

Ink Slings.

-Poor Silver Bill is about dead.
-If time is money how ruthlessly some people waste it.
-Sofar the returns fail to show that DALZELL "is in it."

-These bright spring days make leap year girls more active than ever:
-How sick the free wool measure will make poor Masj. MCKINLEY.
-One of the features of the Baker ballot lot is the impossibility of sticking stickers.

-Tammany's dumping ground has at last assumed the proportions of a HILL.
-How nice it would be if some one would only start a presidential boom for uncle JERRY RUSK.
-The result of the CASCADEN trial is a disgrace to Philadelphia and a travesty on justice.

-Monopolistic trusts are almost as disastrous to small concerns as the trusts which is synonymous with "tick."
-Now JAY GOULD's daughter is being bored with a crazy lover. My, oh my, how nice it is to be unrich.
-Wonder if there would be enough of our navy left to bring REID home, if JOHN BULL should turn his fleet loose on it.

-It is scarcely probable that the next Republican platform will "point with pride," to the result of the MCKINLEY tariff bill.
-The truthfulness of DAVE HILL's "I am a Democrat" will be seen when he is given a chance to support the party's candidate.
-The Philadelphia "incorrigibles" are still incorrigible and the Huntingdone Reformatory management is as saintly as ever.

-HARRISON and QUAY each had a hatchet in their pockets, at the Monday's meeting. They both escaped with their heads however.
-Scandal noising papers are as much to be despised as the wagging tongue of a woman who finds naught to talk about but the misfortunes of her sisters.
-CLAUS SPRECKLES has at last succumbed to the pressure of the sugar trust and the wise thing to do now is to have your sweet tooth pulled.

-There are lots of candidates who would like to have an office, but their booms will never be heard until they fall in line after the campaign is over.
-CLEVELAND stock is ascending so rapidly that the fellows who were professedly for him a few days ago are now much excited lest he should come in first.
-HARRISON has tried every pretext, imaginable to get up a war, but all to no avail. He might undertake to free "ould Ireland," while he is going for England.

-FERD WARD will soon be released from Sing Sing, but as there is another indictment waiting for him it isn't at all improbable that he will get to "warble twice" again.
-If, as the Press declares, QUAY is to die a political death where will a coffin large enough to hold the remains and character both, be found. Surely the Democracy will have no opposition to his demise.
-Buffalo councilmen are looking into Philadelphia's modus operandi-Chicago has the best example's now. The Windy city aldermen have double discounted their Quaker brethren in tapping the public tills.

-SEVENS and MITCHELL have returned from their trip around the world on their bicycles. We hope QUAY and CAMERON won't hear of the good time they had or they might think wheeling would be good for them.
-While a large number of voters in Pennsylvania think they belong to the Republican party, the company they keep and the result of their efforts generally show them to be the property of one MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY.
-A good resolution, even if it lasts but a day, is better than none at all. Let Republicans who have so often resolved to do right, and couldn't keep their resolutions more than twenty-four hours, wait until election morning before resolving again.
-Centre county bosses were somewhat befuddled, on Tuesday. When DANIEL telegraphs one course and writes another, to be pursued, surely he can't blame his followers for not enacting both. Verily some of them did pretty near break themselves in twain.
-Some New York legislators are trying to pass a measure prohibiting women from making public exhibition by playing base ball, and finding it no good they limited the bill to apply to red headed females only. We suppose it won't be long until DAVE HILL's cronies will be trying to drive white horses off the road.

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A Tax and a Most Iniquitous one at That.

The tariff is "not a tax," shouts the protectionists, and then points to the fact that iron has decreased in price, since the MCKINLEY bill went into operation. True it is that some kinds of iron have decreased, but it is also true that some kinds of iron have no higher protection than they had under the act for which that bill was a substitute.

But it is neither the protection that it now has, nor the want of a higher protection that some demand, that has caused the slump in the iron market. It is the over production of an article, for which the depressed condition of the country prevents a demand. An over supply, and a want of consumers. Too many furnaces and too few other enterprises that make a market for their product.

So far as the present condition of the iron business goes, it proves nothing in favor of a tariff, nor does it disprove that a "tariff is a tax." Other protected articles, for which there is a demand, show, to the blindest bigot, that a tariff is a tax, and a very direct and oppressive one at that.

