

Ink Stings.
—Hustle the WILSON bill through the Senate and let us reap the benefit at once.
—Lent began on Wednesday and that annual chestnut, the umbrella joke, is in order.
—Some play writer should arrange a production and call it "cold." It would catch the people sure.
—A minister undoubtedly performs the most wonderful anatomical feat known to science when he lays a corner stone.
—Colonel THOMAS MOONLIGHT, Minister to Bolivia. Ah me, how significant that combination of THOMAS and MOONLIGHT?
—Jealousy prompted a Norristown girl to scold her lover the other day. No explanation of how it was done accompanies the telegraphic report.
—The Democrats of Pennsylvania have one ticket to vote on the 19th. The straight ticket. Do not be guided by any gang of disgruntled croakers.
—A Rhode Island factory is making half-legged boots for the Brazilian army. Soldiers are supposed to be able to run faster in that kind than in another.
—Don't vote for a hydra-headed candidate. GALUSHA GROW, the Republican nominee appears under two heads on the ticket. There is danger in both of them.
—DANIEL OYSTER, president of the collapsed Ridgway bank, is in danger of getting into the soup. It is not his name that is doing it. He is suspected of embezzling the funds of the bank.
—As the slippery pavements come in constant proximity to one's head, at this season of the year, he does not fail to realize the abundant opportunities offered for valuable astronomical research.
—Society buds that have blossomed this winter are beginning to look forward to the summer season when they can change their color. They will open next Fall again, but alas, as chestnut buds.
—The Methodists of the State have reason to think well before voting for GALUSHA A. GROW, for Representative-at-large in Congress. Let them read the article that appeared in the last issue of the *Pennsylvania Methodist* and they will then understand why.
—An electric line from Philadelphia to Harrisburg will soon be completed. When it is once done those Quaker city Republican statesmen can ride back and forth by wire, as it were. They will feel more at home with wires as the locomotive power, too, no doubt.
—A Kentuckian, aged 101 years, drank a quart of whiskey the other day and is in his grave now. A little more water on the temperance mill. Had he left that rum alone he might have lived a few years longer; though the people down there may have looked on it as a providential taking off.
—Miss NIBLO, the Baltimore girl who had \$12,000 worth of diamonds stolen from her at a masked ball, at Madison Square Garden, in New York, on Wednesday night, realizes now that they did more than "trip the light fantastic toe". There were some of them working the light fantastic figure too.
—ZELLA NICOLAUS, the adventures, is back in the country and Chicago hotel keepers are advertising themselves by turning her out of their hostleries. Just what the fair ZELLA thinks of her treatment we don't know, but she certainly is a hammer for sensations.
—GALUSHA A. GROW, the Republican nominee for Representative-at-large in Congress, has to have his name appear on the ticket under two heads. This fact goes all the more plainly to show that GALUSHA don't know what his affiliations are. We suppose if he was doing it himself he would have been the Populist candidate too.
—Matrimonial editors of our city exchanges are now trying to make the public believe that ex-President HARRISON is about to wed Mrs. STANFORD, the widow of the late LELAND STANFORD, the California Senator and millionaire. Mr. HARRISON would undoubtedly like to be President again, but it is positively vile to accuse him of wanting to marry that twenty-million dollars, the legacy of his departed friend.
—The Iowa statesman who introduced a bill in the Legislature of that State, a few days ago, to suppress the publication or circulation within the State of all papers containing accounts of prize fights or of the combatants therein, promises to develop into a philanthropist of no small stripe. He would have done well, however, to have included in his measure, a clause to prohibit all Legislators from reading or talking about fistfights of any sort, in the future.

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Nobly They Did Their Duty.

The passage of the WILSON tariff bill in the House of Representatives by the decided majority that voted for it, was the grandest occurrence that ever took place in the national capitol. It marked the end of that system of spoliation which has been made a governmental policy by a party that imposed grievous burdens upon the mass of the people, for the benefit of a favored class, and sought to maintain its power through the support of the monopolistic interests, which it nurtured and protected.

The passage of the bill by so large a majority of the representatives of the people was a great triumph of the mass over the class. It was a conspicuous vindication of the original intention that our popular government shall be for the benefit of the many and not of the few, a principle which has been ignored and perverted by a system of tariff taxation which oppressed the bulk of the population for the advantage of a limited number of beneficiaries.

