

Ink Slings.  
—As the weather cools the cases of rum soak far exceeds those of sun stroke.

—Congressional jugglery will soon have the World's Fair appropriation out of sight.

—The Charley-horse is coming to be as common a falling with Congressmen as it is with base ballists.

—That great New York world paper Trust is probably not as much of a put up job as its product will be.

—Oratory in our Congress seems to have been a thing of the past. Select readings are the style now-a-day.

—Willy-nilly politicians are beginning to hang the wires with which they will pull the fools who get on them.

—Ministers of the gospel are not necessarily in the neck wear business because they deal in matrimonial ties.

—Our consul at Stockholm has been heard from, but no word comes from Chili. EGAN where art thou?

—A whole week has passed and MATHEW STANLEY QUAY has not been interviewed. What the country has lost is almost inestimable.

—From the number of political doors that are being shut in the face of chairman CARTER he must be tasting again the sweets of his early life as a book agent.

—Representative WATSON came very near having his job boom-ed the other day when he accused his fellow congressmen of having "three sheets in the wind."

—Next month the bivalves will again be in season, but blue points will not be *au fait* until the chilling December winds begin to give your nose an azure hue.

—If any one bawls in your ear: "American labor receives the highest pay in the world," you retort with; it always did, even before a Republican party was known.

—In the face of the Homestead trouble MCKINLEY has not the nerve to meet editor MCLURE of the Times. He does well to fear the hot shot from A. K.'s tariff reform gun.

—Uncle JERRY RUSK is in Chicago hunting up a cure for "lumpy jaw" a disease fatal among cattle. BEX will need a little of it after while if a successful remedy is found.

—According to the advertisements of the hotel proprietors there is not a single mosquito along the Jersey coast. Experience of summer guests has proven that they are all married and have large families.

—The Emperor of Germany who had been on a whaling expedition for some time wound it up on Monday by taking in the Prince of Wales. He was doubtless surprised when he found it to be somewhat of a sucker.

—Things must have a very foreboding look through the Republican glass when DEWEY has to be sent to Scotland to coax CARMICHAEL to quit driving voters away. Its too late to lock the stable now. The horse is gone.

—The cricket now chirps the first notes of fall and the sadness, which thoughts of the dying summer brings, is only overshadowed by sight of crepe on the door of a certain Indianapolis law office—after November 4th.

—A majority of 50,000 for Gov. JONES, of Alabama, and the most peaceable election ever held in the State don't look much like "a split in the solid South." Even the colored voters are recoiling against the idea of a Bayonet election law.

—Chicago hotel men have met and concluded to wash their hands clean of any more desire to rob their guests like they did during the Convention. World's Fair visitors will find out whether the water from the Chicago river was used in the laboratory.

—The Williamsport Republican remarks that a KEELY Institute is being established in Harrisburg for the benefit of the State Legislators. Dear Republican the complexion of the next House will more than likely be the same as that of '83, and in such a case no such an institution will be needed.

—Last night the big Lick telescope at the California observatory was turned on the planet Mars. She was then nearer the earth than she will be for 15 years again. Out there they had her drawn to within 30,000 miles and one of the observers swears he heard some one cheering for CLEVELAND and STEVENSON.

—If it is true that those canals that are seen on the surface of Mars are the genuine thing the Marsians must be watching, with interest, the progress of the Nicaragua canal. Mars only gets near enough for such observations once in every fifteen years, but we're afraid that is too often to note any material progress in our work.

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## As Hypocritical as Inconsistent.

The recent decisions of the supreme courts of Michigan and Wisconsin, declaring the late apportionments of those states unconstitutional, has furnished the Republican press of the country, and particularly the organs of that party in Philadelphia, an opportunity of discarding long and vigorously on the sins of Democratic apportionments, and the partisanship that dictates them.

In writing on this subject there is not one of these journals that has the courage to charge its own party with the same political wrong doing that they so vehemently denounce the Democracy for committing; and yet there is not a State wherein the Republicans have the chief Executive and a majority in the Legislative branches, but infamously more partisan apportionments have been made by them, than either of the Democratic gerrymanders of Wisconsin and Michigan, of which we hear so much.

Here in Pennsylvania, that has been almost uniformly Republican since the war, a gerrymander has been in existence, ever since that party had the power to make it, that for iniquitous disfranchisement of citizens, and an avowed disregard for the rights of the minority, will doubly discount the work of the Democrats of the Western states named, in this line, and in comparison with which Michigan and Wisconsin apportionments were models of political fairness.

