

Ink Slings.

—Summer is here.
—The man with a stove in his hat is liable to a sun stroke.
—DALZELL must surely know that QUAY is boss, by this time.
—Something recently come to the surface—Womens' suspenders.
—The cost of base ball cranks is not affected by the McKinley bill.
—If Congress sits long enough it surely ought to hatch something.
—Inconsistency is no name for the Republican attempt to parade reciprocity and protection as planks of its platform.

—A corner in corn is the latest Chicago sensation. There were a number of fellows squeezed, but no ears were pulled.
—If HARRISON would put his Secretary of Internal Affairs to work on BLAINE he might be able to get something out of him.
—Settling the color question in South-orn G. A. R. posts seems to be quite as difficult a task as settling the silver question in the west.
—The good book says that "there is a time for every thing," but so many forget it when their subscription to the county paper is due.

—Several of the Minneapolis delegates have died during the past week, we suppose, from brooding over the awful work before them.
—The kite-like tails we see streaming out from the back part of my lady's hat will have a tendency to make a "fly" woman out of her.
—One of those touching little epitaphs, which MAX ADLER has given to sorrowing humanity, might read well on BENJAMIN'S headstone after Tuesday.

—Scientists have proven conclusively that the number of red headed people is fast diminishing, and since we come to think of it white horses are rarely seen.
—Faithfulness in small things finds its reward in recognition in larger ones, sighs BENJAMIN as he thinks of how strenuously he has held on to RAUM and the Grand Army.
—A man was arrested in Philadelphia the other day for fast walking. It seems as though everything progressive in the Quaker city is bound to be caught up, The trolleys for instance.

—Lieutenant TOTTEN probably mistook his bearings as to the end of the world. The end of the G. O. P. is slated for this fall, but there'll still be something left from the corrupt chaos.
—The "anti-snap" convention of the CLEVELAND democrats which was held in Syracuse N. Y., on Tuesday was conducted with a GRACE that should put to shame the riotous manipulators of that HILL gathering.
—If you want to find out just how you stand with the people, go home some night, with all sails set, and quote the following, as you crawl up stairs on your hands and knees: "I'm-lord-odish-h-establishment."

—California treated the National Editorial Association to an earthquake, but we fancy that half the editors there were so well loaded that they weren't able to distinguish between the earth's quaking and champagne popping.
—The Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin want the weather "reduced to a state of uniformity" and if its wish is to be gratified we hope the uniform adopted will resemble Evi's garden outfit. Its hot enough now to do without any.
—"Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean and the wondrous land." Thus far, this spring, the ocean is away ahead and unless some one furnishes a little sand it will have the earth entirely submerged.
—Don't be deceived into believing that the monument unveiled at Richmond, Va., on Monday, was erected in honor of DAVID B. It was for another gentleman named HILL. One who left his light under the bushel until others saw it.

—Congressman MILLIKEN, of Maine, has decided that BLAINE must have a say in the construction of the Republican platform, but from present indications he'll try to turn it into a springboard from which Second Term can dive into political oblivion.
—It is time to call a halt when feminine fancy appropriates masculine suspenders. We will not deny woman the supreme domination in questions of suspense, but when it comes to suspenders, then everything from man has been stolen but his natural disinclination to gossip.
—It is rumored that HARRISON has requested uncle JERRY RUSK to put off testing rain making machines until after next week. Every time BENJAMIN hears one of those infernal bombs going off he imagines it to be the birth of a new boom-let for BLAINE and has the shakes for a day in consequence.

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If Cleveland Should be Nominated.

The friends of Mr. CLEVELAND, all over the country, who have gathered together the results of the different State conventions and the presidential preference of such gatherings feel sure of his nomination and base their claims on the returns from the following States, all of which have instructed for him, after the first complimentary vote has been cast for a home candidate:

Table listing states and their votes for Cleveland: Arizona 2, New Jersey 20, California 18, North Carolina 8, Connecticut 12, North Dakota 6, Delaware 4, Ohio 2, Dist. Columbia 2, Oklahoma 2, Georgia 16, Oregon 8, Illinois 43, Pennsylvania 44, Indiana 30, Rhode Island 8, Kansas 20, South Dakota 8, Kentucky 12, Tennessee 34, Massachusetts 28, Virginia 13, Minnesota 18, Washington 8, Missouri 34, Wisconsin 24, New Hampshire 8, Wyoming 6.