One of the most gratifying features of the vote on the bill was the almost practically solid array of the Democratic members in its support. The number who voted against it was very small considering the local influences that were brought to bear against the measure, and the timidity that is usual when a step involving a great change is about to be taken. A few fell off from the ranks, but to the great honor and glory of the Democratic party its promise of tariff reform was firmly and conscientiously fulfilled by the almost unanimous vote of its representatives in the popular branch of the legislature.

That vote will mark a new epoch in the history of the country. It will give a new charter to American liberty by removing the shackles by which the great mass of the people were bound for the advantage of especially favored interests. The time will come when the Congressmen who voted for that bill will be regarded with almost the gratitude and reverence that are accorded to those revolutionary worthies who put their names to the Declaration of Independence.

A Tricky Partisan.

The amendment to the tariff bill offered by Senator QUAY, immediately upon that measure being brought into the Senate, is a trick by which he would like to embarrass the tariff reform movement in that body. His proposition is to attach to the bill a provision for the free coinage of silver, the monthly purchase of a large amount of gold to be paid for in interest bearing notes and the repeal of the State bank tax.

QUAY has no other object in offering this amendment than to involve the tariff question with that of the free coinage of silver and like questions, hoping that Democratic Senators who favor free silver and a more expansive currency, may be caught by the trick. He must have a very low estimate of their ability to see the object of so shallow a maneuver.

Such a scheme as this, together with his effort to prevent the sale of government bonds by discrediting their validity, shows that QUAY is more of a tricky partisan than a statesman.

Senile Malevolence

The malicious old calf, who has converted the New York *Sun* into an instrument of personal abuse aimed at the President, is insisting upon Mr. CLEVELAND's resignation as the only way of repairing what he calls a constitutional wrong committed in the Hawaiian affair.

Persons whose perceptions are not blinded by malice, as DANA's are, have no difficulty in seeing that it was as a protest against the exercise of unconstitutional power in interfering with the affairs of another country that President CLEVELAND acted in the Hawaiian question.

The best judgement of the world will concede that he was right in disavowing the conduct of an agent of this government in taking part in a conspiracy to overthrow the established authority of a foreign nation, and that he did his duty in trying to remedy that flagrant wrong. History will take that view of it.

The Popularity of an Income Tax.

Whatever doubts may have been entertained as to the prudence of attaching the income tax clause to the tariff bill, they have been already dispelled by the abundant evidence that such an addition really strengthens rather than weakens the measure as a whole, and increases the probability of its passage.

It has been foolishly said that the party that would pass an income tax law would be consigned to merited condemnation and defeat. The truth is that such a tax on incomes as is proposed in connection with the WILSON tariff bill will be the most popular measure ever passed by any Congress. Its popularity will spring not from a spirit of hostility to the wealthy and a disposition to despoil them, but from a sense of justice that would allot to them a share of the burden of maintaining the government proportionate to their ability to bear it. It will be popular because the bulk of the people have felt the wrong of being taxed on every article of consumption to supply the means of an enormously expensive government, while super-abundant wealth has been exempted from the burden save what it bears in common with the laboring class of people.

It is because an income tax will do away with an unjust inequality of burden; because it will eradicate a wrong that has long been inflicted and long endured, that it will be the most acceptable and popular concession that Congress can make to the people.

There can be no question that if the income tax, with suitable modifications had been retained after the war, it would have been better for the country and would have prevented much of the excessive extravagance and reckless policy which have characterized Republican administration. Immediately after the war the first movement of the dominant party was to remove the taxation which public necessity had imposed on incomes. Their purpose was to make the revenue dependent as far as possible upon tariff taxation in order that the alliance between their party interest and the interest of protected monopoly might be maintained. Extravagant methods of administration, unlimited pensions, and reckless practices in financing were adopted for the express object of necessitating the continuance of excessive rates of tariff taxation.

If an income tax had remained as a source of revenue, the incentive to this system of tariff extortion would not have existed, with all its attendant abuses in the expenditure of the public funds; the common class of people would not have been made to bear the principal part of the burden by taxation on the necessities of life, and wealth would have borne its proper share of the load which the duty of maintaining the government imposes upon the people, and which they should bear according to their means.

The restoration of an income tax as a source of government revenue will be popular on account of its re-adjustment of the tax burden on a more equal basis and will be justified by the equity of such a consummation.