Only last week a New York importer received a shipment of dress goods which were billed to him at \$2,631. When it reached the Custom House in New York, a duty, or tariff of \$2,621.05 was added, making the total cost \$5,252.05. To this when he sells, he will add his profit of 20 per cent. making the goods cost the merchant who brings them to Bellefonte or elsewhere, \$6,302.56. To this sum, not to the original cost of the goods, the merchant will add his 20 per cent. and by the time the workingman and others, who must have them to cloth their wives and children, gets them, they pay \$7,563.67 for a lot of goods that originally cost but, \$2,631.

Now if there had been no duty, or tariff, or tax for importing, to pay on these goods and the importer had added his twenty per cent. to their original cost, and the merchant his twenty per cent to the amount they cost him, the total value of the merchandise would be but \$3,683.40.

This is what the consumer who purchases to use, could have these goods for if there had been no tariff upon them.
The duty was but \$2,621.05, but the importer adds his twenty per cent, not only to the original cost of the goods but to the duty he pays as well, and then the merchant adds his twenty per cent. to the total amount they cost him. So that a tariff is a tax not only to the extent of the duty imposed, but also to the per cent of profit on that duty, that every dealer adds, if it is a dozen or more, until it reaches the consumer, who pays it all.

A Chance to Win a United States Senator.
To us it looks as if the Democrats of the State were losing an opportunity that may not be afforded them in many, many years again. It is the opportunity of electing a Democratic United States Senator.
With the divisions there are in the Republican ranks; the disposition among the respectable and independent voters of that party to defeat QUAY and rebuke QUAYISM; the growing sentiment that Pennsylvania should have different representation in the United States Senate, from that which has belittled and disgraced it for years, and the factional fights that have broken out in nearly every legislative district in the state, as the result of this senatorial question, what is to hinder the Democrats carrying the next House of representatives, by a majority sufficient to make the election of a reputable Democrat a certainty.

To be sure, it would take, the most thorough and systematic organization; it would take the united efforts of all our leaders and workers; it would require the harmonizing of fends, and the designation of a candidate who would inspire confidence, and devote his time and energies to the work of success. Could these not be accomplished? Is the chance of winning not worth the effort? Is there no man in the state who could take the lead in this and make a hopeful fight?

It can be done. Let the effort be made.
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Would It be Good Policy?

If the public sentiment keeps running as it has been doing, and instructions to delegates continue to be given, the HILL delegates will be an exceedingly lonely lot of people at the next state convention in Harrisburg.

So far, over two-thirds of the counties in the state have selected their delegates, and of the number but two, those of Potter county, have been instructed for the New York senator. Butler has named HILL delegates, but did it under the guise of instructions for PATTISON, and Blair's county committee named HILL men, but instructed them for CLEVELAND, while its county convention elected CLEVELAND adherents and instructed them for the president. Clearfield's delegation it is said will furnish five votes for HILL and one for CLEVELAND, and our own county is classed as furnishing two HILL and three CLEVELAND adherents. Outside of these we have heard or know of no other HILL representatives, excepting a possible ten of Philadelphia's eighty-five delegates.

The state convention is composed of 463 delegates. Conceding that of those to be elected yet, senator HILL will have about the same ratio, that he has of those already chosen, his entire strength in the convention will be in the neighborhood of forty votes, or less than one tenth of the whole.

Whether the delegation to Chicago, will be made up in the same proportion, or whether it will be instructed to vote as a unit, no one at this time knows.
There is one thing however that our people should consider very carefully before going to far, and that is the policy of tying the vote of the state irrevocably to a candidate, whom it might be apparent at Chicago, could not unite the party or secure the support that would assure success. Pennsylvania's sixty-four votes may determine the party nominee. Tied up by instructions, would compel the vote to be cast for Mr. CLEVELAND, even if it was apparent that the most positive and overwhelming defeat would be the result.

Would it not be the better policy to express the overwhelming sentiment of the state, by instructing the eight delegates who will represent the state-at-large, to vote as a unit for Mr. CLEVELAND, and while selecting CLEVELAND district delegates, who would be honestly and earnestly for him if it seems at all probable that the unfortunate differences in New York, can be reconciled and his election made certain, allow them the opportunity of casting their votes for another, in case there was no hope of his ultimate success.

