

Ink Slings.

—A Populist party has come to light in Virginia. This looks like MAHON'S work.

—Pennsylvania has two Senators, and what do you think? They are both in their seats.

—Men cry of hard times, but the bleachers on the ball grounds are full every afternoon just the same.

—Twenty-five hundred women are practicing medicine in this country, yet the men continue to struggle on.

—Signs of returning confidence in the financial situation should not be mistaken for a triumph of a gold monetary basis.

—“Old HUTCH,” the wheat speculator, is supposed to have made \$30,000 on lard last week. Perhaps some one tried greasing him for a fool.

—Hoke Smith says that “no pensioner who has once proven his claim will be asked to do so again.” This surely ought to satisfy the mind of the most skeptical.

—With sixty cent wheat we ought to get loaves of bread easily as large as a canal boat. The baker's don't see it that way, however, and the staff of life sticks just where it always was.

—Congress is in session again and the fellows who think they are going to get a job have relinquished hopes for the time being. It will take all GROVER'S attention looking after the legislation.

—The fact that President CLEVELAND has discharged his physician is delighting the army of feeders who want to get up to the public feeding trough. GROVER is in shape now and can do heaps if he wants to.

—The Republicans will effect their permanent organization next month for the next presidential campaign. All the campaign howlers and liars will kindly send in their present address to JOE MANLEY.

—The banks that have stemmed the destructive tide of shattered financial currents, will soon have plainer sailing in which to reap the rewards of the business which their stability will secure for them.

—The man who talks about these as “Democratic times” is an ass and an idiot. Not a single Democratic enactment has yet been effected to counteract the ill effects of Republican legislation which we are now experiencing.

—The President's message is just what was expected of him, a sound document striking at the question at issue and ignoring irrelevant matter. He advises the immediate repeal of the SHERMAN bill, then a procedure on a wise and conservative plan.

—The foreign demand for American hay is quite brisk at present and our thrifty husbandmen are reaping advantage out of the short crops in Gt. Britain, France and Germany. We have lots of hay-seeds here too that might find themselves of some value all at once.

—Western congressmen are kicking because they won't get mileage for the extra session. It is a matter of dollars and cents to them and they think they ought to have it. If they were to get anything we suppose they would sooner (?) have the sixty-cent dollar than anything else.

—There seems to be a growing tendency among people to use the expression “he's no fool” when they want to compliment a man for doing or saying something which elicits public interest. Such a way of looking at it is certainly discouraging to the army of fellows who are never fortunate enough to strike a key-note on any line. We must all be fools.

—When a man can't keep his mouth shut about matters that don't concern him, nor keep his pen on the stand when there is no occasion for writing, he must be called down. In accordance with some such rule Secretary GRESHAM will appoint a successor for Col. S. H. BOYD, minister to Siam. Mr. BOYD found it very easy to write himself out of a job.

—HARRISON thinks he would like to try it again in '96, but if he knows what is good for him he will stay at home and continue giving advice to the Democrats as to how to run the government. As sure as he comes out we'll all feel duty bound to turn in and pay him back for the logical (?) expressions he has been making for our especial benefit.

—Republicans and Democrats alike should work together in Congress for an honest and useful money. Party ties should be broken in a common effort for the best. Two heads are always better than one, but the condition to be deplored is that which prompts one party to obstruct the working of another for fear it may be the gainer by wise legislation. It is the weal of our land that we seek; not the downfall of its political organizations.

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The True Policy.

The Congress which is now convened in extra session has been called together by an extraordinary condition in the financial affairs of the country. A derangement has occurred in money matters, the effects of which have tied up the monetary resources with which business is customarily done; has impaired public confidence, wound up a number of banking institutions, and brought on a state of semi-panic in financial and industrial circles. The national law-makers have come together to determine what measures should be adopted to remedy this disordered state of affairs.

Of course there is a difference of opinion as to the cause of the disorder. In the opinion of some, silver has to stand the entire blame for the trouble. They say that the government has overshot the mark in buying large quantities of that metal, for which it has no use, and in the purchase of which it exhausts its good reserve; that the issuing of certificates for circulation, based upon this superfluous silver, can have no other effect than depreciating the currency, in as much as it is based on a depreciated metal, the stream not being able to rise higher than its source. Various other evils, some of them real, but most of them imaginary, are charged against the metal that used to furnish our fathers with a desirable and reliable circulating medium.

