

Ink Slings.

—We haven't a word to say.
—These nights surely come under the head of moon-shiners.
—About all the backing MARKLEY had was seen when he backed down.
—“Every dog has his day.” Tuesday was beyond a doubt that of the Republicans.

—There was no snow in this section on Wednesday, but it was plenty cold enough.

—“Boss” MCKANE will lose the handle to his name when he gets into Sing-Sing.

—The election is over and the wife of the defeated candidate is wondering whether there is enough left to purchase her Easter bonnet.

—Some men say that love is better starved than over-fed, but a girl's view of it is quite different so long as HUYLER'S bon-bons are the articles of diet.

—Rascals in prison look for a general delivery with thanksgiving. It is needless to say that the rascals turned out of public office have quite a different view of their fate.

—Nearly all of the World's Fair buildings have been threatened with destruction by fire since the close of the Exposition. When once started the flames soon gain headway under the great blows of the Windy city.

—The rumors of a big naval engagement off the Brazilian coast are quite interesting but like all modern engagements the contracting parties prefer standing off and looking at each other to an actual hand-to-hand meeting.

—Gay Paris has become restless Paris, and no wonder. So many bombs are being thrown in the great French metropolis that every one is forced to appear in the public places walks as though he had some peculiar nervous affliction.

—The death of JOSEPH KEPLER, PUCK'S great cartoonist, removes from the field of illustrated journalism a man whose work has had a world wide reputation. His picture-sermons revealed far more seriousness and food for thought than could be given in columns of print.

—It is positively maddening to see Republican papers accusing the Democratic party for gross mis-management in being forced to issue bonds to raise \$50,000,000 to keep up the gold reserve, when the Republican party is alone responsible for the exigency which necessitated the resort to bonds.

—From the length of time it is taking MULEY HASSAN, the Sultan of Morocco, to decide whether he intends paying Spain's claim for indemnity for soldiers murdered by the Rif, one is led to believe that MULEY is quite the proper name for the potentate of that North African country.

—Those who tried it say that rubbing with whiskey will stop the hair from falling out. We don't know how efficacious the remedy is for invigorating the scalp, but we see one advantage in it: It is kind of cure that can be applied either externally or internally and reaches the head both ways.

—The New York Chinaman who applied to the Court to have his name changed from Sing Sing to Warble-Twice, because the former had such a barred sound, might have been an example to the Gravesend “Boss” who should have thought twice before he attempted to carry elections with such a high-hand.

—Congressman SIBLEY, of this State, and Governor SHURTLEDGE, of North Dakota, have combined to try to legislate Russian thistle out of American soil. As sheep can eat this weed it will scarcely be long until the Republican press will proclaim this movement to exterminate a noxious weed as another Democratic stab at the wool growers of the land.

—The death of student LINDER, of Harvard University, on Sunday, after five days unconsciousness brought on by a blow from a fellow student, while boxing, will have a tendency to start a howl about the danger of boxing as an athletic sport. Men are injured and die from every conceivable means and this instance should be looked upon with no less disfavor than if the unfortunate boy had been killed on a railroad.

—The Democratic party has always been recognized as being far purer than corrupt Republicanism and its supporters are not at all worried over Tuesday's result. All good people make some sacrifices during the Lenten season and the Democrats thought the greatest thing they could do was to give up the pleasure of winning on Tuesday. They did it with a grace that was truly heroic, but it must be remembered that Lent won't last until the Fall.

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Opposite Party Interests

The two parties that are engaged, in the contention about the tariff may be credited with having a clear understanding of their positions and of the effect which the determination of the question will have upon them.

The Republicans know that if they should be able to defeat the WILSON tariff bill it will be a political advantage of vital importance to them. Or should they be able to force such changes in it as would diminish the extent of the reform intended by its authors, it would be a result measurably important to their party interest; or it they could postpone its passage they would profit politically by such delay.

It is for these reasons that they are employing every means of opposition that lays in their power, for they know, on the other hand, that if the bill should be passed with all its provisions for tariff reform their party will receive a blow from which it will take a long time for it to recover. It would dispell the impression that has so long prevailed in the minds of a large number of people that a high tariff is necessary for the prosperity of the country; it would bring about industrial conditions that would convince the people that high tariffs have done more harm than good, and it would clearly prove the falsity of the present Republican contention that the proposed Democratic tariff changes produced the present industrial collapse and business stagnation.

