

Ink Stings.

-If you are honest, there is no need in heralding it abroad. Such things are always known by the world.

-St. PATRICK'S day will soon be here and then the fellow whose liver is out of order will be right in color.

-Why are the men, who organize for the management of a certain undertaking, collectively spoken of as a Board? Is it because so many of them are wooden?

-A little over a month and then the trout fisherman will take his rod and line and angle for fish, then, about eight hours later, he will come home again with a great long story all adorned with angles.

-The manifest intention of many rail-road companies to stop all traffic on Sunday, except that of an absolute necessity, will doubtless start Lieutenant TOTTEN ranting again about the proximity of the end of the world.

-The Democrats in the Senate came pretty near shooting the Republicans with their own bullets on Wednesday when they accepted a Republican dodge and came within an ace of passing the BLAND seigniorage bill finally.

-We got it in New York on Tuesday. There must be some trouble about the Democrats getting together in the Empire State. Certainly there were not enough of them gotten together there on election day to make a very creditable showing.

-CORBETT, MITCHELL and their backers, referees, bottle holders and time keepers, have all been released from the clutches of the Jacksonville officers simply because Florida justice can't discriminate between a prize fight and a glove contest.

-Republican and Democratic corruptionists in New York are getting it alike. A model jury has been set to work on the fellows who have been conducting fraudulent elections over there and every time a verdict is rendered it is, "guilty."

-It is now said that the "grand old man," Mr. GLADSTONE, had to retire from the English premiership because of failing eyesight. It was certainly not on account of mental far sightedness for he clearly foresaw the inevitable doom of the hereditary House of that government.

-The asserted fact that certain of the members of our upper House of Congress made thousands of dollars by the rise in sugar, during the week, may start an investigation which should end in leaving sugar on the free list. There seems to be evidence why certain Senators were opposed to taking the duty off of sugar in this jump in the market.

-The BLAND seigniorage bill, which passed the House last week, provides for the coining of the \$55,000,000 seigniorage which had accumulated in the Treasury during the operation of the SHERMAN purchasing act. There is little probability that we will see any of the new dollars, but if the bill goes through the Senate we can welcome it on the ground of "the more, the merrier."

-So a robber protective tariff has something to do with finding steady employment for labor, has it? And the WILSON bill is securing all manufacturers out of existence, is it? Well then, my dear calamity howler, what do you say when you are told that Vienna, the capitol of Austria, has one hundred thousand skilled laborers out of work today and the protection that country grows under would dwarf into insignificance the exactions of the McKINLEY measure.

-If the Democrats in Pennsylvania, who are clamoring for a reorganization of the party in the State, would look around then they would find that the only disorganizing influence known to the Keystone Democracy is that of the sore-heads who produce it in their disgruntled cries. Suppose we were to have a reorganization the only leaders who would be acceptable to such fellows would be those who have been tried years ago and found wanting.

-What if Mr. GLADSTONE'S last official utterance should come true and "the House of Lords," having lost "the confidence of the common people," should be "voted out of existence." Goodness, wouldn't there be a lot of white elephant statesmen running loose in England. Great Britain could easily spare her Upper House and might do well to accord VICTORIA the honor of bestowing it on India as a token of her undying affection.

-The Republican circus here on Tuesday was well conducted, in fact far better than has been the case with any former appearance of this troupe of mountebanks for some time. This condition was perhaps caused by the fact that the program made out previously was strictly adhered to and the white hats worn by most of the delegates were so dilapidated that their wearers did not have the heart to get rambunctious.

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Libelous Tariff Supporters.

Falsehood is the factor that has been most efficient in maintaining the high tariff policy. It has been the chief reliance of those who are interested, politically and pecuniarily, in continuing a system which benefits the smaller number to the disadvantage of the larger.

The lying that is resorted to for this purpose is of various forms and shades. No phase of this mendacity is more familiar, or has been more frequently employed, than the old stock lie about British gold used in our elections in the interest of "free trade," and the alleged efforts of the Cobden club to break down "protection" to American industry.

The usual screeds in Republican newspapers concerning Democratic intentions in regard to the tariff are calculated to mislead none but the most gullible understandings, of which unfortunately there is too large a percentage in every community. A calamity howl is falsehood expressing itself through public clamor to which ignorance has been incited by interested misrepresentation.

