

Ink Slings.

'Tis better to give than receive, provided you pay for what you give. Wonder if PEARY ordered that cold weather when he was up there? The war clouds which Chancellor CAPRIVI sees lowering over Europe will more than likely shift after they have rained some army appropriations. CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS and his crew will be the worst licked men who ever set foot on American soil—if the sale of Columbian stamps continues. Ripe tomatoes are selling for one dollar per pound in New York green groceries. The price is a little high as yet to strike terror to the hearts of barn-storming theatrical people. SAM SMALL has given up the evangelistic work and gone back to the Atlanta Constitution. His christian fortitude will doubtless stand him in good stead when he is taken for the "horse" editor. Senator JOHN G. CARLISLE, ex-Speaker of the House, has accepted the Treasury portfolio, in CLEVELAND'S cabinet. Six more men of like calibre could not but inspire the confidence of the masses. Uncle SAM will more than likely be invited to the King of Italy's silver wedding, which will be celebrated in April, and we'll bet he can do more in the appropriate present line than all the rest of the guests put together. Democracy left a legacy of \$130,000,000 to start the wheels of the government for Republican successors in 1893. In March it will get the machinery back, with all the oil used up and everything ground to destruction with friction. Republican papers that are busying themselves trying to stir up a fight over the speakership in the Fifty-third Congress, will find out when the time comes that Democrats will fix the thing up to suit themselves and there will be satisfaction all sides too. It is a pleasure to watch the death throes of the G. O. P. in Kansas. The Republican legislators have clung with determination to every thread of hope, but the last vestige of power has slipped through their hands and they find themselves at the mercy of the triumphant Populists. In the last decade Uncle SAM'S navy has grown from a few old tubs that would scarcely float to forty-two modern men of war. What with such a fleet and nearly every public officer capable of handling a schooner dare any power on earth ruffle the feathers of the American eagle. The Democratic State Central Committee met in Harrisburg, Wednesday afternoon, and marked its appreciation of good work last fall by re-electing J. MARSHALL WRIGHT, chairman, and B. M. Need, secretary. Their experience in the last campaign will be a valuable aid in the conduct of future battles. The exigencies of the times demand a reform in the immigration laws, a reform in the monetary laws, a reform in the road laws, and a reform in all branches of the state and general government. In the former we have no hope, but there is a time close at hand when the latter will be carefully looked after. A "stiff" strike is that which the students of a Minneapolis medical institution have declared on their professor in charge of the dissecting room. They want fresher corpses and if it is as cold out there as it has been here, for the past month, the professor has a very poor excuse for having any obnoxious stock on hand. Of the 38,000,000 acres of land in Florida only 3,000,000 acres are cleared and fit for habitation. About all the use that the 35,000,000 acres of barren waste, to be found in the land of flowers, is put to is to form the basis of "get rich quick," "corner lot" land schemes in which northern fools buy experience. The great open heart of the Boston Transcript management is beautifully manifested in its determination to continue the salary of J. F. BAKER, an esteemed reporter who was killed while taking care of his paper's interest at a recent Federal street fire, indefinitely to his widow. It is such acts of generosity that brighten life and make mankind better. The comparatively insignificant committee positions assigned the Republican assemblymen who had the courage to rebuke their party for the ANDREWS' disgrace and to work for QUAY'S defeat are a monument to the men who dared to strike at the boss and lasting evidences of his vindictiveness. The strong men in the Legislature are not the ones to be wrapped about the finger of QUAY and he realizes that his political existence would be short lived if they should once get on top.

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How Should Senators Be Elected?

