

Ink Slings.

When you see "the apple of your eye" you invariably get "side her."

Poor Queen LILIAKALANI, her name might just as well have been DENNIS.

Come, gentle spring—between this zero weather and your poets, we chose the latter.

We wonder if QUAY sent one of his little notes of thanks to "Uncle" JOHN CRESSNA, of Bedford.

Kansas has a fly senator. Indeed he is a regular bird among the Populists. A MARTIN don't you know.

A propos of the return of the crinoline to womanly favor, there should be a boom in the wire market ere long.

The solanum melongena and an ordinary hen and a rooster are both eggs plants, but are not competitors in business.

While the millennium for mankind is generally supposed to be approaching on wings, the trolley cars are hauling one on for horse flesh.

Five thousand women were arrested for drunkenness in Dublin, last year, which simply goes to show what the "rate-oid stuff" will do.

Harrisburg is crying for a paid fire department. The Legislators must be making it hot down there. If so it is certainly not from any work that they have done thus far.

The papers of the last two weeks bear material evidence of the greatness of the late Honorable JAMES G. BLAINE. Never before has so much newspaper space been lavished on the demise of one man.

The heavy ice accumulations on the Susquehanna and Delaware rivers, it is said will play havoc with the crops of shad to be caught in the Spring. Old fishermen say that the fish will be unusually thin. Poor shad, oh!

It would be unhealthy for the Prince of Wales should his mother die just now when Canada and the Sandwich Islands all want to hang on to Uncle SAM's coat tails. England might get the craze too. Don't you know.

Let us annex Hawaii and then we'll have a place to send JOHNNY DAVENPORT and CLARKSON. But no, that wouldn't do either for England would make war on us then and after that—The Lord knows what the pension list would be.

The Queen of England has just put herself on record as having completed the remarkable feat of having made a speech without saying anything. The speech from the throne was a series of allusions and parliament is expected to act accordingly.

When newspapers continue to speak of big, fat, puffin' females, who do a turn on the stage and say a few lines between apoplectic gasps, in such phrases as "the bright little soubrette," then it is time for some one to begin a life work on a new dictionary.

A near-by exchange advises the formation of a "sympathetic society" in every community. Its members to give friendly advice to each other when in trouble. We would like to hear of a community in which no such societies already exist. The only difference being that their members are known by the name of gossips now.

One of the most despicable traits which mankind can possess is that of demagoguery. If there is one person to be shunned more than another it is that smiling, acquiescent fellow, who having no mind of his own enlists your confidence, by profession of belief in what ever opinion you may hold, only to betray you to your enemy.

Italy is getting her hand in at scandal too. Signor A. M. MONZELLI, Director of the Bureau of Industry and Commerce, threatens to put the whole government in jail if it arrests him for making false bank reports. And the question now arises what will King HUMBERT do if all his great(?) men are consigned to the calaboose.

If there is really any danger of war on account of the Hawaiian situation Mr. FRICK will surely lend Uncle SAM that deadly electric fence he built around the Homestead works last summer. Uncle SAM could build it clear around that little island in the Pacific and the first red coat who went to climb over would find out how American plutocrats deal with their employes.

It was because of the steady friendship of gentlemen like yourself that it recognizes WILBUR P. HIGBY as the lawfully elected assemblyman from Crawford county.

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Death of Ex-Postmaster General Campbell

Since the last issue of the WATCHMAN, the number of distinguished victims whom death has claimed during the past month was enlarged by the demise of one whose name recalls an earlier period of Democracy, and although obscured for some years by retirement, was up to the last living hour of him who bore it, the synonym of every good quality that is implied by the true Democrat.

We allude to the death of Ex-Postmaster General CAMPBELL, who died at his residence, in Philadelphia, last Friday morning, after a long life well spent in the interest of his city, his State, his country and his party. As a Democrat he was one of the old school, who never sacrificed his principles for the sake of expediency, and who, when defeat overtook his party only drew the cloak of Democratic faith more closely around him. He was not a fair weather Democrat. Political adversity brought out more prominently the rugged character of his Democracy.