As Silly as It Is False.

One of the silliest assertions against an income tax is that the movement in favor of it is demagogical in that it is an attempt to excite the ill will of the poor majority against the rich minority and gain a political advantage from such an antagonism.

But is it demagogical to tell the truth and insist upon justice in the matter of taxes?

Is it the part of demagogues to object to an inequality of taxation that is clearly unjust to the larger bulk of American citizens?

Can anything like demagoguery be charged to the equitable purpose of apportioning taxation among the people according to their means?

It is upon such grounds as these that an income tax is demanded, and to say that demagogues are making this demand is a misapplication of the term and a violation of truth.

—Talk about the South as much as you please, Lancaster is the banner tobacco producing county in the world.

He Very Properly Declined.

Some of the Republican papers have heaped additional abuse upon Minister WILLIS because he declined to take part in the celebration of the first anniversary of the provisional government in Hawaii, and did not allow the American warships at Honolulu to fire off their guns in honor of that event.

Will these journals please state why the American Minister should have taken part in that celebration, and why the American ships should have saluted that anniversary. Is it customary for foreign nations to pay such compliments? Are the Ministers, who are sent by other governments to Washington, in the habit of taking part in American Fourth of July celebrations, and are foreign warships in our harbors accustomed to thunder a salute on our national anniversary?

To us Hawaii is a foreign country, although the papers which are making this loss may think that because the American Minister under HARRISON took part in the plot that established the provisional government we owe some sort of duty in celebrating its anniversaries; but the validity of such a claim cannot be admitted.

There might, however, be some excuse for such celebration by Americans if the provisional government of Hawaii were of a republican form like our own; but it is not. It is an oligarchy it has not been elected by the popular voice; it is an usurpation that holds its power without the consent of a majority of the people, and it is probable that if it were subjected to the American test of popular suffrage it would be voted out by a large majority.

It is a piece of imprudence to say that an American Minister should have taken part in celebrating the anniversary of such a government. Moreover, it would be out of place for an American Minister to participate in a national celebration of any foreign country.

Such Jealousy is Apparent.

The *Easton Express*, which devotes most of its time in trying to delude the public into believing that Lafayette college has not struck a retrograde motion, imagines it is booming the Northampton county institution by flinging mud at other, and younger colleges, which are distancing it in the race for a position among the leading seats of learning in the United States. In commenting on some telegraphic reports sent out from the Pennsylvania State College, regarding its progress in educational matters and its promise of extended usefulness the *Express* concluded as follows:

"This is a cheering combination of news, surely, for the taxpayers of the State had about given up all hope of seeing any compensating return for the money annually dumped there."

We grant the premise which our cotemporary has taken when it says the "taxpayers of the State had about given up hope," but we fear the taxpayers and the editor of the *Express* have both been troubled with ignorance when the work of the Pennsylvania State College was in consideration. It is not the fact, as the *Express* would have its readers believe, that the State College is just beginning to return the money expended there by the State, but the truth is that the people of the State are just being awakened from the hostile feeling a majority of them have entertained for it, by the position of prominence it already holds.

While this institution of the State was struggling along without the proper support and gradually working its way to an era of promise, instead of having the hearty co-operation of every citizen of Pennsylvania it had the condemnation of most of them; but now, when by its perseverance it has attained a position which cannot help but inspire a feeling of pride in every citizen, they are not slow to appropriate their share of an honor which they had no hand in winning.

—Indiana county dealers are complaining because butter is a drug on the market out there at sixteen cents per pound. It may be possible that the strength of the butter has something to do with the weakness of the prices.

—Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

A Kick at High Kickers.

From the Philadelphia Record.

Mr. St. John has introduced a bill in the Massachusetts Legislature, entitled "An act for the suppression of indecent dancers in public places," which provides that no woman shall appear at a public performance in a dress the skirts of which do not come within at least four inches of the floor, and the waist of which shall be constructed that no part of her person shall be exposed below the neck." Which neck? The neck of the wearer? If the latter, a still more puzzling question would arise which might require the united aid of the anatomists and lexicographers to determine. St. John is evidently entering upon unaccustomed and dangerous paths as a dress reformer. He should pick his steps with caution, and take heed lest he stumble, if only for the honored patronymic he bears.

But She Can't Light a Match Like the Governor.