The action of the House committee on the election of president, vice president, and members of Congress, in voting to bring the resolution offered by Mr. TUCKER, of Virginia, by which he provides for the election of U. S. senators by a direct vote of the people, up for consideration, on the next suspension day, will doubtless incite more than a passing interest. The growing conviction in the minds of many of the ablest men of the country to-day is that some change should be made whereby a State's representatives, in the upper house of Congress, will not be men who have either bought their seats or secured them, to themselves, through political wire-pulling. When the power of electing the senators was placed in the hands of the respective State legislatures it was thought that the State legislators were in a position to judge better who was most capable of filling the office than the whole people would be. But since there has come to be so much corruption in the conduct of State governments, and since Legislatures, in so many States, have become the mechanism of one man—Pennsylvania for example, this proposed transfer to the people is a matter worthy of deepest consideration. There can be no doubt that the people are indirectly responsible if their State's representative in Congress is not a man thoroughly qualified and competent to make an efficient and dignified official. They elect the Legislature and know when they vote for their legislative candidate, that he favors a certain aspirant for the senatorship. If he favors a man whom the voter does not want to endorse it is a very simple matter to vote for another legislator. Thus the election of the senator is really in the hands of the people as it is. But the trouble lies in the fact that so many people never come to understand that when they vote for their assemblymen or senator they are practically voting for a U. S. senator also. And unfortunately the balance of power seems to be with this class. Pennsylvania has been disgraced before the world and the Union by the unfortunate predicament in which she has been placed by her representatives in the upper house of Congress. The second in rank of the States is totally eclipsed by the lowest when it comes to drawing a comparison between their respective senators. And why is such a condition possible? Simply because MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY—the acknowledged boss political trickster of the country, and when that is said all is said—holds the whip-hand of our Legislature. It suits his purposes to go to the Senate and his henchmen, subservient, complain fools, dance to send him there. It is just such abuse of the legislative prerogative, as we find here in our own State, that Mr. TUCKER'S bill is intended to defeat. Though the people of Pennsylvania have known QUAY for years and known only too well his glaring unfitness for the high office to which he has himself chosen, and really have no one to blame for the disgrace he has brought upon them but themselves, the national government does well to protect itself against the possibility of such incompetents being sent to ruin. The WATCHMAN has very little sympathy for Pennsylvania. It has been protesting for years against such a disgrace, but all to no avail. The people go right on electing QUAY assemblymen thereby continuing him in office. He has Pennsylvania by the throat and from present indications will retain his hold. It is to be hoped that if the new measure becomes a law our people will rise up as they did against DELAMATER and effectually squelch the leech that has sucked the best blood of the State and left its organization polluted and broken down. It would be far more difficult task for incompetent millionaires—from whom the Senate has so materially suffered already—to buy a State, than a majority in a Legislature, and political thieves would find the people more watchful of public interest and honor, in this matter, than willing legislators, who betray their trust and sacrifice their honor for the spoils of the bosses to whom they trade their votes.

Improving Its Character.

Within the past year there was shown a disposition to improve the character of our State Legislature by electing to that body men who had had previous experience as legislators and had established a reputation for ability in that capacity. In a number of localities persons of this description, in both parties, were brought forward again for legislative honors, giving promise of a break in the dead level of mediocrity, or, rather inferiority that has in too large a measure, in recent years, characterized the selection of our State lawmakers. To those who wished for a higher order of legislative ability and integrity this movement was a source of gratification, and they regarded with much satisfaction the nomination, for one or the other of the two branches of the Legislature, of such experienced but retired veterans as R. J. MONAGHAN, GEO. V. LAWRENCE, JOHN CESSNA, BENJAMIN L. HEWITT and some others whose election brought back to the legislative halls of the State, an element of which, in these later times, there has been entirely too much of a deficiency. This element has already exhibited its worth as an elevating influence, affecting the character of the Legislature. When that outrage, probably as great a one as was ever perpetrated in a legislative body, the seating of ANDREWS, in defiance of precedence and decency, was committed with disgraceful precipitancy, it was engineered by that low order of representatives which under the demoralizing influence of boss rule and machine politics has come too largely to the front and obtained too much of an ascendancy in our State capitol. But after it was done, and the better element recovered from its amazement at such a reckless intraction of long established precedent, it was some of these old members, influenced by the traditions of a former period when they were accustomed to more decent practices, that raised their voices against this high-handed proceeding. JOHN CESSNA and BENJAMIN L. HEWITT, although the wrong had been done by members of their own party, were the first and loudest in condemning it, and it was largely on account of their protest and denunciation that the case has been so placed on the calendar that the right in the question has a chance of being vindicated. Already there is a demonstration of what will be gained for good legislation and a higher order of legislative procedure, and to what extent the reputation of the State and the interest of its people will be promoted, by the elevation of the standard of character in the personnel of our State Legislature.

