

Ink Stings.

BRECKINRIDGE wants a new trial. If he gets it he should have another \$15,000 dose with it.

With signs of anti-CAMERON Republicans being successful and QUAY turned worse than Populist what are the Republicans going to do for some one to run them.

Pennsylvania Democracy's new leader, JAMES A. STRANAHAN, will possibly soon begin sending out searchers for the Democrats who took to the woods in February.

After next Tuesday the general debate on the WILSON bill will end in the Senate. Then the renegades will get in their work of destroying the Democratic features by taking it up, paragraph by paragraph, for amendments.

There is one thing gratifying about the Commonwealers. There are not enough of them to wear out the roads over which they tramp and they cannot be accused of making a place for the \$500,000,000 appropriation they are after.

The Guardsmen of Pennsylvania are to have new knapsacks. The old canvas bags are to be replaced with leather ones, at a cost of \$25,000. When the soldier boys come to strap them on they will find something to get their backs up about.

After drilling the COXEY "hobos" and getting them into a manageable order it seems too bad that the "Unknown" should have been banished, simply because BROWN and COXEY couldn't bear seeing him absorb some of their glory.

The Hon. CHANCEY DEWEY, of New York, thinks he would like to be the next President and has announced himself a candidate for the Republican nomination. There is a vast difference between the qualifications necessary for an after dinner speaker and a President of the United States.

The miners in Pennsylvania will go out on a general strike to-morrow and the Lord knows where their sustenance is to come from during the suspension. Many of them have nearly starved this winter, because of scarcity of work, and now when they voluntarily quit doing the little there is to do we are indeed pained to think of the misery that must befall them.

The growing tendency for mobs to mete out summary justice is a grievous blot on American equity and right. If the law is not to be respected, except in the treatment of cases of slight importance, then the objects and aims of our constitution are lost. No matter how grave or outrageous the offense 'tis better to let the law take its course than to pervert it by the interposition of mob violence.

HENRY S. IVES, the young "Napoleon of Finance" who died at Ashville recently, was alone in the character he possessed. No other man has ever enjoyed a notoriety for similar actions and his trifling with millions, while a boy member of the New York stock exchange, was a proceeding calculated to turn the heads of gamblers seared by years of experience. His end was the natural sequence of such a life. All his later day speculative schemes having failed.

MADLINE POLLARD got \$15,000 damages from Congressman BRECKINRIDGE, which represents the extent to which the jury thought she had been wronged. If she really had any character before she met the Kentucky colonel and was ruined, then no price that could have been given would have repaired her loss. The fact that the jury found for her is not evidence that she possessed chastity before meeting BRECKINRIDGE.

The set-back which the senior Senator and boss of last appeal for the Republican party of Pennsylvania received in Lancaster county, on Saturday, will have a tendency to make him begin to look about. Such a thing as a CAMERON candidate being beaten for the nomination of his party for State Senator seems almost incredible, yet it is the fact, none the less. What would Dor do if there should happen to be a general breaking away all over the State?

The Easton Argus writes under the caption "It is an ill wind that does not blow some good." The farmers for several years past have found it difficult to secure enough hands to house their harvests. This year there are many men out of employment and the harvest and haying work will be eagerly sought by them. We take exception to such a statement and believe that the facts will in time verify us in saying that when the time comes for needing harvest hands the farmers will find the same trouble in securing them that they have always had. The laboring element that is out of work to-day is not of the class that seeks employment very hard—especially in harvest fields.

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Party Treason Cannot Be Justified.

Senator DAVID B. HILL goes considerably out of his way to find reasons, or rather excuses, for his hostility to the Democratic tariff bill. In his recent speech in the Senate he censured the Hawaiian policy of the administration; found fault with certain appointments made by the President, and condemned what he considered delay in calling Congress together to meet the exigencies of the financial situation.

Democrats can have no sympathy with such subterfuges. Their only sympathy in this issue is for a great Democratic measure which they see in peril. They cannot at this juncture join in the feelings of the Senator in regard to past mistakes of the administration, if there have been any. The Democratic tariff bill, to which the party is pledged, is the issue that engages their immediate attention, and they are in a mood to tell the disgruntled Senator that if he does not do his duty on that point, upon which hinges the very highest interests of the Democracy, they will have to regard him as a traitor to his party.

