

Ink Slings.

Soon the timid little onion set, Pulping through the ground, Will send its mighty fragrance Full forty miles around.

—It won't be many more moons until the onion bed will have raised a big stink.

—Marriage is a lottery, and of course every union will not result in the capital prize drawing.

—It is beginning to look as though Congressman W. C. P. BRECKENRIDGE has really been a very bad man.

—Politics will make a saint of no man, though there is a danger of the best of them falling into sinful ways.

—The flag of the Emerald Isle is to float over the city hall in New York on St. PATRICK'S day and it is more than likely probable that those aldermen, who voted to let the green banner wave did so with the assurance that their graves would always be kept in an Irish color. A few shamrocks to adorn, as it were.

—The American people are not noted for their gullibility, but we had to acknowledge that they can "take in" a great deal when we looked up the statistics and found that there was enough beer drunk in the country last year to make a half barrel full for each inhabitant.

—The Czar of "all the Russias" claims, as part of his accomplishments, the honor of being quite a linguist. He speaks French, German, Italian, Spanish, Swedish, Danish and English quite fluently, but we have our ail to gamble that he can't understand the vernacular, as gotten off by the typical American street urchin.

—The Brazilian war is ended at last and Mr. DA GAMA, who thought he could lick President PIETRO out of his shoes, asks only that his and the lives of his followers may be spared as the one condition of his surrender. The Brazilian rebel has doubtless found that there is very little glory in the soldier's life, after all.

—And now it turns out that the celebrated "blarney stone" in the Irish village, on the Mid-way Plaisance, at Chicago, was nothing more than an ordinary cobble stone, taken from the streets of the Windy City. The twenty-five thousand people who paid ten cents each to kiss it will doubtless be able to realize their volubility of speech when they hear this and begin cursing themselves for having been such fools.

—The Philadelphia Times in following up the suggestion of "one of the old stalwart Democrats from the interior of the State" has an idea that Mr. SINGERLY, the editor of the Record, and the peace commissioner of the party, would make a good candidate for Governor next Fall. We know of no one who would give "Our Dan," a bigger hustle than just Commodore SINGERLY.

—All through his trial for the murder of Mayor CARTER HARRISON, of Chicago, PRENDERGAST maintained that he was not insane, and refused to allow his counsel to enter a plea of insanity in his defense, while there was a general impression abroad that his belief of his sanity proved his insanity. PRENDERGAST has proven beyond the peradventure of a doubt that he is in full possession of his mental faculties. On Monday he punched his cell-mate's face in good style because he tried to sing "After the Ball" to him. There was a danger of the gallows being cheated of their job, but the murderer prefers hanging to being chestnutted to death.

—Realizing that there is no hope for Republicanism in the South such reputable papers as the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph are beginning to clamor for a new apportionment of delegates to the National convention in 1896. It claims that the South never casts an electoral vote for a Republican candidate for President and consequently should not be allowed such a weighty voice in the nominating conventions as it had in 1892, when it set up Messrs. HARRISON and REID, knowing that they would be defeated. We are glad the Republicans are losing hope in the South as it will give us more opportunity to make inroads in the West.

—It was well that the story, sent out that a Port Deposit, Md., millionaire had left a package containing sixty thousand dollars in cash in a railroad car, and that an amateur theatrical company had later played catch with the bundle of hoozie, not knowing its contents, spoke of the dramatic people as amateurs, for the present depressed condition of business on the stage leads us to believe that the story would have been a canard had professionals been given the credit of having played with the money and yet it reach its proper owner later. Of course this must not be taken as a declaration of dishonesty among actors, but, you know, there is no telling what some of us will do when necessity forces it.

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Senatorial Obstructionists.

The suspense in which the country is held concerning the tariff, greatly injuring business and imperiling the proposed reform, is chargeable to the Senate. Too much time has already been wasted, and if this dilatory treatment of so important a matter is prolonged, it will increase the measure of condemnation to which that body will subject itself.

It is a Democratic responsibility. If there is a cabal of Democratic "protection" Senators causing the delay that has already too long tried public patience, they should know that the Democratic party has its eyes on them, and that if they prefer petty local interests and personal objects to the broad principle of tariff reform and the general benefits it will produce, they must expect to be marked with the stigma of having been false to their representative trust and treacherous to their party.