These are certainly sufficient political reasons for the Republicans to make every possible exertion for the defeat, emasculation or delay of the WILSON bill.

On the other hand the Democrats see the political interest of their party that is involved in this contention. The effect of the successful passage of the Wilson bill which would be so disastrous to their political opponents, would be proportionately advantageous to them.

But its failure would bring discredit and disgrace upon their party. It would impress the people with the conviction that the Democracy are unable to carry out their pledges. It would make the party an object of derision and contempt by displaying its inability to pass a reform tariff bill after having for years asked the people to trust it with that duty, and failed when full power was given it by a great majority of the popular vote. It would be a weak and foolish loss of the opportunity of proving to the full conviction of the people that the Republican tariff policy has been injurious and oppressive, and that the industrial interests are best promoted and the country made more generally prosperous by the lower duties and free raw materials of a Democratic tariff.

The two parties are undoubtedly conscious of the party interests oppositely involved in this question. Can there be any wonder that the Republicans are fighting the WILSON tariff bill with tooth and nail? Would it not be wonderful—disastrously and disgracefully wonderful—if a Democratic Senate should not pass that bill in every essential particular? And to the full limit of the tariff reform promised by the Democratic party and demanded by the people?

—On Monday President CLEVELAND sent to the Senate the nomination of U. S. Senator EDWARD DOUGLASS WHITE, of Louisiana, to be justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. The Senate having refused to confirm the nominations of Messrs. HORNBLOWER and BREKHAAM, the two New Yorkers previously presented by the President, that body immediately went into executive session and confirmed Senator WHITE. He is the youngest justice on the Supreme bench, only 48 years old, and is a Catholic, the second man of that denomination to hold such a position. The nomination gives general satisfaction, as Mr. WHITE is known to be a man of marked ability and integrity. He had for years previous to his election to the Senate been on the Supreme bench in Louisiana and besides carrying with him the healthful influences of a vigorous intellectuality will give to the higher court a familiarity with the conduct of the lower branches which it has stood in need of for some time.

Fulfilling Its Pledges

In spite of tremendous opposition the Democratic Congress is making progress in performing what the party platform said should be done, and what the people, by a great majority, expressed their desire to have done.

It was promised that the financial policy of the Republican party, which has been so disastrous in its effects, should be corrected and this has to a large extent been fulfilled by the repeal of the SHERMAN silver purchasing enactment which exhausted the resources of the government and produced a general derangement of business. The benefits of this repeal have not been as fully experienced as they would be if the country was not laboring under the disadvantage of a Republican tariff policy which is now the object of Democratic reform in conformity with the pledge of the party platform.

One of the abuses which the Democrats conspicuously promised to correct was Federal interference with the elections by the repeal of the law which allowed forcible control of the ballot box by Federal power. This pledge has been gloriously fulfilled by the repeal of what was odiously known as the Force bill.

That outrageous measure was passed under the pretense that it was necessary to secure free and honest elections, but its purpose was to bring presidential and congressional elections under the control of the Republicans, who were in power when it was passed and who expected to continue their rule by such means. Its effect was that form of political abuse known as DAVENPORTISM.

This has been wiped out by the repeal of the so called Federal Elections law, and another pledge of the Democratic platform has been fulfilled. But its greatest fulfillment will be by the passage of the WILSON tariff bill.

The Free List Should Stand.

Whatever changes the Senate may make in the tariff bill as passed by the House the free list embraced in that measure should be allowed to stand. The untaxing of raw materials for labor to work with and convert into manufactured articles is the very essence of tariff reform, and expresses in the fullest sense the Democratic purpose of relieving industry of unnecessary and injurious burdens.

Free wool has long been a leading object of tariff reform, but to let it stand alone on the free list will be far from accomplishing all that is desirable in this contention and necessary to fill the measure of benefit that a Democratic tariff should furnish. It certainly will be a great gain, but if the Senate should so change the free list of the WILSON bill as to make coal, iron ore and sugar subject to the duty from which that bill would relieve them, the result would be far from fulfilling the pledge of the Democratic party, and far short of the benefit which the people have a right to expect from a tariff reform measure.

Particularly should there be free sugar. It will not only reduce the price of an article of general use, but it will help to necessitate an income tax which in all respects is the fairest tax that can be laid, and it will do more than anything else to break down the sugar Trust.

The Reason of Tuesday's Slump.