He claims that there has been a grievance in the President's putting a Republican in his cabinet. Probably a more satisfactory selection might have been made, but what has that got to do with the passage of a Democratic tariff bill? Secretary GRESHAM, although a Republican when he was called to the cabinet, is not doing anything that is inimical to Democratic measures, while DAVID B. HILL, the boasted Democrat, is delighting the enemies of Democracy by his opposition to a measure whose failure will bring disaster upon the Democratic organization.

The critical Senator also assails the President for not calling Congress together sooner for the relief of the country. Convened, as it was, early last August, there has certainly been quite sufficient time for all the action that the situation required, had it not been for the obstructionists. And who is doing more to obstruct than this Senator who is blaming the President for not convening Congress earlier? Has there not been ample time for him to show his loyalty to a great Democratic measure, if he were so disposed? If a mistake was made in not getting at this work sooner, ought it not to be the duty of Senator HILL, as a good Democrat, to try and amend that error by expediting the passage of the tariff bill, instead of putting obstacles in its way?

That he is fully conscious of the great party interests involved in that bill is evidenced by the expression he makes in his speech when he says: "The failure of tariff revision, at this time, means the defeat, the demoralization, if not the division and annihilation of our party."

The disaffected Senator admits his knowledge of this fact, yet he is pursuing a course that may bring about such disastrous results. He may try to justify himself by finding fault with the administration, and by seeking for defects in the WILSON bill, such as he claims the income tax to be, but Democrats will allow him no excuse for helping to involve the party in disasters which he knows and says will attend the failure of the tariff bill. They will ascribe to his course no other motive than the factional hostility and personal dislike he entertains toward the head of the administration, a motive that will render his treason doubly odious if he shall persist in adverse attitude toward a measure the defeat of which, as he admits, "means the defeat of the Democratic party."

Receiving Their Punishment.

We agree with the Philadelphia Press in some of the remarks it makes about the recent strike in the coke region. It is true that "the strikers are the most ignorant and brutish class of foreigners that seek our shores;" and it is also true that "if the coke trade is disorganized by this strike it is due primarily to the reckless introduction of ignorant foreign labor."

But if the facts connected with the introduction of this ignorant foreign labor are examined, it will be found that while the coke operators were having the benefits of a high tariff heaped upon them, they were introduc-

ing this cheap labor as an additional advantage. The claim was that "protection" was intended to increase American wages. This was the theory, but the practice of the coke millionaires has been to bring into the country this "most ignorant and brutish class of foreigners" to compete with and keep down the wages of native labor for the protection of which the Republican tariff is said to have been designed. There is not a brutal Hun, or Slav, now disturbing the coke region, who was brought there for any other reason than the low wages for which he would be willing to work in a "protected" industry.

The coke operators who are doing all they can to defeat the Wilson tariff bill, are responsible for introducing the ignorant element that is now giving them trouble. The Republican party is also responsible for it. During the many years in which it was enriching the coke kings with tariff benefits, it never turned a hand to prevent the barbarous immigration which, while it was intended to beat down American wages, has proven to be a curse to the greedy employers of this brutish labor.

Congressional Pay.

A resolution has been introduced in the House by Representative GEORGE, of Mississippi, providing for the reduction of the salaries of Congressmen. He urges that in view of the business distress prevailing in the country the lawmakers at Washington should not be drawing the amount of pay they are now getting. It ought to be scaled down according to the stringency of the times. This is the theory of the resolution, but when Congressmen come to voting on it, the difficulty of putting it into practice will present itself. Men who have control over their own emoluments are not likely to reduce them.

But in regard to Congressional salaries, the country would be satisfied to give the members what they are now getting if they would fully earn it by faithful attention to their official business. But when they draw big pay, but are so remiss in attending to their duties that the work of legislation is often stopped in consequence of there not being enough members present to carry it on, no question can be entertained that under such circumstances they receive much more than they earn.

The government, however, could afford to give them all they now get should they earnestly apply themselves to business and expedite the congressional work. If there is to be any reform in the matter of salary, a general reduction in the pay of Congressmen would not answer as good a purpose as would be effected by a proportionate dockage for all cases of inexcusable absence from their post of duty. A faithful Congressman may be regarded as earning all that is allowed him.

Senator Hill's Democracy.

