

Ink Slings.

JERRY SIMPSON is said to be improving; that is his physical, not his political health.

A new comet will come into view in the Southeastern heavens next week, and thereby hangs a tail.

The remarkable amount of sickness among our Congressmen is startling. Are they working too hard or are the sanitary regulations of the capitol to blame.

A new book has just been published under the caption "If the Devil Came to Chicago." What if he did, he wouldn't know that he had wandered "from his own fire-side."

The fate of COXEY will be wafted on the winds from Washington and the gentle zephyrs will whisper, don't come, in the ears of KELLY, AUBREY and other good roads fanatics.

There are two things nearly every man wants—time and money. It seems strange that if he should get the latter by unlawful means the former is apt to be thrown in by some kind-hearted judge.

In the town of Burlington, Vt. there is such a demand for liquor that the drug stores find a quart of whisky quite sufficient to carry in stock. What little jags it must take for those Yanks.

It is interesting to note the decrease in rail-road business since the coal strike has been on. The rail-roads are the first to feel a suspension of coal shipments and they are first to make up their losses when they begin hauling coal again.

A great field is open for the proof readers on the Congressional Record, if they only knew it. How many good dollars they might scoop in by slipping in frequent [applause] when reading the proof sheets of speeches. Perhaps they do know this already.

The burning of the St. Charles hotel, at New Orleans, on Sunday, has considerable significance in that it removes a landmark which has been the rendezvous of JEFFERSON DAVIS and his confederates while conspiring to form a new government.

Poor old ABE BUZZARD, the Welch mountain out-law who turned preacher to escape punishment for his crimes, has been arrested for being implicated in a recent burglary at Reading. Verily, "the way of the transgressor is hard," even if it preaches the gospel.

The convention of the Peoples party at Harrisburg, on Tuesday, had more the appearance of a COXEY mass meeting than the assemblage of men who propose voting for some of their number for the highest offices within the Commonwealth. The Peoples party is not likely to enlist a very large following unless it learns to conduct itself in a way that will bear it some respect.

It is said that Congressman WILSON, is rapidly convalescent at New Iberia, La., and that excepting the slight weakness in the knees he has regained his physical strength. It is no wonder the great advocate of tariff reform has developed weak kneed symptoms, since his bill will hardly have any Democratic legs to stand on if the Senate keeps on Republicanizing it.

The appearance of DAVE MARTIN, the Philadelphia boss, in town, on Monday night, was fraught with considerable political significance. DAVE knows that "Our Dan" is dead sure of the Republican gubernatorial nomination and he just ran up to let him know what Philadelphia will demand as her share of the spoils in the event of DAN'S election. Then too old GALUSHA GROW is bothering them all a sight just now and they are all a little perplexed about how to shake the political WELLINGTON of February.

COXEY has intimated that there will be revolution if his demands are not complied with by Congress. There is not much danger of such a crisis, but if the Ohio fanatic thinks he can't get along without one, some fellow down at Washington had better accommodate him. The best way to do it would be to plant a good heavy kick square on that portion of COXEY'S pants that covers what there is left of his brains. We think he would get a somersault out of it and that would be a good enough revolution for him to raise.

Ever since tariffs have been raised; ever since the Republican party has been in power it has laid tariff, robber tariffs at that, for the benefit of the North and West, the sections in which it found men who in return for being made rich at the expense of the masses were willing to give themselves body and mind to Republicanism. It is from these same tariff pampered sections that the armies of the unemployed are marching. The South is doing nothing to promote Anarchism. She is happy and contented. It is the North, the always protected North, that seems to be the hot-bed of disaffected people now.

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An Impertinent "Emphasis."

Congress is having an unusual and annoying experience with intruders. The high-tariff COXEYITES have descended upon Washington, in addition to the rag-tag and bob-tail contingent which COXEY has collected from all parts of the country.

A Washington dispatch says: "More than 1000 workmen from Philadelphia and New Jersey marched down Pennsylvania avenue to-day to emphasize their protest against the Wilson tariff bill," and it is further stated that reinforcements to this array are being brought in by the train load.

