

Ink Stings.

-A wet spell-rain. -Civil serve us at the "pie counter" begets good manners among public officials.

-The question now evolves, will the COXEY army march home again or conclude to camp permanently at Washington?

-Such a thing as the disgrace which has befallen Illinois justice in her tardy disposal of murderer PREDERGAST would hardly be possible in Pennsylvania.

-Gov. TILLMAN has stirred up a war in South Carolina again, just because he is afraid WAITE, PENNOYER and ATGELD, the other gubernatorial celebrities, will get ahead of him.

-The Newberry philosopher who remarked, "the most effective way to get out of politics is to go to jail," possibly had just concluded reading the biographies of those Gravesend, N. Y. bosses.

-Sugar pills are certainly growing in popularity. Seventeen years ago there was but one homeopathic physician in the United States. Now there are thirty thousand prescribers of those sweet tasting pellets among us.

-The whiskey rebellion in South Carolina is vying with the COXEY army for first place in the minds of the people. If the Commonweal hobos were only down there with TILLMAN the whiskey part of the rebellion would soon be downed.

-Dr. BROWN SEQUARD, whose "elixir of life" was intended to make old people young-but didn't-died in Paris on Monday. His discovery caused a great flurry in this country some time ago, but the doctor turned out to be too much of an Aleck-rye for his own good.

-I. B. R. T. stands for Gov. TILLMAN, of South Carolina, but the good people of that State find sufficient grounds for objecting when he tries to put his initials into force by setting himself up as the soul source through whose approval they can take their "tea."

-Our friend J. MILES KEPHART started off to Philadelphia, on Monday evening, to look through the U. S. mint down there. He has the promise of a good job under Dr. TOWNSEND, the superintendent, and will more than likely return with the brevet, grand chief infanter of the currency.

-Representative BLACK, of Illinois, former Commissioner of Pensions, has just put himself on record as believing that the high water mark of pension appropriation has been reached. The late President GARFIELD said something of the same sort when he was in Congress; and then the pension appropriations amounted to only \$13,000,000.

-A measure that pleases the gold-crats of the great money centres is hardly the thing for the laboring classes. Republicans and Democrats alike, who cater to the gold speculators, are praising the President for having vetoed the Seigniorage bill. We have heard nothing of the sort from the masses of the people and what's more there is no danger of it either.

-The reply which speaker CRISP made to Gov. NORTHERN's offer to appoint him a U. S. Senator to fill Senator COLQUITT's vacant seat was a different kind of a one than many expected. It is a great temptation for a man to be offered a seat in the Senate, but Mr. CRISP has risen above ambition and will stay in the House of Representatives where he knows his party needs him.

-If the leaders are leaders why don't they lead, instead of encouraging everybody to kick and making Representatives and Senators, who were heretofore doxies, as rambunctious as the March winds. If we had not a host of so-called leaders in the Senate the WILSON bill would have been passed long ago. The trouble with the Democratic flock is that the bell wether never runs in the right direction for the rest of the sheep.

-Mrs. ZELLA NICOLAUS, the American adventuress who succeeded in doing up several of New York's more wealthy brains aggregation, is filling an engagement in a New York theatre at \$150 per week. She does a thinking part in the second act of an opera playing in the big city. As her manager didn't contract as to what should fill her mind during the act, she will perhaps think what an easy thing it was to "do" GEORGE GOULD for that forty thousand dollar check.

-It is true that the coke and coal workers of Pennsylvania are receiving lower wages than they have ever been paid for the same amount of work, but the advisability of striking is a debatable question, when the condition of the country and the laboring classes are considered. Work has been scarce during the winter and the miners are poorly prepared to begin a battle with the operators who by reason of short orders, are not disposed to operate their works even under the present scale of working prices.

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- Spawls from the Keystone. -A rich vein of slate has been discovered at Kutztown. -The Pottsville Y. M. C. A. will build a \$37,000 gymnasium.

Mob Influences on Congress.

One of the most dangerous signs of the present time is the disposition of crowds to assemble in Washington to influence the action of Congress. It is a symptom of the lawlessness that is showing itself everywhere, in this instance taking the form of coercing the legislative branch of the government.

The supporters of the McKINLEY tariff policy are moved by a sinister purpose when they call a convention of tariff supporters, to the number of many thousands, to be assembled in Washington. Their design is to exert an intimidating influence against the pending tariff bill.

This is the beginning of a most dangerous practice. It is the inauguration of the power of the mob in controlling the action of the national legislature. If in these first efforts the mob influence shall meet with success in its coercive purpose to influence Congress, it may be expected that eventually at every session the national capitol will be invaded by organized forces intent upon intimidating the legislative body into the enactment of such measures as they may demand.

