

Ink Stings.

-It is even getting to be a hard matter to get fish with a silver hook.

-The danger that threatens Congress now is that in the hurry to get relief from the money stringency something might be done that will not be for the best.

-The man who, having no confidence in banks, hides his wealth in his cellar and later discovers it gone, has every reason to believe that the eyes of the world were upon him.

-The man or woman, boy or girl who wantonly remarks about the solvency of a bank, or business firm, thereby causing discredit and a consequent run should be made suffer for not having any better subject to talk about.

-The Behring sea seal fisheries question is settled at last. The Paris tribunal of arbitration has ended its labors.

-The Northern Pacific Railroad is in the hands of receivers. Such a condition of affairs is deplorable indeed, but when the stock of a corporation has depreciated from \$50 per share to \$4.50 it certainly shows that the business has not been paying. There is no chance to water it in that region either.

-Since CHARLEY FOSTER, WILLIAM MCKINLEY and several of the big guns in the Republican party in Ohio have gone up, who will furnish the "bood" to run the machine against Neal? Those failures will never be ascribed to the Democratic administration for fear of an admission that the Democrats had whipped them.

-The bigoted, narrow minded Republican, who tells his employees "you voted for a change, now you've got it," as an explanation for the present business depression, is not deserving the respect of those whom he attempts to delude by such a misleading statement.

-This extra session of Congress promises to be one of the greatest instructors the world has ever known. At least the monetary system of any country is too complicated for the generality of men, but such a discussion of it as is now going on in Washington cannot help but interest. If the proceedings are carefully followed a very fair idea of the whole situation may be had.

-TOM JOHNSON'S idea to have the holders of United States bonds turn them into the treasury and take notes of certain denominations in exchange for them is a good one to increase the circulating medium, but we fear he has forgotten that his monetary views are those which the Green Backers used to hold and his honor for conceiving a great source of relief is rather empty. We'll have to come to it some of these days anyway.

-Fall is not far off and winter is not far behind it. People who are depending on salaried positions for a livelihood will do well to economize a little and treasure up something for that proverbial "rainy day," which is sure to come. Nothing seems certain with business in the condition that it is now and unless a bright side turns up soon there will be few who have steady employment for the next six months. Save accordingly, while you can.

-For Republicans to take advantage of the present depressed condition of the country, to try working political capital on the minds of the credulous, seems more like treason than anything else. At such a time the government should have the ameliorating influence of every one of its subjects instead of the help of some and the antagonism of others. Such a course will be all the worse for the G. O. P., however, for when reaction sets in, it will find itself out in the cold.

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A Silver Canard.

British gold has long been employed to influence American politics, if the repeated assertions of Republican organs on that subject are to be believed.

This campaign humbug, which in times past had an effect in alarming the unwary on the subject of British gold, has been relegated to the limbo of discarded fables, it being accorded the contemptuous derision which fraudulent representations always deserve.

Why They Attack Him.

The organs of the opposition seem to have selected Secretary HOKE SMITH as a special object of attack. The evident reason for this is that he is a Southern man, and as the Pension Bureau is within the province of the Interior Department, of which Mr. SMITH is the head, they charge that the reform methods in the management of the pension system spring from Confederate hostility to the Union soldiers.

Conveniently for their purpose they ignore the fact that the reform of pension abuses is a part of the Democratic policy, and that whether a Southern or a Northern man were at the head of the Interior Department, or in charge of the Pension Bureau, the work of weeding out unworthy claimants, and eliminating fraud from a system that should be conducted on principles of honesty and honor, would go on under a Democratic administration as a duty to the country, and to deserving veterans, which the party is pledged to perform, and will carry out to the extent of its opportunity and ability.

Secretary SMITH is an honorable and patriotic citizen, who has no other motive than to discharge his official duty in a way that will be most beneficial to the country. He does not have direct charge of the Pension Bureau, but it may be taken as a certainty that he accords his fullest approbation to the manner in which Commissioner LOCKREY, an old soldier, is purging the pension lists and driving off the swarms of sharks which have so long gobbled too large a portion of the money intended for the benefit of soldiers whose services have entitled them to it.

Refuted by Republican Testimony.

Some of the Republican papers have been laboring hard to make it appear that the present business slump was brought on by the fear of what the Democrats are going to do to the tariff.

The object of these partisan organs is easily detected. Their obvious intention is to make political capital out of the prevailing financial distress; but their assumption that the trouble is due to a tariff scare is forcibly refuted by a no less distinguished tariff man and Republican than Mr. THOMAS DOLAN, the great textile manufacturer of Philadelphia, who, in a recent interview published in the Inquirer, of that city, repudiates and condemns the idea that apprehension in regard to what may be done to the tariff has anything to do with the existing embarrassment.

Mr. DOLAN asks: "If the alarm is due to the victory of the Democrats why was it not manifested last November?" Nothing could be better calculated to non-plus the tariff alarmists than this question. Immediately after the election the people knew what was to be expected of the Democrats in regard to the tariff, yet, as Mr. DOLAN says, no uneasiness was felt among manufacturers on that score, and "everything went on swimmingly until the first of July."

Instead of the panic feeling which the Republican organs ascribe to the fear of Democratic "free trade," Mr. DOLAN says that the situation was very favorable and satisfactory. "Orders came in good and strong for fall goods. Conditions were favorable, and with the good demand everything was prosperous until the silver craze upset the country."