"I am a Democrat" was the exclamation with which DAVID B. HILL, with rather bad taste, paraded his political affiliation, as if there could be a question that a man who was receiving official honors from the party, and had been entrusted with the maintenance of its interests, should be anything else than a Democrat. What should have been taken for granted hardly needed to be announced with so great a flourish. But notwithstanding this parade of his Democracy, the Senator's conduct in the tariff issue looks like an intention to stab the party of which he has claimed to be a pre-eminently shining light.

It will become a Democrat to oppose the most important measure of his party, a measure to which it is pledged and which has been demanded by a great majority of the people. It looks bad for a Democrat to adopt a course which excites the commendation and applause of the Republicans. It looks doubly bad for a Democrat to assume an attitude that is calculated to defeat a measure whose defeat will be disastrous to the Democratic cause.

If Senator HILL shall continue his opposition to the Wilson tariff bill, the Democracy will not take him at his word that he is a Democrat. Actions speak louder than words, and from his action they will judge him as having treacherously betrayed the confidence of his party.

A McKinley Mob Wants to Invade the Senate.

No one capable of thinking can fail to comprehend the evil that is sure to result from outside interference with the action of Congress. If legislation is to be influenced by such means in one instance there is reason to expect that in other instances the same pressure will be brought to bear, and eventually congressional legislation, will be but a mere reflex of the will of those who may meet in crowds at the national capitol to affect the lawmaking body by a display of numerical force.

The COXEY movement is a step in this direction. The McKinley mob that is called to meet in Washington in the form of a convention proposes to move on the same line. Its programme was announced by QUAY who introduced a resolution in the Senate to permit this mob to intrude itself on the floor of that branch of Congress. This was asking permission for the presence of a force that had no other object than to overawe by a display of overwhelming numbers. Almost any outrageous proposition can be expected of the Senator who misrepresents Pennsylvania, for even if he is competent to understand the orderly processes of government he has not sufficient political morality to respect or conform to them; but fortunately there was enough sense of propriety in the Senate to reject the request that this intrusion be allowed, there being but nine Senators, all of them Republicans except Populist PEPPER, who were reckless enough to favor the presence of this mob in the Senate chamber.

It is speciously represented that these demonstrations are popular movements, and that the people have a right to bring their influence to bear upon their representatives. The constitution and the principles of orderly government recognize and permit no other form of popular expression than through the ballot box, supplemented by the right of petition upon due occasion, any other method is disorderly. The collection of crowds in Washington to affect the action of Congress is subjecting the government to mob influence.

Indignation from the Northwest.

It is refreshing and encouraging to hear the expression of Minnesota Democrats in condemnation of those Democratic Senators who appear to be helping the Republicans to wreck the Wilson tariff bill.

After picturing the overwhelming victory for tariff reform two years ago, these loyal and earnest Democrats of Minnesota deplore the present situation in which the victors "present the appearance of a defeated party, while our opponents, routed in the battle, wear all the airs of victory." This astounding humiliating and disgraceful change has been brought about, not by anything which the open enemies of the Democratic party were able to do, but "by malignant and treacherous influences, allied with weakness or cowardice, within our own ranks."

After thus plainly stating the cause of this lamentable situation, the Minnesota Democrats proceed to mention individually the persons on the Democratic side of the Senate, who through local interests, personal grudges, or predisposition to political treachery, have thus brought dishonor and shame upon our great party.

It is time that these treacherously delinquent Senators should know what the Democratic party thinks of their paltering with its highest interests, and how it regards their playing into the hands of its enemies. The great party that is thus betrayed has been entirely too backward in giving vent to its indignation while the enemies of Democracy, and tariff-pampered interests and monopolies, are rejoicing over the help they are receiving from a recreant Democratic service.

The protest from the Democrats of Minnesota is the first open and emphatic expression that is heard in condemnation of this sacrifice of the Democratic cause. The feeling that has thus begun to give itself expression will grow to such volume as can leave no uncertainty in the minds of would-be traitors that if their treason is consummated they will be repudiated and cast out by the party they will have betrayed.

Whose Hard Times Are These?—Republicans.

From the Columbia Independent. Following is the way in which Thomas G. Shearman brought home the fact to the workmen of Paterson N. J., that our present hard times have occurred while McKinleyism is in full force:

What laws are in force? Republican laws. Who, when the panic began, held nine-tenths of the offices through which those laws were administered? Republicans.

