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Spawls from the Keystone.

Altoona has been flooded with counterfeit money. There are 125,000,000 feet of logs in the Williamsport boom. Wednesday General Gregg became a resident of Harrisburg. Eastern business men are endeavoring to organize a Board of Trade. Tower City is to have a new hosiery mill that will employ a hundred hands. The First Reformed Church of Lebanon will celebrate its centennial on June 5. George Huber, a Pennsylvania Railroad track-walker, was killed at Harrisburg on Sunday. Sanitary experts are unable to explain the cause of typhoid fever at Chester's Military Academy. Mrs. John Petticofer, of Womelsdorf, has a priceless heirloom in the shape of a 300-year old tea set. The Kutztown State Normal School has 700 students and the buildings are crowded as never before. In a free fight at Wernersville, Berks county, Samuel Schaeffer lost his nose. It was bitten off. Berks county farmers will plant an increased acreage of potatoes, even if they can't get much for them. Adjutant General Greenland has issued an order disbanding Company G. of the Thirtieth Regiment. A young man calling himself George Stewart has been passing forged checks for small amounts on Reading grocers. Alexander Matthews, of Lancaster, is missing, and his father-in-law accuses him of forging his name to five notes. Forest fires at Klappertal Park endangered the Neversink Mountain House and it was only saved after a hard fight. Eight men of Bethlehem have together subscribed nearly \$200,000 to a company which will purchase manganese mines in Cuba. Eddie Dunkle, the fifteen-year-old runaway of Reading, has returned home. Amos Dean, his companion, left him at Memphis. The pall-bearers at the funeral of a little Hungarian girl, at South Bethlehem, carried lighted candles to the church and cemetery. Drillers boring the two artesian wells at the Pennsylvania Agricultural Works, York have already penetrated 75 feet of solid rock. The fifth annual convention of the Harrisburg district of the Young Men's Christian Association closed on Sunday, at Gettysburg. By a landslide Mrs. Thomas Curtin was crushed to death at Yatesville while picking coal. Several others narrowly escaped the same fate. Charged with kidnaping 14-year-old May Hendrickson, a preacher's daughter, whom he married, Harry E. Robinson, of Bedford, was sent to jail. The mangled remains of Samuel Foltz, an assistant foreman of the Pennsylvania Railroad, were found scattered along the track near Conowingo. The First Defenders' Memorial Association, with the object of erecting a monument to the Ringgold Light Artillery, has been formed in Reading. Through the efforts of Rabbi Max Lupen, of Philadelphia, the warring Hebrew congregations in South Bethlehem have settled their differences and united. The committee of Lancaster's City Councils appointed to build a new city water reservoir has instructed the Mayor to effect a loan of \$150,000 for that purpose. The First Presbyterian Church of Houshtonville, although but little more than three years old, has 204 members, 36 of whom were received during the past year. A stranger, supposed to have been Richard Smith, a printer, of Washington, D. C., was yesterday run over by a train at Christiana, Lancaster county on Monday. B. G. Kinsloe, of the Lock Haven Republican, celebrated his seventy-second birthday last week. Seventy-two, and yet he is as bright as one less than half that age. Elijah Bull, of West Nantmeal, Chester county, is dead. He had been a Justice of the Peace for forty-five years, receiving his first commission from Governor Shunk. George H. Ives, one of the projectors of the State fair for colored people to be held at Harrisburg, says that every town of 1000 people in every county in Pennsylvania will make exhibits. The Allentown Shirt Company is at present engaged in making a large quantity of white shirts for the United States Government for distribution among the soldiers of the regular army. John Keith, a colored resident of Hollidaysburg, called John Bentley a rebel and qualified it with a very impolite adjective. Bentley flattened a bullet against Keith's head and then went to jail. Michael Toole, of Fayette county, committed suicide by drowning, on Monday. Toole's wife was killed on the railroad at Braddock two years ago. He worried over this and family matters, and was almost demented. Sethro Martin, a former resident of Washington county, has been arrested at Martinsburg, Mo., for the murder of his father, Rev. Thos. Martin, last January. His attorneys will enter a plea of insanity at the trial. A farmer of Chester is much puzzled over the fact that every day he picks up fifty eggs from his henry and there are only forty-nine hens and a rooster. Either the rooster lays eggs or some one of the hens lays two eggs. In making a division of the liquor license money, which amounts so far to \$9,276,849.1, kill county will receive \$16,095; the boroughs and township, \$67,980; the State, \$14,330. Shenandoah leads the list with over \$10,000 and Pottsville \$7,000. Elmer Bruner, the murderer of Farmer Reese, was sentenced by Judge Parker, at Ebersburg, last week, to be hanged by the neck until dead. His motion for a new trial was refused. The prisoner showed no signs of weakening when the sentence was pronounced. Alfred J. Patterson, who died at his residence in Millintown lately, was the Democratic candidate for Congress in that district in 1881 and for the Judgeship of Perry and Juniata last fall. The New Bloomfield Advertiser says: "It is believed the travel and torment of that contest told on a constitution never so robust and hastened the complication of diseases which ended his life. A wedding in Franklin township, Chester county, was the last chapter of a peculiar romance. George T. Dance was to have been married just a year ago to Miss Armstrong, daughter of James Armstrong. She contracted consumption and soon died, but on her death-bed she secured a promise from her lover that he would marry her sister Florence. That promise was kept on Wednesday last.

