

Ink Slings.

—Its prudent housewife that "blew up and shuts up" — during canning season.

—The business blight seems to have struck the VERAGUE fund project in the early bud.

—The greatest enemies Home Rule in Ireland has to contend with are its own fool friends.

—It is generally a "blow" to the chap who wakens up to realize that he "blew in his money."

—If "silence is golden" it is not to be wondered at that both Pennsylvania Senators, in Washington, are rich men.

—Strange as it may seem the more "tears" a tenant has the more cause he has to worry over a shortage of "rents."

—Mr. CLEVELAND ought to be independent of the newspaper people when he gets his HORNBLLOWER on the Supreme bench.

—There would be little financial or business trouble in this country now if the panic had struck the Republican campaign mills in the right spot.

—The man who predicted the exhaustion of natural gas, in this country, had little conception of the flow that would be struck in the United States Senate.

—The condition of the Presidential jaw may be troubling some people. Its vigorous activity of the Senatorial jaw that is adding to the tribulations of the public.

—General Resumption seems to have rallied his demoralized forces the past ten days, and has put the tattered demagogues supporting General Calamity on the dead run.

—It is but just to the average Congressman to state that only the ignorant believe the recent cyclones, in the vicinity of Washington, are attributable to congressional blow.

—While this Republican panic has been able to paralyze almost all kinds of industries, we don't see that it has interfered in the least with the activity of the business end of the wisp.

—Doubting THOMAS who discredit STANLEY's stories of EMIN PASHA's toughness can possibly ascertain the truth by inquiring of the Yanmays who had the last whack at him.

—So far the Republican calamity howler has failed to charge the Democratic administration with the failure of the bank at Monte Carlo. We fear some people are missing an opportunity.

—The coming campaign in Pittsburg promises to be one of fusion on one side and confusion on the other, with the chances very slightly in favor of the candidate who gets the most votes.

—The laugh in the back pews of the Republican tabernacle, over the speaker's jokes about Democrats "still voting for JACKSON," will not be so loud during this fall's campaign as in former ones.

—One of our exchanges in speaking of the characteristics of people tells of a man who was so slow that he had never "caught a cold." It is scarcely necessary to say he was from Philadelphia.

—There is nothing like being prepared for the worst. The Iowa Prohibitionists have nominated a COFFIN as their candidate for governor, and the other parties are sure they can put them in it.

—That the fool killer is neglecting his duties is evidenced by the fact that the "Executive Committee of the Irish National League of America," has been spared to issue its idiotic denunciations of GLADSTONE.

—Brewer city in Maine boasts that it has an Alderman the exact counterpart in appearance of ABRAHAM LINCOLN. The counterpart may be all right, and be something to boast of, but we doubt if there is any bragging about the fellows beauty.

—Ohio papers are congratulating the people of that State that, so far, they have escaped the terrible wind storms that have caused such damage to other sections. In this they are correct, but then, FORAKER has not been on the stump yet.

—New York Republicans think they can carry the state this fall. Very likely they do. Its an old thing that they have thunk many times, and while there is no crime in thinking it, it can still be held responsible for the sickening disappointment that comes to the thinkers with each falls election returns.

—Public Confidence, like the prodigal son, has got back or at least is expected soon, and we suppose the crowd that hopes to do business on credit will kill the fatted calf and have a high time over the return. But after all, we still have a lingering idea that many will discover that the said p. c. will not have the power, to either fill empty bellies or cover naked backs, that a pocket-full of the much derided "dollars of our daddies" would.

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No Civil Service Humbergery About Them.

There was a time when the tomfoolery of Civil Service Reform was unknown, or if anybody was acquainted with it it was allowed to rest in innocuous desuetude. It was the times when our good, old, Democratic forefathers held their political meetings along the shores of the Mediterranean and stumped it through the sand plains of Palestine—the same good, old, Democratic forefathers, who, as bible believers, we have all been taught to consider the pinks of perfection, morally, socially, politically and otherwise, and who, when they had charge of the administration, run things without the aid of either a Civil Service Commission or a Board of Examiners.

