

Ink Stings.

—Where A. R. U. at Mr. DEBS?
—Utah is a State. One star more and one bar less for "old glory."
—It is comforting to read about the whereabouts of the Arctic explorers these hot days.
—The strikes are about all settled now and for the life of them neither side can tell which won.
—The fact that Mr. DEBS doesn't know that the strike is over shows how much he was in it.
—The drought is drying up everything except the tears of the farmer who looks weepingly at his corn and 'taters.
—If organization is intended to maintain the dignity of labor there must be more sense and fewer organizers employed.
—The army worm has appeared in New Jersey. What it expects to find down there is hard to imagine. If it is after justice it knows where to go.
—In all of the estimates of losses by the recent strike we have not seen one as to the amount the PULLMAN porters have lost during the suspension. Possibly they are keeping it dark.
—Some people are never content with anything. They are mad at Governor PATTISON now because he has no criticism to make on the strike. There is wisdom in silence and none know it better than PATTISON.
—What are you looking for? Asked Mabel of her baby sister, who was sitting on Mr. SAPHED'S knee, looking intently at his head. I wanted to see the wheel's go 'round, was the answer that ended in the youngster's being sent to bed.
—Mrs. LEASE and Mrs. DIGGS, the two rivals for favor with the Kansas Populists, have had a great time lately. The former couldn't stand the digs of the latter and a regular hair pulling almost broke up a meeting over the other night.
—This is a free country 'tis true, but it should not be a asylum for the rabid of every other land on the face of the globe. Nor should the destroyers of government be allowed to muster their forces under the protecting wing of the American eagle.
—The DuBois Express says there is only one editor in Heaven. Where its information comes from we at a loss to know, for surely an editor who will lie on departed writers, as the Express man has done, can have no connection with the place of eternal rest.
—It is a great pity that we ever hear of women figuring in strikes and being participants in the measles and imbroglios which discontented workmen stir up. Such forgetfulness of self on their part cannot but bring a neglect of home and a loss of its beauty.
—The American yacht Vigilant has been beaten seven times in English waters and still she is racing away with the hope of winning something. She has something in her favor, however, and that is that she has been chasing the winner close every time. The races have all been exciting.
—The million dollar rider that was tacked onto the Agricultural appropriation bill has passed the Senate and the money is expected to be used to exterminate the Russian thistle. This will turn out like the attempts to exterminate the rabbits in New Zealand. The thistle will go on spreading but the money will be all used just the same.
—The Economic swindler, "Messiah" TED, who claims to be able to produce gold at \$10 a ton is the fellow CAMERON should hang onto now, since he wants to be the silver people's candidate for President. Anything he can do to disparage gold as a standard will help his boom, but maybe TED would bamboozle DOX as easily as he did the Economites.
—The improvement in engines of war seems to keep quite a pace ahead of the non-penetrative properties of armor plate. The failure of the CARNEGIE company to make a steel plate that will turn a projectile from one of the big guns should be conclusive evidence of the folly of building big ships and weighing them down with an unprotective armor. Better have the good old-fashioned wooden boats, as of yore, then we can have better scraps and fewer people will be killed.
—If uncle SAM continues paying such enormous premiums to ship-builders, for high speed in battle ships, it will not be long until the premiums amount to more than the contract prices of the vessels. The Minneapolis, the latest acquisition to the navy, recently drew \$414,000 for making 23.07 knots per hour. At such a rate the income of the government will soon sail away. What should be done is to require a certain speed in the contract and make the vessel attain that, if more, then all the better.

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Religious Intolerance in Politics.

The feature of the Democratic State platform that especially commends itself to American manliness and liberality of sentiment is its denunciation of that spirit of intolerance which would proscribe and persecute a class of citizens on account of their religion.

When the platform declares opposition to all organizations which strike at freedom of conscience and religious liberty, it aims a blow at the new oath-bound and dark lantern party which is endeavoring to bring religion into politics and proposes to make denominational antagonism a factor in party contests.

Nothing can be truer than the fact implied in the declaration of the Democratic State convention, that an organization whose motive is religious intolerance, and whose object is political proscription on account of a difference in sectarian belief, is not based on national or constitutional principles, and is devoid of the true American sentiment. As such, the A. P. A. conspiracy is justly held up to merited condemnation.