What business have these people to make their appearance in Washington on such an errand? Was there not sufficient emphasis as to the necessity for such a measure as the Wilson tariff bill, when the millions who spoke by their ballots at the last congressional election demanded tariff reform by an immense majority? When it is considered that the constitutional method of emphasizing instructions to Congress is by the ballot, and not by tumultuous assemblages in Washington, the presence of these tariff clamorers at the seat of government, to "emphasize" their wish in regard to a public measure, must be regarded as an impertinent intrusion and an insult to the deliberative character of the congressional body.

And who are they at best? They are but an infinitesimal fraction of the great body of the people, who when they elected this Congress directed it to pass such a measure as the one which these interlopers gather in Washington to protest against. They are a set of light heads, without sense enough to know that the country is really suffering from the effects of too much tariff, and have been misled into the belief that the Democratic intention to reform the tariff has caused the business depression that has had its origin in Republican financial and fiscal policies.

They are the mere recruits of manufacturers' clubs, tariff leagues, and other interests gowned rich by tariff favors, that have paid the expenses of these intruders, sending them to Washington to intimidate Congress into the maintenance of long-enjoyed protective benefactions.

While these misguided addle-pates are parading the streets of Washington to "emphasize their protest against the Wilson tariff bill," flaunting the tariff banner with which JOHN WANAMAKER supplied them, when he and other tariff beneficiaries sent them on their mission, the sensible mass of the people—the farmers on their farms and the workmen in their work shops, whose ballots achieved the tariff reform victory two years ago and gave Congress its instruction—are at home struggling with the business difficulties in which Republican policies have involved them, and striving to earn the means to pay their tariff taxes. They are not resorting to the irregularity of marching to Washington to "emphasize" their demand for tariff reform; but under the quietness with which they await the result of the tariff issue in Congress there is fierce indignation at the expedients that are being resorted to by the McKINLEYITES to delay the consummation of the popular verdict on the tariff question.

It is with disgust that the sensible and substantial people of the country regard the puppets whom the tariff interest has sent to Washington to parade and flaunt their WANAMAKER banner in the faces of representatives who have received their instructions from the ballot box; and we have no doubt that it would afford the people considerable satisfaction if the Washington fire-department should turn their hose on the impudent interlopers who have made their appearance there to instruct and influence Congress in regard to the laws it should enact.

The only fault we have to find with the arrest of COXEY is that it occurred just twenty-seven days later than it should.

Do you read the WATCHMAN.

Hollow International Compliments

It is amusing to see how American ministers at the English court are inclined to be complimentary to JOHN BULL, and express fraternal feelings toward that rather peculiar old character. This weakness is apt to be displayed on festival occasions, when the American representative, surrounded by his English entertainers, has the opportunity of telling them how much thicker blood is than water, and expatiating on the fraternal tie that binds two nations that have sprung from the same blood, speak the same language, have the same literature, and the same interest in the benefits and glory of Magna Charta and the common law.

Even Mr. BAYARD'S elevation to ambassadorship has not raised him above such hollow and meaningless prattle, as we see that at a recent Lord Mayor's dinner he indulged in the complimentary habit which American ministers in England have fallen into.

Now to tell the truth, the American people and the English people most cordially dislike each other. We might almost say that the feeling between them amounts to hatred. The English are consumed by jealousy of this nation. They are galled by its growing power and undeniable importance. In their treatment of the United States they started out with undisguised contempt and insolence when the Republic was in its infancy, and to see it taking the foremost place among the nations, is an irritant that deeply excites their malice.

The true English feeling toward this country is evinced in the delight with which they regarded its probable ruin by the civil war which for a time threatened its destruction.

Such is really the case as it stands between the two countries, and although it would not be diplomatic, yet it would be the truth if American ministers, instead of dilating, in their post prandial speeches, on the kinship that amicably binds the two peoples together, should tell the English that the Americans have no love for them.

Legislation Regulated by Mobs.