The Highest Republican Ticket.

From the St. Louis Republic. Under the Republican tariff system the average taxes on the woolen clothing of the people are higher than the average taxes on any other class of articles whatever. The following table showing this to be the fact is from the eighth page of the introduction to the Treasury report on imports, issued by the Harrison administration for 1891:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Average Ad Valorem Rate Collected Per Cent.

As it stands, this is an ugly showing for Republicanism, for it demonstrates that Republicanism taxes the flannel shirt of the worker higher than it does the champagnes, the fine brandies, the silks, the diamonds, the pictures, the statuary, the bric-a-brac of the protected millionaire. But it is only part of the truth. It does not show the full extent of the Republican tax on the people's clothing. It shows only such taxes as yield revenue—not such as entirely prohibit imports.

The McKinley bill differs from any other tariff bill ever passed in this country in that it openly adopted this principle of prohibitive taxation and applied it as a means of cutting down the revenues of the Government by shutting out certain articles altogether. The rule of the McKinley bill is to put the lowest taxes on articles used only by people of means; the highest taxes on articles of clothing and everything else in common use. Hence the tax on woolen clothing averages over seven times as much as that on rubies, sapphires, emeralds and other precious stones, and it is 30 per cent. higher than the tax on silks.

Working Another Job.

From the Philadelphia Record. A little bit of a job has cropped up in the Senate under the pretext of promoting the culture of the silk worm in the United States. A bill has been introduced to authorize the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture to establish five experimental stations in different regions of the country for raising silk worms, and to appropriate for each station the sum of \$5000. There is also to be a Superintendent of Silk Culture, to be attached to the Agricultural Department, with a salary of \$2000. Each station is to be provided with an overseer, who is to see to the culture of the silk worms.

This proposition does not threaten to involve the Government in anything like the expenditure which the morbus multicaulis mania cost many individuals a generation ago. But instead of erecting these stations and fastening another Bureau of the Circumlocution Office upon the taxpayers of this country, a few Chinese women could tell Secretary Rusk all about raising silk worms at very little cost to the Government. Travelers give interesting accounts of the tender methods of the Chinese women in nourishing the silk cocoons without the help of Government experimental stations. Instead of cultivating silk worms, the prudent purpose of this job is to rear, at public expense, a few more choice specimens of the genius of crustaceans known to natural and political history as Tito Barnacles.

The Evangelization of Dudley.

From the Indianapolis Sentinel. Some of the newspapers of the country think it the "climax of impudence" that W. W. Dudley should have made an address at the laying of the corner-stone of the new Episcopal church in Richmond. Why so? Mr. Dudley has been "vindicated" and the Judge who vindicated him has been rewarded. The President who rewarded the Judge will be renominated by the Republican party and all religious people will be asked to vote for him because he is a truly pious man. Mr. Dudley is the corner-stone of the Republican edifice of morality. The chief trouble with Mr. Dudley's religion is that he has "not been working at it," and we are gratified to see him attending to church duties.

