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Init Stings.  
—Opportunities are golden and that is the reason so few of us ever get any.  
—There is usually a time worn expression on the face of an eight day clock.

—To be a man at all times should be the ambition of every member of the male sex.

—The man with his pocket full of "rocks" is licensed to fire as many of them as he wants to at us.

—It is rumored that old Sol and the boot blacks are going to form a Trust for the control of shins.

—The returns from Vermont are not calculated to send many thrills of delight through McKINLEY's bosom.

—The fellow who tries to make a cloak of his religion generally finds it to thin to make even a decent gauze shirt.

—We have not yet seen that any of the monopolist organs have denounced the original striker, MARCO BOZZARIS.

—The Republican party in Arkansas seems to be like GILROY's kite. Without head or tail it has flown clear out of sight.

—If decay and rotteness germinate cholera bacillus then the G. O. P. had better be run into quarantine immediately.

—CORBETT, DIXON and McAU-LIFFE should be put on exhibition along with the rest of the bull dogs at the next National bench show.

—Pension commissioner RAUM will undoubtedly busy himself with hunting up new beneficiaries while the Grand Army encamps at Washington.

—BENJAMIN's letter of acceptance was an exceedingly lengthy document, but it wasn't as long as his tail of woe will be, after the whole thing is over.

—BLAINE's determination to make but a couple of five minute speeches for HARRISON shows that he understands the folly of wasting time on a lost cause.

—Of the Workmen now employed in the CARNEGIE mills, at Homestead, eight tenths are American born where the same per cent. was of foreign birth before the strike.

—The World thinks that it is unnecessary to establish a quarantine for Philadelphia. It must deem denizens of the Quaker City too slow to catch even the cholera.

—It is every Democrat's duty to work for the success of his party this fall. The crisis has come and America demands of her sons that government which will heal her diseased systems and restore her prosperity.

—Mr. PECK should have been on hand at Columbus last fall when Gov. CAMPBELL called upon Maj. McKINLEY to present one workman's name whose wages had been raised in consequence of the latter's bill.

—You cannot be too careful about what you eat and drink at this time of the year. The system is run down and the decay of fall is beginning. It behooves every one to lend a helping hand to the health of the community.

—Republican papers are proud because HARRISON has declared a twenty day quarantine against cholera and in order to look after official business has been compelled to cut short a proposed pleasure trip. Wouldn't they have about the same grounds for gratification every time he signs his pay roll.

—If you don't believe that Americans enjoy freedom in every sense of the word the last vestige of doubt will be removed when we tell you that one week our President sits in the car which during the following one is used by our boss slugger. Imagine CHARLEY MITCHELL riding in a car which VICTORIA had honored.

—In the death of Hon. DANIEL DOUGHERTY America has lost her greatest orator and the Democratic party a man whose unimpeachable judgment and ability has wielded a mighty influence over the masses in more than one crisis. His infant dreams of oratory found their fulfillment in the master work of his later years.

—The New Jersey man, who is going to court to obtain possession of a shark which another fellow caught after he had wounded it, may unwittingly open up an avenue for some juicy tales for coming generations. If he wins his case a fish story registration office will have to be opened, in every community, where anglers can record the number of big ones that escaped after they were hooked.

—The harvest moon is now sailing serenely through the heavens and the unengaged summer girl is beaming into its full orb with a longing that is almost desperate. Such a moon, with such an opportunity, will not appear again for four years and she knows if she does not reap her harvest now by the next time leap year comes around she will have been relegated to the musty shades of antiquity.

A Word With the Farmer.

You are a farmer. Possibly a Republican farmer who believes in protection. If so, you are exactly the man this item was written for.

Your wheat is protected (?) by a Republican tariff to the extent of 10 cents per bushel.

Your barley, potatoes, wool and eggs are also among the list of protected articles.

And yet do you prosper because of good prices?

Your wheat is worth 75 cents a bushel.

From fifteen to thirty cents less than it has ever been known to sell for.

Your barley brings no better price than it did when a tariff on farm products was unheard of. Your wool is worth less than it was a few years ago when it was upon the free list, and your potatoes bring a reasonable price only because of a short crop.

How then does the tariff benefit you?

Every thing you buy, that is manufactured by machinery, is dearer than it was before this tariff bill was enacted into law. Your farm machinery and implements, your clothing, blankets and carpets, in fact everything you must have for your farm, your house or your family, except sugar—an article the tariff does not touch—costs you more than they did before this bill went into effect. And everything you have to sell brings less than it did prior to that date.