His public life had its triumphs and its depressions. It was commenced more than half a century ago by his entering the bar of Philadelphia in which he rapidly rose to distinction. His first office was a directorship of his school district, in which was started a practical interest in the cause of education that lasted until the declining period of his life. While rendering himself useful in this capacity and gaining a high reputation at the bar, he was appointed a Common Pleas Judge of Philadelphia county. After ten years service on the Common Pleas bench the judicial office was made elective by a change of the constitution and Judge CAMPBELL was nominated as one of the Democratic candidates for the Supreme Court of the State. It was at the time when "know-nothingism" was rampant, and CAMERON was working this new political fad, turning it to his personal advantage as well as using it for the punishment of his enemies. He was opposed to Judge CAMPBELL, who, being a Catholic, was overwhelmed by the fanatical hosts of "know-nothingism" secretly directed by the CAMERON management. His defeat for Supreme Judge was partly compensated by his appointment to the Attorney Generalship of the State by Governor BIGLER, and a still higher honor soon followed by his being called to the cabinet of President PIERCE, as Post Master General. In this position Judge CAMPBELL displayed excellent ability and brought the department to a high state of efficiency.

After four years service in a cabinet that was distinguished for its circumspection that there was no change in it during the entire administration, he retired to private life, but continued to take a part in local Democratic movements, a powerful influence in the party organization in the city of his residence. His only official aspiration afterwards was his candidacy for the United States Senate in 1862 in which he was defeated, in the Democratic caucus, by CHARLES R. BUCKALEW by four votes.

In declining years he lost none of his interest in public affairs, nor forgot his duty to the party to which his ability and energy of his younger life were devoted. His death has removed one of the purest public characters and one of the staunchest Democrats that this State has ever produced.

The Almanac for 1893 just issued by the Philadelphia Inquirer is another valuable addition to the WATCHMAN'S library of statistical, and otherwise useful, pamphlets. There are forty pages of pith and an attractive cover to recommend it to the Inquirer's patrons who, we feel confident, are well pleased with the useful souvenir the energetic Philadelphia daily has compiled for them. Perhaps its most commendable feature is the fact that it recognizes WILBUR P. HIGBY as the lawfully elected assemblyman from Crawford county.

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Wild Road Legislation.

The securing of good roads is a matter of great public importance and should demand attention in proportion to the interests involved. All classes are more or less interested, the farmers directly, in consequence of the constant use they are required to make of the highways, and all others by reason of the indirect benefits conferred by good roads. Easy and cheap transportation of farm produce and general articles of trade, insured by a good condition of the public thoroughfares, is an advantage to all.

When a thing is of such universal importance and general utility it is singular that there should be such a diversity of opinion and such opposite suggestions as to the best and most effectual way of securing it. There is no question that the road laws of this State, as of most States, are defective, and that the methods of making and mending the high ways are inadequate to the purpose; but when improved methods are offered through the medium of legislation the tendency is to run into impractical and extravagant propositions. Thus, recent bills that have been offered in the Legislature relative to the public roads, have proposed to encumber the system of road improvement with high salaried officers and a lavish expenditure of money. The State was to have a chief engineer empowered to exercise supervision over the whole business, with compensation in proportion to his authority. Then there was to be a system of county engineers and county supervisors, exercising authority over their separate bailiwicks, the system to be graded down to assistants in the different townships, all having a pull on the purses of the tax-payers. The citizens were to be excluded from paying their tax by work done on the road, as this was too unscientific to suit the advanced ideas in the art of road making.

These were the main features of a road bill offered at one of the recent sessions of the Legislature, but it did not compare in the magnitude of its provisions with one which has been introduced at this session, which provides for the expenditure of \$60,000,000 a year. So gorgeous a system will of course have to be embellished with officials and for this purpose there is to be a State Road Engineer with a salary of \$5,000, while each county is to have the benefit of an engineer salaried at \$3,000, with an assistant at \$1,000. The other paraphernalia of the system is to be on an equally liberal scale.