Who hold most of those offices today? Republicans. Who passed the tariff now in existence? Republicans.

Who passed all the tariff laws which have been in existence for the last thirty years? Republicans. Is there more or less protection to American industries in force to-day than there was in the first year of Harrison's administration, when we are told that everything was so prosperous?

More by about one third to one-half. The protection on woolen goods is about fifty per cent. higher; on cotton goods, forty per cent. higher, on iron and steel fifty per cent. higher; on silk, eight per cent. higher; on flax, sixteen per cent. higher.

What have the Republicans been telling us for the last thirty years was the cause of American prosperity? The Morrill tariff. Is there more or less protection given by the tariff to-day than was given by the great and wonderful Morrill tariff? More by 100 per cent. all around. More on woolen goods by 200 per cent., more on iron and steel by eighty per cent., more on silk by sixty per cent., more on flax manufacturers by 100 per cent.

Our New Leader in the State.

From the Altoona Times. Mr. James A. Stranahan, as was announced yesterday, has been elected state chairman to succeed J. Marshall Wright. The new official has long been prominent as a Democrat, and as a member of the party has become familiar to the Democrats throughout Pennsylvania. He has been a member of the state legislature and was a delegate to the national convention in 1876, when Tilden was nominated for president. Since 1891, he has been deputy attorney general. There is a great opportunity before Mr. Stranahan to show what he can do. The Democratic party in Pennsylvania it sadly run down and there is a chance for a master hand to distinguish himself in the reorganization. We believe from the ability which has heretofore characterized the new chairman that he will be found to be the man for the place and that under his leadership the Republican majorities of the recent elections will not again be recorded. That he is well acquainted with the situation none can doubt. It is not an easy task, however, which the new chairman has assumed, as at no time within the present generation has there been such a disheartening condition of affairs. Mr. Stranahan will need the support of every Democrat, but this, we believe, he will secure. The Democracy, however, has good reason to congratulate itself that there will be no incompetency in its management and that, if the party is to be defeated, it will not be on account of incompetent leadership and the lack of executive ability.

If We Only Had More of His Kind.

From the Gettysburg Compiler. Hon. Patrick Walsh, the newly appointed Senator from Georgia, has arrived in Washington and taken apartments at the Metropolitan Hotel. He held a long conference during the afternoon with Speaker Crisp, at which the tariff bill and its prospects in the Senate were discussed. Senator Walsh is heartily in favor of early action upon the measure. In the Senate he will side, it is understood, with the free-trade element. He is opposed to the tax on sugar and, it is said, would like to see the Wilson bill pass the Senate just as it came from the House of Representatives.

Such Fellows Will Make Good Fuel for the Devil.

From the Everett Press. Political prayers are getting to be an abomination. Even the Lord's prayer has been parodied by some political slyster who seemed to regard gross blasphemy as sparkling wit. The first one that came out had the merit of originality, was amusing, and was the least offensive of any. Since then the matter has been carried to the extreme, and having no longer the charm of novelty, has come to be absolutely disgusting.

Their Sins Will Find Them Out.

From the Altoona Times. There is probably no man in the United States to-day who is more despised than Colonel W. C. P. Beckinridge. His wrong doing was not the crime of a moment. For years he led a double life. Outwardly he was a respectable man, the representative of his people in Congress and an advocate of sound measures. But he was nothing more than a whitened sepulcher. There are many more like him, a large number perhaps worse.

Spawls from the Keystone.

A Harrisburg electric car killed Samuel Thornton, a colored lad.

The Normal School pupils, at West Chester, will be examined on June 4.

In one hour Monday, Judge Albright at Allentown, granted over 200 liquor licenses.

Schuylkill County's Pen and Pencil Club elected J. S. Foster, of Pottsville, president.

Schuylkill district Lutheran Sunday schools were in convention at Schuylkill Haven Tuesday.

Eight ministers have just graduated from Lincoln University's theological school, at Oxford.

"Nabe" Jones, a miner, dropped dead in a field in a Scranton suburb after excessive drinking.

Michael Hook was jailed in Pittsburg, charged with stealing \$400 from Thomas Morris, of Bradford.