The founders of the Republic, foreseeing the danger of such mob influences, wisely determined that the national capitol should not be located in any large city, and therefore placed it beyond any such control, as they thought, by establishing it at an out of the way place on the banks of the Potomac, and surrounded it with an area of territory that would be exempt from the control of any State.

But it is seen that the desperate supporters of a monopoly tariff system propose to disregard this intended protection of Congress against extraneous influences by invading Washington with a high tariff mob.

Will the representatives of the people, in their congressional capacity, resent this effort to reverse their action? Democratic indignation. If the leisurely Democratic Senators, who have been wasting precious time on the Wilson tariff bill, had a better knowledge of the feeling of the Democratic party concerning their dilatory conduct, it might have the effect of accelerating their movements.

The great party of tariff reform, which two years ago gave Congress its popular instruction by sweeping the country with an immense majority for tariff reform, is not sending clamorous mobs to Washington to reinforce that instruction, but it is terribly dissatisfied with the manner in which the trust committed to its representatives is being delayed in its execution.

Foolish Kicking Against Cameron.

Several Republican newspapers, one in Pittsburg and the other in Scranton, assume a rather amusing air of independence in speaking upon the subject of Senator CAMERON's re-election. Next fall there will be an election of a number of State Senators who will be called upon to take part in choosing a United States Senator upon the expiration of CAMERON's present term, and these papers advise Republican Senatorial candidates to give assurance of their opposition to CAMERON if they want to be successful in their aspirations.

Nothing could be more nonsensical than this. In all probability the Senatorial aspirants in question will scramble among themselves for CAMERON's support, and those who shall give him the strongest assurance of their allegiance will be the ones who will be nominated and elected in the Republican districts.

It is foolish to think that a party that has been so thoroughly drilled by its bosses, and been brought so completely under their rule, as the Republican organization in this State has been, is prepared to lay off either the CAMERON or the QUAY collar, or that it entertains any desire to do so. The rank and file of the party has long since ceased to have anything to do with the choice of its higher officers, accepting the machine made article, without question, as it is, furnished them.

It may be taken for granted that Senatorial candidates pledged to CAMERON will be nominated, receiving their nominations on account of such pledge. That is what the machine is for. The idea that he has lost his grip on the party in the State is ridiculous. He and QUAY understand each other, playing their game together, and have the machinery as much under their control as they ever had. The few simple newspapers that seem to think that an effective opposition can be gotten up against the Senior Senator on the ground of his infidelity to the principles of the party on the silver question and other points of Republican policy, ought to know that an organization governed by a machine, is not moved by principles. The whole thing has been designed and regulated for spoils, and not for principles, and it has been so thoroughly organized that nothing but a total and permanent defeat of the party organization, which will come some time, can destroy the combination of bosses that rule Pennsylvania Republicanism.

The CAMERON and QUAY domination is indeed disgraced to the State, but it will be an uprising of the people outside of the Republican organization that will overthrow it. One of the most unfortunate things that can happen a State is to have a fool Governor. When a crank is invested with its executive power there is sure to be trouble. An illustration of this fact is furnished by the conduct of Governor WAITE, of Colorado, whose crazy administration of the government of that State has been a prolific source of disturbance. Governor TILLMAN, of South Carolina, furnishes another instance of the trouble that may be brought upon a State by having a fool in its gubernatorial office.

TILLMAN's scheme of controlling the liquor traffic by making the State the sole dispenser of ardent spirits, subjecting the community to a spy system that authorized his minions to invade the privacy of every household, met with bitter opposition from the start, and has at last ended in resistance which amounts to an insurrection, requiring him to call out the militia to enforce his foolish and arbitrary regulations.

The people of a State cannot be too careful in avoiding the selection of crackbrained individuals for their chief executive office. -Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

The Wilson Bill in the Senate.

After a delay that has exhausted the patience of the Democratic party, as well as of the people at large, the Senate of the United States commenced its deliberations upon the Democratic tariff bill last Monday. The bill came from the House weeks ago. All this time has been spent in making changes in the bill that have diminished the reformatory character of that measure and in showing courteous deference to the minority of the committee whose chief desire in the matter was to delay action as long as possible for the political advantage of their party.

Admitted that the bill is going to pass eventually, the McKINLEYITES have no other purpose in prolonging the discussion than to prolong the business distress and the public dissatisfaction until it shall culminate in an overwhelming Republican victory at the coming congressional election.