The Altoona Tribune happily struck the truth when it said "a sermon that can be delivered in fifteen minutes must be the product of a master hand at condensation or it will contain nothing of value. The people are always willing to listen to a lecture, an address or a sermon if the man who delivers it has the faculty of presenting original thoughts in an attractive and stimulating style. The minister who tires his congregation has misunderstood his call." Just so. If the church goes who are incessantly complaining about the length of their minister's sermons know anything themselves they would realize that it is an absolute impossibility to do any text, that can be taken from the Bible, justice in fifteen minutes or for that matter, in twice the time. If there was more Christianity and earnestness in the desire to study the truth, and less going to church for appearance sake, there would be less complaint about tiresome preachers. Of course we are willing to admit that many of them do overdo the thing, but as the Tribune says "they have misunderstood their call."

The death of Ex-President RUTHERFORD B. HAYES, which occurred at his home in Fremont, Ohio, Tuesday evening, removes a character whose prominence was acquired entirely through political chicanery. His administration was characterized as most commonplace and his questionable method of acquiring the presidency placed a stigma on his after life which even the memory of his brilliant military record cannot wipe out.

The Factious City Democracy.

The Philadelphia Democrats have made their city nominations, and have ventured to put up tickets in such of the wards as offer a show of their getting a councilman or some inferior ward officer; but they go into the contest greatly handicapped by existing circumstances and conditions. The greatest obstacle to success is the divided conditions of the city Democratic organization, notwithstanding that it is in the minority, it suits the factious purposes of the leaders to make that minority a divided one, thus making weakness doubly weak. With a well organized, united, harmonious and alert Democratic organization in the city at this time, although in the minority, much could be accomplished by it in the coming municipal election against the corrupt Republican ringsters with whose misgovernment the citizens are thoroughly disgusted. The City Hall steal would alone be enough to bring defeat upon the local Republican tickets, which are of the usual machine pattern, wearing the QUAY-car marks; but unfortunately there is no united and vigorous Democratic organization to take advantage of the situation and inspire the citizens with confidence in its ability to overthrow the ringsters who have the city government by the throat. How long do the Democratic factions in Philadelphia intend to go on fighting? Haven't they whittled down the strength of the party in that hailiwork, to a sufficiently fine point? Are they not satisfied with the ridiculous display that was made by the Democratic vote in the city at the last election? When they have reduced the strength of their organization to so low a condition that they can't elect a single city officer, nor a single State Senator, and but two Representatives in a delegation of thirty-eight, isn't it about time that they stop fighting, and get together, and try to amount to something. Their factious disposition may prevent them from doing this, but it will not prevent them from putting in a full claim to the Federal offices which CLEVELAND'S administration will have to give out.

In an opinion handed down by Judge GORDON, in Philadelphia, on Monday, the extremities in which a police officer is lawfully permitted to use fire arms were brought to a very narrow limit. The learned judge advised the jury that policemen were taking entirely too many rights upon themselves and he deemed it time to stop them. The decision arose from a case for damages brought by a man named MCCARTHY against policeman STILES, who had shot MCCARTHY in the back, while he was trying to escape arrest. And the judge concluded his charge as follows: "It seems to me that it ought to commend itself to the sound judgment of the layman, as well as the technical approval of the lawyer, that a police officer has no right to shoot a citizen whose utmost offense is escaping from arrest. I ought to say also that it has been said that the plaintiff and his two companions were drunk. Public drunkenness is not an offense calling for the use of a deadly weapon. Profane language used to a police officer is no greater, not so great, as such an indignity put upon a private citizen, and there is nothing in the law or in the office of a policeman which would justify him in having a nice punctiliousness about his person or his dignity. He may, however, in arresting a person, use all the force needful to consummate his arrest."

The WATCHMAN does not want to be misunderstood in its motives for the repeated urging of the township auditors to get their arrangements for the Spring elections well in hand. It knows that unless the thing is locked after at once there will be plenty of Districts without tickets when the day of election comes along. It will take all the printing offices in the county to do the work in the time allowed by the new BAKER law and they must be prepared with paper and other stock. To insure the printing of the tickets in time auditors should leave their orders now so the printer can be ready when the names of candidates are filed.

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Jackson on Pensions.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer. President Andrew JACKSON certainly could not be accused of want of sympathy for the old soldiers of the country but he placed himself on record in the matter of pensions in a way that cannot be misunderstood. In his message to congress in 1834 he said: "I recommend that an actual inspection should be made in each State into the circumstances and claims of every person now drawing a pension. The honest veteran has nothing to fear from such scrutiny, while the fraudulent claimant will be detected and the public Treasury relieved to an amount I have reason to believe far greater than has heretofore been suspected. That is exactly what the advocates of pension reform are now suggesting. They recommend an actual inspection into the circumstances and claims of every person drawing a pension. That recommendation is urged by soldiers who are indignant at the way in which pensions have been given to the unworthy, and to those who have no more claim on the public funds, than the millions of others who get nothing out of the Treasury which they have been taxed to fill. They know that the honest veteran has nothing to fear from such scrutiny."