We doubt whether this bill will suit the prudent class of tax-payers. That there is need for improvement in our road laws is generally admitted but legislation on the subject should furnish something that would be practical and not too extensive to the pockets of those who will to pay for the improved road.

Lamar's Successor.

In regard to the appointment of Justice LAMAR'S successor there is a peculiar impropriety in the proposition that President HARRISON, who has but a few weeks more to remain in office should resign, by which act MORRON would be made President, and that the latter, in the exercise of his appointing power, should put HARRISON into the vacant Judgeship. It would be a way of supplying BENJAMIN with an official position, which the people could not take from him as they did with his Presidential office, but it would involve a scandalous procedure which Mr. HARRISON will hardly bring himself to engage in, although he has done a good many questionable things in the disposing of Federal appointments. It would virtually amount to appointing himself a Justice of the Supreme Court, which as an abuse of the appointing power, would equal, if not surpass, in point of scandal, his selection of Woods for a United States District Judgeship in return for the service he rendered in quashing the suit that would have uncovered the blocks-of-five rascality in Indiana.

The appointment of Justice LAMAR'S successor rightfully belongs to the incoming administration. He was a Democrat, and the place made vacant by his death should be filled by the appointee of a Democratic President. There is a report that Mr. HARRISON

Calamity Howlers, Where Art Thou?

Last week two hundred and fifty thirty clad and hungry men walked from Ghent to Brussels, a distance of thirty-one miles, through cold and snow to demand of the government bread for their starving families. They did not demand bread but work so that they might earn bread, and the government promptly promised them the assistance they asked. If the demonstration made by these starving men in the streets of Brussels had been made in the streets of our own free-trade England, there would have been an endless array of sermons on the evils of free trade published in the Republican papers, but since Belgium is not that kind of a country there will not be much said about it in those constant journals.

The Gerrymandering Abuse.

The outrageous gerrymandering that have been so long maintained in Pennsylvania by Republican Legislatures show such a persistence in wrong doing that it can be scarcely expected that they will do better in the apportionment bills that will be introduced in the present session. By a long process of demoralization it has become a part of Republican political ethics that any mean and unfair advantage over their opponents is justifiable. Whether it is carrying the elections with money, or stealing State Legislatures, or gerrymandering congressional and legislative districts, they appear to think that the object they seek to accomplish justifies the means they employ.

Such being the moral character of their political practices it is not a rather rash indulgence of hope to look for an amendment of their apportionment methods? But certainly there is an urgent need for such amendment in this State. By a most unfair division of congressional and legislative districts the majority party have succeeded in securing a representation both in Congress and in the State Legislature far beyond their numerical superiority. They have virtually effected a disfranchisement of a large portion of the population of the State. A party which in a vote of over a million has a legitimate majority of no more than about 40,000, is entitled, by the strict rules of political justice, to a representation relatively but little larger than the minority party, but unfair apportionment has given it more than two to one of the congressmen of the State, and such a majority in the State Legislature that this unfairness can be perpetuated at their pleasure. It has even invaded the domain of the courts by distorting some of the Judicial districts.

This unequal division has been maintained through nearly two decades in defiance of the law and the constitution. Attempts were made to make new apportionments, but it was not the object to make them conform to the relative rights of the two parties. At the last session bills were passed redistricting the State, but the congressional, legislative and judicial districts were made with such evident unfairness that the Governor could not sign them, and no doubt this was the object of those who desired these gerrymandering measures.

What will be the character of the apportionment bills that may be presented at the present session, and what will be their outcome? Will the Republicans make indemnity for past offenses in this matter, and give assurance of better conduct in the future? The chairman of the apportionment committee in the House is Hon. B. L. HEWITT, who displayed such a sense of right and justice in the ANDREWS affair; but will the bulk of the Republicans be able to deny themselves the mean advantage in the matter of apportionment which their numerical strength enables them to take?

It is getting pretty tough when the Edison Electric Illuminating company expect a moon that's half full to light the streets of Bellefonte.

JOHN MARTIN was elected United States senator from Kansas, at noon, on Wednesday. The populists elected him.

