

Ink Slings.

The cabinet is full at last. We hope not too much so for utterance.

CHARLEY DANA, in his New York Sun can give his funny name, but "Hoky-poky" SMITH, you bet, will get there just the same.

The convention of the electrical engineers of the country now sitting in St. Louis, Mo., will more than likely give that city a shock of some sort.

Representative NICKELL, of Philadelphia, must have been in a decidedly sour mood when he introduced his bill to prevent the adulteration of vinegar.

For once in their lives the Democrats have come out on top. The "head I win, tail you lose" game was played with both Populists and Republicans in Kansas and worked like a charm.

A beer trust which will be the largest organization of its kind in the country is about forming in Detroit. The price of hops will not be affected, but who can say so much as to that of "jags."

Whatever the condition of the Treasury the growth of the new navy should not be impeded. We should be able to get armored battle ships on credit for they assume the nature of a debt that will float itself.

The fellow who invested his entire bank account in Columbian souvenir coins finds that there are three millions of them to be disposed of at one dollar before his dreamed of speculation will begin to cast a material shadow.

The rice crop of the South reached two hundred and twenty-five million pounds last year, a gain of ten million pounds over any preceding year's growth. Is it any wonder the Republican party found itself in the soup.

To-morrow will be the biggest day the National capital has ever seen. Thousands of people will be there to see the finale of the little play, America for Americans or the Death of the Tariff Robbers, in which they played such an important role last November.

It will take \$106,500,000 to pay the pension claimants this year. Mr. RAUM says \$200,000,000 will be required next year. It is to be hoped that something will have been done, ere "next" year comes, to relieve the country of this awful drain upon its resources.

If the country could stand it it would undoubtedly be a good plan to elect a president at least once a month. Congress would then get something done because of so many adjournments. In the last four days more work has been put through than was accomplished all the rest of the session.

Uncle JERRY RUSK is out with advice to farmers to fatten their hogs for market, instead of selling their corn. He forgets when he says a short crop of porkers is bound to make high prices, that to-morrow will mark the beginning of a period during which the market will be quickly overstocked by the porcine specimens that have been feeding at the public stalls for the last four years.

The cordial reception accorded ADLAI STEVENSON, all along the route he traveled from his home in Bloomington, Ill., to Washington, was fresh evidence of the place he holds in the hearts of the people. Few men indeed have met popular favor in a more successful way than Mr. STEVENSON and as president of the Senate, that strong individuality that has marked his career thus far will undoubtedly predominate to strengthen the faith reposed in him as a Democrat.

To-morrow BENJAMIN HARRISON will step down and out. His successor GROVER CLEVELAND represents a party that is pledged to reform the tariff, revise the pension rolls and regulate the taxes to the uses of the government economically administered. He finds the country on the verge of a financial crisis, the Treasury drained to its last resource and its general business interest in a precarious condition. What will four years of Democratic administration bring forth? Who can say that it has not been well if the country finds itself in 1896 as it did in 1883.

The Republican press is having a great time in climbing the genealogical trees of the families represented in Mr. CLEVELAND'S cabinet. Mr. OLNEY, of Massachusetts, and Mr. SMITH, of Georgia, are both sticklers for it and not having found any vulnerable points in their ancestry it acknowledges its defeat by crying out "Who is this man OLNEY?" "Who is this man SMITH?"

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The South in the New Cabinet.

To those American citizens who believe that the Union has been fully restored, and that sectionalism is dead and should be buried beyond the possibility of resurrection, it is a source of gratification to observe the number of Southern men who will be in President CLEVELAND'S cabinet. Ever since the war the presence of a man from that section in a high position connected with the government was regarded by a certain class of politicians with affected alarm. They pretended to see great danger in the official recognition of Southern men, and assumed to draw from it the inference that the "Rebel Brigadiers" would soon be in the saddle.

Of course this was done for political effect, but great injustice resulted from it to a class of our fellow citizens who in the performance of their duty to their country and government have been examples of honor and loyalty ever since the restoration of the Union. Mr. CLEVELAND has put the seal of condemnation on such injustice by calling three citizens of the South to places in his cabinet, and they are men who will prove as serviceable to the administration as to the general interests of the country.