These views are stoutly opposed by a class of financiers who are not willing to agree that silver is the cause of the present trouble. They believe in the usefulness of the white metal for monetary purposes, and demand that it be so used, with a proper adjustment of its value with that of gold. Representative BLEAND who is the chief apostle of a silver currency, admits that the SHERMAN law will have to go; but he and many others with him, will not be willing to let that act be repealed without getting something in its place that will secure the advantage of a monetary material which the constitution allows to be circulated, and which for years constituted the favorite money of the people.

In wiping out the SHERMAN act, which is likely to occur, it will be found that there will be a strong demand for such wiping out the act of 1873 which virtually demonetized silver. Both of them were Republican acts. The first deprived the white metal of its monetary character, thus robbing it of the quality which the constitution gave it, and which it was empowered to have by the law of 1834. The second, or the SHERMAN act, while confirming the demonetizing effect of the '73 law, furnished the demoralizing substitute of heavy purchases of unused silver with about as much financial reason for it as there would be for the purchase of any other unnecessary commodity by the government.

It seems to us that the true policy of a Democratic Congress under these circumstances will be to abolish both those Republican measures, the silver purchasing act of 1890, and the silver demonetizing act of 1873, and to restore the Democratic law of 1834 which authorized the free coinage of both gold and silver, recognizing the latter as a constitutional money and giving the people the full advantage of it.

—There was something slightly grotesque in the electioneering for the nomination for Chaplain of the House of Representatives by the Democratic caucus. Some of the reverend candidates based their claims to the position on their ability to put a prayer through in double-quick time. One of them, who had been chaplain in the New York Legislature, is said to have required only 45 seconds before the “amen” came in, and he didn't slight any of the essential points that are necessary in praying for a legislative body. Another candidate pledged himself that if elected he would make no prayer longer than one minute. Such short supplications will do well enough for a Democratic House which doesn't need as much praying for as a Republican Congress of the billion dollar variety, whose iniquities require a great deal of wrestling with the Lord in its behalf, and in fact is almost past praying for.

Weeding Out the Unworthy.

The shameful frauds and flagrant abuses which have sprung up in the Pension Bureau under the rulings of Republican Commissioners, are being exposed to the light of publicity by investigations instituted by the present Commissioner of Pensions. The disability feature of the pension laws has been the source of most of the scandalous practices connected with the system, they having been largely promoted by RUM and BUSSEY'S loose decisions. What is to be thought of claims to pensions on the ground of disability arising from baldness, from corns, and, as appears in BELL'S case, from loss of teeth and indigestion? Yet it is being shown that for such causes as these the country is being called upon to show its gratitude in the shape of a monthly compensation to defenders thus disabled.

Investigation is developing a large number of claimants receiving regular pensions whose pecuniary condition places them far above the necessity for such help. The case of Judge LONG, of Michigan, although it has been considered scandalous to the claimant, is far from being the most flagrant case of perverted government bounty. He had been wounded, it is true, but his circumstances were such that he did not need the money he was receiving from the government as a pension. He was merely absorbing a charity which better suited some needy veteran unable to earn a living in consequence of disability incurred while defending the flag. The case of J. P. REED, an Ohio pensioner, is another flagrant imposition on the government if having been proved that so far from being a poor man, he is well-to-do, if not positively rich, doing a flourishing business in addition to owning a large farm.

It is by an outrageous stretch of the legitimate purpose of the pension system, facilitated by licentious rulings in the Pension Bureau, under Republican Commissioners, that such cases are found on the list. There is scarcely a community in which claimants have not been passed as pensionable whose circumstances do not require such assistance from the government, and in whose cases a pension is but an unrequired addition to otherwise ample means of living. It is to put a stop to such abuses as these, and to limit as far as possible the bounty of the government to such veterans as deserve and need it, that the efforts of the Pension Bureau are being directed under a Democratic administration. It is for this purpose that the lists are being overhauled. There may be a howl among the pension sharks, the claim agents, the bounty-jumpers, the coffee-coolers and the deserters, but the work of pension reform will go on until the unworthy are weeded out, and the pension list shall be really a roll of honor.

A Foolish View.

