

Ink Slings.

Lieutenant PEARY will meet with a cool reception in the Arctic region.

There seems to be a good bit of the wild cat in the way the people of western cities are making runs on their banks.

To travel on your face is all right in winter, but when the summer heat and dust begrime it then there is trouble in being recognized.

We are patiently waiting to hear from the fools who will eventually blame the Ford theatre horror on president CLEVELAND.

There are hopeful signs that the babbling BROOKS, of Philadelphia, who continues to run the collectorship of the 1st district after his term has expired, will go dry before long.

The BISSSELL sweeper is at last to get down to the active work in the post office department. There will be a clean sweep immediately and Democrats will be happy accordingly.

If ever a man had to fight for an election Mr. MCKINLEY will find that he will have to hustle this fall. The Buckeye state is getting to be a decidedly doubtful quantity in the Republican ranks.

The Duke de VERAGUA has decided to stay with us indefinitely because he likes the country so much. We suppose his job over there in Spain will keep until he is ready to take it up again.

The landing of the Atlanta's marines and soldiers to guard the Nicaragua ship canal savors of the ridiculous. The very idea of an army of soldiers being called upon to guard a thing that is not.

A Louisville judge was attacked the other day by his cook, who made the onslaught with a hatchet. The judge held her at bay with his umbrella until help came. A few broken ribs—in the umbrella—was the result.

Some financier ought to explain to us common people the meaning of "cheap money." Every dollar we have ever had cost us a full hundred cents, and if there is any way of getting it for less it would be a blessing, for all of us, to know how it is done.

At last the plumber has had to take the back seat and the summer resort land-lord is having his inning. The summer girl is again resplendent in her pretty gown and down at the "Shore" "everything goes." Nothing faster than the savings of the ten dollar a week clerk.

ANDREW CARNEGIE has succeeded in proving himself a consummate fool at last. Perhaps he imagines that by advising the annexation of the United States to Great Britain that it will be done and he will straightway be a Lord of America also. Oh no! ANDY you can't work such a game on us.

FREDERICK M. BIRD a writer on social economy enquires "Is human life overvalued?"—If he had compared the amount of work done by our last Legislature with the pay it received, he never would have asked the question. He would have known that an affirmative could be the only answer.

MURAT HALSTED'S declaration that the Democrats "have not found out what to do with the silver" sounds like self condemnation. Surely he knows who threw the silver question in the way of the administration, and his statement makes it look as if the SHERMAN bill is only a Republican scheme to embarrass the Democracy at the risk of governmental welfare.

The frightful accident in which so many of the government employees lost their lives in Washington last week was one of the saddest to be recorded in the country's history for many years. It is difficult to place the blame for the disaster in any particular place, nevertheless it seems strange that after the old Ford theater had been condemned so often so much concern was not taken for the welfare of those who had to make their living within its walls.

The interest which LIZZIE BORDEN'S trial has already aroused has almost equaled that taken in the trial of the late CARLYLE HARRIS. Such unusual attention, as has been drawn to these cases recently, can only be explained by the hope that our people are becoming better and more intelligent readers and having the faculties to form their own conclusions, anxiously await the verdict of the jury in which to see the accuracy of their judgment.

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Hypocritical Patriots.

Hypocrisy can exist in the profession of patriotism as well as in the profession of religion, and there is no mistake in saying that a great many hypocritical patriots may be found in this country.

When such extremely patriotic characters as these are minutely examined, it is generally found that their motives have a selfish origin, and their purpose is to make their patriotism pay.

We are led to these remarks by the fuss which some Republican newspapers have tried to make about President CLEVELAND being on a shooting expedition on Decoration Day, when they say, he should have been taking part in the commemorative ceremonies of the occasion.

