

Ink Slings.

—Pin yourself to no man's coat-tail for tailor never made one so strong that it wouldn't pull off.

—The barbers of the United States are talking of holding a monster convention. They are scraping up dimes for it now.

—It took sixteen hundred pounds of silver to cast ADA REHAN, the actress, into Montana's statue of justice. Wouldn't you like to have a piece of it?

—There is one thing quite certain the Michigan Legislator who introduced that bill making it a misdemeanor for one man to treat another is not an editor anyhow.

—Among the painfully modest young women bullion is destined to be left in the cupboard are long. If they could call it male lovinion then their modesty wouldn't be so shocked.

—If you would be loved by every one remember that every creature of God, however miserable, has a heart capable of being touched by a cheerful greeting or an act of kindness.

—Come circus and gladden the heart of the small boy and at the same time fill the cup of the good church man, who is compelled(?) to take the children to see the animals, to overflowing.

—If General DYKEMORTH had been in Rome during the past few days his business instincts would undoubtedly have led him to appear with a McIntosh and an umbrella. Dynamite is his cause. Rain his effect!

—The adjournment of the Kansas Legislature will lift a great burden from the heads of the people of the Sun Flower State. The Republicans met, fought, bled and died, but not to improve Legislation. They did it to down the Populists.

—The Supreme court judges of New York have just been called upon to take action for self preservation. For fear of being talked to death they refused BELVA LOCKWOOD the permission to practice before them, on the ground of a trifling technicality.

—According to Lieutenant TOTTER, the ex-Yale University professor, the beginning of the millennium is here. We are led to believe that the poor prophet got his bearings mixed and mistook the end of things politically corrupt for the end of things earthly.

—The sudden death of "Squire ABINGDON," the English sport, whose annual income was over a million dollars, leaves CHARLEY MITCHELL without a backer. "ABINGDON" might prevail on TOM SAYRES and JOHN C. HEENAN, the old timers, to have a little bout down there.

—It seems strange that sun-shiny days should have come with the preacher and then departed with them also. Perhaps that conference week of perfect weather and bright days was symbolical of the sunshine of eternal life into which that body of men are laboring to bring their fellows.

—The Grand Army of the Republic will rejoice that the man who besmirched its roll of honor has gone from the position which his incumbency disgraced. GREEN B. RAUM knew that his services as Pension Commissioner were distasteful to the new administration and resigned to save his head.

—The patience of man is now being tried with fitting unruly stove pipes, tacking down carpets and undergoing all those petty annoyances incident to moving. All because the female portion of the family didn't know what it wanted. Man is a moral patriot if he goes through it without breaking the Third commandment.

—We had hoped that some matrimonially inclined young American would have annexed KAUAI and her mama's island before she left our shores, but she sailed for England, on Wednesday, where we trust she will do the next best thing and reduce the number of disreputable "chappies," who are lying in wait for the fortunes of American girls, by one.

—The newspapers of a community are supposed to be one of its principal agents of education, yet the carelessness which some writers display in the grammatical construction of their articles is alarming and cannot but have a serious effect on the easily impressed minds of their young readers. Too much caution cannot be taken to keep the general tone of the press pure and elevating.

—Ex-Commissioner of Pensions RAUM seems very solicitous about the finances of the government now that his little pull on the Treasury is over. It is a pity that he didn't think of the great expense to the government, incurred by using the Pension building for Inaugural balls, when HARRISON was inaugurated, for then there might have been a few thousand dollars more left for him to cast to the rabble of bounty jumper bogus pension claimants he put on the list to the everlasting disgrace of the worthy soldier.

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## The Rules for Office Distribution.

There has been too much haste in construing the President's intentions in regard to the offices, with the result that erroneous statements have been published in regard to them. Washington now is full of office-seekers, great pressure is being brought to bear upon the appointing power, and words that may have been said by the President or members of his cabinet, in regard to the distribution of the patronage have had as different constructions put upon them as there are different interests contending for the official prizes.

Of course those who did not share the favor of the appointing power under the last administration believe that it should now be their turn and that the office hunters during Mr. CLEVELAND's first term should not be the repeated objects of official favoritism. Their claim does not seem to be devoid of justice. There is something fair about it, and it is encouraged by an announcement on the part of the President that it is not his intention to appoint those who held office in his first term. But there is a sufficient intimation that this will not be an inflexible rule, there are circumstances under which the public services would be benefited by the reappointment of former incumbents. All rules are liable to exceptions.