Foremost among them is Senator CARLISLE, a statesman who is recognized as one of the very first among our public men in point of ability, while his probity equals the high order of his intellect. For the special purpose he is intended to serve in carrying out the policy of tariff and financial reform it would have been impossible to have made a better selection, or rather it may be said that it is questionable whether any other selection would have been as good.

And where could the choice for Secretary of the Navy have more worthily and properly fallen than upon HILARY A. HERBERT of Alabama. We observe a Republican contemporary pretending to be horrified at the idea of the American navy being put in charge of an ex-confederate. The poor, deluded sheet is probably ignorant of the fact that the Alabama statesman, whom Mr. CLEVELAND has called into his cabinet, has had as much to do with the restoration of the navy as any other man connected with the government. As chairman of the committee on Naval Affairs during CLEVELAND'S first administration he was the chief assistant of Secretary WHITNEY in rescuing our naval establishment from the dilapidated condition to which Republican negligence and spoliation had reduced it.

In Mr. HOKE SMITH, of Georgia, the new cabinet will have a man of excellent ability and high character, in view of which fact the idiotic ridicule of his name may be regarded with contempt. As in Mr. HERBERT'S case, the sensitive Republican loyalists affect to regard his appointment with alarm, pretending to be shocked at the idea of the Pension Bureau coming under the jurisdiction of an ex-confederate Secretary of the Interior. But really the greatest danger to the pension system lies in the extravagance and profligacy of Northern politicians. No harm will be done the interests of worthy pensioners by a cabinet officer who, while recognizing their just claims, will also see that the government is not robbed.

The ample recognition of the South by Mr. CLEVELAND in the make-up of his cabinet is one of the best features of its construction. It completely ignores the injurious sectional feeling that so long prevailed. It entirely discards the bloody shirt and consigns it to oblivion. The result of it will be the thorough disproof of the assumption, upon which the Republican party has done so much political banking, that it is dangerous to entrust Southern men with responsible positions in the government.

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Should Be of Beaten Brass.

That commemorative occasions are not always in honor of some good act or the accomplishment of some noble purpose is evidenced by the fact that on the 25th of April next, the surviving members of the band of 306 political bummers, who would have forced GRANT upon the country for a third term and GRANT-ism upon it for all time, are to have a dinner in commemoration of the cause for which they struggled and the efforts that made them notorious.

In the entire history of the government or of the political efforts connected with it, there has been nothing as brazen as this proposed commemoration, or as impudent as will be its carrying out.

It is simply intended, and will be, the glorification of an effort, on the part of office-holders, government-contractors and big and little treasury robbers to perpetuate for all time the ruinous rule of the few who then controlled the power and patronage of the government and to rob the people of the authority to choose their own rulers or to dictate and enforce that governmental policy that best suited their interests. It will be the "honoring" of a combination of all that was venal in a most venal administration to perpetuate venality; the commemoration of a combine of corrupt persons, for corrupt purposes and that they, themselves, might reap the benefits of that corruption.

These were the purposes, and the efforts to attain these ends are to be commemorated by a dinner!

Shades of all that is pure in politics! honorable in design! or patriotic in purpose! What brazen impudence! What unparalleled effrontery!

And yet, possibly it is the proper thing to have this commemorative dinner; to keep alive a recollection of the designs of these conspirators and corruptionists and a remembrance of the disgraceful defeat that followed their efforts. As a warning to others it may be well not to forget the purpose for which this combination was formed, or the dishonor that followed those connected with it. And so the dinner should proceed. It should be held with all the eclat possible and along with the original badge of membership, that each participant will wear, indicating that he was a member of the gang, should be another badge of beaten brass, symbolical of the disgraceful defeat that crowned their efforts and the brazenness of their attempt not to honor a conspiracy, which, had it been successful, would have sounded the death-knell to the hopes of a free people and the future of our Republican form of government.

Let the dinner go on, and hereafter let the badge of the 306 be of "beaten brass."

Clean Up for Spring.

March with all its bluster, slush and mud is upon us. It is the beginning of that season which proves so uncertain and unhealthful to humanity unless the greatest care is taken to guard against its sudden changes of temperature.

With the first warm days will come an inclination, on the part those who are heedless of nature's demands, to lay off the heavy underwear and commit those little indiscretions by way of lighter clothing which so often terminate fatally to foolish people. March is fitful in the extreme, and the past has taught us that the mercury is kept continually bobbing up and down and with it will come as usual spring mud and slush. All the back yard accumulations of the winter are now beginning to thaw out and the germs of disease are spread upon the air.