The obstruction to the bill, that has been handed over to the Senate by so great a majority of the people's representatives, is caused by a few Democratic members of that body who seem to have been making terms with the favorites of McKINLEY'S policy and want their privileges continued. One of these demoralized tariff reformers is disposed to obstruct the bill, not because any material interest of his State is affected by it, but on account of his solicitude for the protection of collars and cuffs. Another manifests a determination to block its progress until he shall be assured of a provision for the interest of the already overprotected potters of his State. Another would sacrifice the sacred pledge of his party and discard the general benefits of a reformed tariff in order that he may succeed in having oranges continued on the favored list, and there are a few more who consider the limited and local claims of iron ore, coal and sugar as for outweighing the aggregate benefits which tariff reform will confer upon the country at large.

The attention that has been given to these petty interests, involving benefits that are isolated and of questionable advantage even if secured, has placed these few Democratic Senators in the position of obstructionists who, on account of the smallness of the majority in the Senate, may be able to betray their party. They have succeeded in causing delay when prompt action is so necessary not only for the welfare of the country, but also for the interests of the Democracy; they have forced the making of concessions to McKINLEYISM by alterations in the WILSON bill; but when it shall come to the final struggle for the passage of a tariff measure that will conform to the demands of the party and the needs of the country, will they dare, as Democratic Senators, face the obliquity that would inevitably attend a violation of the principle of tariff reform to which the Democratic party is pledged?

—It is a pity that men of such intellectuality as Col. W. C. P. BRECKENRIDGE possesses should have so far transcended the bounds of decency and morality that the honorable place he held in the hearts of many will hereafter be an aching void, crying for something to assuage the pain at having found out the true nature of that supposed model of honor and statesmanship. It matters not whether MADLINE POLARD be or was a public prostitute the Kentucky Congressman is none the less culpable of sin and his speedy social and political ostracism is needed for the maintenance of that Southern chivalry of which we hear so much.

—If the fellows who are continually writing to the Record, "close up the ranks," would close up their mouths, when everything the Democratic party undertakes is not exactly in conformity with their ideas of things, there would be no disorganizing element in the party to-day. No policy can possibly suit all of the people.

—The Legislature of the Buckeye State will meet biennially hereafter. Ohio is to be congratulated on her release from an annual deluge of worthless literature called laws.

Unjust Seasonal Criticism.

Ex-mayor HEWITT, of New York, did not speak judiciously in the remarks he recently made at the dinner of the Southern residents of that city, in which he severely criticized the quality of the Southern representatives in Congress, declaring that the public men of the South had deteriorated to an inferior grade.

Even if it be true that they are not up to the standard of the former statesman of that section, in what respect are they inferior to the average class of representatives furnished by the North? If there has been deterioration, is it more apparent in the one section than in the other?

The Republican party is the dominant party in the North and therefore more should be exacted of it in maintaining the quality of Northern statesmanship, but what material does it supply at the present time to fill the vacancy left by the LINCOLNS, the SEWARDS, the CHASES, the SUMNERS, the CONKLINGS, and other strong characters that constituted the strength of early Republicanism and contributed its share to the reputation of the North for public men of great mental power and political ability? The places of those eminent public characters have been filled by the dominant party in the North with men of meagre capacity, not more than a very limited few, such as SHERMAN, ALLISON, TOM REED and several others, rising above the level of mediocrity. Has there been deterioration in the South that is worse than this? Is there a State in that section that presents such a decline in the quality of statesmanship as is presented by the two United States Senators from the great Northern State of Pennsylvania?

It is true that the Representatives from the South are not the equals of those gigantic minds that used to give that section its political predominance, but in comparison with the North there has not been such a decline as would justify Mr. HEWITT'S sweeping strictures.

Shabby Ingratitude.

An incident occurred in the House of Representatives the other day that showed Republican gratitude in a very unfavorable light.

When Representative GROW came to choosing a seat he found one on the Republican side of the House which, although eligible situated, was vacant. No member belonging to that party was willing to occupy it for the reason that the next one to it was filled by a colored member. Whatever repugnance Mr. GROW may have had to being so near a "nigger," he overcame it, and took the seat which all his white Republican brother Congressmen had shunned.

But look at the shabbiness of the treatment to which this black Republican has been subjected by the other Republicans scoring to sit near him. Consider its ingratitude.