Is paying more for what you must buy, and taking less for what you have to sell, benefiting you?

And yet this is exactly the situation you find yourself in to-day, under a tariff system that you are told protects the products of your farm, as it does the output of the manufacturer's mill.

The honest God's truth is, no tariff that can be conceived will ever protect your products or increase their price. It would be impossible to make a protective tariff that would add one cent to the price of a bushel of wheat or a farthing to the value of a car load of potatoes. It is the rankest deception and the most unblinking fraud, when you are told that it will do so.

You raise more wheat and other farm products in this country than our people can use. The supply is greater than the demand. The price is always less here than in any other part of the world. Consequently no one would think of shipping wheat or potatoes to a country that raised more than it needed.

For this reason you have no competitors to shut out, and protective tariffs, which are made for that purpose, are of no use to you.

What you want and need is a market—a demand for what you have to sell. Our own country takes what it needs, but it don't need all. Other countries could take all you have to spare. There are plenty of governments that do not raise one tenth part of what they need. They would take our surplus if we would take their goods in exchange. This the tariff you impose upon such articles as they would bring to us, prevents, and the result is, that in place of making a market and a demand for what you have to sell, the "protection" you are asked to vote for, only hems you in and makes you take just what you can get in a country that has more than it needs of that which you furnish.

This is the reason your wheat is worth but 75 cents per bushel. It is the result of the restricted trade that a protective tariff is intended to create.

It was entirely unnecessary for Mr. HARRISON to write a five column letter to show that he would accept the Republican nomination. His course before, and the actions of his friends at Minneapolis, was all the assurance any one would want to convince them that he was not only willing, but was terribly anxious to get it. His letter, therefore, in place of being one of acceptance, is simply the plea of a politician, and the personal efforts of a hungry office holder to hang onto the position he now fills.

The WATCHMAN office is turning out better work than ever. Bring in your printing and let us make an estimate on it for you.

A Waste of Time and Efforts.

The efforts of Republican newspapers, to produce figures, to prove that under the operations of the McKINLEY bill the wages of workmen have advanced, as was promised, seems to us a foolish and useless undertaking. If they are correct in their assertions, there is no people, any where, better situated to know it, than the workmen themselves; and if they are not correct, all the figures they can put together, and all the assurances they can give, from this to the election, will not convince a single laborer that what they allege is true.

Haphazard statistics, secured from interested parties and juggled with by designing politicians, is not the evidence that convinces workmen of good times and increased wages. The condition of their flour chests, their meat barrels, their clothes closets and their store accounts, is more positive proof to them, than any theories or reports that can be produced.

If it were true that their wages had been increased, by the McKINLEY bill, there would be no reason to tell them so, in order to convince them. They would know it of themselves; they would have every evidence of the fact. Every pay-day would prove it, and the increased comforts their families would enjoy, would be witness to the fact.

What folly then, for Republican papers and speakers, to waste time in trying to prove, that which furnishes its own proof if true, and if not true, that which no figures that can be placed together, will convince those for whom they are intended of their correctness and reliability.

Surely this work is a waste of time and efforts.

Has His Eyes Opened.

"Private" DALZELL, who has been heard in nearly every campaign since the war closed hurrahing for the flag, and bellowing about the duty of the soldier to stand by the Republican party, has had his eyes opened to a thing or two, and is not nearly so flag crazy as he once was, nor has he the same sweet words of affectionate praise for the treatment of the old soldier receives at the hands of Republicans. Experience has taught Private DALZELL something, and cold facts have chilled his ardor to no small extent. He wanted an office, and when he came to ask for it he learned, as he says, "that Republican love for the soldier is everywhere a sham and a lie." The other fellow who never had been a soldier, never wanted to be and never would be one, got the office, and Private DALZELL got the political mitten, and was left to console his disappointed hopes in the satisfaction the publication of the following card gave him:

"I want it distinctly understood I am Private Dalzell no longer. I have been ground to pieces by that name. This love for a soldier is always and everywhere a sham and a lie. A fat pocketbook goes farther in a conversion than a good record as a private. I am done with it. I hold any man my enemy who ever calls me Private again, Good-bye, 'Private.' Henceforth I am plain 'Dalzell, of Ohio.'"

Wouldn't be Much of a Loss.