This criticism comports with the Republican practice of using shoddy patriotism, as part of its political stock in trade. It ignores the fact that the true patriot at the head of the government is found not in him who postures as the decorator of soldiers' graves, but in him who aims to so conduct his administration that the interest of the many shall not be sacrificed for the benefit of the few; whose care is to protect the revenue of the government from the pillage of public speculators, and who dedicates his efforts to preserve the government of the people for the benefit of the people and not for the profit of favored interests and protected classes, the monopolists, the trust manipulators, and the pension sharks.

BENJAMIN HARRISON in his Presidential capacity, posturing at the soldiers' grave, may impress the susceptible public mind with the appearance of devotion to the memory of those who died on the battle field, but of little avail would have been their dying for a country that had nothing else in store for it, than the plundering policy of Harrisonian administration.

GROVER CLEVELAND may not pose as a participant in the proceedings of Decoration Day, but he will not allow the government to be robbed if he can prevent it; he will, to the extent of his ability, correct abuses that have enabled monopolistic combinations to eat up the substance of the people; he will set his face against practices that have converted governmental administrations into a system of barbarism; he will show a higher regard for the soldiers, by keeping deserters, bounty jumpers and malingerers from being associated with them on the pension rolls, and by preventing the sharks from getting an undue share of the pension fund.

These services, to which GROVER CLEVELAND is pledged and which he is disposed to carry out, represents a truer and more substantial patriotism, than that which is expressed by participation in Decoration Day parades. By such service is shown a greater reverence for the soldiers who died to preserve the government, and a higher appreciation of what they achieved, than is displayed by the floral offerings of hypocritical patriots actuated by political motives.

There has not been a cyclone in Kansas or Ohio for the past ten days. FORAKER and INGALLS are evidently taking a rest.

Calling for Protection Against their Own Acts.

It is a significant commentary on the effects of Republican legislation, and the general result of Republican rule that within three months after that party had gone out of power, its newspaper organs are denouncing a Democratic administration for not taking precipitate action to relieve the country from the financial difficulty in which it is found at the end of a Republican administration.

But it may be asked, what occasion is there for this clamor for relief? What is the situation that so greatly needs assistance? The Republicans talk as if a condition exists that is the fault of the Democrats, and yet the Democratic administration has had scarcely time to do more than assume the control of the government. There is not a single Democratic law, or act of policy in operation, that could effect the financial condition or business situation. Every measure affecting the finances and influencing the business channels—the monetary policy, the tariff acts, the general trade regulations that have been in operation for years, and are still in operation, are of Republican origin, and when the organs of that party, under such circumstances, demand President CLEVELAND to furnish relief, they present the extraordinary spectacle of party organs soliciting an opposite party to correct the evils of their own party rule.

It is now generally charged, and as generally believed, that the cause of the present monetary disorder and business embarrassment is the Sherman Silver purchasing act. That this is the root of the trouble, is admitted by most Republicans who are condemning President CLEVELAND for not calling Congress together to repeal that act, and for not issuing bonds whereby gold may be secured to supply that which is being forced out of the country by the operation of the Sherman act. But is not the silver purchasing policy a matter exclusively of Republican devising, originating with the foremost of Republican financiers, John Sherman, passed by a Republican Congress, and signed by a Republican President? Such being the fact, the censure of President CLEVELAND from a Republican source for not immediately taking measures to correct the evil effects of the Sherman law, is an anomaly such as never before made its appearance in politics, amounting to a confession on the part of the Republicans that their legislation needs Democratic correction.

A sample of Pacific coast enterprise is furnished in the Columbian edition of the San Francisco Examiner, which consists of 120 pages, being the largest newspaper ever published. In addition to the ordinary news from all parts of the globe, this number gives an interesting and intelligent history of every conceivable interest and industry in California; an account of the successes that have been attained—the opportunities that are offered, the beauties and promises of the State, and in fact a mass of information that one would fail to find, were he to hunt through all the publications that have ever been issued, relating to that State. It is a wonderful edition of a great newspaper.

It took the HARRISON Administration with its high tariff ideas, its favoritism for trusts, and its fraudulent pension decision, four years to bring about the financial afflictions we are now suffering. It is not to be expected that a Democratic Administration can cure these evils in as many months. Let the people have patience and courage, and all will be well.