If it is a Democratic president we want, after the November election, much more than we want the personal success of any favorite candidate, in June. And while this paper would go as far as any one in the state, to make [Mr. CLEVELAND, the next president, it would not hazard the success of the party, by forcing him upon the ticket, unless it could be demonstrated, that there was at least a possible chance of harmonizing the party in his interests, and of recording a victory in November.

Should Be Returned.
If the Democrats of Lycoming are wise and the tax-payers of that county care for their interests, they will return to Harrisburg, as one of their representatives, during the next session, Mr. C. B. SEELY of the Jersey Shore Herald. Mr. SEELY served in the last house and was known and recognized as one of the most attentive and hard working members of that body. In every way he could serve his constituents, he did so, and there was nothing that Lycoming interests demanded that did not receive his earnest and untiring support. He has had the experience of one session and that is much to one who takes an interest in legislation as did Mr. SEELY. It enables him to do for his people what a new and inexperienced person would know nothing about, and if the people of that county want to be represented as they deserve to be, they will not think of making one-term members of those who served them as well and faithfully as CHARLEY SEELY did.

A Mistaken Idea.
The Bellefonte WATCHMAN is afraid the Patriot is injuring, or at least not helping the Democratic party by printing some of the truth about the existing state administration -Harrisburg Patriot.
The WATCHMAN is afraid of nothing of the kind. The proclivities and purposes of the Patriot are too well known and understood, to imagine for a moment that its course, conduct or charges, could hurt the party in the least. It has made unceasing and bitter warfare upon the Democratic state administration, since the day it came into power, and as a result in every county in the state that has held a Democratic convention, that administration has been endorsed in the strongest and most unequivocal terms. This does not look as if there was any reason to fear its power to hurt.

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The Democracy Should Win.

Really if things don't take a change pretty soon there will be every reason to expect a Democratic victory in Pennsylvania next fall. A party can't stand the constant depletion of its ranks without feeling its effects, and since the last presidential election there has been a gradual reduction of the Republican vote of the state, just as there has been an increase in the inmates of its jails and penitentiaries, and its representation in Canada and elsewhere.

BARDSLEY, a contributor to the last Republican presidential campaign fund and a leading light in that party, is in the Penitentiary. He will have no opportunity of assisting HARRISON next fall.

MARSH, whose Keystone bank furnished JOHN WANAMAKER with the boodle, that QUAY used to buy boss McLAUGHLIN's crowd of beauties in Brooklyn, is hiding in the mosquito infested, lizzard lined, swamps of Central America and will be powerless to aid them at the coming election.

LIVASY, who used the state's money for the benefit of the Republican party, and carried its banner at the head of the procession while filling his own pockets, is a fugitive in Canada, and his services will be lost to that organization hereafter.

The Mayor of Allegheny and the Republican market clerk of the same city, who spent their time robbing the people and hurrahing for "Harrison and protection," are in jail and wont be out in time to vote or assist, their old friends in November.

DREAMATER, who that party tried to make governor of the state, and who came nearer getting the office than he did to paying his debts or proving himself honest, has gone to the Pacific coast, and will be of no use to Mr. QUAY or his party in the campaign for HARRISON's election.

And so it is all around; a general depletion of the Republican ranks, and a gradual filling up of the penitentiaries, jails and places of refuge for uncaught scoundrels.

What is to hinder the Democracy winning under the circumstances?

Deserve It.
It would rejoice us as much to see Rhode Island go Democratic, as it would the most expectant member of the party in that state. For the sake of the party at large and the good of the country, we would also like to see a majority of its Legislature and Senate Democratic, in order that a Democratic United States Senator might be chosen in place of ALDRICH, the Republican, who retires. We expect to rejoice over the election of a Democratic governor, but if the fight for United States Senate fails, it will simply be a deserving defeat for the party carelessness that would allow the ignorance or negligence of a clerk, to deprive it of six representatives. There is no excuse in the first place, for electing such a clerk, and after he is elected, there is no possible excuse for the party, that neglects its duty in the matter, which is to see that its clerks do theirs.