The State newspapers for the past week have been discussing the possibility of a failure on the part of the contractor to furnish all the election booths needed in time for the November election. They argue that because there has been but ten thousand, of the twenty-three thousand needed, supplied up to this time, there may be a shortage on election day and consequently a failure to hold elections as the Baker law requires.

While we have no confidence in the law as it is, and believe that just as fair and honest elections were held under the old, as will be under the new law, we have no fear that it will not receive a fair trial, or that any of the necessary paraphernalia will not be ready and on hand in due time. There is too much money in the job for the contractors to give it a ghost of a show of failing, and even if they should, and this ring-cursed QUAY-ridden State be disfranchised for once, we don't see that there would much cause for crying over the result.

Poor BENJAMIN is getting badly rattled. To think that a deacon in a Presbyterian church would so far forget himself as to send out his letter of acceptance on Sunday, then for fear of blue stocking vengeance recalled until Monday.

No Dodging the Force Bill Issue Now.

As was hoped by the Democrats, and feared by Republicans, President HARRISON, has had the courage to come out squarely, in his letter of acceptance, in favor of a force bill, and in place of their being any doubt as to the position of the Republican party on this question, its candidate brings it up to the scratch and forces it to stand or fall in defense of this infamous and liberty destroying measure.

The courage that actuated Mr. HARRISON to this position is at least deserving of a little credit. It leaves no doubt as to what the policy of his party will be if successful, and no excuse for those who are opposed to such revolutionary ideas, for supporting that party under the plea that the force bill is not an issue in the campaign.

To be sure Mr. HARRISON does not speak of the measure as a force bill. None of his party, who favor the provision of the Lodge act, do. They call it an election bill—a non-partisan measure—to secure "free elections and a fair count."

It is under this guise, that the people are to be robbed of their rights to vote and hold elections, and that the entire machinery at the polls is to be placed under the control of Federal election officers, backed when Federal needs demand with Federal soldiers.

Under its provisions, the Federal Judges, who are the creatures of a partisan President, appoints, not only the judges and inspectors of elections, but officials to make the registration, and marshalls and deputies to stand at the polls and see that only those whom these appointed registrars place upon the list, are allowed to vote. From their decision or the work of these partisan boards, there is no appeal for the people who may be wronged. Their power is absolute and their determinations final. No matter how many qualified voters they desire to disfranchise, they can do it by neglecting or refusing to register them; no matter what the result of the election may be, they count up the vote and return it to suit their own purposes, and the state courts are powerless to stay any wrong they may commit, or prevent any fraud they may perpetrate.

And these election officers, named for the people by a partisan court, need not be residents of the election districts or county over which their authority extends. They may be sent from any part of the congressional district, and are amenable only to the power that sends them. At their back stands the United States army, required to respond to any call that the marshalls of elections, may make on it.

And this is called a measure to insure "free and fair election."

It is the Republican idea of securing non-partisan election boards and an honest count.

It is the proposition of the party in power, to take charge of our elections and perpetuate its power by doing as Czar REED boasted in his Pittsburg speech they would do, "control the elections, count up the vote and make out the returns to suit themselves."

If the people are ready for this kind of work, are willing to relinquish all right to hold their own elections and have a voice in the selection of their officials, the elections in November will tell.

HARRISON's success means the passage and enforcement of the Force bill and a death blow to the rights and liberties of the American citizen.

Leaning on a Weak Reed.

It is said that PLATT has been placated and the Republicans now assert that they will carry New York without a doubt. It seems to us that we have an indistinct recollection that Mr. PLATT, once upon a time, undertook to carry New York for another fellow—one FASSETT. The return tables in one of the political Almanacs give any evidence that that undertaking proved a success, nor does any documentary evidence show that PLATT and FASSETT, combined, carried that State. Possibly Mr. P's power, for a man he hates and despises, will prove greater than his efforts for a candidate of his own choosing, and possibly—very possibly it may not. At least if we were a Republican we wouldn't make fool enough of ourself to bet any money on the victory that is to come out of PLATT's placation.

Balancing the Paradoxes.

From the New York World.  
No acrobat on a tight-rope ever had a more ticklish task before him than have the champions of McKinleyism in balancing the paradoxes of Protection.

Their chief organ in this city is busy in trying to prove:

1. That putting a tax on an article cheapens it to consumers.

2. That cheapening the product enables the manufacturer to increase or to "maintain" wages.

3. That the cost of food can be reduced to workingmen, while the farmer gets higher prices for his products on account of a tariff on foodstuffs which constitute the main part of our exports.