What would their party be without the negroes? If it was not for them it would be beaten by over a million in the general vote of the country. It would not have elected a President in the last twenty years. It would be beaten in half a dozen close Northern States which the colored vote enables them to carry. The advantage of that vote gave them the slim majority in Congress that enabled them to pass the McKINLEY tariff, and, in short, if it was not for the negroes their party would be a helpless and hopeless minority.

Yet notwithstanding this fact, when a colored constituency in the South, for whose alleged protection the hypocritical old party has been demanding, force bills, sends a colored Representative to Congress his white Republican colleagues refuse to sit near him, and the seat remains vacant until old man GROW comes along and occupies it probably from a sense of shame at the contemptible ingratitude of his party, or possibly he can stand having a "nigger" next to him on account of the seat being in other respects desirably located.

—The Vassar College girls who have joined the Salvation Army are all daughters of wealthy parents, but their performances on the drums and cymbals of that religious organization will be just as discordant as that of any other Salvation soldier.

Should the Green Flag Be Allowed to Wave?

The annual question of allowing the Irish flag to wave on the city halls of Brooklyn and New York on St. PATRICK'S day is again at the front in those two municipalities. The mayor of Brooklyn has refused to permit the banner of the harp and shamrock to flutter on the public building of that city, while in New York it is allowed to wave as usual over the city hall on the anniversary of Ireland's patron saint.

Some people ask why the flag of Ireland should be given privilege in this country that is accorded to the flag of no other nation, and there is a plausible answer on the surface of the question. But there are points that may be advanced in support of this favor to the Irish emblem. That banner is really not the flag of a nation, but of a people; representing rather a sentiment than a nationality, and therefore it cannot be considered nationally as a rival of the glorious Stars and Stripes.

The fact that the nation it should represent has been suppressed by the only enemy that the United States has among the various nationalities of the world—an enemy that also tried to suppress the national aspirations of this free country, should strongly incline Americans to grant the Irish flag a special right to float in the free air of this great republic at all times and in all places, with the full assurance that it waves as a friend and not as an enemy.

Further more, of all other flags it was the only one which, in conjunction with the Stars and Stripes, waved over American soldiers fighting in defense of the union. There was not an Irish regiment or brigade in the union army that did not have the green flag of Ireland waving in friendly association with the banner of the republic under which so many sons of Erin laid down their lives.

Surely a flag that did such service, and was gladly hailed as an ally of our national emblem on many a hard fought field, should be given privileges in this land of the free, which it would be out of place to give to the flag of any other country.

Demoralizing Delay.

A number of appointments are still pending which it would be beneficial to the dominant party if they were promptly disposed of. Nothing so greatly tends to the creation of dissatisfaction as delay in the filling of positions that belong to a victorious party, and which are rightfully claimed by its members. The continued occupancy of such places by those whom the people declared to be unworthy of public confidence, is not only contrary to popular sentiment as expressed at the polls, but aggravating to those who are delayed in getting the positions that belong to them by right of political succession.

This delay, however, is largely due to a want of harmonious understanding among the claimants, and many valuable and important posts continue to be occupied by members of the defeated party simply because those to whom the appointing power has entrusted their disposal according to party usage, cannot come to an agreement as to whom they should be given to. This in most cases is the cause of delay that is not only injurious in its effect upon the party by causing dissatisfaction and dissension, but also subjects the appointing power to unjust censure.

A year has now passed since a Democratic administration came into power and no further time should be allowed to elapse with any of the Federal officers, not covered by obstructive civil service rules, remaining in the occupancy of Republicans. The party in power will be made more harmonious and stronger by such a clearance.

—Hon. BENJAMIN L. HEWITT, a distinguished Blair countian, died at the Bingham house, in Philadelphia, at three o'clock last Saturday morning. He had been ill but a short time with paralysis. It is such men, who have brought honor and distinction to a community who are truly mourned when they are called from the triumphs of this life into the glory of that life to come.

Heroes Among Our Laborers.

From the Philadelphia Times.

