

—Is there nothing to take the place of foot ball?

—Cs may have been the lucky letter this year but we'd just as soon have a few gilt edged I. O. Us.

—After all the speculations of Astronomers, in place of it being BEILA's comet it turned its tail this way and proved to be a go-it.

—If the gold basis is to go KEELEY should be allowed some representation in the International Monetary conference now sitting in Brussels.

—Birds-eye views are all right as long as the proper kind of a bird figures. When the "Chippie" eye is used then we fancy there isn't much seen.

—Real economy is getting to be quite common in royal families. The Queen Regent of Spain is building her own coffin. She smokes twelve cigarettes every day.

—A Johnstown lass refused to marry her swain because he said he would make her his angle. She was right. How could she wear suspenders with big wings growing out of her back.

—Emperor WILLIAM, of Germany, is again being troubled with his ear. His physicians think it is cancer, inherited from his father, but others, of a less considerate turn, have reason to think that CAPRIVI has put a "bug" in it.

—By the time the great telescope which Mr. CHARLES F. YERKES has bequeathed to the new Chicago University, has been constructed it will take its most powerful magnifying lense to trace specks of a once Republican party.

—Washington hotel keepers are being deluged with applications for quarters from prospective inauguration visitors. If the landlords of the national capitol treat the Democracy like those of the Windy city did—Well—we'll stand it again in '97.

—Instead of its being a roll of honor the U. S. Pension list has come to be a roster of leeches and frauds, whose names are making it a disgrace for honorable pensioners to ask for the assistance they so richly deserve. It is to be hoped that a pruning down will soon be begun.

—Kansas is thinking of sending a woman to the United States senate and some writers have been unkind enough to say that if such be the case it will be useless for that body to hold secret sessions. At all events if Mrs. ENGLISH does represent the Sunflower state she will have to wield a pretty glib tongue to get ahead of her predecessor, INGALLS.

—The science of Astronomy received a severe blow last Sunday night when the comet failed to appear. All persons are to some extent skeptical, especially so with reference to things astral. For while we accept the statements of astronomers mostly because of our inability to argue them, we nevertheless gloat in such opportunities, as their recent blunder has afforded us, to laugh at the old fogies.

—Foot-ball, the great college game, as well as nearly all other field sports entered into by students, is beginning to savor so much of professionalism that it will only be a matter of a few years until it will lose the hold which it has over college enthusiasts. Graduates can cheer for supporters of their alma mater far more lustily when they know that college spirit and not a "consideration" is the incentive to supremacy.

—The fact that HARRISON's message will not be ready for the opening of Congress is not at all a surprise when all of the sorrow he has undergone in the past few months is taken into consideration. The United States have never called a president whose term of office has been so signally one characterized by affliction as has that of Mr. HARRISON. His party has disintegrated, his cabinet been disrupted and, saddest of all, his family circle broken by death.

—Republican organs are very much worried because CLEVELAND is not writing as many letters as they think he should. Mr. CLEVELAND's epistolatory season is over until he will be called upon to give to Congress and the country at large the message upon which will be outlined his suggestions for "an honest government economically administered." Then they will see the doctrines of Democracy fulfilled and the pleas of a tax ridden people answered.

—The newspapers of a country are invariably its scape goats. If an enterprise fails the press is given the devil for not "booming" it sufficiently; should it be successful the press is expected to puff the long headed manager whose sagacity (?) brought about the result. The French press is now being blamed for breaking up LOUBET's cabinet and appropriating \$6,000,000 of the Panama canal funds. It is no wonder that French newspaper men demanded a good round sum when they had to shut their eyes to such a scandal.

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A Matter They Should be Ashamed to Speak of.

If there was the least particle of consistency, or but a mite of shame, in the Republican press there would be an amazing falling off in the amount of advice these journals are now giving the Democratic party about the necessity of enforcing civil service ideas. Upon our exchange list is from forty to fifty representative Republican papers. They come from nearly every State in the Union. We have glanced over their pages regularly, as they were received for the past four years, and we doubt, if in all that time as much was said, in all of them combined, in favor of Civil Service Reform as will be found in any half dozen of them, since the defeat of their party a little over three weeks ago.

For a party that while in power paid no heed to any demand for the enforcement of civil service rules; that violated every principle that underlies that idea; that put honest and efficient men out of place simply because they were not partisan, heelers or political toughs; that paid no regard to the requirements of the law on this subject, or no respect for the sentiment of the public that asked its enforcement, to set itself up now as a finger board pointing the way for the Democracy to go, and designating what course to pursue, is as impudent as it is shameless, and as shameless as impudent.

