

Democratic Watchman

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Ink Slings.

—“Up to snuff”—The old man's nose.

Dr. GRAVES evidently wanted to find out what's in his name.

—KEELEY is to have a day at the fair and won't there be a glorious reunion of ex-red noses.

—Some one has said that this is an age of philosophy, but the trouble seems to be that philosophers are at a discount.

—Bermuda onions came up for their share of the tariff discussion the other day. We had supposed that they were strong enough to take care of themselves.

—Dear, oh dear. Those Nihilists are going to kill the Czar again, but as long as they are determined to do it he is an excellent risk for life insurance companies.

—Dr. GRAVES worn out by persecution sought shelter from his pursuers in the grave. It is quite likely they won't follow him there to try fastening the crime of murdering Mrs. BARNABY upon him.

—Foot-ball bullies are getting themselves in shape to have their heads broken in this fall. It seems wonderful that young men train themselves up for a sport which annually maims scores of them for life.

—Washington is being over run with the medical profession this week. Twelve hundred doctors are there in conference and the chances are that the undertakers of the capitol city will reap a harvest accordingly.

—A Norristown woman who had \$685 in bank drew it out and hid it in one of her bureau drawers. It did not stay there long for some one promptly stole it. She has less confidence in her drawers now than she previously had.

—Continental Europe is again bristling up for a fight which will undoubtedly end in wind. From the number of humps Russia, France, Italy, Austria and Germany get in their backs they should be known in history as dromedaria.

—Mr. CARNEGIE has at last permitted himself to be interviewed and he wound up a three column talk with a *Pittsburg Dispatch* correspondent, on Tuesday afternoon, in New York, with: “With the spring I am sanguine we shall see better times.” ANDREW, weren't you making too great a concession for good Republican uses?

—The character song, that found such favor on the stage during the last season, entitled “the man that broke the bank at Monte Carlo,” will be laid on the shelf now for a young woman has gone one better than the man in the song and actually did break the bank at the famous French gaming resort. She won \$300,000 in an hour last Saturday.

—This talk of introducing a bill in Congress to pension all government employees who have been in the service twenty years, and provide for the widows and orphans of government employees who die in the service, is surely nothing but talk. No reasonable member of Congress could bring himself to believe that the public will countenance any such measure.

—How do you like it by this time Mr. “calamity howler” and Mr. “I told you so”? Every department of the Homestead mills resumed Monday morning, and reports from many sections indicate a general resumption in all branches of trade. Stocks are looking up and it won't be long until the Republicans will be looking down—their noses.

—Poor old EMIN PASHA, like the cat must have nine lives. We never hear of him any more unless he has been figuring in a death fight, and according to reports has always come out undogged. His latest death has been more disastrous than usual, however, as the cannibals have eaten him now. This cannibal story is probably only an additional advertiser for the sale of his obituaries.

—It is said that when BEN. FRANKLIN wanted to start a newspaper his mother tried to dissuade him because there were already two newspapers in America. Of course Mrs. Franklin wasn't successful in her attempt to dampen BENJAMIN's ardor for fame in Journalism, but if later day mothers had even made the attempt that she did there would not be so many of us half starved editors in the land to-day.

—“Gone Democratic” and “gone to the devil,” are favorite, and almost synonymous expressions, by which Republicans accredit the financial depression we are passing through as emanating from Democratic success last fall. There is one thing quite certain, we won't deny that the country has “gone Democratic” and we'll assure the opposition that if it goes to the latter they won't find it much hotter there than we intend making it for them ere long.

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Immeasurable Gall.

One should think that in view of the intelligence of the people of Pennsylvania the Republican State Convention would have been ashamed to say that “swiftly upon the heels of Democratic success in 1892 has followed unprecedented national distress.”

That in making this assertion the Convention was indulging in deliberate deception, was shown by a preceding expression, placed first in order on account of its more urgent necessity, in which the House of Representatives is lauded for its “patriotism” in voting for the repeal of the SHERMAN act, and the State's representatives in the Senate are urged to be equally patriotic in their action against a measure “which has proved to be so injurious in its effects. Here was an open acknowledgment that there was something else at work that produced the “unprecedented financial distress” which it said had followed “swiftly upon the heels of Democratic success in 1892.

