

The vulgar English sports who laid wagers on the possible sex of Princess MAY's offspring were certainly doing business on questionable grounds.

MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY stand up. Did you speculate in sugar?—You did—Well, you are no worse than some of those Democrats.

This thing of listening to Republican Senatorial gas on the items of the WILSON bill is getting too tiresome to be tolerated much longer. The Democrats have a majority in the Senate. Why not use it?

Possibly the only difference between the Senators who speculated in sugar trust certificates and those who are berating them for it is this. The one class made money, the others are mad because they were not in it.

DAVE HILL is fighting for free coal now. He demands that the party renounce its pledges and put coal on the free list. It seems strange that Mr. HILL has never thought of the sacredness of pledges until this late date.

The Philadelphians who were holding up their hands in holy horror at the unearthed rottenness of the New York police are beginning to smell something bad near home. "People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones."

RICHARD CROKER, the ex-Tammany leader, thought a foreign trip would do him good this season. The investigation of the LEXOW committee still goes on and RICHARD HARDING DAVIS has another character for his story "The Exiles."

The miners relief committee in the Phillipsburg region was the recipient of two boxes of chewing tobacco from southern manufacturers during the recent strike. The miners were quite pleased with the present, but we failed to see what nature of relief tobacco would give, unless it would afford something to chew about when all their troubles had been settled.

It is gratifying to learn that the Pension Department will be able to return about \$25,000,000 to the treasury on the first of July as the unneeded balance from the appropriation of \$165,000,000 to conduct that bureau during the year. This is evidence of Democratic economy. Now let all the unworthies be stricken from the rolls and honest claimants be put on.

ERASTUS WIMAN, who at one time was the feted of millionaires, is fallen. He is in prison in New York for forgery and the men who formerly were only too anxious to have him sign their names with his on checks and other papers, when he was making money for them, are the cause of his imprisonment. Succeed and the world puts you on the shoulder, fail and the world turns its cold shoulder to you.

The queerest proceeding of the Republican county convention, on Tuesday, was its failure to condemn either the present State or National administration or defame the WILSON bill. The Republicans are beginning to realize that fighting the WILSON bill in its embryonic form was a choice bit of buncombe, but when it comes to fighting the bill, so nearly become a whole-some law, it is a horse of an entirely different color.

The committee on public buildings and grounds at Harrisburg, in revising the list of necessities to be furnished Senators and Members at the next session of the Legislature, cut off many little trinkets like gold mounted fountain pens, pen knives, cut glass ink stands and the like, but the loss that will be most conspicuous to the legislative eye will be that of the cork screw. The most innocent looking, yet the most powerful ally of the average law maker.

The jealousy which is accredited to young women concerning widows is certainly a most groundless action of the green-eyed monster. There is evidence from the census showing that there are almost three times as many widows as widowers in the land, which shows that while women are more successful in killing off their men, they do not impair the chances of young girls by rushing into matrimonial harness again.

Philadelphians are beginning to cackle like a lot of old hens, that have just laid an egg, because their municipal machinery will require \$35,000,000 worth of grease this year. It is no wonder it costs so much, since DAVE MARTIN and his gang are allowed to run things. And it would be just like those people down there to ask the country districts to free them from such leeches as they did when the Public Building commission robbery first came before the Legislature. They could not control their own Representatives and wanted the country to turn in and dissolve the commission, a thing they had made themselves, yet did not have the backbone to defeat at the polls.

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Bimetallism Deception.

The recently developed affection of Republican leaders for bimetallism is a singular and suspicious manifestation. This unusual and artful tendency has been displayed by Senator CAMERON for some time, and now equally wily QUAY is beginning to coquette with it. These two may be considered as rather light weight in formulating Republican policies, but when TOM REED, chief among the leaders of the "grand old party," and hopefully aspiring to the presidential nomination, pretends to show a disposition for a silver policy based on a more liberal use of that metal as a monetary medium, and suggests to combine it with a high tariff as a political issue, there are indications of a scheme on foot by which the Republican leaders propose to practice a new variety of political deception. The State conventions of that party are also displaying a drift of sentiment assumed to be favorable to an increased currency, that of Pennsylvania going to the extreme of demanding forty dollars per capita for the entire population.

