

—REED birds are even beginning to chirp.

—If time is money, how recklessly the festive bum spends it.

—A man need not be a CROESUS to sport creases in his trousers.

—What will Boston do if Pigeon English is relegated to the dusty precincts of obsolescence.

—WILLIAM MULDOON might make a good Secretary of War if he trains JIM into the White house.

—Two Philadelphia jurors who were not in the box have placed Quaker city justice in a terrible box.

—Life insurance rates, for missionaries, have taken a jump since HARRISON signed the Chinese exclusion act.

—The Chinamen are to be excluded but that won't, in any way, affect the number of pig tails in Chicago.

—If HARRISON'S organs keep on, poor COLUMBUS won't have had anything to do with the discovery of America at all.

—Newspaper people can usually keep up with the style in pocketbooks, if in nothing else, because there is hardly ever any change in them.

—The Philadelphia Inquirer thinks that Philadelphia need several more bridges across the Schuylkill. They will be bridges of size indeed.

—"Gathering in the sheaves," is the popular White house hymn and home comes REID, SMITH, PORTER and all the rest. BENNY is getting desperate.

—Wall paper has always been a put up job and it looks very much as though the Trust which is to control that commodity has partaken of the same nature.

—If some Pennsylvania legislator desires to immortalize himself let him introduce a bill, at the next session providing for a whipping post in every county.

—Apropos of son Russell's unsolicited \$5,000 worth of Yellowstone Park stock we might recount: "Some people are born honorable. Others have honor thrust upon them."

—MR. RUDYARD KIPLING will confer a favor on us if he withholds an expression of his opinion of Chicago until after the fair. We are anxious that Gt. Britain be represented.

—Italy's treasury has a deficit of 70,000 lire and the King is in desperate straits. He can get all the liars he wants if he runs a press gang crew up some of our fishing streams.

—Even INGALLS, the scape goat, the besmircher of the memory of our heroic dead and the man whose foul tongue became even too foul for his confers, in Republicanism, has been taken into the fold and will go to Minneapolis.

—Congress may be diddleing away a good bit of valuable time, as the Republican organs of the country claim, but as yet they have not given much evidence that they intend to diddle away a billion of dollars, as their predecessors did.

—The German carp with which California streams have been stocked have driven out all the other fish as well as the aquatic birds. The result is they are starving and threaten an attack upon the wine cellars and beer vats of the coast.

—If girls were half as sharp as they ought to be, the fellows whose names don't begin with one of the first letters of the alphabet would never be in it. Mrs. A. or Mrs. B. will invariably head a list of "distinguished people" while Mrs. M. or Mrs. P. will have to go away down below.

—WILLIAM will soon have to "whistle or sing" or make up with his Grandma and Bismark. France will not be slow to take advantage of his being at the knots with two such potentates, for she knows also of the crippled condition of the Triple Alliance due to Italy's dirth of liars.

—Ill health will probably be the cause of Senator STANFORD'S resigning his seat in the upper house of Congress, and if he concludes to die in private life he will have immortalized himself in the eyes of an all suffering people. The Lord deliver us from the expenses of another HEARST funeral.

—MR. WANAMAKER had better be a little careful, in his discrimination against the newspapers containing advertisements of games of chance, lest some untutored county post master throws out the organs containing booms for the administration. With HARRISON it is fast becoming a game of chance.

—The Presbyterian church will undoubtedly have to retrench. HATTIE ADAMS says she has always honored the rituals of that denomination, but since Dr. PARKHURST lead her astray she has concluded to do without sanctimony. HATTIE'S little shop is closed for repairs, since the leap frog party, and the great divine's crusade against immorality still goes on.

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Robbing Peter to Pay Paul.

Another of the glorious benefits that accrue from a high protective tariff is heralded in the announcement, by the Republican press, of New York, that "WILLIAM H. EDWARDS, one of the best known tin manufacturers of Cardiff, Wales, is on his way to the United States to conclude arrangements for the establishment of a tin coating and finishing mill in this country."

The Republicans hail this bit of intelligence with unwonted delight, because of the complete failure of their infants, which have been sucking from the McKINLEY tariff bottle, ever since the protective measure passed, to make a showing in their product. The burning of that gigantic (?) tin mill, at Philadelphia, in which the enormous (?) sum of \$8000 was invested, and which posed as the leading American plant has brought the question before the people in its truest aspect, and to forestall the injuries, which such an exposure of the business will surely bring to the party which has fostered it at the expense of the American consumer, they circulate the report that an English tin manufacturer is on his way to raise the factory, phoenix like, and save the one booming (?) industry of our land.