When the Democratic party wants to learn the necessities of civil service enforcement, or the benefits the country will receive from a strict compliance with the requirements of its provisions, they will seek other teachers than broken down political hacks, whose only idea is the retention in place of the Republican rascals, who now fill every government position of either party or trust.

There may be much to be said in favor of civil service reform but it is not the party that failed to see any of its beauties or to realize any of the benefits it might be to the public, until it is going out of power, that should attempt to be its spokesman. When the riff-raff with which the Republican party has filled every important place and crowded into every clerkship, is turned out to earn their living in some other way than by drawing government salaries, for service rendered the Republican party, and honest men who will perform the duties of the positions fill their places, it will be time to begin a strict enforcement of civil service ideas.

Commence at Home.

We don't know that any one will sympathize very deeply with Chicago newspapers in their complaints and denunciations of the railroad companies for refusing to fix a cheap rate of fare to the Exposition next year. While the people, without exception, desire and deserve to travel as cheaply as possible, yet when it comes to being robbed, and they know they are the victims, they are not going to cry because the railroad companies demand a share of what Chicago has set its heart on taking.

With the tens of thousands who expect to visit the Exposition it will only be a matter of who gets their money. If the railroad companies do not take it, Chicago will. So that in any disputes there may be about the rate of transportation the people need bother themselves but little.

A specimen of how Chicago can rob the public was given at the time of the last Democratic convention, and their is no one anywhere who knows anything of that bunco business, who is going to bother himself in the least about the amount of money visitors to the fair will have to pay to get to Chicago. The less they have when they arrive there the less the sharks of that city will have when they come away.

It is after they put themselves in charge of the hotel, boarding-house and restaurant keepers, the barbers and boot-blacks, the cabmen and coffee-houses, and the thousands of other big and little thieves that Chicago gives shelter and protection to, that they may expect to, and will, be fleeced. So that under the circumstances we don't see that the public has much interest in the matter one way or the other. It is to be fleeced any way, and just who does it, or whether Chicago or the railroad companies get the largest share of the swag, is a matter of little importance.

However, before Chicago newspapers make much ado about full fare, to the show, being charged by rail-roads, or the patriotism these corporations would exhibit by arranging a half-rate schedule, would it not be in place for them to point out some Chicago interest, or enterprise, or individual, that proposes charging half-rates, or anything less than full or double rates, for anything they expect to do for, or furnish to, the people attending the show. Until those who will reap the greatest financial harvest from the success, it is to be hoped, the Exposition will prove, show a disposition to arrange and enforce a reasonable rate of charges for what they expect to furnish the public, there is no reason why they should demand of other interests a reduction of their rates.

May be Troublesome to Others as Well as to the Democracy.

It is strange with what complacency our republican exchanges treat the fact, that their party, in going out of power, will hand over to the Democracy a Treasury depleted and in debt, and a record for mismanagement, carelessness and extravagance, that has no parallel in the history of the country.

The fact that they have squandered two billions of dollars of a surplus, that the Democratic administration left in the Treasury when it turned the control of the country's finances over to them, only four years ago, as well as all the immense revenues of the government and a hundred millions of the gold reserve, is treated by them as a joke on the Democracy. They talk as if the incoming administration would find more trouble in providing for their deficiency than the outgoing one will have in explaining its reckless extravagance, to the public that has been robbed.

In their estimation this whole question of a deficiency may be a light matter. To them it may afford considerable pleasure to see the incoming administration hampered for funds to meet demands made by their profligacy, and it is probable, also, that they will not burden themselves with an attempt to explain or apologize to the people of the country, whose money they have so wantonly squandered. Under these conditions they possibly feel happy.

But their is another view of the case which, if considered, may have a serious side for some of them, even if they are disposed to consider it a smart job to create a deficiency, that an excuse may be had for continuing extortionate tariff taxation; and that is, that this very deficiency will lessen appropriations and compel an economy in public expenditures, that may very materially interfere with local calculations.

Take Philadelphia for instance. That Republican city has long been clamoring for a new Mint. It has authority now that would assure it one if there was money in the Treasury to purchase the site and erect it. But there is not. How is that city to get the desired appropriation? The Republican deficiency, that its papers seem to think a good thing, or at least a light matter, will simply prevent appropriations at this time, for purposes of the kind, and it, along with other localities in the same fix, are the ones that will suffer most from this condition of affairs.

Possibly by the time the deficiency, they treat so lightly now, is made good, and the public finances are gotten into such a condition as will allow of appropriations for purposes such as Philadelphia wants \$200,000, its newspapers and politicians may conclude that a deficit in the Treasury, is not much of a joke after all, and that other interests, as well as the Democratic administration, has been harrassed by it.

What it Means.