An Injurious Instrumentality.

It is a fact that many ought to regret that the reputation of the "Grand Army of the Republic," has been seriously damaged. As an institution it was started apparently for a good purpose, its object having been to associate the surviving veterans of the late war for their mutual benefit, for the maintenance of a fraternal feeling among them, and for the cultivation of patriotic sentiment.

As good an object as this seemed to be, there were thoughtful men who were by no means satisfied that such an organization was calculated to be of benefit to the country. They saw in it an instrumentality that could be put to a harmful use. It was not difficult for them to detect in its composition the plastic material out of which designing leaders could construct a political machine. The veterans went into an organization with the best intentions, but it was evident from the start that parties, whose motives did not originate from a sentiment of patriotism, were in the movement for a selfish purpose. By placing themselves at the head of it, designing leaders had no difficulty in giving it a direction that served the ends of the politician and the pension speculator, and through this influence the Grand Army has not only become a powerful political instrumentality, but has been debased to the character of a machine for getting pensions.

There is no injustice in charging it with being perverted to those unworthy objects. The average membership of the organization may not be responsible for it; they may believe that their order is conducted upon the most patriotic principles, but it is the leadership that in such organizations directs the policy, and there is no mistaking the fact that from taking its very start, the leaders have worked in the interest of the Republican party, and made the Grand Army a powerful agency in Republican politics.

It also cannot be denied that it has been the policy of the leaders of the G. A. R. to make the organization an instrument for the promotion of an extravagant pension system. For this purpose at every Presidential election influences have been brought to bear that have ranged the Grand Army vote on the side of the political party that favored unlimited pensions; and the moving spirits of this policy, in close association with the G. A. R. leaders, are found to be the pension agents who have managed to enrich themselves by a system of plunder carried on under the cover of a patriotic intention.

That this has become the fixed policy of the organization is shown by the manner in which its authorities have treated the NOAH L. FARNHAM Post of New York city. That Post made a manly protest against reckless and extravagant pension legislation, and for this action it was held by the authorities to have committed an offense that called for its suspension. It was guilty of no act of patriotism; it committed no offense against the flag; nothing derogatory to the honor of the country, and nothing that would reflect upon the credit and honor of true soldiers. The FARNHAM Post's offense consisted in protesting against pension legislation that was filling the roll of pensioners with unworthy claimants, enabling the pension sharks to revel in the spoils of the Treasury, and imposing unnecessary expense upon the American people. This was the infraction of Grand Army discipline and departure from its policy, that drew down upon the FARNHAM Post the severe sentence of suspension. Similar punishment was inflicted upon the Washington Post of New York, it having been silenced as a body for passing resolutions deprecating pension frauds.

By adopting such a course as this those who are at the head of the G. A. R. have verified the fears entertained at the time of its origination, that its original purpose would be perverted, and that under the direction of designing men it would degenerate into an injurious instrumentality. It long ago gave evidence of the extent to which it could be used as a political machine, and has now become the champion and main support of the greatest system of plunder that a heavily taxed people were ever subjected to.

Righting a Wrong Rule.

From the Philadelphia Record. In conversation yesterday with Congressman Henderson, of North Carolina, who was chairman of the Post Office Committee of the last House of Representatives, Postmaster General Bissell announced that the rule requiring charges to be preferred in order to secure the removal of fourth-class postmasters would henceforth apply only in those cases in which the incumbents had not served for four years. This rule is somewhat broader than those heretofore laid down by the Postmaster General; and will doubtless be resented by the opposition organs as "another Democratic outrage." Yet there was ample warrant for the new rule in the reason assigned by Mr. Bissell—the amount of time consumed in investigating the charges. And even with this freer swing Mr. Maxwell's ax cannot hope to break the record of decapitations established by the late Administration. But it will no doubt, do the best it can; and this is all that could in reason be expected of it.

Pensions Frauds.

