

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Harrisburg wants a boulevard.

—Reading High school graduated 64 pupils Wednesday.

—Many Perry county farmers are obliged to replant their cornfields.

—Burglars rifled the Philadelphia and Reading's station at Temple.

—The soldiers' monument at Mahanoy City will be dedicated on September 25.

—The Letort Car Axle Works will be moved from Carlisle to Gettysburg Junction.

—Footpads knocked Charles Harper insensible at Reading and robbed him of \$35.

—The 109th annual commencement of Dickinson College opened at Carlisle Sunday.

—D. H. Printz and S. H. Fulmer have bought the Nickel Plating Works at Reading:—

—Scarlet fever and diphtheria are prevalent to an alarming extent in Heckescherville Valley.

—Samuel Gregory, aged 17, was drowned at Pop Falls, Meshoppen Creek, while in swimming.

—A tax express killed 16-year-old Edward Frantz, who walked on the track near Hokenauqua.

—Mrs. Ambrose O'Donnell, of Columbia fell into a kettle of boiling soap and was horribly burned.

—Charged with doing an illegal insurance business, John L. Evans, of Scranton, was arrested Friday.

—Muhlenberg College's quarter centennial will be celebrated at Allentown, beginning on the 22d inst.

—A 4 per cent mortgage of \$100,000 was entered against the Lebanon and Anville Electric Street Railway.

—Whit-Monday was generally observed by German worshippers in Reading and throughout Berks county.

—Reading complains because not a penny of the more than \$8,500,000 of State funds is in a bank in that city.

—Ex-Assistant Postmaster of Allegheny, confessed on Friday that he had embezzled money from the office.

—The Old German Baptists of the United States are in convention, 10,000 strong, at Millbrook, near Chambersburg.

—The workmen in the Philadelphia and Reading car shops at Palo Alto will hereafter work but four days a week.

—The peary gates are half ajar to receive Mrs. Lewis Fritz, who attempted suicide at Gilbertsville, Berks county.

—Reading Railroad brakeman John Gallagher, of Sunbury, was killed by an overhead blow at the Mahanoy tunnel.

—While chasing a pigeon from the barn roof, George Newhard, of Bethlehem, fell to the ground and was fatally injured.

—Every day in July will witness excursions from various parts of the State to the Pennsylvania Chautauque, Mt. Gretna.

—A horse kicked a fracture in Harry Dautrich's jaw, while Harry, a Reading pattern-maker, was picnicking near home.

—Application was made to Court Friday for an inquiry into the sanity of H. J. Murdock, a wealthy iron broker of Pittsburg.

—General Louis Wagner, of Philadelphia, is one of the newly-elected directors of the Gettysburg Battlefield Association.

—The Philadelphia Central High school club of Lehigh University held its first annual banquet Friday night at Bethlehem.

—The great coke king, H. C. Frick said at Pittsburg that experiments had been made in piping coal with the greatest success.

—A fall of top rock at York Fork College Schuylkill county, fatally crushed Joseph Miltzer and Michael Paykas, two miners.

—Chief Justice Paxson, of the Supreme Court, addressed the law graduates in Dickinson College commencement at Carlisle Monday.

—An injunction was granted at Harrisburg to restrain the City Passenger Railway Company from putting an electric road on Walnut street.

—C. B. Silliman, Jr., who was assaulted terribly and stabbed by Josiah Metz, about two months ago, at Pottsville, has sued for \$20,000 damages.

—D. W. Laubach, No. 333 Berks street, Philadelphia, and a North Penn brakeman was seriously injured at Bethlehem by falling from his train.

—The Bishop-Thorp School baccalaureate sermon was preached at Bethlehem Sunday to but one graduate—Miss Eleanor V. Davis, of Germantown.

—The sun was so hot at Reading Monday as to overcome Thomas Wisner, of Temple, and topple him head foremost from a load of hay. He will recover.

—An attempt to break the will of the late Linn Moyer, whose estate is worth \$90,000, is being made at Reading by four judgment creditors of an heir.

—When Samuel Reeser, a Hamburg merchant, returned to his home Friday night, he was started to find his wife hanging to a rafter in the attic—stone dead.

—Rev. Dr. Jacobs, of Mount Airy Theological Seminary preached the synodical sermon yesterday at the 145th annual session of the Lutheran Ministerium at Reading.

—A loan of \$9 made 29 years ago by Tom Scott, of Bethlehem, to John McGovern, of Lincoln University, has just been cancelled by the payment of interest and principal \$13.