If this legacy from the HARRISON administration was not baleful in its effects, why was this Republican Convention so urgent and emphatic in asking that it be removed as a cause of financial disturbance and business prostration? After showing its hand in this way in regard to a measure that originated with its own party, it is evident to the simplest understanding that it was playing a game when it put the blame for the present troubles upon a Democratic administration, that has had scarcely time to warm the seat of power, and no opportunity yet given it to incur the responsibility of administration.

The good sense of the people was held at a mighty low estimate if the Convention expected them to swallow the following string in regard to the effect of the success of the Democrats at the last election:

“A ruinous fall in the price of farm and other products and manufactures, the closing of workshops, factories, and mills; the reduction of wages of labor, the discharge of workmen from employment, the cessation of railroad extension and diminution in traffic, bankruptcy and the suspension of banks, are today the only monuments of their triumph.”

When the attention of the people is thus called to this lamentable state of affairs, they are incited to look for the causes that have produced such results, and what do they find? They find un-repealed Republican laws, which extend into a Democratic administration, still exerting a malignant influence upon the financial and economic situation. They find that the only agencies which up to this period of the new administration could affect business, are the same as the Republicans left them when they went out of power. They find Republican tariff laws as yet undisturbed, and no change in the financial measures that regulate and affect monetary conditions, they remaining just as the Republicans handed them over to their successors, and will remain so until a Democratic Congress can get in its work. In short when the people look for the causes of the present state of affairs, they see them springing from no other source than Republican laws and policies upon the operations of which Democratic legislation has not yet had time to call a halt.

Such being the fact, as presented to the plain understanding of the people there is an immeasurable amount of gall in the declaration of the Republican State Convention, that the Democrats, who have been in power but a few months, are responsible for conditions that could have no other origin than in the policy and management of a party that had long control of the government, and up to six months ago exclusively exercised the law making power.

—The opposition is having a great care about CLEVELAND's physical condition. Its latest bugaboo is that he has cancer and has had most of his jaw cut off, and that perhaps he will die soon. Ere he dies, dear Republican alarmists, you will have had occasion to talk your jaws off explaining how it was that notwithstanding your cries of “the country is going to the dogs” it has recovered from the awful blistering of Republican thieves and is once more the land of plenty and prosperity it was when CLEVELAND left it in 1889.

—People talk of hard times yet base ball games, picnics and all kinds of amusements have been patronized this year as never before.

A Damaging Reflection.

The repeal of the SHERMAN silver purchasing law is a Democratic measure. It has been undertaken at the earnest instance of a Democratic President, and its object is the annulment of a financial policy proposed by a Republican leader of the highest eminence, passed by a Republican Congress, and signed by a Republican President. It is generally recognized as having been attended by injurious consequences.

Admittedly a Republican measure, and maintained as such by a Republican administration, which up to its very last hour refused to repudiate it, the State Convention of that party had something extremely awkward imposed upon it when it was constrained to “demand the immediate and unconditional repeal” of one of its own party measures, and to declare the action of the Democratic House of Representatives in voting for the repeal of the SHERMAN law as being a “patriotic action.”

It was hardly to be expected that so soon after the accession of the Democrats to power their opponents would be compelled to pay such tribute to measures they have adopted for the restoration of a sound financial condition, and for the rescue of the country from the ruinous effect of a Republican act of legislation. There was never a case in which a State Convention cast such a reflection upon the action of its own party, by implication stigmatizing it as having been injurious and unpatriotic.

If it is commendable conduct, if it is an act of patriotism, for the present Congress to “promptly and unconditionally” repeal the SHERMAN law, as it is declared to be by the Republican State Convention, how are we to characterize the conduct and action of the Republican Congress that passed that act, and the Republican President who signed it; and what is to be thought of the patriotism of a party, whose administration declined to remove such a cause of financial disturbance, and was willing to go out of power with a work of its own creation threatening the prosperity of the country, and seemingly well pleased with the prospect of its embarrassing their successors in the government, even at the risk of financial ruin?

The Democrats have manfully grappled with the dangerous legacy left them by their predecessors; but when their opponents are forced to declare that the course adopted at President CLEVELAND's instance for the repeal of the SHERMAN act is “patriotic,” the admission thus wrung from them is a damaging reflection upon their own party.