The position taken by our State convention on this subject is attracting favorable attention throughout the country and bringing into fuller development a sentiment against which a secret oath-bound organization, having such an object as that of the A. P. A., will not be able to stand. It is gratifying to observe that protestant clergymen, agreeing with the declaration of the Pennsylvania Democratic State convention, are expressing themselves against making religion a political test, and condemn a movement whose object is denominational persecution. Among them is Rev. Dr. RHOADES, of the Marcy Avenue Baptist church, of Brooklyn, who deprecates the introduction of religion into politics, and says: "Let there be a fair field, and no favor for all denominations, and no political discrimination on account of creed."

Also Rev. MELVILLE B. CHAPMAN, of the East Methodist Conference, of New York, who disapproves of a political movement "that springs from an inherited antagonism to the Catholic church," a church which he looks upon "as an essential and necessary factor in the Christianity of the century. Also Rev. HOWARD McQUEARY, pastor of the Universalist chapel, of Erie, Pa., who pays a tribute to the patriotism and good citizenship of Catholics as a class, and says of the A. P. A. that "its members are animated by the bitterest bigotry; they are ruled by demagogues and are misled by ignorance."

It is true there are some scawlag preachers, who for a sensational object are trying to gain notoriety by a connection with this organization of secretarian persecutors, but their religious principles are defective as the political purpose of the A. P. A. is mischievous and dangerous.

Afro-American Democrats.

The Democratic Congressional committee has adopted a movement in regard to the colored vote which is likely to develop into important political results. It has established in Washington the Afro-American bureau of organization, the object of which is to organize clubs and societies of colored citizens to co-operate with the Democratic National League, and to supply them with literature that will enlarge their political understanding.

The colored voters have too long been allowed to remain ignorant vessels of the Republican party. They became attached to it through circumstances connected with their emancipation, but for which that party, as it is now constituted and managed, is entitled to no credit. Indebted to ABRAHAM LINCOLN for the freedom and political rights which they enjoy, their gratitude is taken advantage of and abused by politicians who have abandoned every principle entertained by the first Republican President. They are made the instruments of maintaining Republican majorities from which they derive no benefits.

What the colored voters most need is information that will teach them that they are only being used to promote partisan advantage in which they are not allowed to share, and that they can benefit themselves and inspire greater respect for their political rights by being less one-sided and subservient in their party attachment.

Who Is Responsible?

Some Republican papers are trying to make it appear that the Democratic party is responsible for DEN'S railroad strike. They claim that the tariff legislation and other measures of the party since it came into power have brought about a situation that produced the disturbance.

To maintain so absurd a position it is necessary to ignore the fact that the strikers are contending with conditions that have grown up entirely under Republican administration. They are fighting extortion and oppression that sprang into existence under the long nurturing influence of Republican tariff laws. The PULLMANS and men of that class are the product of Republican policy. They made their millions and gained their control of the industrial situation during the years in which the Republican party made the laws and managed the government. There is not an industrial millionaire or corporation against which strikes for higher wages are directed, that is not a beneficiary of the Republican tariff. Trusts, syndicates and monopolies, with which workmen grapple in their contention for better pay, have all been born of the favoritism of Republican economic measures. Show us a millionaire operator, whether he be PULLMAN or CARNEGIE, and he will be found to be a man whose powerful wealth has come from undue advantages given him by Republican legislation.

The dissatisfaction of labor has existed for the last twenty years, and during those years, all the laws regulating the industrial and economic situation have been Republican laws, and they were still operating when the recent strike occurred, as they also were at the time of the equally bloody and disastrous strike in 1877.

If, after the Democratic industrial policy has been in operation for awhile, labor dissatisfaction and strikes shall present themselves, there may then be some plausibility in holding the party responsible for such disturbances, but as all past difficulties of that kind have occurred while the influence of Republican measures prevailed, the responsibility for them must be put on the Republican party.

Chairman GILKISON, of the Republican State committee, has received demands to have HASTING'S speak in every one of the sixty-seven counties in the State. Again DAN tells them all about the wildcat \$40 per capita scheme the people of the State will begin to imagine the "hero of Johnstown" as much of a rattle brain as the framers of the platform on which he is running.