When the Democratic party gets through with the pension question, no old or deserving soldier will have cause for complaint. It will be the frauds, whose oaths and not services, put them upon the pension roll—the camp loafers and bummers, the fellows who have done their fighting with their mouths since the close of the war ended their opportunity to rob the real soldier, who will hear something "drap" that will not be as pleasant to their ears as music, or as profitable to them as the paths in which they have been traveling of late.

For the Good of All.

From the Chicago Press.

If there are honest Republicans who really believe what their party journals and speakers have told them—who fear that Democratic success in the national contest threatens danger or disturbance to business—to them we say, your fears are idle.

The majority of the people of the United States, represented by the great Democratic majority, do not mean injury to themselves. This country is their country. Its business interests are their interests. Its prosperity is their prosperity. Its honor and welfare is their concern.

This victory does not mean free trade. It does not mean the unsettling of industry nor the derangement of commerce. It does not mean disturbance of whatever is sound in finance.

The President elect is the very embodiment of conscientious caution. He is pre-eminently conservative. His Administration will mean economy, reform, retrenchment in every branch of the Government.

The victory does mean putting a stop to the riot of extravagance, profligacy and corruption. It means the end of the reign of Plutocracy. It means relief from the monstrous robbery of the masses by unjust and unnecessary taxation. It means a veto upon the looting of the Treasury and the hideous waste of hundreds, aye thousands of millions of dollars in the course of a generation by unmerited pensions. It does mean lower and juster taxes and larger freedom of trade. It does mean good money, and good money only.

Our party has triumphed under the happy union of a great issue and a great man. The Republic is stronger for this Democratic victory. The Republicans themselves will be more prosperous and in the end happier because of it. Government of the people is safe in the hands of a great majority of the people.

For Love of His Country Alone.

From the Cambria Freeman.

Samuel J. Randall, Pennsylvania's great commoner, died a very poor man—how poor in worldly goods was not known until last Friday, when Mrs. Fannie W. Randall, widow, and administratrix of the estate, filed an answer in the Orphan's court to proceedings brought by a creditor of the estate to compel an accounting.

To Make a Clean Sweep.

From the Philadelphia Record.

The craze for combination has struck the Milwaukee broom makers, who have formed an organization and advanced prices 30 per cent. There is also a corner in broom corn, manipulated by a number of Chicago dealers operating under an "agreement between gentlemen." The curse of monopoly has struck its roots so deeply into this trust-ridden country that the promoters of these sneaking and nefarious schemes of plunder not only see nothing wrong in them, but think themselves entitled to admiration as excessively smart fellows.

Startling Intelligence.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

A Boston paper has ascertained that a woman has no moral right to wear a big hat to the theatre, because she robs the man behind her of what he has paid to see. This is getting down to business. In due time some one will ascertain by an equally laborious process that America was discovered as much as a year or two ago. But the theatre hat will still go on.

Alas, It Seems the Case!

From the Scranton (Pa.) Times.

An exchange predicts that at the rate at which the pension list is increasing before the close of Mr. Cleveland's Administration it will aggregate \$250,000,000, which is a sum far in excess of all other expenses of the Government. Shades of Ulysses S. Grant, what are we coming to? Are we hereafter to be known as a nation of patriots for revenue only?

How Does This Strike the Calamity Howlers.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer.

According to a dispatch from Washington, Mr. Frick has been telling the secretary of the navy that the Carnegie company are about to erect additional mills and invest largely in new machinery. Considering the result of the election and the situation at Homestead this is remarkable, it true.

Had His Yachting Cap On.

From the Westmoreland Democrat.

Very lucid, indeed, is the explanation which National Chairman Carter gives of the shock which struck the g. o. p. craft in the jimpoop and knocked it clear out of water. He says: "The defeat can only be attributed to a reaction against the progressive policies of the Republican party."

Spawls from the Keystone.