—Rev. Gilbert H. Sterling, of New York master of the famous Trinity schools, has accepted an invitation of the vestry to become rector of the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem.

—A mob of 100 men and women surrounded the house of a married woman at Shoemakersville, who was entertaining a young man, but four pistol shots from the woman scattered the crowd.

—In a minority report to the Governor, Dr. Thomas G. Morton, of the State Board of Charities, recommends radical reform in the system of punishment at the Huntingdon Reformatory.

—At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Norristown Inmate Asylum Friday, Trustees B. D. Evans, of West Chester, urged the board to purchase 100 acres more of ground for cultivation.

—Judge Metzger, of Lycoming county, sitting in equity at Gettysburg, granted a preliminary injunction restraining Burgess McCannighy from presiding at the sessions of the Town Council.

—By a side hook breaking, two wagons of rock dashed 150 feet down the Hickory Ridge Slope at Shamokin, barely escaping Superintendent Reinhardt, who was with a gang of men at work there. It caused great damage.

An Unlooked for Situation.

In looking over the field of political battle for the coming campaign very few of the most impartial have counted Kansas out of the Republican electoral summary, yet from the combine that has recently been made, in that State, between the People's party and the Democrats, it looks very much as though those who imagined Kansas to be anchored to its Republican love will be disappointed this fall.

Continued defeat in that State has weakened the Democratic organization until it can expect nothing of itself, yet with the happy pooling of interests with the People's Party every office of importance will be wrested from the Republican grasp and either turned against or deadened to its interests. Kansas has so long been republican that the downfall of the G. O. P. in that commonwealth will prove a disaster, which could only be equaled by a similar occurrence in this State.

The following extract from the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph, an independent Republican paper, will give our readers a fair idea of how the campaign is to be managed in Kansas and how its electoral vote will be stricken from the Republican list.

"The Democrats and the People's party leaders are alleged to have come to terms in Kansas. The trouble now will be to enforce the agreement on the rank and file of the parties, though if there is any gumption abroad among them there will be much eagerness to chime in and take advantage of this opportunity which they now have to beat the Republicans. The contract, as now agreed to, gives the nominations in two of the seven Congressional districts to the Democrats, also the Congressman-at-large, the Attorney-General, and Judge of the Supreme Court. The People's party takes everything else, including the Governor and the Presidential Electors. It would look as if the farmers had made off with the lion's share of the booty, and that must be admitted by each side. The People's party men, however, were in a position to demand the biggest half of the loaf. They polled a tremendous vote in 1890, and the Democrats have next to no strength or organization. It will be interesting to see just how hap-pily the old party and the new party get along together. If they succeed in harmonizing until November, and if the People's party can poll as many votes as in 1890, HARRISON, BLAINE, or some other Republican will have to be elected without the help of Kansas."

Now with Kansas, and her ten votes in the electoral college gone, and a condition of things in this State which will require the bosses to keep all their "fat" for home consumption there is a very foreboding outlook for the man whom the Minneapolis convention will nominate for President.

If ever Democrats had hope for a victory they have it for the result of the coming campaign.

A Pointer.

"Exorbitant duties upon imported products serve to engender a general spirit of fraud, which is always prejudicial to honest commerce, and often to the revenue itself." — *Alexander Hamilton.*

This, from a man of whom DANIEL WEBSTER said: "He smote the rock of national resources and abundant streams of currency flowed forth, he touched the dead corpse of public credit and it sprang upon its feet" should prove a pointer to those who are still clamoring for the continuance of the war tax theorists' power. In the darkest days our country knew, when a bale of its money wouldn't buy a pair of shoes or a loaf of bread this man, ALEXANDER HAMILTON, came to the rescue and following out the sentiment which we have quoted he accomplished a result which elicited that grand eulogium from one of our country's greatest orators and statesmen.

—The death of Colonel JOHN H. TAGGART, which occurred at his country home, at Grabb's Landing, N. J., on last Saturday afternoon, removes from the journalistic circles of the Keystone State one of its oldest and most forcible writers. TAGGART'S Times has always been a representative Republican organ of the Quaker city.

The Signs Point That Way.

All present indications point to the renomination of ex-President CLEVELAND. There is no question that the sentiment of the great mass of Democrats is in his favor, and the expressions of most of the State Conventions have accorded with this sentiment.