Will the majority be foolish enough to allow this? Will they be guilty of such treachery to the interests of their party? They should know that it will not be the Republicans that will be censured for this delay. The responsibility will rest with those who were given the power to pass this measure promptly, but allowed themselves to be balked and trifled with by an obstructive minority.

Who Should Fix the Time? Among the dispatches from Washington announcing that the Senate commenced its work on the tariff bill on Monday was one to the effect that the Democrats in that body are not sanguine that a final vote can be reached in six weeks, while "no Republican is willing to fix a period of less than two or three months within which a vote can be had on the passage of the bill."

It there is to be any such lubberly business as the allowing of the Republicans to fix the time when a final vote on the tariff bill shall be taken in the Senate, they will surely give that time a limit that will run far into the summer. But is it possible that this thing will be allowed? When Republican opponents of a Democratic bill resort to a prolonged discussion of the measure, and employ means of delay that may be used if not prevented, having no other than a dilatory purpose for a partisan advantage will the Democratic majority, who can cut this thing short, be imbecile enough to let it go on?

A disgusted Democracy would like to know whether it is the Republican minority in the Senate that shall fix the time when a vote is to be taken on a Democratic tariff bill? -IRA C. M... Esq., has returned to this practice law at the Centre County bar. For several years he has been the pastor of the church of Christ, at Troy, Pa., but has given up the pulpit for his old profession, the law, and his return here will recall the years from '56 to the beginning of the war, when he was recognized as one of the leaders at the Centre county bar.

Republican Judge MARTIN BELL, of Blair county, made a great increase in the number of licenses granted over the number granted last year by Democratic Judge LANDIS. In Altoona alone there is an increase of twenty licensed places. Next Fall the Prohibitionists will all turn in and vote the Republican ticket as usual. -Read the WATCHMAN.

Something for the Senatorial Pipe.

From the American Carpet Trade. It is clear there is a breaking away from the gloomy waste of calamitous chronicles which have so long blurred the trade record; mills have resumed, there is a natural look about the shipping departments, and as a consequence the great army of unemployed is dwindling and buyers are yielding to their natural trading instinct.

It is not necessary to inquire at what cost resumption of activity has been obtained, suffice it to enjoy the benefits of emerging from the murky darkness of long suspended industries. Meaning all look Washingtonward. Shall the needless halting of the Senate jeopardize trade for the fall? Its dilatory indecision and inappreciative dignity may be correct, but its inaction menaces the future of vast interests. Be it remarked, the present improvement is the outcome of necessity, and an early and permanent return to continued activity depends upon a prompt and wise solution of the existing uncertainty.

Who Will Pay for the Seeds and Congressional Records. From the Philadelphia Times. Congressman Henderson, of North Carolina, as chairman of the House committee on post offices, believes the postal service cannot only be made self-sustaining, but return a handsome revenue as well. The estimated postal revenue for this year is given at \$84,427,748 and the estimate of expenditures is placed at \$87,470,599.

They Are All We Want. From the Atchison, Kan. Patriot. It is a fundamental principle of the Democratic party that the government has the constitutional right to collect duties for the purpose of revenue; and such duties should be limited to the necessities of the government, honestly and economically administered, and strictly in accordance with the original Wilson bill.

They Are All We Want. From the Lebanon Star. Speaker CRISP's home paper has a ticket for 1896. It is Stevenson and Crisp. As the platform it suggests: Put none but straight Democrats on guard; no gulbrogery, no mugwumpery, no skullduggery. The speaker was born in England; it will not be necessary, therefore to consider any further objections.

Redd's Praise of Cleveland. From the New York Tribune. The President's veto of the Seigniorage bill has saved the country from great disgrace and great disaster. The financial world expected no less of President Cleveland, and has perhaps been not quite ready enough to give him as much credit as he really deserves for an act which required extraordinary power of resistance to the demands of his own party.

Kicking Over the Tracks. From the Altoona Tribune. The successor of Senator Cameron in the United States senate ought to be a republican; one who is in favor of honest money and who stands squarely for republican principles. That particular seat has been "a private snap" quite long enough.

Very Similar in Appearance. But Not Sprung from the Same Root. From the York Gazette. Prof. Garner says that his pet gorilla was killed by tobacco smoke. Yet the genus dunde still survives in spite of cigars. All of which goes to show that the dude and the monkey are not as nearly related as has been supposed.

Where the Liquor Business Pays. From the Altoona Times. Altoona will receive over \$18,000 as its share of the liquor license fees. This will be a considerable relief to local taxation, and not a cent of it will come from those who do not patronize the saloons. You Can't Lose Me Charlie. From the Steubenville, Ohio, Gazette. Maybe Coxe's "unknown" is the long-lost Charlie Ross. -Read the WATCHMAN.