Deserving Defeat.

From the Pittsburg Post. The Republicans, under the leadership of ex-Speaker Reed, broke a quorum of the house on Saturday, by refusing to vote, and repeated the performance yesterday. These are the patriots who waxed furious last session over filibustering of this sort. But with their large majority, if the Democrats cannot keep a quorum in the house for business they richly merit all the annoyance the ex-czar can invent for their edification.

Mrs. Christopher Columbus.

From the Arkansas Traveler. Who ever thinks of Mrs. Christopher Columbus? Yet to her the great discoverer was indebted for encouragement. She was a Miss Palestrello, of Lisbon, the well-educated, brilliant daughter of a navigator with whom she made hazardous voyages, and who gave her as a dowry a valuable collection of charts, maps and important memoranda made during his voyages.

Pulling Wool.

The hardest job to accomplish that our Republican friends have undertaken for some time is to pull the wool over the eyes of the people on the question of the benefits of free wool. To do this seems an almost impossible work, but the organs of that party stick to it, as if the life of that organization depended upon the wool question alone, and the hopes of Republicanism were as closely allied to the sheep as is the tick that sticks to the year round.

The great trouble with them is that the facts prove just the reverse of their statements. In place of free wool destroying the industry of sheep-raising, the census shows that during the only time there was no tariff on wool—from the organization of the government to 1824—that there were more sheep raised in this country, in proportion to the population, than there has been at any time since.

Another stubborn truth that they will not or cannot explain is, that in "free trade" England, where there is not a penny of protection offered to wool growers, and where land commands the highest price, more sheep are raised in proportion to the population, than in this country with its high protection and millions of acres of cheap lands.

Another is, the acknowledged fact that since the duty on wool was increased by the McKinley bill that the price of domestic wool has decreased and the farmer or sheep grower has been and is to-day, getting less for his wool than he did before the provisions of that bill went into effect.

These are three positive, admitted, and undeniable facts that stand in the way of the wool pulling business, on the part of Republican politicians, and will stop it completely until they can explain, why under seventy years of protection the sheep raising industry has never prospered as it did, when it had no protection; and why under the highest protection it ever had, domestic wool commands a less price than when it had less protection?

Doing As He Pleases.

Just as those who best know him thought he would, General Gregg is already kicking over the Republican traces and refuses to trot in political harness under the crack of Mr. QUAY'S whip. It is said that to the surprise and dismay of the ring, he purposes making his own appointments and has gone so far as to choose a chief clerk, promote a relative, and to knock JOHN GLENN'S influence all into smithereens, by turning him out of the position of corporation clerk.

Certainly General DAVID McMURTRIE GREGG has mistaken the purposes for which he was elected. It wasn't to do things right in the Auditor General's office, as he seems inclined to think it was, but to do the bidding of, and be of service to Mr. QUAY and his ring. Really, if he don't waken up to the actual situation soon and quit making such mistakes, as putting QUAY'S friends out and men whom he thinks he can trust, into the position he has to give, he'll be denounced by his own party as a political traitor. It was not the State or the people he was elected to serve, it was QUAY and his ring. Evidently he don't understand the situation.

A Republican Prediction.

Evidently Senator WASHBURN, of Minnesota, has had a vision of the future. He sees the hand-writing on the wall, and warns his party of the danger ahead in the following manner: "We are in a dangerous position. There is no enthusiasm anywhere for HARRISON, but on the contrary there is a generally prevailing impression and opinion that his nomination means defeat, provided the Democrats take advantage of their opportunity and nominate a strong man. The people have decided in many elections that they want a new president, every four years. That mandate has all the power of a constitutional provision, and a failure to recognize it is likely to bring down the people's judgment in a way to enforce their decision.

With CLARKSON and QUAY and FORAKER, and DUDLEY, and PLATT, and WASHBURN, all openly against him; with the tens of thousands of hungry republicans, for whom places could not be made, rallying around their standards, and with the weight of the McKinley bill pressing him down, WASHBURN correctly sees defeat in the nomination of HARRISON, and has the courage to say so.

Running Away From the Issues.