Away back in the days when MOSES was a reporter, the party in power "gathered in the spoils" during the day and "at night divided them". Poor old, afflicted Job, took comfort in "plucking spoils" out of the very "teeth" of the opposition, and SOLOMON, who was fully as wise as the average civil service reformer, had no hesitancy in "dividing the spoils," coming with his successes, among those of his advocates who were "proud" to receive them. DAVID "carried at home," (there was poor fishing in that country) until he got the "spoils" properly distributed, and DANIEL "scattered them" among the boys every time his side won. ISAIAH's people "rejoiced" when they had "spoils" to divide, and BENJAMIN "raved" round all day, we suppose getting in the voters, in order that he might have "spoils" to "distribute" among his followers "at night."

It is possible that the present Democratic administration has failed to read this early record of the "spoils" question, and we only refer to it in order that those in power may look the facts up and learn that the good, old, leaders, to whom we have referred, never thought it was a sin to stand by their friends and followers in the "distribution of spoils," or in the apportionment of patronage among those who had worked to win it.

Another Pension Stopped.

Here is an opportunity for a Republican howl—the chance of a life time for the G. A. R. to show up the ingratitude of HOKE SMITH and the Pension Bureau toward the old soldier. Out in Clearfield a traveling medicine company, some months since, stocked up the county with its cure-all. As soon as it had disposed of all the stuff it could and while the matter was red hot, it set about getting certificates of the healing powers of the mixture. For these certificates as high as \$5 was paid. Recently the book of testimonials was printed, and one old soldier who had taken the fee for testifying to the merits of the medicine had his picture printed in the book over his signature, certifying that he was a sound and well man from its use. Some kind neighbor found the picture and certificate and sent it to the pension commissioner at Washington. In a few days the man who had certified to his excellent physical condition and perfect health received notification from the pension office that his name had been dropped from the rolls. He is now asking his neighbors to denounce the Democratic administration for its treatment of the old soldiers.

—Our Democratic neighbors over in Huntingdon county have made the following excellent choice of a ticket to be voted for in November next: associate judge, GEORGE M. CRESSWELL, of Petersburg; prothonotary, BRUCE BORING, of Huntingdon; commissioners, JACKSON GROVE, of Shirley, and PETER KEAN, of Alexandria; auditors, A. WESLEY WRIGHT, of Calvin, and GEO. W. YOCUM, of Huntingdon. With the dissension and divisions there are among the Republicans of that county, and the onerous taxation, republican control has fastened upon its people, there should be no trouble in electing a large part, if not all, of the above ticket.

—Wheat varies in price from 58 to 65 cents according to quality and location. But there is no variation in the McKINLEY tariff bill. It still protects (?) the farmer to the tune of 25 cents per bushel. What a price-raiser it is for the products of our farms!

He Wants Another Term.

There is a pretty well grounded suspicion that BENJAMIN HARRISON entertains the hope of being elected to another term of the Presidency, as the successor of GROVER CLEVELAND, appearances indicating that he is working to that end. A person who has such an exalted opinion of his own merits as he has, is naturally unable to understand why he was so emphatically turned down by the people at the end of his first term. Regarding that result as a mere freak of popular sentiment, for which there was no substantial reason, he has had no difficulty in assuring himself that the people are already sorry for it and will show their contrition at the next election by calling him again to the Presidential chair.

Abnormally "big-headed," his high appreciation of his own merits renders it easy for Mr. HARRISON to be convinced that if GROVER CLEVELAND, whom he considers a much less worthy person than himself, could be re-elected after the intervention of a Republican administration, between his first and second terms, an occurrence, in his opinion, more due to luck than to merit, there must certainly be a great popular movement in his favor to repair the injury which the country has sustained by so unaccountable a phenomenon as the preference of CLEVELAND to a person of his superiority.

The mental make up of BENJAMIN HARRISON is of a character to encourage such a process of reasoning, and accordingly we see him moving for another term. The part he took in the recent Grand Army proceedings at Indianapolis may be considered as a step in the programme which he has laid out for the attainment of his object, and his criticism of the management of the Pension Bureau, by the present administration, was a bid for the soldier vote and a reminder, to the pension sharks, of the advantage they enjoyed under his administration when TANNER and RAUM managed the pensions.

There can be no doubt that Mr. HARRISON is solid with those parties to whom the pension system has been a mine of wealth, and who would like to have the practices of RAUM restored. But the people at large are not interested in the restoration of pension methods which robbed the Treasury and brought into discredit a system intended for the benefit of deserving soldiers, and to which no smitch of corruption should belong. He will find the pension issue an unprofitable one with which to go before the people on the Presidential question. The management of the Bureau under his administration has not left a savory odor in the public nostrils. RAUM's regime is not a fragrant memory.