The general cleaning up should be begun as early as possible, for there will be lots of it to do. Be careful to get the rubbish in the back yard all cleaned up. Ventilate the cellar properly, carry out any ashes or other dirt that may have accumulated in it during the cold season and apply the white-wash freely. There is no better disinfectant than lime and do not be afraid to apply plenty of it.

One of the principal instrumentalities working against the health of our people is improper sanitary regulations. They must be looked after now, for with the home poorly drained of its

filth there is bound to be sewer gas and consequent sickness.

All these things demand the immediate attention of those who hope to preserve their physical strength and disobedience to nature's demands means untold misery and large doctor bills. That dread scourge, cholera, will, in all probability, invade our country just as soon as the warm weather begins and to be "forewarned" is to be "forearmed." Let our readers all of them begin the work of cleaning up just as soon as the weather permits. No time should be lost and remember that the thriftiest and cleanest people are the healthiest.

Cleveland's Inauguration.

At noon to-morrow GROVER CLEVELAND will be sworn in as President of the United States. The ceremonies it is said will be the most elaborate that have ever been celebrated on a similar occasion. The military and civic parade will be at once imposing and gorgeous. From the White House to the inaugural stand at the Capitol Mr. HARRISON and Mr. CLEVELAND will ride in the same carriage, Mr. CLEVELAND sitting at Mr. HARRISON'S right side. On the return their positions will be just reversed.

The President and his daughter, Mrs. McKee, will remain in the White House to welcome Mr. and Mrs. CLEVELAND, but immediately after the inauguration they will proceed, by an early afternoon train, direct for Indianapolis.

Thus will Washington have seen the last of Mr. HARRISON in the capacity of chief executive of the land. His administration in one respect has been a signal failure—in that he was not politic enough to pave his way to the second term he so dearly longed for—

As a man he is practical, much learned, and was in every way qualified to make an illustrious name for himself; but the bitter partisanship, and absolute domineering of his political methods, the support of the infamous force bill and his studied determination to place party above country, at all times, makes him a man whose official life will be remembered with little else than contempt, though his personality was truly that of an honorable, upright citizen.

He was unfortunate in having been called to the head of the government just when the country was undergoing one of its regular periods of depression and of a necessity as such things always appear was held responsible for the hard times that have prevailed ever since CLEVELAND'S last term.

A Novel Method of Voting.

In a number of the towns of the State of New York, when the Spring elections are held this year, there will be a very novel scene. Each voter will walk into a little room with a wall of sheet-iron, will see before him a neat array of bright knobs—to each of which is attached the name of a candidate for office, the whole number including all the names placed in nomination—push in the knob for every name he wishes to vote, and will pass out, having taken, according to the experiment in Lockport last year, less than forty seconds. By the machine every thus employed every vote is securely and secretly recorded, and every voter can cast one vote, and no more, for one candidate for each office. There is no printing of ballots required, there is no chance of misprinted names, or of miscounting, accidental or intended, or of changing the returns. The election held in Lockport in the Spring of 1892 was very favorably reported on by those who watched it, and the like elections this year will be closely studied. If the machinery does in all places what it did in Lockport, it would seem that the vexed question of ballot reform, and by a voting-machine had destroyed much of the viciousness of machine-voting. The Australian system, for which so much energy and ink has been expended, can at best only secure secrecy where the voter is bent on having it, but this machine seems to compel secrecy, and to make the various phases of electoral crime and abuse physical impossibilities. The saving of money is said to be very great, but the saving in political demoralization and corruption must be, if the machine works uniformly and continuously well, simply incalculable.

The above we get from Harper's Weekly of the 18th inst. The voting machine to which it refers as being so ingenious, efficient and valuable, is the invention of a former well known citizen of this place, Mr. J. H. Meyers. There is no question that it doubly discounts all other known methods of securing fair and secret elections as well as an honest count and the speediest return of results. It is the method of the future, but unluckily for Pennsylvania, her Constitution, which requires all voting to be by "ballot," will have to be changed before this ring-ridden and machine bossed commonwealth can reap any of the benefits, of any perfect system of voting and counting results.

Harrison's Final Blunders.