In no state in this Union, be it Democratic or Republican, has the demands of the constitution and the rights of the citizens been so openly and persistently ignored, upon this subject, as here in rock-ribbed Republican Pennsylvania. Notwithstanding the fact that a constitutional mandate requires an apportionment of Senatorial and Representative districts "immediately after each decennial census," no heed has been given to that requirement and to-day, we are living and voting in the same Senatorial districts that were formed in 1874.

Some of these districts have increased in population so that under a constitutional apportionment they would be entitled to double the representation in the Senate they now have, while others have decreased to that extent that they are enjoying double the representation they are entitled too. It so happens that the increase has been in Democratic sections while the decrease has occurred in Republican districts, thus making it impossible, for a new gerrymander, to outdo in partisan hoggishness or political disfranchisement the old swindle, and rather than make anything fairer, the Republican law makers have simply disregarded the constitutional mandate and the sanctity of their oaths, and refused to make any effort to change or better it.

As an example of the representation in the Senate that is provided the people of Pennsylvania, by the Republican party, we need but refer to two districts, those of Lancaster and Luzerne to show the unfairness of their acts and the hollowing of their professions for fair apportionments. The former with a population of 149,095, is allowed two Senators, while the latter with a population of 201,203 is given but one. It is unnecessary to say that Lancaster is reliably Republican, while Luzerne is generally Democratic. Or we might go farther and point to republican Lebanon, with its 48,131 inhabitants having one senator and democratic Berks with 142,327 people being allowed but the same senatorial representation. Other sections of the State are served the same way, and the Democratic counties so banded together that their 446,000 Democratic votes have but twelve districts they can count as certain, while the 525,000 Republican votes are secure in thirty-four districts, leaving but four that are doubtful or to be contested for.

If the "gerrymanders" of Wisconsin or Michigan exceeded this in partisan unfairness, or "political hoggishness," the evidence, before or the decisions of their supreme courts, fail to show it.

And yet Republican newspapers of Pennsylvania have the gall to prate about fair apportionments.—Democratic failures to secure constitutional representation, and Democratic gerrymanders.

Could hypocrisy be hollower or inconsistency more apparent?

## A Fitting Head For the Party.

And after all Mr. HARRISON might just as well have taken QUAY for his chairman as the man he did. Possibly it would have been better for there would have been no hypocrisy about the selection, or no pretense of elevating the character and methods of the Republican party, as there evidently was in choosing the present chairman THOS. H. CARTER.

What QUAY was, he was openly and above board. There was no deceit or hypocrisy about him. He acted his belief and was a known and acknowledged political rascal, whose methods were admired and approved by the leaders of the Republican party generally. The new regime that was to purify politics, elevate the work of the organization, and take the stench of corruption from the body politic of the Republican party, has just got started under Mr. HARRISON's dictation, and with the start comes the fact that, while it pretends to much holiness and purity, the only change that can be expected, will be from the methods of the highwayman, who claims that because he has the power, he has the right to rob, to those of the sneak thief, who while, denouncing wrongs and decrying thefts, sneaks behind the door and pockets whatever he can lay his polluted hands upon.

The Omaha Herald has just uncovered the Hon. THOMAS H. CARTER, and when the public becomes acquainted with some of the facts connected with his methods, while a book agent in Kansas, it will readily conclude that a dirty party and a hypocritical candidate has the right man to lead them and be responsible for their welfare. It will at once see the propriety of having as the recognized head of an organization that boasts of corruption like QUAY, a pecksniff like WANAMAKER, a Fraud like DUDLEY, a debaucher like RAMM, a candidate like HARRISON, and a political green's good gang of followers who have made a robbers roost of the departments at Washington, just such an individual as the Honorable THOMAS H. CARTER former bunco steerer and confidence man of Tekamah, Kansas.

A portion of the Herald's history is given in another part of this issue of the WATCHMAN and the attention of respectable Republicans as well as Democrats is invited to it.