No one who knows the hold which the gold bugs have on the Republican party can regard these manifestations as having any other purpose than to deceptively take advantage of, and, for the time being, made use of the strong popular feeling in favor of a larger monetary employment of silver. It is especially intended to cater to the Populists, who as an organization are showing signs of dissolution, it being designed as a drag net thrown into the political waters for their capture. While this scheme may be advantageously used in other parts of the country where the bimetallism sentiment is an appreciable factor, its especial object is to break the solid South by a fusion of the Republicans and Populists. There is a good deal more politics than currency in the plot.

Those who are really favorable to bimetallism, and look forward to a monetary system in which silver will perform its adequate and legitimate part, know very well that they cannot look for such a consummation to a party that is in alliance with the money interest which finds its advantage in a contracted currency and the predominance of gold as the monetary basis. And nothing could be plainer evidence of the deception intended to be practiced by the Republicans in regard to the currency than REED's proposition to associate bimetallism with a monopoly tariff system. Its incongruity indicates the fallacious object of the proposition.

More Wealth in the Senate.

The Republican Legislature of Rhode Island has elected ex-Governor WETMORE to the U. S. Senate in place of Senator DIXON, and has thus added another member to the great aggregation of millionaires which composes so large a proportion of the upper branch of Congress.

WETMORE is not distinguished for anything in particular but his wealth, and his past services have chiefly consisted in contributing a large part of the money by which the Republicans have corrupted and controlled the politics of Rhode Island. He lives principally in New York and does business in Wall street, but he has a summer cottage at Newport which supplies the connection he has with the State which he will represent in the Senate. Rhode Island has scores of men more competent and more worthy of the Senatorial office, but they have not, to the same degree, the money qualification that is required when boodle is to be supplied for campaign purposes.

The United States Senate, as it is now constituted, is in not any too good repute, and the addition of members to it for no other reason than their wealth is far from having the effect of retrieving its character. Plutocracy has entrenched itself in that body and can never be dislodged until the people are given the right of electing United States Senators.

Sending Wall street operators like WETMORE to represent Republicanism in the United States Senate, who are personally interested in a restricted money circulation on a gold basis, does not harmonize with the "forty dollars a head" currency plank in the Republican State platform.

Probing Municipal Corruption.

Legislative investigation is making some astounding developments of wrong doing in the police department of New York city. It shows that corrupt irregularities have been rampant in the police force, which has made vice the subject of a blackmailing process, not intended to suppress, but rather to protect it. Proof has been furnished that police officers are in the pay of gambling dens and houses of prostitution, and that police commissioners have grown rich from the pay they received for affording immunity to crime.

It is plainly evident that this rottenness is not of a partisan character, for the police force of New York contains men belonging to both parties and of all shades of politics, and the corruption seems to extend through the entire force. Unfortunately the taint is a general one, yet notwithstanding this fact, the New York Tribune, with the natural instinct of narrow partisanship, endeavors to make it appear that it is Democratic corruption that has been exposed by this investigation. It does this in the face of the fact that the very first offender that was overhauled by the committee, and whose case showed the most extensive practice of corrupt methods, amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars, was Republican Police Commissioner McCLAVE. Other Republican officers have been caught in the same net that brought to the surface Democrats equally guilty. So far as the legislative investigation has gone it has exposed one Republican police commissioner; one Republican and one Democratic police inspector; six Republican and four Democratic police Captains, and a number of minor police officers among whom Republicans figure prominently.

The truth is that in the large cities there is a community of interest among bad officers, irrespective of party. They work together in wrongful practice, and have a mutual interest in plundering the municipality. Democratic New York is undergoing investigation, and a condition of rottenness is being shown in which the Republicans display their full share. If the search light of legislative investigation were thrown upon Republican Philadelphia what a cesspool of municipal corruption and police irregularity would be exposed to view. A conception can hardly be formed of what would be developed by getting to the bottom of the public buildings management, to say nothing of the police department and the relations of councils to the street railway companies and other agencies of municipal speculation and plunder. But when can it be expected that a Republican Legislature will authorize the probing of Philadelphia's municipal rottenness?