- Berks County reveled in a snow storm.
—Reading made 75,000,000 cigars this year.
—Easton's new electric road was opened Friday.
—An institute for the blind is building in Pittsburg.
—Counterfeit \$2 dollar bills are plentiful in Lancaster.
—An infant's body was found in a box near Harrisburg.
—Reading's policemen have been ordered to let politics alone.
—In their glee, Wyoming County Democrats Saturday ate an ox.
—The Somerset County Court has debarred all lawyers of other counties.
—Jack Clifford will be the next Homestead striker to be tried for murder.
—At Wilkesbarre, John Fisher was acquitted of the murder of John Washington.
—Stealth hounds have struck a hot trail in the Graeff murder mystery at Shamokin.
—Farmers in Berks County cure hog cholera by rubbing turpentine on the swine's loins.
—The corner-stone of the big State insane asylum at Wernersville was laid on Tuesday.
—While walking on the railroad track at Durysa, Charles Danielson was killed by a train.
—A wind storm blew a gate against Henry Kegeries, at Reinhold's Station, causing fatal injury.
—A black bear from the mountain poked its nose in the doors of several Hollidaysburg houses.
—Two burly ruffians assailed and robbed Mrs. Mary Wilkes, an old woman, near New Florence.
—Having sat down to rest on the railway track in Pittsburg, Thomas Jones never got up alive.
—Francis Murphy, now touring the States, has secured 14,000,000 names to the temperance pledge.
—Thousands of enthusiastic Democrats ratified the victory by a parade in Johnstown and Allentown.
—Copper ore which is 50 per cent. clear metal has been found in Paradise township, Monroe County.
—Dime novels made John Ellis, of Expert, Ind., a raving maniac, and he is now in a Pittsburg asylum.
—Tumbling headlong downstairs, Mrs. Anne Connelly, of Sunbury, was picked up with a broken neck.
—Dr. Thomas G. Porter, of Lafayette College, will lend his splendid collection of grasses to the World's Fair.
—The Committee on Principles of Taxation of the State Tax Commission is in Harrisburg preparing a report.
—The Senatorial Investigation Committee Friday shook the dust and got out of the smoke of Pittsburg.
—The Central Pennsylvania Alumni Association of Princeton held its annual dinner in Harrisburg yesterday.
—Burgess McCluckie, of Homestead, who was in Youngstown, O., returned to Pittsburg Monday and surrendered.
—The report of the Oil City Relief Committee shows that \$79,954.49 was contributed for the victims of flood and fire.
—Seven years and six months is the sentence imposed upon Carmel Tueco for killing Andrew Unko at Tomhicken.
—Little Joseph Henry, near Hollidaysburg, touched his clothes with a lighted match and was burned beyond recovery.
—Frederick Dewey, a wealthy fruit grower, at Jersey Shore, was found in his barn with his throat cut—his own victim.
—Adjutant General Greenland has drawn \$476.77 for payment to the Sixteenth Regiment for service at Homestead.
—Trying to throw out dynamite with hot ashes Austin Gibbons, of Mill Creek, Luzerne County, had both hands blown off.
—Ellis Watts, who was knocked from his cart by a train at Chester, lay within a few inches of the rail as the cars passed by.
—A train on the Lehigh and Hudson road parted at Martin's Creek and Brakeman H. Lester was mangled into lifeless clay.
—An odd wedding was that at Scranton of Thomas Pembridge, aged 80, and Mrs. Sarah Von Storch, aged 70, both grandparents.
—The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad has made David J. Dampman chief dispatcher of the main line, headquarters at Reading.
—In the telegraphers' contest at Reading for fast sending, G. C. Williams, of that city, won first prize, with 248 characters in a minute.
—During a political parade in Unlontown a year ago Albert Robinson was struck on the head with a stone by A. Ritchie and he died Friday.
—At an actor's dinner in Pittsburg, Wilson Barrett and others decided to issue a call for a convention of the actors of the world next summer.
—Cofrade & Saylor, of Philadelphia Bridge Works, will furnish the iron superstructure for a bridge across the Schuylkill, at Reading, for \$2,470.
—For the killing of a son of George Erbbeck while in the employ of the Reading Railroad at Bowmansdale, a jury has awarded the father \$500 damages.
—Berks County Court has been asked to compel three doctors to correct their testimony in the case of Buecteri, who murdered Sister Hildaberta.
—A lighted lantern was held in an oil tank at Auburn by Foreman Kykes of the Bolt Works, and was hurled many feet by the consequent explosion.
—The last claim for damage by the great Mt. I Run disaster four years ago, were settled by Lehigh Valley's paying Andrew McGurrien, of Scranton, \$10,000.
—Delirious with typhoid fever, Miss Maggie Hamilton, an Allegheny school teacher, visiting Kittanning, leaped from bed, fell into a river and was drowned.
—To simplify voting at the polls with the new ballot, Pittsburg Republicans will nominate all the city candidates at one convention instead of three, as is customary.
—Taxpayers of Berks County feel an honest pride in the fact the assessment averages 95 per cent. of the actual property value, while in other counties it is as low as 15 per cent.
—The jury in the suit of Henry S. Ives against the estate of James Calvery for \$20,000 in connection with the City Bank deal in Pittsburg, has been discharged, and the case may be dropped.
—Frank T. O'Keil, Republican, has begun contest proceedings against John Quinman, Democrat, elected Assemblyman from the First district, Lackawanna County, alleging errors in the count.