—The Democratic State Convention meets in Harrisburg on Tuesday the 19th to nominate candidates for Supreme Judge, and State Treasurer. From present indications SAMUEL GUSTINE THOMPSON of Philadelphia, who was appointed to the position by Governor PATTERSON last Spring, will be named for Judge of Supreme Court and either J. HENRY COCHRAN, of Williamsport; CHAS. W. RAYMOND, of Dauphin county; ex-Senator HANNIBAL K. SLOAN, of Indiana county; JOHN KUHNS, of Greensburg; FRANK C. OSBORN, of Pittsburg; Captain WILLIAMS, of Oil City; or JOHN L. McKINNEY, of Tusitville, will be chosen for State Treasurer. The delegates from this county to the Convention are: J. H. ESKRIDGE, of Philipsburg; WM. WOLF, of Centre Hall; JOHN HOY JR., of Jacksonville, and R. F. HUNTER and Geo. T. BUSH of Bellefonte.

—It is beginning to dawn on the Republicans of the county that after all there is not the chance of defeating the Democratic nominee for sheriff, they hoped for. They find that Mr. CONDO is well known to the business men all over the county as one of the most obliging, gentlemanly and reliable men they have ever dealt with; that his competency is beyond question and that his character is without reproach. He is just the kind of a man who will make a considerate and careful sheriff, and the kind of a candidate the Democrats of the county will take pride in giving their warmest support.

—The Democrat who fails to register to-day, may find trouble in voting for the winning candidates in November.

Democratic Tariff Action.

It is not likely that the present extra session of Congress will have anything to do with tariff legislation. It was called together for a different purpose, and in all probability will confine itself to the object for which it was specially convened. It will have done enough if it shall annul injurious Republican monetary measures, and put the country on a safe financial basis.

But there are evidences of preparations being made for much needed action on the tariff in the regular session that will begin in December. It is said that the Ways and Means committee will go right on with the work of formulating a reform tariff bill, to be reported when Congress shall regularly assemble. To assist it in an intelligent and effective performance of this duty, it will give brief hearings to those whose interests are involved in its proceedings. These hearings will be different from those given when the Republican committee was engaged in converting the tariff into a monopoly measure. The representatives of monopolistic interests were the ones that had the ear of that committee. The people who had to bear the burden of taxation were not invited to attend these hearings, which were prolonged until every pampered trust had put in its petition for tariff favors.

The Democratic committee will hear briefly what all interests may have to say on the subject, and will then frame a bill in no special interest, but with the object of giving the largest benefit to the largest number of people.

The duty it will assume will be simplified by its determination to carry out the plain Democratic plan of tariff reform. There is no design of free trade, but the intention is to relieve the people of unnecessary tariff taxation. This can be done; by reducing the heavy duties imposed by Republican tariff laws in the interest of favored beneficiaries. The bringing of such duties down to a revenue basis will be sufficient for this purpose, and in accordance with the Democratic policy of reforming a tariff system that is unequal in its benefits. To this doubtless will be added the placing of certain raw materials upon the free list, so that the industries may have the advantage of them, exempt from taxation that increases their cost.

This is an outline of what may be expected of Democratic action on the tariff, and there is nothing in it but what will inure to the general benefit of the people.

—We take pleasure in commending the “manner in which the present board of county commissioners have improved the grounds in front of the Court House, and the work thus commenced we hope will be continued by renewing the walks all around the yard in front of the Court House.—From the report of the last Grand Jury.

Democrats when your officials are thus complimented you have reason to be proud of them. See to it that they are their own successors.

—If ever there was a careful, conscientious office holder in Centre county W. GALER MORRISON is that man. For four years he has been Recorder of Deeds, and his incumbency has been a source of gratification to the Democratic party and the many Republicans who put him there. He is an aspirant for re-election and deserves your support. He must be his own successor and every Democrat in the county should work to that end.

—There is not a man on the Democratic ticket who is not the peer of any candidate nominated by either the Prohibitionists or Republicans in morals, intellect, sobriety, and general fitness for the positions they are candidates for. In addition to being just as good men in every other respect they are Democrats and, as such, deserve the earnest support of every Democratic voter in the county.

—“A careful, industrious citizen whom everybody likes” is an expression we heard relating to JOHN P. CONDO, Democratic candidate for sheriff. It is true. Vote for him.

—You owe a duty to your country and that duty is to vote. In order that you may perform this duty without trouble see that you are registered to-day. It is your last opportunity.

Another Fraud in the Pension System.

From the New York Evening Post.