For the last ten months an exorbitant tariff tax has compelled us to pay an advanced price of one and two-tenths cents a pound for tin, simply because a few infant plants, which, until within the last few weeks had failed to make their hiding places known, need the succor which the iniquitous McKINLEY measure gives them. Mr. PORTER, in his census of manufactures, is unable to say anything of them. The importation of tin is steadily on the increase and every day we are paying more into the fund to support phantom industries. According to the act this thing is to go on until October 1st 1897. Then, if there has not been enough produced, in any one of the intervening years, to aggregate one-third of the importation for that year the President is to remove the additional duty. Meanwhile English manufacturers are to come over and operate little 6x10 plants and enrich themselves, through the tariff, as thousands of iron magnates and other monopolists are doing.

Republican papers are jubilant because Mr. EDWARDS employed 800 men in his mills at Cardiff. But he has not signified his intention of employing as many in his talked of Philadelphia plant. How desperately they clutch at the straw which is to employ a few hundred men while the employer grows fat off our sixty million.

Since the bill, now before Congress, proposes the reduction of the duty to one cent per pound, after October 1st, 1892, originated the tin industry of the United States has begun to be heard from, yet but nineteen firms have been reported on the Treasury records. Together they represent a capital of about \$100,000, yet Republican statesmen deemed it expedient to make us pay an extra duty aggregating \$10,170,000, since July 1st, 1891, the time the McKINLEY bill went into effect, so that nineteen monopolist might get rich.

If Mr. EDWARDS does locate here it will only be for the purpose of washing the black sheets which will still be imported from the English mills. For keen (?) Republican foresight reduced the duty on black sheets, one-tenth of a cent per pound, at the same time that it advanced the duty on tin. Thus Great Britain retains her manufacturing lead of the black sheet, the most important part of the tin industry, while the United States is taxed beyond all bounds of reason to support the dipping process which employs but few and unskilled laborers.

The report of the State Board of Charities in the matter of the Huntingdon Reformatory investigation vindicates the management of the institution and scores Senator OSBORNE, the prosecutor in the case. It was shown that OSBORNE wanted favors from the managers, which they declined to accord, and the accusation was the consequence. It is not improbable that the Senator had in view the betterment of his political fences, also the coming contest for re-election, and the fact that his attempt to "smirch a public institution, to promote his selfish personal interests was futile will not cause much regret throughout the State.

High Time to Call a Halt.

Perhaps no president of a grand and free people ever found himself in a position similar to that occupied by Mr. HARRISON when he was called upon to sign the Chinese exclusion act. The West demanded his signature to the discriminating immigration measure, and standing, as he does, at the doors of a convention in which he will need every delegate he can get, he had not the courage to exercise his power of veto. Mr. HARRISON'S act was at once obligatory and cowardly. The former, because of his desire to cater to the western interests, of which he is by no means certain, and the latter because of China's entire inability to retaliate.

It is not the intention of the WATCHMAN to approve of an influx of Chinamen with a consequent disaster to American labor, but if the immigration question is to be touched at all why does not one party or the other step boldly forth and stop the awful tide of pauper foreigners, anarchists, nihilists and convicts, which is flooding our shores.

The trans-Atlantic steamboat companies are doing more injury to the country by their foreign advertisements of "Cheap Transportation to America, the Land Flowing with Milk and Honey" than all the Chinamen who would come over could do. And the exclusion bill sets forth the following clause, about the inoffensive Mongolians: "They cannot live in this country without affecting it in a serious manner" yet its framer is every day reading of the serious affects which the influx of hordes of Hungarians, Italians, Russian Jews and representatives of other like nationalities is having.

Our country is affected and the situation is becoming alarming, but have we not a statesman who has the courage to lead the conflict against the force which is destroying everything that is American?

The following extract from an exchange gives only an idea of the awfulness of the situation: "The 'clannishness' of some of the gentlemen from across the seas—not Mongolians—is fairly well illustrated, by the fact that in sections of Illinois, Wisconsin and other western states an effectual boycott has been put upon the English language. It is not allowed in the schools which the children attend, and a great foreign community is growing up in the heart of the country. Nor is that the worst. This anomalous condition of affairs is justified and approved by Pennsylvania newspapers which defend the exclusion of Mongolians on account of their 'clannishness.'"

—The man who started the SHERMAN boom must have forgotten that FORAKER and McKINLEY are both from Ohio.