The people are not averse to such a weeding of the pension rolls as will drop those whose claims are a fraud upon the government, and by the time the next Presidential election shall come round, the reforms that will have been established in dispensing the pecuniary gratitude of the government to its deserving defenders, will have so commended itself to the appreciation of intelligent and honest citizens that Mr. HARRISON's candidacy on the basis of RAUMISM will be an object of contempt. The effects of Democratic tariff and financial reform will also have so favorably impressed the people that none will be found to favor the restoration of Republican policy with HARRISON or any other member of that party as a candidate for the Presidency.

A Question as to Their Motive.

The newspapers that exercised their ingenuity in picturing President CLEVELAND as a physical wreck, giving plausibility to their misrepresentations by circumstantial accounts of the efforts of the doctors to rescue him from the grasp of a dangerous malady, have found that their zeal in furnishing sensational news has subjected them to the suspicion that they were actuated by a partisan purpose, intending to injuriously effect the financial situation and intensify the business derangement by calumnious reports about the President's health. It was their own faults if their conduct had the appearance of an effort to produce a practical effect, and it stands them in hand to

make such defence as they can against the charge that, in this matter, they have acted the part of reckless partisans, willing to disturb the public mind and sacrifice the public interest for the sake of a party advantage, which at most could be of but short duration.

A dental operation performed to relieve the President of a troublesome tooth was a slender basis upon which to build the alarming story about the surgeons cutting and hacking at his jaw, with all the details of such an operation as is performed for the removal of a cancerous growth, and with doubts, as to its ultimate efficacy superadded, to complete the embellishment of the fiction. That there was a modicum of fact, so far as the tooth pulling was concerned, did not excuse its enlargement into an operation such as is resorted to only in desperate cases. His vigorous reappearance at his post of duty, without any evidence of bodily impairment, after having been represented as having undergone such a surgical ordeal, makes the situation rather awkward for those who invented the details of that alarming operation.

We shall not enter into an analysis of the motives of those who have taken such liberties with the truth in regard to the President's health, and risked the danger of increasing the financial embarrassment by representing the President as being overtaken by a disease that would be likely to render him incompetent to perform his official functions at a critical financial juncture. It may not be injustice to say that their object was to promote the business "calamity" about which they were "howling."

In a political point of view nothing would be gained by the enemies of Democracy even if GROVER CLEVELAND, at this early period of his term, should be entirely incapacitated for the performance of executive duty. It would be a great loss to his party; it would be equally as great a loss to the country; but the cause of Democratic reform would suffer no detriment and sustain no check, since the succession which the constitution provides would place the chief magistracy in the hands of an equally reliable Democrat. But so far as human foresight can penetrate the future, the great work of Democratic reform will be consummated under GROVER CLEVELAND, who has the physical vigor, as well as the mental and moral qualifications, to enable him to complete that noble task.

More Cash and Less Confidence.

We may talk about a restoration of confidence as we please, the facts are, when sifted out, that there has been entirely too much confidence in the business transactions of this country. What is wanted is more cash and less confidence.

The man and firm that "anteed up" when they bought anything, and required others to do the same when they sold, don't care a continental bob-ee for the panic or loss of confidence, and are sailing along as smoothly and as prosperously as if every thing was booming.

Confidence is nothing but credit. In business, credit means nothing if it is not to assist in creating indebtedness. Indebtedness is the bane of all enterprises and the night mare of all businesses.

What good then in talking about a restoration of confidence?

Bankers and money lenders may desire its restoration, for confidence begets credit; credit begets indebtedness; indebtedness begets borrowing; borrowing increases interest, and increased interest is what bankers and lenders desire.

But, this is not what the needs of the people demand. They require more cash and less confidence; more facilities to pay as they go, and fewer reasons or excuses for asking credit.

Let congress enact such legislation as will insure sufficient money to transact all the business of the country, and we will be done with panics, created by the "confidence games" the Republican party has been playing on the people during the past thirty years.

Give us more cash and let confidence take care of itself.

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

Should Take Down Their Sign.