A combination of unfortunate circumstances is entirely accountable for the overwhelming defeat of Democracy last Tuesday. The party assumed control of the government just when it was on the verge of national bankruptcy and suffering with overstocked markets, the production of the MCKINLEY bill. Immediate changes were an impossibility and Congress therefore has felt its way cautiously with the WILSON bill, which it is hoped will bring about the desired effect of re-establishing the government and the country on the firm foundation from which Republican misrule began to drag it in 1889. Salutary effects have been felt since the action on the Silver bill, but the floating voter who blames his impoverished condition on the party in power, however inculpable, is the man who did the business on Tuesday.

—Do you read the WATCHMAN.

Advice and Threats Wasted.

We do not wish to make invidious distinction between the different Democratic Congressmen from this State in regard to their support of the tariff bill, for with one or two inconsequential exceptions their action in this matter has been admirable, showing a conscientious support of the principles of their party, a decent regard for the instructions of the majorities that elected them, and an intelligent comprehension of the benefits which the country will derive from a reduction of the excessive duties of a Republican tariff. Whether that Democratic representative came from the manufacturing city of Philadelphia, or from some of the interior coal, iron or lumber districts, he showed the same intelligent and conscientious determination to stand by the pledge of the party and to act for the ultimate welfare of the people that is to be secured by tariff reform.

But in this connection it affords us pleasure to speak particularly of Hon. S. P. WOLVERTON, of the 17th District upon whom the MCKINLEYITES of his District, in a peculiarly meddlesome manner endeavored to use intimidation, persuasion and cajolery with the object of turning him against the tariff policy of his party. We have had an opportunity of observing the foolish efforts of the Republican organs of the District to impress him with the conviction that it was his duty to vote for what they called the protection of the industrial interests of his constituents, and to frighten him by picturing the political retribution that would overtake him if he should support a “free trade” measure. The Republican organ at Sunbury was particularly silly in its attempt to instruct Mr. WOLVERTON as to his duty in this matter, resorting to the folly of representing last Fall's election as an expression of public sentiment on the tariff question, and counseling him to shape his course accordingly.

It is remarkable that these dunces should have so misunderstood Mr. WOLVERTON'S character as to have ventured to use such slush upon him. What hope could they have had that it would have any effect upon one of the clearest heads in Congress, that comprehends at a glance the fallacies and abuses of the Republican tariff system, and unerringly foresees the general benefits that will result from relieving the country of the load of tariff taxation that has been a clog upon the industries while it has at the same time been an oppression to the people? And moreover there is something amusing in the foolishness of their imagining that either advice or threats, coming from such a source, would have any effect upon one of the staunchest Democrats in this Commonwealth.

—The temperance workers of Bellefonte displayed their asinine natures on Monday by sending out a circular on which they had printed the names of all the Democratic and Republican candidates for the various borough and ward offices filled at the election. The names of those men whom they endorsed and advised temperance people to vote for, were printed in bold types while the names that did not suit them were in small types, thus classifying the candidates of both parties as either enemies or friends of the temperance cause. If the former, they must necessarily be men of intemperate habits and it was this point that the Prohibition politicians failed to see, for they had men's names in small types who are known never to have touched a drop of liquor in their lives. On the other hand there are names in the bold letters, who year after year, present liquor licenses and help the traffic in other ways.

We do not see why the old grannies, who are always cackling around about their temperance work, did not put a ticket of their own in the field, then they would not be the subjects of ridicule and condemnation for a policy that as a political dodge is a monument to its dumb originators, and as an “advice to voters” was so apparently inspired by favoritism that it failed sadly in its mission.

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

A Man Who Says Democracy, Not He, Has Won the Honors Accorded Him.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch.
Internal Revenue Collector Kearns has found out that the times are improving and thereby demonstrated a title to a place among the meek who are going to fall heir to the earth. Indeed, his modesty is such that he not only gives away to the business revival a great honor which he might fairly claim for himself, but promises for an indefinite future to deprive himself of much just official credit in order to pile up glory around the Wilson Bill.

This is the way of it. The collections of his office last month were larger than in any equal period of its history. Many a man would “point with pride,” and say: “See what my administration has accomplished.” Collector Kearns says instead: “See how the times are improving.” Next month and for several months to come he is confident of footing up still larger results, which are to indicate a regular boom in trade and then the Collector has agreed with himself to say: “Behold the fruits of the Wilson bill!”

