

Ink Stings.

As time rolls on the hopeful office seeker finds himself farther and farther away from the coveted goal.

Think of PADERWESKI's carrying off \$180,000 of our good money and the barbers never got a cent of it.

The Anti-PINKERTON bill passed the Senate finally on Tuesday. We suppose Mr. CARNEGIE will hear of it in due time.

A near by exchange remarks that "boys will be boys." We don't doubt it a bit. It is hardly probable that they will be girls.

The State Legislature is going to try its hand at damming the Delaware river. The tax payers have long since done as much for the Legislature.

The Spanish Infanta EULALIE is coming over to see us soon and the old hens about Washington are having a great time figuring out what "etiquette" demands of them.

What is to become of the frayed out and busted theatrical manager when the metallic rail-road bed on which cattle cannot walk materializes. Last week's Scientific American thinks it is not far distant.

The PENROSE bill would perhaps get a boost if its supporters would junk the Legislature out to Cincinnati to see the city hall which that city has just completed at a cost of only a million and a half dollars.

If Superintendent STUMP had just ruled against female idiots leaving this country when he ruled against the entry of idiots of both sexes there would be less of our good money carried abroad to be bartered for titles.

Notwithstanding the fact the Fair was not opened on Sunday eighteen thousand people visited the wild west show near the grounds on the last Sabbath. There must be something very woolly over the eyes of Chicago law and order societies.

The Williamsport Republican is of the opinion that if the Exclusion act is rigidly enforced China will retaliate by running Americans out of the Empire. As most of our residents in the Orient are working wholly for glory they won't lose much if the pigtail make them fly.

The condition of the weather has taken a serious turn at Chicago. The bleak cold days that have been experienced ever since the opening of the Fair are discouraging to the managers. Instead of doing things up brown as they expected. Visitors are invariable blue.

Just when the Fair has gotten a really good move on some one has gone and started a report that another gold bonanza is waiting for some one to snap it up out at Baker City, Oregon. It is really too bad that they don't give Chicago right of way for a little while at least.

What a journal like the Philadelphia Record means by dragging the sacred domestic affairs of the first lady of the land into print we are at a loss to know. How it or any other paper can parade Mrs. CLEVELAND's condition before the people and call it news is a question not easily answered.

The Republican attempts to distort the BAKER ballot law from its original purpose of giving the people honest elections, perhaps finds much of its cause in the fear of a kind of fate which was dished out to the three election officers in Philadelphia last week. They falsified returns and are now in jail for three months.

Commencement time for our Universities and Colleges is near at hand. It won't be long until a flood of young men and women are shipped home with a roll of sheep skin under their arms. And it won't be long until fond parents find out that their children have learned more(?) in four years schooling than they have found out in their whole life time.

The Philadelphia Zoological Garden Association is in a strained financial condition and has appealed to the city for help. Its managers have found out that it costs money even to do a monkey business. Perhaps there isn't enough lion in the Zoo's advertisements to attract the crowds that one time visited the pretty spot at the entrance to Fairmount park.

The GEARY law is constitutional and all the Chinese who have not registered must go. If the United States residents in China, most of whom are missionaries, are run out of the Orient forthwith there will be little wonder. The Bible says the millennium will not come until the gospel has been preached in all quarters of the earth, hence it will be in order for some of our verdant western congressmen to come forward with the claim that the 52nd Congress has given sinners another show by passing the GEARY law and postponing the day of judgment.

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The Chinese Must Register.

Since the GEARY law went into effect, on May 5th, there has been considerable conjecture as to its constitutionality. The agents of Chinese residents in this country claiming that it is an unlawful discrimination against the pig called celestials to require them to register and have their pictures taken for the purpose of identification. The Supreme court of the United States, on Monday, delivered itself of an opinion which sustains the decree of the lower court of New York on a test case brought before it and now all Chinamen must either comply with the law or expect to suffer the consequences.