The demoralization caused by the pension craze is illustrated by a recent incident in Boston. A business man, well-to-do in purse and vigorous in body, who already carried a considerable amount of life insurance applied for \$10,000 more. The medical examiner found nothing whatever to indicate any disease, past or present, and his investigation was almost concluded when the doctor asked the question: “Have you ever been a pensioner?” Thereupon the applicant stammered and at last owned up that he was drawing a pension of \$12 a month. Further inquiries drew from him “a tangled series of admissions that he had never really suffered any injury or illness entitling him to a pension, but he had made out some sort of a case of nervous shock or deterioration, at the instigation of a pension agent, and had taken his \$12 a month from the United States government, rich man though he was, on the principle that “they all do it.” The company very promptly refused to grant him insurance, on the ground that a man who had perjured himself to get \$12 a month from the federal treasury was capable of cheating an insurance company if he got a chance and consequently was not a good risk.

More than one life insurance company now puts the query about pensions on the list of questions which applicants must answer, and this man is not the only individual who will find that he has forfeited the chance of getting a large policy to which his physical condition entitles him by fraudulently obtaining a petty pension to which he has no just claim.

Facts and Not Buncombe, Talk.

From the Altoona Times.

Does any one still claim that the period of business depression was brought about by a fear of Democratic reform of the tariff? If that were the case why would we be recording the resumption of industries every day? The truth of the matter is that it was not a fear of Democratic modification of the tariff but different other causes, chief among which was the purchase clause of the Sherman act, that have been responsible for the depression which is now nearing the end. This resumption of business is so general that it would be folly to deny that it has a close connection with the passage in the house of representatives of the Wilson repeal bill. It is a notable fact that on Monday while our telegraphic columns announced that the work of preparing the new tariff bill had been begun, they also stated that different industries, employing many men, had resumed operations. Now, admitting the logic of our Republican friends to be correct, instead of these industries resuming, there should be fresh additions to the list of shut downs. The tariff scare never had any legs to stand on and it was always a gross imposition of the people. The reassuring tone on business bears no trace of any apprehension on the subject of revenue reform, but is each day improving in vitality, and in a short time, the panic will be a thing of the past.

Rival Clowns in Harrisburg.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer.

It is no cause for surprise that Barnum's show in Harrisburg yesterday proved more attractive to the average delegate than did the State Convention. The morning session was delayed an hour in order to give the rural delegate an opportunity of witnessing the street parade of the “Greatest Show on Earth.”

The preliminary activity of Senator Quay left nothing for the delegates to do except to formally meet and ratify in a perfunctory manner what he had done. He dictated the platform and nominations. Of course the delegates preferred to see Barnum's show.

Too Much Cotton.

From the New York Advertiser.

The *Atlanta Constitution* asserts that the South has \$700,000,000 worth of products as the result of the season's labor and no purchaser for them. This is probably true only in part. But if the South would turn its attention to producing more of what the world wants and must have it would not be obliged to hunt so long for a customer.

Their Organs Play the Dirge of Their Own Party.

From the Lebanon Star.

Some years ago the Republican complaint was that the party had too few newspapers in New York City. There are more now, and the Democratic majority increases with the Republican newspapers.

By Comparison Bellefonte Must Be a Metropolis Too.

From the Philadelphia Record.

It costs something to be a metropolis. The taxes levied in the city of New York for 1893 are \$34,444,154, an increase of \$1,562,849 over the taxation for 1892.

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

Spawls from the Keystone.

—A forest fire is destroying much timber near Tyrone.

—Berks county bee growers say this is a poor honey year.

—The new Hotel Norwood will be the most costly building in Lansdale.

—Aged John Mason, of Norristown, fell into the canal Sunday and perished.

—Judge Mayer of Clinton county, Saturday decided that water rent is not a tax.

—Michael Albert, an aged Bethlehemite, walked into the canal by mistake and drowned.

—A bad case of neuralgia caused David Fournier, of Monongahela City, to hang himself.

—Four horses owned by John Todd, Lancaster, were struck by an express train and killed.

—Farmer Cromwell Woolston, near Bristol, shot an unknown thief who was stealing watermelons.

—Master Workman Powderly Saturday addressed a big meeting of laboring men at Wilkesbarre.

—Over 100,000 persons attended the Grangers' convention at Williams Grove, which ended Saturday.

—Lieutenant G. C. Foulk, who was found dead in a Japan college, was a native of Lancaster county.

—There is talk of abandoning the Pennsylvania Telephone line between Harrisburg and Carlisle.

—The Williamsport “Daily Times” has been purchased by A. L. Scholl, the former business manager.

—As an experiment, Bristol schools will have but one session a day, lasting from 8 o'clock until noon.