The total collections last month, as shown by the report finished yesterday, were \$487,402.48 distributed as follows: List, \$1,153.23; beer, \$39,987.65; spirits, \$383,869.20; cigars, \$56,773.05; snuff, \$1,044; tobacco, \$5,555.85; special, \$2,034.50.

“These collections,” said the Collector yesterday, “show to a certainty that an unusually large amount of whisky has been purchased, and not only is the amount taken out of bond and placed on the market very large, but the distilleries have kept right up with the production, or rather increased it. There are 18,715,447 gallons of spirits in bond in the district. I anticipate that the collections next month will not fall short of \$550,000, and that the collections for the fiscal year, closing June 30, will be at least \$5,000,000.”

“The improvement in the liquor business is to my mind a certainty that business generally is on the mend, and after the Wilson bill is passed and things fixed on a definite basis I feel confident that the improvement will be very rapid.”

Mr. Dana's Manner of Sarcasm.

From the New York Sun.
Gen. Lew Wallace of Crawfordsville and Constantinople avers that “the works of Dickens will not outlive the centuries, because they deal for the most part with trifling, frivolous, or bad, cheap people.” Gen. Wallace shows novelists how to outlive the centuries. There is nothing trifling or frivolous about his characters. He picks out gods, heroes, conquerors, princes. He writes with diamonds upon the pages of history. Tiaras and towers and proud processions, and strings of gorgeous and illustrious people, and property princes arise when he stamps his foot upon the tessellated pavement of his palace. Once the Sultan came to see him at his Stamboul mansion by the Elevated Gate. “Tell him I am busy,” said Gen. Wallace to the proud porter. “I have put on my scarlet robe and am composing a piece. I can't be bothered by frivolous persons.” And all night the Sultan lay upon his face before the portal, and the dogs of the quarter sniffed and howled. A Sultan is somewhat of a potentate, but he isn't big enough to crowd into the select society of Gen. Wallace's characters.

With a Prize in Each Bag to Make it Sell.

From the Doylestown Daily Democrat.
If it be true, as contended by the opponents of the new tariff, that the Wilson Bill will have the opposite effect of the McKinley Bill upon the industries of the country, then the quicker it comes the better. The latter has knocked out so many of our industries that a new law to put them in good shape again ought to come in on express time. At all events it ought to get here before the present tariff sends wheat down to the price of peanuts—two bags for five cents.

It is Painfully Apparent.

From the Dayton, Ohio, Times.
Gentle reader, have you noted the stupid effort of Republican organs to not say a word about the restoration of confidence and improvement of business? Have you noticed that the same organs have sought every possible opportunity to discourage business by calamity howling? It probably does not hurt any one very much, but have you noticed the effort?

The End of the Lease.

From the Altoona Tribune.
Instead of glorying over her great victory Mrs. Lesse has been remarkably quiet during the last few weeks. It is believed that there has been an agreement between this energetic lady and Governor Lewelling to put an end to their quarrel, since neither will now say anything against the other. Mrs. Lesse is coming east to deliver some lectures and the rumor that she is going to retire from politics is revived.

A Party That is Always Right.

From the Montezano, Washington, Economist.
It was once said by Zack Chandler that the Democratic party could always be depended to blunder at the right time. If Zack were still living he would say that they blundered all the time.

Spawls from the Keystone.