In two or three of the States, where the conventions have not been held the Congressional district instructions have been counted and in others, as Kentucky and Indiana, just those delegates who have expressed CLEVELAND as their second choice have been counted. Though the above estimate includes Pennsylvania whose delegates go un-instructed the percentage of CLEVELAND votes will still be enough to nominate him.

The HILL delegates from New York, Massachusetts, Virginia and probably Colorado will foot up to 88 while the other anti CLEVELAND instructions will be about as follows:

Table listing states and their votes for Hill: Iowa (Boies) 6, Virginia 6, Nebraska 16, Idaho 6, New Mexico 2, Utah 2, Georgia 10, South Carolina 18, Kentucky (Carlisle) 11, North Carolina 14.

Now in the above list Idaho's delegation cannot be counted against CLEVELAND because it goes un-instructed and Nebraska's likewise. There are yet 192 delegates to be named and it is probable that GROVER will receive a fair percentage of them, yet his friends claim enough instructions already to secure his nomination.
Should Mr. CLEVELAND become the party's nominee it will be a question as to who will make the strongest man to run with him. For upon the Vice Presidential nomination much more depends than we naturally imagine. Mr. CLEVELAND's position on the silver question has materially affected his hold upon the West, though most of those States supposedly for the measure, have instructed for him. The West of course would object to sending both candidates east, but none of its men are available to run as seconds, and here the question arises: Is CLEVELAND strong enough in himself to be elected? Taking the most liberal view possible, let us look at his strength in former campaigns. It is a question with which we must deal impartially and if our party would be triumphant we must look to its best interests.

It will be observed that in 1884 CLEVELAND carried New York state by only 1047 plurality. A change of 524 votes would have elected BLAINE instead of CLEVELAND.
It will also be observed that in 1888 he lost New York by 13,002.
And Indiana by 2348;
And carried Connecticut by only 340;
And West Virginia by only 552;
And Virginia by only 1539, and lost the Presidency.
With that year the Billion Dollar Congress began its depredations on the treasury and tried to force a bayonet election law upon the people, so far losing the confidence which sent it there that the house was quickly restored to Democracy. These two things alone, without the iniquitous McKinley law, have weakened the Republican party to such an extent that victory for us is almost a foregone conclusion, but the knowledge that such is the condition of things should not lead the National Convention to jeopardize the party's interests by nominating a ticket which does not satisfy all sections.

CLEVELAND, PATTON, BOIES, CAMPBELL, PALMER and GORMAN are about the most available men, yet how are they to be paired.
—Nearly six months of good Democratic reading can be had by sending 50cts to the WATCHMAN and becoming a campaign subscriber. Begin at once. The sooner you start the more you will get for your money.

Congress Can Take Care of Itself.

Some of the oracular newspapers of the so-called independent brand are already urging Congress to an early adjournment and pretend to anticipate great harm to the Democratic party if the session is prolonged. There are no very convincing reasons given for this gratuitous advice to Congress and the impression is conveyed that the idea is based more on the inimitable inclination of the oracular editors to find fault than on any well-settled anxiety for the well-fare of the party. The truth is that the average, so-called independent, editor has very little concern about the prosperity of any party or anything else except his own colossal egotism, and Congress will do well to pay very little attention to what his paper has to say.

If the business of Congress is completed by mid summer an adjournment would be the logical as well as the proper thing. But legislation should not be hurried or neglected in order to get an early adjournment. It is the business of Congress to attend to the legislation of the country in a deliberate and orderly way, and there would be infinitely more harm in railroading the pending bills, and passing imperfectly considered measures than in protracting the session to within a few months of the Presidential election. The appropriation bills should be carefully considered, intelligently discussed and deliberately passed, and there is nothing to lose by doing this, however late it may make the adjournment.

There are some very intelligent and patriotic gentlemen on the Democratic side of both branches of Congress, and they are quite as likely to know what is good for the party as any of the independent editors, who are without political convictions or party rating. The Democratic party has trusted to these gentlemen the custody of its legislative interests and it is to be hoped that they will attend to their duties without regard to the gratuitous advice which has been and no doubt will be given to them. The Democratic party is in a most healthy and vigorous condition, at the present time, and in the debates in Congress during the thermal season are likely to fare about as well as the opposition. We are not frightened on this point.

—When Senator HOAR unwittingly admitted, on the Senate floor the other day, that the federal treasury was practically bankrupt he little thought of the effect, his acknowledgment would have on the masses. CLEVELAND left an overflowing treasury, while his successor will go out of office with the surplus all gone and perhaps humiliated by having had to repudiate some of the debts contracted by his Billion Dollar Congress or draw on the green back reserve.