A Proper Restoration.

According to the pension law the widow of a soldier, who is in receipt of a pension on account of the service of her deceased husband, loses her right to the pension upon her marrying again. There is an appearance of good reason in such a provision, for the second husband is supposed to step in and not only relieve the widow's loneliness, but also supply the pecuniary relief which Uncle SAM furnished in the shape of a pension.

But if the second husband should die would not the widow be in a worse plight than ever, having lost both husband and pension? The law makers have given their attention to the hardship of such cases and are about to enact an amendment to the law that will restore her pension to a soldier's widow who, having forfeited it by remarriage, is again widowed.

This is about the correct thing. Widows, as a general thing, are interesting objects, notwithstanding Tony WELLS's celebrated warning to his son SAMMY to beware of them, and it is gratifying to know that the government is not going to desert soldier's relicts in their second bereavement. But Uncle SAM would hardly be justified in restoring a pension if the second widowhood should be of the grass variety.

The coal strike which was thought to have ended on Saturday is in a worse condition now than at any other period.

Congressman Wolverton's Declination.

The Democrats of the State generally regret to hear that Congressman WOLVERTON, of the 17th district, declines to be a candidate for re-election. This regret springs not only from the high esteem in which Mr. WOLVERTON is held as a most serviceable representative, but from the conviction that his withdrawal from congressional life will be a decided loss to the Democratic interest in the House of Representatives. He has gained a position of usefulness and prominence in his representative capacity by the substantial character of his service, securing a well deserved repute for those qualities which make a representative equally useful to his constituents and his party.

Mr. WOLVERTON is now in his second congressional term, and very few Congressmen in so short a time have won a more enviable reputation for ability and trustworthiness, and none ever acquired a more deserved popularity among his congressional colleagues. Some of the most important legislation relating to the federal courts, the jurisdiction of United States Commissioners, bankruptcy, and cognate questions, was submitted to his management, he being well qualified for the leadership of the judiciary committee by his eminent ability and his reputation as one of the leading lawyers of his State.

His declination of another term cannot be supposed to be due to any doubt of a renomination and election if he desired it; but his congressional tenure is a great pecuniary sacrifice by its interference with one of the largest law practices in Pennsylvania. His relation to his party while in Congress has been so satisfactory; his fidelity to the principles of Democracy, particularly the great principle of tariff reform, has been so unquestionable and unwavering, that there is no doubt that the Democrats of Mr. WOLVERTON'S district would renominate and re-elect him by his usually large majority if his ambition was to remain in Congress. But it is to be believed that his retirement from public life is but temporary and that his party has higher honors in store for him.

Republican liars, Republican whiskey and Republican money were so plentiful on Saturday that there can never be a doubt remaining as to where the corruption that is seen on election day is fostered.

Injuring Its Own Reputation.

The Philadelphia Press is just now engaged in some very reckless falsification. It is a pity that it considers itself compelled to do this in support of the untruth of a correspondent whose statements that paper knows to be falsehood by the wholesale.

The evidence that has been elicited leaves no doubt in the public mind that the correspondent has been lying. It has dispelled every vestige of belief that certain Democratic Senators named had corruptly bargained with the sugar trust, and that Secretary CARLISTE had drawn the sugar schedule in the interest of that monopoly. If there is anything plainly evident to the public understanding it is that the correspondent in question in making his charges drew upon the resources of his unscrupulous invention, and that the Press implicates itself in his mendacity by reiterating them; yet it goes on day after day reasserting these disproved and discredited fabrications.

Does the Press take into account the harm it is doing its own reputation by such utter disregard for the truth? Does it hope to be able by the persistent repetition of falsehoods to compel the public to believe them? Does it properly estimate the loss which a newspaper sustains when it loses the confidence of its readers? The Press does not seem to comprehend the injury it is doing itself.

The recent death of WILLIAM WALTER PHELPS removed one of the few scholars who have graced politics during the last quarter of a century. He was a brilliant man and an American all over.

How easy it will be to defeat such candidates as the Republicans nominated on Tuesday.