The courage and devotion which kept a band of rescuers at work in the Gaylord shaft for nearly a month in hourly peril of life and limb was rewarded at last by the discovery of only the decomposed bodies of the buried comrades whose lives they hoped to save. Futile as the labor proved, it was of the kind that must always command the respect and admiration of mankind. The days of heroism have not entirely passed away, and it is one of the commendable features of modern heroism that it is displayed more frequently among the lowly toilers than elsewhere. The men who worked day and night to rescue the imprisoned miners alive from the Gaylord shaft deserved to succeed, and it was certainly no fault of theirs that they did not. Now that the bodies of the entombed victims have been reached there should be a searching investigation into the cause of the accident, and the negligence, or worse, which cost thirteen lives, should be laid at the proper door.

Nothing Will Stop Them, It Seems.

From the Altoona Tribune.

European emigration to the United States continues, almost unaffected, it seems, by the hard times prevailing in this country. This can best be accounted for by the supposition that the conditions in Europe are still worse than they are here, which is probably the case. The influx of human beings to America is, therefore, merely the working out of natural laws, which prompt individuals to go where, in their opinion, they can best serve their interests. The immigration at such a time as this, when thousands of American citizens are out of employment and thousands of others are engaged at relief works, can give us some idea of the evils from which Europeans must suffer when they are willing to leave their native lands and take up their residence in a country which is undergoing the most severe business depression in its history. Yet the statistics show that they are coming, by thousands, the same as in recent years of prosperity.

More Than Half of the Cry Was of This Very Kind.

From the Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Denver is preparing for a monster Fourth of July celebration. Six months ago that city, as well as the entire State of Colorado, attempted to convince the country that it was on the brink of chaos, only waiting to be pushed over. In the light of more recent developments this action was clearly a case of crying before they were hurt. It takes a wonderfully strong combination of circumstances to overcome the pluck and determination of any great community of American citizens.

And They Have No Protection Organs to Howl.

From the Philadelphia Record.

Toronto manufacturers express the apprehension that the effect of the reciprocity in agricultural implements provided for by the Wilson bill will be to close all the Canadian factories in that line. Such a prospect should change the implacable attitude of the protectionists towards the bill to one of enthusiastic approval, in accordance with their pet theory that the true and only get-rich-quick specific for this country consists in driving all other nations into a state of dire penury.

Better Than Nothing—Pass It.

From the Clearfield Republican.

Go on.—The Wilson tariff bill is now fully before the Senate, as agreed to in the Senate committee. The measure partakes of too much protection, but in detail it puts the tax in most cases on the proper articles, in shape of a reduction on necessities and the tax on luxuries, and we hope it will pass soon. Amendments can be made in the future.

Pulpit Gymnastics Will Continue.

From the Wilkesbarre Union Leader.

The Brooklyn Tabernacle finances are said to have been straightened out and Dr. Talmage has been induced to change his mind with respect to his determination to resign. At this happy termination of the Tabernacle's affairs the congregation has just cause for rejoicing, and the whole world will rejoice with them.

She Will "Do" Them Good, Anyhow.

From the Altoona Tribune.

Mrs. Lease has got as far east as Boston, where she has been addressing the unemployed. These unfortunates could not put their time to worse use than to listen to this unrestrained voice from the wild west. For unless they have extraordinary wisdom she will do them harm.

He May Resign.

The Harrisburg Patriot of Tuesday morning says the Adjutant General Groenland will shortly tender his resignation to accept the chief deputyship to John R. Read, collector for the Philadelphia port. In that event Colonel Alex. Krumbhaar, of Philadelphia, assistant adjutant general will be appointed his successor.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Last year Allegheny County made 247,000,000 cigars.

—There are 230 applicants for liquor licenses in Lehigh County.

—Harrisburg will have no increase in its police force this year.

—A great many small dwellings are to be built in Pottsville this year.

—An analysis of Reading's water supply shows it to be miserably impure.

—A Commission recommends that Marcus Hook be divided into three wards.

—James Anwyll, a Harrisburg tailor, was drowned in the river at that place.

—Annie Alexander, of New Castle, was Friday convicted on five charges of larceny.

—Nine mules were suffocated by smoke in William Penn colliery, near Lost Creek.

—Miss Mary Lingo is in the law's clutch at Pittsburg for opening her lover's letters.

—Over three-fourths of Pottsville public school children have refused to be vaccinated.

—James R. Soull, a brave lad, saved the life of a baby in front of a flying train at Reading.

—At Pomeroy, Chester County, robbers burned down the store of P. J. Dowd, after looting it.