From the Doylestown Democrat. If we are to Judge from what is taking place, daily, in the business world, the occupation of the calamity howler is gone, and gone to stay. As there is no more use for him, why does he not go in his hole and pull the hole in after him? The great industries are re-summing all over the country, and a cheerful tone prevails everywhere among business men. Pittsburg re-employs 5,000 men; the Pennsylvania Steel Works who were laid off some time ago. The same cheering news comes from Allentown, Reading, Providence R. I.; Chicago, Johnstown, and a thousand other places. The city dailies speak in the most encouraging tones of the outlook for the fall trade. This information is obtained by a visit of their reporters among mercantile houses, which without exception, say the business scare is over, and that there will be a large fall trade. The calamity howler will show his good sense, if he have any left, by taking down his sign and quitting business. His business is rapidly quitting him.

Hopefulness that Should be Contagious.

From the Williamsport Times. Chairman HARRY is reported as being not wholly in doubt about the inability of the Democrats to carry this State this fall. This is the stuff. There is no reason in the world why, because of previous defeats, Democrats should allow an election in this State to practically go by default. We hope Chairman HARRY's reported doubt will be contagious and that Democrats will plan for a good fight this fall. There is a good deal in the example of the boy who wouldn't stay "licked" and finally "cleared out" the crowd, which Democrats of this State can contemplate with profit.

Their Day of Grace Gone By.

From the New York Sun. It is too late for the men who have been despoiling the great majority of the American people to reform. They should have reformed earlier, paid better wages and removed all doubt that spoliation was an advantage to the people. In 1890, in 1891, in 1892, before the election, there might have been a chance for their protestations to be listened to and their change of heart to be believed. It is too late now. The doom has been spoken. The people have decided that protection is robbery and a form of robbery that must cease. Repentance should have come before the prisoner was in the dock.

A Surprising Fact.

From the Philadelphia Record. We raise a tremendous quantity of wheat in this country; much more than we need for bread. But we do not raise enough to pay our Federal taxation. It is a fact that we do not get out of our fabulously productive soil enough of any one thing—silver, gold, cotton, wheat, oil or iron—sufficient to pay the expense of being protected against ourselves. It has been said that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance; but eternal digging is also necessary.

Good Times When the People Want Them.

From the Detroit Free Press. The recovery promises to be as rapid as the decline, and the Seattle has hastened a restoration of healthy conditions by doing without delay the work which it is bound to do in the end. Meantime it is an assured thing that the right will prevail and the people of the country should govern themselves accordingly. Times will be good as soon as the people say that they are good and proceed to do business as though nothing had happened.

He Wasn't the Man.

From the Punxsutawney Spirit. We had the pleasure of going through the Philadelphia Mint, the other day, and seeing the wonderful process of making silver coins. The guide told us that they had just received an order to make thirty-five million dollars' worth of gold coin which they would begin work on the next day. For fear our readers might misconstrue this, we would add that we did not leave the order.

An Acknowledgement of the Truth.

From the Lancaster Examiner. (Rep.) As the banks are beginning to pay out cash without trouble and currency is bringing little or no premium, with the news every day that important manufacturing establishments are being started, it looks very much as if the cold weather would find the country without any sign of distress, confidence fully restored and reasonable prosperity sitting at all our gates.

Nothing Down to a Science.