Justice GRAY, in announcing judgment of the court, said that the power of this nation to restrict or prohibit the immigration of any aliens into the country, or to require such aliens already in the country to remove therefrom, was a well settled principle of international law and was confirmed by an unbroken line of decisions in this court. The legislative power of the government had not transcended any of its constitutional limitations in the act under consideration. It was within its power to determine the regulations under which these aliens should be permitted to remain in the United States, or failing to observe these regulations, they should be required to leave the country. No discussing the wisdom or justice of the act in question which was beyond the province of the judicial branch of the government. Justice GRAY said it remained only to say that the judgment of the circuit court for the southern district of New York in refusing to grant writs of habeas corpus to several petitioners was affirmed.

The GEARY law, which requires all Chinamen, resident in the United States, to register with the Revenue collectors of the Districts in which they reside and to leave their photographs for purposes of identification, was passed in 1892. It can not be called an obnoxious measure because there is really nothing burdensome required of those who come under its mandates, the fact being that the U. S. officials will find it hardest upon themselves if the Chinese attempt to evade it. Yet the Chinamen claim, and to our mind rightfully, that the law is a gross injustice to their race because of its discrimination against it. While bringing them under the ban of such an act as the GEARY bill it fixes as a punishment for its violation a deportation from the country. Just what right the United States government has to ship people out of the country after it has invited them here, under the guarantee of good faith, very few people of good sense are able to comprehend. It is in violation of the international agreement guaranteeing subjects of the Emperor of China rights equal to those of the most favored nation. And as such will surely be met with retaliatory legislation in China. The question as to which country would lose most in such an event has no bearing whatever on the case, yet we fear that its careful consideration would prove the United States to be a beneficiary of friendly relations with China.

Mr. GEARY, the author of the law, is a Californian, and as such has had an excellent opportunity to study the Chinese question, since most of the one hundred and seven thousand chinamen, resident in our country, are inhabitants of the Golden State. In defending his measure he has gone into elaborate details as to the customs of the Chinese and their effects upon "communities which they infect." His principal argument being, however, that it is time to begin legislation tending to restrict immigration. While we heartily agree with Mr. GEARY that it is time to begin legislation restricting immigration, we cannot but deplore the seeming cowardice of this attack on the most helpless and inoffensive class of newcomers.

There may be many faults to find with the Chinese, but are there not equally as many with the hordes of thugs, paupers, anarchists, socialists and other liberty destroying elements that come from other shores? If the time for restrictive legislation has come why not treat all alike? Instead of discriminating against a class among

whom the United States does not know a pauper let there be a general law made which will stop the flow of undesirable immigrants from all nations which is flooding our shores with such awful portend. Have we the man in Congress who has the courage to lead the way?

An Embarrassing Inheritance.

There is something worse than ridiculous in the charge made by the Republicans that the present administration is responsible for the unsatisfactory condition of the national finances, and that the disturbed state of the money market is chargeable to something that has been done, or left undone, by the authorities at Washington.

Public intelligence treats such a charge with the contempt it deserves, and easily traces it to its partisan intention. False presentations can not mislead the public mind in so plain a matter, for it is obvious to all that nothing has been done since the advent of the CLEVELAND administration that could effect the condition of the finances, and that if present disorders are the result of past causes, those causes are to be found in previous Republican legislation and policy. There is no excuse for ignorance that does not know that the financial trouble of the present period has been inherited by this administration from the pernicious action and misconduct of its Republican predecessor.

No other part of that embarrassing inheritance has worse present effects in disturbing the financial situation than the SHERMAN silver-purchasing act. This act, which is now draining the money market of its gold, and causing the disordered condition of affairs, is one of the troublesome legacies which Republican policy has entailed upon the CLEVELAND administration. It is admittedly the cause of the present financial disturbance. That it is of Republican origin cannot be denied. Its author, JOHN SHERMAN, was not only a Republican, but stood highest in devising and directing Republican financial policies. It was passed by Republican votes in Congress and approved by a Republican President. When an effort was made to repeal it at the last session, there were enough Republican votes to prevent the repeal.

The process by which this SHERMAN act has brought about the present disorder in the financial situation is easily understood, and the absurdity of charging the administration with it is too obvious to make any other impression upon the public mind than that of contempt. Since this Republican act went into operation in 1890 the Secretaries of the Treasury have been compelled to buy every month 4,500,000 ounces of Silver. There is no demand or necessity on the part of the government for this metal, but it is obliged to buy it in order that the bonanza silver mines may have a ready market for their product. There could not be a demand for this amount of silver in the general markets of the world, and so it is dumped upon Uncle SAM, at good prices, and having no use for it whatever, he is compelled to store it away as a useless commodity. This silver is paid for with notes which the receivers exchange for gold at the Treasury. By this system the government has been buying one hundred and forty tons of silver a month, for which it has paid gold, and which has been sheer dead stock on its hands so far as its utilization of this metal is concerned.

