

—What a powerful organization a federation of lawyers and plumbers would be.

—A Georgia man wears a 15 shoe. It is needless to say that his daughters are all old-maids.

—The blowing up a fellow's wife gives him a seldom of the kind that makes him feel inflated.

—The Philadelphia ship yards are too CRAMP-ed and if councils will permit it they will be enlarged.

—MATHEW STANLEY QUAY has a "dead sure thing" of it for the U. S. Senate. Another tempin up for Democrats to bowl at.

—Put up the bars against the deseased "foreign cattle" that are being herded on our shores by trans-Atlantic steamboat companies.

—Of the 67,865 Republican post masters in the country to-day, how many, do you imagine, will be serving Uncle SAM this time next year?

—GARZA has turned up again. JOHNNY DAVENPORT, CARTER and the rest of the gang might find the climate of Mexico quite salubrious and keep their hands in by helping the renegado along.

—Mrs. LANGTRY has decided to retire from the stage. She says she has grown tired of it. No more wearisome was it for you dear LILLY than it is for those who were deluded into attending your performances.

—The suggestion to publish the pension roll in its entirety is a good one. Plenty of fraudulent pensioners would be detected by a public scrutiny of the list and unworthy ones would haul off rather than have themselves known.

—The Montana statue committee had better displace the globe pedestal upon which a silver statue of ADA REHAN will pose as Justice and substitute a bald head. There would be more congeniality between pedestal and statue then.

—Speaker CRISP is none the worse off because he did not get to speak at the Tariff Reform club's dinner, in New York, the other evening. What he had in his pocket to say would have sounded just as well, in the papers, had he not presumed on his own importance quite so much.

—Miss VAN NORDEN, the York millionaire's who joined General BOOTH'S Salvation Army last week, will have her hands full keeping the wily General from speculating with her money funds. It must be an odd sight to see such dainty hands pounding salvation out of the head of a tambourine.

—LILLIAN RUSSELL is said to be mad because she couldn't show off her shape as a statue of Justice. She forgets that it is only two years since she went to law with her manager because he wanted her to appear on the stage in tights. She swore then that nature had been too "propitious" with her for such things, and the seasons have't changed much since.

—J. D. HICKS, of Altoona, congressman elect from the Twentieth district, has written the New York Herald that he doesn't approve of calling an extra session of congress, and further that he is positively opposed to the repeal of the McKinley bill. Mr. HICKS can sit in a chair in the 63rd congress and "holer nay" when the question comes up, but that is all the good it will do.

—Wisconsin Legislators will close their eyes when they pass ADA REHAN'S statue at the World's Fair. That is, they ought to, after having legislated against the expose of nether limbs either on the stage or bill board. But we're very much afraid that when those old law makers from the Badger state catch a glimpse of that perfect silver woman, they'll wink their "aller-ego" and size up the understandings as all the rest of us propose doing.

—Since "Sunset" COX was there the Turks have never had the proper respect for the American ministers, perhaps because of their inability to realize how such a vast difference in men could possibly exist. Mr. THOMPSON, Harrison's latest appointee, will take a United States man of war along with him and if they don't fall on their faces when he appears he imagine's he'll bring the whole country back for Uncle SAM'S Christmas dinner.

—What a lesson can be learned from the recent death of JAY GOULD followed so quickly by PHIL D. ARMOUR'S, the millionaire pork packer of Chicago, munificent gift of \$1,000,000 for a manual training institute for the Windy city. The former, having made his millions in questionable ways, died with his fingers clutched about them. The latter has grown wealthy through an honorable avenue of trade and now seeks to share his gain with humanity Ennobling himself and doing for those who cannot do for themselves.

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Factory Facts.

Factory Inspector, WATCHORN, has finished his report for the year ending November 30, 1892, a summary of which has been given to the public. The number of establishments inspected, the number of employees found at work, the number of orders given and complied with, all of which are set forth in the summary, are not the part of the publication the public will be most interested in, if Mr. WATCHORN has done himself and the people, his duties are intended to protect, the justice to tell all that he found in the establishments visited.

In the summary is given the fact that of the 134,446 operatives found at work, 33,217, or about one fourth the entire number, were children between the ages of 12 and 16. If the Inspector has had the courage to tell in his report, what others have been informed he discovered, about the wages paid and the condition he found many of these children in, there will be no necessity hereafter, for Republican news papers and speakers, to go all the way to England to find awful examples of poorly paid, over-worked, ily-clothed and half-fed, factory children.