- Several persons were Sunday baptized in the river at Reading.
- Mrs. Joseph Abel, of Altoona, swallowed morphine and perished.
- The 5000 border raid claims filed at Harrisburg are being classified.
- Northampton county farmers are holding an institute at Nazareth.
- There were 450 applicants for liquor license in Berks County.
- Rev. G. A. Cure, a Scranton Methodist di'vine, is pitching into the theatre-goers.
- The Simpson Methodist Church, at Erie, costing \$22,000, was dedicated Sunday.
- Berks County Commissioners now demand an itemized bill of costs in all Court cases.
- Baby Joe Hatton, Allegheny City, who is only 20 months old, sings a dozen popular airs.
- There is a movement in Pottsville to have the bank half-holiday on Saturdays discontinued.
- Three of the Weber family, at East Ashland, died of griped kindred ailments in two weeks.
- The State Agriculturist Society exceeded its appropriation of \$3000 last year by just 7 cents.
- Chambersburg people feel hopeful now of securing the payment of the border raid claims.
- A cable railway, a mile and a half long, will be built from Reading to the top of Neversink Mountain.
- No trace has yet been found of John W. Elkins, the Bethlehem lad, who disappeared a week ago.
- Little Bertha Shenk, daughter of S. S. Shenk, at Hummelstown, was fatally scalded by coffee.
- A gasser that produces 200 barrels an hour was struck by the Carnegie Gas Company at Finleyville.
- There are 20 applicants now for mine inspector at Pottsville, and the examination is not yet ended.
- A charter was granted Monday to the Chicago and Erie Stone Company, of Erie; capital, \$200,000.
- Aged Harry Hoffeecker, of East Nantmeal Berks county, was found dead in his barn beside his horses.
- Thomas Reedy fell in a fit of epilepsy and perished in the snow near Newmanstown, above Reading.
- A pickpocket seized John Berholder's purse and \$50 while walking on the street at Hazleton Sunday.
- Gettysburg has finally been chosen as the place for the National Guard division encampment next summer.
- What is thought to be a rich vein of silver ore has been discovered on Jacob Grumbine's land near Lebanon.
- A 3-year-old daughter of Fred Redfus, of Pottsville, fell into a bucket of hot water and was fatally scalded.
- Edward Gramm, prisoner in the Dauphin County jail, Saturday cut his throat and died in a few minutes.
- The Grand Jury at Carlisle dismissed the charges of malfeasance against Poor Directors Mentzer and Rhoads.
- The State Superintendent of Public Instruction holds that any School Board can enforce vaccination.
- George Freeman, of Philadelphia, has leased the Neversink Mountain Hotel at Reading for five years.
- The Hampden Fire Company, of Reading on Saturday distributed three tons of provisions among the poor.
- Two more alleged counterfeiters, Harry McFarland and John G. Stegers, making nine in all, have been seized at Altoona.
- State Boiler Inspector F. J. Manley inspected 2267 boilers last year, of which 68 were dangerous and seven past repair.
- George Heller and Rufus Clause were killed at Shenandoah collieries, and Michael Coakley on the railroad near there.
- Attorney General Hensel Saturday heard argument in the Jackson & Wooden Manufacturing Company store case, of Berwick.
- A Pennsylvania Railroad freight engine was derailed at Morris Junction Saturday night, blocking the road for four hours.
- The G. A. R., Odd Fellows and American Mechanics will unite in a big demonstration on Washington's Birthday at New Bloomfield.
- Superintendent Schaefer has ordered public schools in the State closed where a contagious disease exists to a considerable extent.
- Secret Service officers Saturday arrested M. A. Smith, George W. Graves, L. C. Staller and C. D. Smith, in Altoona, for counterfeiters.
- Governor Pattison and ex-Congressman Vaux, of Philadelphia, were guest of the Reading Masons at a banquet on Wednesday night.
- Governor Pattison will name about 20 Pennsylvania veterans of the Antietam to help locate the positions on that hard fought battlefield.
- Curiosity led Anthony Laboretto to his door, in Hazleton, while a street fight was progressing, and he was accidentally shot in the side.
- Recently convicted of murder in the first degree for killing George Ochs, at Pottsville, Henry Manfred was sentenced on Monday to be hanged.
- A neighbor recklessly practiced with an airgun, and sent two bullets through a window just over the head of E. A. Seifert, at Reading.
- Reading Railroad workmen, at Reading, are receiving only \$2,700 as their January pay. When the machine and car shops run in full the amount is about \$100,000.
- The Sheridan Iron furnace property, at Sheridan, owned by William M. Kaufman & Co., has been transferred to the Sheridan Iron Company for \$100.
- The Bowmantites have been declared legally nullified to the Evangelical Church, at Bethlehem and Rev. H. D. Schultz, the Dubsite pastor, is ousted.
- Dr. S. M. Brown, of Franklin County, and J. B. French, of Springfield, Huntingdon County, were Monday arrested on a serious charge made by Miss Rohrer, who is dying.
- The Dauphin Court decided that the insurance policies of J. M. Retzler, J. A. Chalfont and W. K. Sinclair, in the Lancaster County Live Stock Insurance Company, are not assessable.
- A tripartite agreement, by which W. N. Kurtz, John H. Eisenhart and C. W. Rowe, prominent young business men at Shamokin were to wed within three months of each other, has just been made binding on the other two by Kurtz's marriage.