It is quite evident from the fact that committees of colored men have lately been calling upon President HARRISON, in order that opportunities may be afforded him to air his opinions as to the condition and rights of the colored people, that a systematic effort is to be made again, to bring the race question into prominence in the coming campaign, and to use the darky and the sympathy that is supposed to exist for him, for all it is worth, for the benefit of the Republican party.

We refer to this matter not that we fear the result in November, but as a pointer showing how hopeless Republican success must appear, to those who have the management of the affairs of that organization in their hands, if the contest is made upon the issues now most prominently before the public.

There is no closing of eyes to the fact, that the leaders of the Republican party well know that not an intelligent vote is made for the candidates of that organization, by an appeal to the people on the question of the condition of the negro in the South. It is equally well known that the race question, if left alone, will settle itself much better and in a much shorter time than if political prejudices are aroused and political lines drawn in that section of the country in which the colored vote is the most numerous. And it is also an admitted fact, proven in every instance in which this question has been brought to the front, that the more in it is agitated and used in political campaigns, the worse it is for the negro and the farther apart the two races get.

So that in attempting to make the colored citizen—his condition and prospects—a question in the presidential election, the Republicans are not doing it as a matter of benefit to the negro of the country, or in the hope of securing the support of the intelligent voters, but as a blind to attract the attention of the unthinking thousands from the real question at issue.

This movement is an admission that the record of the Republican party—its force bill, its Czar REED, its billion dollar congress and its McKinley tariff legislation—is not such as will command the support and secure the endorsement of the people. It is an acknowledgment, that the intelligent presentation of questions effecting the welfare of the masses, is to be abandoned in the coming campaign, and that the prejudices, sympathies and sentiments of the voter is to be relied upon, for whatever strength the Republican party may show.

It is, in fact, "showing the white feather" on the tariff question and an attempt to hide the wrongs and the rotten record of the Republican party behind the black skin of the Southern negro.

Would be Deeply Interested.

The Pittsburg Times is exhibiting a sample voting booth to show, to the curious workings of the new election law. If its proprietor, Mr. CHRIS. MAOER, would give his audiences an occasional illustration of the methods used in obtaining the needed results, by false counting, to which his party resorts at nearly every election, and with the minutiae of which he is perfectly familiar it would add an interest to his show that would throw some other parts of it far in the shade.

A Double Teat.

The McKinley bill turns out to be a kind of a double ended teat for the favored few, for whose benefit it was passed, to feed from. We have shown time and again that the biggest monopolies and fattest manufacturers were the parties whose pockets protection filled to overflowing, by increasing the price of everything they had to sell. It makes millionaires of men like CARNEGIE and then on the adornments that only these favored few can purchase it reduces the protection principle to the lowest point and gives them every advantage to make their purchases at the lowest possible price.

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The rich men buy diamonds and McKinley and his Republican tariff bill only taxes them 11 per cent. Thus, while Mr. CARNEGIE and others who are the special wards of the government, are secured in charging just what ever figure their greediness may demand, for the manufactured articles they furnish the people, they are also allowed the privilege of purchasing their diamonds and other costly ornaments in a market, that is only protected by an eleven per cent. duty.

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It Wont Effect the Result.

There is trouble within the circle of the Republican organization. A deep soul-harassing, liver-paralyzing trouble. One that boodle, false counting, official patronage or fraudulent returns wont reach, and it is causing a heart-ache that is distressing and a despondency that is demoralizing, among the leaders of the party. It is the fact, that North Dakota Republicans, have practically disfranchised themselves at the coming election by failing to provide by law for the election of presidential electors. The result will be a loss to the Republican candidate of three electoral votes, which under certain contingencies might be necessary to secure his success.

The fact that the legislature of that State had neglected to provide for the election of electors was not discovered until last week, and as there is no way by which a legal election can be arranged for, appearances indicate that North Dakota's vote for president will not "be in it," next fall, and the three votes certain that Mr. HARRISON counted on from that State, will not be there to be counted when the time comes.

The fact that the people of Dakota have practically disfranchised themselves is not a matter that any good citizen will rejoice over, although the fault lies at their own doors. Had they elected men as representatives, to put the machinery of their State in working order, who had a wider knowledge of the necessities of a new commonwealth than the narrow-minded, bigoted, Republican crowd they selected had, their political situation would not be what it is to-day.