Golden opportunities are those held out by the KEELY institutes.

If you want printing of any description the WATCHMAN office is the place to have it done.

How to Find Out What You Are.

In summing up the vexed question as to whether a man is a protectionist or a revenue tariff man, which is a so-called free trader, an exchange says: "If you are in favor of a duty on coffee, tea and sugar you are a free trader on manufactured goods. If you are, like the Republicans, in favor of free sugar, tea and coffee you are a protectionist of the McKinley type. A revenue to the government has got to come from somewhere. Shall it be raised on imported things which we can make here, or on imported necessities of life, like coffee, tea and sugar raised in other countries? When the next Congress meets there will be much discussion on these points. It is well to have clear ideas on the principles of the two parties which wish to steer the business of the country."

Pervorted Civil Service.

The scheme to place President HARRISON on the supreme court bench, so that he may have a life office, is a very pretty one. When a Republican once gets a taste of office-holding he hates to retire to private life, and everybody knows that President HARRISON is no exception to the rule. His resignation to Morton's cup of amebition, but the people who turned HARRISON down in November last would not be pleased to see him on the supreme court bench. He is too much of a partisan to occupy that exalted position. If HARRISON wishes to do the proper thing he will leave the appointment of Justice LAMAR'S successor to Mr. Cleveland.

We Have too Many Tales to Our Kite

If we had chosen we might, with scarcely any effort, have asserted claims over many a Pacific Island that no foreign power would have disputed. Some German map makers for years were in the habit of coloring a number of islands where our guano vessels or general merchants monopolized the trade to show that they belonged to the United States. The map makers evidently reasoned that if they were not our islands they ought to be. We were indifferent, but England and Germany in recent years have thought it worth while to gather these islands in.

Ours Is All There.

An exchange makes the following statement: "Men have various ways of carrying money. Butchers, grocers and bakers carry it in a big crumpled wad. Bankers carry it in nice clean bills laid in full length in a morocco pocket book. Brokers always fold their money in a number of small bills, while the sport carries his in his inside vest pocket. Editors carry their money in other people's pockets."

Will Fly the Stars and Stripes.

The transfer of the Inman line of steamers from British to the American register will take place Feb. 22, the birthday of George Washington. On that occasion the stars and stripes will float over the City of Paris, the City of New York and other vessels of less repute. It will be made an event of no small political interest, as it stands connected with the growth, development and advancement of the republic.

What It Means.

After March 4 next this country will have a Democratic President, a Congress Democratic in both branches and 27 of the forty-four States will enjoy the blessing of Democratic Governors. For these things we should all feel truly thankful, because Democratic rule means honest economy in the public service.

Spawls from the Keystone.

Reading will probably create the office of water works superintendent.

An infant in a paper sack was found buried in a lime heap near Lebanon.

Three cases of small pox are in West Reading in M. P. Brown's family.

Logs fell upon and killed Jacob High at Watsonville, McKean county.

Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, is raising a \$40,000 endowment fund.

Henry Clay shaft, at Shenandoah, has resumed work after a long idleness.

A vicious horse kicked George Heckman, of Springfield, Berks county to death.

Schuylkill County's Recorder last year handled 1808 deeds and 1092 mortgages.

A blast from an oil pipe in a Pottsville mill dangerously scorched J. Fredericks.

Instant death was carried to Patrick Toner, near Mahanoy City, by a cowcatcher.

Dr. A. A. Long was elected president of the Medico-Pathological Society of York county.

While lighting a lamp Mrs. Rose Keller, of near Holidaysburg, was burned to death.

The Bowmaites will fight for possession of the church at Anville, Lebanon county.

Frank Cassidy, a Coleraine farmer, was found dead between two cows in the stable.

Republican State Chairman Reeder has left Easton for Cuba to remain South a month.

Crushed by a fall of top coal in a Mt. Carmel colliery, Thomas Carroll may not recover.

A small-pox scare at Reading has nearly exhausted the doctors' supply of vaccine virus.

The balls from an electric dynamo at Bradford broke loose and fatally injured John Ballard.

