out a newspaper on its stage. -There are 500 members of the sect known as "River Brethren" in Lebanon and Dauphin counties. -At the Merriam Colliery, Mount Carmel, a coal gas explosion burned Michael Colgan and August Wohler. -Governor Pattison has appointed Henry M. Boles, of Scranton, a member of the State Board of Charities. -Tanamqua firemen have presented a couple of goats, typical of book bear, to the Friendship boys at Reading. -An electric railway connecting Reading and Lebanon, covering a distance of twenty-eight miles, will be built. -Berks county has issued 216 free licenses to wounded soldiers to peddle their own wares; partners not permissible. -Media, Chester, South Chester and Eddystone are all to be connected with an electric railway in the near future. -For alleged elopement from Williamsport with Lena Mills, aged 16, Gottfried Kraft, married, was arrested at Scranton. -Michael Kall, who conducted a Hungarian bank at Greensburg, missing, with about \$10,000 of his depositors money. -During a quarrel at a dance in Salem township, Westmoreland county, on Friday, Oliver P. Smith stabbed Joseph Miller. -Con Dougherty and another laborer were killed by a boiler explosion at the oil well of Greenlee & Frost, near McDonald. -The 8-year-old daughter of Lewis Blue, bell, of Frenchville, was burned to death Sunday. Her clothing had ignited from a stove. -Banker Kall, of Mount Pleasant, whose disappearance caused alarm among depositors, was only absent on business and has returned. -The Democratic State Convention will be held at Harrisburg, on April 13 next; the Republican Convention at the same place April 20. -Seven elderly motherless children are left orphans by a fall of coal, killing Miner William Murdock, of the Empire shaft, Wilkesbarre. -Under the general municipal act of 1889, Reading Councils will create a Bureau of Water and Lighting. It will be composed of three commissioners. -Presidents McLeod and Roberts, of the Reading and "Penny" roads, will be invited together to the Board of Trade banquet in Reading on April 29. -John Stewart, an itinerant artist, was found drowned in the Muncy Creek, near Williamsport, on Friday. He probably walked overboard accidentally. -Governor Pattison has received a petition signed by 23,000 persons from Pottsville, stating that the coal deal will be of benefit to the people in Schuylkill county. -Louis H. James, the well-known Dopletown attorney, has been missing from his home since Friday week, and no information can be obtained as to his whereabouts. -Harry D. Welsh and Samuel Crawford, conductor and brakeman of the Pennsylvania Railroad shifting crew, were convicted at Lancaster Tuesday of robbing freight trains. -A freight train wreck occurred on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Coatesville on Monday night. Sixteen freight cars were wrecked and David Mowery, a brakeman, was badly hurt. -Drugged whisky was administered by the servant. It is charged, to the little son of Mrs. Mary Coyle, of Pittsburg, and the doctors say the child's reason has been permanently injured. -Mrs. David X. Morgan, of Plymouth, incensed at her husband for drunkenness, committed suicide last evening by taking a ham-mock and hanging herself to the door of her bedroom. -The residence of Hess W. Christie, ex-Register and Recorder of Butler county, and a well-known oil man of Butler Place, was sold by Sheriff Brown to John Berg, the banker, for \$27,000. -A bullet, the course of which was almost spent, crashed through a Leepscot Trinity Church window, whizzing by Pastor Leimbach's head and fell practically harmless on a deacon's cranium. -A donation of \$3000 has been made to Haverford College for the purpose of establishing a memorial fund to the late J. Wistar Brown, president of the Board of Managers. The gift comes from his family. -While Albert Stroberker, was walking along the Schuylkill Valley road, near Locustwood, Montgomery county, he was attacked by tramps, and stabbed several times. But for his timely discovery he would have died from exhaustion. -Ferdinand Buehler, a typhoid fever patient at the St. Francis' hospital, Pittsburg, while suffering from delirium, jumped from a third-story window of the institution and sustained injuries which were followed almost instantly by death. -The Southern Building and Loan Association, of Tennessee, has been given leave to open an office in Philadelphia. The Mecklin Brothers' Chemical Company, of Philadelphia, has amended its name to "Manufacturing," instead of "Chemical."