From the Philadelphia Item. The loose construction of pension laws recently in vogue and the lax administration of the laws as construed, seem to have put a premium on pension frauds and brought organized gangs of pension swindlers into existence. A gang of traffickers in pensions has just been ferreted out in Iowa by an honest pension examiner, and another is being overhauled. It is stated, in New Mexico. The cases recently unearthed in Norfolk are in point. All go to show the necessity of a publication of the pension lists, so that every neighborhood will be able to assist the government in exposing frauds. The pension roll should be a roll of honor.

Crazy Planks in the Platform.

From the New York Times. We are glad that Lawrence and Delano were permitted to insert their crazy doctrine in the Ohio platform. The acceptance of it by the convention brings clearly before the people once more the greatest absurdity of McKinleyism in the wool schedule and directs attention again to the intellectual calibre of the tariff cranks in Ohio who have had their way with the wool duties for many years.

There Must be Something in the Wind.

From the Pittsburg Times. What is the matter with Chicago anyhow? Peaceful, law abiding citizens, deacons in churches and quiet matrons no sooner breathe its atmosphere than they develop most pugnacious traits and figuratively fly at each others' throats whenever they happen to undertake anything connected with the World's Fair. The music in Faderewski's soul turned to arrant discord and Thomas was only saved as by fire from ignominious disaster.

Why Not Tell The Truth.

From the Williamsport Sun. There has been some criticism, unjust and unwise, of the administration because of the recent outflow of gold. Why not state the facts? Under Harrison's administration the net loss of gold to the United States by export was \$122,624,000, and the free gold was reduced from \$97,874,422 to \$987,000. Under President Cleveland's former term the net gain in gold imports was \$54,772,000.

A Monopoly Might Have Saved Them.

From the Providence Journal. It was a shot which was fired with true aim for the British counsel to intimate that we are taking better care of the seals than of the buffaloes. When the same gentleman said that if the buffaloes had been protected by a monopoly we would have taken better care of them he spoke another suggestive truth. There are good reasons for wishing the buffaloes had been preserved.

The Exigencies of Politics.

From the Boston Herald. It is only a fortnight ago that Governor McKinley came out with a pointed rebuke to those people who sought to make a political issue out of the present financial situation. Now he turns about and is guilty of the same offense himself. The exigencies of politics make queer transformations sometimes.

How Would It Do.

From the Indianapolis Sentinel. Our Republican friends are talking about the wrong of putting a tax on the breakfast table, referring to sugar. How would it do to put it on the interest table? There are some features of an income tax that would make it a genuine source of pleasure to a great many people.

A Serious Question.

From the New York World. Members of the new Congress are not so strongly in favor of an income tax as they will be when their constituents fully realize the nature of the alternative. The question is, Will Congress tax every man's breakfast table or the income of the rich?

Spawls from the Keystone.

Nazareth will shine under electricity. Birds are stealing a large portion of York County's green cherries. Charles Salyards, the Carlisle murderer, refuses to see preachers. Robert Ruane was drowned in the Susquehanna River at Pittston. Illness caused Isaac Finley, a Scranton carpenter, to commit suicide. Strikers at Paterson Colliery surrendered and will work at the company's terms. All Pottstown turned out Saturday to see the first trolley cars run through the streets. John A. Good rescued young Norman Hart and Charles Schaeffer from drowning at Reading.

Fifty-four members of the Baltimore Coal Exchange are inspecting at Pottsville.

Hereafter Reading policemen must always wear the uniform on the street when off duty.

Delaware County's Grand Jury interviewed the leper, John Anderson, at fifty yards range.

Farm hand John Johnson hanged himself in a barn in New Hanover, Montgomery County.

Mrs. Huddleston, a wealthy lady of Ben. Aven, was arrested recently on a charge of murder.

David S. Stern, one of the most prominent and prosperous merchants of Altoona, died on last Saturday.

The plant of the McKeesport Gas company was burned to the ground, Saturday afternoon. Loss, \$10,000.