—MR. KIPLING, the brilliant young Englishman, has lost much of his luster through his ignorant attacks upon the New York municipal government. The London Times has been teeming with articles in which he vents his spleen upon the great American metropolis, and while we are fully aware of the many frauds perpetrated upon the people of New York, by political tricksters who have its government in hand, we would nevertheless suggest the propriety of his studying the old saw that "people who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. If New York streets do resemble the approaches of a Kaffir kraal" they are bustling with a business which, in a very short time, will crowd London clear out of the commercial world and if her police management is "bad" it nevertheless surpasses that of any other city in the world for dispatch in detection of crime. Inspector BYRNES just took two days to catch "JACK the Slasher" at his awful work while the London police have been twice as many years in their fruitless search for "JACK the Ripper."

—CHRIS MAGEE denies the statement that he has become reconciled to QUAY. But then denials do not always deny and a favorite plan of criminals is to plead an alibi. If the personal interests of the two bosses are subserved, by coming together, they are about certain to shake hands, kiss and make up.

—Fine job work of ever description at the WATCHMAN Office.

Has Congress Gone Clear Mad.

It is to be hoped that the Democratic majority of the House will reflect before passing the River and Harbor bill now under consideration. The public is not ready for a bill which appropriates nearly fifty million dollars for the improvement of the water ways of the country. Even though about half the amount is made contingent on future wants. The farmers want ample and cheap transportation for their grain, and the consumers of the farm products would like to buy in a cheap market. But there is entirely too much uncertainty as to the effect of this enormous appropriation to make it a popular measure.

Congress should make such provision for internal improvements as will subserve the general good. But in making appropriations, even with this object in view, the strictest economy should be observed. We don't believe in cheese-paring too closely. We are not in favor of crippling commerce or embarrassing trade for the sole purpose of building up a reputation for frugality. But we are in favor of limping appropriations to the actual needs of the people and in this vast majority of the citizens are in accord with us. The people are taxed to death by the McKINLEY bill and it is neither wise nor desirable that burdens should be put on the present generation to meet contingencies which may and we hope will arise in remote periods in the future.

This is a growing country, but there is no use in forcing it like vegetables are forced out of season. We can get along fairly well without strawberries in January and we can waddle through life for a few years yet without a ship canal such as is proposed in the River and Harbor bill. In first there are no reasons in sight why such a water way will be needed for years to come, and it is time enough to go to the undertaker when death has invaded the household. Let the Democratic majority, therefore set down real hard on the present River and Harbor bill. It's altogether to expensive a luxury.

No Cause for Excitement.

There is no use in going into spasms over the aspect of the Reading deal as some of the New York and one or two of the Pennsylvania papers are doing. These journals seem to think that the Governor or the Attorney General, or both of them, have been derelict in reference to the matter. The facts do not justify such a conclusion. The Governor and the Attorney General are all right and if it is ascertained, by judicial inquiry, that the Constitution has been violated that instrument, sacred to every Democrat, will be fully vindicated.

As soon after the disclosure of the Reading deal as was consistent with so grave a matter, the Attorney proceeded, by bill in equity, to discover the facts. There was no occasion for quo warranto proceedings for the reason that even if the deal was obnoxious to the organic law, it was already consummated and the drastic measure would have been useless. There were very distinguished lawyers ready to hazard their reputation on the opinion that the deal was not in violation of the Constitution, and the only safe and sure way to get a judicial opinion was the way adopted.

The investigation will now proceed in a regular and orderly manner and when the result is ascertained the decision of the court will be carried out promptly and vigorously. If the able Judge before whom the issue is brought decides that the Constitution is violated in letter or spirit the offending corporations will be enjoined. If on the other hand, as the corporations interested contend, the fact is demonstrated that the lines which are leased, consolidated or absorbed are not parallel and competing the deal will be undisturbed and a legitimate transaction will escape unnecessary annoyance and harassing litigation. The Governor and the Attorney General are capable of taking care of the Constitution and the law and they intend to do it without fear or favor.

—MAYBE BLAINE will be a candidate after all. He attended the races and the circumspectly munched peanuts to prove that his digestion is equal to that of the elephant.

Not Our View of it.

From the Pittsburg Post. President Harrison is getting cold comfort for signing the Chinese exclusion law. Thus one of his critics says:

When a senator, Mr. Harrison spoke and voted on the Chinese question like a civilized man. As a candidate for the presidency, he had to repudiate the most honorable part of his record. As candidate for re-nomination, he has to put his name to a law which is in flagrant violation of a treaty, which was properly described by an excited Methodist yesterday as "an outrage on civilization," and which, moreover, will subject hundreds of Americans in China to the gravest perils.