From the Chester News. Some people are now complaining that they not only have no money hid away in a stocking, but have no stocking to hide it in.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Dogs are killing many sheep at Durham, Bucks county.
—Boys are fined \$10 each for playing ball in Reading streets.
—Peter Phillips' boat capsized and he drowned in the Susquehanna River at Muncy.
—A rock fell in the Hickory Ridge colliery, Shamokin, and brained Eckley Deltman.
—Incendiaries are terrorizing the property owners of Delaware and Chester counties.
—The Asbury Methodist Church, Soranton, which cost \$30,000, was dedicated last Sunday.
—A colony of Italians near Jenkintown are loadstools for mushrooms and all nearly died.
—A charter was granted on Saturday to the Edinburg and Erie Railroad, Capital \$200,000.
—Rev. David B. Jones, for 49 years a Methodist minister has turned Episcopalian in Pittsburg.
—Nine assemblies of the United Mine Workers in Clearfield region have bolted from the union.
—A derriok struck William Masters, knocking him to the bottom of a Pan Argyie quarry, causing death.
—After taking a big dose of morphine, Daniel M. Geiger shot himself to death in a cornfield near Muncy.
—John Plowfield has identified the man in Reading Jail as the murderer of his brother William at Birdaboro.
—Delegates representing 70,000 railroad workmen will meet in convention at Harrisburg September 17.
—Meyer Rothstein jumped from a 'Pennay' train at Altoona before it stopped, lost a leg and now sues for \$25,000.
—After being terribly beaten by strangers Thomas Brennan, of Pottsville, cut his own throat and nearly died.
—A 25,000 barrel oil tank, near Washington is being drained to see if the body of Harry Lane is at the bottom.
—The \$100,000 estate of the late President Lambertson, of Lehigh University, goes entirely to the widow and children.
—Stricken with apoplexy while on a trestle 40 feet from the ground, John Seiler, near Easton, met instant death by the fall.
—The slim showing of Allegheny county, on Pennsylvania Day at the World's Fair has made the Smoky City envious of the rest of the State.
—Judge Schuyler, of Easton, has decided that a liquor license belongs to the hotel, no matter if it be made out in the name of the lessee or proprietor.
—Reading's Board of Trade has asked Berks county school directors to set apart November 2 as "Conrad Weiser Day" in honor of the great pioneer.
—The news in Scranton that the Choral Union Choir had won the \$3000 World's Fair prize set the people of that town wild and a big reception awaits the singers.
—The Lehigh Valley shops, which have been running five days a week, commenced on full time on Monday. Indications are that the suspended men will soon be put to work.
—The People's party of Lackawanna county held a convention at Scranton on Saturday and placed a full ticket in the field. Reports don't say whether "Doty" Ryder was there to run it or not.
—The Hughesville Mail is authority for the statement that J. F. Striely, Charles J. Reilly and Walter E. Ritter will be candidates to succeed Grant Herring as Senator from the Lycoming-Columbia district next year.
—The smallest baby that ever lived in Montgomery county was born to Mrs. Davis Wachob at Beatie Hollow, on Saturday last. The mile of humanity weighed but a few ounces over a pound, but it is strong and healthy.
—The oldest married couple in Chester county is supposed to be Mr. and Mrs. Woodward Brown, who were married on December 18, 1832. Mr. Brown, who is an active carpenter, was born in 1807. They have twenty-sev, en grand-children and twenty-five great-grand-children.
—Rev. George B. Kegaris, a prominent Dunkard preacher, and one of the best known men in Bedford county, committed suicide on Monday by hanging, at his home, near Salemville. Mr. Kegaris was 80 years of age. He held services last Sunday and was in particularly good spirits.
—Two Lancaster county farmers reached the railroad station near their place about the same time one day last week. One had a load of wheat and the other a load of corn. Both the corn and wheat were sold at the same price—60 cents. It is probable a similar case never before occurred in that county.
—Fannie Siddons, the insane girl, who escaped from her guardians last week after being removed from the Danville Asylum, is still at large. On Sunday a hundred persons were out upon the mountain in the neighborhood looking for the lost girl, but she was not found. It is believed that she has jumped into one of the lakes or has starved to death.
—The Erie car works were sold at Sheriff's sale and the Second National Bank, holding a judgment for \$95,000 against the plant, bid it in at \$35,000. This covers the whole concern, including five acres of land, boarding-houses, shops of all kinds and the yards. It is said that there is some kind of an understanding behind the deal by which the works will be operated by a railroad company, but specific information is not obtainable.
—Adam Light, residing on the Old Forge road near Jonestown, determined to get rid of an unsightly hedge fence by sawing it with coal oil and burning it down. He tried this, and found it turned like tinder. Unfortunately it burned towards the Evangelical Church, adjoining his property, and it soon was also wrapped in flames and destroyed with all its contents except the organ and stove. There was no insurance.
—The Pittsburg Commercial Gazette says that Andrew Elliot, a prosperous young farmer, killed a blacksnake while on his way to the McKeesport station with milk, and that it was the largest snake he ever saw, but declared he would not give dimensions and be called a liar. Investigation led to the finding of seven half-grown turkeys, which had been swallowed by the reptile. The size of the snake may be judged by its ability to swallow such fowls.
—The Berks county Republican convention was held at Reading on Saturday and was under the control of A. A. High, the county leader and a faithful lieutenant of Senator Quay. The petition signed by about 300 prominent Republicans, asking in the interest of General Gregg, that the delegates to the next state convention go uninstruced, did not see the light of day, and instructions for General Hastings for governor and Leader High for secretary of internal affairs were renewed through.