From the Chicago Herald. The prospects of Hawaiian annexation are fading perceptibly away. The hasty action of President Harrison's Administration has a tendency to awaken distrust. Nothing should have been done without the most ample knowledge on the subject and in relation to every condition of affairs involved in the negotiation. If the present Administration had moved in earnest to dispose of the silver question and had left the Hawaiian question for deliberate action the blaze of glory in which it hoped to disappear would have been a more distinct illumination. In dodging the silver question and rushing the Hawaiian question two mistakes were made. Both are grave mistakes, and involve President Harrison's last official days in a shadow of discredit.

Young Blood in the Cabinet.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. The new cabinet brings into public life a new element; it represents a younger generation of men; it is made up not of worn-out party "backs," but of vigorous, progressive, determined men, men of conviction, whose faces are turned to the future, not to the past. The Cabinet is something of a surprise to our Republican friends, but it is representative of the very elements which surprised the same gentlemen at the polls last November, and it is certain that it commands the entire approval of the people who elected Mr. Cleveland President; for it gives them full assurance that the promises of the platform are to become living realities.

Who and What He Is.

From the Pittsburg Post. A. C. Beckwith, the new Democratic senator from Wyoming, was not a candidate before the legislature, and was chosen by the governor for that reason. He built the first house in Cheyenne 30 years ago, and now lives in Evanston, a town near the Utah line. He owns a 'runk, many square miles of land, the cattle upon many hills, coal mines and coal and timber lands. His hobby is horses, and he breeds trotters on the finest farm in the mountains. He is a native of New York and is 60 years old.

The Martin Can Fly Home Again.

From the Philadelphia Times. Bleeding Kansas bleeds no more. The war is over. The populists have surrendered. The members who were elected have taken their seats in the legally organized House of Representatives, and those who were not elected are apparently left out in the cold. It would seem also as though the Governor was rather badly left, to say nothing of Senator-elect John Martin, who was voted for by the House that is now dissolved. Fortunately, the organization of the Senate is not dependent upon him.

He Would Have Appreciated It More.

From the New York World. The dinner to be given to Vice-President Morton to-night, by the Senators of both parties, is a deserved tribute to what they call his "constant fairness, signal ability and uniform courtesy." So far as the Republicans are concerned, the compliment would have materialized more justly in a re-nomination at Minneapolis. And would it not have been quite as well for the ticket?

They Miss Him.

From the Charleston News and Courier. From the way in which the republican organs are still howling over the commission of Mr. Gresham we think the old party feels that it is going to miss him very sadly. By the way, as we have said before, who is the greatest living Republican now? Not counting Mrs. Lease, of course.

It Was Ever Thus.

From the Williamsport Times. The expiring hours of congress is when "crooked" work is made most effective. Taking advantage of the rush and turmoil, such creatures "snake" through bills carrying in their trail schemes which benefit a few at the expense of the many.

Borrowing Gold to Buy Silver.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. It will be had finance and worse sense to buy silver with borrowed gold, but the continued absorption of the white metal, after we sell bonds to accumulate some of the yellow metal, will practically amount to this very thing.

Things Are Pacific as Usual.

From the Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph. It looks as though the Sandwich Islands would not be annexed just now. There is no hurry. The islands are not trying to get Hawaii.

The Coming Time.

From the Chicago Tribune. A time is coming, Mm. Lilioukalanui, when \$20,000 will be more than enough to pension all the crowned heads in the world.

Spawns from the Keystone.

The coal miners' strike at Nantlooko is growing.

Chester's trolly will be extended to Ed dystone.

Banker F. V. Rockefeller, of Wilkesbarre, is gradually sinking.

A runaway car killed Charles Winters at a Minersville colliery.

A fall of rock Friday in a Shenandoah colliery crushed John Wiley.

The 114 prisoners in Lancaster county jail were vaccinated on Sunday.

The body of a female infant was found in a stream near Northumberland.

The Bowmanite Conference Sunday ordained nine ministers at Reading.

Cars at Delano Friday night fatally squeezed Brakeman Frank Draper.

Both the daughters of John T. Kinney, of Braddock, eloped on Saturday night.

Pittsburg is following Philadelphia in an endeavor to lessen the water waste.

A lump of coal tumbled from a car at Ashland, fatally injuring Lyman Berger.

While talking with his parents at Shenandoah, Timothy Scalley dropped dead.

Ill health induced Jacob Honicker, of Locust Gap, to snuff his life out with a pistol.