When the United States gets done paying the awards for damages to English seal fishers that will be due them under the decision of Behring sea tribunal, it will have a taste of the effects of Republican statesmanship that should last for some time.

They Will Change Their Tune.

It's very easy to blame the present financial condition of affairs upon the Democratic party. It is in power and we suppose will have to stand it, although no more responsible for any of the existing troubles than are the South Sea Islanders for the condition in which PEARY finds the Behring Sea.

About the only thing of importance that any one in this country got out of Behring Sea arbitration was LIGE HALFORD'S salary.

They Didn't Mistake the Cause.

The Ohio Democrats, in their State Convention last week, made no mistake as to the cause of the business troubles, when they declared that "the financial situation is the unfortunate legacy of the Republican administration."

These are the real causes of the distress and it is entirely correct to put the McKINLEY tariff first as an agent of commercial disturbance and depression. An influence that stimulates production beyond the requirements of home demand, and at the same time prevents the overproduction from being disposed of in foreign markets, necessarily brings on the collapse and stagnation that have betaken the productive industries, and which have been coming on ever since the imposition of McKINLEY'S higher duties.

The SHERMAN silver law, no doubt also exerted an injurious financial influence. It has done its injury not so much in that it made liberal use of the silver product of the country, but that it made use of it in the wrong way. To purchase large quantities of this metal and store it away in useless depositories is perverting its constitutional use and imposing an unwarrantable expense upon the government, in addition to requiring of it a duty which cannot be included among its legitimate financial functions.

Legislation based upon this Democratic declaration it seems to us, will furnish a safe, equitable and beneficent solution of the Silver question.

An easy, a simple, and certainly a speedy way to relieve the financial stringency would be to issue "greenbacks" and redeem the outstanding interest bearing government bonds.

No More Bonds.

The purpose of one class of people, who have been clamoring so vehemently against silver as a money, is showing itself in the debates in congress. On their part the effort to demonetize silver is to make necessary an other issue of interest bearing non-taxable bonds, in which money lenders can invest their spare cash at a fair rate of interest and at the same time have their wealth exempted from all taxation.

The Timely Appearance of the Saving Physician.

Cleveland left the Presidential chair in 1889 with a hundred million surplus in the Treasury and everything moving along as smoothly as the high tariff would let it. Harrison came in, McKINLEY put up the tariff and everything commences going to the dogs.

Honesty Finds Its Reward in Heaven. Charles Foster, late Secretary of the Treasury under President Harrison, and some years ago Governor of Ohio, and who lately made a bad failure in business, was manager of a bank in Ohio which collapsed a few weeks ago.

The Common Sense View of It. Attorney General HENSEL'S refusal to interfere as an officer of the Common wealth with the construction of the trolley railroad of the Gettysburg battlefield is accompanied by reasons which under even a casual perusal appear to be sound, logical and convincing.

An Idea Worth Considering. Tom JOHNSON'S plan to ease the money market by allowing anybody having United States bonds to deposit them in the Treasury at Washington and receive therefor greenbacks of a new issue to the same amount, interest on the bonds to be suspended while they are so deposited, is plainly the safest and most practicable way for increase of currency in tight times that has been suggested.

How They Do It in Chicago.

The local directory of the World's Fair is the most rapid literalist of modern times. It has been enjoined by a court from closing the gates of ground on Sundays, and so it opens the gates but shuts up every blessed thing there is to be seen in the Fair, obeying the order of Court in the letter and contemptuously violating it in the spirit.

The South and Its Growing Evil.

It is some fools had not taught the black man that he had a right to cohabit with a white woman, with or without her consent, there would be fewer lynchings of colored people in the south.

No Better Man Could be so Honored.

Governor PATTISON always draws a large crowd when he visits Uniontown, and the one which greeted him yesterday was as large as any he ever saw here.

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

Spawls from the Keystone.

-Hazleton has a feminine cobbler. -Eastern counties are suffering from water famine. -Scoundrels chop down Reading shade trees at night.

-John Spike was crushed to death in a Stockton colliery. -Fall plowing in Berks County is being delayed by the drought. -A big Farmers' Alliance meeting was held Saturday in Reading.

-A corn stalk 11 feet 3 inches is reported by the Pottstown Ledger. -Nine colored converts were baptized in the Delaware at Easton on Sunday. -Frank Keller, an alleged Philadelphia bicycle thief, was captured Friday in Easton.

-George Seid of Look Haven was killed by an elevator's fall, at Williamsport, on Monday. -A party of young men from Quakertown will fit up a box-car and go to the World's Fair in it. -Brush Valley, in Blair county, dedicated its first Methodist Episcopal church on Sunday last.

-Judgments to the amount of \$77,000 have been entered against the Lebanon Brewing company. -Although married but a year, Mrs. Harry Elmerhull, of York, tried to kill herself with laudanum. -School teachers of Chester will hold an institute separate from the other Delaware County teachers.

-Trying to hasten a fire with kerosene! Mrs. Ludwig Goetz, of Harrisburg, was perhaps fatally burned. -Sixteen tons of coal were stolen from Lehigh Valley cars and hidden in three cellars at Tunkhannock. -Congressman Libby of the Erie district is said to be preparing a three hours speech in favor of free silver.

-The young ladies of West Pittston amuse themselves with mock marriage parties, from which men are excluded. -Ex-Senator Jackson, of Armstrong county, has announced himself as a Republican candidate for State Treasurer. -To escape detection by officers who were on his heels, James Higgins, of Lancaster, hid stolen chickens in his bed.