At this time when the false and injurious economic system which has so long encumbered the industries and robbed the people is in its death throes, the mendacity of those interested in its maintenance is desperately active. There could not be a more striking illustration of this than the report set afloat by the McKINLEYITES that President CLEVELAND and ex-Secretary WHITNEY are parties to a syndicate that has bought Nova Scotia coal lands and hence are interested in the removal of the duty on imported coal.

Of course this is a lie deliberately cut out of the whole cloth. But it is no more brazenly false than the report that ANDREW CARNegie had been detected in frauds practiced upon the government in the delivery of armor plate, but was permitted to escape exposure and punishment in consideration of his writing the celebrated letter in which he declared that the Republican tariff is not necessary for the industries of the country.

This desperate misrepresentation, which imputes an infamy to both Mr. CARNegie and the government, charging one with business dishonesty and the other with a political fraud, has made its appearance in a paper of no less prominence among tariff supporters than the New York Tribune.

These are libels which considering the public injury they are calculated to do in bolstering a system of extortion and pillage, should be treated as public offenses amenable to the punishment of the law. Their authors should be prosecuted and their falsehood exposed, in its repulsive nakedness, in a court of justice. Public interests would justify such procedure.

In the treatment of such dastardly lying there should be more of the action which has been adopted by a prominent New York importer who has brought a suit for libel against a tariff organ of that city for having charged him with having raised a large sum of money in England to promote the election of CLEVELAND. The suit is now in progress, and the libelous sheet is unable to come forward with proof of its assertion, which was never intended to be more than a political lie, the proprietors taking refuge in the plea that the importer's name was not mentioned although the language employed left no question as to who was meant.

It is about time that these tariff liars were treated as their offense deserves. They indulge not only in personal defamation, but their libels are also injurious to public interests and public morals. They should not be allowed to offend with impunity.

Blair county Democrats have made a good beginning for the coming campaign in selecting Thos. J. BURKE Esq. as chairman of their Democratic county committee. Mr. BURKE is one of the kind of Democrats who is willing to take his coat off and work for his party under any and all circumstances, and it properly aided by the Democracy of that county, there will be no 2,000 Republican majority for the monopoly interest to crow over.

What Representative Grow Should Do.

There is one thing that should impress Hon. GALUSHA A. GROW, the recently elected Congressman-at-large from Pennsylvania, and have its influence upon his action on the pending tariff bill.

He has been returned to Congress after many years absence from that body, having been elected by a vote that was intended to be an expression in favor of a continuance of the Republican high tariff policy. But by comparing that vote, which was expressly designed to bolster the monopoly tariff, with the vote cast for the same purpose in the Presidential and Congressional election in 1892, he will find that it is not as large as was the latter.

Although every effort was made to give force and volume to it as a tariff expression, aided by the business depression and industrial distress that were utilized as arguments for "protection," the tariff vote by which he was elected was 28,340 less than was cast in this State in 1892 for HARRISON and the Republican tariff.

This fact should have its effect upon Representative GROW. He should see that the sentiment in favor of the McKINLEY tariff policy is not as strong as it was two years ago; that it is on the decline, and that he should modify his action accordingly.

It is said that he favors free coal, but he might go farther in that direction and be of service to the interests of his State, by helping to remove other tariff obstructions. His iron and steel industries are suffering a great disadvantage in being compelled to pay a duty on iron ore which is not produced by Pennsylvania ore beds.

Upon this indispensable material a Republican tariff has imposed a tax that does not profit so much as a pound of Pennsylvania ore but is a great detriment to the iron product of the State. Mr. GROW could aid this Pennsylvania interest by voting for free iron ore.

He could also show a disposition to assist the depressed woolen manufacture of Philadelphia by helping to give it the benefit of untrifled wool. Nothing would do more to put that languishing industry on its feet again, or be more helpful to the thousands of textile workers of that city whom the effects of the McKINLEY tariff have driven to the soup houses.

In view of the decline of the high tariff sentiment in this State, as shown by the vote that elected him, compared with what the tariff vote was two years ago, Representative GROW should be induced to do something for the benefit of the State he represents by voting for the WILSON tariff bill.

The First Year.

Last Sunday saw the conclusion of the first year of President CLEVELAND'S second term. As regards weather it was quite a different day from the one on which he was inaugurated the year before. It was as mild and gentle as the other was cold and stormy.