The announcement that no offices will be given to businessmen is of a similar character. As a rule it may be in conformity with sound official policy, for it is not among the businessmen that the most efficient and serviceable public officers are found, but in exceptional cases the public interests may be benefited by going to that class for an official incumbent. The rule could not be carried out in regard to fourth-class post offices, for frequently the country store-keeper is the only citizen of a rural neighborhood who can furnish a convenient location and suitable accommodations for a country post-office.

Among the other reports about what the President intends to do in regard to the distribution of the offices was one to the effect that he proposed to exclude the editors. For this remarkable determination the reason was given that editors when holding a government office are muzzled; that they are subjected to an influence that trammels their expression of political sentiment, and the President did not want them to be subjected to such an influence and was averse to having it appear that he had subsidized the press. Such an explanation could not help but be unsatisfactory to those who take a common sense view of such matters. As a class the editors are not affected in their political sentiments, or influenced in their political fidelity, by the circumstance of their holding or not holding offices. Too seldom recognized by those who dispense official favor, they go right on in the performance of their duty as supporters of their party and its principles, whether they are rewarded or unrewarded. It could not be believed that the President was unaware of this fact, or that he feared that by giving offices to the editors he would be subsidizing them. That such an impression is erroneous, and that he does not entertain an idea of that kind is proved by the circumstance that the very first appointments he has made were those of two newspaper men as post masters.

Those who give publicity to President CLEVELAND's policy in regard to the Federal appointments may know something about it, but it is evident that they don't know all about it.

—It is the mistaken idea of some people, throughout the State, that the N. G. P. was taken to Washington to participate in the Inaugural parade at the public expense. Such was not the case. The P. R. R., B. and O. and the Reading railroad companies carried the entire Division to Washington, free of charge; the Inaugural committee furnished sleeping quarters and the soldiers, who constituted the most imposing spectacle in the great parade, paid for their own boarding. The Guard had a jolly time, won fresh laurels for itself and incurred not a penny's expense to the taxpayers of the State.

—The Sunday edition of the Philadelphia Times was a marvel of journalism.

## Wise Deliberation.

It is the purpose of President CLEVELAND to treat the Hawaiian question in a practical manner. Sufficient time has passed since the last administration's feverish attempt to force annexation by precipitate action, and now a cooler judgment will assert itself in the treatment of a matter in which such great interests are involved.

The President is determined to have all the information on the subject that it is possible to obtain, and he wants it to be reliable and from an authentic source. As the question now stands the administration has the conflicting statements of the two opposing interests. The provisional government represents the annexation side, having its agents at Washington pushing that interest. On the other hand the representatives of the deposed Queen are at the national capital with an entirely different presentation of the case. Mr. HARRISON made the mistake of acting hurriedly upon the first information he received, and ran the risk of taking an *ex parte* position on a question in which every point should be considered. President CLEVELAND, in his determination to avoid such dangerous precipitation, has recalled the treaty and adopted the safer policy of finding out all the particulars before finally acting upon a matter of such importance. For this reason he has sent a special agent to Hawaii in the person of ex-Congressman BLOUNT, of Georgia, who will investigate the status of the question as it appears in the islands. He will discover what the actual feelings of the people are in regard to annexation. His observations on the ground will enable him to determine whether or not the agents of the provisional government correctly represented the situation, and will make such observations as will enable our government to decide whether it would be to the advantage or disadvantage of this country to acquire the ownership of the islands. Of course it will small appear upon a thorough investigation by Mr. BLOUNT that the action of the provisional government is backed by a majority of the responsible people of Hawaii; that the business interests of the islands are enlisted on the side of annexation, and that the conditions are such that the ownership of such a possession would not impose a profitless and injurious burden upon the United States, then it may be presumed that Mr. CLEVELAND, with the assistance of the Senate, will proceed to do with proper deliberation and intelligence the work of annexation which Mr. HARRISON hastened to do without sufficient information and in an ill-advised and slipshod manner.

—Not for years has a criminal proceeding attracted as wide-spread interest as has the trial and conviction of CARLYLE W. HARRIS, of New York, for the poisoning of his school-girl wife, HELEN NELSON PORTS. The extreme youth and high social standing of the condemned man and his victim aroused a morbid curiosity on all sides. His trial before Recorder SMYTHE was sensational and his conviction, on purely circumstantial evidence, has left a doubt in the minds of many as to the justice of our courts, which would be heightened no doubt by a backward glance to the three LINGO trials in which the Camden negro was allowed to go scot free in the face of a better connected chain of evidence than was cast about HARRIS.