A remarkably distorted vision must be possessed by the New York Recorder, which claims to see many indications of feeling on the part of thousands of voters who helped to bring about the change of parties and policies last year, but who, if they had the power now, would repeal the election of Mr. CLEVELAND as well as the SHERMAN act.

The idea that such a feeling exists is based on the erroneous impression that the people are fools enough to believe that the business troubles which prevail have any connection with CLEVELAND'S election, or have in any way been brought on by it. To entertain that idea, it must be supposed that the people last year did not know what they were voting for, and also that those who voted for Mr. CLEVELAND believed that as soon as he got into office the injurious effects of Republican legislation and administrative policy, which had been operating for a number of decades, would be dispelled like a fog under the influence of the morning sun, before the President and Congress had time to co-operate for their correction.

American intelligence is not in the habit of taking such an imbecile view of political cause and effect. At the last election those who voted for the Democratic Presidential candidate had an intelligent understanding of the character and effect of Republican policies.

They were not mistaken in their estimate of a tariff system which is severely taxing the people under the fraudulent assumption that it is benefiting the industries, nor were they ignorant of the fact that all the legislation regulating the finances of the country has been the work of the Republican party. Therefore, when in the early months of the CLEVELAND administration they see these Republican measures still in operation, because there has not yet been time to repeal them, and producing their natural effects in the derangement of financial conditions, in the impairment of commercial confidence, and in wide-spread disturbance of business relations, they are not foolish enough to be made to believe that these evils have been brought on as the sudden effect of a Democratic administration. They rather see in them a confirmation of their opinion, as expressed at the polls a year ago, that Republican policies, financial as well as economic, are injurious to the country, and require the correction which will be applied to them after a Democratic President and Congress shall have co-operated in bringing about the needed reforms.

Reed as a Humorist.

At the Republican congressional caucus, last Saturday night, the perfunctory movement of nominating a candidate for Speaker resulted in the nomination of THOMAS B. REED, of Maine, who, as a former occupant of the Speaker's chair, gained the unenviable title of “Czar REED.” The person who nominated him said that he was the best representative of Republican sentiment, in which declaration he was no doubt correct, but he did not come so near the truth when he added that the ex-Speaker had a hold on the popular heart. The fact that Mr. REED and his Congress were turned down by a large majority of the popular vote did not look as if he had much of a hold on the popular heart.

In response to the empty honor of a nomination, the nominee made a speech in which he stated how prosperous the country was when the Republicans went out of power. He said that all the mills were running, spindles flying, furnaces roaring, labor employed everywhere and the people happy. The picture drawn by Mr. REED cannot be easily recognized by those who remember the number of mills that were not running, the furnaces which instead of “roaring” were entirely silent, and labor largely engaged in strikes against a reduction of wages. This was the situation to so great an extent during the last year of the HARRISON administration that whole columns of the newspapers were taken up with lists of industrial establishments suspended or working half time. The people were so far from being “happy” under those conditions, that they went to the polls and by a large majority determined to have a change.

But in consequence of this change, says Mr. REED, “we find an extraordinary business depression, distrust in all circles, and a general demoralization of the finances of the country, precipitated by the Democratic failure to legislate.”

The ex-Speaker always had considerable reputation as a humorist, and he must have been poking fun at the Republican caucus when he represented to it that conditions, which could have come from no other source than Republican legislation for there has been no other since the war, were brought about by the Democrats in the few months they have been in power, during which brief time they have had no opportunity to do anything that could affect the existing state of affairs.

The ex-Speaker indulged in his choicest bit of humor when he told the caucus that this bad state of affairs was precipitated by Democratic failure to legislate. It would appear that the Democrats should have got together as soon as possible to correct, by legislative acts, the evil effect of Republican policy. Such a course on their part certainly is necessary, but it sounds like a joke for Czar REED to blame them for not going at it as soon as they came into power. But let him be patient. The Democrats will in due time, by proper legislation and needed measures of reform, correct the abuses of Republican legislation from which the finances and the business of the country are now suffering.

What Two Good Ones Think of the Message.

From the Philadelphia Times.  
President Cleveland's message to congress puts to shame the mouping partisans and petty calamity mongers. It is bold, patriotic, statesmanlike and unanswerable. It probes the national wound to the core and prescribes the remedy so clearly that none can misunderstand it. There is not the trace of the partisan in the brief but incisive message given to congress and the country. It recognizes the solemn judgment of the nation on the vital issues, but it justly issues that until we shall have an honest and impregnable financial system there can be no business confidence and no industrial or commercial prosperity.