## A Tariff Reform Candidate for a Tariff Party.

The Republican party may believe in protective tariffs, but in some places it evidently believes more in getting its men into office no matter what their views on this question may be. While here in Pennsylvania, and in other sections of the country, they are denouncing every body who fails to believe as they do on the tariff question, out in Minnesota they have just nominated as their candidate for governor Hon. KNUTE NELSON, who when in Congress two years ago, not only voted but spoke in favor of the MILL's tariff reform bill. The fact that Minnesota Republicans, in order to keep their State from falling into the hands of the Democracy, are compelled to nominate an out and out tariff reformer to head their State ticket only shows how this Democratic doctrine has taken hold of the people of the Northwest, and what may be expected politically from that section in the near future. It is a pointer that should open the eyes of the advocates of a robber tariff, and convince the party, that still clings to that monopolistic principle, of the folly of attempting to ever again make it popular in this country.

—Many of the officers connected with the National Guard of the State have endorsed the brutal punishment inflicted upon IAMS by STREATOR, HAWKINS and SNOWDEN. So much the worse for the State Guard. If thumbing, head shaving and other inhuman treatment is to be the lot of privates who fall under the law of autocratic and hollow-headed officers, how will the ranks of the State Guard be kept filled?

No young man who values his own manhood or his own safety will think of joining an organization that can degrade and maltreat him in this manner.

## Had Better Have Kept Quiet.

General SNOWDEN has been airing his views about Homestead since his return home, and it they amounted to anything there would be a gloomy outlook for the peace of the commonwealth, the prosperity of our industries and the welfare of our people. Fortunately, the General's views are visionary—the products of a weak and excited brain, a kind of DON QUIXOTE imagination that sees enemies behind every bean stalk and smells blood in every rivulet. Luckily, for the State, but unfortunately for himself, his judgment is not such as will induce the governor to keep a standing army at Homestead, or create for him a permanent paying position as its official head.

To believe the general is to conclude that all labor organizations lead to anarchy; that the workmen are communists; that our courts are powerless for the protection of either person or property, and in short that we are in a devil of a fix, and that the only way to get out of it is for the State to "join in actual battle with anarchy and the Commune" and as he expresses it, "fight for our homes, our liberty and our institutions."

Just where anarchy is rampant and communism flourishes the general does not say. Neither does he tell us whose "homes" are in danger, whose "liberties" are denied or what "institutions" are threatened, nor are we informed where the battle should be waged or the enemy is to be found.

In blissful ignorance of such disasters and dangers it is hoped the people will be allowed to remain, until DON QUIXOTE SNOWDEN sallies forth and locates them exactly. He may find a few anarchists among the European scuff that the CARNEGIES and FRICKS have imported, to use as tools to beat down the wages of their own workmen, and may run across an occasional communist, bawling his way about the free lunch counters and beer halls of the larger cities, but he will discover no need for armies or no cause for battles to subdue any anarchical spirit or communist views among our native or naturalized workmen, for there are none. No class of citizens between the Atlantic and the Pacific have a higher regard for law, a greater respect for the rights of others, or more love for our institutions or interests in the success of our enterprises, than the class that assigne individuals like SNOWDEN would write down as dangerous, or that windy warriors like himself would demand armies to make war against.

As a disseminator of facts, or sense, SNOWDEN seems to be as great a failure as he was a military commander.

—The energy which prompted the Lock Haven Daily Democrat to get out such an edition as was issued from that office on last Saturday will find its reward in the impetus which its appearance will surely bring to the flagging industries of that city. A twelve page paper, executed in the best typographical art, setting forth the natural advantages of that pretty river town is the result of much labor on the part of the editors of the Democrat. Their loyalty to Lock Haven can justly be compared to the magnitude of the work which they have just finished.

—The Republican who is too goody-goody to endorse QUAY's methods, and who turns his eyes in holy admiration to HARRISON as an example of purified politics, should read the extracts given in the WATCHMAN from the Omaha Herald's history, of HARRISON's best man—THOS. H. CARTER—and then conclude how much improvement there will be in the conduct of the campaign, or the honor and integrity of the party organization. It must be a fine gang that follows in the wake of such bunco steerers.

—In voting instructions for members of the Legislature, to-morrow (Saturday), Democrats should remember that the Pennsylvania side is entitled, under the usages of the party, to one of the nominees. Mr. McCORMICK, is the candidate that side presents, he has no competitor, and should receive the vote of every Democrat at the primaries. The only contest there is for this office is between Mr. JAMES SCHOFIELD, of this place and Dr. FISHER, of Zion, as to which shall represent this side of the county.