Stick to the Educational Requirement By All Means.

From the Pittsburg Post.

The suffrage question is one that is just now creating much interest in Louisiana, a constitutional commission having reported a suffrage amendment modifying the present regulations, and in turn the legislature proposes to substitute for it an amendment which declares that every male citizen of the United States, by birth or naturalization, shall be an elector, provided—He shall be an intelligent person, capable of understanding the principles of our government, and able to understand or interpret the constitution of this state when read to him, or shall be a bona fide owner of property, real or personal, located in the state and assessed to him for the year next preceding the election at a cash valuation of not less than \$200. The New Orleans "Times-Democrat" objects to this as abandoning the educational qualification of the Mississippi constitution, held up as the most desirable in meeting the complex suffrage questions that exist at the south. It holds the proposed amendment offers opportunities for "confusion, fraud and the grossest outrages." The "Picayune" also opposes the amendment on much the same grounds as the "Times-Democrat." It has yet to be acted on by the legislature.

And the Whole Thing a Sham.

From the Pittsburg Post.

Senator Allen, the Populist senator, has been endeavoring to get a resolution through for some days making an inquiry as to the total number of persons engaged in the protective industries in the United States whose wages are, or may be, effected by tariff legislation. The census department has the information. It would seem to be a bit of information Republicans should be most anxious to obtain, considering their clamor about the connection of tariff and wages. But instead of that they interposed all manner of objections, and succeeded in throwing the resolution over. This struck the Populist senator as rather queer. Not a bit of it. One half the protection argument is humbug and the other half fraud.

He's Got the Versatility for It.

From the Philadelphia Record.

Ex-Senator Ingalls has been offered the position of editor of "an important magazine" published in New York, and the country, which has not heard a great deal from him directly of late, will hope that he may accept, and thus make the periodical in question still more important. To such an irrepressible nature as his great daily newspaper would have seemed to be the natural field of operation. Yet this gifted statesman of leisure would doubtless find the management of a monthly magazine a task sufficiently large to tax his mental energies and make him wonder that the months had grown so much shorter than they had formerly seemed to be.

We Say Yes.

From the Doylestown Democrat.

The Centre county Democrats, at their convention on Tuesday, declared in favor of William M. Singler for Governor. It is so seldom the newspaper press have the privilege of supporting a live editor for the first office in the State, it's about time the practice of nominating politicians and soldiers was turned down. The last editor to be nominated was William F. Packer, at the close of the '50s. He was out of harness; nevertheless he was triumphantly elected, and why couldn't Brother Singler? What say the county press?

Are Frenchmen Losing Their Ginger?

From the Altoona Times.

France is a remarkable country in many respects, but one of the features peculiar to it among civilized nations is the fact that the death rate shows an increase over the births. Last year the excess was 40,000. It is evident that the surplus population question is not one that agitates the French mind, but the rulers are naturally much disturbed over a condition of affairs which, if it continues, will involve the annihilation of the population of the country. There is said to be a great increase in the consumption of liquors in France and it is quite likely that this has something to do with the decrease in the number of inhabitants.

Emulate Her Example.

From the Philadelphia Record.

Annie Zuckerman, a nine-year-old newsgirl, who handed to Officer McGinnis a \$5 gold piece which had been given to her by a newspaper purchaser in mistake for a cent, in the hope that the owner might be identified and get his own again, has set an example of sturdy honesty that ought not to go unmarked. How many adults are there in business for themselves who do business on the honorable basis established by this little vender?

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

Spawls from the Keystone.

Sunday baseball goes at Shenandoah. Heavy rains were reported all over the State on Monday.

Allegheny City loafers must keep off the park benches.

While bathing at Olyphant, Charles Givens was drowned.

The graduating class of Williamsport high school numbers 23.

Loessts stung to death a horse at West Penn, Schuylkill county.

Blight has ruined the apple crop in some parts of Schuylkill county.

Lebanon city authorities have issued a peremptory edict against corner loafers.

A broken axle piled up 21 freight cars on the Northern Central Railroad at Sunbury.

On Monday Belle McGee, a young girl of Clearview, died from taking carbolic acid.