It is to the fact that the voters care more for politicians than statesmen; more for partisan than public interest, that legislators who would overlook this more important matter were elected, and if the situation does not other good, it may, to a certain extent, teach the Republicans, of that part of the country, a lesson that will hereafter induce them to choose, as representatives, men who are fit for the place and who know what the needs of their State require.

In the meantime we want to encourage our Republican friends, who are so much cast down in consequence of this matter, by assuring them that it won't make a particle of difference in the result whether North Dakota votes or not.

The country will be Democratic next fall and the next president will be a Democrat, even if they had a half dozen North Dakotas to add to the few States there is a prospect of them carrying.

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Ink Slings.

The man who catches the largest fish is not necessarily the biggest liar.

It is only the lawyer who can rejoice over a multitude of trials in this life.

Col. TOM OCHILTREE has the gout and you can all look out for some big stories now.

If nature had never brought forth cloves woman would be a far less suspecting creature.

"BLAINE IS not a candidate." It might be quite a propos to say the same of DAVID B. HILL.

Some farmers are far more interested in building roads to wealth than in paving their way to glory.

Sizzled tripe is away below par up at Greensburg just now. A Jewish synagogue burned down last week.

Allegheny's election, under the Baker ballot law, was another excellent exposition of its cumbersome working.

The Ways and Means committee certainly had sweet work on Wednesday. They were considering the free sugar bill.

Don't get excited, dear people, QUAY and CAMERON are both back in Washington. But they haven't registered as yet.

When Maine instructs its delegates for HARRISON, it leaves the BLAINE boom very much in the condition of a bursted balloon.

Gov. GRAY will no doubt have it in for the organ grinder who plays "the picture that is turned toward the wall" within his hearing.

An exchange remarks that there are 8000 stitches in a pair of hand sewn boots, but it forgot to make the product for Chicago an exception.

If the building committee of the World's fair would exclude wooden statuary, poor HARRISON wouldn't dare show himself on the grounds.

They tell us that HARRISON is strong with his party, but from the way many of the Republican conventions have turned away from him, it must be the kind of strength a raw onion gives to a fellow's breath.

The Harrisburg Patriot says: "free silver coinage has not the right ring" and we will thump the nail right on the head by saying that, as a Democratic journal, the Patriot is troubled with the same complaint.

The limbs of the trees, ballet dancers, etc., hampered the working of the Philadelphia firemen, at the Central Theatre conflagration, on Wednesday night. 'Tis strange that such a complexity of limbs should have had a demoralizing effect on the firemen.

We never had a very high opinion of New England Republicans, and from the price paid for Republican votes in Bangor, on Tuesday, we rated them higher than they do themselves. 50cts was the ruling price all day.

Young BURROWS came nearer shooting "Modoc" Fox in the head when he blew a hole through his coat tails than he promised before the affair of honor came off. The only mistake was that BURROWS forgot where Fox's brains are evidently located.

Generally the chap who talks loud about being bossed, is the one who has some one's collar tightest about his neck. With most of such people it is not so much a matter of following the bell sheep as it is which particular member of the flock shall carry it.

A Cambridgeport benedict shot himself and his bride, on Monday, because she discovered that he had a cork leg. It is evident that she had not pulled it for ice cream; as the average sweetheart would have known of it long before their marriage.

A Cambria county cow gave birth to a calf which has two perfect tails and six legs. The mother bovine must have wanted her offspring to be a little "flier" than common calves and it is plainly evident, also, that she intended there should be "no flies on it."

The only thing that was wanting at the laying of the corner stone of the GRANT monument, in New York, on Wednesday, was a speech from DUDLEY. He has his hand in now and it is a shame that he was slighted, for "blocks of five" might help the monument fund amazingly.

Whether the Chinese exclusion act holds good until '95 or not, it is time it should be reconsidered, or something done to prevent the influx of undesirable foreigners which now threatens this country. It is a question whether Chinamen who never intend to become citizens can do the country as much injury as do the "seams," of other countries, whose sole object in attaining the right of free speech is to excite citizens to anarchy and revolt. No, if the felons, of every foreign prison, are to be admitted, the offensive Chinese should not be excluded.