If the Democrats of Rhode Island fail to elect their Senator, it will be their own and not the fault of the Republicans.

Relief for the Foreigner.
From the New York World.
The jug-handle reciprocity treaty with Nicaragua affords an example of how these modern conventions untax foreigners, while our own people go on paying tribute.

When this treaty goes into effect the United States Government will have made an agreement by which Nicaraguans may import untaxed horses and cattle from this country whilst it will tax our own farmers \$30 a head on horses and \$10 a head on cattle. It will make agricultural and garden seeds free to the favored foreigners and will tax its own people 20 per cent. It will provide free coal for the foreigners, while it will exact 75 cent a ton from the citizen.

The Nicaraguan will have free wool and lumber, while the citizen of the United States will pay a tax of 10 per cent. to \$3.50 a thousand feet. The one will have free and the other will be obliged to pay a tax on his fence wire of from 45 to more than 100 per cent. The Nicaraguans will have untaxed machinery; the people of the United States must continue to pay a bounty to the producers of ore and to the makers of pig and bar iron, on the lumber, on the rivets and nails and finally on the finished product.

"Gall."

From the Somerset Democrat.
The Republican silver law grinds out and turns into circulation paper representatives of 70 cent silver dollars equal in yearly issue to the value of the entire silver product of the country. And yet the organs of that party have the gall to picture the President who signed this act as standing up as the bulwark of "honest money."

Political Proverbs.

From the Detroit Free Press.
Usually the best candidates is them that don't want to run for offices.
A fight might rebuke the flesh and feathers of the American Eagle some.
Patriotism as a business ain't the thing we are lukin' fer.
Politicks that pays dividends is the most popular.
Partizan patriotism ought to be muzzled.

The Fat is Fried from the other Felloes.

From the Wilkesbarre Leader.
The poor Republicans are afraid the Democrats are going to flood Rhode Island with boodle. Little Rhody is almost exclusively a manufacturing State. The heads of its great mills will yield more fat, for "protection's" sake, in one year, than all the rest of her people could raise for any general purpose in two. Fear of Democratic boodle there is very, very funny.

Because they wont "Recipros," we Pay.

From the Philadelphia Record.
If Russia should levy a duty of 2 cents a pound on the cargoes of food which have been donated by this country to the victims of famine it would scarcely be a more irrational proceeding than the move to punish Venezuela by taxing every American family that buys her coffee. As coffee is the poor man's drink, and a coffee house a citadel of practical temperance reform, it is easy to see how far the party of morality and free breakfast tables makes its practice conform to its theories.

Must Look to the Poor Laws for Protection.

From the Philadelphia Herald.
A tariff problem has been presented for solution in Clearfield county. In consequence of a shut-down at the Bloomington mines some six or seven hundred people are in want of food. They have had no work for a month, and the situation is becoming serious. The overseers of the poor of Lawrence township have been appealed to, but as these people have not been regularly put on the township, the overseers hesitate about giving them relief. The tariff having failed to save them from starvation, should the poor laws step in and supply the deficiency of the McKinley act?

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Spawls from the Keystone.