4. That the foreigners really pay the duty, though Mr. McKinley, in the kindness of his heart, taxes them only \$180,000,000 a year towards the expenses of the Government.

It is a very nice piece of tight-rope balancing which the defenders of taxing a nation into prosperity have undertaken.

Points With Pride to the High Wages.

From the Goshen (N. Y.) Republican.  
Mr. Procter points with pride to the high wages paid in his Vermont factory, which are the lowest market rate, for in the event that his workmen kick, he knows perfectly that under our blessed tariff he can telegraph and in a few weeks fill their places with the pauper marble cutters of Europe, for whose coming our thoughtful tariff makers have left wide open the gates of Castle Garden. Taxes on all the American working-man uses—and plenty, liberal taxes—on free trade in all foreign pauper labor, save the Chinaman, have been the making of Redfield Procter, Andrew Carnegie and two hundred thousand other tariff pets, who, in the name of American high wages, have absorbed into their pocket-books about 70 per cent. of all the wealth of the United States.

Ballots vs. Bullets.

From the Texas Siftings.  
The Republicans are very fond of calling for troops to settle every question. Their party was born in war; it obtained power through war; it has lived by war, and rumors of war, and it cannot comprehend any discussion which is not to end in a fight. During HARRISON's administration, we have been threatened with war with Chili, war with Italy, war with England, and we have had a labor war in three States. The Republican policy which is behind all these troubles leads directly to the Force Bill, which is intended to give the Federal troops control of the elections, not only in the South, but in all the States. Without a war, without troops, without a Force Bill, the Republican party has no reason to live, and it is going to die hard.

That Pension Record.

From the Pittsburg Post.  
President Cleveland signed more pension bills than did all his predecessors. Under President Cleveland 1,825 pension bills became laws. In the twenty-four years of Republican administration preceding Cleveland 1,610 pension bills passed, showing 215 more under Cleveland than during the terms of all his Republican predecessors. It is true Cleveland voted many private pension bills that had been lobbied through Congress—in all 524—but he did this after close examination of each case and to save the pension list from becoming a roll of dishonor.

The Hole is Safe.

From the Tankhannock Democrat.  
The "net cash balance for July" is reported by the Treasury at \$27,000,000, of which over \$14,000,000 is small change of limited legal tender over \$12,000,000 is the standing loan without interest to "pet" national banks. So that on July 30 there was no cash balance of available funds in the Treasury. Take away the small change and there is nothing but the hole left where the Cleveland surplus used to be.

A Mathematical Query.

From the St. Louis Republic.  
If in ten years of high tariff more mortgages are filed in Kansas than there are inhabited houses in the State how long will it be before the high tariff will be "reformed by its friends."

How it Goes in Ohio.

Will some g. o. p. organ of Ohio please state why the people of this State should be taxed two cents a pound on tin to give employment to forty-two Welshmen up at Youngstown?

Win the West.

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.  
The bickerings between the factions in New York would be of small consequence if the Northwest were safe for Cleveland. Hence it must be made safe by a thorough campaign of education.