The first year of his term has in some respects been like its first day. The difficulties imposed upon President CLEVELAND by the derelictions of his predecessor's administration has compelled him to encounter rough experiences. He found the government resources exhausted; the public revenues squandered by practices especially in tended to necessitate the continuance of tariff taxation; the finances deranged by fiscal measures that impaired the credit of the government; the national reputation tarnished by unwarranted and meddling interference with the internal affairs of another country, by a diplomatic event of the outgoing administration, and wide-spread business ruin and prostrated industries as the result of the tariff legislation of the party that had left this wreck behind it.

It could not be otherwise than that Mr. CLEVELAND should have uphill work in the midst of the difficulties which were thrust upon him by reckless predecessors who ruined when they could not squander. But in the midst of obstacles and perplexities encouraging progress has been made toward restoring the governmental condition that has been so seriously damaged, with a fair prospect that by the end of his term the debris of the Republican wreckage will have entirely disappeared.

Restoration of American Shipping.

Among the other duties which have devolved upon the Democratic party and urgently calls for its action while in power, is to restore the American merchant marine to that high condition from which it has dwindled since the Republicans have had control of the policies of the government. Thirty-five years ago the carrying trade on the ocean in American ships was nearly equal to that of the English. It was during the operation of Democratic tariffs, and the increase of that vast commerce was a question of but a few years.

In the midst of this vast development American shipping was swept off the ocean by the rebel cruisers and their English sympathizers and assistants, and it has since been kept off by Republican navigation and tariff laws.

With the object of restoring this lost trade there has long been a demand for free ships, as there is now a demand for free raw materials. The Republicans, however, have insisted upon protecting the business of ship building with such effect that American shipping is no nearer restoration than it was at the close of the rebellion. In 1860 it was 67 per cent, as large as that of England, and in this year, 1894, it is but 13 per cent, as large.

Republican protection of ship building has made the construction of ships in this country so expensive that the ownership of American vessels has either ceased, or such American firms as still remain in the shipping business are supplied by English ship builders; and as our absurd navigation laws exclude from American registry ships that are not built in this country, the result is that most of the vessels owned by Americans, few in number as they are, have English register and are sailed under the English flag.

To remedy this disadvantageous and disgraceful condition of things Representative FITZPATRICK has introduced a bill to repeal the navigation laws which forbid Americans to sail foreign built vessels under their own flag. This ill advised regulation, together with the restrictions of a Republican tariff, has destroyed American ocean shipping, and with a view to the restoration of that prostrated interest the one as well as the other of these blighting agencies must be wiped out by this Democratic Congress.

A Man Who Could Not be Spared.

The public has had great reason for solicitude concerning the health of Chairman WILSON, who since his arduous labors in the formulation and passage of the reform tariff bill in the House was overtaken by an attack of illness which has caused much uneasiness as to its ultimate result. His condition, however, has so much improved that there is good reason to expect his entire recovery.

The country could ill afford to lose such a man. Not only did he display great ability in the assistance he gave in framing the tariff bill and directing it through the House, but also a high order of statesmanship and patriotism in devising the measure necessary to relieve the country of the blundering and destructive economic policy of the Republican party.

His name will be enrolled among the benefactors of the nation when the devisers and managers of McKINLEY tariffs will either have sunk into merited oblivion or will be numbered with such economic puddingheads as those who resisted the abolishment of the English corn-laws and opposed those improvements in England's fiscal system that have produced her present industrial and commercial prosperity.

If Gen. HASTINGS will only make a few more speeches in the county, like the one he made up at the Court House, on Tuesday last, there will be no more fear of his running ahead of his ticket here at home next Fall. Talking as if Democrats were all traitors during the war, and that it was only through the patriotism of the Republican party that the "old flag" was protected," may cause soft-headed Republican voters to cheer and hurrah, but it won't command Democratic respect. We know of no Democrat anywhere who did less to "protect the flag" than Gen. HASTINGS.

A Democrat Got the Largest Majority in Pennsylvania.

From the Connellsville Courier. The Pittsburg Post denies that Grow's plurality was the greatest ever given a State officer in Pennsylvania. In 1854 Valentine Mott was elected Canal Commissioner by a majority of 102,000. The history of that campaign is interesting. It was the first year of Know Nothingism, with the Whig party a rapidly decaying force, and the Democratic party exultant and overconfident at the way they swept the country two years before in the Pierce and Scott campaign. Governor, Supreme Judge and Canal Commissioner were to be elected. There were three tickets in the field, Democratic, Whig and Know Nothing. As election approached the mid-night lodges of the Know Nothings, with their wonderful effective and secret organization, resolved to vote for the Whig candidate for Governor, James Pollock, who was elected by 37,000 majority; they supported their own candidate for Supreme Judge, Judge Baird, of Washington county, with the result that Judge Black, the Democratic candidate, was elected by 25,000 plurality; and finally they resolved to support the Democratic candidate for Canal Commissioner, Colonel Mott, accused of being in secret affiliation with the Know Nothings. This threw the secret vote on the Democratic side, with the result that Mott was elected by 192,000 majority over George Darsie, of Pittsburg, probably the best man for the office in the State.