## McKinleyism and Wages.

From the St. Paul Globe.  
It takes ten columns of space in the New York World to recapitulate all the strikes which have occurred in protected industries in this country since the McKinley law went into effect. The magnitude of the list is astounding, even to those who have long been convinced that "protection" protects every state in the Union, similar to the Florida and Louisiana returning boards of 1876, to decide, regardless of the votes, to whom certificates of election as representatives in Congress and Presidential elections shall be awarded. Another purpose is to station about the poles on election day a body of Republican bruisers, similar to Pinkerton "specials" to "regulate" the ballot. The bill, in brief, is an impudent Republican assertion that the several states of the Union are incapable of managing their own affairs and that the Republican party proposes to "protect" the ordinary voter as it already professes to "protect" labor.

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From the Chester Democrat.  
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## The Great Sanguir Island Eruption.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 31.—The steamship Empress of Japan brings additional details of the volcanic eruption of Gunong Aroo, on Great Sanguir island, on June 7. The town of Torona was buried by ashes, and the enormous coconut plantations covering the hills on each side of Torona bay were destroyed. One captain, who was there with a ship at the time, estimates that 10,000 lives were lost on the island, which presents a most dismal appearance. Relief has been forwarded to the survivors from neighboring islands.

## It's Their Natural Place.

From the Fulton Democrat.  
Laboring men, who have been blindly voting the Republican ticket for years could not fail to have noticed how, in the present labor troubles, the Republican press, almost without exception, have taken the side of the Carnegies and the Fricks in their attempts to subjugate the labor organizations and reduce the laboring man almost to a condition of abject servitude. The laboring man should now certainly see how the tide is drifting.

## As a "Predictor" He is Possibly Correct.

From the Port Allegheny Reporter.  
Chris Magee was in New York City one day last week and of course had to be interviewed. He gave it as his opinion that HARRISON would carry Pennsylvania. This opinion was telegraphed as "news" to all quarters of the globe. The Hon. Chris is a mighty close figurer and there is a possibility that he is right. Still Chris has been known to make mistakes when dallying with figures.

## A Stimulated Business.

From the Brooklyn Democrat.  
The McKinley tariff bill has greatly stimulated the importation of laborers into the United States. The number coming in the year ended on June 30, 1891 was 655,496. The number coming in the past year, ended the 30th of June 1892, was 790,320, an increase of 135,000. One of the curses of high protection is that it brings such a vast army of foreign laborers to our shores every year—more than can be employed.

## As It Looks to one Who Sees.

From the Troy, Ohio, Democrat.  
A lady who recently went through the tin plate mill at Elmwood, Ind. found they were making tin out of pig tin imported from Wales, black plate imported from England, and Welsh workmen to do the annealing. Here is a sample of how much the American laborer is benefited by the tin plate tariff for which the American consumer pays yearly from ten to fifteen millions of dollars.

## Yes, Why Not?

From the New York World.  
According to Mr. Aldrich, the cost of living to a family in moderate circumstances has been reduced 8.4 per cent. by increasing the taxes on the necessities of life. Why not, then, increase the taxes until it shall cost nothing to live?

## Just About the Size of It.

From the Pittsburg Press.  
West Virginia, which is again said to be going Republican this year, is like the oyster vegetable, which is always just going to taste like an oyster but never does.

## Spawls from the Keystone.

—A train killed three of Daniel Light's horses at Lebanon.

—Tobacco and corn in Lancaster suffered in the Friday night storm.

—A fall of coal in a Shenandoah mine crushed to death Michael Brokey.

—A train struck Mathias Souder, at Lancaster, inflicting a dangerous injury.

—Car wheels beheaded Railroad brakeman Isreal Peters at Locust Summit.

—Slatington welcomed home its State Guard Friday in enthusiastic fashion.

—John Minick, of Sunbury, attempted to shoot his invalid wife, on Saturday.

—The Schuylkill River at Port Clinton is lower now than it has been for 25 years.

—Incendiaries fired the large house to be occupied by Italian workmen at Wernersville.

—Lightning wrecked the new Reformed Church, at Elzabethtown, Schuylkill county.

—The Lebanon Valley was again visited by a cyclone storm and much damage was done.

—James McCarthy was prostrated by heat at the Bethlehem Iron Works and died Saturday.

—Chambersburg will next Friday banquet her boys in blue who have returned from the front.