James Lake, of Wyoming borough, committed suicide Friday by shooting himself through the heart.

Cramps overcame Rassarilo Casario, a young Italian laborer in swimming at Reading and he was drowned.

Thirty firms in Pittsburg each do a business of over \$1,000,000 a year, Carnegie leading with nearly \$10,000,000.

Became her horse frightened at a car, Mary Yngst, of Lebanon, has sued a street railway for \$10,000 damages.

A fall of coal in Maple Hill Colliery, Shenandoah, dangerously crushed three miners, Burke, Jones and Polasky.

Mrs. M. O. Toole, of New Castle, recently found her daughter, all traces of whom had been lost for twenty-five years.

From injuries received in trying to board a Pennsylvania train at Lancaster, John Doyle, of Albany, N. Y., died yesterday.

Two trolley cars collided on a dark street in Chester, Sunday night, and sixteen persons were injured, some of them seriously.

Within three weeks death has taken three members of the family of Anthony Scott, of Bristol township, Bucks County.

Williamsport is prosperous. The total output of 1892 was \$12,465,800, the amount invested \$8,909,300 and 9,205 hands employed.

On Saturday Carnegie's Homestead mill paid out the semi-monthly wages—\$120,000—the largest sum in the history of that company.

Friday, a railroad wreck occurred on the Pennsylvania between Braddock and Turtle Creek in which two men were crushed to death.

Unsecured creditors, whose claims amount to \$150,000, asked for a receiver for Godfrey & Clarke, the paper manufacturers, of Pittsburg.

The Hibernian Fire Company, of Allentown, won first prize at Frederick, Md., at a State convention, for rapid handling of engine and hose.

Governor Pattison has ordered a pardon for Charles Loech, of Philadelphia, convicted of illegally selling liquor in Montgomery County.

Samuel Finburg, of Scranton, shot and killed himself Sunday. He had been in ill health for some time and his mind had become unbalanced.

The second floor of the dye house of Lilly's mill at Chester, collapsed Sunday, but as the employees were not at work on that day no one was injured.

Five squares of the city of Lancaster are to be paved with vitrified brick as an experiment, and there is talk of using a brick manufactured in Clearfield county.

In a wreck on the Lebanon branch of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad at Sheridan 27 freight cars were smashed and merchandise demolished.

John Doyle, of Athens, N. Y., was killed at Lancaster by falling under the cars on the Pennsylvania road. He was drunk at the time of the accident.

Mulligan Spain, an alleged burglar, in attempting to escape at Douglassville on a train had a leg cut off and the officer in pursuit found him in the hospital.

The Reading Railroad Company's cold storage dams at Tumbling Run, Schuylkill County have been drawn off, and fish have been gathered by the tubful.

The members of the board of primaries of the recent elections in Springfield township, Northumberland county, have been arrested, charged with making false returns.

A fine seam of coal was struck at the Decatur shaft near Osceola on Thursday, at the depth of 325 feet slope. The projectors are to be congratulated on their find.

The Maritime Publishing Company, of Philadelphia, capital \$10,000, and the Oakland Water Company, of Philadelphia, capital \$1000, were chartered at Harrisburg Monday.

Charles Moyer, of Gregg township, Union county, is 77 years of age, but never rheumatic, one day last week he split 175 fence rails and in one day in April he sowed 25 bushels of wheat.

The new Wabash system of railroads which is being constructed by capitalists in the western part of the state will extend from Steubenville to Pittsburg and then north to Lake Erie in this state.

A number of the wrecked wagons belonging to Main's circus, which have been undergoing repairs in the company shops at Altoona, were turned over to the proprietor on Saturday last ready for service again.

Harry Kiel, a ten-year-old boy who had been missing from his home in Ashland for several days, was found Saturday in a near-by woods dead, with a bullet hole through his head. There is no clue to the murderer.

On Tuesday at Madera a man named John Kerin was killed by a passing train. He had just emerged from a drinking place, and attempting to cross the track was struck by the engine. He lived about an hour after the accident.