-Reading is agitating in favor of a 60 foot boulevard.
-Auditors have figured out the debt of Mechanicsburg to be \$16,000.
-Pottstown's opera house will be remodeled and improved this spring.
-Two Sohnstown boys went to jail for two days for throwing snow balls.
-York young women have formed a Maiden Club for Leap Year purposes.
-State Sanitary Convention at Erie, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
-The Grand Jury has practically indicted Harrisburg for lack of a morgue.
-Berks county has over \$23,000 in its treasury, but owes more than \$55,000.
-Miner James McGuire was fatally impaled on an iron drill at Port Carbon.
-A limb of a tree he was falling killed Elmer Baker, age 18, near Carlisle.
-Haleton boasts of a 15-year-old burglar and watch thief--Willie Shaffer.
-Lebanon's School Board Friday night adopted the free text-book plan.
-Painton, the York county murderer, says he wishes that his day of doom was at hand.
-First Defenders will hold a reunion and organize permanently at Reading on April 18.
-Reading Councils have refused to tax all business men in the city for municipal purposes.
-It is likely that the case against District Attorney McCurdy, at Greensburg, will be dismissed.
-With over 8000 tons of pig iron in stacks, North Lebanon Furnace No. 1, has gone out of blast.
-Malignant scarlet fever has killed or prostrated many children at Congo, Berks County.
-Andrew Carnegie has offered to give the borough of Homestead a public library worth \$100,000.
-Nicholas Betz, aged 80, was killed and had both legs cut off by the Reading pay car at Tamaqua.
-Thomas Larensburg was run over and killed on the Lehigh Valley Road at Easton Tuesday night.
-Judge McPherson has decided that it is proper for Insurance Commissioner Luper to collect fees.
-Crazed by sickness, Mrs. Jonathan Lurch, an aged woman of Red Lion, York County hanged herself.
-Lumber and rivermen above Williamsport are anxiously awaiting the breaking up and rafting flood.
-Too tired to work in this busy world, John Katik rested with a suicide's bullet in his body at Shamokin.
-Mrs. Wm. Vance, a colored woman, of Kennett Square, Friday celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary.
-A fourth M. E. church has just been organized in Reading with 61 members and Rev. W. H. Ferguson as pastor.
-John Shomaker went crazy during a revival at York and walked the streets in his stockings by night.
-Tower City is organizing to prevent a spread of the supposed small-pox that has broken out near there.
-A stray bullet crushed through her kitchen window and narrowly missed killing Mrs. Levi Klieck, at Reading.
-Professor J. W. Knappenberger, of Mercersburg, has been elected president of the Allentown Female College.
-Allentown high school girls made sponge cake for the boys on the day of their graduation as cultivated cooks.
-A naked lamp exploded in Springdale Colliery Mahanoy City, injuring Miners John Smith and John Zulinski.
-Milkmen claim that they don't average a profit of \$2 a day each for peddling their product to Reading customers.
-A burglar on a roof awoke Miss Minnie Reinohl at Lebanon, and Minnie's father shot his old gun till the burglar fled.
-Arbitrators are to try the \$5000 breach of promise case of Miss Laura Schroiner, of Tamaqua, against Simon Lowerstein.
-The Standard Machine Company of Philadelphia, to manufacture knitting machines on \$25,000 capital, was chartered Friday.
-Marguerite Carey, who a year ago eloped from Scranton with Edward Carey, now seeks divorce and suspects her husband of bigamy.
-Wilkesbarre justice has put its heel upon "indecent exposure" by fining James Burch, a printer of Hyde Park, \$10 for appearing in tight.
-J. Milton Hershey's clothes were burned from his body while he was trying to extinguish a fire in his herb bitters factory at Lancaster.
-Berks County auditors have compelled Reading prison inspectors to pay out of their own pockets for cigars charged up to the county.
-Elopement has left Frank Molinski without a wife, a watch or \$38 at Hickory Swamp, and John Giergielke thinks himself so much the richer.
-The first legal battle in the Polish Church war at Reading rests in victory for the defense. Mrs. Mary Dalmagolski was acquitted of perjury.
-Burglars showed the bad taste to steal 18 gallons of new whisky from Hake's Cumberland County Distillery, and leave a lot of good old rye untouched.
-Warden Smith of Reading is left in place by the Court, through other prison inspectors are warned not to seek elevation at their own official hands.
-Three of a gang of six burglars, who have been bagging lots of booty, were captured at Mahanoy City. They were James and Michael Scanlon and Grant Nichle.
-Henry W. Myers and Charles Wepper were arrested at Reading for conspiring by forgery to defraud David Yessner out of \$1850 by drawing up a judgement note purporting to bear his signature.
-The frightened horse of Levi Landis, of North Lebanon township, Lebanon County, plunged over a precipice 20 feet high into a mill dam and was killed, but Lanik escaped but little injured.
-Leonard Stover, of Bethlehem, has just heard from William, his brother, who went to the gold fields 42 years ago and was supposed to be dead, but has turned up at Flint, Mich., worth over \$70,000.
-"Tickets" gruffly called a Jersey Central conductor to a passenger looking from the window across the Lehigh River. "Tickets! Come, now, I haven't any time to wait for you!" The passenger proved to be H. Stanley Goodwin, who runs the road.