Monkeying With a Delicate Subject.

Ex-President HARRISON should be careful not to monkey with so delicate and dangerous a subject as riots that conflict with the federal laws and require the exertion of federal authority to put them down.

When the lawless conduct of the Chicago mob compelled President CLEVELAND to interfere for the protection of the mails and the enforcement of United States laws, Mr. HARRISON is represented to have shown a disposition to criticize such vigorous but necessary executive action. He is reported to have said that it was the first time that a President had ever attempted to exert the military power of the general government in any State without having been asked for such action by the constituted State authority, there being a tone of deprecation in his remark, as reported.

Upon the general burst of popular applause which followed the prompt and vigorous action of the President in treating the disturbance at Chicago and other riotous localities; Mr. HARRISON seems to have thought that it would be better to revise his first expression on the subject, and he vigorously denies having made a deprecatory criticism on the President's course in handling the riots.

Maybe he may have been misreported, but Mr. BENJAMIN HARRISON is noted for the smallness of his characteristics, and if CLEVELAND'S action had failed, or had met with popular disapproval, it would have been much like HARRISON if he would have given it as his opinion that the President had exceeded his rightful executive power.

It Will Be All Right, in Time.

Much interest exists as to what will be the final action of the House in regard to the changes made in the tariff bill by the Senate, and among the comments on this situation of the bill we find the following from a Republican source: "The original tariff reformers, who still retain some remembrance of the Chicago platform, are eager for the House conferees to begin the work of transforming the GORMAN bill into a measure of which the average Democrat can think without shame and indignation."

The purpose of such a remark is to create the impression that if the bill, as amended by the Senate, should be accepted and passed, it would be a complete surrender of the Democratic position of tariff reform, for which the party would have reason to be overwhelmed with shame. It would indeed be preferable to have the bill passed as it originally came from the House, but if it should finally pass exactly as the Senate has made it, it would nevertheless be a decided reform measure as compared with the McKINLEY act, and although Democrats would have reason to regret that the bill did not go as far in the reduction of duties as it was the intention of the House that it should go, yet they would have no occasion to blush at anything in connection with it except the humiliating circumstance that four or five huckstering Senators, reputed to be Democrats, were able, on account of the small majority in the Senate, to temporarily prevent the thorough fulfillment of what the Democrats have promised in regard to the tariff but which they will in time completely accomplish.

The first step toward tariff reform, though somewhat hampered, which was naturally to be expected, will prove to be a great advance, and the Democrats instead of having reason to be ashamed of what has been done, can feel assured of the eventual and thorough consummation of tariff reform.

Ex-Senator S. R. Peale, of Lock Haven, is talked of as a possibility for the Congressional nomination in the Sixteenth district. There is one thing certain, should he become the nominee, his Democracy would not come into question.

State Money Misused.

One of the counts in the bill of indictment drawn against the Republican party of Pennsylvania by the Democratic State convention, arraigns it for the dishonest practice of keeping the State funds in certain favorite banks for private profit and advantage. There are many points in the Democratic arraignment of the larcenous old party that has so long been pilfering from the coffers of the commonwealth and not the least is the charge in regard to its misuse of the State funds.

A Democratic contemporary insists that the surplus State money should be put out at interest. But isn't that the very thing that is done with it? When the funds are entrusted to favored banks it is put on interest. That money is not allowed to be idle, by any means; but it is to the interest of the party managers that the State shouldn't get the interest. This is the interesting feature of the arrangement to those who have the labor and trouble of running the Republican machine helping to supply the means whereby they are compensated for that patriotic duty.

There is no mystery in the impossibility of getting a Republican Legislature to pass a law that will prevent placing the State money in the hands of favored depositories. Such a disposition of it assists in furnishing some of the pickings and stealings which are required to keep the Republican machine in good working order, and it will continue until the people conclude to turn the corrupt old party completely out of power in the State, and elect a Democratic Legislature to act in conjunction with a Democratic Governor.

A man who has made a success of his private business is a good one to entrust with the conduct of public affairs. Mr. SINGERLY has made a wonderfully successful newspaper man and as Governor of Pennsylvania would be an ideal executive.

And This is Daniel's Platform.