—The WATCHMAN, the best Democratic weekly in Central Pennsylvania, will be sent to any address, during the campaign, for 50cts. Subscribe at once.

The Anti-Snap Convention.

The State Convention of the New York CLEVELAND Democrats which was held at Syracuse, on last Tuesday, did far more injury than good for the cause of the ex-President. Had the Convention merely assembled and expressed its contempt of the manner in which Mr. HILL secured the State delegates, without having determined to contest their right to seats at the Chicago Convention, it might have stood a better chance of securing the friendship of Mr. HILL and his followers. As it is the Senator will doubtless fight to the better end, while the CLEVELAND people have no claim whatever to represent New York. The Philadelphia Times speaks of the situation as follows:
While most Democrats throughout the country will sympathize with the Syracuse Convention and those it represented, there will be some question of the wisdom of this action. No honest man of any party can defend the snap convention and the manner in which it was called. But there is no doubt that it was called regularly and that its work was done under the regular party rules. Its delegation will go to Chicago bearing the regular party credentials and it will be folly to contest its right to admission on the ground of irregularity.

An Important Question.

There is much opposition to the keeping open of the Columbian Fair on Sunday for the reason that it would be a desecration of the Sabbath, and it is proposed to make the \$5,000,000 government appropriation to the exposition conditional on the understanding that it will be kept closed on Sunday.
There must be some deference shown in this matter to the religious sentiment of the country if it is to be expected that the exposition will be a success. That this will be done is shown by the offer to devote one of the largest buildings on the ground to religious exercises, on Sunday, and by the disavowal, on the part of the Directors, of any intention of keeping the entire Fair open on the Sabbath. The only departments they propose to open to general admission being the art galleries and exhibits of that kind. That the machinery and other features suggestive of labor should be in operation on that day is not suggested.
It is to be hoped that an understanding may be arrived at on this subject that may not injure the real interest of the Fair and at the same time may not shock the feelings of those who attach a sacredness to the observance of Sunday.

The English Don't Fancy It.

The suggestion of Premier Salisbury to modify the free trade policy of the English government by the imposition of moderate tariff duties, meets with but small favor from the generality of English statesmen. They regard it as turning back the dial of commercial progress.
Under its system of free trade England has attained a supremacy in commerce and manufactures which places her ahead of all other nations. The world has nothing to show that will compare with the advance she has made since she adopted her present liberal commercial system. Not only has the wealth of her capitalists been enormously increased, but the wages of her working people are higher than they were under the old restriction system, which CONDEN and his coadjutors overthrew.

These being the facts, Salisbury's tariff proposition is calculated to startle the business interests of Great Britain. He evidently wants to retaliate on the United States, but such revenge would cost the English people too much for them to approve of it.
—The Hollidaysburg Register attributes to the Patriot a position which it lost years ago when it refers to the Harrisburg paper as "a representative organ of its party." The Democracy of Pennsylvania does not care to be identified with a sheet which finds its principal delight in berating an administration, the like of which, for integrity and straightforwardness the Keystone State has never known a superior. When the Patriot comes to realize that it cannot dictate its narrow minded ideas and have them respected by those so far above it, and when it voices other sentiments than those of mugwump journals we will not dispute its right to be called a "representative" of its party.

—QUAY spent \$25,000 to defeat the DALZELL candidates for Legislature, in the Second district of Allegheny, and now RUTAN is after him "hammer and tongs." A suit is to be brought against the junior senator, State Treasurer MORRISON and ex-State Treasurer BOYER all of whom, the defeated aspirant claims, are guilty of malfeasance in office.
—The WATCHMAN during the campaign for 50cts.
—The scare that is being raised as to the condition of Mr. BLAINE'S health and the long and startling accounts of his depleted mental condition which appeared in yesterday's daily papers are of very little interest to those who have been watching the trend of things political. Perhaps it is a last "boomerang" hurled from the HARRISON camp, but even if it is not to be traced to BENJAMIN'S outposts, and is true, it makes no difference whatever. The Republican party can just as well afford to run a wooden man as any other for either kind will be knocked into a cocked hat.