Under the lightning like system enforced by this state in issuing its official documents, we presume that this report will probably be ready for the public some time during the fall of '93 and probably not then. Until it does appear, there will be no official statement setting forth the facts, that within the limits of our State—in the mills and factories benefited by the highest rate of tariff protection, and within sight of the newspapers of Philadelphia that are constantly setting forth the blessings of a protective policy—children under the age of 16 are worked 60 hours a week for the paltry sum of \$1.60. That some are worked as long as 14 hours per day, receiving for the extra hours a pro-rata increase of wages, averaging 2 1/2 cents per hour; that out of this money they must board and clothe themselves; that their dinners and suppers, what little they have, are eaten cold on the floor among the fuz and grease, and dirt, and smell of the factory; that boys and girls, irrespective of sex, are huddled together and that in many instances, no more conveniences are furnished them than are provided, for the cattle about the stock yards of the city.

These are facts which the report will set forth fully if Mr. WATCHORN is disposed to tell all that he saw and learned during his visit to these establishments; most of which are, comparatively speaking, within the shadow of Independence Hall, and the rattle of whose machinery can be heard at the offices of Republican newspapers that are eternally talking of the poorly paid labor of "free trade England."

Further facts that will probably not appear as part of the official statements, are, that the proprietors of these mills are as a rule, members of the Manufacturers' Club of Philadelphia, an organization that prides itself upon the costliness of its surroundings, the luxuries it affords, and the princely incomes of those belonging to it; that for years the business industries belonging to its members have been protected by the general government, to an extent, that out of the profits earned by the labor of the poorly paid children referred to, they are enabled to live like nabobs, and to contribute hundreds of thousands of dollars, yearly, to the campaign fund of the party that promises to continue this protection.

These later facts will possibly not be set forth in the report, but when they are taken into consideration with the 26 1/2 cent daily wages, paid to children who are compelled to accept this pitiful price for a days labor, or starve, the need for some attention to the condition of our own struggling poor, and less concern about the wages of workmen in England, ought to be apparent to the most bigoted mind.

The annual meeting of the State Grange is being held in Harrisburg the present week. The report of the secretary shows that while the total number of Granges in the State have not increased during the past year, the membership in those already organized has been enlarged several thousand, and the organization is said to be in a most prosperous condition.

An Affair of the Miss Nancys.

The Republican papers are having a great deal to say over what they term the "snub Speaker CRISP received" from the Reform club, at its dinner in honor of the president elect, on Saturday night last. If the newspaper version of the affair is correct, there is no doubt but the Reform club exhibited ill manners towards its distinguished guest, but that the party is going to be rent in twain or the country go headlong to the devil, because E. ELLERY ANDERSON didn't know what good manners were, or because Speaker CRISP did not have an opportunity to make a speech, is the veriest kind of fudge.

The Democratic party is not a "sissey" organization. A lack of common civility on the part of some swallow-tailed member, or the failure of one of its leaders to get an opportunity to spread himself, may disturb the equanimity of a few Miss Nancys belonging to it, and develop a little gall on the part of those who wanted to be heard, but further than this the Reform club incident will disturb no one.

The incivility of Mr. ANDERSON and his club, or the disappointments of Mr. CRISP, are small matters indeed compared with the purposes, the work and the expectations of the Democratic party. The individual who has an idea that this side show trouble, such as this New York affair is attempted to be made out, will effect either the aims, the earnestness, the harmony or the ultimate success, of Democratic ideas and Democratic efforts, has but little conception of the determination of the masses, or the intent of the people of this country, to have their government administered as they desire it to be.

Not Smart Enough for That.

One would have thought that chairman CARTER'S experience in buying votes, and stealing political success through fraudulent methods, would have taught him the folly of depending upon such means to thwart the will of the people. But some persons never learn anything, and this "wild and woolly" western prodigy, who was to teach eastern people the way to carry elections, whether the voters wanted them that way or not, seems to be one of them. Since his dismal failure to carry out DAVE MARTIN'S plots, he has gone back to the sands and sedge-brush of Montana to try his efforts, at stealing elections, on a smaller scale, and is now attempting to have Republican, here in the East, believe that he can change the result of the 8th of November so far as to secure a United States Senator from that State. Possibly he can, but if he does it will be a surprise to himself as well as to every one else who knows his capacity. He may be smart, but if he keeps on in his attempt to overturn the will of the people of his adopted State, his "foot prints on the sands of time," will be nothing compared to the "tracks" he will make in getting away from the vengeance of the voters he would defraud of a fairly won victory. As a stealer of elections Mr. CARTER is not a success, as yet.