Evangelistic services are held every day at noon at Pottsville's mills and factories.

The fabrication of the 35-ton multi-charge cannon, cast at Reading has been finished.

A public immersion, near Kennett Square, Sunday, was witnessed by 1500 people.

All the Philadelphia and Reading Company's 62 collieries are working on full time.

Annie McPherson, a colored girl, of Bedford, died from taking rough on rats on Friday.

Myerstown will celebrate the Fourth with a greased pig chase and a big firemen's parade.

The contemplated resumption of iron mills in Allegheny county means work for 800 men.

Using his father's credit, George Mahle victimized many Bradford county farmers and fled.

One hundred men employed at the new Shenandoah water works struck for increased wages.

Ezra L. Sheffer was Saturday appointed postmaster at Arbor, Pa., vice E. J. Stiles, removed.

The eating of a laurel leaf has brought little Nellie Pasquay, of Mahanoy City, near death's door.

For the first time in years on a similar occasion Pottsville saloons will close on the Fourth of July.

Barber shops in Kennett Square were closed Sunday by the Sabbatharians for the first time in years.

The treasury of Tower City is empty and the teachers of the borough have had no pay for three months.

Charles Ruth, after stealing nearly a wagonload of goods from Jersey Central cars at Easton, was arrested.

There was a big turnout on Tuesday at the Cumberland Valley Sabbath Convention, held at Chambersburg.

A Government Secret Service official, from Philadelphia, has detected bogus \$5 bills in circulation in York county.

A great crowd Saturday attended the funeral, at Reading, of Justus Klemmer, who was shot dead by his son-in-law.

Hereafter employees of the Lehigh Valley Railroad going between Lansford and Tamaqua will be obliged to pay fare.

While in the Pennsylvania Railroad station at Jersey City, N. J., Theodore F. Jennings, of Franklinville, Pa., dropped dead.

Commonwealth Coxe addressed a thousand listeners at West End Park Sunday upon his peculiar road and money theories.

The Bucks county bar Monday adopted resolutions regretting the death of the veteran lawyer, Anthony Swain of Bristol.

On Friday night a diploma was granted to Miss Jennie Draper, the first colored girl who ever graduated at the Easton High School.

The cornerstone of the new Bethel A. M. E. Church, at Kennett Square, was laid Sunday Presiding Elder Brock delivering an address.

The trial of County Commissioner Charles F. Allen, of Schuylkill county, accused of fracturing election laws, began Tuesday.

The block house that was built six years after Fort Pitt at Pittsburg will be dressed up, the buildings near it having been torn down.

Storekeeper Jacob Brandt and his sons, at Palmyra, pursued several burglars, firing as they ran, but the thieves were not overhauled.

George MaVoy, of Hoboken, whom overstudy unbalanced, was taken home from Easton, where he was found unconscious in a freight car.

Several hundred hands will find employment in the Shirk & Sons' Cotton Mill at Lancaster, which will resume next Monday, after a long idleness.

A charter was Monday granted to the Monongahela and Allegheny Railroad Company, capital \$60,000 which will build a line from Pittsburg to Homestead.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians have elected Frank L. Golden, of Bridgeport county, president at Conshohocken, and will organize a division at Jenkintown.

The board of trustees of Franklin and Marshall college by a large majority recently defeated the proposition to admit female students into the institution.

Almost 200 survivors attended the reunion of the Ninth Pennsylvania cavalry regiment in Harrisburg on Thursday. The next reunion will be held at Lykens.

Lafayette College commencement exercises were begun at Easton Saturday evening, by the production of "Pocahontas," in the Opera House, by the sophomore class.

Storrett R. Quigley, president of Lock Haven's council, died in a Philadelphia hospital last Friday night, the result of an operation for the removal of gall stones. He was 45 years of age and a prominent citizen.

Harry Lambright, a festive young citizen of Williamsport, went to the register in that city and obtained a marriage certificate for himself and Miss Mary Kelley, swearing that his intended mother-in-law had given her consent to the marriage. As a matter of fact the young fellow had never even asked the girl to marry him, and he has been held to answer the charge of perjury.