It is true that many of the State conventions have shown a reserve as to instructing their delegations directly for him, but the resolutions they have passed, strongly endorsing his conduct as President and the general policy of his administration, leave no doubt as to the drift of Democratic feeling on the question of the Presidential nomination.

There may be danger to Mr. CLEVELAND'S renomination in the fact of so many delegations being uninstructed. Such a thing may happen as the convergence of contingencies that may bring about a nomination contrary to public expectation, and the choice may fall upon the favorite of the party, but whatever may be the result of the deliberations of the convention, we trust that a candidate will be chosen who will lead the party to victory.

Still Waving the Bloody Shirt.

The unveiling of the High Water Mark monument, at Gettysburg, on last Thursday attracted a great multitude to Pennsylvania's historic battle field. Some who had never been there before went to satiate their curiosity; others who were there have made almost annual visits since those thrilling July days in '63. Each time to commemorate some incident which they have held dear ever since the tide was turned from the North back to the vanquished South.

The monument which was dedicated on Thursday marks the farthest northern point reached by the Confederate lines and in consequence is of great historic interest to visitors to the battle field. Everything at the dedicatory services passed off in the most pleasant manner and but one unfortunate incident marred the beauty of the occasion.

In the course of a most brilliant oration Gen. BEAVER expressed a slight tribute to the memory of those brave souls who had fallen while struggling for the mistaken cause of the South, and gave utterance to the hope that the monuments which dotted the plain on which he stood would quicken a responsive feeling in the hearts of the North for the gray as well as for the blue.

These patriotic sentiments of a soldier, than whom the Union did have a more fearless one, caused a murmur among certain spectators who are ever on the alert to shake the bloody shirt and who can see no good in anything that is Southern. The speaker who followed Gen. BEAVER took up the subject and displaying his begotten opinions was cheered by those narrow minded partisans who will never forget that the war has been over a quarter of a century and that the North and the South are one country. That instead of tearing open the old sores we should strive to give them the balm of fellowship and love.

—The phenomenal rain fall which has taken place all over this State and many western ones, during the past month is calling forth many scientific theories as to its probable cause. The destruction wrought by the water throughout the Mississippi Valley was harrowing indeed, but we Pennsylvanians have a very limited conception as to its awful devastation. The Johnstown horror made the sufferings of those people whose homes are almost annually inundated more appreciable to us and now comes the appalling scenes at Oil City and Tusville to freshen that sad memory and bring new sorrow to the heart of the Keystone.

—There is an intimation that the Republican National convention will abandon the demand of the Republican party for a Force Bill. This will be only a political expedient, intended to make an impression that may tend to break up the Democratic solidarity in the South. But the disposition shown by that party to rule the South with the bayonet has made an impression in that section that can never be effaced.

Two Circuses at Minneapolis.

Together with the great BARNUM shows the Republican National Convention began its week at Minneapolis, on Monday, and as yet nothing of a definite character has evolved from the chaos of delegates and bosses who began to assemble as early as last Thursday.

Thus far the talk has all been BLAINE or HARRISON, but the prodigious boom that started with the premier's resignation of his cabinet office, on Saturday, has been disintegrating instead of being augmented and the latest telegraphic reports are not so hopeful for the cause of the plumed knight. His workers struck the convention with cyclonic effect, but their efforts were not lasting against the disciplined lines of the HARRISON people. Since the fury of the first onslaught has calmed, dark horses are beginning to loom up with ominous portend for both of the leaders. Every system of figuring gives HARRISON a majority, though it is not impossible that BLAINE may yet be nominated. The strategic nature of the latter's workers makes the whole thing such an uncertainty that nothing would be surprising, though the WATCHMAN is of the opinion that BLAINE is out of the race.

The tactics being resorted to by secure delegates for him savor of the treacherous workings of ward heelers and his henchmen are losing confidence rapidly.

Among the dark horse possibilities, McKINLEY is the most likely to receive the BLAINE delegation, though ALLISON is looked upon as standing a fair show if HARRISON is not nominated on the first ballot.

Vigorous Christians.

The African Methodist Quadrennial General Conference that closed its tumultuous labors in Philadelphia several weeks since, was a true representation of the church militant. The business that was brought before it may be said to have been fought through, there having been scarcely a subject introduced that didn't afford occasion for a "scrap." There were no actual blows exchanged, but the proceedings barely lacked that feature of animation. The questions that related to the exchequer of the church furnished the liveliest topics of discussion, and when money matters were up for consideration the united efforts of three or four bishops and more than a score of presiding elders were required to prevent the conference from assuming the aspect of a pugilistic arena. Colored Christians when they get down to business, whether at a conference or a revival, are never deficient in fervor.