The Same Man.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer.
In the silver convention in Washington, D. C., on Friday, R. K. Thomas, a farmer of Pennsylvania, made a speech in which he said rather than vote for Grover Cleveland (as it seemed) that he would be the logical candidate of the Democratic party with his British free trade and simple gold standard ideas, he would vote for Queen Victoria or some other old lady. He paid his respects to the Republican party by saying that rather than vote the ticket of that weak-kneed, hypocritical party he would vote for Cleveland; but, thank God, he added, he was not compelled to vote for either.
This Mr. Thomas, we trust, is not the R. H. who engineers the grangers' picnic at Williams' Grove. He must be a back-woodsman.

We Await Its Answer.

From the New York World.
The Tribune sustains the Force bill outbreak of a Republican Congressman with a repetition of the old talk about the "suppressed Republican vote" in the South. The almanac issued from the office of our esteemed contemporary will show that the Democrats elected a majority of the present House without counting a single member from the South. And while on this subject will the Tribune tell what the Republican party or its administration have done for the colored people since the days of Lincoln and Grant that should cause the negroes of the South to vote as its chattels or to wish to sustain it?

Even Blind Men Can See It.

From the Columbia Independent.
There is a tariff duty of about 400 per cent. on imported pearl buttons; and the girls who are employed in the pearl button factory in Detroit have been obliged to strike against a reduction of wages. It would appear that an absolutely prohibitive tariff rate is not sufficiently persuasive to induce the maintenance of a moderate wage rate. In the light of such facts the laborer can see without eyes the hollowness of the pretense that high duties are a guarantee of high wages.

Blaine's Gastronomic Propensities.

From the Phila. Record.
Attorney General Miller is confident that Mr. Blaine will not eat his own words. Yet such implicit confidence in Mr. Blaine's abstinence from generous fare is by no means widespread; for simultaneously, Mr. Quay is recorded as having said that Mr. Blaine's only ailment is that he occasionally eats too much. In one of these occasional lapses from asceticism the "Plumed Knight" might easily bite off a corner of his own correspondence and hold it.

The Truth of the Matter.

From the Williamsport Sun.
All attempts to divert the attention of the people from the main issue of the campaign will fail. Tariff reform takes precedence over all other questions and the campaign of 1892 must be fought on this issue alone. It is a fight of the people against monopoly, and the war on the silver question are but side issues.

Trials of the Stars and Stripes.

From the Kansas City Times.
John Sherman's Senate bill to forbid the use of the nation's flag for advertising purposes has met with an adverse report from the committee. Since the campaign of 1888, when neckties and handkerchiefs were made out of bunting, the impression has gained ground that nothing can desecrate our colors.

He is Not Likely to, Either.

From the New York World.
And now Secretary Foster has sent out another interview in defense of the President and in aid of his renomination. Evidently Mr. Harrison feels the situation to be serious when he converts his Cabinet into a combined literary bureau and campaign tooting committee. By the way, Mr. Blaine has not yet made a plea for his chief.

He Prefers to be Alone With His Thoughts.

From Harrison's own Determination.
WASHINGTON, June 1.—The president finds that the state of public business will not justify his leaving the city at present, so he has been compelled, much against his wish to abandon his contemplated visit to Gettysburg.

An Annie Rooney Consort.

From the Atlanta Constitution.
Mr. Harrison should buy him \$2 worth of magnetism before he hangs out his second term sign. His granddaddy's hat is a last year's bird's nest, politically speaking.

What is Sauce for the Goose is Sauce for the Gander.

From the London Times.
If protection be beneficial, farmers are equally entitled with manufacturers to be protected.

Spawls from the Keystone.