This Saviors of the Truth.

From the Williamsport Republican. Mr. Walter Besant, during his stay in America, learned as all foreigners do, some remarkable things about Americans. One of these is that many people, particularly in literary and academic circles, are not "at home," even to their intimate friends on Sunday, and spend the day alone at home in the consumption of onions. It is our experience that these onion eating people do not stay at home on Sundays. They come to church and sit next to people who have never done them any harm and want to sing with all their might out of a book that they are sharing with the unoffending person. Mr. Besant is fortunate in his American friends are those who stay home when they have indulged in leak.

Signs of Good Democratic Times.

From the Columbia Herald. Beginning at Pittsburg, a wave of industrial revival is overspreading the entire country. The Pittsburg resumption may be easily explained by Grow's election to Congress. But Grow wasn't elected in Mr. Harrison's State of Indiana, where tinplate and canning factories are starting up on an extended scale; nor in McKINLEY'S State, where "all the foundries in Cleveland but two have withdrawn the order for a 10 per cent. reduction of shoulders, and the big strike is off." This is truly an inexplicable and exasperating condition of affairs for McKINLEYISM; and it once more betrays the dastardly interference of the Cobden Club in the internal affairs of this country!

Why Is It?

From the Clearfield Public Spirit. If the Wilson bill has reduced the wages of all the people employed in the industries now running why is it that the prices of the product of the labor of these men have not been reduced? The claim that the Wilson bill has reduced wages is only a bluff and the manufacturer makes the reduction, pockets the amount thus gained and goes on charging former prices for his goods.

So the Philadelphia Burgers Say.

From the Philadelphia Press. John G. Love, one of the most successful men at the Centre county bar, is announced as a candidate for the Republican judicial nomination in the Centre-Huntingdon district. He is just the kind of man to give Judge Furst a lively tussle, and it is within the possibilities that he may be the nominee.

A Growing Industry in the South.

From the Sampson, S. C. Watchman & Southern. The cotton seed oil mills in South Carolina have been uniformly prosperous during the past two years. Some of them have paid dividends to the amount of fifty per cent to stockholders. There are few investments that pay such dividends.

A Lesson For Philadelphia Republicans.

From the Altoona Times. John Y. McKane in prison is an object lesson that disproves the assertion that offenses against the election laws in New York state can be committed with impunity. It talks louder than words.

Where They Are From.

From the Patton Courier. America's proud "four hundred" are the descendants of Tavern Keepers, Skin traders, Money lenders, Slave traders and Wall street gamblers.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-Roller skating is again a craze in Reading.

-In a fight at Reading, James Horn was seriously stabbed.

-Criminal Court opened at Pottsville Monday with 250 cases on the calendar.

-Some Tioga county tobacco growers will discard that crop and raise cabbage.

-Allentown wants a bridge over the Lehigh River to connect South Allentown.

-A fall of coal in a Wilkesbarre colliery Monday crushed to death Edward Wilkins.

-A "Penny" engine killed John Swanyan, who walked the track near Hazelton.

-Diphtheria and scarlet fever are alarmingly prevalent in the vicinity of Pine Grove.

-Thieves despoiled a slot machine in Michael's restaurant, Pottsville, and got \$90 in nickels.

-The construction of the ten-mile trolley between Harleigh and Freeland begins Monday.

-Ex-Governor Hoyt's library was sold at auction last Saturday, in Wilkesbarre. He died a poor man.

-The Meyersdale Commercial says that the outlook for new buildings at that place next season is gloomy.

-The economies at Beaver Falls have bought for \$50,000 a large manufacturing plant at that place.

-Two children who were run down by an electric car in Pittsburg were saved by the excellent guards on the car.

-Citizens of Wilkesbarre are greatly disturbed by the threatened cave-in of an old mine that underlies Madison street.