It Might Be Just the Thing.

From the Wilkesbarre Union Leader. As a means of bringing the European government to time on the currency question the Boston Commercial Bulletin suggests: "If the advocates of continuing the purchase of silver bullion contend that more currency is needed by the country, let the government purchase gold instead and issue certificates on that. It has been suggested that the purchase of \$5,000,000 worth of gold bullion per month by the Treasury, instead of silver, would have a marvellous effect in quickly compelling Europe to meet the currency question and settle the problem equitably. There is no doubt of that, and the plan would also have the additional recommendation that it would improve the quality of our currency."

God Save the Queen.

From the Altoona Times. While the French republic is engaged in a life and death struggle with its traditional foe, precipitated by the corruption of its public men, less attention is being paid to an event in England, which has caused great suffering among the lower middle class. This was the collapse of the Liberator Building society, after it had swindled its stockholders out of no less than \$35,000,000. This immense loss falls almost entirely upon poor people, who had been induced to invest their savings in the society. Sad as is this calamity, none of its victims are agitating for the overthrow of the government.

Evident Mistaken Identity.

From the Baltimore American. Omaha must be a fine place. A missionary who had spent with safety many years among African savages in that city for a brief vacation. Night before last he and his wife were walking along the streets of the metropolis, and of course, admiring the splendid evidences of civilization, when both were sardbagged and robbed. Perhaps they now feel like leaving Omaha and going back to Africa.

Why We Get the Senn.

From the Somerset Herald. Colonel Weber, the Commissioner of immigration, says that with an educational test 57,000 of the 275,000 immigrants over 12 years old admitted to this country between Feb. 1 and Nov. 1, 1892, would have been excluded; and with a money test of \$100 for each immigrant, 194,000 out of 202,000 would have had to turn back to Europe.

The Wind Must Have Whispered Through His Whiskers.

From the Northampton Democrat—Easton, Pa. The latest joke about Senator Peffer, of Kansas, is that he has reversed his ideas about his political status in the Senate. When first elected he intended that the Democratic party should act with him. He now thinks that he will act with the Democratic party.

We Must Have Intelligence at Any Price.

From the DuBois Express. Governor Pattison would make short work of the optional text book system. He tells the Legislature to make free text books the law and require all School Boards to furnish them for the same reason that they furnish houses, furniture, or any other necessities for school work.

A Rebuke From Home.

From the Titusville Citizen. The dishonest and unmanly antics of Wm. H. Andrews at Harrisburg this week will prove a stinging and lasting disgrace to the fair City of Titusville, which he claims as his home.

They All Sing the Same Song.

From the Columbia Herald. The sum and substance of most of the lawless messages of Republican Governors are about the same as those of Mr. Harrison—I ever lastingly hate to let go, but I suppose I must.

Spawls from the Keystone.