It is not difficult to comprehend how this drain on the gold resources of the government has impaired the gold reserve that must be kept on hand to maintain the public credit, and the financial disorders that must result from such a state of affairs are obvious.

Such has been the effect of the SHERMAN silver bill, a strictly Republican measure, and to blame the CLEVELAND administration with the difficulty resulting from it is the perfection of Republican misrepresentation.

How does the weather suit you? We know of one man who is evidently pleased with it, and he is the prognosticator, Rev. IRL HICKS, who has been hitting it with remarkable accuracy during the entire winter and spring. Mr. Hicks would make us all happier if he would prescribe a little heat now and then.

Encourage the Little Business Undertakings.

The value of small industrial establishments to a community is being seen with a greater degree of certainty every day. With a number of establishments employing from ten to fifty men a town almost invariably enjoys greater prosperity than if it depends on a business activity founded on one gigantic enterprise.

In the first place many small manufacturing, of whatever kind they may be, will run, as a whole, with decidedly greater regularity than one or two large ones will. They will employ a larger percentage of skilled operatives, thus aggregating a larger pay roll. They will look for more encouragement from home consumers and in this way advance a co-operative system in a community, and, finally, if one of them should, as the result of poor management, fail the suspension would be felt by a less number of people and the whole community would not suffer as would be the case when it depended on a single mammoth enterprise which had been forced to suspend operations.

These facts, it will be seen, clearly demonstrate the superior advantages accruing from the lesser plants, that is if there are enough of them. While we do not intend to convey the impression that large industries are not good for a community yet we hope to show the necessity and future profit in lending a helping hand to the modest beginner. Often the plant which begins operations with one or two operatives grows into gigantic proportions and proves the life of a community.

The little ones must be fostered and taken care of. They are always on the move and are never disturbed by labor dissensions and seldom by the stringency of the money market. Always look after them and your interest will find its reward.

There Will Always be a Supply of Fools.

Every day some new evidence is brought forward to proclaim that the fools are not all dead yet. The lightning rod swindler, the oily tongued vender of soap wrapped up in a five dollar bill, and the "green goods" man is still abroad in the land. The very fact of their existence being conclusive proof that dupes are still to be found, for that class of men are not doing business either for glory or pleasure and the instant they find no more victims they are going to shut up shop.

Often as the newspapers have warned people not to have anything to do with "slick" strangers who show(?) them the way to big paying investments there still appears to be as large a number of "suckers" being caught as ever. The latest attempt of the poor souls is to beat swindlers at their own game. It is needless to state how such ventures pan out and the man who imagines he is going to take something from the "gold brick" dealer, or any of his confederates in business, might just as well make up his mind that he had better let well enough alone and simply ignore any of the "get rich quick" propositions that are now being scattered broadcast.

The experience of the HOERNER brothers, of Steelton, Pa., who are now in prison, in Brooklyn, charged with the murder of a "green goods" man with whom they fought, while negotiating for some of his counterfeit money, should be a lesson to everyone. When they went to Brooklyn to buy the stuff they thought they could beat the agent at his own game, the result being that a quarrel ensued in which they shot him. While the HOERNER brothers were unfortunate, yet they will find very little sympathy for had they kept away from such dishonest business they would be free men to day.

The State law makers are still juggling with the BAKER ballot bill and unless they get down to work there will be nothing accomplished toward remedying the defects which were found in the working of the law as it was first passed. There is no doubt that the passage of the bill as amended in the Senate would practically rob the system of all its good points and pave the way to as corrupt elections as we had before it was introduced, but the House committee has refused to approve the bill as amended in the Senate and there is likely to be trouble. It will be far better to leave the present measure stand for another year than to destroy all its good qualities.

Experience Has Proven It Harmful to the Republican Party, Is it Therefore Dishonest?