From the Lebanon Advertiser. In the loose jointed Republican State platform, one of its worst absurdities is the proposition to inflate the circulation until it shall amount to \$40 for each man, woman and child in the nation.

Whether it was a bid for the Populist vote, or mere buncombe, certainly no greater absurdity ever issued from party leaders. Pit Schweffelbrenner in his inimitable sarcasm, suggests as a panacea for all ills, that the government issue a \$1000 greenback for each one, and really the Republicans appear to accept the suggestion.

The money in circulation is estimated at \$24 per capita. An increase to \$40 would be more than 66 per cent. That it is for every \$100 in circulation the Republican platform would manufacture \$66 more. If such a course were practicable, the result would be just what it was during the Rebellion, when \$100 gold dollars would purchase 285 dollars in greenbacks. To use a very homely illustration, it would be like watering whiskey, when the only effect would be that a man must drink so much more to make him drunk.

A Cautious Editor.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer. Frederick Douglass is the chairman and B. K. Bruce, John R. Lynch and other well-known colored men are members of a National Committee whose purpose is to erect a monument to John Brown at Harper's Ferry, on the site where stood the engine house which Brown converted into a fort and where he resisted the gallant Virginia militia. The engine house has lately been removed, and where it stood it is proposed to erect a plain granite shaft costing some ten or twelve thousand dollars. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has made a gift of the necessary ground. The National Committee desires that a John Brown committee shall be formed in every community to collect and care for small contributions until the National Committee is ready to go on with the work. The National Committee expresses no desire to confine the contributions to any race, but it speaks well for the gratitude of the colored men that they should lead in this movement, and it should be creditable to the colored race if the John Brown monument could be erected with contributions from the members of that race.

A Man's Individuality Should Decorate Him.

From the Philadelphia Record. Silence has no sooner fallen upon Author Lew Wallace's proposed bill for an American Academy of Forty Immortals, than Representative Amos J. Cummings, of New York is agitating the founding of an order in the United States, analogous to the French Legion of Honor, with its red ribbon. He has asked Congress to create a bowknot of distinction, which shall be bestowed upon distinguished Americans, and for the unlawful wearing of which a fine of \$100 shall be provided. Very evidently the European taste for decorations and rank is inoculating with its vanity the plain democracy of our daddies.

Here Is Argument for You.

From the Altoona Times. Recently the federal government was called upon to send troops to Chicago and other places in order to protect corporations that were threatened by lawless uprisings. The protection was given, but expense was entailed in furnishing it. There is an instance that proves the justice of an income tax. When large accumulations of property have great interests to be guarded it is but fair they should pay something nearer a just proportion in the way of taxes than they do at present.

A Trio of Demagogues.

From the Altoona Tribune. The republican party might as well understand in the beginning that it cannot outbid its democratic rival in the arts of the demagogue. For which reason it had better turn a deaf ear to the wild suggestion of Cameron, Lodge and Reed and stand firmly by its record as an honest money advocate.

Some Information for Mr. Harter.

From the Doylestown Democrat. We are pleased to learn that Judge Bucher has consented to stand as a candidate for Congressman-at-Large. His name upon the ticket gives it strength, and we very much regretted the prospect of losing him. He is a strong man, and his opponent on the other ticket will find in him a man worthy his steel.

The Simple Truth.

From the Columbia Independent. Chicago permitted anarchists to maintain organization in its midst. Had its officials stamped out of existence these red handed enemies of liberty when in their infancy, armies would not now be required to quell riots.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