From the Pittsburg Post.  
President Cleveland's message is brief, clear and decidedly to the point. He lays the present disturbed financial condition of the country to the Sherman law, and advises its prompt repeal. Congress should act at once. He cites the maxim that “he gives twice who gives quickly” as directly applicable.

Good Words for Good Work.

From the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph.  
That is a fine story which comes from the Pension Office, relating how Deputy Commissioner Bell had himself put “on the list” under the convenient Dependent Pension Act. In this instance it was not a case of fever, leaving the pensioner with no natural covering for the place where his brains are supposed to be. Instead, his alleged “disability” was the loss of teeth, presumably from wrestling with the proverbial hard tack and salt horse thirty years ago. Deputy Commissioner Bell's internal arrangements also were sadly disordered, so he alleges, doubtless from the same cause; yet, sad to tell, under the new ruling, this \$10-a-day official of the Government is compelled to relinquish his extra claim. No doubt before Judge Lochren gets through with his work there will be many more instances like that of the bald-headed man and the toothless Deputy Commissioner. Let the good work go on; only don't do it in a corner. That is all the country asks, in this connection.

Galled by Their Own Yoke.

From the Danville Intelligencer.  
Poor Hokes Smith what a welking he is daily receiving from the ink slingers of the Republican press for enforcing a law passed by a Republican Congress, a law that has been on the statute book for years, but which former Republican Secretaries of the Interior, false to their oath of office, neglected to put in operation. These irate scribes don't pretend that Secretary Smith is acting illegally. All they can say of him he is enforcing an odious Republican law. If the law is so distasteful to these Republican editors why don't they urge its repeal, not abuse an official who is honestly trying to carry out one of their own party's enactments.

Our Pocket is Big Enough for Any Kind.

From the Clarion Democrat.  
One silver dollar is just 1 1/2 inches in diameter. It contains about 62 cents worth of silver according to the present market price of silver. To put a dollar's worth of silver into a dollar at the present market price, the coin would have to be two inches in diameter and of the same thickness. The “cart wheel” of the present would be as nothing to the “fly wheel” with a dollar's worth of silver in it.

John Shaffer Jr. You Are Right.

From the Renova News.  
Our Republican friends appear to think that the Democratic party should repair the wreck to business and finance wrought by thirty years of Republican rule in three months Grover Cleveland and his assistants will straighten things up as rapidly as possible, but three months, or even six of them, is too short for so herculean a job.

His Kickers in Condition Again.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer.  
President Cleveland has discharged his doctor. This dismissal has been patiently awaited by office seekers, who now expect him to resume the bouncing act. There is a large amount of diplomatic patronage still at the disposal of the president. Less than one-third of the 325 consuls scattered over the globe have been changed since March 4.

Temperance People Admit It.

From the Conestogville Courier.  
The old toper thinks there is no cure for snake bites equal to the old whiskey prescription, notwithstanding the many new fangled discoveries.

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

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Grand Duke Alexander and party are at Reading.

—Aged Christian Hoffas dropped dead chopping wood, at Reading.

—More rain is greatly needed to raise the water in the Schuylkill canal.

—The corner stone of the Masonic Hall in Allegheny City was laid Monday.

—The Cumberlana Valley Railroad will send all employees to the World's Fair free.

—Horses mules and houses fell through an opening over a mine near Frackville Monday.

—Dr. John P. Edge, of Chester, has been appointed a member of the State Board of Agriculture.

—Eight-year-old Thomas Hughes, of Mansfield, Allegheny county, was in court for horse stealing.

—Three boys, to get revenge for being scalded, burned George Atkinson's barn, in Fayette county.

—A cow kicked and killed William Dunlap's 3-year-old son, at Stoughstown, Franklin county.

—Overcome by smoke from a blast in a Tower City mine, John Shadle fell 70 feet and perished.

—A petrified Indian canoe, containing the skeleton of a man, was found by wild diggers at Conestogville.

—An express train killed William Nicholson of Rockhill, Bucks county, near the Perkasie tunnel, last evening.

—Edison's car separator is to be used to develop the iron ore mines in Lonswamp township, Berks county.