- Norristown will have a new bank.
-An express out to pieces two Italian coal miners at Greensburg.
-Small pox has broken out anew in several places in Berks county.
-The State Editorial Association will meet at Harrisburg on the 28th.
-Diphtheria keeps the Lickdale, Lebanon county, public schools locked.
-A fall of coal in a mine near Shamokin, broke Henry Kashner's back.
-A locomotive at South Bethlehem killed Mrs. John Water, 60 years old.
-Sleighs were driven over the ice Saturday from Bristol to Burlington, N. J.
-Machinery has been put in a Lebanon factory that turns out 120,000 pills a day.
-An engine bumped down a wall at Harrisburg which buried George Brown alive.
-Jack Frost Friday suspended all the active colliers in the Shenandoah region.
-Three of Samuel Van Norman's children, of Easton, died of diphtheria within a week.
-It is supposed that John Tobias, found dead in his house near Tremont, was frozen.
-John C. Beck, formerly of Philadelphia, is to give Orwigsburg his eighth shoe factory.
-George Smith, alleged to be one of the Longwamp (Berks County) bandits is in jail.
-The \$200,000 capital for the new Reading National Bank, at Reading, has been subscribed.
-Horemens of Williamsport are arranging for three days of racing upon the ice on the River.
-Printers of Reading celebrated the 137th birthday of Benjamin Franklin with a banquet.
-The price of \$1000 is put on the head of the murderer of Postmaster Isaac Dengler of Oberlin.
-Frederick Cone, who is wanted at Athens, Bradford County, for larceny, was captured in New York.
-A bridge to cost \$25,000 will span the Schuylkill River at Reading for the electric railway cars.
-Joe Paul, aged 61, fell from a 60-foot high treestump, at the Logan Colliery, Ashland, and is dying.
-The deficit in the accounts of City Treasurer Obok, of Reading, as reported, amount to \$13,750.
-In a knife machine at the Coeetoga Cork Works, Arthur Sheaffer had his hand and arm clipped off.
-Erysipelas necessitated the amputation of both the feet of Mrs. Patrick Devers, Mauch Chunk.
-Scandal in the City Treasurer's office at Reading has resulted in a reform ticket for city officials.
-Minar John Rusko was crushed to death between two trains of mine cars at Hazleton Colliery, No. 5.
-For killing Mike Galt, near Andover, in August, Mike Dudoro will spend over 11 years in prison.
-Rev. T. F. Land, of Meadville, has been chosen pastor of the First Reformed Church, of South Bethlehem.
-S. G. Bettes, who calls himself "the cowboy evangelist," is wagging war on Sunday stores at Bradford.
-Although struck by a train and hurled 30 feet, Daniel Jenkins, of Shamokin, escaped with a broken leg.
-A stick of dynamite he was thawing killed Joseph Graddock, of near Uniontown, and injured several others.
-Benzine exploded in C. A. Carpenter's dye works at Harrisburg, and his wife and daughter were badly burned.
-Twelve foxes and two catamounts have been killed during the past season by Adam Kravine, of Schuylkill county.
-Chambersburg Republicans held their primaries and Burgess George H. Wood' will be unanimously reelected.
-For the loss of his child by a street car J. E. Johnson, of Reading, recovered \$1900 from the City Passenger Railway.
-James Madden, who killed his nephew, John Kenney, at Steelton, was convicted of murder in the second degree.
-If a dozen Reading men have cut away the drifts and rolled a public road for five miles to have a snow free way.
-A challenge to swim the Lehigh River at Bethlehem when the ice thaws out, for \$50 has been offered by J. H. Kramer.
-An additional charge of man slaughter, was made Friday against Dr. Gellford, of Lebanon accused of causing a girl's death.
-Twenty towboats and a hundred coalboats are frozen up at Pittsburg, and rivermen fear a great loss when the ice flood comes.
-While baking pies the clothing of Miss Laura Budy, of Hamburg, caught fire and she and her father were severely burned.
-Mrs. Annie Enders, of Harrisburg, wants \$20,000 from her divorced husband's wife because she gave him her son, now a man.
-A train struck the team of Joseph L. Knettle, of Mechanicsburg, killing a horse and breaking the drivers, leg in three places.
-Eleven heirs will get the \$10,000,000 estate of the late J. H. Hays, of Pittsburg, of which Miss Stella Hays will receive about \$3,000,000.
-An uncle that he had never heard of died in Wyoming county and bequeathed John Harkless, Centre township, Ladsana county \$14,000.
-Foster Hoover, a Pennsylvania Railroad employe, stepped from one track to another in front of a train at Sunbury and was instantly killed.
-Stockholders of the Backus Manufacturing Company, of Philadelphia and Williamsport, increased its capital by \$100,000, and the total is \$350,000.
-James Worden, who helped steal 100 horses and carriages in Eastern Pennsylvania made an unsuccessful attempt to dig out of the Easton jail.
-The International Association of Plasterers, meeting at Pittsburg, elected Robert Tenary, of that city, president, and Robert Quay, of Philadelphia, a vice president.
-An ordinance just passed by Council imposes a fine of \$5 upon a conductor or engineer who blocks up a street crossing in Tunkhannock for more than three minutes.
-President Harrison appointed the following postmasters: James M. Perrin, Chartiers; John D. Neely, Derry Station; Mrs. Susan M. McEwan, Oakdale Station; Joseph E. Mitchell, State College.
-Two passenger cars and baggage car were derailed on the Quarryville Railroad south of Lancaster, but the safety chains prevented a roll down the embankment.