From the Clearfield Republican.

If anybody has doubted the capacity of Populist women for politics an interview with Mrs. Leese, of Kansas, will correct his impressions. Governor Lewelling has removed Mrs. Leese from the State Board of Charities, Mrs. Leese takes her "turning-down" without a word of scolding, makes a damaging statement of the reasons that have induced her removal, utters a veiled threat and says that she intends to "saw wood and wait." The next news may be that Mrs. Leese, who forsores Lewelling's renomination, also foresees the early defeat and decay of the crank movement which his political existence represents.

A Schoolmarm Defiant.

From the Fulton, Mo. Telegraph.

A small boy got off the following composition at Alton a few days ago: "A schoolmarm is a verb because she denotes action when you throw paper wads at the girls. Switch is a conjunction and is used to connect the verb schoolmarm and the noun boy. This is a compound sentence of which boy is the subject and switch the object. First person, plural number and awful case. A schoolmarm's different from a boy; a boy wears pants and a schoolmarm wears her hair all banged on her forehead. Ma says a schoolmarm never gets older than eighteen before she gets married."

After the Ball.

From the Easton Argus.

One shot fired from an American cruiser into the stern post of an insurgent vessel in the harbor of Rio Janeiro has worked wonders. Not only American vessels but those of other nations, now have free access to the wharves there. The prompt action of Admiral Benham has been extolled by the public in the United States and in European countries and the Secretary of the navy has as promptly given it official endorsement. The event is a lesson upon international law and the rights of shipping that will not soon be forgotten, either by Brazilian rebels or other foreigners.

Tom's the Staff.

From the Troy, Ohio, Democrat.

Congressman Tom L. Johnson, one of the largest manufacturers of steel rails in the world, has offered an amendment to the Wilson bill making steel rails absolutely free. Congressman Hart, one of the largest manufacturers of agricultural implements, wants agricultural implements free. Both these great manufacturers say they can compete with the world without any tariff and pay as good wages as anybody. What do our Republican tariff howlers say to this? Nothing—absolutely nothing. They are stumped.

A Slice of Ham, as It Were.

From the Philadelphia Record.

Behanzin, the fugitive King of Dahomey, has been captured by the French. This signifies the end of another of the numerous African wars of the past year, and secures to France another valuable slice of African territory to add to the great colonial empire which she is building in the northwestern quarter of the Dark Continent.

They Blame it on Our Bill, of Course.

From the Brookville Jeffersonian Democrat.

Germany, which is a protectionist nation, having a high tariff law, seems to be suffering more than any other country from industrial depression. As they have no Wilson bill there, how will the protectionists explain the situation?

How Sad, Whiskey Killed Him.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch.

A Kentucky man 101 years old is dying from the effects of a quart of whiskey. This will give the press of that State a chance to sound a few warnings on the dangers of grip during this changeable weather.

No Chance for the Peach Crop Liar This Season.

From the Smyrna, Del. Times.

Jos. B. Hunn has a peach tree commencing to bloom in the yard back of his barber shop.

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Spawns from the Keystone.

—Pittsburg is overrun with counterfeiters

—Schuylkill county Commissioners Monday borrowed \$30,000 to cancel old debts.

—The Altoona rolling mill, employing 200 men, started on full time Monday.

—Edward Burns was stabbed to death at Bradford and L. H. Bullis is in jail.

—The Government of Pittsburg is being operated entirely on borrowed money.

—A large new school house costing \$15,000 was formally opened at Frackville Monday.

—The little daughter of Samuel Hautsch, Reading, was burned to death in the kitchen.

—Great snow drifts block railroads and highways in Forest, Clarion and McKean counties.

—A boy named Lewis, near Greensburg, was accidentally shot to death by an older brother.

—Bogus cigars heavily charged with arsenofida are passed on the unsuspecting by jokers here.

—The caving in of one of Pardee & Co.'s mines at Hazleton has temporarily made 1000 hands idle.

—A new trial was refused Harry Johnson, of Allentown, who last summer drowned his little daughter.

—A tree that was chopping fell upon and killed David J. Peters, at Pleasant Corner, Lehigh county.

—The body of an unknown man, killed on the Pennsylvania Railroad Sunday, is lying at Downingtown.

—Struck by a train as he was driving across the railroad tracks at Lebanon, H. B. Shirk was badly injured.