Spawls from the Keystone.  
—Scranton will soon cremate garbage.  
—The woods of Pennsylvania swarm with squirrels.  
—Lester Brady was drowned in the reservoir at Dunmore.  
—A fresh outbreak of diphtheria has occurred in Chester.  
—S. G. Whitaker has been appointed postmaster at Felix, Pa.  
—There is no abatement of the typhoid fever epidemic at Cresona.  
—Eastern Pennsylvania farmers report a poor cloverseed harvest.  
—A handsome soldiers' monument was unveiled at Mahanoy City Monday.  
—Thomas E. A. and William Riegel, escaped from the Doylestown Jail.  
—William N. Dennis, an Erie bookkeeper, hanged himself because of illness.  
—Frederick Yensen, who was wanted for a dozen burglaries, was captured in Allentown.  
—Little George Miller died from effects of being run over by a street sprinkler at Myerstown.  
—The annual State Sabbath School Association will meet at Lancaster from September 20 to 22.  
—Berks County fair, which opened Tuesday, was rich in fine exhibits and pretty country lasses.  
—Isaac Decello fell 80 feet from a railroad trestle at Conowingo and was picked up fatally hurt.  
—Rev. A. W. Spooner startled his Altoona congregation by calling Adam and Ave Anarchists.  
—All the larger cities in the State are being especially cleansed in anticipation of the cholera.  
—Charles Saxton, a Pennsylvania Railroad brakeman, was killed at Sunbury, Monday morning.  
—Safe robbers have been working the general stores of Cumberland, Perry and Franklin counties.  
—Ardmore citizens are circulating a petition asking that town be not incorporated into a borough.  
—Scores of Dauphin County farmers have fitted their homes with ingenious burglar alarm bells.  
—Austin McMichael, of Philadelphia, was run over by a train near Reading, on Saturday, and killed.  
—Lockjaw Friday killed Philip Roberts, of Cornarvon, who had been struck on the head with a stone.  
—A little son of Mrs. Elizabeth Snyder, Hollidaysburg, Lycoming County, was cremated in a burning barn.  
—An Allegheny County Coroner's jury recommends a State law to prohibit the sale of Flobert rifles.  
—Brush Mountain, near Altoona, is likely to be selected as a national weather, observatory and signal site.  
—The body of Jacob W. Rose, a farmer, was found in the road near Johnstown, he having been murdered.  
—Every street in Pittsburg was yesterday sprinkled with a solution of coppers, in anticipation of the cholera.  
—Christian Endeavor Societies held their annual convention at Millersville, Lancaster county, Monday.  
—Falling asleep upon the railroad track, James Cogan, who lived near Pittsville, was run over and killed.  
—The Grand Lodge of the United States of the Order of Seven Wise Men, will convene at Lancaster, Tuesday.  
—The store of James Zollinger, in Tobyone, Perry county, was entered by robbers, who secured \$250 from the safe.  
—Gas escaped in his room at a Chambersburg hotel and John Eshleman will not recover from the inhalations.  
—At a Sunday School convention in Reading Saturday 400 schools with a membership of 45,000 were represented.  
—Philip Wolf, aged 12 years, of Shenandoah, was badly hurt and had his eye sight destroyed by an explosion Monday.  
—An epidemic of a dangerous skin disease has attacked every one of the 40 inmates of the Scranton Home for the Friendless.  
—Congressman Frank E. Beltzhoover, of Carlisle will be the speaker at the Perry county Fair on "Democratic Day," September 16.  
—Being thrown from an overturned load of straw at Chinchilla, Lackawanna County, Wild Hall was buried and received fatal injuries.  
—While George Kennedy was trying to kiss Mrs. L. Achinson in her home at Scranton, the woman's husband slashed him with a razor.  
—Contractor Gaynor, of Pottsville, will begin operations on the 18-mile extension of the Williamsport and North Branch Railroad in a week.  
—Having fallen through a trap door in the kitchen floor, John F. Kleinhans, Manheim township, Lancaster County, was picked up dead.  
—Pennsylvania live stock and coal trains wrecked both of their engines in collision near South Fork and killed W. A. Ferguson, brakeman.  
—Philadelphia and Reading car shops at Schuylkill Haven are working 14 hours a day in order to turn out sufficient coal cars for the great traffic.  
—The car in which Thomas Johnson, a circus man was riding to Pottsville, was derailed and in trying to escape injury, Johnson leaped and cracked his skull.  
—Horseman Edward Johnson, of Pittsburg, was almost killed near Reading by the derailment of Cook & Whitby circus train car in which he was riding.  
—Twelve-year-old Frank Ray ran in front of Willie Blaine's revolver while the latter shot at a mark in Sunbury. He was shot in the stomach and may die.  
—"Farmer" Adams said the detectives scared him into confessing that he piled the ties on the Pennsylvania Railroad track at Enon and then shot himself.  
—Creditors of the strange Reading Lancaster and Baltimore Railroad met at Adamstown Saturday and discussed the purchase of the franchise, assuming the \$20,000 debt.  
—A thief with \$200 in his jacket was captured in a cornfield near Norristown. His name is Adam Snyder, and the money was taken from J. R. Shoemaker, of Pymouth.  
—Rev. Father Kasalicko and Frank Pickett, editors of the Zedota, of Hazleton, were Saturday fined \$300 each and sent to jail for a month for libeling P. V. Rovaniack, of Pittsburg.  
—The promotion of Trainmaster M. C. Blaine of Pottsville, to a position in Philadelphia with the Reading Company has resulted in the promotion of Dispatcher Bowers, of Reading, to Blaine's old place.