Work for the School Teacher.

Ignorance among Massachusetts Republican voters must be increasing at a lightning like pace. The fact that the Democrats elected their governor in November by some three thousand majority, was attributed, by the Republican press, to the inability of Republican voters to correctly mark their tickets. On Tuesday Boston held its municipal election and the majority for MATHEWS, the Democratic candidate for Mayor, is about 13,000. If Republican ignorance, caused this increase in the Democratic majority, it will soon be necessary to do something to dispel the dense darkness that seems to have settled down on the heretofore enlightened Massachusetts mind. Certainly such an unusual development of dumbness needs looking after.

In referring to the idiot who jumped off the Brooklyn Bridge the other day, the Press declares that "the fools are not all dead yet." To prove that our Philadelphia contemporary is right in its conclusions, one does not need to stand out in the cold to watch for bridge jumpers. The editorials of almost any Republican paper, since the election, gives abundant evidence that such is the fact.

Pennsylvania and the Treasury Deficit.

It is probable that the Republican profligacy of the past four years, that has caused the deficit in the Treasury at Washington, will effect Republican Pennsylvania in her requests for appropriations as much, if not more, than any other State in the Union.

At present there are two demands for appropriations pending in congress, from this State, in which our people are deeply concerned, but which, the condition of the Treasury, may require to be withdrawn for the present. They are for money to purchase additional grounds and erect a new Mint in Philadelphia, and for the payment of the Border Raid claims.

It is quite certain that, if it is actually necessary, Philadelphia, and the country at large, can shift along with the old Mint and its present facilities for a few years, or until the condition of the Treasury would justify the appropriation required to erect a new one. But every feeling of justice demands that the citizens of the border counties, whose claims have been put off time and again for almost thirty years, be paid, even if the Mint should be required to remain as it now is for the next decade, or League Island fail to get a penny for improvements for years to come.

Of all the claims that have been before congress since the war, there is none more just than the Border Raid claims, nor are there any ones that has been given so little attention or consideration.

In the first place, Pennsylvania should have paid these claims at the time of their adjudication years ago. It was the State's duty to protect its people, and failing to do so, it should have made good their losses at once, and required the General Government to refund the amount to it. In this it failed, and now when the people themselves ask that the losses they suffered through the failure of the State and General Government to furnish that protection, of "life, liberty and property," that their constitutions guarantee, be paid there should be no longer any delay about it, nor should any condition of the Treasury be pleaded as an excuse for failure to make the necessary appropriation.

We do not know that the fact that the Treasury was looted by the party about retiring from power, or, that the Republican deficit, from which it now suffers, will be used as an excuse for further delay in a matter as just and as pressing as these Border Raid claims are; but if it is, our Republican friends, who live along the border and are proud of the actions of their party, can console themselves with the thought that it was themselves their party robbed, when it depleted the Treasury of its surplus, to gratify the demands of public thieves and to make a miserable excuse for continuing an oppressive tariff tax.

Results of Republican rule, like chickens, are "coming home" to Republican Pennsylvania "to roost."

Plenty of That Kind.

Mrs. or Miss KIRBY (we do not know which she is) in her address at the dedication of the DELEPLAIN-MCDANIEL school invoked the teachers to "make patriots of their boys and girls." The Philadelphia Times, with this for text, gives us a column editorial on the necessity of training the children in the public schools, to be patriots. Mrs. or Miss KIRBY, The Times, and Patriotism may be all right, but when we come to think of the number of patriots we had in '61, '62 and '63, and then remember that \$180,000,000 a year in pensions only partially satisfies their demands, thirty years after that patriotism was exhibited, one is almost compelled to conclude that it might be better for the country if it didn't have so many at one time.

—What are we coming to when a Republican cabinet officer publicly defends that notorious election broker, John I. Davenport?—Butler Herald.

After a careful survey of the surroundings, and noting all the finger boards along the political highway, we judge we are "coming to" a time when cabinet officers, such as is referred to, will be known no more here, and when whelps like DAVENPORT will have less power than a billiard ball has hair.

The Luck of the New Moon.