—It was in the West that the only Democratic stand for the free coinage of silver was made; but the sentiment of the party in that section on that subject appears to be undergoing a change. In Missouri, for instance, the Democratic State convention in 1890 declared for an unlimited use of silver in the coinage of money. This year the State convention opposes cheap dollars and demands that a silver dollar shall have the same intrinsic value as a gold dollar. There is the same difference of expression on this subject in the Iowa Democratic platform of 1890 and 1892. After all the silver question will not be of much importance as a factor in the coming Presidential contest, which the Democrats are going to win on the issue of tariff reform.

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How are they to be Paired.

CLEVELAND, PATTISON, BOIES, CAMPBELL, PALMER and GORMAN are about the most available men, yet how are they to be paired.—Extract from last week's WATCHMAN.

How are they to be paired, eh? Why if you want to win the election pair them thus:

For President ROBERT E. PATTISON, of Pennsylvania, who twice carried the Republican city of Philadelphia for controller, and twice carried the Republican state of Pennsylvania for Governor.

For Vice President General JOHN M. PALMER, of Illinois, who carried the Republican state of Illinois by 30,000 popular majority for United States Senator.

The WATCHMAN is too bright a paper to ask such a question, but put them at your mast-head and the Chicago convention will endorse you. *

The Stage Coach Going to Pieces.

From the Walls Walla, Wash., Statesman.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat, is fearful lest the republicans lose control of their majority in the United States senate this year. It sounds the alarm to place the party on its guard. The terms of eighteen republican senators expire next March and eleven democrats. There is a republican majority of only six in the present senate, and with a change of four democrats would gain control, providing they re-elected the successors to the eleven whose terms expire. Those democrats whose terms expire in 1893 are Bates of Tennessee, Blodgett of New Jersey, Cockerell of Missouri, Daniel of Virginia, Faulkner of West Virginia, George of Mississippi, Gorman of Maryland, Gray of Delaware, Pasco of Florida, Mills of Texas and Turpie of Indiana. Of this number Gorman has already been re-elected, leaving only ten whose places will have to be filled. There is hardly a question as to there being a democrat in every one of these places, thereby assuring that the democrats will maintain their present strength. The democrats have a fighting chance in six or seven states in which vacancies will occur, where the seats are now filled by republicans.

Only So He is a Democrat.

From the Utica Observer.

It is noticed with satisfaction that no matter what differences of opinion prevail among Democrats of the various States in the Union the pledges of the representatives in conventions are given to support the nominee of the Chicago Convention. This is because there is confidence that the nominee will truly represent the principles of Democracy. Tariff reform, honest money and honest administration of government will be assured if the Democrats win next fall. It is the attainment of these ends that inspires the Democrats to unite in the great struggle to overcome the common enemy. With few exceptions, possibly one, every State or Congressional convention has passed resolutions of fidelity to the Democratic candidate.

Raum Getting There.

From the Phila. Record.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, the expenditures for pensions were \$124,415,951.40. If Commissioner Raum's request for \$7,500,000 to cover a deficiency during the present month should be acceded to by Congress, the current fiscal year will witness a pension expenditure of over \$140,000,000 up to June 30 next—an amount considerably in excess of the cost of the standing army and pension list combined of either Great Britain or Germany. As the pension list grows the figures become more portentous.

Nary a Word, as Yet.

From the Northumberland County Democrat.

The Republican papers of Philadelphia now have another chance to brain the Democratic House at Washington, on Friday, among other appropriations made necessary by the legislation of the previous Republican House, was \$620,000 for the new Mint in Philadelphia. But these papers won't avail themselves of the opportunity. This is a bit of extravagance it is, that just suits them. If Philadelphia and Philadelphia politicians could only gobble everything they would do it—and allow a rebate of forty per cent.

The Real Republican Platform.

From the Lock Haven Democrat.

War taxes in time of peace.
Billion Dollar expenditures.
A tariff for monopolies only.
Bounties and subsidies to favor interests.
A Federal Force law for elections.
Scandalous pension mismanagement.
The protection of the rascals.
The division of offices as spoils.
Currency inflation with short-dollar notes.
A blustering diplomacy.
The untaxing of foreigners only.