Bishop Mullen, of Erie, Sunday laid the corner-stone of St. Mary's Polish Church, at DuBois.

A charter was Monday granted to the People's Mutual Aid Association, of Pittsburg, capital \$1,500,000.

The last of Harry Sheet's four children to die of scarlet fever within 10 days, at Lebanon, expired Tuesday.

As a memorial to his dead wife, Henry Fisher, a farmer, gave a \$200 organ to Klasinger's Church, at Bern.

The Williamsport Republican, a daily newspaper, has suspended publication, after an existence of five years.

The Pennsylvania Chautauque will hold its summer meeting at Mount Getzema during the whole month of July.

Reading firemen are hustling to capture for their city next year's convention of the State Firemen's Association.

The Piqua Malt Company, of Ohio, has secured permission to open branch offices in Philadelphia and Pittsburg.

Car Inspector Edward Auman's son and namesake was killed and mangled by a train at Reading, on Monday night.

Although totally blind, Leroy McDonald, of McKeesport, will soon start on a journey across the continent on foot.

Rev. M. J. Frey, D. D., of Akron, O., has been called to the pastorate of the English Lutheran Church of Pottsville.

After bitter opposition the contractors have broken ground for the pipes of the new water supply for Shenandoah.

Her clothes having caught fire, Jennie Stoller, while picking coal along the railroad near Pottsville, was burned to death.

For trying to float bogus \$10 bills, Martin Balen, Joseph Schmidt and Joseph Samack were sent to jail from Shenandoah.

William E. Hain, who escaped from the prison at Michigan City, (Ind.), on March 5, was captured Monday at Mauch Chunk.

With 19 gold and silver watches on his person, Morris Ginskey, a Shamokin peddler, was killed by a freight train near Tyrone.

The Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, at Bangor, was Monday dedicated by Dr. J. F. Loughlin, of Philadelphia.

Melting snow caused a flood in the west branch of the Susquehanna River, and logs are being rapidly floated to the Williamsport mills.

Prison Watchman Fallon, of Wilkesbarre, has been hauled up by the Commissioners on a charge of cruelty, made by several jail inmates.

Michael Cunningham, a Sugar Run (Clinton County) man, was mysteriously robbed of \$75 in gold coins which he had hidden in his house.

The Anti-Dogmanite Evangelicals Monday applied for an injunction, at Carlisle, to keep the Dogmanites out of the church at that place.

The First Defenders' Association, at Pottsville, Wednesday celebrated the thirty-third anniversary of their response to President Lincoln's call for troops.

Death warrants were issued Monday by the Governor for James N. Hill, of Allegheny, and James B. Carpenter, of Juniata, both of whom will be hanged on June 14.

For an injury to his young son's hand, received nearly three years ago, Michael Murphy, of Scranton, has sued the Delaware and Hudson Railroad for \$25,000.

Fifteen cases of smallpox at Lee, Luzerne County, have resulted in closing the borough schools, shutting down the mine and side-tracking all local freight cars.

Sandy Thompson, a student at Carlisle College, was struck, pinned to the ground and almost killed by a big limb saved from a sycamore tree on the campus.

Attorney General Hensel says that the Noatum Worsted Company and Merrick Thread Company, foreign corporations, are illegally doing business in this State.

Aged B. M. Sell, a business man at Allentown, was Monday fined \$300 and sent to jail for six months for having had had criminal relations with 15-year-old Mamie Schluough.

Pottsville printers have again been ignored, and the Schuylkill County Commissioners have awarded the contract for printed supplies to the Welt-Prote Publishing Company, of Allentown.

At a dance Tuesday night at Cross Forks, James McMillan, a lumber dealer, was stabbed to death in a row. James Kepler is accused of the crime and is in jail. His son William, also implicated, escaped.

The heads of the State Board of Health, State Agricultural Society and Fish Commission conferred with Governor Pattison and his Forestry Committee in Harrisburg Tuesday to devise means to prevent the destruction of Pennsylvania forests.

Another murder took place in Clearfield county Tuesday night at the mining village of Grass Flat near Peale. The cause of the quarrel is not known, but it is supposed to have grown out of jealousy. The murdered man is John Ellison, aged 23 years, his assailant being Swam Milgren, aged 35 years. Milgren confessed to having done the shooting and was arrested and lodged in the Clearfield county jail.