Rufus Jackson, who was shot over a game of cards near Hazleton by Thomas Brown, is dead.

By order of Court a fertilizing factory near Reading has closed on account of the awful odors.

It is proposed that Berks County schools celebrate a "Conrad Weiser Day" in the near future.

The funeral of George L. I. Painter, at Muncy, Monday afternoon, was the largest ever held there.

Diphtheria of the most virulent form is prevalent in Union township, Schuylkill county.

Three Pittsburg lads who regularly stole newspapers from house steps and sold them are in jail.

Forty-nine hands were killed last year in the mines of lower Schuylkill and a part of Carbon county.

Indiana Ridge Colliery, Shenandoah, Saturday suspended work for a month, making idle 500 men and boys.

Seventy-five members of the American Club, Reading, will attend President Cleveland's inauguration.

The report of Mine Inspector William Hein for the Fifth Anthracite district shows 55 deaths by accident.

Ex-City Treasurer Obold, of Reading, is attracting attention by his strange forgetfulness of his resignation.

As he was cutting ice from the Lehigh Valley tracks, at White Haven, Frank Richter was run over by a train.

Philadelphia capitalists are negotiating for the purchase of Bellefonte colliery, Mt. Carmel which employs 600 hands.

A hog bit off a finger of Isaac Brown, of Kleinfeltesville, Lebanon county, and he is dying of blood poisoning.

Another sign of confidence in the times will be the starting of the big shirt factory at Pottsville, idle for a year.

Michael Angelos, a Pennsylvania Railroad employe, was struck by an engine near Morrisville and instantly killed.

Fatal injuries were sustained by George Hoch, who fell 30 feet from a river bridge upon the ice near Wilkesbarre.

John S. Berky, his son Snyder and daughter Mary, victims of diphtheria, were all buried at Barto, Friday afternoon.

The Hanburg Rolling mill has been left tenanted and idle by the removal of the Pottsville Iron and Steel Company.

The Water Commissioners of Reading accuse City Engineer Hoff and City Clerk Felter with glaring official inefficiency.

The "Reading Eagle" passed from its 25th year with a big dinner given by the employes to the proprietor, Jesse S. Hawley.

After the death of Peter McCabe, a Pine Grove farmer, \$365 in gold and silver coin was found locked in a bureau drawer.

A casting made at the Bethlehem Iron Company's works took nine ladies full of molten lead, each weighing 19,000 pounds.

South Bethlehem citizens decided to continue their old custom of making non-partisan nominations for borough officers.

The first locomotive used on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad is being repaired at the Reading shops for the Worla's Fair.

As Arthur Jewel, a Hughesville school boy tried to jump upon a loaded bob-bed, he fell under a runner and was crushed to death.

After fatally shooting Jack Robinson over a game of cards at Hazelton, Thomas Brown fled to Niagara Falls, where he was caught.

Dr. Benjamin Lee, of the State Board of Health, in a speech at Allentown, condemned the Councils there for a poor waster supply.

The "Ephrata Review" has published a fine industrial edition setting forth the business interests of that lively Lancaster county town.

An Anville farmer was Monday fined \$10 apiece for eight pigtraps, which he found recently luddled half-frozen under a fence and shot.

Twenty-five breaker builders at Minersville struck because one of their number was discharged for eating a luncheon between meals.

Rev. Father Francis McGovern, of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Port Carbon, has been transferred to the St. Patrick Church, Pottsville.

Ex-Burgess William T. Shepherd, of West Chester, must serve a year in jail and pay \$200 fine for trying to burglarize Elwood Taylor's feed warehouse.

A searching party hunting for the remains of Morgan Diener, who disappeared from Dreheraville, Berks county, two months ago returned empty handed.

W. J. Marvel, a Wilkesbarre commission merchant, wishes his friends to know that he is not the W. J. Marvel implicated in the Gertrude Alexander scandal of recent date.

Notwithstanding that three Philadelphia builders pronounced the Wernersville Asylum walls in good condition, the Berks County Farmers' Alliance is still waging war against the contractors.