—All differences at the Bristol Rolling Mill have been adjusted and the men went to work Monday.

—Ex-Governor Hoyt, of Wilkes-Barre, is able to walk about, but his throat is seriously affected.

—Fishermen at Pottstown have been using dynamite and the Fish Warden is after them with a club.

—Lawrence Rusbach, of Shenandoah, was crushed while coupling cars at Boston Run colliery.

—Unable to swim after cramps attacked him, Henry Price, an Ashland lad, perished in a mine pond.

—The Reading railroad Company has laid off 30 men in the car shops at Palo Alto and Schuylkill Haven.

—A harvest hand confessed robbing his employer, John Anthony near Easton, of \$475 and is residing in jail.

—District Attorney J. A. Robbuck, of Lewisburg, has been appointed law professor in the University of Iowa.

—After an idleness of many months, the Maiden Creek Iron Works, at Brandon, resumed Monday morning.

—James P. Keefe, a member of the Twelfth Regiment, was run over by a car at Sunbury and killed.

—Herman Frame was caught in an earth roller at West Chester and was released with injuries that may be fatal.

—Rains have filled all the small streams in the Schuylkill Valley and completely banished the ghost of a water famine.

—Berks County Commissioners have condemned as unsafe the Kisinger bridge over the Schuylkill at Reading.

—Dr. Francis Castle, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, has accepted a Greek professorship in Chicago University.

—An unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the New Holland (Lancaster County) post office on Thursday night.

—James Ryan, charged with attempting to wreck a "ponny" train at Norristown, is in jail in default of \$5000 bail.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Stout's horse ran away at Womelsdorf, and both occupants of the carriage were badly hurt.

—Pulling a kettle of boiling grape juice over itself, the little daughter of Mrs. Looser Norristown, was fatally burned.

—A black snake ran up Samuel Zimmerman's sleeve while he was binding oats at Spring Grove, Lancaster County.

—While trying to clean his father's pistol Jacob Krueger, of Shenandoah, accidentally discharged it and got a fatal wound.

—General Robert P. Decher, of Philadelphia, will be chief marshal of the G. A. R. parade at Bethlehem, September 1.

—While d-inking at a spring Monday night 3-year-old Bertha Casey, of Paradise, Lancaster county, fell in and was drowned.

—National Guards are now receiving pay for their services at Homestead, through the Adjutant General's office at Harrisburg.

—Three boys stole \$475 from Joseph Anthony's house at Weichers Northampton County, and escaped on a freight train.

—As he was digging a grave at Treichel's station, Northampton County, Solomon Kner was sunstruck and died in a few minutes.

—Several miners at the foot of a deep shaft at Goodspring, Schuylkill county, were shocked by lightning that descended a wire rope.

—The firm charge of pocket-picking against Fred Mason and William Burke, of Philadelphia, was quashed at Reading Saturday.

—James Keegan one of the oldest conductors of the Delaware and Lackawanna Railroad fell from a train at Wilkesbarre and was fatal ly hurt.

—Charles Foster has been appointed by Governor Pattison Alderman of the Sixth ward, of Lebanon, vice Robert H. Smith resigned.

—Wife No. 1 arrived at Reading from Russia Saturday found Isaac Lavine living with his wife No. 2, and had him arrested. He says he was divorced.

—Fearing to go home after spending the evening at a festival, Lizie Emerick, jumped into a pond at Harrisburg and was barely rescued alive.

—J. D. Hancock, of Franklin Venango County, has been unanimously suggested for Congress by the Democrats in the Twenty-seventh district.

—Reports compiled at Oil City show that in New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio there are 179 oil wells completed of which 41 are dry.

—W. A. Sipe, of Allegheny, is announced as a Democratic candidate for Congress in the Twenty-fourth district, E. F. Acheson will be the Republican nominee.

—The storm on Saturday destroyed the dynamo of the Neversink Mountain and East Reading Electric Railroads, temporarily stopping the running of cars.

—After inducing his bride prospective, as she says to swear that she was 21 years old, Augustus Schroter, of Lancaster, has had her sued for perjury after marriage.

—William A. Carr, a Philadelphia insurance agent has sued David Haverstick and Richard Bleskendorfer, of Lancaster, for \$10,000 damages for false imprisonment.

—Governor Pattison has notified the Reading workmen, who complained of non-employment on the asylum buildings, that the State Commissioners have their cases in charge.