From the London Spectator. A somewhat remarkable illustration of the ancient and deeply rooted origin of or Western superstition of bowing turning money, etc., on the appearance of the new moon has been brought to my notice at Old Umfali, South Africa. At sunset two evenings ago I suddenly heard an outcry among my boys in their huts at a little distance from my own. On looking out I saw them one after another take lighted brands from the fire and throw them towards some object in the sky. They then regarded the same object standing in a precatory attitude, stretching forth their hands and loudly shouting certain sentences. One sentence, "Nica menigi mail" (give plenty money), was clearly intelligible. In reply to my inquiries the boys pointed to a new moon just faintly discernible in the clouds. They also informed me that "zonke" (all) boys thus greeted the new moon, the emphasis on the "zonke" (all) implying that it was a universal native custom. I may mention that two of these boys came from north of Whimborne, three were subjects of Gungungghama and three were Mashonas. The incident is not without some ethnic significance and may be of interest to some of your readers.

Well Up in Thievery.

From the Chicago Herald. Nebraska Democrats believe the Republicans of that State are preparing to steal the Legislature in order to elect the next United States Senator. The Nebraska Republicans can prove by the Record that they have been fairly successful in the line of political theft. They have never looked upon the stealing of a few seats in the Legislature as being a very difficult undertaking, and have accomplished such a feat frequently. They snatch the Governorship once when Gov. Boyd wasn't looking, and they kept it, too, until the United States Supreme Court compelled them to restore it to the rightful occupant. If they are really determined to steal enough seats in the present legislature to assure the return of a Republican to the United States Senate they must be closely watched or they will be successful. The Democrats and Populists in Nebraska cannot afford to sleep until the next Senator is elected.

Judge Waxam's Proverbs.

From the Detroit Free Press. It's a party hard job to tell-political oesety when you see it. The candidate that got 'em ain't woz got of nobody else don't. Civil servis reform gethers no moss. Some statesmen air small pertaters and few in hill. When the offis wates fer the man in these United States somethin' ain't rie. Nappolyan Bonypart couldnt a been President of the United States. Wimmen that air well treated at home mostly ain't bankering for votes. A patriot may die for his country, but ez a rule he'd rather not. Puriyin' politicks is uphill work. The main qualifikashun of a candidate is, can he git that?

Cotton Spinning Dull From Protection.

From the London Daily News. "In four years," said the president of the Manchester Statistical Society last night, "the United States, with cotton on the spot and 'protection,' has only increased her spindles 7.7 per cent, while India, in the same four years, with cotton on the spot and 'free trade,' has increased her spindles 23.1 per cent. Following the two policies of 'protection' versus 'free trade,' we find that the United States, with a wall of high tariffs, is effectually shutting herself out from competition in foreign markets, and causes us no trouble, while India successfully takes our customers from us."

A Typical Mourner.

From the Boston Courier. Consistency is a jewel, even in a woman's ear. A New Hampshire Republican, a woman, was in town last week to do shopping. "Oh, this Mugwump Boston!" she exclaimed; "here are stocks going down on account of this wicked election, and I have got to buy a cloak here, for I couldn't possibly get over to the other side to buy one this summer." And she supposed herself to be consistent when, being the wife of a manufacturer whose interests are shamelessly fostered by the McKinley bill, she was angry that she could not do her shopping in England.

A Fair Warning.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. Senator Quay hopes to save the Senate to the Republicans. It would be just as well to see that all the burglar-alarmers are in good working order and double the guards.

More Austral.

From the St. Louis Republic. It Ohio will inject a little more Australian ballot law the Democrats will elect the other twenty-three Electors next time.

Spawls from the Keystone.