A little thought on the subject will present to the mind of the thinker the difficulties that are likely to arise from the adoption of the new method of affecting congressional legislation by meddling outsiders marching on to Washington. If the COXEYITES and McKINLEYITES are privileged to bring their forces to bear upon Congress in this way, why should not the same right be exercised by other parties who want their interests attended to by the law-making power? There are thousands of people who want to be relieved of tariff taxes, and would they not have as good a right to crowd into Washington and insist that the WILSON bill be passed as the McKINLEY mob has to appear there in opposition to that bill? Admitting this to be the case, and supposing that the bad example of the McKINLEYITES should be followed by those who entertain opposite views as to needed legislation, there would ensue a new system of settling questions of public policy by mobs contending with each other in the national capitol. Congress would become a mere instrument in the hands of the strongest mob.

The English newspapers which are jealously and hopefully watching for every indication of weakness in our republican institutions, hail these disorderly movements in Washington as indicating conditions that tend to the dissolution of the Republic. And really there is great danger in them. They are liable to a development into most serious disorders. No party is more responsible for the evils that may ensue than the party which for a reckless political purpose is keeping the country in a state of uncertainty, and fomenting public discontent, by obstructing the legitimate course of national legislation.

Congressional Regulation.

Among thoughtful and patriotic citizens there is scarcely any dissent as to the propriety of the rules adopted by the House of Representatives to compel the members to attend to their duty. Arbitrary assumption of power by a presiding officer, acting without the sanction of a rule, and by his own authority, was offensive and objectionable; but the people instinctively recognize the fact that it is proper for the House to adopt measures for expediting its business, and under its present circumstances they clearly see a positive necessity for it.

The work of that branch of Congress can now go on without obstruction, but it is really a public misfortune that the Senate is not subjected to the same regulations. With the notions and practices that prevail in that body it is a clog upon the government. A foolish assumption of superiority is called senatorial dignity, and is allowed to affect senatorial action in a way that interferes with legislation that involves the highest interests of the country.

The people would like to have such senatorial dignity, and all such high-flying pretensions of public servants, thrown to the dogs, they would like to see this obstructively dignified body of legislators brought under regulations that would compel it to do its duty, and thereby make it an assistant instead of an obstruction to useful legislation.

The assumption that the senators represent the States, and therefore are not to be subjected to rules that are well enough for the popular representatives in the House but unsuitable to senatorial dignitaries contains a fallacy in that their representation of the States is merely theoretical, while the people are practically affected by their representative action. It is the people that suffer while measures upon which depends their material prosperity are delayed by an endless outpouring of senatorial wind and the presumptuous crochets of senatorial dignity. Congressional service will remain defective until both branches of Congress are brought under regulations that will tend to expedite their action.

Speaker Wilson's Recuperation.

The favorable turn in Chairman WILSON'S health it is to be hoped will soon enable him to engage with his accustomed vigor and earnestness in his work in the House which was interrupted by his protracted illness. His prostration was evidently brought on by excessive labor in the formulation and passage of the tariff bill in the lower branch of Congress, it is, however, being a fortunate circumstance that the collapse of his health did not come until he had seen the bill pass the House.

A number of weeks have elapsed since he retired for recuperation, and during that time the measure which, under his management, had been approved by a great majority of the popular representatives, has been sticking in the less Democratic Senate. Adverse influences in that body, coming from a source that should not have been expected to furnish assistance to the opponents of tariff reform, has suspended the progress of the tariff bill, but the situation is assuming an appearance that indicates the final success of the bill in the Senate, although unnecessarily delayed. It will come back to the House materially changed and it is indeed fortunate that in the adjustment of the difference between the two branches of Congress on this question Chairman WILSON will be at his post in the House of Representatives to take part in the final action that will furnish the country with a reformed tariff.

There seems to be only one extenuating circumstance, and that is a very flimsy one, in Judge FURST'S suspending sentence on those Philadelphia robbers. A lengthy petition signed by many residents of that town and joined in by the Commonwealth was presented to the judge to act as he did. Even in the face of such a petition it was a bad action on the part of the court. Nothing should have interposed to save those men from the punishment they deserve. If ever there was premeditated, willful burglary they perpetrated it and no petition, however numerous, should be just cause for suspending sentence.

We Can Bear Our Share of the Results.