But for all that the people will generally approve the President making the exclusion bill a law by his signature. If the truth must out the religious bodies are more concerned about their missionary efforts in China than the welfare of millions of American workmen.

Let It Wave O'er Land and Sea.

From the Look Haven Democrat. A bill has passed the House that has for its object the restoration of the American flag to its old time prominence in the carrying trade on the ocean. Its purpose is to grant American registers to ships built in Europe but owned by American capitalists. The folly of Republican navigation regulations refused American registration to any ships but those built in this country, and as their tariff policy made ship building more expensive in this country than in England and Scotland, American capital invested in ships went to Europe for what it wanted. The consequence was that vessels owned in this country were prevented from sailing under the American flag. The bill has passed the House and will probably pass the Senate, and is a step toward making the American flag again conspicuous on the ocean.

We Might Have a Lodge in Some Vast Wilderness Yet.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch. A valuable point is being bought by the Wellsboro Gazette, which says that a law passed in 1870 provides that any person liable to road tax who plants on the line of the public highway any fruit, shade or forest trees shall be credited on his road taxes at the rate of one dollar for every four trees so set out. The possibility that this might result in a total disappearance of road taxes does not interfere with the recommendation that this provision shall be noted in the next Arbor Day proclamation. Road taxes as now applied do little good anyhow, and the departure indicated might inaugurate a new system of solid and shaded highways.

Sweet Work All the Same.

From the Phila. Record. If the defenders of tariff spoliation in the Senate will not give the country free wool or free cotton ties, let the House send to them the bill to put refined sugar on the free list. Several of the tariff organs have expressed a wish for the repeal of the sugar duty, on the ground that the principal members of the Sugar Trust are "Democrats." But Democrats or no Democrats, the duty on refined sugar should be repealed with unnecessary delay. It would be a pity if the Senate should be deprived of the opportunity of aiding in the repeal of the sugar duty, if it cannot be persuaded to contribute in any other respect to the work of Tariff Reform.

A Voice from New England.

From the Boston Democrat. We are not of those who believe that the only man who can lead the Democratic party to victory is Mr. Cleveland, though in him we have firm confidence. He is a safe man and in all things proven worthy of the support of his party, but he may not be the next Presidential candidate. There are a few doubtful signs, but only a few. Senator Hill is an impossibility. Gov. Russell may yet be the man, and without his seeking. President Harrison will be renominated under a handicap.

Bad Ones for Grover.

From the Atlanta Constitution. The Democratic South, to which a Democratic victory means a great deal more than the opportunity to secure a few offices, has called a halt. We know now, and the country will soon know, that Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia will send anti-Cleveland delegates to Chicago. The same conditions that exist in these States are vital in the other Southern States, and the result, as we believe, will be anti-Cleveland delegations.

He has had Enough Advertising.

From the Easton Argus. The victim of the duelling Milbank is a person whose identity can only be conjectured but Milbank stands prominently forth in newspaper notoriety as the aristocratic bully, euphonicly called the "defender of honor." Talk of his escapades is growing tiresome and newspaperdom would be committing a pardonable offence if it would expunge the varied colorings of his doings from the press.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Young men of Bethlehem for med a mus-tache club.

—A directory canvass gives the population of Reading as 70,911.

—Harrisburg appropriated \$7000 to furnish free text books to pupils.

—Lieutenant Governor Watres has taken his Sunday school class to Carlisle.

—F. B. Hotaling, a Syracuse drummer, put a bullet through his head at Corry.

—Gov. Pattison pardoned Joseph Rielly, of Pottsville, and Frank Schoff, of Clearfield.

—Sixteen year old Carrie Greth of Reading, recently killed six big snakes with a club.

—Edward Kannan, of Shenandoah, took an overdose of digitalis and died in great agony.

—It is proposed to experiment running street cars in Williamsport with gasoline motors.

—An electric car at Lebanon struck and seriously injured the 3-year old child of Ellsworth Furman.

—A fall of top rock at Shenandoah City Colliery Tuesday morning fatally crushed Robert De Lowery.

—Jacob Hoffman was attacked in the road by a dog supposed to be mad at Earville, Berks county.

—Allentown Sunday had its whole water supply cut off for five hours, while the works were repaired.