The court having refused a new trial HARRIS will be electrocuted, at Sing Sing, during the week beginning May 8th. The course of those fanatics who stood on the pavement and cheered him as he was passing from the court to the Tombs prison, on Tuesday, is certainly not to be emulated, for the case is one of entirely too grave a nature to allow of any such manifestations of approval. Our courts are sacred and should not become a mockery. Besides they have just declared HARRIS guilty of the most cowardly of crimes, poisoning.

—The KERNS anti-PINKERTON bill passed the house finally, on Tuesday, without a dissenting vote. As did also the bill prohibiting the killing of wild deer within this State, or having the same in one's possession, for a period of three years.

## Encouraging the Wrong Class of People.

The bill which Representative PAGE, of Dauphin county, has just introduced in the Legislature is one which should be promptly defeated should it be reported favorably from the committee. It is one which has for its purport the payment of public school directors for their services, at the same time requiring them to visit every school in their District at least twice a year.

While it may seem, at first glance, to be an incentive to better work on the part of those who have our public schools under their supervision, a moment's thought will prove quite the reverse.

Mr. PAGE has inserted a clause in his measure which fixes a salary for directors, at twenty-four dollars per annum, provided they make the required number of visits to each school in their District. This trifling sum would be no encouragement whatever to the aspirations of the most capable men to become school directors and would only prove the plum for which all the illiterate, irresponsible characters in the country would scramble.

As long as the office of school director is kept free from emoluments of any sort just that long will the men, who are really interested in the education of the children and who are at all capable to direct the training of their minds, be ready to accept the office, but the instant you attach any remuneration for such services there will be an incentive for all the rabble of ne'er-do-well politicians and others, who have no sympathy for educational interests, and no desire to serve as long as it is without salary, to jump into the office solely for the trifling revenue to be gained.

Only the best men of a community, the very best men, are wanted for school directors and they are of a class which finds profit enough in being able to improve the standards of education without having a salary of twenty-four dollars as a bait.

## The Methodist Episcopal Conference.

During the week that ended with last Tuesday, Bellefonte was visited by the members of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Episcopal Conference, a representative body of men, which during its visit doubtless left a lasting influence for good on our town. Many eminent ministers of the gospel were with us during the week and the elevating tone which contact with such personages invariably engenders was noticeable in more ways than one.

Never in the history of the conference had its sessions been watched with such acute interest, as characterized those held here, and never before, in the history of Bellefonte did her people so crowd the churches with the same earnestness. Doubtless the beautiful weather, that commenced with the advent of the divines and ended with their departure, had something to do with the over flowing meetings, but the principal attraction was the clean cut, modest parliamentary procedure that characterized the conduct of routine business and the inspiring eloquence of those who were called upon to address the assemblage during the centenary, consecration and other special services.

Bishop WARREN, of Denver, as presiding officer, was at once the ideal executive and the earnest guardian of the sacred rites of the ministry. His pleasing address, the depth of thought and that strange voice that betrayed every emotion of the great soul, whence it came, all combined to lift him above the ordinary and mark him for the position he so gracefully honored.

The coming and going of nearly three hundred men, all zealous in their work for God, has no little significance attached, and our citizens may expect to see evidences of their sojourn with us cropping out long hereafter. The contact with such people and their entry into our homes broadens the mind, and an insight into their simple lives encourages for the better. Who can gainsay the harvest which the germs of christian faith sown in the family prayers, conducted by those men in homes where christian worship was comparatively unknown before their advent, will bring forth.

—Yes, this is Spring! Why didn't you know it?

## A Difference Exists Only in the Fancy of Pespapacious Correspondents.

From the Philadelphia Times.

It is altogether probable that the line of battle between the President and the Senate, of which so much has been said in the last few days, exists only in the fancy of pespapacious correspondents and in the gossip of the hotel lobbies at Washington. That Mr. CLEVELAND is likely to make his own appointments—appointments, that is, that satisfy his own judgment, even though they should not always satisfy the individual preferences of members of Congress—there is no need for any one to tell us. That he is going out of his way to make needless antagonisms and to create friction where it is his interest to avoid it, not even the best informed correspondent will persuade us.