—Ex Republican State Chairman Reeder Saturday sued the Elston Transit Company for \$1800 counsel fees.

—All but \$300 of the \$11,000 stolen from Contractor Grago, in Potter County, by John Billy, has been recovered.

—Captain George W. Skinner will take charge of the Pension department of the Pittsburg district on September 11.

—In mistake for mullen leaf tea Mrs. John Hege, of Lancaster, gave her child a deadly dose and it may not recover.

—The fire in Eureka coal mine, at Punxsutawney, is extinguished, and the bodies of the three fatal men entombed were recovered.

—Both legs having been cut off by his train at Loomis Summit, brakeman Edward Benjamin, of the Philadelphia and Reading, died.

—Pittsburg will send several big delegations of iron and steel makers to Congress to protest against changes in the darling tariff.

—Driver-boy James T. Appar, of Mauch Chunk, fell from a bridge at Rantville while his canal boat was passing under, and was drowned.

—Orders were issued from State headquarters Friday permitting the Philadelphia City Troop and the Naval Battalion to visit the World's Fair this week.

—The Carnegie Steel Company has leased Mrs. Lucy Carnegie's big office building, about to be erected in Pittsburg, for 200 years, at an annual rental of \$37,500.

—To decide whether a dog which bit a daughter of John Martin, near Lancaster, had hydrophobia, its brain has been sent to the University of Pennsylvania for an analysis.

—Among the cases to be tried this week in the United States court at Williamsport are those against president Cowman and cashier Green, of the Defunct Muncy National bank.

—In order that he might not be deprived of his cigar, Hugh Maxwell, sentenced to a year in the workhouse in Washington county, pleaded to go to the penitentiary, and he went.

—A mysterious document is on file at the State Treasury which cannot be opened until July 4, 2000. It gives notice of a certain sum deposited with the Girard Trust Company, Philadelphia, to the credit of the State, by a peculiar testator, who stipulated that the letter should not be opened until the year 2000.

—The growth of the order of Odd Fellows has been phenomenal. In 1830 there were 1,000 members; in 1840, 11,666; 1850, 139,242; 1860, 149,290; 1870, 297,637; 1880, 440,783; 1890, 649,702, and at this time the membership is more than 800,000. There has been expended by them in all these years \$30,000,000 for relief. Pennsylvania has 1,065 lodges at this time, with 166,113.

—Peter Shearer, aged about 77 years, died at his home, near Fritztown, Berks county, Friday. Deceased was the oldest member of the Berks county bar, but did not practice law for many years. He lived with his brother, Solomon Shearer, and devoted the latter years of his life to the preparation of a book on algebra. He was a widely known mathematician and a deep student.

—A land, or box tortoise found by George Williams, on the Hart farm near Milford, as the *Pike County Dispatch*, gives an idea of the great age attained by reptiles of this species. Upon the shell were the name and date, “M. Brodhead, 1862,” the letters almost obliterated, so long ago were they made. The tortoise was found adjoining the Colonel Brodhead (now Van Aiken) farm, and the presumption is that Mark Brodhead, now of Washington, D. C., was the youth who engraved the initials and the year it was done, on the shell. The tortoise was found within a few hundred yards from where, no doubt, it was released over forty years ago.

—Last spring John D. Osmin, of Catsasqua, trimmed a young grapevine and the branch began to bleed profusely. In order to stop the flow of sap he took a potato and inserted the severed twig to it. The potato and vine both maintained life a day to-day the form. He has seven green sprouts greatly resembling green grapes upon it, and the sight is a peculiarly interesting one, says the *Allentown City Item*. A potato yielding grapes is a novelty and will be intensely watched throughout the ripening season. Mr. Osmin will sever the curiosity in the fall with the idea of planting it again in the spring and witness the variety of grapes it will bear next year.

—Bucks county, which is ever prolific in freaks, now comes to the front with a new variety of cats. The honored founder of this tribe made his first recorded appearance one day last summer, when she strolled into the yard of Charles B. Livey, of New Britain, while Mr. Livey and his wife were sitting on the front porch, records the *Democrat*. The cat was black, but the most striking feature about her was that about four inches from the body she was bent back for a short distance and then turning went on straight again, making a zigzag. The cat gave birth to five kittens this spring. One of them had a tail nearly twice the usual length, another had a natural tail, while the other three had no tails at all to speak of. These latter will be carefully raised to start a breed of tailless cats in Bucks county.