—The Pennsylvania Bolt and Nut Works, at Lebanon, resumed operations Friday, after a long shut down.

—A charter was granted to the Lewisstown and Bellefonte Electric Railway Company. Capital \$400,000.

—Reading's Boulevard along the Schuylkill as now planned is four and a half miles long and will cost \$50,000.

—Alexander Shareco's wife eloped with John Noble, her star boarder, at Shenandoah, taking \$1300 with her.

—Robert Christie, D. D., will succeed Dr. McClelland in the Western Theological Seminary, at Pittsburg.

—Three year old Annie Fish, of Soranton, was run over by an electric car Monday and horribly mangled.

—Nancy Christy, a Harrisburg colored woman, celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary on Wednesday.

—The Murraysville church fight has been ended by Rev. William Steele accepting a call to a New York church.

—Silas Farrady, once a well-kno wa pugilist, fell through a railroad bridge at Schuylkill Haven and was killed.

—A failure of the supply of natural gas resulted in a shut-down at the Upper Carnegie Mills, Pittsburg, Monday.

—The Grand Castle of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, began its annual sessions at Chambersburg, Tuesday.

—An 8 year old son of Eli Martin, of Lancaster, was run over and killed by an electric car at that place Monday night.

—Joseph Rakoski, who was terribly beaten by two companions in Shenandoah a few days ago, is now insane as a result.

—The infant child of Levine Bodder, of South Bethlehem, was fatally burned by carbolic acid it found in the cupboard.

—A concert was held in Bethlehem Sunday night for the benefit of the sufferers of the Central Theatre fire in Philadelphia.

—Murderer Keok, confined in the Allentown jail, is not permitted to eat with a knife or fork, owing to his suicidal threats.

—Suit has been brought at Wilkesbarre against Samuel Bailey, who is 101 years old, for wages alleged to be due a farm hand.

—Seventy stolen chickens were found on the premises of Edward Smith and Frank Miller, who were arrested near Lebanon.

—Sent on a trifling errand April 25, Kate White, a 17-year-old girl of Lampeter, Lancaster county, has not since been heard of.

—The city of Easton has raised \$20,000 towards a \$40,000 endowment for Lafayette College. James W. Long contributed \$10,000.

—J. Frederick Hartgen, one of the survivors of the railroad wreck at Reading, Missouri, arrived at his home in Revere, Sunday.

—A big black bear was shot half a mile from Easton by Andrew C. Edelman, and the farmers are getting padlocks on their pig sty.

—While attempting to steal a ride from Tunksboro to Yastburg, Henry Vanderpool fell under the train and had a leg amputated.

—The grand jury at Pottsville, indicted Edward Lakeside and James and Thomas Kelly for the murder of Officer Mergat near Tamanna.

—The Stewart Iron Company, capital, \$400,000 was organized at Easton, and will operate the mill now located there, employing 500 people.

—Monday Rev. Thomas D. Reese and Mrs. Reese, of Harrisburg, celebrated their golden wedding. The latter her 75 birthday anniversary.

—The leader in the recent riots at the Huntingdon Reformatory will be prosecuted in the Huntingdon Courts for assault with intent to kill.

—A heavy fall of coal in the North Ashland mine, Monday, imprisoned Edward Grant, a miner. A large gang of men are working to release him.

—Falling to commit suicide, Charles Hunt, the Cleveland optician, has been locked in the Reading jail, because his wealthy wife says he tried to kill her.

—Crazed by grief Mrs. Adam Stell, of Huntingdon, threw herself in a mill race. Her body was carried over the big motor wheel and was fearfully mangled.

—It is stated in Wilkesbarre that the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad is about to construct mammoth car shops there to supply the Buffalo line with cars, etc.

—The 48th anniversary of the death of George Shiffler in the church riots at Philadelphia was celebrated with a banquet by George Shiffler, at Lancaster Friday night.

—Robert McClure, general agent of the Pittsburg Law and Order Society, is on trial for perjury, said to have been committed during his crusade against Sunday newspapers.

—The Susquehanna Electric Railway Company and the Harrisburg and Mechanicsburg Electric Railway Company are fighting over the possession of a route for a proposed line.

—It would cost \$12,000 or \$16,000 to build a retaining wall along the road through the mountain gap in Windsor township, Berks county which is more than the township can afford.

—In the United States Circuit Court at Pittsburg, Monday, Judge Acheson dismissed the suit of Samuel F. Barr against the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company. The suit involved several million dollars.