From the Lock Haven Democrat. Ignoring the fact that the law of supply and demand regulates the coal trade as it does with all other markets, the Gazette and Bulletin this morning asserts that the miners' strike now in progress is owing to the depression caused, as that organ alleges, by the Cleveland administration being in power. The paper then cites certain statements uttered by Hon. S. R. Peale, whose interview appeared in these columns a few days ago, to give color to its assertions.

If the present strike is caused by a Democratic administration being in control of the government with the Republican tariff still in effect, then the Bulletin must admit that the great railroad strike of 1877, when Hayes was president, and the Homestead riot of 1892, when Harrison was in office, and all the other strikes that took place in recent years under Republican presidents, and with Republican laws in force, were caused by Republicans being in power. If the strikes that occur can be charged to the party in power, then the Republican party has a greater score to settle with the widespread strikes that took place in the years mentioned on its hands, than the Democratic party, which only has the present one to take care of.

Republican Anarchists.

From the York Gazette. CoxeY armies are marching and riding on to Washington from all directions but one.

It is a very noticeable fact that there is none from the South. The Republican states are well represented, but not the Democratic ones. The sections which have enjoyed the blessings of protection to the greatest extent can contribute the most unemployed men COXEY, the leader, comes from McKINLEY'S own State.

Is all this a mere coincidence? Or is it just another significant phase of a most remarkable series of events, which as a whole are serving to open the eyes of the public to the actual state of affairs.

This rising of the unemployed, however ridiculous it may appear and however futile it may be, is nevertheless a serious matter and is not to be lightly passed over.

Coxey's Sun Has Set.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer. COXEY and his followers have reached the precinct of the capitol and no great commotion has followed. When the other bands get there their advent is likely to be peaceful. We do not think when the whole party gets there, there will be half as much commotion and disorder as attends an inauguration ceremony. The people who are going to the capitol to impress upon Congress their views and their needs, are on a peaceful and legitimate mission, with which no fault can be fairly found and which no law prohibits. The right of assembly is undoubted; that of petition is sacred. Those who exercise their rights and keep the peace the while, do well; no stone can be thrown at them for their performance of what their spirit moves them to do, within the law. Those who do not like what they do, must be content with the knowledge that their liking is not needed; and that they themselves have taken no part in the performance.

The State Judiciary in the Fall's Elections.

From the Philadelphia Times. Commissions expire in fifteen judicial districts of the State next January and successors to the present incumbents will be elected in November. Of this number Samuel S. Mehard, in the Thirty-fifth; William McClean, in the Forty-second; and Daniel L. Rhone, in the Forty-fourth, alone are Democrats. The Democrats may lose Judge Mehard, of Mercer, but will surely gain in Northampton, where Judge Reeder was returned ten years ago because of a division which no longer exists. Ex-Judge Herman is likely to be the opponent to Judge Sadler in the Cumberland district, who defeated him ten years ago, and the outcome is promising, but the Republicans are sure of carrying at least ten of the fifteen commissions if not eleven.

There Is Light Ahead.

From the Doylestown Democrat. There is light ahead that indicates an early dissipation of the McKINLEY panic. The consensus of opinion about the capitol is that the tariff bill will be so amended it will receive the vote of every Democratic Senator, and be agreed to by a committee of conference.

When this shall have been done, and the President's signature completes the process of making it a law, there will be nothing wanting to restore the country's old time prosperity. Under the Wilson tariff law there will be no "Coxey Crusade." McKINLEY tariffs only produce such unnatural movements.

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

Spawls from the Keystone.

The mine fire near Ashland is under control.

Scarlet fever continues to scourge Lebanon.

Salvation Army meetings are prohibited in Lebanon.

Artificial ice will be largely used this summer in Reading.

Media Odd Fellows Sunday celebrated the 75th anniversary.

Popcorn raising in Berks County is profitable to the farmers.

A dog seriously bit little Willie Case, of Williamsport, in the cheek.

There is a woman embalmer in Allegheny City, Mrs. Jennie Wood.

The green worm scourge has appeared in Northern Berks County fields.

Lebanon Classis of the Reformed Church is in session at Sinking Spring.