- Lebanon again thirsts for water.
—Schuylkill County's taxable property is \$48,740,129.
—An electric railway will soon join Tamaqua and Lansford.
—The State debt has been diminished \$14,17,106 this year.
—A rich vein of coal was struck at Ashland by Barron and Co.
—A stick of wood broke John H. Eisenherd's skull in an Allentown shop.
—The fire has been subdued in the Primrose mine at Minersville.
—Silver ore fever has put Dubois and Ridge-way people in a delirium.
—A Northern Central train struck and killed Erney Barnitz at York.
—Diphtheria has killed three of John Snyder's children, at Alburtis.
—Grocers organized in Pittsburg to fight professional credit-seekers.
—The four small fox patients in one family at Gouglersville will recover.
—Domestic troubles induced David Weider, a farmer near Easton to hang himself.
—An electric car ground to death Jacob Bixler, road supervisor, near Lebanon.
—By a premature explosion in a Hazleton colliery William Bugans lost his life.
—An electric light safety lamp for miners will be experimented with at Scranton.
—Carlisle Town Council is investigating the accounts of Burgess Ormsay, Henry Brilling, of East York, ended his earthly woes.
—Rich coal deposits were discovered in Jackson township, Northumberland county.
—Pittsburg liquor dealers organized to fight the whiskey Trust, which has put up prices.
—Highwaymen nearly killed John Burke, at Shamokin, and stole his watch and money.
—Supreme Judge-elect Dean was banqueted in Williamsport Wednesday night by the lawyers.
—In a runaway at Ladimore, Cumberland County, James A. Rinehart, a merchant, was killed.
—Four children of Henry Shade, Hoginsville, Berks County, have succumbed to diphtheria.
—Lard boiled over the kettle, fatally burning Mrs. Gottlieb Polz, of Latimer, Luzerne county.
—The alleged abuses by dockage bosses caused a strike of miners of Lofin, Luzerne county.
—A bear weighing 550 pounds was shot by Philadelphia hunters on the mountain near St. Peter's.
—While walking upon the railroad track at Lancaster, Edward McKinley was hurled into eternity.
—Cheap corn and high priced butter have driven many Berks county farmers into the dairy business.
—Post-mortem evidences show that Murderer Kerner, who hanged himself in Reading jail, was insane.
—The remains of H. M. Clay, of Easton, were sent to Philadelphia Wednesday to be cremated.
—Prothonotary Hartman, of Lancaster County, was acquitted of the charge of taking legal fees.
—The mail cutters in the Brooke works, at Birdsboro, who has been idle for weeks, began work Tuesday.
—The Bradford Wooden Ware and Ename I Company, of McKean County, capital \$200,000, was chartered.
—The Pennsylvania Railroad's branch to William Penn from Shenandoah is nearly ready to be opened.
—Wages of 60 machinists in the Philadelphia and Reading shops in Reading were increased to cents a day.
—For falling to marry Rosa A. Trostle, after courtship her, Reuben Miller, a farmer near Gettysburg was fined \$300.
—The St. Mary's Polish Church war, at Reading, may be carried to Moshiger Stollin, now in Washington, D. C.
—A train at Lancaster snuffed out the life of brakeman John Lamb, of Philadelphia, who worked for the Reading.
—A boiler exploded in Lewis Frederick's slaughter house, in Reading, and blew the roof off the building.
—Citizens of Abington township, Montgomery county, have formed an association to improve the public roads.
—John C. Gray, a Butler county farmer, says he was driven from his 1000-acre farm, in Alabama, by the Ku-Klux.
—William Rulof's skull was fractured while walking in the street in Reading, but he doesn't know how it was done.
—Four hundred hands were thrown out of work by a strike of the slate pickers and driver boys in a colliery at Oliphant.
—Accidentally shot while butchering for a neighbor, William Trout, of Springfield township, York county, expired Tuesday.
—The gun which Izra Kosh, of Princeton, Berks county, aimed at a rabbit, exploded, tearing off his hand and killing the rabbit.
—After borrowing \$900, Joseph Hollick's house, near Wilkesbarre, burned down, and the money lenders have had him arrested.
—Nollie Carr, whose Scranton home was a trifle gay, fled to Binghamton, N. Y., after being convicted by the Court, but she was captured Friday.
—The Emmaus blast furnace, which will hereafter turn out 1000 tons of iron a week, resumed operations Tuesday after idleness several years.
—Burglars captured a valuable express package and a great quantity of tickets in the Gilterton station of the Philadelphia and Reading railway.
—Mrs. Mary Kresco, who sued Northampton and Lehigh counties for \$10,000 because her husband fell through a bridge and was killed, received nothing.
—Andrew Wister told John C. Pepple, of near Gettysburg, to be "a man, a monkey, or a long tailed rat," and was ordered by the Judge to pay \$300 damages.
—J. B. Fullerton, a noted crook, who recently escaped from the New Castle, Del., prison, was Tuesday sent to penitentiary for four years from Scranton.
—A preliminary report of the auditors who went over the books of the Order of Solon at Pittsburg shows the assets to be about \$500,000 and the liabilities nothing.
—For the death of his son who shot him self because he was arrested for stealing a carriage, Reuben M. Renrig, of Catawissa, has brought a suit for big damages against Policemou Sheekler and Lamb.