A Man to be Honored.

From the Wilkesbarre Union Leader:

General Epa Hutton, who has been appointed by Governor McKinley, of Virginia, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John S. Barbour, served in Congress through the '70s, and was a member of the celebrated Electoral Commission in 1877, voting steadily with the seven who believed that Mr. Tilden was justly elected to the great office of President.

When Ignorance is Bliss 'Tis Folly to be Wise.

From the Hollidaysburg Standard:

The Federal Treasury, if we may believe Secretary Foster and the tariff organs, is all right, with a comfortable surplus in hand. Nevertheless persons who have government money owing to them find difficulty in getting their pay.

Pennsylvanians Would Welcome It.

From the Montrose Democrat

The Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer says: "Stranger things have happened than the nomination of Pattison for president. In fact it looks more probable for that now, than it did at any previous time."

Ink Slings.

—Their will be lots of CONKLINGS and BURCHARDS for '92.

—The bannans works a skin game on which many people drop.

—Dark horse talk, at Minneapolis, keeps FRED DOUGLASS on the qui vive.

—Natural gas did not begin to fail at Pittsburg until the exodus of her politicians began.

—HARRISON'S bee made enough honey to keep the White House stocked until he leaves it.

—As a result of president making we may look for a new brand of flour from Minneapolis.

—Next week we will tell you just exactly who will bear the cross of forlorn hope for the g. o. p.

—"We can't always just sometimes tell, still yet" will be apropos at Minneapolis until it is done.

—BLAINE'S first letter to CLARKSON acted very much for him like JONAH did for the whale. Both were their own antidotes.

—Back numbers at social gatherings, like back numbers in the library, are usually well thumbed and slightly turned down at the corners.

—The orchestra played a selection from the "brass monkey" when INGALLS strutted down the aisle of the convention hall, on Tuesday.

—Poor MYERS, of Missouri, couldn't stand the pressure. The strain between the HARRISON and BLAINE elements was so great that he took a fit.

—Oil City proved to be a sad, but appropriate name for that bustling Venango county centre. God knows of the sorrow wrought by that sea of flame.

—The water of the Mississippi is doubtless being damned by the flooded farmers along its banks, but not with the dam that would insure greatest safety.

—The man who sits around "waiting 'til something turns up" is wearing such big warts on his brain that he won't be able to see his ship when it does come in.

—It must have been quite consoling for FASSET to occupy the temporary chairmanship, but we fancy he would sooner have been wielding the gavel up at Albany.

—Taking their own estimates for it, as to the comparative size of the two wings of the Republican party at Minneapolis, we must infer that it is an exceedingly lop sided bird.

—Phoenix like the Philadelphia Times has risen from its ashes to resume its position in the front van of representative journals and to lead in typographical perfection.

—We wonder just how much of each day BENJAMIN is putting in at the end of that "ticker" he has in the White House and we fancy his tick does not have an le to the end of it.

—The rajah of Persia has a complete bed-room suit, as well as other useful articles of furniture made of glass and if he would send over to some of our ball teams he could get a man with glass arms.

—If BLAINE'S cause is not espoused by the president makers he will be "leader'n a door nail," and he might just as well follow son RUSSELL'S advice and hie himself to some political shelf.

—Life, unless you live for somebody else, is said to be not worth living, but what in the world is a fellow going to do if the "somebody else," whom he imagines he is living for, don't want him.

—The action taken by the General conference of the Methodist church at Westminster, Md., last week in striking the word "obey" from the marriage ceremony, removes all doubt as to which member of the household wears the pants in that State.

—Up to last Saturday BENJAMIN regarded the young woman, in whom cartoonists make a composite picture of the Republican party, as a gushing, giddy damsel completely wrecked on him. The same word still expresses his opinion of her, but the accent is now placed on the penult.

—The antagonistic attitude taken by the leading factions at Minneapolis promises very beneficial effects for the Democracy this fall. BLAINE, QUAY and FORAKER can never bring themselves to believe that HARRISON, SHERMAN and DUDLEY should be supreme and as a result of their dissatisfaction knitting can be looked for.

—Poor uncle JERRY RUSK. Think of all the valuable time he is losing while fretting about the nomination. He's slowly crawled back onto the fence again, and the result of his mature deliberations brings him to confess that the old fashioned worm structures are the best after all, for if you crawl on them you satisfy both parties. Half of the time on one side, the other half on the other.