From the Philadelphia Times. The House committee on elections has amended the Senate ballot bill so as to remedy the chief defects of the present law, including the double system of marking ballots. It should be reported and passed on a special order and sent back to the Senate for concurrence or for the action of a conference committee. There is no time to be lost, but there is plenty of time to act upon this, which is one of the most important measures of the session.

Let the House act promptly and meet both the popular demand and the popular expectation upon the subject. An honest ballot law will not injure any honest party or honest candidate. Election laws, as well as all others, should promote honesty and offer penalties and not premiums for dishonesty. Give the people an honest ballot law before adjournment.

Keep Them on the Move.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer (Rep.) Only twenty-five fourth-class postmasters, not included in the list of "died or resigned," were made to walk the plank yesterday, but some of those who "resigned" felt the boot of reform in the vicinity of their coat tails before they made up their minds to go. In this way the gentle average is maintained. In the Treasury department Secretary CARLISLE has hurled defiance at the Mugwumps by instituting the practice of posting up a list of those who are to be kicked out. This enables them to prepare for their own funerals as it were. Everything considered, the sacred cause can't be said to be dead exactly. It still lingers—Somewhat disfigured, it is true—but it lingers.

It Should be So.

From the Altoona Times. Those southern negroes who belong to the Democratic party may have views on the question of who shall fill the offices that will not please Republicans, at the present time anxious for civil service reform, but their logic is fair enough to commend itself to the approval of a Democratic administration. They believe that they are deserving of recognition and that the men who have been active in the denunciation and opposition of the Democracy for years should be turned out of their snug berths and made to give room for the faithful. We trust that their desires may be realized.

Vandals After Gettysburg.

From the New York Tribune. The authorities of Gettysburg who have allowed a railroad company to play havoc with the great battle-field are receiving what they have richly earned—a large measure of popular condemnation. It is a mercy that they are not the custodians of the Declaration of Independence, for it might occur to them to sell it for waste paper to some insinuating junk-dealer. The suggestion has been made that the whole Gettysburg battle-field be turned into a national park. At all events it ought to be protected from vandals.

Making An Ass of Himself.

From the York Gazette. The newspapers have "sized up" Gov. Penoyer with great accuracy. The Philadelphia Record says: There seems to be some slight difference of opinion among the newspapers as to the proper characterization of Governor Penoyer, of Oregon. The Baltimore American calls him a curiosity; the New York World describes him as a boor; the New York Tribune says he is a blackguard. They are all right. Mr. Penoyer is ambidextrous; he can make an ass of himself with both hands.

The Army of Pensioners.

From the Buffalo Courier. "I don't think it's stretching the fact at all to say that the present list and the list of applicants for pensions exceed the total number of persons engaged in service on the Union side," says General Martin McMahon in an interview in the New York Times. What would the people have said if, when the army was being raised, they had been told that they would be expected to pension the whole army for life at a cost which may exceed the total cost of the war?

It Must Have Done Something Naughtily.

From the Lebanon Star. The Shakespeare plays were produced about three hundred years ago and they have been written about and analyzed until it would seem that there is nothing new to be found. But there is. A New York journal has discovered that the Macbeth family kept a dog known by the common name of "Spot," for does not Lady Macbeth say "Out d—d Spot?"

It Takes American Lawyers to do Such Things.

From the Williamsport Times. Sir Charles Russell lost his temper during his argument before the Behring sea arbitration commission Thursday. The attorney general of England must be pretty sharply pressed by the American lawyers to so far lose his dignity.

Spawls from the Keystone.

Diphtheria has again broken out in Easton with great virulence.

Berks County farmers are raising chestnuts for food purposes.

A mine wagon in a Treverton colliery crushed to death John Wagner.

There is a fight about the site of Carnegie's proposed library at Homestead.

In the home of John Schultz, at Tarentum was found \$2000 worth of stolen goods.

The flea plague in Lancaster County is disappearing as rapidly as it developed.

John Walton's hired man, with a good horse and wagon, are missing at Kimberton.

The summer meeting of the State Board of Agriculture will occur in Bethlehem, June 15.

The Northampton Democratic County meeting will be held at Johnsonville on June 17.

Not a new license was granted for Pottstown by the Montgomery County Court Monday.

Fearing arrest William Reichard, of Bethlehem, slashed his neck with a razor and may die.