—Stella, the 4-year-old daughter of George Schultz, was killed by an electric car in Reading.

—Editor Hiram B. Schock will retire from the York Gazette and practice law at Harrisburg.

—Allan Fable, a Stroudsburg merchant, exchanged shots with a thief who visited his store.

—The ore in the nickel mines in Lancaster County is exhausted, and they will be abandoned.

—Andrew Carnegie, after giving \$141,000 to the Pittsburg relief fund, has stopped his contributions.

—Dragged under the wheels of a car at Scranton, Brakeman Patrick Reilly was cut to pieces.

—Robbers at Anville forced George Miller to hold up his hands while they stole his watch and cash.

—Four of the 12 coal train crews of the Pennsylvania Railroad's Schuylkill division have been suspended.

—Editor S. W. Boyd and J. H. Orr had a second battle on the street at Wilkesbarre Sunday evening.

—A survivor of the Jeansville disaster, known as "Big Joe," has sued the company for \$23,000 damage.

—York's postmaster is about to approve the plans for the interior of that city's new Government building.

—The late General William Lilly's estate paid the State Treasury a collateral inheritance tax of \$19,900.

—Brakeman George Lowry, of Catawagua, was ground to pieces under a Lehigh Valley train Monday night.

—Danville physicians are unable to decide whether the prevailing disease there is small-pox or chicken-pox.

—While attending the Philadelphia Methodist Conference, at Easton, William Bush was robbed of his watch.

—Gravity Club, at Reading, was raided by police on the suspicion that stolen chickens found their way there.

—Struck on the head with a steel rail in a Stranton iron works, Michael Coteman is dying of a fractured skull.

—The breaking of an ear resulted in the drowning of Harry Rhine, a boy, at Williamson, Cumberland County.

—Contractors from the State were in Harrisburg Monday figuring upon bids for the new Soldiers' Orphan's Home.

—The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company State tax case was Monday decided finally, in favor of the Commonwealth.

—It is thought the nun school teachers in Pittsburg will discard their official garb if allowed to retain their positions.

—The 209 horses belonging to Barnum's show and wintered at Myerstown, have been shipped to Bridgeport, Conn.

—Farmers of Monroe County who have been gunning for the man who shot Jackson Valerian have given up the hunt.

—Blasts of gun powder, used in excavating broke 37 water pipes, already laid, in Lebanon, and it cost the contractors \$150.

—Senator William E. Chandler, of New Hampshire, Monday watched armor plate making at the Bethlehem Iron Works.

—Thomas E. Heather, Del., went to Reading with a policeman and took home his wife, who has been absent several months.

—Personal property taxes to the amount of \$100,000 were paid to the State by City Treasurer McCroskey of Philadelphia, Tuesday.

—Accused of illegal fishing at Harrisburg, James Dougrec has been arrested at the direction of State Fish Commissioner Ebel.

—The Attorney General's Department has notified a large number of Philadelphia firms to pay their bonus tax without further delay.

—Mine cars at Ashland squeezed Andrew Daniels fatally, and a fall of coal at Elmwood colliery dangerously hurt George Hughes.

—The body of Calvin Budding was found in a path leading to his lime kiln, at Wrightsville, York County. He was overcome by gas.

—Contractor H. H. DeLong, of Reading, whose son has been arrested for forgery in Lancaster says the boy was ruined by fast living.

—The fugitive Calvin Gottschall, who recently leaped from a train going from Reading to Allentown, has been rearrested at Middle town.

—Saturday W. H. Grime, of Sinking Spring, Berks County, closed his nineteenth year as mail carrier, and has never missed a train in all that time.

—Attorney General Hensel has informed the District Attorney of Washington County that the latter has no authority to regulate theatrical licenses.

—After writing a letter saying that he would kill himself, Tax Collector Paul Reinhardt, of St. Clair, Allegheny County, disappeared and is still missing.

—Blacksmith Henry Eisenblase, aged 77, has been employed 50 years in the Reading Railroad shops at Reading, and celebrated the occasion yesterday.

—A large party of Munsey citizens Saturday searched the fields, woods and streams for the body of Isaac Houseknecht, who disappeared several months ago.

—Exceptions to his opinion on the York street railway case, of Philadelphia, were Monday overruled by Judge Simonton, at Harrisburg, and the Philadelphia Traction Company is a winner.