—Governor Pattison Saturday pardoned John Fleck and Robert Aiken, of Harrisburg from the penitentiary.

—The Schuylkill River at Reading was raked Saturday for the body of an unknown man who drowned there.

—Owing to drought, the City Water Works have cut off the Reading Coal and Iron Works' water supply at Mahanoy City.

—Alderman Rhoe and Constable Lewis Kirchner, convicted of embezzlement in Pittsburg, will go to jail for two months.

—William Abraham, the Reading boy, who was injured two weeks ago by a red-hot pipe in the iron mill, has died of lockjaw.

—After sending her babe to a charity home in Pittsburg, Mrs. Maggie Kinlin was so overcome by remorse that she poisoned herself.

—W. J. Taylor, receiver in Pennsylvania of the Baltimore and Lehigh Railroad, denies at York the allegations upon which his removal was asked.

—Joseph Kidd was practically acquitted in Pittsburg of the extreme cruelty charged against him in his treatment of Arthur Armstrong, his stepson.

—Pensioner Daniel Sullivan, an inmate of the Schuylkill county Almshouse, was attacked while asleep and badly injured by a half-demented attendant.

—Fearless James Beard, a youth in his teens, plunged from two bridges to the river in Reading and cut his head at the bottom of the river on the second dive.

—Attorney General Hensel has accompanied J. Henry Cochran, of Lycoming county, and Senator Grant Herrison on a ten-days' camping expedition in Wisconsin forests.

—The Episcopal Church of Forest City near Scranton, will receive a baptismal font of Indiana limestone as a memorial to the late William Wolstenae as his former friends.

—Reading cigarmakers and brewers, who buy \$2000 worth of revenue stamps a day, have protested against the Treasury order forbidding the purchase of stamps with checks.

—John Hertspoh, a Hungarian resident of Mahanoy City, was attacked and robbed by toughs while crossing the mountain near that place. The robbers were captured and lodged in jail.

—Congressman Erdman says he has recommended to Revenue Collector Doyle, Martin Seel, of Tipton, for Deputy Collector, and James M. Yerger, of Centreport, for Stamp Clerk.

—A terrible explosion of mine gas occurred in the East Boston mine of W. G. Payne & Co. at Luzerne borough, Saturday. As a result two men are dead and two more are likely to follow.

—The Grand Duke Alexander of Russia visited Reading yesterday to inspect the method of manufacturing steel projectiles for the United States government in the Carpenter, steel works.

—Monday, Moore & Burchall's Lawrence colliery, near Frackville, collapsed, carrying down into the deep cavern several small buildings and the colliery stables in which were nates and horses.

—A half lighted match dropped in their room came near burning to death Genevieve and George Ritter, children of George Ritter at Reading. Their mother saved them by throwing out the burning bedding.

—James Hicks, a young man whose home was at Plymouth, was sleeping on the bank of the dam of the Wilkesbarre Water company, Sunday, when he was seized with an epileptic fit, fell in the water and was drowned.

—Frank Miller, a farmer of Indiana county, accidentally shot himself, Saturday, while hunting sheep dogs. When found he was lying dead in a pool of blood. His one finger was shot off and there was a bullet hole through his breast.

—A gang of about a dozen villainous characters is encamped near Somerset on the Chester town road, and the citizens are greatly alarmed. The police force has been increased and watchmen have been placed in the banks and business houses.

—Reading cigarmakers and brewers have signed a protest against the recent order requiring that revenue stamps be paid for in currency, and forwarded the same to Collier, for Doyle. During the brisk times the revenue receipts in that city for stamps amount to \$2000 per day.

—Three suits for heavy damages have been entered against the Carnegie Steel company by victims of the Homestead poisoning conspiracy. Mrs. Hebron claims \$25,000 damages for the death of her son, and Edward Ellis and Harry Collins claim that their health has been permanently impaired.

—Joseph Kidd, of Pittsburg, who strapped his stepson to a stall in the stable to keep him out of mischief and whose neighbors threatened to lynch him, had a hearing before Judge Doherty, Monday. After hearing the testimony he decided that there was no evidence of cruelty and Kidd was discharged.

—A petition has been presented to the court by the citizens of Butler township, Schuylkill county, asking the court to decide the seats of the present school directors vacant so that others may be elected in their places this fall. Owing to the board the requirements for the state appropriations have not been complied with.