Reading Democrats are booming ex-Mayor Merritt for superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

Charles Salyard, accused of the murder of Officer Martin, of Carlisle, was put on trial yesterday.

Jacob Reed's head was split open by an explosion of dynamite near Cheat Haven Fayette County.

Injuries incurred in a runaway at Bernville resulted fatally to Jesse Schock, a wealthy citizen.

The Ministerial Association of Lancaster put its foot down upon sacred concerts in the parks on Sunday.

Economic factionists met Saturday and partially agreed to a compromise that will settle all disputes.

Cumberland County Republicans are in a row over the number of delegates to send to the County convention.

By request of John Smith, an aged Pittsburg, the police have secured a young bride for him in Hollidaysburg.

Thieves broke into St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, Reading, on Sunday evening and robbed the poor box.

Williamsport's Councils adopted an ordinance to compel transient merchants to pay a license of \$1000 a month.

For \$16500 the United States Plate Glass Company purchased the Charcoal Glass Works, Allegheny County.

Little Louis Geier, of Allegheny County, was fatally shot with a Flobert rifle by his companion, Robert Latimer.

Several policemen had to guard workmen while they planted a trolley pole in front of Dr. Carl Krey's house, Reading.

Boys in the Steelton school drank so much laudanum they all fell into a stupor and were forced to take a brisk walk.

Under the Philadelphia rules recently adopted, Pittsburg Republicans claim to have the best organization they ever enjoyed.

Steelton authorities know nothing of Robert and Joseph Hall, held in Brooklyn for shooting Phillips, a green goods dealer.

A man believed to be Benjamin Hart, of Shenandoah, fell in front of an engine in the depot at Scranton Monday night and was killed.

Michael Duhota was killed and Frank Birzi, Paul Baehdan and Anthony Zech were seriously injured by falls of rock at Big Mountain.

The right of way over every foot of the distance from Allentown to Doylestown has been secured for the big trolley line to Philadelphia.

Frank Bush, the Spring City forger, now in Chester County Jail, says the bogus notes were made in the Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

H. G. Steel, a well-known newspaper man of the anthracite region, Saturday purchased the Shamokin "Evening Herald" from J. J. W. Schwartz.

Governor Pattison made an address and Judge Arnold, of Philadelphia, performed the Masonic ceremonies at the laying of the cornerstone of the Good Samaritan Hospital, Lebanon, Saturday.

Goods stolen from Miller's store and creamery, which was burned at Red Hill, were found in the home of William Hughes, Port Kennedy.

Harris Blank and Isaac Rosenwieg, who were hanged at Tunkhannock yesterday, it is said they were the first Hebrews ever executed in America.

Morris Mead, charged by the Westinghouse Electric Company with conspiracy and larceny resigned the presidency of the Pittsburg Electric Club.

The Pennsylvania Traction Company purchase four acres of ground east of Coatesville upon which to erect the Harrisburg-Philadelphia trolley power house.

From a uniform found among the baggage of Arthur St. Clair Baker, who committed suicide at Wilkesbarre, it is believed that he was a cadet at Annapolis.

A falling pump pushed Engineer David Whitehouse into seven feet of water at the foot of the Cameron slope, Shamokin, and he escaped only after a desperate struggle in the dark.

In a freight train crash at Hamburg, on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, one locomotive was thrown down an embankment and Engineer Frank Fry, of Philadelphia, was slightly hurt.

A carriage containing Stephen Hughes, a Polish woman and three children, was carried by a runaway team over a high embankment, near Hinkory Ridge, and Hughes and one of the children were badly injured.

In McKean county Judge Morrison granted forty-three licenses and refused eight at the recent License Court. Protests against the license at Kane were made by some of the Kane heirs, but three at that town were granted.

The Mayor of Corry sent a communication to Council calling attention to the fact that the city was confronted with a condition of absolute bankruptcy, there being a discrepancy of several thousand dollars. On Councilman Porter suggesting increasing the levy the Mayor promptly declared he would veto an ordinance to increase the levy if one was passed. He said there were only two ways of meeting the discrepancy—by increased taxes to meet appropriations, or reduce appropriations to meet the taxes, and he was sure the Council would agree with him when he declared emphatically for the latter course.