- Diphtheria is raging in Wilkesbarre.
- Wilkesbarre is troubled with too many dogs.
- Wilkesbarre will erect a new city hall, to cost \$80,000.
- A fall of coal in a Plymouth mine killed Joseph Farosevo.
- An express train Sunday ran over William Judy, at York.
- There was a big firemen's parade in Reading Monday.
- An electric railway now happily joins the two Bethlehems.
- Carlisle has borrowed \$30,000 with which to improve the town.
- Reading is without a proper officer to look after its police patrol system.
- The Reading Water Board will issue no more fishing permits until September 1.
- Bethlehem citizens have risen to destroy the toll bridge across the Lehigh river.
- R. C. Seldomridge's store at Euphrata, Lancaster county, was burglarized of \$300.
- W. L. Lake, professor of physical culture at Dickinson College, Carlisle, resigned.
- A new Lutheran Reformed church was dedicated at Slateland, Lehigh county, Sunday.
- Melanchofia led Mrs. Andrew Hartwath, of Milton, to the canal and she drowned herself.
- Andrew Rohrer is in jail at Tamaqua, charged with attempting to kill his whole family.
- The Philadelphia and Reading is having 1000 freight cars built at Berwick for the Lehigh Valley.
- Richard Kane was fatally stabbed at Centralis and Patrick Gallagher is in jail upon suspicion.
- The line between Ross and Lake townships, Luzerne county, has just been definitely located.
- While trouting near Shamokin, Monroe Geary espied a blacksnake seven feet long and lassoed it.
- Caught between two cars, Brakeman Thomas Condon, of Shenandoah, was perhaps fatally injured.
- A freight on the Pennsylvania Railroad was wrecked near Conestoga, and ten lumber cars were smashed.
- Horace Mercer, a well known Shamokin politician, was arrested upon a charge of robbing an intoxicated Pole.
- Highwaymen attacked A. J. Geiger, who was riding a bicycle at Reading, and the victim was terribly maltreated.
- Burglars stole all the carpet from the Episcopal church in Lancaster, and the supposed culprits have been caught.
- The 150th anniversary of the founding of Bethlehem will be celebrated with imposing ceremonies on June 24, 25, and 26.
- A rock weighing 35 pounds was hurled by a powder blast clear through H. S. Kerns' house at Landsville.
- The Brown segmental gun, at the Birdsboro gun factory, was satisfactorily tested by Government engineers.
- Flourishing his pistol in taking aim at a bird, Everett P. Van Mater, a Lehigh University freshman, shot himself in the arm.
- Falling from a freight car to the track at Lancaster, Charles J. Otto lay still and the train passed over him without a scratch.
- The county residence of Daniel Hill, on Bear Creek, nine miles from Wilkesbarre, was robbed of \$200.
- Mayor Merritt, of Reading, has protested to Councils against the further use of crushed limestone for paving.
- The work of grading the new Baltimore and Harrisburg Railroad has been begun near Thomasville, York county.
- The trial of "General Siegel" Miller for the murder of old man Hochstetler began at Somerset Monday.
- Five thousand Greek Catholics saw their new church at Pleasant Hill, near Hazleton, dedicated Sunday.
- Thirty heirs of Israel Gilpin, who reside at Indianapolis, lay claim to 600 acres of land in West Chester and vicinity.
- Demented Farmer Fetzer, of Beaver Falls, thinks he is a railroad magnate, and wants to build a railroad around his farm.
- President Harrison, in his observation car speech at Williamsport on Saturday, said that his mother was a Pennsylvanian.
- As Frank Sypherd, of Morgantown, Berks county, failed to name a wedding day, Miss Alberta Liggett has sued him for \$500.
- Laura Treseott, of Hazleton, is wrestling with Blackstone and will soon become the first woman lawyer in that part of the State.
- Deputy State Superintendent of Public Schools Henry Houck, of Lebanon, was badly hurt in jumping from a train at Girardville.
- Surveyors are laying out the route for a link to connect the Reading and Lehigh Valley Railroads at Nordmont, Sullivan county.
- The handsome new Christ Lutheran church at Lancaster was dedicated Sunday, the dedicatory sermon being preached by Rev. B. Schamuck, of Lebanon.
- A convention of the non-partisan branch of the Woman's Christian Union was held in the Central M. E. church, Wilkesbarre, Monday.
- Manager Carpentier, of the Crumpler Steel Works, Reading, says the plant started up Monday with work enough on hand to last four years.
- The ejectment case of the New Castle Northern Railroad against the New Castle and Shenango Valley Railroad was dismissed at New Castle.
- The McKinley law will not prevent two large pig iron furnaces of the Reading Iron Company at Reading, from going out of blast in two weeks.
- Lancaster county assessors have completed their returns and place the county's real estate at \$85,000,000, and money at interest nearly \$23,000,000.
- A bullet was fired by an unknown person through the door of the Manheim Sun office and passed over the chair just vacated by Proprietor D. M. Martin.
- Dr. D. L. Schultz and A. K. Frederick, leading citizens of Auburn, Schuylkill county, were arrested, charged with conspiracy to defraud Hattie Sowers out of a piece of land.
- Northampton county Commissioners appointed Charles Brothead, of Bethlehem, to represent that county at the Tax Revision Conference to be held at Harrisburg June 1.
- For assaulting a fellow workman at the Columbia Rolling Mills who refused to strike, Michael Burk was captured Sunday after a long chase and sent to jail for five months.