William Lenhard, near Pottsville, ended his life with a rope on Saturday.

District Attorney Flood is after the Jack pot slot machines in Berks County.

Although paid \$2.50 per day, 12 Scranton bricklayers Monday struck for \$4.

A land roller ran over and crushed to death young Milton Belt near Friedensburg.

George P. Powers has been elected chief of the Pottsville Fire Department.

Warren Mix, of near Renovo, who was shot several days ago by Robert Clark, is dead.

Molder Frank McKune dived to a suicide's death in the canal at Harrisburg.

Miss Emma Camp, formerly of West Chester, has become a lawyer in Knoxville, Tenn.

Charles Cheeks, the lad stolen at Washington, D. C., was rescued at Connellyville.

Rev. Dr. Jacob Belville recently celebrated in Pottsville his golden jubilee as a preacher.

Surveyors of the Pennsylvania Traction Company began work at Coatesville Tuesday.

On the steps of Harpers' Hotel in East Hanover, Lebanon County, John Kline dropped dead.

The State Convention of the United American Mechanics was held Tuesday at Harrisburg.

By tumbling from a building at Pittsburg, Robert Gill was killed and Edgar Jones badly hurt.

The wages of Schuylkill district miners will this month be 5 per cent below the \$2.50 basis.

Matthew Arthus and David Reese Scranton lads, were killed by coal cars near their homes.

The 2-year-old child of Jacob Grimes Williamsport, choked to death on a peanut on Saturday.

An unknown crank has notified the York authorities that there will be three big fires there soon.

Accused of wrecking a train near Pittsburg three years ago, G. W. Gale was Monday sent to prison.

Congressman Beltzhoover Monday returned to Washington from Carlisle fully restored in health.

It is announced at Susquehanna that a new railroad is soon to be built from Deposit to Syracuse, N. Y.

Jerked from his seat by a jolt, James Shell, a Reading teamster, was crushed lifeless under his own wagon.

Several hundred students in pharmacy were Saturday examined in Harrisburg by the State Board.

Three alleged counterfeiter, Lewis Statter, William and Frank Endress were nabbed in Altoona Saturday.

The \$100 which Albert J. Evans lost while on his way to the bank in Lancaster last Friday has not been found.

Simon Saville, charged with robbing Isaac Garfinkle, a Philadelphia salesman, was Monday captured at Pittsburg.

Over 500 men Monday began work on the Wilmington and North's branch railroad from Springfield to Lancaster.

For not having abated a nuisance near Reading, the proprietors of the Reading Fertilizer Works were hauled into Court.

Storekeepers in Pottsville are fighting Evangelist Rice, who attracts customers away by preaching in the streets.

Charles Shendel and Samuel Beard have coal lands three miles south of Tam, Pa.

Detectives captured eight men near Susquehanna, who are believed to have robbed many freight cars in that vicinity.

Suspected of being the crook who robbed the Pullman House, at Durysa, John Dudley was Sunday jailed at Pittston.

Ex-Constable C. W. Furey, of Wheeland, was Monday jailed for beating and robbing James Abraham, of Beaver County, of \$25.

Governor Pattison Monday appointed Mrs. L. G. Magee, of Lancaster County, and Miss Ida M. McKibbin, of Allegheny, notaries public.

The Pennsylvania Traction Company, to expedite its Philadelphia and Harrisburg trolley, has purchased the Lancaster and Litzitz tumpike.

President Henry Weston, of Crozer Seminary, Sunday made an address at Lownes Tree Church, Delaware County, which was started 62 years ago.

John F. Ryan Monday night became train dispatcher at Reading for the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad. He was formerly located at Harrisburg.

It took three men to handcuff John W. Bonner, of Millford township, who was arrested for beating Officer Heckler. He is the strongest man in Bucks county.

A bridge at Cypher, Bedford County, was blown down, injuring Levi Rinaldy George Hison, Jesse Young, W. T. Young and D. D. Smith, who had sought shelter in it.

Another suit was brought Monday against W. D. Chambers, the Pittsburg agent of the Commercial Loan and Trust Company, of Philadelphia, charging him with obtaining money by false pretense.