—Rev. Dr. Fry celebrated the twenty-ninth anniversary of his pastorate of Trinity Lutheran Church, Reading.

—Judge Edlich informed Berks county Monday that the securing of a divorce will, hereafter, be a hard job.

—Suits will be brought in Schuylkill county to oust the county auditors now that there is a Controller to do their work.

—Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Eaves, of Muncy, were found dead in bed, Sunday morning apparently overcome by coal gas.

—Having disappeared a week ago from his Eastern home while insane, Fred Archer was found Monday at Washington, N. J.

—After an enforced shut-down of six months the Bethlehem silk mill, employing 400 hands resumed operations Tuesday afternoon.

—Lancaster county G. A. R. men Monday decided that they are opposed to a Philadelphia soldier for Department Commander.

—Charles Paatz, manager of last year's Easton Baseball Club, is arranging for a club, is arranging for a club in Hazleton this year.

—The Pittsburg Plate Glass Company started their Tarantum works Monday. The full number of men, 400, went to work Monday.

—Mills 3 and 4 of the Scottsdale Iron and Steel Company's plant resumed operations Monday having been closed since Christmas.

—Manager W. P. Keffer left Ada Gray's company in Reading because his newly-wedded husband, he says, interfered with business.

—Six Hungarians were Sunday captured and taken to Pottsville jail, as a result of the dangerous injuries received by August Michels.

—Shamokin residents on Saturday received \$50,000 of the amount the big coal companies agreed to pay for the land covered by culm.

—Falling in several previous attempts at suicide, Andrew Wagner Sunday jumped into the Juniata river near Mapleton, but was pulled out alive.

—The Lebanon bankers, including Cashier Riese, of the defunct State Deposit Bank, who were arrested on charges of embezzlement, have been freed.

—Resisting arrest for violation of the Dispensary law, John Ballew, of Wellford, S. C., was shot dead by Constable Massey and Perry Moore was wounded.

—The Wellman Iron and Steel Works and the Chester Pipe and Tube Mill closed down one week ago for a week, but they did not start up on Monday.

—Boiling Springs hopes, by an injunction, to prevent the official selection on Thursday of Scotland as the site for the new Soldiers' Orphans' school.

—Bishop Bowman won a victory Monday in the Williamstown Evangelical Church case, the Master deciding that the Indianapolis Conference was legal.

—A double funeral took place at Catawqua in the presence of a large concourse of people. Mrs. William Wolf and her grandson were buried in one coffin.

—The slaughtering season at the Northampton county almshouse has just closed. Sixty-seven hogs and twelve steers were butchered for the use of the inmates.

—The church formerly known as the "Heav'ly Recruits," of Chester, has changed its name, and will henceforth be known as the Holiness Christian Association.

—Master Henry W. Watson decided that the East End trolley road, Williamsport, may cross the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad tracks at grade, thus ending a long fight.

—The county Commissioners Monday borrowed \$30,000, in Pottsville to pay off last year's poorhouse excess of expenditures over the appropriation. A special tax is to be levied to discharge the loan.

—Miss L. May Wilson, daughter of Jerome Wilson, of Easton, received notice of her appointment as stamp agent at Easton from Grant Herring, the new Internal Revenue Collector of the district.

—The school directors of Muhlenberg township, Berks county, refuse to pay the teachers for the time they were in attendance at the County Institute. They will refer the matter to State Superintendent Schaeffer.

—In the case of P. T. Duffy against a New York life insurance company, Judge Archbald, of Scranton, Monday decided that suit to recover a policy must be brought in the county in which the policy holder, not the beneficiary, lived.

—William Mallatt, aged about 26 years, who lived on the Frankstown road, Johnstown, was found dead in the woods near Parkersburg, Conemaugh township, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. It is supposed he was frozen to death.

—Reube Merrill, of Muncy, Lycoming county aged 10 years, while coasting on a log slide on a mountain about three miles from that place, struck a projecting log with the result that his left knee cap was crushed and the left leg fractured above the knee.

—Judge Weand, of Montgomery county, on Monday handed down an opinion by which women are eligible to admission to the Montgomery county bar. The case came up on the application of Miss Margaret Richardson, of Norristown, for a rule on the examiners of the Bar Association to show cause why she should not be allowed to undergo examination for enrollment as a student.