-Over 14,000,000 feet of logs will be floated down Kettle Creek from Potter county this spring to the Williamsport saw mills.

-The anti-Bowman conference of Central Pennsylvania Evangelicals, in session in York county, report 246 churches under his jurisdiction.

-About 300 coal men, employed by W. J. Rainey, in the Connellsville region, refuse to work unless the semi-monthly pay system be adopted.

-In Ambler Borough the proposition to borrow \$15,000 to establish an electric light plant for borough and commercial purposes was defeated by nine votes.

-The wages of the puddlers in the various iron mills at Lebanon have been reduced from \$3 to \$2.50 a ton. The average puddler will now earn about \$2 a day.

-The executors of Congressman William Lilly's estate, at Manch Chunk, have paid \$50,000 collateral inheritance tax to the State, having had no direct heirs.

-The system of pumps at the famous Red-wind-White shaft, at DuBois, became disabled and the great hole is full of water. Two of the largest pipes burst, and the water came in so fast that the men were driven from their work and the entire shaft filled.

-Jesse Crum has been appointed postmaster at Crum post office, and the Somerset Democrat says: This is the first instance in this county where the Republican incumbent was not permitted to serve out his term of four years, Postmaster Layton having served only about two years.

-The trustees have been appointed for the Wernersville State Asylum for the Chronic Insane: Thomas P. Merritt, George B. Bear, William H. Shook, Reading; Henry M. Dehorst, Savery Bradley, Arnold Kohn, Philadelphia; Storace Brook, Joseph L. Lumberger, Lebanon; Susan J. Taber, M. D., Norristown.

-Of course you comprehend this observation of the Punxsutawney Spirit: "While the principal object of life should be to observe the laws of nature, so as to preserve our health and to cultivate our minds so as to enjoy the beautiful in nature and morality, we should not neglect to acquire that which induces the female engine to proceed on her journey."

-George Athens, a real estate dealer of Los Angeles, Cal., is in Harrisburg, and says "that realty values in Los Angeles have depreciated at a very rapid rate for several years past. Values were inflated in Los Angeles to a high degree, and the town enjoyed a big boom about three years ago," said he. "The present stagnation is the reaction, and is having a disastrous effect on the business of the place."

-At the exposition of the Republican Invincibles at West Chester, a Congressman Smedley Darlington was game rooster on the wheel of fortune. He returned the bird to the operators of the wheel and took another chance, and again he won the rooster. The second time he handed the bird back and, strange to say, again he won it. Then he turned and walked away.

-The congregation of the second Presbyterian church of Altoona, elected Rev. H. H. Schies, of Pittsburg, to the pastorate of the church. The meeting was the largest ever held by the congregation for this purpose and the vote was unanimously in favor of the gentleman named. He is now the pastor of the Forty-third Street Church, of Pittsburg, but it is believed he will accept the call so earnestly extended to him.

-Joseph Grimes operates a shoe shop at Shamokin. He has been in receipt of offers and numerous green goods circulars, and as he don't wear fins he decided to beat the sharpers at their own game. He could not communicate by mail, but a telegram would be received. He blew in 25 cents for a message and a sample, and next mail brought him a good, new, crisp \$1 bill. A bank accepted the money, and Joseph is 75 cents in pocket. He is looking around for other suckers.

-Advice from the Cherry Tree Record: If a fellow comes around and wants to bet you \$5 that if he can tell him the last four figures of the number of a bank note he will tell you the letter of the note, don't you take him up. You offer to bet him the same way and if you succeed in getting him to bet decide the figures of the note by four. If they don't divide even and one remains the letter is A; if two remain the letter is C, and if they divide even the letter is D. If you know how to divide you will win his money.

-Two weeks ago the Allentown Democrat made a note of the fact that young Thomas McFadden, through only a little over 16 years of age, had attained to the remarkable height of five feet ten and a half inches—a phenomenal stature, indeed, the age considered. But he is no longer "good for high." George Deibert, of Schnecksville, a boy who has just turned his sixteenth birthday, beats him clean out of his boots, he standing six feet and a half inches in his stocking feet. He is strong and robust, finely formed, active and energetic and still growing, with no telling when he will stop in his upward tendency. It is quite likely that by the time he will be ripe for going out to court the girls he will be a figure of giant form, adds the Democrat. It already takes a whole piece of cassimer to make a suit for him. He is a son of Solomon Deibert, teacher at Deibertville, Heidelberg township, Lehigh county.