Nor is there any indication that the Senate is minded to antagonize the President. No doubt Mr. CLEVELAND would have been glad, as many other Democrats would have been, to see some of the committees made up a little differently; but that is the Senate's business entirely, and that he has concerned himself upon the subject is in the highest degree improbable. As to all the talk about the Senate hanging up nominations, that seems sufficiently disposed of by the fact that as soon as the committees got to work all the nominations sent in were promptly reported and confirmed.

In fact, the nominations that have been made thus far have been of a character that would not admit of opposition, even if Senators had the disposition attributed to them. The President is taking his time, but he is making his selections for the important places with a great deal of judgment. He will probably disappoint a good many Senators by his slowness in making removals, but as regards appointments the Senate's advice and consent is just as essential as the President's nomination, and the assumption that there must be trouble between them appears thus far to be entirely gratuitous.

## The Stars and Stripes, and Cleveland.

From the New York Sun.

Captain Nicholas Ball, of Block Island, visited the White House a few days ago to pay his respects to the President. Captain Ball is an old sailor. As he entered the White House grounds he observed that the flag displayed there was aful of the staff, and so twisted around the pole that it appeared to be at half mast. The *Washington Star* published the Captain's account of his interview with the President.

"I have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Cleveland several times, and my nautical instinct was so strong that flags should fly full in the breeze that I said to him; 'Mr. Cleveland,' said I, 'your flag appears to be flying at half mast.'"

"What flag?" queried Mr. Cleveland in an interested manner.

"The flag on the White House, sir." "It is twisted around the pole so that it looks as if it were flying at half mast."

"I left him a moment later and passed out of the building. As I walked down through the grounds towards Pennsylvania avenue I looked back. A man was at the base of the flagstaff on the top of the White House hauling down the colors. Shaking them loose so that the stiff breeze could catch them, he ran them up to the peak and the stars and stripes floated out straight in the stiff breeze which was then blowing."

This is an encouraging and significant incident. Mr. Cleveland gave immediate attention to the flag as soon as Captain Ball informed him that it was not flying free. He was unwilling that the stars and stripes should appear to be at half mast, even to the casual visitor or office seeker who entered the Executive Mansion.

Let the Hon. Grover Cleveland keep the American flag before the eyes of all the world, flying free and straight in the stiff breeze, and well up to the balyard block, and his Administration will be all right. It will be an American success.

## Confidence Begots Prosperity.

From the Philadelphia Record.

The confidence of the financial world in the new Administration is attested by the large increase of free gold in the Treasury. But it will not do to trust to such symptoms. The laws of finance are more potent than any influence which the Government might exert in behalf of the public credit. So long as the Sherman act shall remain in operation the drain of the dearer metal will continue. Gold will not stay in a country in which its use is discouraged by accumulations of silver bullion to the amount of 54,000,000 ounces a year.

## Soldiers Have a Friend in Democracy.

From the Columbia Independent.

Corporal Tanner made a very sensible speech before the State Encampment of the G. A. R. of New Hampshire, a few days ago, in which he declared that the real veterans of the war have nothing to fear from Cleveland or a Democratic Congress, but that some who are now drawing pensions, who did no fighting, may suffer. This, he thinks, the real veterans will be able to stand. Soldiers with records like Tanner are no longer being led around by the nose by Republican stay-at-home politicians.

## Spawls from the Keystone.

—North Wales Iron Works have been greatly enlarged.

—A passenger train smote and killed J. Heron near Ashland.

—In 1892 the railroads in Pennsylvania killed 1439 persons.

—Reading Councils have appropriated \$165,000 to improve sewers.

—John Moran was knocked into eternity by a train at Marysville.

—The election of George W. Loucks as Mayor of York is to be contested.

—Disciples of St. Patrick, 5000 strong, Friday paraded at Lansford.

—The centennial of Methodism at Washington was celebrated Sunday.

—The scaffold upon which Dennis Cloonan will be hanged April 6 cost \$99.

—The Lackawanna county court has granted 505 licenses out of 590 applications.

—Two of Carnegie's big Homestead mills will be operated shortly by electricity.

—Not seeing an approaching train, Thomas McAndrews was killed by it at Jermya.

—It cost but \$98 to maintain each of the soldiers' orphans at the schools last year.

—In granting liquor licenses in Allegheny county, Judge Magee favors the old men.