—There are in Scranton 106 physicians.
—A contract has been let by the Media club for an \$8500 club house.
—The corner stone of a Hebrew church at Allentown was laid Sunday.
—Houses at Hummelstown were unroofed by the storm on Sunday.
—Fire is destroying hundreds of acres of valuable timber near Tyrone.
—Reading citizens are mystified by a big cave-in on North Ninth street.
—A stranger known as "Andy" was found dead in a Kennett Square barn.
—Cows derailed a Pennsylvania freight train near Hazelton, wrecking 10 cars.
—Farmer Samuel James is dying of hydrophobia in a Connelville hospital.
—Fire insurance agents of Pennsylvania met on Wednesday at Harrisburg.
—The Jeannette glass annuals have closed down for their annual vacation.
—Prospectors have found a six foot vein of coal near Casselman, Somerset county.
—Drinking a poisonous herb tea to cure rheumatism, Edward Tobias nearly died.
—Members of the Eighteenth Regiment, N. G. T., have formed a choir of 30 voices.
—Work will be begun on the Delaware Valley Trolley, near Stroudsburg, next week.
—Philadelphia capitalists Saturday inspected the Lawrence county trolley roads.
—Henry Wentzle, of Cambria county, was arrested for selling milk without a license.
—In a quarrel over a card table at Brad-dock Andy Horvat was dangerously stabbed.
—Three year old Franklin Dixon traveled from Harrisburg to Philadelphia unattended.
—While bathing in the river at Lock Haven, J. H. Chamberlain, of Akron, O., was drowned.
—There are in the Erie Soldiers' Home 387 veterans, whose pensions average \$9.03 a month.
—Governor Pattison Saturday pardoned E. W. Gorsling, a Lancaster horse thief now in prison.
—At a lumber camp at Morrison, McKean county, forest fires destroyed 2,000,000 feet of logs.
—An ounce of carbolic acid, swallowed with suicidal intent, killed William Sturgis, near Sharon.
—Attorney General Hensel is wrestling with many bill tax cases of appeal to the Supreme Court.
—Wernersville Insane Asylum was Saturday officially inspected by Governor Pattison and others.
—About 200 Slav families, numbering over 1000 persons, last week left the coke regions for Arkansas.
—The work of construction of the Pennsylvania Midland road is progressing rapidly in Bedford county.
—A wheel mill in the Cressona Powder Works, at Cressona, blew up, fatally injuring Frank Bradford.
—Several more of the Cambria Iron company's industries at Johnstown resumed operations Monday.
—A traveling salesman named Fitzpatrick ate heartily of mussels at Stroudsburg and died in a few hours.
—Rev. Father Mellon has assumed charge of the warring congregation of St. Mary's Polish Church, Reading.
—Children of Patrick Curris, of Free-land, set a table on fire and a three year old boy perished in the flames.
—One hundred and five poor children from New York are enjoying an outing of two weeks at Blain, Perry county.
—Col. R. Bruce Ricketts and other prominent old soldiers of Luzerne have formed a branch of the Union Veteran Legion.
—The Hollidaysburg council has taken legal action against the Pennsylvania railroad for encroaching on Juniata street.
—A railroader at Pittsburg says the car shops will have to operate night and day for six months to repair the damaged freight cars.
—Of a flock of sheep owned by George Mierly, of Germany Valley, Huntingdon county, one was killed by dogs and several badly hurt.
—For failing to report a typhoid fever case, Dr. J. A. Ebler, Lancaster's oldest physician, has been prosecuted by the Health Board.
—The Steam saw mill of Estil Collins situated in Blacklog Valley, Huntingdon county, was destroyed by an incendiary fire a few evenings ago.
—A colored butler, Thomas Peach, was captured at Williamsport, charged with criminally assaulting Julia M. Hicks, a white girl at Sunbury.
—One of the features of the forthcoming report of the Bureau of Industrial Statistics is the industrial school statistics and apprenticeships.
—F. D. Beyer and company, of Tyrone, have the contract for repairing the Methodist church at Petersburg, which was damaged by the recent storms.
—The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Property, which should have been held at Harrisburg this week, has been postponed until September.
—Imperial Potentate Thomas J. Hudson, of the Oriental Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, says the Imperial Council will meet at Denver, Col., on July 24.
—While George Carbaugh and son were crossing the tracks at Bedford a freight train struck their team, killing the old man and injuring the son beyond recovery.
—There are over 400 monuments on the Gettysburg battlefield, not including the scores of granite markers or the thousands of little white headstones in the cemetery.
—Charters were Monday granted to the Elizabethtown Electric Light Company, of Elizabethtown, capital stock \$10,000, and the Wyoming Coal and Land Company, of Scranton, capital stock \$150,000.
—Pansxatawney News: A young lady of Pansxatawney was greatly puzzled to know what the initials "N. G. P." on the uniforms of the State troops stood for. She was pleased, however, when one of the soldier boys told her "Nice Girls of Pansxatawney." She thought it was "awful nice" in the boys.