An unprecedented number of empty houses make Pittsburg real estate dealers glum.

Coal trains in the neighborhood of Pottsville are still greatly handicapped by the snow.

The Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association held a convention in Harrisburg Tuesday.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company is to elevate its tracks over Fifth street, Darby.

Caught in a snow drift, John Edler, of Alintown, was so badly frozen he may not recover.

Her clothes taking fire from a grate, Elizabeth Barr, near Washington, was burned to death.

Both of James Dolan's legs were cut off Saturday by a train at Locust Summit, and he died.

One of a nest of six boilers at Tyler, McTurk & Co.'s colliery, near Pottsville, exploded.

The Security Building and Loan Association, capital \$1,000,000 was organized Friday in York.

Pittsburg labor organizations oppose the proposed \$10,000 appropriation for a trade school there.

Mayor-elect Shanaman, of Reading, has, since Tuesday, received 1200 letters of congratulation.

By falling down the stairs of his restaurant at Mauch Chunk, Leopold Reis received fatal injuries.

An hour after returning from his child's funeral Friday, Julius Dunio, of Lancaster, dropped dead.

G. A. R. men at Pittsburg will endorse Captain John Taylor, Philadelphia, for national commander.

Tucking himself snugly in bed at Pittsburg, W. B. Fullz, a traveling salesman, put a bullet in his brain.

The body of James Griffith was buried for five hours under tons of coal in a Shenandoah colliery, Friday night.

Two fine horses belonging to T. F. Gorman, Mahanoy City, ran upon the railroad track and were killed.

A party of people from Western Pennsylvania will soon start for Colorado, to establish an Economic colony.

Cross Iron Company notified its furnace men at Meungie that on March 1 wages will be reduced to 10 percent.

Some of the striking coal miners of the Monongahela Valley returned to work Monday at the company's figures.

The body of John F. Flattery was washed ashore on the river near Pittsburg, and it is supposed he killed himself.

The site of Pittsburg's old post office, at Fifth avenue and Smithfield street, was sold at auction Friday for \$435,500.

To save himself from the flames which enveloped him, J. E. Sn. 'th, a Delta, York county merchant, rolled in the snow.

Ten deacons and eleven elders were ordained Sunday night by the Dubbs Evangelical Conference at Bethlehem.

A burglar threatened to shoot Gottlieb Stahley, at Genon, Sunday night, if he did not vacate his own shoe store.

Cumberland County Commissioners will ask the Supreme Court to decide whether or not Dickinson College is taxable.

Ice carried away a portion of the Susquehanna River dam near Columbia, and now had will be able to get up that stream.

The tariff is given as a pretext for closing Moorehead & Co.'s iron mill at Sharsburg, which Friday discharged 600 men.

Stepping from his cab near St. Clair at night, Engineer Casper Medvedick, of Palo Alto, was cut down by an unseen train.

It was reported at the Bowmanite conference in Reading Monday, that the total value of their church property is \$383,900.

Edward West, of Homestead, reputed to be worth \$100,000 was Saturday sent to prison for six years for assaulting a colored girl.

A rumor that a reservoir was leaking on the mountain above St. Clair made the people prepare for a hasty flight Saturday night.

In a wreck on the Cumberland Valley Railroad near Cleversburg, Brakeman John Snyder was badly hurt and eight cars smashed.

Young James G. Blaine Monday went to the Monongahela Valley, presumably to sell the large tract of land owned by the family.

The Bowmanite Evangelical Conference, at Reading, advised young ministers to prepare to preach in German as well as English.

Brakeman C. W. Bull, of the Northern Central Railroad, fell from his train near York Saturday, and had both arms and a leg cut off.

Judge Lyons, of Juniata county, decided Friday that Dickinson College and Metzger Female Institute, at Carlisle, are not taxable.

A commission was Monday issued by the Adjutant General to Colonel Edward de V. Morrell, of the Second Regiment, Philadelphia.

A freight engine collided Friday with a passenger engine on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Pottsville and both locomotives were wrecked.

Damages amounting to \$51 were awarded the Ahl estate, Carlisle, against the Crescent Pipe Line Company for laying a pipe through timber land.

At the United Brethren Conference in Harrisburg Saturday, A. H. Rice, of Chambersburg, and J. C. Knipf, of Baltimore, were elected trustees of Lebanon Valley College.