—A Pennsylvania Railroad train struck and killed Frank Threisenger, of Harrisburg.

—Death met Isaac Wagner, a boss miner at Excelsior, as he stepped from a coal train.

—Miss Mollie Neilson, a trained nurse, Friday night began a 30-day fast in Pittsburgh.

—An oil lamp which he carried exploded and burned to death George W. Alsbach, of Reading.

—The Blair County Democrats Friday selected F. F. Malley, chairman of the County Committee.

—Thirty colliers in the Shenandoah region were idle Friday while the miners honored St. Patrick.

—A train overtook Frank Reiser, as he was walking home from Topton, mangleing him to death.

—The first trainload from the new mines at Patton was taken over the Beech Creek, on Monday.

—Driver Hugh Dougherty, of Shenandoah, was killed by a fall of lumber at Turkey Run colliery.

—Drunken Ambrose Sweeney, of St. Clair, attempted to bathe in the creek and died from exposure.

—While picking coal from the railroad track at Scranton, Michael Welsh was cut in two by a train.

—The golden wedding of Rev. and Mrs. Stockton, of Painesville, was celebrated on Thursday.

—Ex Clerk of Luzerne county court George P. Richards was run over and killed by a train at Plymouth.

—Red-hot metal from a broken mold poured over and fatally burned Patrick Moore, of Pittsburg.

—Six Chinamen of Luzerne county have registered officially and are now children of Uncle Sam.

—Seamless steel tubing by a new process will be made at Reading by the Millholland Tube Company.

—Jumping from one train in front of another Saturday, Fred Vickney, of Scranton, was crushed lifeless.

—Most of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company's colliers at Pottsville are working.

—Charged with taking illegal fees, Justice of the Peace M. B. Hawick, of West Bethlehem, has been arrested.

—The St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, of Pottsville, will erect an asylum for German Catholic orphans.

—Reading's Board of Health has condemned the pest house from which a smallpox patient escaped on Thursday.

—Wages at the Elba Iron Works, Frankstown, have been cut 10 per cent. and a strike of 400 men is probable.

—Over 1000 cubic yards of earth were deposited by a landslide Friday night in the Albion quarry at Pen Argyle.

—Caught in the elevator shaft at the Steelton Iron Works, Steelton, John C. Hummer was crushed to death.

—Fatal burns upon his body were the result of little Samuel Fitzpatrick's playing with matches, at Pottsville.

—An explosion in a quarry, near Slatington, hurled a stone against Paul Gambetta's head, knocking him speechless.

—Several tons of dislodged coal crushed to death Minor George Boylinke, at Oak Hill colliery, near Minersville.

—Half a mile from where he had drowned in the river at Lock Haven, John Joyce's body was fished out Friday.

—James Fox, of Pottsville, beat widow Allott into insensibility, because she urged him to settle an 87-cent tobacco bill.

—Judge E. R. Ikeler, of Lebanon county, will, in view of Judge Pershing's illness, assist at the Schuylkill civil trials.

—Iron mill owners of Western Pennsylvania complain that great numbers of their workmen are flocking to Indiana.

—For failure to pay taxes, Ellis G. Kerr, a Johnstown lawyer, was arrested, but on the way to jail he weakened and paid.

—All the lawyers of the Franklin county bar signed a letter at Chambersburg, indorsing Judge Stewart for the Supreme Bench.

—Bank Robber W. J. Ryand was convicted of manslaughter at Kitzanning and sentenced to 12 years in the Western Penitentiary.

—The close of this 50th year as an Odd Fellow was on Saturday celebrated by ex-Assemblyman, C. E. Pysert, of Bethlehem.

—Henry Heist, the suspected murderer of Emanuel Monn, surrendered Saturday at Gettysburg, although he says he is innocent.

—A fall from a swing in 1874 caused mild insanity which ended Saturday in the suicide by hanging of William H. Eisenbise, of Reading.

—Experts from Philadelphia are testing Pottsville's electric lights, which ought to be of 2000 candle-power, but are said to fall 1300 short.

—Forty Pottsville families will be homeless April 1, owing to a builder's failure to erect houses for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company's employees.

—George Klopfer, a former clerk of Mills Bros' jewelry store, at Phoenixville, has been arrested at Wilkesbarre, with stolen jewelry on his person.

—The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad has cleared up its sidings in the Pottsville region, and will, on Sunday, haul an immense amount of coal to Philadelphia.