- Walking delegates induced nine silk weavers to quit work in Columbia. -Congressionalists will hold a State convention in Johnstown on May 15. -All houses in which scarlet fever prevails, at Pottsville, are quarantined. -Falling from his wagon, at Catasauqua, Farmer Frank Dilly was fatally hurt. -Bakers in many Pennsylvania towns have reduced the price of bread 20 per cent. -By the explosion of gas in a Pittsburg furnace, John A. Joyce was roasted to death. -Schuylkill miners wages this month are fixed at 1 per cent. below the \$2.50 basis. -Mgr. Satoll attended a celebration at St. Joseph's convent near Greensburg Monday. -Chester's fine new Public Library building was formally opened Monday evening. -A syndicate of Schuylkill Countians will purchase big timber tracts in North Carolina. -John Himmel hammered a rival lover, Frank Bush, near Wilkesbarre, and was fined \$25. -A fall of rock in an Ashland colliery badly injured John Barrett and Frank Kovans. -John Andros, of Tamaqua, is in jail for catching trout, the season not having opened yet. -The two branches of Harrisburg Councils are divided as between a 7 or 8-mile tax rate. -For catching a squirrel, near Monaca, Berks County, Warren E. Koch was fined \$3.25. -Fire on the Welsh Mountains, Lancaster County, destroyed several hundred acres of timber. -As the result of wounds received in a fight a week ago at Carnegie, Perry Bennett has died. -Park Colliery, No. 2, at Mahanoy City that was burned on Friday, will be rebuilt at a cost of \$60,000. -William Eyrich was arrested in Reading, charged by his wife with attempting to burn their home. -A reduction to an eight-hour day went into effect in the Lehigh Valley car shops, at Easton, Tuesday. -While transacting business in a York lawyer's office, John Schuyler, of Goldsboro, dropped dead. -Thieves who blew open the safe in Hoch Brothers' office, at Lyons, were re-arrested by a few cents. -In a drunken carousel at Pittsburg, Patrick Rowan murdered Thomas Connors a lifelong friend. -Aged Farmer Michael Schultz fell and was trampled to death by his horse on the road near Williamsport. -Several scores of Indian pupils left the Carlisle school Saturday for various farms in Eastern Pennsylvania. -Oil maginats have wasted \$75,000 on the 19 wells in the Grubb's pool in the Finleyville field near Pittsburg. -Internal Revenue Collector Herring Monday appointed Alton D. Brader storekeeper and ganger at Scranton. -The State fishery, near Allentown, has this season sent out 800,000 trout and 1,000,000 more will be distributed. -A cave-in under the Lehigh Valley Railroad tracks at Stenandoh Tuesday stopped trains for several hours. -Re-owners have not yet found Jeremiah Krighbaum, who fell into an abandoned mine, near Shamokin, on Monday. -Postal Clerk John Lambron, who fell from a Lehigh Valley train, near Hazleton, Thursday night, is dead. -His wife having married another man Dominic Cassarot, of Hazleton, demands \$1200, which he claims she took. -Fifty Pennsylvania Canal boats are loading coal at Swatara, and they will soon be gliding toward tidewater. -Banks will be asked to bid for the \$250,000 of Allegheny City's school deposits, if a test suit in Court wins. -Secretary of the Navy Herbert, inspected the Government work at the Bethlehem Iron Works Wednesday. -Other children turned the hot-water spigot upon the little son of Passcoast Miller, Lebanon, scalding him fatally. -A locomotive and 17 freight cars on the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Tomhickon, were smashed in a wreck Friday night. -John Baldrige, of Bradock, is endeavoring to corral a \$60,000 estate said to exist in Ireland for him and a few relatives. -The Governor Saturday commissioned these Philadelphia notaries: Robert Thomas, William H. Kenedy, George B. Potts. -The State Fish Commissioner's car is leaving hundreds of thousands of speckled trout in Black County mountain streams, in the hands of ignorant anglers. -Station Agent James E. Moore, of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, at Robesonia, Monday shot himself through the heart. -Twenty tons of metal can be melted, at one time in a new galvanizing kettle just placed in the Reading Iron Company's works, at Reading. -The marriage Tuesday evening of Rev. Charles M. Hamitz and Miss Marie A. Frank, daughter of John J. Frank, was one of the social events of York. -The Times is the name of a bright little afternoon daily newspaper that made its bow to the Stroudsburg public on Monday. Its editor and publisher is George C. Hughes.